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## NEARBY



Two Nirbhaya case convicts move court

NEW DELHI  
Two of the four death row convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case, Akshay Thakur and Pawan Kumar Gupta, on Saturday moved a Delhi court seeking stay on the execution of their death warrants, scheduled for March 3. Additional sessions judge Dharmender Rana issued notice to the Tihar Jail authorities on the pleas directing the officials to file their response by March 2.

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## U.S. strikes a deal with Taliban to end 18-year-long Afghan war

A good step but the road ahead will not be easy: Defense Secretary Mark Esper

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The U.S. signed a deal with the Taliban on Saturday that could pave the way for a full withdrawal of foreign soldiers from Afghanistan over the next 14 months and represents a step towards ending the 18-year-war in the nation.

While the agreement creates a path for the U.S. to gradually pull out of its longest war, many feel that the talks, scheduled to take place between the Afghan sides, could be much more complicated.

The deal was signed in the Qatari capital Doha by U.S. Special Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban political chief Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

U.S. Secretary of State



On the same page: U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, left, and Taliban political chief Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar in Doha. ■ AP

Mike Pompeo was present.

American Defense Secretary Mark Esper called the accord a good step but just the beginning.

**'Patience, compromise'**

"The road ahead will not be easy. Achieving lasting peace in Afghanistan will require patience and compromise

among all parties," said Mr. Esper, who met Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in Kabul, where they announced a joint declaration in parallel to the accord.

The U.S. said it is committed to reducing the number of its troops to 8,600 from the current 13,000 within 135 days of signing the deal.

It also said it is working with allies to proportionally reduce the number of coalition forces in Afghanistan, if the Taliban were to adhere to its commitments. A full withdrawal of all foreign forces would occur within 14 months of the deal getting signed if the Taliban holds up its end of the deal, the joint statement said.

Hours before the deal, the Taliban ordered its fighters "to refrain from any kind of attack ... for the happiness of the nation".

"The biggest thing is that we hope the U.S. remains committed to their promises during the negotiation and peace deal," said Zabiullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the hardline Islamist group.

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## Charges false, Kanhaiya will come out unscathed: CPI

AAP government bowed to political pressure and granted permission to prosecute him, says Raja

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

A day after the AAP government in Delhi sanctioned the prosecution of former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar and nine others in a sedition case, the Communist Party of India

(CPI) said it would fight the case legally and politically.

In a statement, CPI general secretary D. Raja said the party was confident that Mr. Kumar, a member of its national executive, would come out unscathed as the charges were false and politi-

cally motivated.

"It is unfortunate that the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government has succumbed to political pressure and granted permission to prosecute Kanhaiya. It may be recalled here that the CM himself has in the beginning said that

there is no case of sedition against Kanhaiya and videos were doctored. We are yet to ascertain why this sudden change of heart has happened," Mr. Raja said.

Senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram said on Twitter that the Kejriwal govern-

ment was "no less ill-informed than the Centre" in its understanding of the sedition law. "I strongly disapprove of the sanction granted to prosecute Mr. Kanhaiya Kumar and others for alleged offences under sections 124A and 120B of IPC," he said.

## Kejriwal urges riot-affected families to return home

Two NHRC teams set up to probe Delhi violence

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Incendiary slogans of "shoot the traitors" – raised by BJP leaders during the recent election campaign – were shouted at one of the busiest stations on the Delhi Metro network and during a peace march in the centre of the city on Saturday, as Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal issued an appeal to displaced residents of riot-hit northeast Delhi to return to their homes.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) deputed two fact-finding teams to investigate cases of communal violence in the national capital, where at least 42 people were killed and more than 200 injured.

Though no violence was reported in the riot-affected northeast district, residents of the affected areas were hesitant to resume work. Though many shops reopened, shopkeepers said their employees were scared to return.

Assuming charge as acting Commissioner of Police, S.N. Srivastava said his first priority was to bring back peace and communal harmony to the city. He also said the police were register-



No consolation: The kin of Mohammed Aamir and Hashim breaking down during their funeral procession. ■ PTI

Cong: appoint amicus curiae

BSF to repair jawan's home

The Congress accused the police of "one-sided" investigation into the incidents of violence in Delhi and demanded that the SC appoint an *amicus curiae* to look into the cases. Party spokesperson Anand Sharma said an "environment of fear" had gripped the city. ▶ PAGE 11

ing riot cases and including sonnel was seen across the district.

Senior officials held meetings with the residents to restore peace in the area.

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Man, who saved 6 lives, shows signs of recovery

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NEW DELHI

As frenzied mobs ran amok on the streets of north-east Delhi on Tuesday night, 29-year-old Premkant Baghel noticed his Muslim neighbour's house was on fire. Without caring for his life, he leapt into the flames and managed to rescue six members of the family.

Shiv Vihar resident Premkant, who has been undergoing treatment at GTB Hospital's burns department, has shown signs of recovery, according to his brother Sumit Baghel.

"He is not in danger but his face has suffered partial burns. He looks somewhat like an acid attack victim but he is very proud of the fact that he could save lives, which are far more precious than anybody's looks," he said.

Narrating the ordeal, Sumit Baghel said: "Our neighbours are Muslims. Suddenly we saw flames in the neighbouring house. While we went to terrace to see what exactly had happened, Premkant had already reached their house. He managed to pull five of them out safely but an elderly woman was stuck and her rescue took time and he suffered burns in the process."

"We rushed to pull Premkant out, but had to wait for taking him to hospital as no one offered us a lift and no ambulance could be found," Sumit said.

Premkant also suffered severe burns in both hands. He was being hailed as a hero on social media where netizens talked about a crowd-funding campaign to help him with treatment for his face burns.

## In times of business as unusual, workers return to Labour Chowk

'We were out of work since Monday and stepped out just to feed their families'

HEMANI BHANDARI  
NEW DELHI

Pramod Kumar (45) and Parvez (48), both daily wage labourers, came looking for work at 8 a.m. and were sitting idle on a footpath in north-east Delhi's Brahmpuri till afternoon. They remained indoors after the violence broke out and stepped out to the Labour Chowk only on Saturday as they didn't have money left to feed their families.

Pramod has to take care of his wife and four children who reside in a rented accommodation in Sonia Vihar. He, like many others, earns ₹500 a day as is the wage decided for labourers in the area. However, from Monday, he hasn't earned a penny and wasn't sure if he would get work.

"People are not coming to this area to hire labourers because they are also scared. Hardly three-four people came since morning and they were not willing to pay ₹500 because they knew that we would agree to a lesser amount because of lack of work"

PRAKASH KUMAR  
Labourer

eat also. We are having a proper meal once a day," claimed Mohammed Arfin, who resides in a rented accommodation for ₹3,000 a month and is from Bihar.

### Quite apprehensive

What has also become a worry for labourers is who their temporary employer is going to be. Both Madan Lal and Arfin said that while they won't deny work, they are apprehensive to be hired by a Muslim or Hindu employer respectively.

"Pata nahin jo leke jaaye vo kaisa ho, kya kare [We don't know what kind of person will be or what he does]," they said.

"But we all stay here as



Workers sitting on a footpath in north-east Delhi's Brahmpuri. ■ BIBEK CHETTRI

brothers. We have worked together for so many years," they added.

Mohammed Syed, who lives alone in the city in a rented accommodation, said that for three days starting Monday, he barely ate because the hotel he used to eat was shut and the local grocery shop owners had increased the prices of items. "Price of samosa increased from ₹5 to ₹10, potato from ₹20 to ₹30 and of rice from ₹30 to ₹35. The shopkeepers said that they were getting it for higher prices because of the riots due to which they increased the prices," he said.

A few kilometres ahead, 19-year-old Rahi sat on a bike outside his street and whiled away time with his friends. He works in a factory in Haryana and resides in Brahmpuri. "I had come last weekend but then situation got violent. I called my employer and told him that I won't be able to come," he said.

Many in the area shared the same emotion and said that they haven't gone for work in nearby areas because they feared for their lives.

Shehzaade, an e-rickshaw driver, said, "I am very scared. I don't know what kind of people will come as passengers. I won't go till the situation is completely normal."

### Shops open shutters

In New Seelampur, many shops were seen opened on Saturday morning. The area is replete with shops owned by both Hindus and Muslims with employees from both communities.

Nitin Jain, owner of a metal sheet shop, said that he has six employees, including one from the Muslim community, who along with four others had turned up for work. "Jabbar has been working for me for 10 years. We have opened the shop today [Saturday] only and he has come. Two of my Hindu employees have gone back to their village because of the situation," he said.

Jabbar Shah, while cutting metal sheets, said, "My parents in Bihar called me to return home, but I didn't go because I feel safe in Nitin bhaiya's presence."

## 'All we want is to go back and see our burnt houses'

Victims in Shiv Vihar claim area 'still not safe' to venture out

HEMANI BHANDARI  
SHINJINI GHOSH  
NEW DELHI

All that 69-year-old Ramzana wants is to go back to her vandalised and burnt house and see what remains of it. She hasn't been able to go back to her Shiv Vihar residence, where she had been living for decades, since Wednesday.

Ramzana and hundreds of others who resided in Shiv Vihar have taken refuge in Indra Vihar, across the road, in houses of people who have opened their doors for the victims. Their houses were burnt and looted by a mob earlier this week.

"When we tried to go back, security personnel deployed outside the street said that you can go at your own risk. We haven't been able to go to our own houses," Ramzana said.

Ahmadeen alias Guddu who ran an electrical shop close to his residence in Shiv Vihar said that he has little knowledge of what remains in his house and shop. "My mother is diabetic, I had gone to get her medicines and some clothes but no security officer escorted me despite repeated requests. I returned. Half an hour later, I heard that a group of people misbehaved with a few who had gone to check on their houses," Ahmadeen claimed, adding that some women were escorted by security personnel to their houses.

### Recalling events

Around 20 women and children sat huddled up in a corner of a dimly lit room. They have been there for the last four days, they said.

"We have been here since Tuesday and have not been able to go back to even collect our belongings, or what-



RAF personnel escorting riot-hit residents returning to check their homes in Shiv Vihar on Saturday. ■ SUHASINI HAIDAR

When we tried to go back, security personnel deployed outside the street said that we can go at our own risk

RAMZANA  
Resident of Shiv Vihar

ever is left. Soon after we fled, some of the neighbours informed us and showed pictures of how our houses have been gutted. Even today when a couple tried to go back home to check, they were threatened by some people and sent back. What are we supposed to do? People are saying that everything is fine now. But if it was indeed "all fine" then why would we still be here?" Ms. Zahida said.

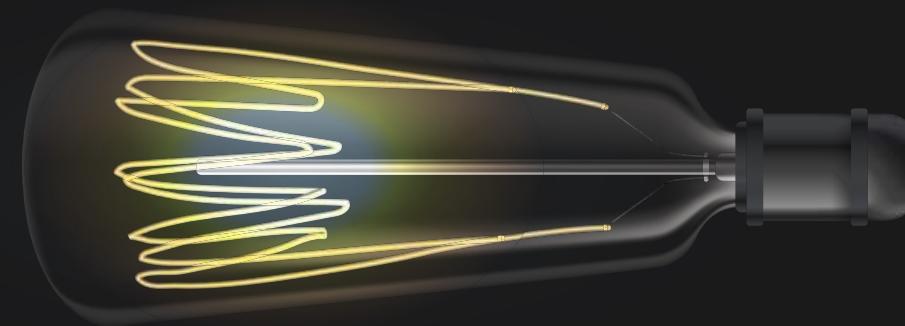
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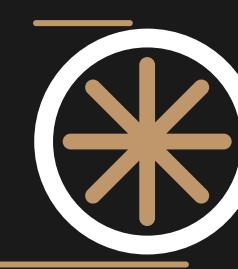


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## Youth held for spreading rumours about violence

He told police 'three injured in clashes'

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

A 19-year-old youth has been arrested for allegedly spreading rumours regarding communal tension in the city, the police said on Saturday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said the accused has been identified as Rahul Kumar from Sainik Farms.

The police said they received a PCR call on Friday night stating that a quarrel has broken out between two communities in Neb Sarai and three persons have been injured in the incident.

### Caller not found

"On reaching the spot, the police could not find the caller. When contacted, the mobile phone was found to be initially busy and then switched off," Mr. Thakur said.

The police said the forestland area was checked but it was also peaceful. There was no quarrel because of the construction of a mosque as mentioned by the accused over the phone



The accused, Rahul Kumar, in police custody on Saturday.  
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mation with the intention to cause problems in the area, the police said, adding that a case under relevant sections was then registered.

With the help of technical and human surveillance, the accused was traced and arrested.

The police said the mobile phone used in the commission of crime has been seized.

## A foot, a missing boy and bodies – the remains of the day

As violence ebbs, life comes to a standstill for family members waiting outside Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital mortuary

JATIN ANAND  
NEW DELHI

The Capital may be limping back to "normalcy" after three days of violence that wreaked havoc across north-east Delhi, but time has come to a standstill for the families of those killed in the communal clashes.

Even though the violence has ebbed, the scene at Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital mortuary – where a majority of the bodies of those taken in by the unbridled violence and arson is kept – is sombre. Meanwhile, several family members remain stranded in the midst of an endless wait to claim the mortal remains of their loved ones.

For Shiv Vihar resident Saleem Qassar, all that remains of his elder brother is a foot. He said he did not have the courage to ask whether it was the left foot or the right one. He said his 58-year-old brother Anwar was gunned down and thrown into a raging fire on Tuesday morning.

"My brother was shot twice and burnt alive in front of my eyes. He was pushed into a fire after being shot and when he tried to get up, he was shot again. Of his body, only one foot remains which was picked up from the spot and ended up at this hospital.



Saleem Qassar shows a picture of his deceased brother; Mohammad Qadir holds a picture of his missing brother; Jaajima mourns the death of her son, at GTB mortuary on Saturday. ■ JATIN ANAND

tal. We identified it through the peculiar shape of his nails and his characteristically cracked heels," he said. He added that the family intends to bury his brother's foot according to religious conventions after it is handed over to them.

### Hindu guise

"I had no option but escaping to one of my Hindu neighbour's houses who took me, my wife and children and my brother's only child - his daughter - in. They put tilak on our foreheads and gave us saffron safas to wear on our heads to pass us off as Hindus... had they not sheltered us to 12 hours, none of us would have been alive," he added.

Others like Mohammad Qadir from Bijnore remained suspended bet-



Jaajima mourns the death of her son, at GTB mortuary on Saturday. ■ JATIN ANAND



A few shops opened after three days in Jaffrabad on Saturday.  
■ SANDEEP SAXENA

ween hope and grief as they saw one unidentified body after the other across hospitals, seeking to track the missing family members. In Mr. Qadir's case, his 18-year-old brother Mohammad Aftab remains untraceable since Sunday.

According to GTB Hospital authorities, 41 patients have been admitted so far and no new deaths or cases have been reported on Saturday.

While a few patients had been examined since morning, none required

admission and ICU patients were stable but still not out of danger, they said. All but six bodies, however, have undergone post-mortem examination and handed over to their respective family members.

### Three days in relief camp

Mr. Qadir has been sleeping at a relief camp set up by the authorities for three consecutive nights. He sets out daily to find his brother, Aftab. "We have checked everywhere but there is still no trace of him," Mr. Qadir said, adding that he is scared of going to Shiv Vihar - where his brother was last spotted.

As reported by *The Hindu* on February 27, Aftab has been missing since Tuesday after having come to Delhi for a welding job.

### Checked all places'

"I have checked all the hospitals, camps, and approached the police multiple times but they ask me to visit the police station near Shiv Park. Aftab was intercepted and beaten up by a mob with sticks while shopping at a local supplies store in Shiv Park, according to his friends. I am afraid to go there...I will not set foot in that area," he said.

Meanwhile, Ram Kumar Paswan, a rickshaw puller, was among those awaiting possession of their family members' remains. Mr. Paswan's 15-year-old son Nitin had stepped out of his Gokulpuri residence to buy noodles on February 25 and never returned.

"I don't know what he was hit with in the head - whether it was a bullet or a stone - but he didn't return home. Someone told me to check here at the hospital after we couldn't find him on our own for over two days. I came here on Thursday and identified the body. He was brought here alive but died during treatment. He was about to be promoted to Class IX," Mr. Paswan said.

Jajima, the mother of 22-year-old Mohammad Monis, a daily wage labourer from Usmanpur, burst into tears after identifying his charred body at the mortuary.

Monis' cousin had first gone to identify the body, failing which Ms. Jajima went in. "He was going to Samarpur Badli to work on his uncle's construction project... he said we didn't have any reason to fear because he would make sure he didn't provoke the rioters but they killed him," Ms. Jajima cried.

## Restoring peace in city is priority, says Shrivastava

Police have started massive outreach programme to restore communal harmony

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI  
Acting Delhi police chief S.N. Shrivastava on Saturday said his priority is to restore peace in the Capital and ensure communal harmony.

It has been the tradition of the city that people of every section and religion live together in harmony and help each other in good as well as bad times, he told reporters after taking additional charge as the acting Delhi Police Commissioner.

Mr. Shrivastava, a 1985-batch IPS officer, was appointed as the Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) of Delhi Police this week, as the city police struggled to contain the communal violence in north-east Delhi.

**Outreach programme**  
He was given the additional charge of the Delhi Police Commissioner with effect from Sunday, following retirement of Amulya Patnaik.



S.N. Shrivastava takes charge as the acting police chief of Delhi on Saturday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

No PCR call received on Saturday: police

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI

The police said no Police Control Room calls were received regarding violence on Saturday. Public Relations Officer Mandeep Singh Randhawa said the "situation was normal and under control".

### 167 FIRs

The total number of First Information Reports registered in connection with the violence stand at 167 as on Saturday, including 36 cases under Arms Act, he said, adding: "A total of 885 persons have been held, including the arrested and the detained."

**Social media accounts**  
Thirteen cases have been registered against accounts operating from different social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram for posting provocative content and several such accounts and web pages have been suspended, the police said, adding: "Multiple advisories have been issued to sensitise people about responsible usage of online platforms."

## Delhi Police failed to assess ground situation in time, says State BJP chief

Tiwari blames AAP, Cong. for not helping in defusing violence

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI  
Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari expressed "deep sorrow" on Saturday over the loss of lives in the violence earlier this week and claimed the police "failed" to gauge the magnitude of the situation in time.

He accused non-BJP parties of playing a "negative" role in light of protests against the Citizenship

(Amendment) Act that "snowballed into violence" in north-east Delhi.

"I don't know what to say. Loss of so many lives is a matter of deep sorrow. It appears that the police also failed to assess the ground situation in time. It could have prevented loss of so many lives," the Lok Sabha MP said.

He, however, asserted that the Delhi Police

brought the situation under "control" as soon as 73 companies of additional forces were deployed in the riot-hit areas on February 24.

"Still, it's a failure. Nobody had any idea of the scale of the violence. Police too had no idea of it," Mr. Tiwari said, adding that AAP and the Congress too did not help in defusing the tense situation.

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### IN BRIEF

Health Minister meets injured at GTB Hospital

NEW DELHI

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain visited GTB Hospital here on Saturday to meet people injured in the communal violence in the north-east district of the national capital. "I came here to meet the injured people. A total of 45 patients are undergoing treatment. Their condition is stable now, Mr. Jain said.

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**Correction**

The Hindu's edition dated February 29, 2020, carried a story stating 'Friday prayers not conducted at Ashok Vihar mosque after 40 yrs'. The mosque in question is actually at Ashok Nagar, not Ashok Vihar. The error is regretted.

**DELHI TODAY**

**Exhibition:** "Metamorphosis of Formations in 'Tari', a solo exhibition of Simran K.S. Lamba at Triveni Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Exhibition:** "Impression", a solo painting expo by Sujit Karmakar at Convention Centre Foyer, IHC, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Exhibition:** "Colours of India", a group show by Aura Planet at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, Rafi Marg, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Exhibition:** "Deceptive Rhapsody" a group art exhibition presented by ArtX Society at SAU Art Gallery, South Asian University, Chanakyapuri, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mail your listings for this column at cityeditor@thehindu.co.in)



A man distributes basic groceries to the riot-affected people in north-east Delhi, on Saturday. ■ BIBEK CHETTRI

## 'Staying close to neighbourhood gives hope'

Residents of violence-affected areas don't prefer shifting to relief camps provided by government

SHINJINI GHOSH  
NEW DELHI

While the Delhi government has set up relief camps for the north-east Delhi riot victims, several residents of the violence-hit areas on Saturday said that they preferred to stay in the neighbourhood instead of shifting to camps.

With several NGOs and other private organisations providing relief material and basic supplies to the bylanes and interiors of many of the riot-hit colonies, many of those who have taken shelter in places close to their respective localities said that "moving further away from their homes" was not something they were willing to do at the moment.

Across the road from Shiv Vihar, several residents of the area who have taken refuge in the Indra Vihar area said that being "closer home" is what they wanted.

Bilkis, one of those who have taken refuge there said, "Our homes have been gutted. We have nothing left. We fled and took shelter here on Tuesday night and have not been able to go back home to even check if any of our belongings are left. Here we are getting supplies and volunteers are coming with help. We do not want to go anywhere else."

Staying close to the neighbourhood at least gives us hope that we can visit home soon."

The night shelter in Pushpa Usmanpur, which is one of

the camps listed by the government, has not seen any of the victims moving in yet.

**'Unwilling to come'**  
Sarvesh Pandey and Danish, the caretakers at the night shelter said, "Even though the situation is very bad, it does not look like anyone is willing to come here right now. However, if they want they can always come and take shelter here. As of now, the regulars who stay here are the only ones present."

Meanwhile, after reviewing the relief and rehabilitation work, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal appealed to victims to return to their homes. "We request all those who have left their homes to return to their houses and live with their community with love and brotherhood. Our biggest objective is to normalise the lives of the people affected in the violence," Mr. Kejriwal said.

## Rain brings down temperature

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI  
Rains lashed several parts of the national capital on Saturday, bringing down temperature. Over a dozen flights were diverted from the Delhi airport due to inclement weather.

