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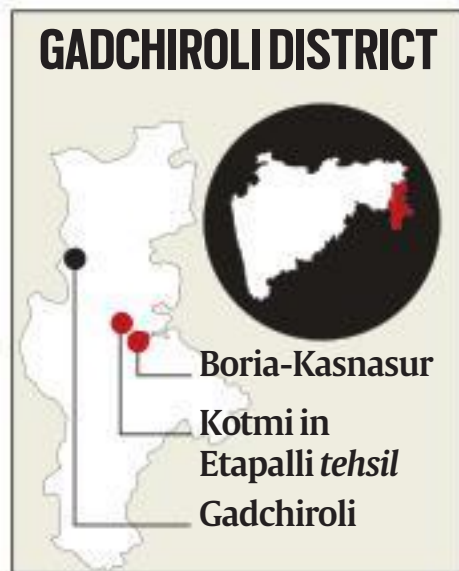
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Police kill 13 Maoists in Gadchiroli, 7 of them are women



VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, MAY 21

IN A major anti-Naxal operation, Gadchiroli police Friday gunned down 13 Maoist cadres, including seven women, in the forests of Kotmi in Etapalli tehsil of the district. The early-morning encounter, lasting about 90 minutes, was its second-biggest against Naxals, Gadchiroli police said, after a 2018 shootout in which 41 cadres were killed.

Gadchiroli Additional Superintendent of Police Manish Kalwania said the encounter happened while elite C60 commando parties were on combing and search operations in the forests, 15 km north of Kotmi. "It started around 6.30 am when Naxals, who were probably on the move in a group of about 60-70, started firing from a hilltop. Four C60 commando parties comprising over 100 men retaliated, killing 13 Naxals," he said. Kalwania said all the deceased Naxals had been identified with

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WAITING IN LINE

People wait to receive a dose of Covid-19 vaccine at Moti Lal Nehru Medical College in Prayagraj on Friday. PTI

Twitter marks BJP leader's post on Cong 'toolkit' manipulated; IT Ministry steps in, calls it biased

LIZ MATHEW, AASHISH ARYAN & MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has written to Twitter objecting to it tagging some of the posts on an alleged Congress "toolkit" against the Modi government, as "manipulated media". In a letter seeking

that the tag be removed, the ministry has said the move by Twitter appears "prejudged", "prejudiced", and "arbitrary". Among those whose posts were tagged is BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra.

The BJP itself is yet to officially respond to Twitter, although leaders complained that the platform was "biased" against the party.

The Congress said the tagging had "vindicated" its stand that

the "toolkit" allegations were a forgery and fraud by the BJP.

Sources said that in its letter, the IT Ministry said Twitter had "unilaterally drawn a conclusion in this matter" and had "arbitrarily tagged" tweets and their content as "manipulated media". "Such tagging by Twitter appears prejudged, prejudiced and a deliberate attempt to colour the

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In bad shape, Stan Swamy, 84, seeks bail to go home



May possibly die very shortly, Fr Swamy told court

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, MAY 21

FATHER STAN Swamy, the 84-year old Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist arrested in the Elgar Parishad case, submitted to the Bombay High Court Friday that his condition has seen a steady regression since he was jailed in October last year.

Swamy refused the court's suggestion to be shifted to state-run JJ Hospital stating he did not want to be hospitalised there and would "rather suffer" and "possibly die very shortly" if things were to go on as they were. He requested to be granted interim bail and allowed to go to his home in Ranchi.

Swamy was produced before the division bench of Justice S J Kathawalla and Justice S P Tavade through video-conference from Taloja central jail where he has been lodged in the hospital ward since his admission. Swamy has approached the High Court seeking interim bail after the special NIA court rejected his plea made on grounds including his health and the

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SHOPPING FOR SHOTS

Jaishankar in US next week on vaccine mission for India and neighbours

Minister will meet UN chief, US Secy of State Blinken, and business forums

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

FACED WITH a massive shortage of vaccines in a raging second wave of the Covid-19 epidemic, the Government is sending External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to the US next week to meet top officials and vaccine manufacturers to firm up deals for supply.

President Joe Biden announced five days ago that the US will begin shipping 20 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's Covid-vaccines to needy countries by June-end, in addition to 60 million shots of AstraZeneca.

