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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 retal-

iated, 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 C G 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

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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 col-

league in the elevator of a five-

star hotel in 2013. The detailed

charges, including under IPC

Sections 341 (wrongful re-

straint), 342 (wrongful confine-

ment), 354 (assault or criminal

force with intent to outrage

modesty), 354A (sexual harass-

ment), 354B (assault or use of

criminal force on woman with

intent to disrobe), 376(2)(f)(per-

son in position of authority over

women, committing rape) and

Tejpal was acquitted of all

MAPUSA, MAY 21

order is awaited.

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

The BIP itself is vet 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

assault case, Goa says will appeal

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

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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, MAY 21 Tarun Tejpal acquitted in sexual

FATHER STAN Swamy, the 84year 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.

In bad shape,

Stan Swamy,

84, seeks bail

May

possibly die

very shortly.

Fr Swamy

told court

to go home

Swamy refused the court's suggestion to be shifted to staterun [] 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 Juneend, 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 I&I 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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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

Doctrine of impossibility: SC stay on Allahabad HC Covid order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 21

THE SUPREME Court Friday stayed the May 17 order of the Allahabad High Court asking the UP government to consider a series of Covid measures after the state contended that most of the directions were "unrealistic" and "incapable of being performed in the timelines granted".

An apex court vacation bench of Justices Vineet Saran and B R Gavai said High Courts should consider the possibility of execution of their directions and they may not be passed if they cannot be implemented "The doctrine of impossibility is equally applicable to courts," the bench said.

When the UP government pointed to suggestions in the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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 allnew 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

Covid-hit economy to



'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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Judges split on bail to TMC leaders, larger bench will decide

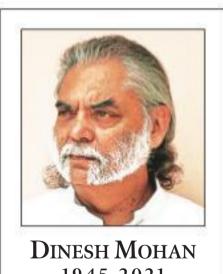
ATRIMITRA KOLKATA, MAY 21

WITH A two-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court differing on whether to vacate its stay on bail to four Trinamool leaders arrested in the Narada case, the

court on Friday ordered that the leaders be held in house arrest. The court also announced a larger, five-judge bench would

hear the matter. Triamool leaders Firhad Hakim, Subrata Mukherjee. Madan Mitra and Sovan Chatterjee have been in judicial custody since their arrest by the CBI on Monday in the Narada case. While the CBI special court had on Monday granted bail to the four leaders, hours later, a

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ROAD SAFETY EXPERT WHO PUT PEDESTRIANS FIRST PAGE 4

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

Tejpal speaks to reporters after the verdict on Friday. ANI

VARGHESE SAM ERALIL

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,



376(2)(k) (rape by person in po-

2013, Tejpal got bail in July 2014.

Sawant said his government,

Arrested on November 30.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod

sition of control).

Varghese Sam Eralil was on board barge P305 when **Cvclone 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.

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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We felt the winds were cyclonic. But, ignoring all this, we decided to get some sleep and went

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

ant the vessel was pretty unstable. Our biggest fear was it swaying a little too much and hitting inside our cabins. a rig platform around 200 me-Two or three hours later, we tres away. A platform has a lot of

MORE REPORTS Carrying our phones, wallets PAGE 8

receive ₹ 99,122 crore shot of RBI dividend 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 me-

ENS 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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



THE HIGHER 73.5 per cent surplus transfer from to the Central government will help it this year, given the likelihood of revenue shortages. The real economy indicators are showing signs of moderation through April-May 2021 with several states imposing strict lockdowns to stem the second wave of Covid-19.

Gandhian pioneer of Indian environmentalism, spirit behind Chipko

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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

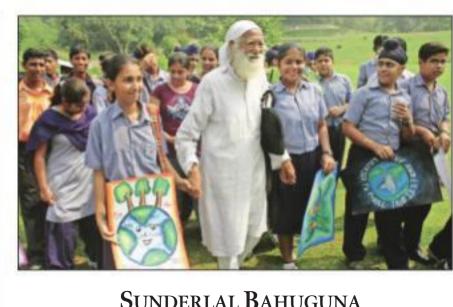
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AIIMS-Rishikesh said he had comorbidities, including diabetes and hypertension, and had contracted Covid pneumonia.