The maximum temperature settled at 27.3 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average, while the minimum temperature was recorded at 16.2 degrees Celsius, four notches above the season's average, a senior Met official said.

A Delhi airport spokesperson said 14 flights were diverted to Lucknow, Amritsar, Ahmedabad and Jaipur due to bad weather.

Till 8.30 pm, Safdarjung



The scene at Raisina Hill after heavy rain in the city on Saturday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

and Palam observatories recorded 18.5 and 14.8 mm rainfall, the official said.

According to the Met department, the rainfall happened due to a western disturbance, a cyclonic storm that originates in the mediterranean region and brings sudden winter rain to northwestern parts of the Indian subcontinent. Next active western disturbance is likely to effect northwest India between March 4 and March 6.

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Victims line up outside SDM office to collect compensation

SHINJINI GHOSH  
NEW DELHI

Several people on Saturday queued up at North East Delhi Sub-Divisional Magistrate's office following Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's announcement of compensation to be given families of those who died in the recent violence.

The 29-year-old who started the business in the area two years ago, said, "Our backbone is completely broken. I had quit my job and started this business as I wanted to do something of my own. But now all that is gone. How do I even think of resuming it? If at all we get the compensation, I can still think of something, but as of now, it looks like I have to start job-hunting again. Everything is finished."

Rafique, a resident of Khajuri area, said that he lost approximately ₹3.5 lakh when his scrap business was gutted in the riots. "Around 2.30 p.m. on Monday, my shop got burnt down," the 52-year-old said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that the 69 families whose forms were received by authorities will be given a compensation of ₹25,000 as an emergency measure for help.

"We have already received 69 forms for the emergency financial aid needed by affected families and all of them will receive the help in cash between late tonight [Saturday] and Sunday morning so that these families can start restoring their lives. Priority is being given to families who have lost a member, is deeply injured or the house mostly burnt down," said Mr. Kejriwal.

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## For a cause



Queen Mother Ashi Tseying Pem Wangchuck of Bhutan, President of the Bhutan Youth Development Fund, lighting ceremonial lamps along with Union Minister Kiren Rijiju at a Fund raising Gala Dinner themed 'Water is Happiness' at the Royal Bhutanese Embassy in the city on Saturday.

■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

AAP govt. to issue WhatsApp number

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Delhi government will release a WhatsApp number in which people can forward messages that they find online, which could potentially lead to a communal flare up,

along with details of the person who shared the "inflammatory" message, said a Delhi government official.

"We will also follow it up with the police to make sure that they take action against it," the official said.

The government is expected to release the number early next week.

### Three appeals

"We will tell three things to the public. First, we will appeal to them not to forward every message they get. Second, we will tell them that forwarding such material can land any person in jail for up to three years under IPC 153A and 505C and IT act 66A. And third, we will urge them to forward such messages to us, along with details of the sender," the official said.

Schools in riot-hit areas to remain closed till March 7

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI  
Schools in the violence-affected areas of north-east Delhi will remain closed till March 7 as the situation is not conducive for conduct annual examinations, the Directorate of Education (DoE) announced on Saturday.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), however, maintained that Classes 10 and 12 examinations will be conducted as per schedule from March 2.

"Due to the prevailing unfavourable conditions in north-east district of Delhi, the situation is not conducive for the conduct of examinations in this area. The state of mind of the students may also be tense and traumatised leading to lack of concentration towards preparation for the ongoing examinations," a senior DoE official said.

After coming back to power, the AAP government has said that implementing the promises in the guarantee card is their top priority.

## Govt. to set up control room at Secretariat to tackle air pollution

Planning is still in the preliminary stage, says govt. official

NIKHIL M BABU  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government is planning to set up a control room, in the Environment Ministry at the Secretariat, to monitor air pollution and take quick actions, according to officials privy to the development.

Environment Minister Gopal Rai had also told a group of experts and officials in a conference earlier this week that the government is trying to set up a "control room" to handle "environment issues", said the people who were part of the conference. "We are planning to set up the control room and discussions are going on about it, but it is still in the preliminary stage," a government official privy to the development told *The Hindu*.

The official said that the Washington University at St. Louis, which is conducting a study on real-time sources of air pollution in

the city, will submit its report in March and the control room would be established after it. "The idea is to respond quickly to air pollution depending on the sources of pollution. We will have some staff dedicated to the control room

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**Programme details**  
Another official said that the control room will monitor other types of pollution also on "different screens". It will also have details of different environment-related programmes being carried out by other

organisations.

Mr. Rai had chaired the conference with experts from different institutes, including IIT-Delhi and IIT-Kanpur, on Thursday and the Environment Department will submit suggestions from the experts to the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday or Wednesday. "The control room will also be discussed in the meeting and more details will emerge only after the meeting," the government official said.

An aim to reduce air pollution to 1/3rd of the present level, in the course of next five years, was part of the 10-point 'Kejriwal Ka Guarantee Card' released by the Chief Minister in the run-up to the 2020 Delhi Assembly elections.

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The cause of death of the woman could not be ascertained and the viscera has been preserved for testing in a laboratory, Senior Superintendent of Police Kalnidhi Naithani said.

The man was found hanging at his home in Sahibabad by a neighbour on Friday morning. The bodies of the woman and minor children were found lying on a bed, the police said.

He wrote on the wall that suggested his wife was having an extramarital affair, the police said.

**U.P. family death: 'kids died of strangulation'**  
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
GAZIABAD  
After recovery of the bodies of four family members from a house in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad district, a post-mortem report confirmed that the man died by hanging and his two children were strangled to death, a police officer said on Saturday.

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# 'Inhuman' treatment meted out to me, alleges SP's Azam Khan

SP leader, his wife and son are in judicial custody in fake birth certificate case

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SITAPUR (U.P.)  
Jailed Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan on Saturday alleged that very inhuman treatment was meted out to him.

"Bhut amanviya bartav hua hai mere saath," Mr. Khan, who was taken from Sitapur jail to Rampur court on Saturday morning in connection with a hearing, told newsmen from a police van.

**Hearing in another case**  
Mr. Khan's legislator wife Tanzeen Fatima and their son and disqualified MLA Abdullah Azam were also ta-



SP MP Azam Khan being taken in judicial custody. ■ FILE PHOTO

ken to Rampur amid tight security for a hearing in another case.

The three were shifted to Sitapur jail from Rampur on Thursday.

A court had remanded them in judicial custody till March 2 in a fake birth certificate case after they surrendered before it on Wednesday.

The case relates to two birth certificates for Abdullah Azam, who allegedly gave a wrong date of birth while filing his nomination papers for the Assembly elections in 2017.

Abdullah's election was set aside by the Allahabad High Court last December, and on Thursday, the U.P. Legislative Assembly also disqualified him as a member and declared his seat Suar in Rampur as vacant.

In recent years, Azam Khan has also faced charges of encroachment of land around Rampur's Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, where he is the Chancellor.

## Barmer victim's family continues protest

They are demanding ₹1 cr. compensation, action against policemen and govt. job

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BARMER (RAJASTHAN)  
The post-mortem of a 25-year-old Dalit man, who had died in police custody here on Thursday, has not been conducted so far as the victim's family is demanding a compensation of ₹1 crore, strict action against the accused policemen and a government job to one family member.

Senior district administration and police officials have held negotiations with the family members but the impasse is still continuing. The family members, relatives and locals have been on a dharna outside the mortuary of the district hos-

pital since Thursday.  
"We have assured them that the compensation under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act will be given to them but they are adamant for extra compensation," said District Collector Ansh Deep. He said the district police have also offered to give their one-day salary to the victim's family.

Jeetu Khateek was picked up by the Barmer Sadar police on Wednesday and he died in custody on Thursday. The police had detained him on suspicion of theft but no case was lodged against him. Khateek's family has alleged that he was beaten to death by policemen in the police station.

The body is still at the mortuary and an autopsy has not been done.

Apart from a judicial inquiry, the matter is also being probed by Additional SP, CID-CB, Jodhpur.

## AMU urges alumni to help Delhi riot victims

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
GHAZIABAD

Aligarh Muslim University has urged its retired employees and alumni to voluntarily contribute to the rehabilitation of the members of affected families in recent incidents of communal violence in north-east Delhi.

In an appeal issued on Saturday, Finance Officer S.M. Jawed Akhtar said the recent riots in north-east Delhi

have led to the loss of many lives and a huge amount of property and those who wish to contribute may send their donations to two different bank accounts, one meant for Indian nationals and the other for foreign nationals and foreign institutions. Prof. Akhtar said the AMU Vice-Chancellor will constitute a committee to decide the format and criteria of payment to the members of riot-affected families.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
JAIPUR

A delegation of 212 pilgrims from Pakistan arrived in Ajmer on Saturday for attending the 808th Urs (death anniversary) of Sufi mystic Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti at the historic dargah in the city after a gap of two years. The devotees will offer a *charadar* (sacred cloth) at the shrine on behalf of the Pakistani government.

The pilgrims, accompa-

nied by the Pakistan High Commission officials, reached Ajmer early morning by the Delhi-Udaipur Chetak Express train. Strict security arrangements were made at the railway station. The platform where the pilgrims alighted was kept out of bounds for other passengers.

The delegation members are staying in the Government Central Girls' Senior Secondary School at Naya

Bazaar in Ajmer. India had not granted visas to the Pakistani devotees intending to travel to Ajmer in 2018 and 2019 amid tensions between the two countries.

### Stay till March 3

Ajmer Collector Vishwa Mohan Sharma said the Pakistani pilgrims would be allowed to move around only within the Municipal Corporation limits, as per the visa rules. A schedule will be made for

their visit to the dargah and the intelligence and police officials will be accompanying them. The delegation is likely to stay in Ajmer till March 3.

The ceremonial opening of the Urs took place in the 13th century dargah on February 25. Dargah Dewan Zainul Abedin Ali Khan will preside over a *mehfil* (gathering) and lead supplications on the penultimate day on Sunday.

## Fair highlights water conservation, higher crop yield technologies

'Rainwater harvesting can make farming sustainable'

MOHAMMED IQBAL  
JAIPUR

An agriculture fair organised at Chirawa in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district over the weekend highlighted the need for water conservation and a shift towards less water-intensive crops, while calling for technological applications for higher crop yield and ensuring remunerative prices for agricultural produce.

About 2,000 farmers of the Shekhawati region, who attended the fair, apprised the experts of their difficulties in making productive use of land because of climate change and paucity of water. The fair was organised by Ramkrishna Jaidyal Dalmia Seva Sansthan in association with the State government's Agriculture Department and Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

Jhunjhunu MP Narendra Kumar said the farmers should adopt practices such as rainwater harvesting, bio-farming, natural farming and horticulture to make their farming sustainable. "Action plans for water conservation and optimum use of water



Jhunjhunu MP Narendra Kumar and experts interacting with farmers at an agriculture fair in Chirawa. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

resources will depict positive results in near future," he said.

### Groundwater level

While the participants expressed concern over decline in groundwater level in the region, it was pointed out that Shekhawati's first groundwater recharge well had been built in Chirawa tehsil's Ismailpur village. With the construction of tanks (tanks) in houses, digging of ponds and irrigation by sprinklers, Ismailpur has emerged as a role model for water conservation.

Dalmia Sansthan's trustee Raghu Hari Dalmia said the

farmers could augment their income by sowing crops consuming less irrigation waters and joining collective efforts for water conservation. M.S. Rathore, Director of Jaipur-based Centre for Environment & Development Studies, said groundwater in Jhunjhunu district could touch rock bottom level by 2045 unless urgent remedial measures were taken. Krishna Kumar Jakhar, from Sri-ganganagar, said a return to the nature could provide some answers. Krishi Vigyan Kendra's expert Ranjit Rathore said the farmers could rotate crops on the basis of availability of water.

## Court defers judgment in Unnao murder case

Rape survivor's father had died in judicial custody in April 2018

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI  
A Delhi court on Saturday deferred to next week its judgment in the murder case of the father of the woman who was raped by ex-pelled BJP leader Kuldeep Singh Sengar in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao three years ago.

The rape survivor's father had died on April 9, 2018, in judicial custody.

### On Wednesday

District judge Dharmesh Sharma deferred the judgment, which will now be pronounced on Wednesday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation had examined 55 witnesses in support of the case and the defence examined nine witnesses. The court had recorded the statements of the rape survivor's uncle, mother, sister and one of her father's colleague, who claimed to be an eyewitness to the incident.

The court had on December 20 sent Sengar to jail for

## Aleem was killed in crossfire between rioters'

Meerut police say December 20 protest violence victim also handled firearm

ANUJ KUMAR  
GHAZIABAD

Meerut police have said Aleem, one of the five persons who died during the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act violence on December 20, 2019, was killed by a bullet fired by rioters.

Investigating officer Ram-sanjeevan of Nauchandi police station said the investigation

was still on but CCTV footage, post-mortem examination and circumstantial evidence indicate that Aleem was killed by three men

RAMSANJEEVAN  
Investigating officer

The inspector further said a potassium nitrate test conducted on Aleem's body for gunshot residue revealed that he had handled a firearm before death. "This indicates that he could have been killed in the crossfire."

For a long time, the police were maintaining that Aleem was killed by unidentified men and he was brought dead to the district hospital. Mr. Ramsanjeevan said the

confusion was created because earlier the FIR was lodged at the Lisadi gate police station, while Aleem died in Nauchandi police station area.

**'Bogus claims'**

Supreme Court lawyer Ali Zaidi, who is arguing for the five victims, described it as a "bogus story" which is being constructed to save the culprit and senior police officers who were involved in "destruction of evidence".

"We have lodged a complaint with the District Magistrate and Senior Superintendent of Police against police officers with video evidence but an FIR has not been registered," said Mr. Zaidi.

Additional District Magistrate Subhash Chandra Prajapati, who is conducting the inquiry in the case, said he was still waiting for any concrete evidence to reach him.

the deceased, had written to district officials that he had video evidence that Aleem was shifted to a government hospital by Meerut police in its own vehicle.

Mr. Ramsanjeevan said he didn't receive any such video evidence.

Meanwhile, Salahuddin and Idul Hasan, father of Asif (one of the five victims), have approached the National Human Rights Commission for registration of an FIR against the police officers. "Let them come up with these stories, the truth will be revealed in the courtroom," said Mr. Zaidi.

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## Amarinder hits out at Sukhbir Badal

'Akali leader making illogical comments'

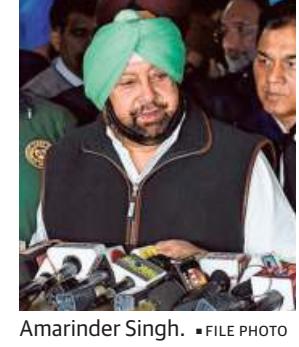
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday hit out at Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal over the latter's reaction to the budget. Capt. Amarinder said in absence of any real cause for criticism, the Akali leader was once again resorting to making "illogical" comments.

On Mr. Badal calling him (Capt. Amarinder) a businessman, the Chief Minister said, "Considering the wide array of business interests (cable, hotels, transport etc) in which the Badal family had involved itself during the 10 years of their rule, it is Sukhbir and his kin who are the real businessmen."

The Chief Minister also took a swipe at Mr. Badal and Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal for deriding the 'Ideal Chief Minister' award recently conferred on him by the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad.

"It is clearly a case of sour grapes for them," he said, adding that none of the Badals could ever dream of be-



ing considered for such an honour - the reason for their angst at anyone else being awarded for their good work.

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said Capt. Amarinder, adding that as a contrast to the former Deputy Chief Minister's style of functioning, he believed in delegating responsibilities to ensure more effective and transparent governance in the larger interest of the State and its people. This resulted in bringing back on track the State's economy, he said.



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**Delhi Palam Today**

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27°C Dry weather with few clouds is likely to continue. Day temperature may rise and the day will be comfortable.

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**Three students drown in Kolab reservoir****STAFF REPORTER**

BERHAMPUR  
Three students of Government College, Koraput, drowned in Kolab reservoir in the district on Saturday afternoon.

They were among a group of seven students who had gone to the banks of the reservoir to celebrate the birthday of a friend.

While bathing in the reservoir, the three victims – Ramakant Patnaik, Sandip Pujari hailing from Malkangiri district and Manmath Sasmal from Ganjam district – slipped and drowned in the deep waters.

# Curfew reimposed in Meghalaya

Toll rises to two in as many days of clashes between KSU and non-tribals

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT****GUWAHATI**

Curfew was reimposed in Shillong and other parts of the State on Saturday after a person was killed in a marketplace, taking the toll to two in as many days of communal clashes.

The situation in six districts of the State's eastern half has been tense following Friday's clash at Ichamati in the East Khasi Hills district between members of the Khasi Students' Union (KSU) and non-tribals during a meeting over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the Inner Line Permit (ILP). One person was killed and several injured in the violence. Tribal organisations have been opposing the CAA and demanding the ILP – a temporary permit for outsiders to enter the State – as is mandatory in four other northeastern States.

Violence erupted again on



**On the boil:** Members of the Khasi Students' Union and non-tribals during a clash at Ichamati in Meghalaya. ■ ANI

Saturday morning in Shillong's Bara Bazar after the curfew was relaxed after 10 hours. A vegetable vendor was stabbed and at least six others were injured. He succumbed to his injuries later. The incident made the authorities reimpose curfew. Mobile Internet services have been suspended in six districts since Friday night while SMSes have been limited to five per day.

Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma assessed the situation at a meeting with Home Minister Lahmken Rymbui, police and civil administration. He also met Governor Tathagata Roy and briefed him on the law and order situation. A probe has been ordered into Friday's violence.

**Appeal for calm**

The Governor and the Chief Minister appealed for calm.

"We are taking all steps to restore normalcy. The police and the paramilitary forces have been patrolling vulnerable areas to foil any untoward incident," Mr. Rymbui said.

Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Claudia A. Lyngwa said eight persons, named in the FIR for involvement in Friday's violence, had been arrested.

The police issued a statement over the violence at Ichamati, which is close to the India-Bangladesh border. Non-tribals are in the majority here.

The police said the violence had erupted after the meeting the KSU had organised. "The KSU members burnt a haystack at the edge of the market and attempted to burn a house. The non-tribals retaliated and stoned a bus carrying KSU members... A person driving a taxi succumbed to his injuries," the police said in the statement.

## Odisha clears investment plans worth ₹6,923 cr.

State govt. nod likely to create employment opportunities for over 4,500 people

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA****BHUBANESWAR**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

The Odisha government on Saturday approved three more investment proposals worth ₹6,923 crore, which are likely to create employment for 4,638 people, official sources said.

The project proposals got the State government's nod at the High-Level Clearance Authority (HLCA) meeting

proved a proposal of Thriveni Earthmovers Private Limited for setting up a 30 MTPA beneficiation plant, in two phases, at Deojar in Keonjhar district with a total investment of ₹1,426.75 crore. This project will create employment for about 884 people.

It also approved another proposal from the same company for expansion of a

pellet plant, in three phases, located at Bhitaragarh in Paradip with an additional investment of ₹3,396.51 crore providing employment to 954 more people.

The HLCA cleared a proposal of Orissa Metaliks Pvt Ltd for setting up a 1.2 MTPA integrated steel plant along with a 225MW captive power plant Nayagarh with an investment of ₹2,100 crore.

# Trafficking survivors in Bengal seek inter-State probe by AHTU

Three of them accompanied police unit to arrest accused

**SHIV SAHAY SINGH****KOLKATA**

Rejecting the investigation by the local police station, trafficking survivors in West Bengal are seeking probe by Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) to ensure that the perpetrators are arrested.

In February 2020, Sahiba (name changed), who was rescued in 2017 from Pune, approached senior police officers of Baruipur police district in South 24 Parganas demanding that the case be transferred from the local police station to AHTU. After the unit took over the probe, she accompanied the policemen to Pune and got four of the accused arrested.

In at least two cases in 2019, the survivors hailing from South 24 Parganas approached the Calcutta High Court and got necessary directions for AHTU to investigate the matter.

Activists like Ms. Raptan have been working to combat trafficking of women and girls in Bengal, which for years has remained the hub of trafficking. She said there is little clarity on which wing



**Survivors of trafficking at a meeting with GGBK activists in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.** ■ FILE PHOTO

The activist said that after Delhi, Pune has emerged as a destination where lots of girls from Bengal are being rescued. "In the past few years we have seen 20 to 25 cases where girls have been rescued from Pune," she said.

Activists like Ms. Raptan have been working to combat trafficking of women and girls in Bengal, which for years has remained the hub of trafficking. She said there is little clarity on which wing of the police should deal with such cases or what charges must be pressed. On many occasions when children go missing sections of kidnapping of Indian Penal Code instead of trafficking are pressed by the police.

While the latest reports of NCRB (for 2017 and 2018) reflect a drop in the number of trafficking cases in Bengal, the data on missing children indicate that the State is a hotspot for children gone missing. The NCRB Report of 2017 had stated that one in every six missing children is from Bengal.

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## IN BRIEF



Mukesh Ambani calls on Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan

GUNTUR  
Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries Mukesh Ambani called on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy at the latter's camp office at Tadepalli near here on Saturday. According to a release, the two held talks on economic development in the State.

## 17-year-old girl raped, set on fire in Telangana

HYDERABAD  
A man allegedly raped and set a 17-year-old girl afire in Suryapet district of Telangana after he was warned against harassing her, the police said on Saturday. The girl, who received 50% burns, is said to be stable. Efforts were on to arrest the 21-year-old accused, the police said.

## Kerala's LIFE scheme crosses a milestone

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan hands over keys to beneficiaries of the housing scheme

STAFF REPORTER  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Chandran, Oman and their young daughter Rohini have for years lived in their leaking one-room house.

On Saturday, when Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan handed over the keys of their new house at Enikkara, their happiness knew no bounds. They are among the two lakh families in the State who have got houses under the Kerala government's 'Livelihood, Inclusion, Financial Empowerment' (LIFE) housing scheme.