There is no clarity yet on the distribution details but India is likely to be one of the beneficiaries. AstraZeneca's vaccine, which is being manufactured and distributed in India as Covishield, has not yet been authorised for use in the US with several irregularities coming to the fore at the Baltimore plant where it is made along with the J&J vaccines.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Jaishankar's mission, during his visit from May 24-28, will be



In US from May 24-28. Archive

to "persuade the US to send as many vaccines as possible to India and its neighbours". Recently, Bangladesh Foreign Minister A K Abdul Momen had reached out to Jaishankar for lobbying with the US in this regard. Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives have also been asking for vaccines.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said: "In New York, he (Jaishankar) is expected to meet UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. In Washington DC, he will hold discussions with his counterpart US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. He will also be

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NOT ENOUGH DOSES, YET GOVT OPENED JABS TO ALL: SERUM OFFICIAL PAGE 7

Vijayan defends dropping Shailaja: all-new Cabinet to 'face future challenges'

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

WITH THE historic return to power of the CPI(M)-led LDF in Kerala being overshadowed by the exclusion of KK Shailaja from the new government after her acclaimed performance as Health Minister amid the Covid crisis, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the decision to form an all-new Cabinet was long-pending but could not be implemented "due to various factors" — it has been done now considering the "conducive political situation".

"The driving spirit behind this norm is to equip the party and the administration to face future challenges," Vijayan told *The Indian Express* in his first interview after taking oath of office.

Stressing that it was not a recent decision, Vijayan said: "In fact, it was there for long. But we



'AMONG GOVT'S PRIORITIES IS EASING WOMEN'S WORKLOAD'

PINARAYI VIJAYAN
CHIEF MINISTER OF KERALA

could not implement it totally due to various factors. This time, the party decided that this norm will be implemented without any exception considering various factors, including the conducive political situation. The

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Tarun Tejpal acquitted in sexual assault case, Goa says will appeal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MAPUSA, MAY 21

A DISTRICT and Sessions Court in Mapusa Friday acquitted Tarun Tejpal (58), former editor-in-chief of *Tehelka*, of charges of sexually assaulting a then colleague in the elevator of a five-star hotel in 2013. The detailed order is awaited.

Tejpal was acquitted of all charges, including under IPC Sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 342 (wrongful confinement), 354 (assault or criminal force with intent to outrage modesty), 354A (sexual harassment), 354B (assault or use of criminal force on woman with intent to disrobe), 376(2)(f) (person in position of authority over women, committing rape) and



Tejpal speaks to reporters after the verdict on Friday. ANI

376(2)(k) (rape by person in position of control).

Arrested on November 30, 2013, Tejpal got bail in July 2014. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said his government,

which had filed a case following surfacing of the allegations, would challenge the decision in the High Court. "This is injustice meted out to a woman. In Goa,

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'It was pitch dark, the lights on my lifejacket went out... At that point, I thought I was going to die...'

VARGHESE SAMERALIL

MAY 16. It was a normal night. We had dinner and wanted to go out to the deck, but it was too windy.

Despite the warnings regarding Cyclone Tauktae, everyone onboard barge P305 was sure they would ride out the rough weather, considering the vessel's size and its eight strong anchors.

The weather reports suggested waves could rise up to 9 metres, which later became 12,



Varghese Sam Eralil was on board barge P305 when Cyclone Tauktae hit. Express

and then 14. We could tell the wind was picking up. At some point, the barge started shaking, things fell off shelves, and snapping sounds came from the deck. We felt the winds were cyclonic.

But, ignoring all this, we decided to get some sleep and went inside our cabins.

Two or three hours later, we woke up to loud instructions, asking us to wear lifejackets and "be prepared". Even then, we thought this was just a precaution.

Carrying our phones, wallets

and passports, wearing coveralls and ditching our heavy safety shoes, we went to the office. The news was terrible: six of our eight anchors had snapped, which meant the vessel was pretty unstable.

Our biggest fear was it swaying a little too much and hitting a rig platform around 200 metres away. A platform has a lot of

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MORE REPORTS
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Covid-hit economy to receive ₹ 99,122 crore shot of RBI dividend

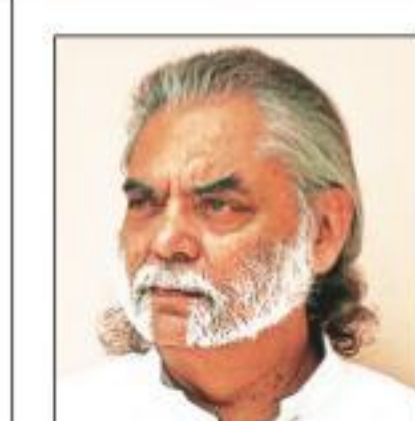
ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MAY 21

INDIA'S COVID-hit economy is expected to get a leg-up with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deciding to transfer a higher amount of Rs 99,122 crore as surplus to the Central government for the accounting period of nine months ended March 31, 2021.

This is 73.5 per cent higher than Rs 57,128 crore transferred for the accounting year 2019-20.

The RBI has changed the accounting year from 2020-21. From the current fiscal, 2021-22, the financial year starts in April and ends in March. The transfer of Rs 99,122 crore for the fiscal ended March 2021 was approved by the RBI's Central

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DINESH MOHAN
1945-2021

ROAD SAFETY EXPERT WHO PUT PEDESTRIANS FIRST PAGE 4

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ESHA ROY & LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, DEHRADUN, MAY 21

SUNDERLAL BAHUGUNA, the Gandhian who was the driving force behind the legendary Chipko movement against deforestation that marked a key milestone in Indian environmentalism, succumbed to Covid at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Rishikesh at 12.05 pm Friday. He was 94.

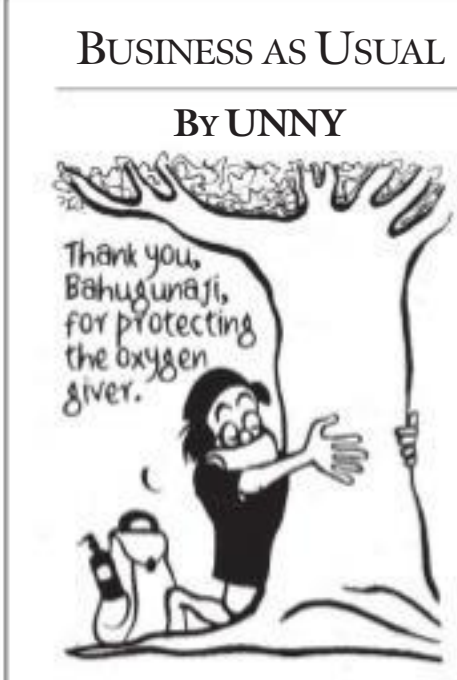
Bahuguna was admitted to the hospital on May 8, and was on life support. A statement from

AIIMS-Rishikesh said he had comorbidities, including diabetes and hypertension, and had contracted Covid pneumonia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Bahuguna's demise as a "monumental loss" for the nation. "He manifested our centuries old ethos of living in harmony with nature. His simplicity and spirit of compassion will never be forgotten," he posted on Twitter.

President Ram Nath Kovind described Bahuguna as "a legend in his own right" who "made conservation a people's movement".

Born on January 9, 1927 in



SUNDERLAL BAHUGUNA
1927-2021

Maroda village in Tehri — now a district in Uttarakhand — Bahuguna's life was dedicated to social causes, activism, and writing. He participated in the Independence movement and was subsequently a part of Vinoba Bhave's Sarvodaya movement.

Over the decades, his name became closely associated with environmental issues — in particular, the Chipko movement and protests against the building of the Tehri dam from the 1980s to 2004. Bahuguna's Gandhian methods of protest and hunger strikes against the dam defined the Tehri move-

ment for over two decades.

"After the Chipko movement in the 1970s, he gave the message across the globe that ecology and ecosystem are more important. He was of the opinion that ecology and economy should go together. He was also a follower of Gandhian values in food, attire, and behaviour and celebrated January 26 and August 15 as festivals. He observed a fast on Shaheed Diwas," Dehradun-based environmentalist Anil Prakash Joshi said.

Joshi, who is a Padma Bhushan awardee, had worked closely with Bahuguna in his fi-

nal years. Bahuguna himself was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2009. In 1981, he had refused to accept the Padma Shri over the government's refusal to cancel the Tehri dam project despite his protests.