Later, at the Putharikkandam Maidan packed to the brim with LIFE beneficiaries from across Thiruvananthapuram, Mr. Vijayan made the official declaration of the two-lakh milestone. He said it was a tribute to the efficiency of the LIFE Mission that 2,14,262 houses could be completed.

"In villages and towns



Proud moment: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on his way to declare the completion of two lakh houses, in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday. ■ S. MAHINSHA

across the State, today is a day of celebration for numerous families for whom a house of their own has been a long-held dream. Today, we saw tears of joy in many eyes," he said.

On the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) funds used for around 63,000 of these houses, he said the State had contribut-

ed the larger share. For PMAY-LIFE (rural), the Centre provided ₹75,000 for each beneficiary, while the State pitched in with ₹3.25 lakh. For PMAY-LIFE (urban), the Centre provided ₹1.5 lakh, while the State contributed ₹2.5 lakh.

"But we were able to complete the houses because everyone here, the rich and

the poor, contributed. There were many who helped with the construction, offering their labour for free. Tamil Nadu native Abdullah, a groundnut seller who has now settled at Kadakkal, bought a piece of land and donated it to the LIFE project. It is the unity of this State that has made this milestone possible," he said.

On Leader of the Opposition Ramesh Chennithala's claim that the LDF government was merely completing what the UDF government started, he said the first phase of the project was devoted to completing houses that remained incomplete since 2001 due to insufficient funds. An amount of ₹4 lakh was provided to complete the work on 52,050 houses.

"If you want to take the credit for this first phase, we are only happy to give it to you. But we need to think whether the beneficiaries will agree. Had you done anything to complete these houses when you were in power? Was there enough funds for them?" he asked.

Mr. Vijayan said no eligible person would be left out of the LIFE project. Those who did not find a place in the list due to technical reasons would be included in the succeeding phases.

## Bangladeshi with Indian passport held

He had approached Embassy for help

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old man who applied for and received an emergency Indian passport while trying to escape from his employer in Saudi Arabia landed at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) here, only to be arrested after the authorities discovered that he was an illegal immigrant from Bangladesh.

The accused, Ripan Debnath hailing from Dhaka, allegedly crossed the border into India six years ago. Over the years, he was able to acquire valid documents which he used to get an Indian passport, said the police. He used the passport to apply for a job in Saudi Arabia. In August 2019, he left for Riyadh to work as a labourer. However, within days, his employer started harassing him. He told the police that his passport was confiscated and he was locked in a room with little food. He was not paid the promised salary either. Un-

able to bear the harassment, Debnath managed to escape and approached the Indian Embassy for help. "Officials there got him an emergency passport and even helped him book tickets to return to Bengaluru," said the police.

Search on for tout  
Debnath arrived on Monday at KIA but immigration officials took him into custody after they spoke to him as they suspected something was amiss. He allegedly confessed that he crossed the border at Bengal and came to India in 2014. He stayed in various parts of the country and with the help of touts got a fake birth certificate. He later applied for a driving licence and Aadhaar. He obtained his passport in Hyderabad, said the police.

"We are now trying to track down the tout in Hyderabad who helped him," the police said. The Airport police have booked Debnath under various Sections of the Foreigners Act and Passport Act.

## 2 held for beating inmates of Kerala childcare centre

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
ADOOR

Two officials of a childcare institution were arrested at Adoor in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala on Saturday on the charge of hitting seven children with a chair, the police said. Two of the children were seriously injured. The arrested were officials of the Vivekananda Balashramam, an institution under the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the police said.

"Some of the students were allegedly not following

the rules and regulations of the institution. An altercation broke out between a section of the students and the officials, who beat the children up with plastic chairs," a police officer said.

The two officials claimed that the students tried to attack them and they retaliated, the police said. Two of the students sustained head injuries and were admitted to hospital, they said.

Child Welfare Committee members recorded the statements of the students.

## 'NPR letter is valid for updating KYC'

Central Bank responds to RTI query

STAFF REPORTER  
HYDERABAD

The Central Bank of India, in response to a Right to Information query, stated that the inclusion of the National Population Register letter for updating Know Your Customer (KYC) is as per the Reserve Bank of India guidelines issued in February 2016.

According to the response, Central Bank reiterated that the RBI, as per a master direction, has included a letter issued by the National Population Register in its definition of "officially valid document" (OVD). The other OVDs include

## TTD approves budget of ₹3,309 crore

Temple 'hundi' tops the list of sources of income

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
TIRUMALA

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Saturday approved its budget for 2020-21, projecting an estimated revenue of ₹3,309.89 crore.

As usual, the temple hundi topped the list of sources of income with an estimated revenue of ₹1,351 crore, which included other capital receipts.

The interest earned on investments was the second major source estimated at ₹706.01 crore which is less by ₹151.27 crore compared to last year reportedly due to



drop in the bank interest rates. Other major receipts included ₹400 crore from the sale of laddus, ₹245 crore from darshan tickets, ₹10 crore from accommodation and kalyanamandapam charges, ₹106.75 crore from the sale of human hair,

₹67.03 crore by way of loans and advances to employees and security deposits, ₹60 crore trust receipts and ₹57 crore 'arjitha seva' receipts.

On the expenditure side, ₹1,385.09 crore was estimated to go towards human resource payments (against

₹1,279.97 crore the previous year). This was followed by ₹574.99 crore towards material purchase, ₹250 crore towards engineering capital works and ₹226.63 crore towards expenses for engineering maintenance works.

Other major expenses include payments to the Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad and allied projects (₹127.55 crore), grants to other institutions (₹106 crore), corpus and other investments (₹105.98 crore), pension fund contribution (₹75 crore), other maintenance works (₹52.50 crore), loans to employees, EMD and security deposits (₹52.35 crore), electrical charges (₹50.35 crore) and contributions to the State government (₹50 crore).

## Two-day Araku Utsav off to a colourful start in Vizag

Aim of the festival is to spread tribal tradition to other regions

STAFF REPORTER  
VISAKHAPATNAM

The two-day festival – Araku Utsav 2020 – got off to a grand start at Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam district on Saturday. Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister M. Srinivasa Rao and officials from the district took part in the event.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Srinivasa Rao said that development was not up to the mark in the tribal areas due to lack of awareness of various government schemes.

The State government was keen on tribal development and releasing adequate funds for the same, the Minister said and underlined the need for creating awareness about the welfare schemes to ensure they reach the targeted group.



Joining the festivities: Minister M. Srinivasa Rao dancing with artistes at the Araku Utsav in Visakhapatnam on Saturday.

The Minister said the aim of organising such festivals was to spread the tribal tradition and culture to other regions. Such events would also put Araku on global map, he said.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao also said that making of Visakhapat-

nam the executive capital would lead to development of the Agency. He further said the festival would be made an annual affair.

Pravin Kumar, Managing Director, APTDC, listed various programmes being organised in the tribal areas.

## Telangana Budget likely on March 8

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has issued notification for the Budget session of the Legislative Assembly and Council, which will commence from March 6.

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan will address for the first time the joint session of both the Houses on March 6.

The Budget presentation is likely to be scheduled for March 8, said sources.

The Budget preparation exercise has reached the final phase with the Finance Department completing its round of meetings with all departments, the sources said. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao is stated to be firm that the Budget expenditure for 2020-21 should reflect reality on the lines of the Budget outlay for 2019-20.

## Dangerous catch



A poisonous puffer fish that got caught in the net in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. A scaleless fish with spiky skin and four teeth, this variety of puffer fish contains enough poison to kill 30 adult humans. ■ K.R. DEEPAK

## Due to PDS delay, it's a frugal diet in Karnataka government hostels

Rice and wheat supplies, due in October, are yet to arrive

SATHISH G.T.  
HASSAN

The menu in many government-run hostels in Karnataka has been downgraded over the past few months following a delay in the supply of rice and wheat under the Public Distribution System (PDS).

Several hostels have not got supplies of rice and wheat, which were expected in October 2019. Hence, the authorities have cut out non-vegetarian items, eggs, sweets and fruits from the menu to be able to buy the staple grains from the open market.

The Social Welfare Department runs pre-matric,

post-matric hostels, residential schools and ashrama schools. The Union government, under the PDS (hostel scheme) provides rice and wheat for students in two instalments in a year. Hostels get 10 kg rice per student per month and 5 kg wheat per head. In the current financial year, the second instalment of foodgrains has not been released so far.

## Expenses shoot up

The government has fixed the food expenses for pre-matric hostels at ₹1,500 per student per month, post-matric hostels and residential schools at ₹1,600, and ashrama schools ₹1,400. Hostel

wardens have to manage the rations within this amount. Under the scheme, rice was available at ₹5 to ₹6 per kg. But with the delay in supply, the wardens are procuring rice from the open market, paying ₹25 to ₹35 per kg.

A student at a pre-matric hostel in Hassan district said the menu had been cut, but the warden had pleaded helplessness.

When *The Hindu* spoke to R.S. Peddappaiah, Commissioner of Social Welfare Department, he said: "Rice and wheat should be supplied to hostels soon." However, he did not mention any time frame. He denied any cut in the menu.

## Bringing back cheetahs will be a big challenge'

India needs a protocol for the introduction of wild animals, says scientist of Lacones

SERISH NANISSETTI  
HYDERABAD

Days after the Supreme Court green-lighted the introduction of cheetahs in India, the top scientist at the laboratory for saving extinct species says it will be a challenge.

"Our work [the laboratory's] on cheetahs has been in the limelight because re-introduction of any species back into nature is as challenging as a Moon mission or a mission to Mars," said Karthikeyan Vasudevan of the Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species (Lacones).

The court recently gave the nod to the National Tiger Conservation Authority to re-introduce African cheetahs, nearly 10 years after the plea was made. "The



Majestic cat: A file photo of a male African cheetah at the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad. ■ NAGARA GOPAL

background extinction rates are over 100 to 1,000 times due to reasons like hunting, destruction of habitat and human intervention. Species die out naturally but when a species becomes extinct unnaturally, it is like murder," said Mr. Vasudevan. "Cheetahs became extinct due to sport hunting and recreation hunting," he said, adding: "Cheetahs are good antelope hunters. Antelopes are adapted to dry conditions. Historically, we have not cared for grasslands as we planted trees for our requirements. We had extensive flat areas, but these are gone."

Mr. Vasudevan said India would need a protocol to introduce wild animals in the country. "The International Union for Conservation of Nature has a protocol. It has reintroduction specialist groups. It has template guidelines, but we need to adapt them to our needs and we have to develop for our own species," he said. There is a need to create provisions under the Wildlife Protection Act for a policy on introduction of wild animals. Otherwise, citing this [cheetah introduction], many things can be done. We need to safeguard the interests of other species," he said.

The laboratory, set up in 1998 during the heady days of success after the cloning of Dolly in Scotland, has had the goal of breeding cheetahs from the time of its inception. Scientists considered the Iranian cheetah to be the closest related to the extinct Indian cheetah and have been trying to get the germ plasm to carry on with the research, but without success.

One of the successful efforts of Lacones has been the reintroduction of mouse deer in the wild with its captive breeding programme in collaboration with the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad. The Lacones is building up a national genetic wildlife bank, which has the germ plasm of 23 species, including red panda, pygmy hog, Asiatic lion and gharials. It is one of the few frozen zoos in the world where a repository of germ plasm is stored for possible future use.

IN BRIEF



T.N. close to settling Nissan tax dispute

CHENNAI  
The Tamil Nadu government is close to settling the tax dispute with Japanese automaker Nissan Motors and an agreement will be signed soon, a government official said. The company had alleged that the State had not paid incentives worth \$770 million with respect to its Oregadam manufacturing plant near Chennai.

'Police are hounding Anand Teltumbde'

NEW DELHI  
Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi leader Prakash Ambedkar accused the Maharashtra police of hounding writer and academic Anand Teltumbde in the Elgar Parishad case. He said civil society activists were confident that courts would quash the case, but the State's decision to hand the case to the NIA made clear its intention to jail him. "We are living on a tenuous hope for justice from the Supreme Court, where his appeal will be heard," Mr. Ambedkar said.

One dead as workers get trapped in stone quarry

SONBHDRA  
The body of one labourer was recovered on Saturday morning from the debris of a boulder in a stone quarry in the Billi Markundi mining area, a day after it came down on the site. Two more labourers, who sustained serious injuries after getting trapped in the quarry, were rescued on Friday evening and were admitted to a hospital in Varanasi. Some more workers might still be trapped under the debris, said District Magistrate S. Rajalingam. PTI

₹400 cr. unaccounted-for income seized from group

CHENNAI  
The Income Tax department seized ₹1 crore and detected unaccounted income of over ₹400 crore during searches conducted on a prominent business group based in Chennai. The group deals in non-ferrous metal processing and money-lending activities, and is said to have reported a turnover of over ₹1,000 crore. The I-T department did not disclose the name of the group. A large amount of encrypted data was retrieved from a pen drive in the raid, said an official release.

# Two Nirbhaya convicts move court

Akshay Thakur and Pawan Gupta have sought a stay on the execution scheduled for March 3

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI



Final attempt: Delhi gang rape convicts Akshay Thakur, left, Pawan Gupta, Vinay Sharma and Mukesh Singh. ■ FILE PHOTO

Two of the four death row convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case, Akshay Thakur and Pawan Kumar Gupta, on Saturday moved a Delhi court seeking stay on the execution of their death warrants, scheduled for March 3.

Additional sessions judge Dharmer Rana issued notice to the Tihar Jail authorities on the pleas directing the officials to file their response by March 2.

In his plea, Akshay

claimed that he had filed a fresh mercy petition before the President, which is pending. Gupta told the court that he had filed a curative petition before the Supreme Court and that he also had an option to file a mercy peti-

tion. Both the convicts said several other petitions were also pending before the Supreme Court and other authorities. Gupta has not filed a plea for clemency with the President.

**SC to hear Gupta's plea**  
Meanwhile, a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court led by Justice N.V. Ramana will hear on March 2 the curative plea file by Gupta.

Gupta's lawyer A.P. Singh told the media that he was a juvenile at the time of the crime and was not present at

the place of crime. He was attending a musical show, he claimed. The petition said the court did not follow the principles of natural justice while confirming his death sentence.

Recently, the Supreme Court had dismissed a petition filed by Vinay Sharma, one of the convicts, challenging the rejection of his mercy plea by the President.

The curative petition would be decided by circulation among the judges on the Bench in their chambers.

(With PTI inputs)

## Foreigners' passport not must for citizenship: HC

Applicant should cite reasons in detail

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI

The Calcutta High Court has ruled that foreigners could apply for Indian citizenship even without a valid passport – in the latter case, furnishing the reasons as to the non-furnishing of passports,” the judge said.

Petitioner Bismillah Khan had moved the court saying that he was being denied citizenship due to the passport clause. His counsel Sharmintha Podder said he was a Pakhoon and due to turmoil in his native land and its merger with Afghanistan and Pakistan, he migrated to India as a five-year-old with his father in 1973.

Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya said a provision has to be made for persons who do not have all the particulars of their passports, which is read as optional, to file the applications manually. Also the software has to

## Madhya Pradesh HC directs State to ban single-use plastic

Stakeholders told to file progress reports every three months

SIDDHARTH YADAV  
BHOPAL

The Madhya Pradesh High Court has passed an order directing the State government to ban single-use plastic in the State, curb use of plastic altogether across educational institutions and make biodegradable carry bags of other material affordable for consumers.

The Division Bench in Gwalior, comprising Justices Sheel Nagu and Rajeev Kumar Shrivastava, on February 26, directed the State government to issue directions

to ensure bags and packets made of biodegradable material are sold at subsidised rates. The Bench also stated that plastic waste shall be used at thermal power plants.

To ensure compliance, the court directed all stakeholders to submit progress reports every three months.

The Bench, while passing the order on a public interest litigation plea, stated that “the time had come to make citizens and stakeholders aware of their duties and liabilities”.

Bags made of biodegradable material should be made affordable, the court said.

to industries to immediately stop the production and use of single-use plastic.

Furthermore, the Bench, ordered the government to

## Over 400 striking teachers suspended by Bihar govt.

The contractual staff are demanding pay parity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
PATNA



Security personnel using water cannons on teachers in Patna. ■ PTI

Over 400 contractual schoolteachers in Bihar, who were on strike, have been suspended and FIRs have been registered against several of them for “indiscipline” and for not joining the ongoing evaluation of answer sheets for the Class 12 examinations.

Over 3.5 lakh contractual schoolteachers in the State have been on strike since February 17 demanding pay parity with permanent

cation officers of Gopalganj and Begusarai said.

In Patna too, FIRs have been lodged against several teachers.

The teachers said they would not end their strike. “Until now no official from the government has approached us to discuss our demand ... Until our demands are met, we will not return to work ... It’s better to starve to death while on strike than resume duty now,” said some teachers in Patna.

As many as 178 teachers in Begusarai district, 122 in Kaimur and 118 in Gopalganj district were suspended, the district edu-

## Pigeons fly into GoAir plane in Ahmedabad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
AHMEDABAD



Videos of the incident were shared widely on Twitter. ANI

Two pigeons found their way inside a GoAir aircraft, which was preparing for departure from Jaipur from the Sardar Vallabhbhai International airport here on Friday, prompting the airline to urge the Airports Authority of India to deal with the issue of bird menace. The crew managed to shoot the birds away and the flight

took off as per its scheduled departure of 5 p.m., the airline said in a statement.

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WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Sunday:** Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over east Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Uttarakhand, Marathwada, Telangana, south interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe.

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Ahmedabad	—	34.0...	20.0	Kurnool	—	35.0...	23.0
Aizawl	—	24.0...	10.0	Lucknow	—	27.0...	16.0
Allahabad	—	28.0...	15.0	Madurai	—	36.0...	24.0
Bengaluru	—	31.0...	22.0	Mangalore	—	35.0...	26.0
Bhopal	—	30.0...	20.0	Mumbai	—	33.0...	19.0
Bhubaneswar	—	31.0...	18.0	Mysuru	—	32.0...	21.0
Chandigarh	0.2	24.0...	18.0	New Delhi	—	27.0...	16.0
Chennai	—	33.0...	23.0	Patna	—	28.0...	15.0
Coimbatore	—	33.0...	23.0	Port Blair	—	32.0...	24.0
Dehradoon	—	24.0...	11.0	Puducherry	—	32.0...	23.0
Gangtok	—	17.0...	7.0	Pune	—	33.0...	17.0
Goa	—	35.0...	23.0	Raipur	—	30.0...	15.0

## FROM PAGE ONE

## CM urges riot-affected families to return home

According to the police, a total of 167 FIRs have been registered and 885 persons detained in connection with the riots. The police claimed that social media accounts and web pages circulating offensive content had been suspended.

The Delhi government said it would release a WhatsApp number on which people can forward provocative messages, along with details of those circulating such "inflammatory" messages.

Delhi police PRO M.S. Randhawa said no PCR call regarding rioting was received on Saturday.

**Schools to remain closed**  
The Directorate of Education (DoE) said schools in the violence-affected areas of northeast Delhi will remain closed till March 7 as the situation is not conducive to conducting annual examinations.

Despite the Delhi government declaring that schools in the riot-affected areas will also set up relief camps. But residents of the violence-affected areas said that they preferred to stay in nearby localities where several NGOs and private organisations are providing supplies and relief materials.

The CBSE had earlier postponed board examinations in up to 86 centres in east and northeast Delhi between February 26 and 29 due to the unrest. These centres are all Delhi schools, which will now stay closed until March 7, as per the State government's order.

Following Mr. Kejriwal's announcement of compensation for riot victims, several people thronged the northeast Delhi SDM's office. While claimants were required to produce their government IDs, volunteers assured those who turned up that in cases where documents had been destroyed, authorities would carry out verification by using phone numbers or Aadhar biometrics. Many affected persons raised questions over the procedure as the authorities did not issue receipts against the applications submitted.

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Mr. Modi said the expressway would alter lives in Bundelkhand, "creating thousands of employment opportunities" and link the region to big cities. It would "speed up" the Defence Corridor that is coming up in the region.

Bundelkhand would be known for making India self-

reliant in the manufacture of arms and ammunition.

"The Bundelkhand region is going to become a big centre of 'Make in India,'" Mr. Modi said in a speech before any political attacks or reference to burning issues such as the violence in Delhi or the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. Instead, he listed the policies and schemes brought by his government for farmers.

Mr. Modi announced that over ₹50,000 crore had been directly deposited into the bank accounts of around 8.5 crore farmer families in the country under the PM-KISAN

scheme in the past year. Of this sum, ₹12,000 crore was deposited in the accounts of 2 crore farmers in U.P. itself, he said, emphasising that this was done without the involvement of any intermediaries, without any recommendation or discrimination or bribes.

In Chitrakoot, Mr. Modi launched 10,000 farmers' producers' organizations all over the country.

Listing the FPOs and the Defence Corridor, the Prime Minister said his government was moving forward with the slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'.

**M.P. to offer more sops to Muslims'**

STAFF REPORTER  
BHOPAL

A day after the Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government announced it was planning to bring 5% reservation for Muslims in education institutions, Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Minister Hukum Singh Karada said the Kamal Nath government would soon leap ahead of Maharashtra in offering Muslims 'relaxation'.

Speaking to reporters in Agar Malwa district, Mr. Karada said, "An agenda relating to minorities is being prepared. In some days, you'll see relaxation greater than the one offered in Maharashtra."

To a query if reservation for the minority community was in the offing, he refused to comment further.

On Friday, Maharashtra Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik announced in the Legislative Council that the government would soon bring a law to provide Muslims' reservation in education institutions.

"The 5% reservation given in educational institutes to Muslims in 2014 has been upheld by the High Court," the Minister said. The court had not upheld reservation in jobs.



For disabled: Narendra Modi distributing mobility aids in Prayagraj on Saturday. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath is seen. ■ PTI

Funds misused for CAA stir:  
W.B. GovernorSPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
KOLKATA

The office of West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday made public its communication to the State government about the "misuse of funds" for the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

A February 4 communication shows the Governor had objected to the advertisements placed by the government against the CAA.

The letter seeks details of the amount paid for these advertisements and the amount that is due to be paid, besides the names of officials who had sanctioned the advertisements. "The Governor is of the opinion that the presence of senior officials in the advertisements has raised critical issues, and that is beyond their expected conduct and propriety," it read. The letter said the advertisements had been stayed by the High Court and a large number of people had raised the alarm at "such a misuse of public funds for furthering the political strategy of the ruling party".

year, there are 37,33,111 voters in the Jammu division, 40,10,971 in Kashmir and 1,79,147 voters in Ladakh in undivided J&K.

**First since 1995**

Delimitation was last done in J&K in 1995.

"Section 63 was introduced in the J&K Reorganisation Act so that the delimitation exercise can be conducted smoothly without overlapping with other provisions of the Delimitation Commission Act, 2002. It is a saving clause and since J&K is a UT, it now has constitutional safeguards. The provision did not require any

separate legislation as it was incorporated in the primary Act," the official said.

Section 63 (special provisions as to readjustment of Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies) says that "until the relevant figures for the first census taken after the year 2026 have been published", it shall not be necessary to readjust the constituencies and any reference to the "latest census figures" shall be construed as a reference to the 2011 census figures.

On February 17, on a request by the Legislative Affairs Department of the Law and Justice Ministry, Chief

Election Commissioner Sunil Arora nominated Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra as his nominee to the proposed Delimitation Commission for J&K.

The Act says the number of seats in the Assembly would be increased from 10 to 11.

The full Delimitation Commission is yet to be appointed.

"The delimitation will be done for 90 seats as 24 seats fall in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The exercise will take at least a year to complete. Till then, no elections can be held," the official said.

**'Grave concern'**

"It's a matter of grave concern which has not happened in decades that in two consecutive quarters, the nominal GDP remains well below 10% because it factors

the nominal GDP and the real GDP. Also, the third quarter numbers were of the festive season when people usually splurged and there was a spike in consumption. "That has not happened. So, even in the festive season, people have not spent because people have no money," he said.

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"Gross Fixed Capital Formation, which actually is the only measure of the economy growing and tangible investments going for creation of new assets, new factories and job creation, remains in the negative," he said.

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# Shiv Vihar's riot victims return to looted, gutted homes and a grim future

Forced to flee their houses in the face of rampaging, violent mobs, residents now face the prospect of a future without any support or identification documents

SUHASINI HAIDAR  
NEW DELHI

As the fires ebbed and roads to one of the areas worst affected by the riots, Shiv Vihar Phase 7, reopened, 25-year-old Arshi picked her way out of the rubble of what was once her home in an area that is now a ghost town. When her family fled a few days ago, she says, their only thought was to save their lives as mobs tore down doors, set gas cylinders alight and destroyed their belongings.

"My home is all right," says Arshi but when asked what she could salvage, she looks at her bare hands and says, nothing at all. No clothes, no prized possessions, and no memories of the years her family has lived here.

As the district administration sets up relief centres and hands out claim forms for compensation, the family's biggest worry, however, is that their crucial documents and all the papers in the house are strewn everywhere.

Aslam, a scrap dealer, salvaged two bags of belongings from his home where

he lived with his wife and three small children. He breaks down as he realises the mobs left nothing of the used refrigerators and air conditioner he had recently acquired with his entire savings of ₹55,000.

**Starting again**  
"I really have nothing to get back on my feet with," he adds, picking through the remains of computer parts and auto parts that lined his store, looking for his tools. His son Aftab, who accompanied his father back to Shiv Vihar, is shaking with fear and wracked with sobs. A district official arrived to take stock of the losses, but soon lost interest and drove away, they say later.



**Ruined hopes:** Families affected by the violence in northeast Delhi taking shelter in a private relief camp in Chaman Park on Saturday, while (right) residents of Shiv Vihar inspecting the damage to cars in a parking lot. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA



goods. As a result, the biggest task for officials will be not only distributing aid but also arranging new identification papers for the riot-affected.

For days, residents here either hid inside their homes without food or water, or took shelter at homes in other parts of riot-torn northeast Delhi. One of the officials, who asked not to be named, says he helped drive dozens out of the area to safety, until two men brandished a sword to stop him. Among those he saved was a paraplegic who had hidden in his own kitchen for three days without eating anything. As he recounted the story, tears flowed down the official's face.

Kamla Devi (name changed) returned to her

home in the same *gali* (street). "We lived very happily together here," she said as she checks her kitchen rations and other belongings. "We can't return until the others come back." Phase 7 was a mixed locality of Hindus and Muslims, she said, but since the violence of February 23, those whose homes were burnt, had moved into either Hindu or

Muslim-dominated areas nearby. The fear of the police is as palpable as the smell of smoke in the area; people recount how unresponsive the forces were despite dozens of calls to 100.

"They kept saying they would come, but it wasn't until after Trump [U.S. President Donald Trump] left India, and the NSA [National Security Adviser Ajit Doval]

visited the area that the first batch came," says Sanjeev (last name withheld).

"When we called and said the mobs are targeting Muslims in our *gali*, the police said, 'You wanted *Azaadi?* Here it is,'" Farhana recalls.

In Chaman Park, just a stone's throw from their own vandalised homes, hundreds of women are now crowding warehouses

and garage spaces, opened out by owners for the riot displaced. Donations of food are coming in from around Delhi. As a man walks in with a bag of oranges to distribute, the children let out whoops of joy.

In a corner, Mumtaz Jahan sits quietly praying for her husband Imam Mohammad Vakil and their 20-year-old daughter Anam, both of whom are in hospital after a man threw acid on them as they fled the Madina mosque. Other women crowd around with their stories with one common refrain – they want to go back to their homes, which they fear will be taken over by intruders.

RAF officials say they are policing the area to ensure no one can illegally occupy homes, and are escorting small groups as often as possible to check on the condition of their homes.

For most of the affected people, the return home – filled with horrific memories of the fateful night when they fled, the deaths of loved ones and the stark, charred rooms bereft of all belongings – is cold comfort.

## Provocative slogans at 'peace' march

BJP MLA Kapil Mishra joins RSS, VHP workers in rally through Connaught Place

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Hundreds of people, including BJP leader Kapil Mishra, marched at Connaught Place in central Delhi on Saturday, under the banner of the 'Delhi Peace Forum', with many raising inflammatory and provocative slogans.

The march came in the aftermath of the violence that rocked several areas in north-east Delhi, in which 42 people have died since Sunday.

**Twin demands**  
Though Mr. Mishra did not make any statement, participants, many sporting saffron



**Counter-protest:** People taking out a march on Saturday against the recent violence in Delhi. ■ R.V. MOORTHY

scarfs and some identifying themselves as RSS and VHP workers, demanded the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA)

and clearing the roads in the country off protesters. While a majority of protesters chanted "Jai Shree Ram" and "Bharat Mata ki Jai", others

raised the more incendiary "Desh ke gaddaron ko goli maaro saalon ko" (shoot the traitors of the country) and "Desh ke gaddaron ko, bahaar nikalo saalon ko" (Expel the traitors of the country).

### New hashtag

The protesters used '#DelhiAgainstJehadiViolence' on almost all placards and the same hashtag was used by Mr. Mishra in his tweets.

On Sunday, Mr. Mishra had led a gathering in support of the CAA at Maujpur Chowk in Jafarabad area in north-east Delhi, after which violence erupted between pro-and anti-CAA groups.

## Six youth raise slogans at Delhi Metro station

They were released after questioning

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Six youth were held for raising incendiary slogans at Rajiv Chowk Metro Station on Saturday afternoon. They were subsequently released, police said.

A video of a group shouting "Shoot the traitors" went viral on social media.

The police said that around 12.30 p.m., six youth were found raising the slogans, after which they were detained and interrogated. They were released later.

"The boys detained were found to be students. They had no criminal antecedents and were released after due diligence," said a senior police officer.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in a statement said, "This is to state that the incident happened today around 10.52 a.m. at Rajiv Chowk metro station and the DMRC/CISF staff immediately handed them over to the Delhi Metro Rail Police for necessary action."

### Teen arrested

Meanwhile, a 19-year-old has been arrested for allegedly spreading rumours on



Rajiv Chowk is among the busiest Metro stations in New Delhi. ■ FILE PHOTO

## Appoint *amicus curiae*, says Congress

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday accused the Delhi police of a "one-sided" investigation into the violence in north-east Delhi, and demanded that the Supreme Court appoint an *amicus curiae* to look into the cases.

Rajya Sabha member and party spokesperson Anand Sharma said at a press conference here that the situation was far from normal.

"An environment of fear" had gripped the city, Mr. Sharma added.

"What is the definition of hate speech? According to the Delhi police, the speeches made by BJP leaders were not hate speeches, and the protests and dharnas by citizens are a threat to society," he said, pointing to the cases filed against activists working under United Against Hate, including Harsh Mander.

"We urge the Supreme Court to take cognisance of all these cases. Let the Supreme Court appoint an *amicus curiae* to scrutinise all such cases wherein people are being framed and put in jails," Mr. Sharma said.

## BSF to repair burnt house of constable

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

A Union Home Ministry spokesperson said senior officers of the BSF spoke to the constable and an officer of the rank of Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) visited his family on Saturday.

BSF Director-General V.K. Johri said the constable had not informed his seniors about the episode and they got to know about the damage from media reports.

Constable Mohammad Anees, 29, posted in Malkangiri in Odisha, is to get married in May.

"We contacted his father here who told us that he had spoken to his son. Our engineering wing visited the house today and we will also help the family monetarily. Senior officers will pool in money and help will be offered to Anees," Mr. Johri told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Johri said Mr. Anees would be posted in Delhi to help his family repair the

house. "The three-storey house has been completely burnt on the inside, everything is damaged. The engineering department of the BSF has assessed the damage, and we estimate that the house could be repaired and refurbished within 10-15 days. We will hand over the house to the family soon," said Pushpendra Rathore, DIG, BSF.

Meanwhile, a 19-year-old has been arrested for allegedly spreading rumours on

the spot, the police could not find the caller. When contacted, the mobile phone was initially busy and then switched off," Mr. Thakur said.

The police said the caller concealed his identity and gave false information with the intention to cause problems in the area.

On reaching the spot,

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3.	Professor	01		
4.	Associate Professor	06		
5.	Assistant Professor	04		
6.	Junior Resident (Clinical) *	09	09-03-2020 (08-30 am - 01-00 pm)	12-03-2020 (09-00 am)
7.	Tutors*	03	11-03-2020 (08-30 am - 01-00 p.m.)	13-03-2020 (09-00 am)
8.	Senior Residents	17	16-03-2020 (08-30 am - 10-00 am)	16-03-2020 (10-00 am)

Venue of Interview:- ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, K.K. NAGAR, ASHOK PILLAR ROAD, CHENNAI-78

\* Candidates, whose document verified on 09-03-2020 and 11-03-2020 for the post of Junior Residents and Tutors respectively only will be allowed to attend walk-in-interview on 12-03-2020.

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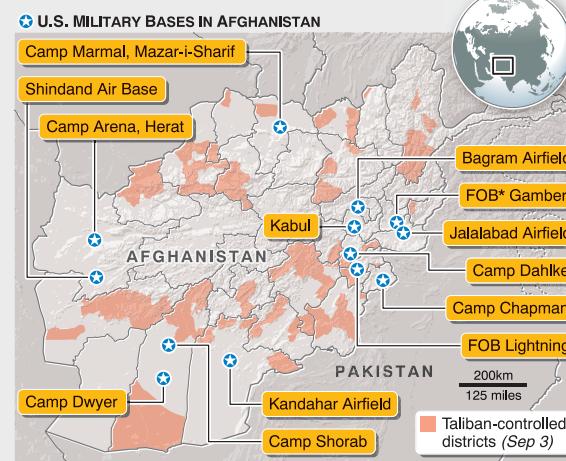
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**Winding down war****Key features of the agreement**

- a) The deal lays the groundwork for intra-Afghan talks - negotiations between the Taliban and the Afghan government
- b) It sets out a timeline for the pullout of thousands of U.S. troops in exchange for guarantees from the Taliban not to allow militant groups such as al-Qaeda to operate
- c) However, Western powers

- could continue to maintain military bases
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- Other countries: 8,500
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**Timeline of talks**

**September 2018:** U.S. President Donald Trump appoints veteran Afghan-American diplomat Zalmay Khalilzad to negotiate with the Taliban

**2018-2019:** Khalilzad engages in intermittent talks with the Taliban, mainly in Qatar where the insurgents maintain a political office

**Sept. 9, 2019:** After a particularly intense escalation in Taliban attacks, including a Kabul bombing that killed a U.S. soldier, Trump scraps talks

**Sept. 28:** Afghan presidential elections are held but official results are not known for months

**Nov. 24:** Trump visits U.S. troops in Afghanistan on Thanksgiving, says the Taliban want to make a deal and signals the Qatar negotiations are back on

**Feb. 15, 2020:** Washington says a

temporary "reduction in violence" has been agreed upon with the Taliban as a first step towards a final deal

**Feb. 18:** Afghanistan's Election Commission declares Ashraf Ghani the official winner of September elections; his rival Abdullah Abdullah refuses to recognise the results and instead declares himself the winner

**Feb. 29:** The U.S. and the Taliban sign a deal in Doha, Qatar

Taliban top negotiator Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar

Source: Graphic News, Reuters, AP

U.S. Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad

Afghan men in Jalalabad celebrating on Friday ahead of the U.S.-Taliban agreement.

## Ghani hopes deal will bring lasting peace

Taliban leader calls it 'day of victory'; Pompeo says victory will be achieved only when Afghans prosper

REUTERS  
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
KABUL/DOHA

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday expressed hope that the deal signed between the U.S. and the Taliban in Doha would pave the way towards lasting peace. "We hope the U.S.-Taliban peace will lead to a permanent ceasefire... The nation is looking forward to a full ceasefire," he told a news conference in Kabul.

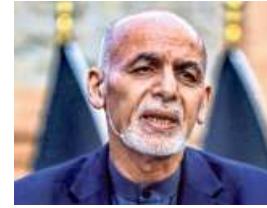
The agreement is expected to lead to a dialogue between the Taliban and the Kabul government that, if successful, could ultimately see an end to the grinding 18-year conflict.

Taliban fighter-turned-dealmaker Mullah Baradar

signed the accord alongside Washington's chief negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad, in a luxury hotel in the Qatari capital. The pair then shook hands.

**Difficult work ahead**

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo looked on as the deal was signed, and alluded to the difficult work that remains to be done. "I know there will be a temptation to declare victory, but victory for Afghans will only be achieved when they can live in peace and prosperity," he said. The Taliban's chief negotiator Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai hailed another "day of victory" in Afghanistan's long history of repelling foreign powers.



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. • AFP

"This is the kind of day that our ancestors celebrated after they defeated the British and the Soviets," he said as he and other jubilant Taliban members took part in a march in Qatar, in a video shared by Taliban sources.

For U.S. President Donald Trump, the Doha deal represents a chance to make good on his promise to bring U.S. troops home. "Today is a

monumental day for Afghanistan," the U.S. Embassy in Kabul said on Twitter. "It is about making peace and crafting a common brighter future. We stand with Afghanistan." The Afghan government said it stood ready to negotiate and conclude a ceasefire with the Taliban, and it affirmed its support for the phased withdrawal of U.S. and coalition forces. It also said it remained committed to preventing militant groups from using its soil to threaten the security of the U.S. and other countries.

Separately, NATO pledged to adjust the coalition troop levels in the first phase too, bringing down NATO's numbers to about 12,000 from roughly 16,000 troops at

present. "We went in together in 2001, we are going to adjust (troop levels) together and when the time is right, we are going to leave together, but we are only going to leave when conditions are right," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who was in Kabul, told reporters.

The accord also comes amid a fragile political situation in Afghanistan. The Independent Election Commission said on February 18 that Mr. Ghani won a September 28 vote beset by allegations of rigging, technical problems and other irregularities.

Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah rejected the results, claimed to be the victor and vowed to name a parallel government.

## Washington State sees first virus death in U.S.

More than 60 infected in the country

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LOS ANGELES

The first death from COVID-19 has been confirmed on U.S. soil, in Washington State, health officials said Saturday, after a handful of cases of unknown origin were detected, indicating the disease was spreading in the country. The fatality occurred in King county, the most populous in the State and home to Seattle, a city of more than 7,000,000 people, said officials in the State. The victim was not immediately identified.

**Trump's address**

"It is a sad day in our state as we learn that a Washingtonian has died from COVID-19. Our hearts go out to

his family and friends," Washington State Governor Jay Inslee said in a statement. U.S. President Donald Trump said he would address the media about the "latest coronavirus developments" at about 1.30 p.m. (1830 GMT).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 60 people are infected with the disease in the United States – the majority of them passengers from the stricken Diamond Princess cruise ship. An American citizen died of the new coronavirus in early February at the Chinese epicentre of the global outbreak, the city of Wuhan, the U.S. Embassy confirmed at the time.

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## South Korea urges citizens to stay at home

813 new cases reported on Saturday, taking the country's tally to 3,150, the highest outside China

REUTERS  
SEOUL

South Korea urged citizens on Saturday to stay indoors as it warned of a "critical moment" in its battle on the COVID-19 after recording the biggest daily jump in infections, as 813 new cases took the tally to 3,150.

South Korea is grappling with the largest outbreak of the virus outside China, as a new death took the toll to 17. "We have asked you to refrain from taking part in public events, including a religious gathering or protest,

this weekend," Vice Health Minister Kim Kang-lip told a briefing. It was a "critical moment" in reining in the spread of the virus, he said, adding, "Please stay at home and refrain from going outside and minimise contact with other people."

**657 from one city**  
As many as 657 of the new cases were from southeastern Daegu city, the site of a church at the centre of the outbreak, and 79 from the nearby province of North Gyeongsang, the Korea Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) said.

**In Italy, over 1,000 cases**  
Meanwhile in Italy, the death toll from the contagion rose

by eight on Saturday to 29, while the total number of cases jumped by 240 to 1,128 – the vast majority in the wealthy regions of Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna. The virus has now hit 59 countries across the globe, with more than 2,900 people killed and over 85,000 infected since it was first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan late last year.

Its rapid spread beyond China's borders in the past week has caused stock markets to sink to their lowest levels since the 2008 global financial crisis.

The vast majority of infections have been in China but more daily cases are now logged outside the country.

## Black vote key as South Carolina votes in Democratic primaries

Biden hopes to catch up with Sanders with a big win

SIRIAM LAKSHMAN  
WASHINGTON

As the spread of coronavirus across the globe dominated U.S. headlines on Saturday morning, voting got underway in South Carolina's Democratic primaries, with former Vice-President Joe Biden expected to win based on strong support from African Americans, who make up more than 60% of the electorate.

Bernie Sanders, the frontrunner in the race who has a significant lead in the national polls, is expected to come second but with a sizable margin between him and Mr. Biden. Mr. Biden's campaign is banking on a clear win to make up for his performance in the first three States.

**Sanders's national lead**

An average of South Carolina polls by Real Clear Politics (RCP) showed Mr. Biden in the lead with 39.7% followed by Mr. Sanders at 24.3%. Mr. Sanders however leads at 29.5% in the overall national polls – more than 10 points ahead of Mr. Biden. Billionaire Hedge Fund founder Tom Steyer, who has a 2.6%



A polling station in Columbia, S. Carolina. • AP

national polling average, was in third place, at 11.7%, in South Carolina polling averages.

In what has become an all-white contest, Democratic candidates spent the days in the run up to Saturday trying to convince South Carolina voters who are likely to participate in the primary, Mr. Sanders was polling at 13% compared to Mr. Biden's 45% (his "firewall"), as per a Monmouth University poll conducted February 23-27. Mr. Biden has also boosted his prospect after he was backed by U.S. House Majority Whip, Jim Clyburn.

The State sends 54 pledged delegates to the nominating convention later this year where the winner will need the support of at least 1,991 delegates.

Campaign co-chair for Mr. Sanders, former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner, an African American, has been leading the charge in South

Carolina, organising events for Mr. Sanders. Last month, Ms. Turner had attacked Mr. Biden's record on desegregation, raising criticism that Mr. Biden has faced before. The former Vice-President, while in the U.S. Senate during the 1970s and 1980s, had not supported the desegregation strategy of federally mandated busing of students across school districts.

**Biden has clear lead**

However, Mr. Sanders appears to have some way to go in South Carolina. Among black South Carolina voters who are likely to participate in the primary, Mr. Sanders was polling at 13% compared to Mr. Biden's 45% (his "firewall"), as per a Monmouth University poll conducted February 23-27. Mr. Biden has also boosted his prospect after he was backed by U.S. House Majority Whip, Jim Clyburn.

The next inflection point for candidates is Super Tuesday, March 3, when the largest number of States hold their primaries. Former New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, will join the race at this point.

## Mahathir out as former Minister is named Malaysia PM

Muhyiddin Yassin has to prove his majority in Parliament

REUTERS

KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia's 94-year-old Mahathir Mohamad lost out in a battle to become Prime Minister on Saturday as the King named former Interior Minister Muhyiddin Yassin after a week of political turmoil sparked by Mr. Mahathir's resignation. But Mr. Mahathir made clear he would not bow out quietly, saying he would inform the King he had a majority in Parliament supporting his return as Prime Minister.



Muhyiddin Yassin in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. • AP

those that had rallied in support of Mr. Muhyiddin, along with the Islamist party PAS.

**Mahathir protests move**  
Although Mr. Mahathir and Mr. Anwar announced on Saturday that they had joined hands again, the palace said in a statement the King made his decision on the basis that Mr. Muhyiddin, 72, possibly had the support of a majority in Parliament. His majesty has decreed that the

process of appointing a Prime Minister cannot be delayed," it added. "This is the best decision for all."