Historian Dr Shekhar Pathak, founder of People's Association for Himalaya Area Research and author of the recently released *The Chipko Movement — a People's History*, said he first met Bahuguna in 1974. Four years earlier, a flood along the Alakananda river had triggered discussions on mass tree-felling,

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EACH PATIENT REQUIRES MULTIPLE VIALS

Black fungus drug hard to come by, panic among kin of patients

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

A SHORTAGE of Amphotericin B, the drug used to treat mucormycosis or black fungus cases that have peaked following the recent Covid surge, is causing panic among families of those affected. With some hospitals expressing difficulty in procuring the drugs, family members say they are running pillar to post looking for it – often in vain.

Gulzar Wani (32), an income tax officer working on deputation with the Finance Ministry, contracted the fungal infection on Thursday. His family rushed him from Kaushambi, where they live, to Delhi for treatment. Doctors told them he immediately needs 20 vials of the drug.

Wani's brother-in-law Hussain Taqvi, a Delhi High Court lawyer, said, "My sister and brother-in-law had Covid last month. My sister was undergoing treatment at home but Gulzar was rushed to VIMHANS. Now, he has black fungus and their children, aged 5 and 2, are at home while my sister and I look for vials. We didn't find a hospital bed near our home so we brought him to VIMHANS again, but they don't have the



A dedicated mucormycosis centre will come up at Lok Nayak Hospital. Archive

drug. We need 20 vials now but doctors say we might need more."

The family has put out SOSes on Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms, but is yet to receive any leads so far.

Vineet Bansal, a 40-year-old chartered accountant, recovered from Covid two weeks ago, while his wife is still infected and under home isolation. On Sunday, doctors at Sehgal hospital found he had black fungus. The family said antifungal drugs weren't available at the hospital, and after three days, Bansal lost

an eye to the infection.

His nephew Rahul Agrawal said, "We tried to get him admitted to other hospitals but couldn't find a bed. My aunt is worried because he is not able to see and now has a severe infection in his nose. He has difficulty breathing and his face is swollen. Doctors prescribed him seven vials per day. How do we arrange these many? We spoke to three-four hospitals and are now shifting him to Fortis in Delhi. They have 7-10 vials which will last for at least two days."

Each vial costs Rs 7,800 and

patients are prescribed more than one a day, the families said.

Mohd Tauqeer Alam, an IT professional from the US, said he came to Delhi last month after his father Amiruddin Siddiqui (70) tested positive for Covid on April 17.

"It took us days to find a hospital bed for him at Holy Family Hospital. He recovered after two weeks and was discharged. On May 3, he complained of headache and itchiness near the nose. We got him admitted to the same hospital and found that he has black fungus. We didn't know anything about this. We were told to get 15 vials of Amphotericin B because the hospital didn't have the drug," said Alam.

Till Wednesday, the family was able to buy the drug from nearby pharmacies and stores. Despite this, they said Siddiqui's condition has deteriorated as the disease has damaged his eyes, sinus area, and half of his face.

"Doctors performed a surgery to remove the moulds; he is in the ICU now. We are scared because the dosage of the drug has been increased but we don't have more than three vials. We called relatives and friends but the drug isn't available anywhere," said Alam.

Delhi govt hospitals get over 2,300 concentrators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

OVER 2,300 oxygen concentrators given by donors were delivered to several Delhi government hospitals with QR codes attached to ensure transparency, the Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) said in a statement Friday. DDC vice-chairman Jasmine Shah said another 1,700 concentrators and 100 ventilators, funded by donors, are in the process of being supplied to hospitals. He said several donors have come forward to give critical medical supplies to Delhi government hospitals following an appeal by CM Arvind Kejriwal.

"The donors were keen to ensure the equipment is used efficiently. The DDC collaborated with Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and Blowhorn, a logistics startup, working on a voluntary basis, to develop a state-of-the-art QR code based tracking system within a very short span of time," he said. The process involves vetting medical equipment received through donors, attaching a QR code, and then supplying them to various hospitals as per needs. "At various stages of the process, the code can be scanned to track the location and usage patterns of the life-saving medical equipment," a statement from the DDC said.

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