Mr. Mahathir said he planned to send a letter to the King to inform him that he had the support of a majority in Parliament. "I hope his majesty the King will accept the letter and my explanation," Mr. Mahathir said in a statement that gave the 114 names of lawmakers he said supported him from the 222 member Parliament. Members of Parliament supporting Mr. Mahathir planned a rally before Muhyiddin is sworn in on Sunday. Mr. Muhyiddin urged all Malaysians to accept the decision.

Angered by the decision on Mr. Muhyiddin, around 200 people gathered in central Kuala Lumpur in the evening despite police warnings. Officers, however, stood on the sidelines without intervening.

## I always believed I would be freed: Bibi

Pakistani-Christian woman hopes to return home one day

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LONDON

Asia Bibi, the Pakistani-Christian woman who was cleared by the country's Supreme Court of blasphemy charges after spending eight years on death row, has said that she always believed she would be freed.



Asia Bibi in Paris on Friday. • REUTERS

France to promote her memoir *Enfin Libre!* (Finally Free), written with French journalist Anne-Isabelle Tollet, said that her Christian

faith helped her through the ordeal. "They said change your faith, and you'll be freed. But I said no. I will live my sentence. With my faith," she said.

Ms. Bibi said that she always believed she would be freed.

Ms. Bibi called on Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan to free anyone unjustly accused or convicted of blasphemy and to ensure that the charges are investigated properly.

Despite her ordeal, Ms. Bibi said she still felt positively about Pakistan and hoped to return there one day.

## ELSEWHERE



### Astronomers discover 17 new planets

TORONTO  
Astronomers have discovered 17 new planets, including a potentially habitable Earth-sized world, by combing through data gathered by NASA's Kepler space telescope which was launched in 2009, and retired in October 2018. The findings, published in *The Astronomical Journal*, include rare Earth-like planet named KIC-7340288 b. PTI

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# Bharti Airtel deposits additional ₹8,004 crore in AGR dues

Total payment reaches ₹18,004 crore; telco claims compliance with court order

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel on Saturday said it had made an additional payment of ₹8,004 crore towards its adjusted gross revenue-related dues to the Department of Telecom (DoT). The company had earlier in February deposited ₹10,000 crore with the DoT.

In a regulatory filing, the company said it had carried out self-assessment from FY06-07 up to December 31, 2019, and interest thereon up to February 29, 2020.

## Additional ₹3,004 crore

"Accordingly, the company has paid an additional amount of ₹3,004 crore towards the full and final amounts due over and above the ad-hoc amount of



**Chunky outgo:** The payments included those against liabilities on Airtel, Hexacom and Telenor India. ■ REUTERS

₹10,000 crore paid on Fe-

bruary 17, 2020 on behalf of the Bharti Group of compa-

nies," it said. The payment included those for liabilities on Bharti Airtel, Bharti Hexacom and Telenor India. It added that an additional

amount of ₹5,000 crore had

also been deposited with the DoT "as an ad-hoc payment (subject to subsequent re-

fund / adjustment) to cover differences, if any, arising from the reconciliation exercise with the DoT."

According to the Telecom Department's estimates, Bharti's liability comes to ₹35,586 crore

According to DoT esti-

mates, Bharti Airtel's liability stands at over ₹35,586 crore, including licence fee and spectrum usage charges with interest on the unpaid amount, penalty and interest on penalty.

The total payment made by the company to the DoT towards AGR dues now stands at ₹18,004 crore.

"Based on the aforesaid payment we have now com-

plied with the AGR judgment and the directions in the order of the Supreme Court dated October 24, 2019," the company said.

Govt. of Singapore, HDFC MF among largest allottees

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI

SBI Cards and Payment Services has raised nearly ₹2,800 crore – ₹2,769 crore to be precise – by allotting shares to anchor investors that include marquee names like Government of Singapore, Monetary Authority of Singapore, Nomura, Kuwait Investment Authority, BNP Paribas, Goldman Sachs, BlackRock and Fidelity, along with a host of mutual fund entities.

According to a state-

ment by the company, the

shares were allotted to a

total of 74 anchor

investors, including 12 mutual funds, through 48 schemes, at the upper end of the price band at ₹755.

Some of the largest al-

lottees in the anchor allo-

cation were Government of Singapore (5.44%), HDFC Mutual Fund (5.6%), Government Pension Fund Global (5.42%), Birla Mutual Fund (5.42%), Axis Mutual Fund (5.42%), Pioneer Investment Fund (5.06%), ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund (5.06%), Kotak Mutual Fund (4.08%) and Nomura Funds Ireland Public Limited Company – Nomura Funds Ireland – India Equity Fund (3.97%) among others.

## IPO on March 2

The initial public offer of the card company will open on March 2. The issue will close for sub-

scription on March 5 and the last day has been re-

served for bids from retail and high networth individuals.

**Govt's total receipts at ₹12.82 lakh cr. in April-Jan.**

Total expenditure was ₹22.68 lakh crore

## PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI

The government's total receipts during the April-January period of the current fiscal stood at ₹12.82 lakh crore, while total expenditure for the same period was ₹22.68 lakh crore.

The Centre had received ₹12,82,857 crore up to January 2020, an official statement said. Tax revenue stood at ₹9,98,037 crore, while non-tax revenue stood at ₹2,52,083 crore.

A sub-index of manu-

facturing production nosedived to 27.8 in February from January's 51.3 while a reading of new orders plunged to 29.3, down from 51.4 a month earlier.

Analysts are warning the spread of the coronavirus to other countries will impact global supply chains and limit the recovery for Chinese manufacturers.

Non-debt capital re-

ceipts stood at ₹32,737 crore, which included ₹18,351 crore of disinvestment proceeds, a statement said.

Besides, ₹5,30,735 crore has

been transferred to State governments as 'Devolution of Share of Taxes' by the Centre in the period under consideration, which is ₹11,003 crore lower than the previous year, it added.

Under tax devolution, the

share in central taxes is distributed among States based on a formula. Meanwhile, the total expenditure incurred by the Centre stood at ₹22,68,329 crore, out of which ₹20,00,595 crore is on the revenue account and ₹2,67,734 crore is on the capital account.

Out of the total revenue ex-

pended, over ₹4.71 lakh crore is on account of interest payments and over ₹2.62 lakh crore is on account of major subsidies.

India's fiscal deficit in the

first 10 months through Janu-

ary stood at ₹9.85 lakh crore or

128.5% of the revised budgeted target for the current fiscal year, according to government data released on Friday.

In the Budget announce-

ment, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had raised the fiscal deficit target to 3.8% of the GDP from the 3.3% pegged earlier for 2019-20, due to a shortfall in revenue collection.

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, NARMADA CANAL PROJECT CIRCLE-II SANCHORE

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## M.P. HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

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Request for Proposal for Selection of Developer for "Redevelopment of Old Central Jail Complex at Arera Hills, Bhopal under Redensification Scheme of GoMP"

Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) through M.P. Housing & Infrastructure Development Board, Bhopal (MPHIDB) intends to carry out Redevelopment of Old central jail complex at Arera hills, Bhopal under Redensification Scheme of GoMP ("the Project").

MPHIDB intends to appoint a developer for the project and government facilities being constructed & developed therein namely Jail head quarter complex, District & sessions court complex and a Plot for Govt. office Complex at Old central jail complex site, Arera hills, Bhopal. Full section Development of 45m wide Jail Road from Raj Bhawan to Ambedkar Square adjacent to Old central Jail Complex Site, New jail complex & Jail Training Centre Complex, Jail dept housing complex at Badwai Bhopal and Govt. High School at Bhim Nagar, Bhopal (collectively referred to as "the Govt. Facilities").

The selected developer will be provided with free-hold ownership rights on land parcel admeasuring 8.09 Ha (80900 Sqm.) at Old Central Jail Complex Site, Arera Hills, Bhopal (referred to as "Compensatory Land Parcel" or "CLP") as per RFP Documents. The prospective bidders have to quote the Premium for Free-hold ownership rights on the CLP. The Bidder quoting highest Premium will be selected as developer for the Project. The selected developer has to pay the quoted Premium partly in monetary terms and partly in kind in the form of cost of construction, development, handing over and transfer of the Govt. Facilities as per provisions of the RFP Document.

The Housing Commissioner, MPHIDB, Bhopal invites bids from reputed & experienced entities for Selection of a Developer for the Project, through transparent online tendering process. RFP documents can be downloaded and purchased from GoMP online tendering portal : <http://mptenders.gov.in>.

RFP Document Cost : Rs. 59,000/- (Incl GST)

Online sale of RFP Document : 02.03.2020 to 20.04.2020

Bid Security : Rs. 2.15 Crores

Estimated Cost of Govt. Facilities : Rs. 357.80 Crores

Reserve Price for Premium for CLP : Rs. 425.00 Crores

Complete bids can be submitted online by 20.04.2020 up to 17.30 Hrs. through the online tendering portal <http://mptenders.gov.in> and physical submissions as mentioned in the RFP Documents shall be submitted by the due date mentioned in the RFP Document.

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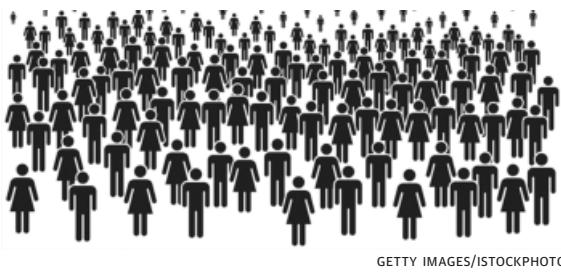
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## NPR 2020 skids

Why has the Bihar government said it will stick to the 2010 manual for updating the population register?

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

**The story so far:** On February 25, the Bihar Assembly passed a unanimous resolution stating that there is no need for a National Register of Citizens in the State and that the implementation of the National Population Register (NPR) would be done strictly according to the 2010 format. An ally of the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar made it clear that the 2020 format of the NPR has several contentious clauses.

**What is the National Population Register (NPR)?** The NPR is a database of usual residents in the country who have stayed in a local area for the past six months or more and who intend to remain in the same place for the next six months or more. The NPR is individual and identity specific unlike the Census which only provides information on the status of the residents of India and population swings.

The NPR database was first created in 2010. The electronic database of more than 119 crore usual residents of the country has already been created under the NPR in English as well as the regional languages. The data collection is done under the aegis of the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. The NPR is undertaken under the provisions of The Citizenship Act, 1955 and The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003. The NPR was last updated, except in Assam and Meghalaya, in 2015-16.

### How is the NPR linked to the National Register of Citizens?

Successive governments have said that the NPR is the mother database for "identity purposes".

The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 mandates that particulars of "every family and individual" in the NPR would be used for verification in the National Register of Citizens (NRC) process. The Local Registrar is empowered, during verification, to mark out the particulars of individuals whose citizenship is doubtful, with "appropriate remarks" for further enquiry. The individual concerned has to then appear before the Sub-district or Taluk Registrar of Citizen Registration to prove he or she is a citizen before a formal decision is taken to include or to exclude their particulars in the National Register of Indian Citizens.

Unlike in the 2010 NPR, the new format for NPR 2020 requires residents to disclose their mother tongue and the places and dates of birth of their parents

to prove he or she is a citizen before a formal decision is taken to include or to exclude their particulars in the National Register of Indian Citizens.

The onus to prove he or she is a citizen is entirely on the individual concerned. Thus, the data collected through NPR becomes the crux for determining the citizenship of a person.

### What is the NPR format of 2010?

Fifteen identity particulars of the individual members of the household are sought in the 2010 format. These include name, relationship to the head of the household, sex, date of birth, marital status, educational qualification, occupation/activity, names of parents, place of birth of (everybody staying in the household at the time), nationality, present address of usual residence, duration of stay at the present address and permanent residential address.

### What does the updated manual of 2020 say?

The NPR 2020 enumeration exercise will be undertaken during April-September this year. Certain new information will be collected by enumerators in a house-to-house collection exercise such as Aadhaar, mobile, voter ID, passport and driving licence, if available with the residents on a voluntarily basis. Unlike in the 2010 NPR, the new format for NPR 2020 requires residents to disclose their mother tongue and the places and dates of birth of their parents even if they are not living in the same household at the time or not alive. Individuals have to disclose the districts and States of their parents' birth.

### What is the problem?

Besides Bihar, several State governments such as Kerala, West Bengal, Punjab have already objected to the implementation of NPR 2020, saying it is a harbinger for a nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC) to identify illegal migrants. The NRC exercise in Assam alone has seen the exclusion of over 19 lakh people from the citizens' list in the State. Petitions have also been filed in the Supreme Court of India, describing the NPR as a facilitator for the NRC. State governments are nervous that the NPR data would be used to target citizens on the basis of their identity and deprive them of their citizenship. Fears about the NPR-NRC have been compounded with the passage of the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or the CAA of 2019, which fast-tracks citizenship-by-naturalisation process of persons from six religious communities, other than Muslims, who have fled persecution from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

The NPR 2020 Manual says "date of birth is one of the important items of information being collected in the NPR". But in a country where a large part of the population is underprivileged and where people have not been able to formalise their birth due to lack of access to health care, the task of disclosing the exact birth and place of birth, especially of their aged parents and orphans, would prove to be a daunting task, point out experts.

### What lies ahead?

The workforce for updation of NPR 2020 has to be provided by the State governments. With more States objecting to the new format and its contentious clauses, the exercise may reach an impasse. Widespread doubts about the intentions behind the NPR may also affect the smooth conduct of the Census.

# Why is COVID-19 not a pandemic yet?

What is the World Health Organization's stand on the outbreak? Have most countries been able to check the spread of the coronavirus?

R. PRASAD

**The story so far:** On February 26 – for the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak began in China on December 8, 2019 – the number of novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) cases reported in a single day was more outside mainland China than within the country. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there were 412 newly confirmed cases reported from mainland China while there were 459 cases reported from elsewhere. For the last few days, the number of confirmed cases reported daily from mainland China has come down even as the spread of the virus has seen a sudden increase outside the country. For instance, the total number of confirmed cases in mainland China increased from 74,576 (2,118 deaths) on February 20 to 79,251 (2,835 deaths) on February 29. Globally, there are 85,688 cases and 2,933 deaths as on February 29. This includes the 705 cases and four deaths on a cruise ship. On February 28, WHO upgraded COVID-19's global threat level to 'very high'.

### Besides China, how many countries have reported at least one confirmed case?

As on February 29, 5,233 confirmed cases have been reported from 60 countries. On February 27, Brazil in South America and Algeria in Africa reported their first infections. Except Antarctica, the novel coronavirus cases have been reported from all continents.

At 28, Europe has the most number of countries that have reported at least one case. In just one day, seven European countries – Estonia, Greece, Denmark, Norway, Georgia, N. Macedonia, and Romania – reported their first cases on February 27; on February 28, three countries – Belarus, Lithuania and the Netherlands – reported their first cases.

As on Saturday, 1,123 cases and 23 deaths were reported from Europe. While there was a gradual increase in the number of cases in Europe between January 24 (three cases) and February 22 (63 cases), the cases have spiked since then – 1,100 on February 28. The numbers increased sharply from 483 on February 26 to 774 the next day and 1,100 on February 28.

Thirteen countries/regions – mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines and New Zealand – belonging to the WHO West Pacific region have reported at least one case.

There are 10 countries – Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, and Bahrain, – in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region that have reported novel coronavirus infections. Only five countries – Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Taiwan – in the WHO South-East Asia region have reported SARS-CoV-2 infections. In the Americas, cases have been reported from Canada, the U.S., Brazil, and Mexico.

### Outside China, where are the largest number of cases?

South Korea has the most number of confirmed novel coronavirus infections – 3,150 (and 17 deaths) outside mainland China. Italy (889), Iran (593) and Japan (241) are the other countries with most number of cases.

A little more than a week ago, Hong Kong and Singapore had the most number of cases outside mainland China but that has since changed. But these two countries appear to have largely contained the



**Boots on the ground:** Army soldiers, in South Korea, spraying disinfectant to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, at the Dongdaegu train station in Daegu. ■ AP

spread, with Singapore reporting 102 and Hong Kong with 94 cases as on February 29.

### Since the virus has spread globally, what is the World Health Organization calling it?

In a press briefing on February 26, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus made it clear that WHO will not declare COVID-19 a pandemic at this moment. He said: "We should not be too eager to declare a pandemic without a careful and clear-minded analysis of the facts... Using the word pandemic carelessly has no tangible benefit, but it does have significant risk in terms of amplifying unnecessary and unjustified fear and stigma, and paralyzing systems."

He then commented: "It may also signal that we can no longer contain the virus, which is not true." He added that the fight can be won "if we do the right things". He also said: "... we will not hesitate to use the word pandemic if it is an accurate description of the situation."

By not calling it a pandemic right away, he did clarify that it does not mean WHO is considering the spread to be less serious. He said: "I am not downplaying the seriousness of the situation, or the potential for this to become a pandemic, because it has that potential. Every

scenario is still on the table. On the contrary, we are saying that this virus has pandemic potential and WHO is providing the tools for every country to prepare accordingly."

### When was the last time a pandemic was declared?

A pandemic is defined as the worldwide spread of a new disease. The last pandemic reported was in 2009 with the H1N1 flu, which killed hundreds of thousands globally. Unless it is influenza, WHO generally avoids declaring

diseases as pandemics. This change came about after the lessons learned from the 2009 H1N1 experience.

According to the 2017 pandemic influenza risk management guidelines, WHO uses pandemic influenza phases – 'interpandemic', 'alert', 'pandemic' and 'transition' – to "reflect its risk assessment of the global situation regarding each influenza virus with pandemic potential infecting humans".

### Have some countries contained the spread?

All countries that have reported even one case should primarily focus on containing the spread of the virus, says WHO's chief. Fourteen countries have managed to contain the spread of the virus and no new case has been reported for more than a week. And nine countries, including India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, have not reported any additional cases in the last two weeks, he adds. This highlights that the virus can be stopped in its tracks if countries take appropriate and timely actions.

### What steps should countries take to stop the virus from spreading?

The priority should be to detect cases early and isolate people who test positive for the virus. Once a case is detected, the focus should be to trace the contacts and treat them if already infected. Since the molecular test is not highly sensitive and can return false negatives, people who have returned to India or have come in contact with people who have tested positive should be made aware to seek immediate medical care once symptoms show up.

Though the average incubation period is five-seven days, a few have shown up symptoms at the end of 24 days. Efforts should also be centred on preventing outbreaks in hospitals and spread in the community. One way to stop the spread in the community is to avoid mass gathering in enclosed spaces.

India's Ministry of Health has advised people to avoid all non-essential travel to countries where community spread of the virus is reported, especially to Singapore, South Korea, Iran and Italy. According to a February 13 release, the Ministry has been following up on passengers travelling from China, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea and Japan for a period of 28 days.

# How serious is Germany's far-right problem?

Why is the growing popularity of the AfD's political rise with its focus on refugees a cause for concern?

STANLY JOHNY

**The story so far:** The killing of nine people at two shisha lounges in Hanau, Germany, last week by a person suspected to have a far-right background has heightened concerns about the country's right-wing extremism. The Hanau attacker had released a manifesto before the assault, targeting mainly those of Kurdish origin, which called for extermination of people in several West Asian countries. In recent years, Germany, like several other European countries, has seen twin far-right problems – growing street violence by extremists against minorities and immigrants and the rapid political rise of the far-right party Alternative for Germany (Alternative für Deutschland or AfD), which has normalised to an extent anti-immigrant rhetoric in the country's political discourse. The growing popularity of the AfD, which is already represented in all regional parliaments in the country, is what makes Germany more vulnerable to far-right threats than other countries in the continent.

### How many far-right groups are there?

Post-war Germany has been wary of nationalist politics and has shown zero tolerance to anti-Semitism and race-related crimes. The Nazi-era crimes are remembered in Germany and taught in schools. The public are banned from using Nazi slogans or symbols and there are laws against Holocaust denial. But despite this culture of atonement and strong legislation to prevent racist crimes, Germany has seen the resurgence of xenophobic groups, especially after the German reunification in 1990. In November 2011, German officials uncovered the National Socialist Underground (NSU), a neo-Nazi terrorist group, which had carried out decade-long underground activities, including a series of murders of immigrants and people of foreign origin. In 2015, a group of people in Freital, a town in Saxony, launched attacks on refugee shelters and political opponents. Known as the Freital Group, they claimed that their actions were aimed at "protecting German people from refugees". In 2018, eight members of the group were found guilty of terror related crimes. The prosecution argued that the group's crimes were based on "xenophobic, far-right extremist and Nazi ideology". They were sentenced for up to 10 years in jail. In 2018, German police arrested members of another neo-Nazi cell called Revolution Chemnitz, who were allegedly planning attacks on immigrants, journalists and political opponents, on October 3, German Unity Day. Many of these extremists use the Nazi salute, carry swastikas and even sing the Die Fahne hoch, the anthem of Hitler's Nazi Party.

If the NSU had worked underground for years, far-right extremists are no longer hiding in Germany. The rise of



The AfD, which broke with Germany's post-war consensus on pluralism and multilateralism and took an overly German nationalist approach at all issues, from internal and external security to economic policy, has shaken up the political climate in the country. The AfD's growth has coincided with a sharp jump in the number of far-right attacks in Germany.

According to the BfV (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz), the domestic security agency of the federal government, there are 24,100 right-wing extremists in Germany, of which 12,700 are "violence-oriented". The country has also seen 8,605 crimes nationwide committed by neo-Nazis and other groups in the first half of 2019, according to Interior Ministry data. A week before the Hanau shooting, police arrested 12 members of a far-right terror cell, who were plotting to attack mosques in 10 States.

With the Alternative for Germany or the AfD's open embrace of racist rhetoric, the many sleeper neo-Nazi cells, which had been resisted by the post-war consensus, feel emboldened

The AfD does not have proven direct links with these groups. As a mainstream political party, it does not endorse violence either. But when it comes to immigrants, Muslims, Germany's past crimes and German nationalism, both AfD leaders and the neo-Nazis often speak the same language.

### What does the AfD want?

The AfD was founded in 2013 by a group of conservative leaders, many of whom were part of Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Their plan was to occupy the political vacuum created by the CDU's shift towards the centre from the right under Ms. Merkel's leadership. Initially the AfD was focused on its anti-euro agenda and staunchly opposed German taxpayer's money being used to bail out debt-trapped countries in the euro zone, mainly Greece.

But German politics would undergo a sea change after Ms. Merkel decided to welcome a million immigrants, mostly from the war-torn Arab world, to the country. The AfD quickly transformed itself into a nationalistic, populist, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim party. In 2016, Frauke Petry, the then leader of the AfD, called on police to shoot illegal migrants on Germany's border. Bjoern Hoecke, another AfD leader, once termed Berlin's memorial to the victims of the Nazi rule a "monument of shame". The party's 2017 manifesto read "Islam does not belong to Germany" and called Muslims "a big danger for our state, our society and our system of values." These extreme views helped the AfD turn around its fortunes. If it had won 4.7% of the vote in the 2013 federal election, the vote share jumped to 12.6% in 2017. With 89 seats, the AfD is now the third largest party in the 709-member Bundestag, the federal Parliament.

### What is next?

If the AfD was seen as a political untouchable by the establishment parties till recently, that is also slowly changing. Earlier this month, in the eastern state of Thuringia, a liberal leader was elected premier with help from Ms. Merkel's CDU and the AfD. It created national outrage and Ms. Merkel made a decisive intervention. Thuringia Premier Thomas Kemmerich quit after the controversy. The CDU's leader and Ms. Merkel's designated successor, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, has also announced her resignation from the party leadership. But despite the uproar, the Thuringia episode is an example that the AfD is fast becoming a mainstream political party in Germany. And with the AfD's rise and its open embrace of racist and anti-Muslim rhetoric, the many sleeper neo-Nazi cells which were till now resisted by the post-war consensus feel emboldened. That consensus is now under attack.

SNAPSHOTS



Two species

Red pandas of Asian high mountains are two distinct species - Chinese red pandas and Himalayan red pandas - according to a comprehensive genetic study on these endangered mammals. Scientists found substantial divergences between the two species in three genetic markers in an analysis of DNA from 65 of the animals.



Larvae and cake

Scientists at Ghent University in Belgium are experimenting with larva fat to replace butter in waffles, cakes and cookies, as it is more sustainable, according to them. The researchers soak Black soldier fly larvae in a bowl of water, put it in a blender to create a smooth greyish dollop and then use a kitchen centrifuge to separate out insect butter.



Habitable planet

University of Cambridge researchers studied the exoplanet K2-18b which is 124 light years away, finding it habitable. The exoplanet is 2.6 times the radius and 8.6 times the mass of Earth, and orbits its star within the habitable zone, where temperatures could allow liquid water to exist. The conditions beneath its atmosphere are unknown.



Eat less, live more

A study published in *Cell* finds that restricting calorie intake delays onset of age-related diseases, reduces levels of inflammation throughout the body. The benefits of calorie-restriction were known earlier, but the new study also says that this can protect against ageing in cellular pathways. The study compared rats that ate 30% less than normal.



Venus' asteroid

The very first asteroid whose orbit lies entirely within that of Venus has been discovered. Named 2020AV2, this asteroid was found to be unstable. Within a million years this would either collide with Venus or get scattered to an Earth-crossing path. The discovery was published in *The Monthly Notices of Royal Astronomical Society Letters*.

# Presence of colistin-resistant bacteria of food origin in the gut is cause for worry

Colistin is the last-resort antibiotic used to treat highly drug-resistant bacterial infections

R. PRASAD

A small study involving 65 stool samples taken from patients from a single hospital in Chennai found 51% of them harbour colistin-resistant bacteria. This reflects the presence of such bacteria in the gut as stool samples represent gut colonisation. This is the first study from India which has found indirect evidence of colistin-resistant bacteria in the gut and was published in the journal *Diagnostic Microbiology & Infectious Disease*.

Colistin is the last-resort antibiotic used to treat highly drug-resistant bacterial infections.

Colistin-resistant bacteria can be of hospital origin or food origin. Colistin-resistant bacteria of hospital origin do not respond to any of the antibiotics, including carbapenem while colistin-resistant bacteria of food origin will respond to carbapenem.

Stool samples

Of the 65 stool samples studied, 33 samples were found to have colistin-resistant bacteria, the team led by Dr. Abdul Ghafur, consultant in infectious diseases at Chennai's Apollo Cancer Institute found. And of the 33 samples that had bacteria resistant to colistin, 77% were found to be food-acquired and the remaining 23% had an antibiotics resistance pattern suggestive of hospital origin.

In a paper published in the *Journal*



**Insidious presence:** In 2018, colistin-resistant *Klebsiella* bacteria were found to be widely present in poultry and raw vegetables. ■ H. VIBHU

of Global Antimicrobial Resistance in 2018, Dr. Ghafur and his team found that colistin-resistant *Klebsiella* bacteria were widely present in poultry and raw vegetables. The main cause of colistin resistance in food is due to the rampant use of colistin in poultry. Since poultry litter is used as manure to grow vegetables, colistin-resistant bacteria are found in vegetables as well.

Usage in poultry

"Most of the colistin-resistant *Klebsiella* bacteria in the gut is from food and not hospital-acquired," says Dr. Ghafur. "Colistin usage in poultry

plays a bigger role than its usage in hospitals for the bacteria to develop widespread colistin resistance."

Dr. Ghafur adds: "So even if hospital usage of colistin is rationale and scientific that will hardly make any difference in the generation of colistin resistance. The only way out is to control the use of colistin in poultry."

How resistance is conferred

In clinical practice, it is the mutation in the *mrbB* gene or other chromosomal genes that confers colistin resistance to *Klebsiella* bacteria. In their 2018 study, the authors found *mrbB* gene mutation in food *Klebsiella*

bacteria.

Till date, there is no evidence to suggest that the *mrbB* gene mutation spreads from food to human *Klebsiella* bacteria. The only colistin resistance mechanism that is known to spread from food to human *Klebsiella* bacteria is through *mcr* gene transfer.

However, only a minority (less than 3%) of colistin-resistant *Klebsiella* bacterial infections in humans is contributed by the *mcr* gene. "Majority of infections by colistin-resistant *Klebsiella* in humans are due to mutations in the *mrbB* gene or other chromosomal genes," Dr. Ghafur says.

The gene and its mutation

The *mcr* gene is located in the plasmid and so can spread quickly to other bacteria. The *mrbB* gene mutation too can spread quickly but through insertion sequences.

The cause of colistin resistance in majority of bacteria of food origin in human gut is due to *mrbB* gene mutation.

"Our study provides additional evidence to the hypothesis that colistin resistance due to *mrbB* mutation in food *Klebsiella* has the potential to spread to human *Klebsiella* in the gut and hence may contribute colistin-resistant infections in humans," he says.

In light of that, the finding that a large number of individuals carry colistin-resistant bacteria of food origin in the gut is therefore worrying.



**Touch of healing:** A display of art works in the premises of a hospital in Mysuru (2009). ■ FILE PHOTO

## Health outcomes of displaying art in hospitals

Art creates an atmosphere where patients feel safe, socialise, connect with the world outside



### SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

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Many hospitals, particularly private and corporate ones, hang attractive pictures and art pieces in their entrance halls and patient waiting rooms. Most people, in fact even some of the owners themselves, think this is just to drum-beat their "class." In contrast, most if not all, public or government hospitals do nothing of this kind and leave their walls blank or fill them with notices. Their rooms and corridors are hideous. This is true of even prestigious institutes of medical sciences across the country. Given this, it may come as a surprise (even to some of the owners of these hospitals) that displaying art in hospitals, patient waiting rooms and wards is good for patients, doctors, nurses and other caregivers.

A highly cited research report published three years ago by a group of Danish researchers (Nielson et al, "How do patients actually experience and use art in hospitals? The significance of interaction: a user-oriented experimental case study"; *International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health and Well-being* 2017;12(1) 1267343) shows how patients experience an overall feeling of approachability and care.

They studied patients confined for a period of several weeks in a common care hall. During the first week, the walls of the hall were bare and blank. Each patient was immersed in his own medical condition, not talking to the others in the hall. On the eighth day, a series of artwork, paintings, pictures and photographs were displayed on the walls of the common care hall. Most of the patients began looking at and studying them, diverted their attention from earlier self-absorption, began analysing and interpreting these exhibits in his own way, started talking to others in the hall and made friends, moving on to non-clinical topics, exchanged critiques and socialised more. They listened to the nurses, doctors and other caregivers with greater attention, and their cure improved!

**Safe environment**

The researchers conclude that art creates an environment and atmosphere where the patient can feel safe, socialise, maintain connection with the world outside the confines of the hospital and supports their identity. The presence of visual art in hospital contributes to health outcomes. One would expect that this would be particularly true of patients confined to intensive care units where medical instruments are cluttered around.

Now, this study has been done in a European society. Will this work in a place like India and in public and government hospitals? There is no reason why it cannot, but the planning and strategy will have to suit local conditions. People are people: they like to interact, need attention, not just for medical attention, but as persons, sociologically as well.

Towards this, designers, sociologists, and sensitive artists need to get together with the doctors in the hospitals, choose the kind of art display, and the space available. The conditions and the overburdening patient space, the over-worked doctors and caregivers, the local culture and other factors, will have to be budgeted in, but it can be done. And it should be done since, as mentioned above, visual art in a hospital contributes to health outcomes as an extended form of health care.

**Helps caregivers**

Now, does art in hospitals help the doctors and nurses there? What can they learn from looking at art? Does this help them become better professionals? Indeed so, the book by Ann Sloan Devlin: "Transforming the Doctor's office: Principles from Evidence-Based Design" offers some clues, and the article by Dr Robert Glatter: "Can studying art help medical students become better doctors?" makes convincing arguments for introducing art as a course for medical students, apart from the usual ones and beyond *Gray's Anatomy*. Indeed, this has been introduced in some medical schools and young students have appreciated it and find that it broadens their diagnostic skill. One of them remarked: "I have been looking so far at the center of the picture as the main part, but I came to realize that there is a wealth of data on the sides too!"

Given this, our medical colleges can try this and bring a practising artist periodically to come, explain and discuss his/her art work, and invite responses from the students. Such periodic get-togethers, even if not part of the curriculum, will help broaden the minds and help in the skill of how to interpret and get more out of the images from scans obtained from machines. One private medical institute in Hyderabad has put this in practice for its clinical and research fellows and doctors. It has placed paintings and other art pieces in its patient waiting rooms, walls on each floor, children's care centre, low-vision aid clinics, thus practising and anticipating what the Danish group above has suggested in 2017. It has also set apart a major area of an entire floor dedicated as an art gallery, and invites artists, musicians, writers, NGOs, and similar scholars for lectures and interaction with its doctors and scientists, but also with the interested citizens attending the events.

## NCBS method to detect virus associated with a rare skin cancer

Team adapts gene editing tool to detect the presence of Merkel cell polyoma virus in the tumours

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A team from National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, has developed a diagnostic system to detect the presence of Merkel cell polyomavirus in Merkel cell carcinoma tumours. Merkel cell carcinoma is a rare and aggressive type of skin cancer. The researchers have developed a test using the CRISPR-CAS12 technology that can identify the virus in the tumour and give off a fluorescence to indicate the presence of the virus. This is an important development, both, from the point of view of diagnostics and giving a prognosis. Earlier studies have shown that the Merkel cell carcinoma caused by the virus is less aggressive and

cessive exposure to ultraviolet light and a weak immune system.

**Crucial association**

A virus that is part of the normal skin flora - the Merkel cell polyomavirus - can get integrated in the human genome and undergo a mutation which causes it to promote the cancer. In studies, in about 60-80% of Merkel cell carcinoma patients, the tumours were found to test positive for the virus. It is important to know this from the point of view of targeting treatment as well as for giving a prognosis. Earlier studies have shown that the Merkel cell carcinoma caused by the virus is less aggressive and

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progresses slower than that caused by excessive exposure to ultraviolet light.

"Our test, though present-

ly in initial stages, combines the exciting new CRISPR technology with diagnostics and viral detection and holds promise for use in clinics [sometime] in the future" says Reety Arora from NCBS in an email to *The Hindu*. She is the corresponding author of

the paper on the work published in *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences*.

**DETECTR system**

The team adapted a system named DETECTR (DNA endonuclease-targeted CRISPR trans reporter) to help them in this endeavour. The system consists of three components: identifier, switch and reporter. The identifier is a "guide RNA" which can recognise and bind to a section of the Merkel cell polyoma virus. The switch is a DNA-cutting enzyme known as Cas12a which gets attached to the guide RNA after it finds its target DNA. The reporter consists of a single stranded DNA tagged with a fluorescent molecule.

cent molecule.

When the guide RNA attaches itself to the viral DNA segment, the attached Cas12a enzymes get activated and start cutting the "target" virus DNA. They also are enabled to cut up the single-stranded DNA tagged with a fluorescent molecule. This then causes the fluorescent molecules to glow, which can be detected. Also, the strength of the glow depends on the number of activated Cas12a molecules, which in turn depends on the number of virus DNA copies recognised in the tumour DNA. This therefore gives a measure of the number of viruses in the tumour.

"We tested the amount of

MCV DNA that can be detected by our system. And we find that if MCV is present at even femto-moles (10 to the power of minus fifteen moles) we can detect MCV DNA [and thereby diagnose].

"Our future plans include developing this as a diagnostic test and hopefully in a colourimetric format," she says. A colourimetric test would use an indicator that is visible to the naked eye, hence, it will eliminate the need for a fluorescence reader to see the test results.

"This way, we won't need any special equipment or training to perform the test and the test will be easy to use in clinics," she adds.

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## This month, it will rain protests in Brazil

Bolsonaro has called on people to take to streets to 'defend him' as his critics plan multiple rallies

### SAO PAULO



"It's the wind blowing free, it's the end of the slope/ It's a beam, it's a void, it's a hunch,

it's a hope/And the river bank talks of the waters of March," sang Tom Jobim, the Bossa Nova genius, in a song he wrote and composed in 1972 as an ode to the summer rain that lashes Rio de Janeiro in March. Like the rain, coming down in sheets and columns with gusts of wind, the song *Waters of March* captures Brazil at this time of the year when the Carnival revelry is dying down, the skies are grey and the mood on the street a little sombre.

This year has been a bit different. February was one of the wettest months in a long time, receiving a

huge portion of annual rain. The Carnival parade in Rio and other cities became a one big protest song against the government. The skies may be bluer than usual for March; and it's going to rain protests – a continuation of public outrage shown during the country's biggest festival.

Strangely, leading the protest efforts is President Jair Bolsonaro, who himself provoked strong reactions from Samba schools during the Carnival for his far-right policies. Then, just as the Carnival was getting over this week, Mr. Bolsonaro sent out a message in a WhatsApp group, backing a protest planned by extreme right-wing groups against the Congress and in defence of the Army and the government. The demonstration, scheduled for March 15, has been in planning since January, but it got a boost this week after a top General dubbed the members of Con-

gress as "racketeers" and Mr. Bolsonaro himself sent out a video calling on the people to "take to the streets to defend" him.

### Criticism and panic

With several organisers of the March 15 "protest" openly calling for "military intervention" and "closing down" of Congress and the Supreme Court, there has been widespread criticism – and some panic – across the political spectrum. Former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who was barred from running against Mr. Bolsonaro in 2018, has called on Brazilians to stand up against the "authoritarian act". "Bolsonaro has never gotten on with democracy. He's a false patriot who is surrendering our sovereignty to the U.S. and condemning the people to poverty," Mr. Lula tweeted. Even right-wing leaders like former President Fernando Cardoso and São Paulo's Governor Joao Doria have denounced Mr. Bolsonaro's move. "Brazil fought so hard to rescue its



democracy. We must vehemently reject any act that disrespects this country's democratic institutions and pillars," said Mr. Doria.

Between 1964 and 1985, Brazil was ruled by Generals who had closed Congress and established a brutal re-

gime. Mr. Bolsonaro has often expressed his admiration for these 21 years. With the majority of Brazilians born after these tragic years and civil society organisations taking deep roots in the country since the return of democracy, a series of rallies and protests have been planned in "defence of democracy".

On March 8, the International Women's Day, there will be rallies in all major cities to condemn the federal government's "pension reforms" and to "highlight black women". On March 14, a day before the far-right groups take to the streets, demonstrations will mark two years since the murder of Marielle Franco, the black and gay city Councillor in Rio, who was gunned down by the militia which has alleged links to the Bolsonaro family.

Since coming to power last year, the Bolsonaro government has spent quite a lot of energy on cutting down public services, including healthcare and education. On March 18, three days after demonstrations by sup-

porters of the President, massive protests have been planned with the theme of "Dictatorship, Never Again". "The government's policies are hurting our future as it cuts down money for education and fails to create jobs. At the same time, they keep eulogising the Army rule. The last thing Brazil needs is any military intervention in politics," says Raul Perreira, 23, a university student.

The country's history still haunts it. On March 31, the day on which the military began its dictatorship in 1964, thousands will be out on the streets, remembering those who got swallowed by those dark days. At some places, they would be recalling the "greatest Brazilian song" of all time, sung by Jobim in his velvet voice. "The rest of the stump, a lone road/A sliver of glass, a life, the sun/A knife, a death, the end of the run/And the river bank talks of the waters of March..." sang Jobim 48 years ago. This March, thousands would be humming these lines across Brazil.

## Japan's Diamond Princess fiasco

The Abe government's handling of coronavirus infections on a cruise ship is drawing criticism

### TOKYO



For Shinzo Abe's government, 2020 was meant to be the year the global

spotlight on the Olympic Games revealed a resilient, even resurgent Japan. Instead, as the archipelago has emerged as one of the largest coronavirus-affected clusters outside China, its handling of the crisis is drawing criticism, highlighting the systemic challenges. The country is a finely tuned piece of machinery that functions preternaturally well when things are going according to plan.

The failures regarding the ship were manifold. To begin with, it took the Japanese authorities more than 72 hours to impose a lockdown after they were first notified of the initial case connected to the ship, with the result that for a day after the quarantine began, hundreds of passengers continued gathering for cruise activities and eating together. Moreover, throughout the two weeks, the 1,000-plus crew members were confined in tight quarters below deck. Eighty-five of these were eventually



found to be infected, including a dozen Indians. Sick crewmembers slept in cabins with room-mates who continued their duties across the ship, undercutting the quarantine.

Eight public workers, who boarded

the ship to support the quarantine, have also tested positive for COVID-19, and more may follow, which indicates that precautions to prevent the spread of infections on board were lacking. Several of the officials involved with testing and other tasks related to curtailing the outbreak were bureaucrats with little experience in managing infectious diseases.

According to some reports, there were instances of officials failing to wear full protective gear. Most of the roughly 90 Health Ministry employees who visited the ship during the quarantine initially returned to their normal duties, although they have since been asked to quarantine themselves at home for 14 days.

### Medical resources

Despite its technological advances, Japan's authorities were unable to provide sufficient medical resources for testing. Many quarantined passengers complained of problems getting medical attention even after showing symptoms. While in neigh-

bouring China, a purpose-built hospital for virus patients was constructed in a week, Japan was unable to find any alternative facility to house the cruise ship passengers despite fears that the infection was spreading on board.

Some countries, like the U.S., took citizens off the ship and repatriated them before the two-week quarantine period in Japan was up, as long as they underwent another, properly-supervised quarantine period after their return. But in Japan, close to 1,000 passengers who tested negative walked free on February 19, even though experts fear some of them could have been exposed and developed symptoms only later.

The Health Minister eventually revealed that 23 passengers had been released from the ship without taking a valid recent test and had travelled by public transport after disembarking. In fact, just two days after leaving the ship with a negative test result, a woman in her 60s tested positive for COVID-19.

The crisis has also highlighted the absence in Japan of an autonomous decision-making agency specialising in disease control, equivalent to the U.S.'s or China's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Japan has a National Institute of Infectious Diseases, but it lacks independence from the Health Ministry and has been subject to hefty budget cuts in recent years.

What was meant to be a year of celebration is now imperilled. COVID-19 is on a collision course with the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, scheduled for July-August. The possibility of the Games being cancelled cannot be ruled out, despite the government having spent nearly \$30 billion on the preparations. The Olympics aside, the trajectory of the virus in Japan is emblematic of Tokyo's inability to deal flexibly with a chaotic, changing environment, in part because of an over-reliance on algorithm-following bureaucracy and the accompanying tendency to be less than transparent in a crisis.

## A festival of ideas in Lahore

The 8th edition of the LLF saw a host of delegates discussing issues from poetry to multilateralism

### LAHORE



The eighth edition of the Lahore Literary Festival (LLF) that took place

from February 21 to February 23 in the city had a plethora of writers and speakers. They included Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk, historian William Dalrymple, Nigerian-British novelist Oyinkan Braithwaite and strategic analyst Vali Nasr.

One of the most important cultural events in South Asia, the LLF is a labour of love," said Razi Ahmed, the fest's founder and CEO. Every edition is planned a year in advance and it requires a lot of persuasion to get the best delegates to travel to Pakistan. "We work closely with our delegates to show them a multi-faceted sense of the city – Lahore – where

it's surely pivoted around the LLF but also encompasses an experience of the city's streets, architecture, food, museums and private homes," Mr. Ahmed said.

Why Lahore, one may ask. "Lahore has historically been a gateway of ideas and cultural encounters," Mr. Ahmed told *The Hindu*. "After [former Prime Minister] Benazir Bhutto's assassination, fear had started enveloping our collective psyche, festivals like Basant were being banned, and Lahore's rich and varied creative expressions were not being celebrated at home. This made for an urgent case for Lahore to have a platform, a public space, for the triumph of ideas over fear and curtailing freedoms," he said.

Inspired by that idea, the LLF decided to take that spirit of Lahore to two of the most dynamic global cities – London and New York – to introduce the rich social and literary thought that this city has produced to the Pakistani community abroad and also to showcase Pakistan in a different light.

### Shared South Asian connection

Who's Mr. Ahmed's favourite delegate in the eight years of the fest? "While all our delegates are special and we roll out the red carpet for them, I personally enjoyed hosting Romila Thapar [in 2015] the most as I see a shared South Asian connection to understand the historical truths which were manipulated by the colonial powers. Her memory and knowledge of Lahore, while we drove together to sites such as Bradlaugh Hall and Maryam Zamani Masjid have contributed to my growth as a person."

Nitasha Kaul, a London-based academic, author and poet of Kashmiri origin, was in Lahore for the LLF. Ms. Kaul said her visit to Lahore was brief and memorable. "I loved glimpses of the city... It is a city with striking parallels to Delhi, unsurprisingly so, given the common historical roots." She says she found the LLF to be neither too large or too small – "just Goldilocks right!"

Asked if literature festivals should be political, Ms. Kaul said everything is always already political. "In a sense, silence upon political matters at the present global moment is in itself the proclamation of a kind of politics. In my view, literature is an important way of reflecting, reimaging, and dialoguing with social and political realities. And so, yes, litfests should be political with a view to making the world less oppressive and more liveable for all, especially those who are marginalised anywhere." Ms. Braithwaite, the Nigerian-U.K. novelist whose debut book *My Sister the Serial Killer* was

longlisted for the Booker Prize, said: "The food was fantastic, the weather was just right and the people were warm and welcoming."

Ms. Braithwaite said she saw more young people at the LLF than she is generally used to seeing at festivals. "I understand a lot of effort was made to ensure students took part. The participation from the audience was always very encouraging." She enjoyed shopping at Liberty Market. "I was particularly drawn to the wooden crafts. I had to consider my luggage allowance or I would certainly have acquired more things."

Mariam Chaudhry, a broadcast journalist and founder of the media platform *The Current*, said LLF 2020 had a very diverse set of speakers and it was inspiring to see that the events were not just attended by adults but by avid teens who were attending book launches.

Audrey Truschke, author of *Aurangzeb: The Life and Legacy of India's Most Controversial King*, told *The Hindu* that the LLF brings outside voices into Pakistan and highlights important voices within the country. "I think the festival is a space in which ideas are shared, discussed, and debated in ways edifying to both the panelists and the audience," she added.

## Some respite in the Indo-Lankan fisheries conflict

The number of Indian trawlers entering Lankan waters has fallen after new laws were passed

### JAFFNA



Depending on the spot along the coast of Jaffna peninsula, resident fishermen share different versions of the familiar story of "poaching Indian trawlers".

"The situation is much better now," said K. Rajachandran, a fisher leader in Karainagar, about 20 km northwest of Jaffna town. "I would say the Indian trawlers coming to our waters has reduced by more than 50% after the new laws were introduced," he said.

He was referring to the time after Sri Lanka legally banned trawling in 2017 and imposed stiffer fines on foreign vessels found fishing in its territorial waters in 2018. The move came after Sri Lanka's northern fishermen



struggled for years, constantly highlighting their falling catch and disappearing livelihoods.

The Indian trawlers, usually from Tamil Nadu, not only crossed the International Maritime Boundary Line to fish in Sri Lanka's resource-rich seas, but also used a destructive fishing method that virtually scooped out the sea-bed, adversely impacting fish production and marine biodiversity. The Palk Bay fisheries conflict, which intensified after the war ended in 2009, posed a serious challenge to the livelihoods of Tamil fishermen in Sri Lanka, who were trying to rebuild their lives.

In fact, trawlers from Tamil Nadu had caused considerable damage to the catch in its own seas, as it did to the livelihoods of fishermen using smaller boats along coastal Tamil Nadu, particularly in Rameswaram and Nagapattinam. But on the Sri Lankan

side, they amplified fisher folk's post-war distress.

Many rounds of talks between the Indian and Sri Lankan governments, and among fisher leaders didn't bring a solution any closer. Sri Lanka went for tougher laws. Ever since, both officials and Sri Lankan fishermen have observed a drop in the number of instances of Indian trawlers poaching. Official statistics show that while as many as 453 Indian fishermen were arrested in 2017 – they have all been released and repatriated – only 156 were arrested on charges of poaching in 2018. Last year, 210 were arrested and this year, 34 have been held until mid-February. "We have been spotting some species of fish again after many years and the catch is also going up steadily," Mr. Rajachandran said.

### Trial of destruction

When things were looking up for the community, Sri Lanka's own trawler fleet – smaller than the Indian ones but destructive nonetheless – began expanding. The Indian trawlers' trial of destruction was not only evident in sea, but also in the smaller vessels they had bred in Sri Lanka. A few hundred fishermen in Jaffna saw quick money in these powerful ves-

sels and invested in them.

According to many northern fishermen, the trawlers originated from Gurunagar, located on the southern coast of the peninsula. The village is a 10-minute drive from Jaffna town, but starkly different. The five-story residential complex is crowded, with each of its tiny apartments, packed to the brim with people and their belongings. Fishing is the main livelihood for men, while women are mostly engaged in daily-waged labour. "It's not us, it's the Indian trawlers," said a young fisherman, who did not reveal his name fearing "repercussions". "Even now, they come thrice a week to our coast. I don't know about other parts," he said, adding that the people of the village felt "helpless and hopeless". He claimed that fishermen like him didn't operate smaller trawlers and instead squarely blamed the Indian trawlers for his plight.

While Sri Lanka's northern fishermen continue braving conflicts, local and international, the two govern-

ments are trying to sort out pending cases. As many as 130 of the Indian trawlers seized by the Sri Lankan Navy over the past few years will have to be discarded, as they have corroded and are no more fit to be used. During his visit to New Delhi in November, soon after his election victory, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa announced the release of 57 boats in Sri Lankan custody.

In a potentially long-term initiative, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Douglas Devananda, who were in New Delhi in early February, have proposed that the two countries set up a joint marine resources management authority, with experts, officials and fisher leaders from either side of the Palk Strait.

However, the Indo-Lanka fisheries conflict – at least a decade old now – cannot be simply "managed", as past efforts have proved. They need to be solved. And that might need greater political will from both sides.

# Jamieson cuts a swathe through the Indian batting line-up

Lanky paceman's five-for negates good work done by Shaw, Pujara and Vihari; New Zealand makes sedate start

## INDIA IN NZ

S. DINAKAR  
CHRISTCHURCH

A carnival atmosphere prevailed at the Hagley Oval, with its hills and lovely white canopies. The trees around the ground swayed in the wind.

Amidst the pleasant surroundings, an intense battle was playing out. A giant of a predator was gobbling up batsmen with his off-stump line, steep bounce and subtle movement.

### Ruthless

Kyle Jamieson, all of 6'8", has a gaze that is cold and a bowling style that is ruthless in the way it probes the batsmen in the corridor. His five for 45 derailed the Indian innings on the opening day of the second Test here on Saturday.

Inserted, India was dismissed for 242. On a green surface where there was good carry and a measure of seam movement, the Indians were more positive in their approach but lost wickets at regular intervals.

New Zealand, in reply, was 63 without loss with south-paw Tom Latham and Tom Blundell, secure in defence and striking the ball with

confidence and timing.

Earlier, the Kiwi pace pack seldom allowed the Indians to breathe easy. They changed angles, mixed lengths and created opportunities.

From 195 for four, when Hanuma Vihari gloved an attempted pull off Neil Wagner's short-pitched delivery at the stroke of Tea, the Indian innings went on a downward spiral.

Vihari (55) had a slice of luck early – he was dropped on nine in front of first slip by 'keeper B-J. Watling after Jamieson's short-ball-fuller-length routine – but went on to play some spanking shots, pulling, slashing, cover-driving and flicking for runs.

But, he should have read the situation before Tea better. Set batsmen should not give their wicket away at critical points. His dismissal ended the 81-run partnership for the fifth wicket.

Same was the case with the experienced Pujara after Tea. He, fatally, attempted to hook Jamieson from the off-stump even as the delivery was climbing into him.

This was a more positive innings from Pujara (54). Between periods of defence – he batted with a more elaborate back-lift – Pujara essayed



**Day's hero:** The Indians found Kyle Jamieson's steep bounce and subtle movement too much to handle. ■ GETTY IMAGES

some lovely strokes such as the cover-drive and on-drive off Trent Boult.

Southpaw Rishabh Pant was put down by Colin de Grandhomme at mid-wicket on three, but perished soon, freeing his arms against Ja-

mieson, when the bowler gave him little width to do so, and playing on.

Another left-hander Ravindra Jadeja fell, unable to keep a hook off Jamieson down. The Indian wickets fell in a heap.

In the morning, Mayank Agarwal departed early, playing across a full-length ball from left-arm Boult to be trapped in front.

**Counter-attack**

Prithvi Shaw, though, was off

like a runaway train. And he played a brand of counter-attacking cricket that was fearless. On view during his attractive 54 were lightness of feet and bat-speed. Tim Southee erred in length and Shaw rocked back to smack

him past point. When Southee pitched up, Shaw drove straight.

Shaw reached his half-century with a top-edged pull off Neil Wagner; the ball eluded Jamieson's outstretched hands at fine-leg. Shaw was living dangerously. He soon fell as Jamieson moved one away; Shaw flashed and Latham took a one-handed blinder at second slip.

Tim Southee dragged Virat Kohli across the crease after lunch.

The India captain was looking for an outswinger but the ball swung back into the right-hander. Caught right in front, Kohli opted for a wasteful review.

### Making the right moves

Then Southee prised out Ajinkya Rahane with a little bit of trickery. Rahane was playing the ball late, leaving deliveries outside off, but this one delivered wide of the crease was angled into Rahane, so he had to play at it.

The sphere then swung away a tad, taking the outside edge. Taylor held on to a smart catch in the cordon.

The sun came out in all its glory after rain in the morning. And the Kiwis made all the right moves.

## SCOREBOARD

### INDIA – 1ST INNINGS

Prithvi Shaw c Latham b Jamieson 54 (64b, 8x4, 1x6), Mayank Agarwal lbw b Boult 7 (11b, 1x4), Cheteshwar Pujara c Watling b Jamieson 54 (140b, 6x4), Virat Kohli lbw b Southee 3 (15b), Ajinkya Rahane c Taylor b Southee 7 (27b, 1x4), Hanuma Vihari c Watling b Wagner 55 (70b, 10x4), Rishabh Pant b Jamieson 12 (14b, 2x4), Ravindra Jadeja c Boult b Jamieson 9 (10b, 2x4), Umesh Yadav c Watling b Jamieson 0 (4b), Mohammed Shami b Boult 16 (12b, 1x4, 2x6), Jasprit Bumrah (not out) 10 (11b, 1x4); Extras (b-4, lb-6, w-5): 15. Total (in 63 overs): 242.

### FALL OF WICKETS

(1-30 (Mayank, 5.4 overs), 2-80 (Shaw, 19.1), 3-85 (Kohli, 24.1), 4-113 (Rahane, 32.1), 5-194 (Vihari, 53.4), 6-197 (Pujara, 55.2), 7-207 (Pant, 57.2), 8-207 (Umesh, 57.6), 9-216 (Jadeja, 59.2).

### NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

Southee 13-5-38-2, Boult 17-2-89-2, de Grandhomme 9-2-31-0, Jamieson 14-3-45-5, Wagner 10-2-29-1.

### NEW ZEALAND – 1ST INNINGS

Tom Latham (batting) 27 (65b, 14x4), Tom Blundell (batting) 29 (73b, 4x4); Extras (b-4, lb-3): 7. Total (for no loss in 23 overs): 63.

### INDIA BOWLING

Bumrah 7-1-19-0, Umesh 8-1-20-0, Shami 7-1-17-0, Jadeja 1-1-0-0.

**Toss:** New Zealand.

## Should have stuck at it: Vihari

Timing of set batsmen's dismissals rock the boat

### S. DINAKAR

CHRISTCHURCH

Hanuma Vihari is quietly efficient. He is not one of those modern high bat-speed batsmen who demolish attacks. Vihari's strength is solidity in the middle-order. He gets behind the line, into good positions and can construct an innings.

By his standards, Vihari's 70-ball 55 with 10 boundaries – he was the top-scorer for India – was an unusually brisk innings here on Saturday.

Vihari said: "It was a personal decision to play positively, score runs when the ball was short. And the pitch too had more pace. The ball was coming on to the bat."

About his dismissal at the stroke of Tea, Vihari mulled, "Perhaps, it was one shot too many."

In fact, Vihari said all three batsmen who made half-centuries in the Indian innings – himself, Prithvi Shaw and Cheteshwar Pujara – got out at the wrong time.



**Solid in the middle:** Hanuma Vihari played an uncharacteristically brisk innings as he and Cheteshwar Pujara bolstered the total. ■ AP

"We would have been happier if we had got over 300. One of us should have made a hundred," he said.

Vihari said the Indians had discussed how to put the Kiwi attack under more pressure. "The bounce sometimes is spongy and it can get difficult to play shots."

On the threat from Kyle

Jamieson, Vihari said, "He's a tall bowler, gets bounce. Then he can strike with the deliveries he pitches up."

Vihari felt the scoreboard did not reflect the intensity with which the Indian pacemen bowled in the evening.

He's nothing if not combative. Ask Vihari and he will tell you there is plenty of cricket left in the Test.

## Jamieson – hungry for more

### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHRISTCHURCH

Four wickets in the first innings in Wellington and a five-for on day one here. After the first Test Kyle Jamieson had oozed confidence and belief. "I am going to make rapid strides," he had said.

### Firepower

Jamieson's arrival on the scene has given the Kiwi pace attack more firepower. Here was someone tall who would push the batsmen back with his height and bounce and then pitch the ball up to have the batsmen caught at the crease.

Or he could get the ball to seam away with bounce from a good length. It is this combination of movement and lift that makes Jamieson so difficult to negotiate.

After the day's play, Jamieson spoke more about the team than himself. He said, "I think, the high point [of the day] was how good we were – to take those wickets, restrict the Indians, and being without loss at stumps was massive."

Queried on the Indian



**Strong support:** Tim Southee chipped in with crucial strikes. Here he has Virat Kohli trapped in front. ■ GETTY IMAGES

batting, Jamieson said, "They played more shots. The pitch allowed them to as well. They were playing shots off the short ball but looked a bit indecisive around a bit."

Asked about the surface at the Hagley Oval, Jamieson said, "It probably doesn't do as much as it does in Wellington. It is truer."

Jamieson felt the Kiwis took wickets at critical moments. "The way Tim (Southee) bowled before and after lunch and the break-through (Neil) Wagner got before Tea were crucial."

Jamieson has a lot more left to do in the Test. And he's got an appetite for wickets.

Queried on the Indian

## Klaasen's ton helps SA crush Australia

### AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

PAARL (SOUTH AFRICA)

South Africa beat Australia by 74 runs in the first ODI at Boland Park on Saturday.

A maiden international century by Heinrich Klaasen had lifted the hosts after they had made a poor start. He hit an unbeaten 123 in a South African total of 291 for seven after home captain Quinton de Kock won the toss and decided to bat.

In reply, only Steve Smith (76) and Marnus Labuschagne (41) came good as the visitors were shot out for 217 in the 46th over.

Earlier, South Africa was 48 for three when Klaasen strode to the wicket. He shared stands of 78 for the fourth wicket with Kyle Verreyne, who made 48 on his international debut, and 149 for the fifth wicket with David Miller (64).

The 27-year-old Klaasen, playing in his 15th ODI, more than doubled his previous highest score of 59. He faced 114 balls and hit seven fours and three sixes.



Heinrich Klaasen. ■ AP

Meanwhile, Kagiso Rabada has been ruled out of South Africa's three-match ODI series against India after sustaining a groin strain. The 24-year-old will be out of action for four weeks.

**The scores:** South Africa 291-7 in 50 overs (Kyle Verreyne 48, Heinrich Klaasen 123 n.o., David Miller 64, Pat Cummins 3/45) bt Australia 217 in 45.1 overs (Steve Smith 76, Marnus Labuschagne 41, Lungi Ngidi 3/30).

## Radha calls the tune, Lankans dance to it

India rides on Shafali's belligerence

### T20 WORLD CUP

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MELBOURNE

Spinner Radha Yadav flummoxed the rival batting line-up with a career-best four for 23 before Shafali Verma's blistering 34-ball 47 powered India to a seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on Saturday.

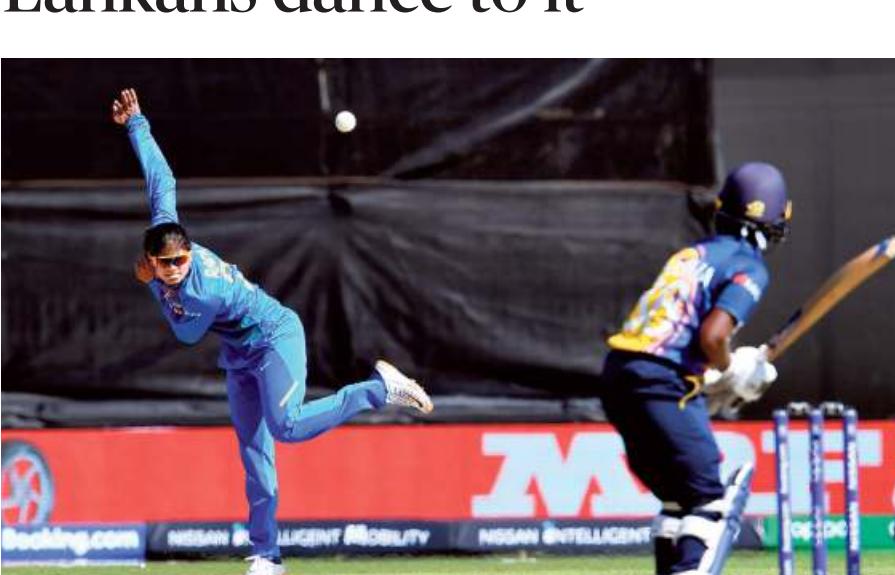
Opting to bat, Sri Lanka was restricted to 113 for nine with left-arm spinner Radha running through the batting line-up. Shafali top-scored as India chased down the target in just 14.4 overs.

The win meant India entered the semifinals with an all-win record. This was India's fourth successive victory in the tournament.

The introduction of Radha in the ninth over worked as immediately after hitting a 6, the Sri Lankan captain was caught at square-leg. Sri Lanka then suffered a batting collapse as Radha accounted for Hansima Karunaratne (7) and Hasini Perera (7) in her next over. She also dismissed wicket-keeper Anushka Sanjeeewani (1).

She had scored 46 against New Zealand in her previous outing.

Harmanpreet Kaur and opener Smriti Mandhana again squandered their good starts, departing for 15 and 17. Smriti mistimed the ball to Kavisha Dilhari in the fifth over while the skipper departed



**Spiderwoman:** Radha Yadav spun a web around the Sri Lankan batswomen, picking up four for 23. ■ AFP

### SCOREBOARD

#### SRI LANKA

Umesh Thimashini c Rajeshwari b Deepthi 2 (5b), Chamari Athapathu c Shikha b Radha 33 (24b, 5x4, 1x6), Harshitha Madavai b Rajeshwari 12 (17b, 1x4), Hansima Karunaratne c Veda b Radha 7 (19b), Hasini Perera c Tanya b Radha 7 (9b, 1x4), Shashikala Siriwardene c Veda b Radheswari 13 (12b, 2x4), Nilakshi de Silva c Harmanpreet b Poornam 8 (12b), Anushka Sanjeeewani lbw b Radha 1 (3b), Kavisha Dilhari (not out) 25 (16b, 2x4), Sathyia Sandeepani b Shikha 0 (1b), Udesika Prabodhani 17 (12b, 3x4), Harmanpreet Kaur c Hansima b Shashikala 15 (14b, 104 (Sathyia 19.1)).

#### INDIA BOWLING

Deepthi 4-0-16-1, Shikha 4-0-35-1, Rajeshwari 4-18-2, Poornam 4-0-20-1, Radha 4-0-23-4.

#### INDIA

Shafali Verma run out 47 (34b, 7x4, 1x6), Smriti Mandhana lbw b Radha 1 (3b), Kavisha Dilhari (not out) 25 (16b, 2x4), Sathyia Sandeepani b Shikha 0 (1b), Udesika Prabodhani (not out) 2 (2b); Extras (lb-1, w-2): 3. Total (for 9 wkts

# Trouvaille has an edge

14 horses in the fray for Indian Turf Invitation Cup

RIAZ BABU & H. KAMAL KHAN  
MYSURU

In the absence of War Hammer, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup (2400m), the stellar attraction of the races to be held here on Sunday (March 1), wears an open look. Trouvaille appears to have an edge in the 14-horse field.

**1 HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA SRI JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION MILLION (2,000m), rated 60 & above**

**2.00 p.m.**

1 Steinlight	(B.V. Salvi)	P.S. Chouhan	8 61
2 Crescendo	(Monnappa)	Chethan Gowda	9 59
3 Velocidad	(Pradeep)	Srinath	7 58
4 Angelino	(Athaollahi)	R. Marshall	11 56.5
5 Roma Victor	(Prasanna K)	P. Trevor	1 56
6 The Great Gatsby	(Laxman Singh)	David Egan	2 55.5
7 Mystic Flame	(Parvati B)	Irvan Singh	6 54.5
8 Indian Pharaoh	(Padmanabhan)	David Allan	3 53.5
9 Rustic Sunrise	(Vishal Yadav)	Anil Baandal	4 53.5
10 Tarek	(M. Bobby)	T.S. Jodha	5 53.5
11 Three Wishes	(Ganapathy)	R.N. Darshan	10 53.5
12 John Cabot	(Rakesh)	I. Chisty	12 50

**VELOCIDAD:** A gutsy winner of his last start over 2,000m at Bengaluru; maintains form. **ROMA VICTOR:** A close second to Velocidad (2,000m); tuned up well. **THE GREAT GATSBY:** Won his last two starts comfortably at Malakpet; may complete a hat-trick.

**INDIAN PHARAOH:** Looks fit after his third to Velocidad.

**1. ROMA VICTOR | 2. VELOCIDAD | 3. INDIAN PHARAOH**

**2 SMT. GAYATRI DEVI AND SARDAR K.B. RAMACHANDRAJAR URS MILLION (1,600m), RATED 40 TO 65**

**2.30 p.m.**

1 Towering Storm	(V. Appachu)	R. Shiva Kumar	16 62.5
2 Poseidon	(Lokanath)	Chethan Gowda	11 61
3 Electra	(Attaollahi)	S. John	14 60
4 Piper Regina	(Parvati B)	Irvan Singh	2 60
5 Gintoki	(Monnappa)	R.N. Darshan	7 57.5
6 Starry Wind	(Darius)	I. Chisty	9 57.5
7 Take A Bow	(Dinesh Pujar)	S. Qureshi	8 57.5
8 Celestial Light	(Rakesh)	Nikhil Naidu	5 56
9 Bonito	(Vishal Yadav)	Anil Baandal	4 55
10 Great Celebration	(Rakesh)	D.S. Deora	6 55
11 Grey Channel	(Inayathulla)	P.S. Chouhan	10 55
12 Ascendancy	(Prashanth)	H. Rahul	15 54.5
13 Veni Vidi Vici	(S.M. Johnson)	T.S. Jodha	1 54
14 Sky Jasmine	(V. Appachu)	Ajeeth Kumar	3 53.5
15 Mighty Red	(Aravind G)	Nicky Mackay	12 53
16 Momotara	(G. Srinivas)	Arshad Alam	13 52.5

**POSEIDON:** An easy winner over 1,400m; retains form.

**ELECTRA:** Runs with an upsetting chance.

**GREY CHANNEL:** Deserves following on his consistency.

**MIGHTY RED:** After winning a 2,000m impressively, ran off the board in the Bangalore Derby; that run is best ignored.

**1. MIGHTY RED | 2. POSEIDON | 3. GREY CHANNEL**

**3 VILLOO C. POONAWALLA MILLION (1,200m), RATED 40 TO 65**

**3.00 p.m.**

1 Majestic Warrior	(N. Lagad)	P.S. Kaviraj	12 61.5
2 Dandi March	(S.K. Sunderji)	Nicky Mackay	6 61
3 Bherunda King	(G. Srinivas)	S. John	7 60.5
4 Amazing Safari	(Md. Sajid)	S. Qureshi	15 60
5 Class Above	(M.P. Kamath)	K. Mukesh Kumar	9 59
6 Cuban Pete	(Attaollahi)	Srinath	4 59
7 Makino	(Surender)	H. Rahul	11 59
8 Harbour Sunrise	(Prasanna K)	P. Trevor	10 58
9 Silver Dew	(Ganapathy)	R.N. Darshan	14 58
10 Abhinandan	(Rakesh)	Nikhil Naidu	5 56.5
11 Royal Command	(Prashanth)	Chethan Gowda	2 55.5
12 Dare The Don	(Vishal Yadav)	C. Jaiswar	8 55
13 Donna Rossa	(S.M. Johnson)	(-)	- 54.5
14 Aachen	(I. Ghatala)	C.S. Jodha	13 54
15 Winning Heart	(M. Bobby)	Mukesh Kumar	16 54
16 Country's Light	(Girinath)	I. Chisty	3 53.5

**DANDI MARCH:** A good second to stablemate Kildare (1,200m) in his last start at Mumbai; should be persisted with. **CUBAN PETE:** Impressive winner of his last two starts at Bengaluru; poised for a hat-trick. **HARBOUR SUNRISE:** Justified the favouritism by winning a 1,200m in a lower class at Bengaluru; in fine nick. **AACHEN:** Judiciously prepared.

**1. DANDI MARCH | 2. HARBOUR SUNRISE | 3. CUBAN PETE**

**4 SURESH MAHINDRA MULTI-MILLION TROPHY (1,400m), 4-Y-O & OVER (TERMS)**

**3.30 p.m.**

1 Corfe Castle	(L..D'Silva)	David Egan	10 64
2 Cavallo Veloce	(I. Ghatala)	A. Imran	11 59
3 Tutunkhamun	(S. Narredu)	P. Trevor	4 59
4 Flying Visit	(I.A. Sait)	A. Sandesh	1 58
5 Awesome One	(D. Narredu)	Srinath	6 57
6 Multifaceted	(Darius)	Suraj Narredu	13 57
7 Snowden	(Padmanabhan)	David Allan	3 57
8 Coorg Regiment	(Surender)	R.N. Darshan	9 56
9 Set To Win	(Sharath)	Arshad Alam	2 54.5
10 Juno's Guest	(Vinesh)	I. Chisty	5 54.5
11 Lady Legend	(Attaollahi)	P.S. Chouhan	12 54.5
12 My Journey	(Laxman Singh)	Kuldeep Singh	8 54.5
13 Shesmycript	(I. Ghatala)	C.S. Jodha	7 54.5

**CORFE CASTLE:** Galloping in snatches, won the Bangalore Turf Club Sprinters' Cup in a record time on Saturday; is in great heart. **CAVALLO VELOCE:** A rousing performer at Chennai; kept in fine condition. **MULTIFACETED:** Met with an interference in the Sprinters' Cup, may spring a surprise today. **SNOWDON:** A fluent winner of his last two starts at Bengaluru; track movements pleasing.

**1. CAVALLO VELOCE | 2. SNOWDON | 3. MULTIFACETED**

**5 MAJ. P.K. MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE CUP (1,600m), 4-Y-O & OVER (TERMS)**

**4.00 p.m.**

1 Country Music	(Girinath)	Srinath	4 59
2 Prevalent Force	(Darius)	Suraj Narredu	2 59
3 Truly Epic	(I.A. Sait)	A. Imran	7 59
4 Glorious Destiny	(Sebastian)	Yash Narredu	1 57.5
5 Tenno Sho	(Neil Darash)	P. Trevor	5 57.5
6 Trafalgar	(J.E. McKeown)	David Allan	9 57.5
7 Vijay Singham	(Laxman Singh)	David Egan	8 57.5
8 Watchmyscript	(I. Ghatala)	C.S. Jodha	3 57.5
9 Cosmic Ray	(Attalohai)	P.S. Chouhan	6 56
10 Gift Of Grace	(Parvati B)	A. Sandesh	10 56

**PREVALENT FORCE:** After winning a 1,600m, finished close third to Cavallo Veloce (third win) over 1,400m at Chennai; working impressively. **TRAFalgar:** His nowhere in War Hammer's Indian Derby (2,400m) is best ignored. **COSMIC RAY:** Twice second at Mumbai; may raise a winning gallop today. **GIFT OF GRACE:** Fifth to Juliette in the Indian Oaks, earlier won the Indian 1000 Guineas in gutsy manner; in fine trim.

**1. GIFT OF GRACE | 2. COSMIC RAY | 3. PREVALENT FORCE**

**6 INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP (2,400m), 4-Y-O & OVER (TERMS)**

**4.30 p.m.**

1 Desert God	(Padmanabhan)	David Allan	8 59
2 My Opinion	(Sebastian)	A. Imran	6 59
3 Salazaar	(I. Ghatala)	S. John	5 59
4 Star Superior	(R. Narredu)	Suraj Narredu	13 59
5 Adjudicate	(J.E. McKeown)	Srinath	2 57.5
6 Consigliori	(Deshmukh)	P.S. Chouhan	11 57
7 Northern Alliance	(Neil Devaney)	T.S. Jodha	9 57
8 Square The Circle	(Md. Sajid)	R.N. Darshan	1 57
9 Trouvaille	(S.K. Sunderji)	Nicky Mackay	3 57
10 Wizard Of Stocks	(Shroff)	Neeraj	14 57
11 Anjeze	(Attaollahi)	P. Trevor	7 55.5
12 Juliette	(Karthik G)	A. Sandesh	10 55.5
13 Paso Robles	(L.D'Silva)	I. Chisty	4 55.5
14 Speedster	(Warren)	D.S. Deora	12 55.5

**STAR SUPERIOR:** Won five races in a row impressively; in pink of condition. **ADJUDICATE:** Twice second to Star Superior at Kolkata; well tuned. **TROUVILLE:** A noteworthy second to War Hammer in the Indian Derby; well prepared. **WIZARD OF STOCKS:** Has improved a lot since his third to War Hammer in the Indian Derby; may upset the calculations. **ANJEZE:** Found War Hammer too good in the Bangalore Derby; she is well within herself.

**1. TROUVILLE | 2. ANJEZE | 3. STAR SUPERIOR**

**7 KUNIGAL STUD MILLION (1,200m), 3-Y-O ONLY (TERMS)**

**5.00 p.m.**

1 Ashwa Brooni	(Md. Sajid)	A. Imran	2 58.5
2 General Patton	(A. Mangalorkar)	Suraj Narredu	4 55.5
3 Royal Title	(Dinesh Puj		

## TV PICKS

**New Zealand v India:** 2nd Test, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 4 a.m.  
**Ranji Trophy:** Star Sports 3 & SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 9.15 a.m.

**ICC women's World T20:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

**Khelo India University Games:** Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 12 noon

**Sri Lanka v West Indies:** 3rd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD), 2.30 p.m.

**ISL:** Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

**Premier League:** SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

## IN BRIEF



## Rozier helps Hornets pip Raptors

**LOS ANGELES**  
Terry Rozier made a clutch free-throw for the go-ahead basket with two seconds left as Charlotte Hornets beat reigning NBA champion Toronto Raptors 99-96 on Friday.

**Important results:** Minnesota Timberwolves 125 lost to Orlando Magic 136; Miami Heat 126 bt Dallas Mavericks 118; New Orleans Pelicans 116 bt Cleveland Cavaliers 104; LA Clippers 132 bt Denver Nuggets 103. AFP

## DDCA AGM: decisions stayed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) continues to remain in flux, with a Delhi court on Saturday staying the decisions taken during the controversial Annual General Meeting on December 29, 2019, except for the appointment of the Ombudsman Justice (Retd) Deepak Verma.

The order restrained the DDCA vice-president Rakesh Bansal and secretary Vinod Tiwari from acting on behalf of the association. The AGM was marred by violence between members of the DDCA Apex Council.

## Ravi Rathore scores six

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Ravi Rathore struck six goals to guide Cavalry-ASC to a 8 1/2-6 victory over Sujan-Sona in the semifinals of the Maharaja Jiwaji Rao Scindia Gold Cup 12-goal polo tournament at the Jaipur polo ground here on Saturday.

In the other semifinal, Garcha Hotels beat Sona-Sujan 7-4 with an all-round team effort.

**The results (semifinals):** Cavalry-ASC 8 1/2 (Ravi Rathore 6, Vishal Chauhan, Naiveen Singh, handicap 1/2) bt Sujan-Sona 6 (Dhruppal Godara 5, Rehat Virk).

Garcha Hotels 7 (Manuel Llorente 3, Angad Kalaan 2, Satinder Garcha, Raghav Rao) bt Sona-Sujan 4 (Gerardo Mazzini 4).

## Majumdar to Bengal's rescue again

Shahbaz and Akash lend support; Abhishek becomes first batsman to be dismissed through DRS

## RANJIT TROPHY

**Y.B. SARANGI**  
KOLKATA

Anustup Majumdar hammered another splendid unbeaten century to perform a familiar rescue act for Bengal on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy semifinal against Karnataka at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

Majumdar's second consecutive hundred (120 batting, 173b, 18x4, 1x6) pulled Bengal out of trouble – from a disastrous 67 for six to 275 for nine at stumps – in the first innings.

## Familiar collapse

Bengal, put in, needed to see off the morning session, in which the Karnataka seamers generated movement and applied pressure from both ends. But the hosts experienced another familiar collapse.

Abhishek Raman, who became the first batsman to be dismissed through DRS in the tournament, was caught behind in the third over while trying to drive Abhimanyu Mithun outside the off-stump.

## Useful partnership

The two put up the first substantial partnership (72) of the innings as they put pressure on the Karnataka fielding.

The exit of Shahbaz, who

was bamboozled by Mithun, did not halt Bengal's progress.

Akash Deep (44, 72b, 3x4, 3x6), coming back from an injury, hit three sixes off Gowtham while giving good support to Majumdar. They added an invaluable 103 runs for the eighth wicket in less than two hours.

Following the departure of Akash, who fell leg-before to Gowtham, Majumdar pulled Mithun to the fence to reach his ninth century.

**The scores: Bengal – 1st innings:** Abhishek Raman c Shaharath b Mithun 0, Abhimanyu Easwaran c Gowtham b Prasidh 15, Sudip Chatterjee lbw b More 20, Arnab Nandi c Sharath b Mithun 17, Manoj Tiwary c Rahul b Gowtham 8, Anustup Majumdar (batting) 120, Shreevats Goswami lbw b More 0, Shahbaz Ahmed b Mithun 35, Akash Deep lbw b Gowtham 44, Mukesh Kumar c Sharath b Prasidh 7, Ishan Porel (batting) 0; Extras (b-2, lb-1, nb-5, w-1): 9, Total (for nine wkts. in 82 overs): 275

**Fall of wickets:** 1-0, 2-17, 3-43, 4-62, 5-66, 6-67, 7-139, 8-242, 9-258.

**Karnataka bowling:** Mithun 17-3-65-3, Prasidh 18-5-62-3, More 16-3-45-2, Gowtham 26-1-88-2, Karun 5-0-12-0.

**Toss:** Karnataka.



**The saviour:** Anustup Majumdar pulled Bengal out of the woods with an unbeaten century. • PTI

## Gujarat keeps Saurashtra in check

Sheldon and Jani's partnership holds the key for the host



**Digging in:** With the Saurashtra top-order failing, it is now left to Sheldon Jackson to make a fight of it. • VIJAY SONEJI

AMOL KARHADKAR  
RAJKOT

Gujarat's bowlers stuck to their task of testing Saurashtra's batsmen's patience to gain early advantage on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy semifinal at the Saurashtra Cricket Association stadium.

Visiting captain Parthiv Patel's decision to insert Saurashtra in raised a few eyebrows on a hazy morning since the strip – despite the tinge of green on the surface, primarily to bind the pitch together for the five-day affair – is a typical Rajkot flatbed. But the manner in which his bowlers, except an off-colour Roosh Kalaria, stuck to their task of bowling a fifth-stump line justified the decision at the end of the day.

With Saurashtra's top-order succumbing to the temptation of playing away from the body, the home team posted 217 for five. In-form pair of Sheldon Jackson (69 n.o., 132b, 169m, 10x4, 1x6) and Chirag Jani (16 n.o., 66b, 82m, 2x4) stitched together a 55-run stand.

Before the unbroken partnership Saurashtra thrice looked set for a big partnership but lost wickets in quick succession. Openers Harvik Desai (35, 148b, 192m, 7x4) and Kishan Parmar (37, 73b, 109m, 6x4) managed to see through the morning spells by Gujarat's three-pronged pace attack. While Harvik displayed his tight defence and judged off-stump well, Parmar was fortunate twice (caught off a no-ball in slips on 3 and dropped at deep fine-leg by Kalaria on 36) to deprive Chintan Gaja of a wicket.

Just when boundary balls had started trickling in, Parmar's attempted cut off Axar Patel resulted in an edge on to the stumps.

Avi Barot then had a flurry of boundaries to take Saurashtra to 89 for one at lunch. And when Harvik and Barot's association appeared threatening, Gujarat struck in successive overs. Harvik's uppish slice was caught by a lunging Bhargav Merai at cover-point giving Axar his second scalp, while Arzam Nagwaswalla was rewarded

with Barot's extravagant drive lobbing to covers.

At 102 for three, Jackson resurrected the innings along with Vishwaraj Jadeja but Nagwaswalla shifted the balance back in Gujarat's favour after tea. Vishwaraj edged the left-arm seamer to Parthiv while leftie Arpit Vasavada poked the first ball to Rujul Bhatt in the slips.

Jani then saved the hat-trick and gave Jackson the vital support to see the day off. But the duo's work is far from done if the home team is to claw its way back in the Gujarat Derby.

## The scoreboard:

**Saurashtra – 1st innings:** Harvik Desai c Merai b Nagwaswalla 35, Kishan Parmar b Axar 37, Avi Barot c Raval b Axar 27, Vishwaraj Jadeja c Parthiv b Nagwaswalla 26, Sheldon Jackson (batting) 69, Arpit Vasavada c Bhatt b Nagwaswalla 0, Chirag Jani (batting) 16; Extras (lb-5, nb-2); Total (for five wkts., 90 overs): 217.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-62, 2-102, 3-102, 4-162, 5-162.

**Gujarat bowling:** Kalaria 18-4-59-0, Gaja 17-8-42-0, Nagwaswalla 17-6-40-3, Axar 27-11-47-2, Bhatt 11-0-24-0.

## Gokulam holds Punjab

**P.K. AJITH KUMAR**  
KOZHIKODE

A familiar theme played out for Gokulam Kerala on Saturday night. Fernando Santiago Valera's boys threatened to score right from the beginning, conceded a goal against the run of play and spent much of the remainder of the game playing catch up. They shouldn't be pleased at all with the 1-1 draw with Punjab FC.

One of the more spectacular of those came in the 25th minute, off a splendid shot from just outside the circle by Nathaniel Garcia. The result: Gokulam Kerala 1 (Nathaniel Garcia 63) drew with Punjab FC 1 (Aser Dipanda Dicka 34).

stage of the I-League.

But it would not be accurate though to attribute the result completely to the ineptitude of Gokulam's strikers. Punjab's goalkeeper Kiran Kumar Limbu could take credit for denying the host on several occasions.

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## Santos gets EB's equaliser in the nick of time

Churchill Brothers unable to hold on to early advantage

## I-LEAGUE

**AMITABHA DAS SHARMA**  
KOLKATA

East Bengal equalised off a penalty in the final minute of injury-time to hold Churchill Brothers 1-1 in the I-League at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

Jaime Santos found the leveller after Churchill had taken an early lead through Willis Plaza.

However, the attempt missed the target close.

East Bengal continued its quest for the equaliser after the break only to see its efforts falling flat in the striking zone.

With its strikers unable to put the desired finish on the many opportunities coming their way, a penalty in the 90+4th minute finally opened the goal route for East Bengal.

After substitute Ansumana Kromah was brought down by Churchill defender Suresh Meitei inside the box, Santos netted from the spot.

**The result:** East Bengal 1 (Jaime Santos 90+4-pen) drew with Churchill Brothers 1 (Willis Plaza 10).

## Late comeback earns Aizawl crucial point

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SRINAGAR

Relegation-threatened Aizawl FC pulled off a spectacular come-from-behind 2-2 draw against host Real Kashmir FC in the I-League here on Saturday.

The Snow Leopards were given the lead by Scotsman Mason Robertson in the 36th minute and it was looking quite comfortable for the hosts after Englishman Kalum Higginbotham doubled the lead in the 54th minute.

However, young Rochharzela came up with a double-strike in the 84th (penalty) and 87th minutes to stun the home supporters.

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**The result:** Real Kashmir 2 (Mason Robertson 36, Kalum Higginbotham 54) drew with Aizawl FC 2 (Rochharzela 84-P, 87).

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NEW DELHI

Rally driver Gaurav Gill took home a special award at the Federation of Motor Sports Club of India (FMSCI) Awards here on Saturday.

**Inspiring**

Rijiju said, "Every sport needs heroes to inspire the next generation of champions. I want to commend all the winners for scripting the stories that will motivate new talent in motorsport and continue to make the country proud like you all have. Seeing the achievements of Indian racers at the national and international level has made me believe that the dawn of Indian motorsports is finally here."

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju graced the occasion as chief guest and congratulated the national and international champions of Indian motorsports.

The awards witnessed over 110 national champions receive trophies for the national championship and special awards.

The year 2019 marked a watershed for the sport in India. Gill created history by becoming the first motor-

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## Gaurav Gill feted at FMSCI Awards

## MOTORSPORTS



**Breaking through:** Once Lucian Goian headed home Chennaiyin FC's opening goal, the hosts went on a scoring spree against Goa. ■ M. VEDHAN

## BFC needs to put its best foot forward

Will find it tough against ATK in the semifinal first leg

### ISL

N. SUDARSHAN  
BENGALURU

The first leg of the ISL semifinal against ATK comes at a tough time for Bengaluru FC. The reigning champion has had to endure a heart-breaking midweek defeat in the AFC Cup playoff, leaving the club without continental group stage action for the second straight season.

If the deflating loss was not enough, the club has been sweating over the fitness of its best player, Sunil Chhetri.

But on Sunday at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium it needs to somehow pick up the pieces and put its best foot forward.

"It doesn't take a lot to get my players to be competitive," coach Carles Cuadrat

stressed on Saturday.

#### Ready for the game

"I think Sunil [Chhetri] is ready for the game and we are three games away from becoming champions. We need not punish ourselves for the things we did in the past. For the third season in a row we are fighting for the title while a lot of teams are already in their holidays."

It will certainly help that the semifinal and final offer a clean break from everything that has transpired in the league thus far. It's a mini-tournament in itself, with the winner guaranteed a 2021 AFC Cup playoff spot. Following an up-and-down season, it's a reward that the club will be desperate to secure.

#### No pushover

But ATK will be no pushover. A two-time ISL champion, it

has scored 33 times in 18 games, second only to FC Goa.

Unlike BFC, which has solely depended on Chhetri, Roy Krishna, Edu Garcia, David Williams and Michael Soosairaj have combined to score 27 goals. What's striking is the combination play among these four, something BFC needs to be wary of.

At the same time, ATK has leaked a mere 16 goals, with only BFC stinger at the back (13).

"I think it will be a very competitive match because two organised teams will be playing [against each other]," said ATK coach Antonio Habas. "BFC is balanced and very competitive and one of the favourites. Until now, they are the champions and we have to respect them."

*The game kicks off at 7.30 p.m.*

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