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". on life support. A statement from 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 movement 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 Ianuary 26 and August 15 as festivals. He observed a fast on Shaheed Diwas," Dehradun-based environmen-

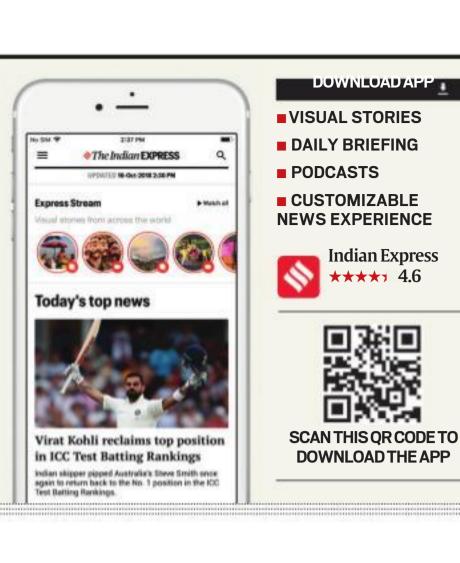
talist Anil Prakash Joshi said. Joshi, who is a Padma Bhushan awardee, had worked closely with Bahuguna in his fi-

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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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ARMENIAN STREET: NAMED AFTER A COMMUNITY THAT PRECEDED THE BRITISH BY CENTURIES

Even before the British East India Company joined other European settlers in the Bengal Subah in 1612, the Armenians had already established commercial settlements in Bengal, extending as far out as Benares and Patna much before the city of Calcutta was established

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Why is Japan going ahead with the **Olympics?**

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

In the latest episode of the Express Sports podcast, we talk about Japan's motivations behind refusing to cancel the Olympics, and what athletes have to say about the decision.

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SC stay

May 17 order on vaccine manufacture, the bench stated that when the Supreme Court hears matters with national and transnational ramifications, High Courts should avoid passing orders on them.

However, the bench rejected a prayer to direct that Covid-related matters in various High Courts be heard by a bench comprising the respective Chief Justices. "We will not pass sweeping orders...we cannot demoralise the High Courts," the bench said.

On Monday, while passing its order in the case of a Covid patient reported "missing" from Meerut District Hospital by relatives as his body was disposed of by authorities as unidentified, the High Court had made scathing observations. It said the "entire medical system" of UP "pertaining to the smaller cities and villages can only be taken to be like a famous Hindi saying, Ram Bharose (at the mercy of God)".

Appearing for the state, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta referred to the High Court's "Ram Bharose" comments and contended that such observations demoralise doctors and paramedical staff.

The bench, while appreciating the efforts of High Courts on Covid issues, said: "...however... sometimes, unwittingly the Courts overstep and pass certain orders that are not capable of being implemented". Referring to the Allahabad High Court order, the bench said that "in our view this order may be well meaning and passed in anxiety". "But since these directions cannot be compiled with, all such directions should be treated as observations and not directions".

In its plea, the UP government also referred to the High Court's earlier observation on May 4 that deaths in hospitals due to lack of oxygen amounts to "genocide".

The May 17 order had also called upon the state to ramp up facilities. The UP government said there are almost one lakh villages and 75 districts in the state and the order mandated an "unrealistic target" of over 2,20,000 ambulances having ICU facility and manpower within a month.

The High Court had also directed that big business houses, which take various advantages under taxation laws by donating to religious organisations, may be asked to divert funds for vaccines". The state said the order amounted to "judicial over-

The UP government said the "adverse remarks…have been made without taking into account any relevant data, financial availability, actual needs and without considering the facts of bio safety, bio wasting".

On May 6, while hearing a challenge to the Madras High Court's observations that **Election Commission officials** "should be put on murder charges" for "not stopping political parties" from violating Covid protocols during campaign rallies, the Supeme Court had described the remarks as "harsh," and "inappropriate". It underlined the need "for judges to exercise caution in off-the-cuff remarks in open court".

Tarun Tejpal

we will not accept this... We will file an appeal as soon as possible. With the kind of evidence and documents we had in the case, it could not have led to an acquittal," Sawant said.

Tejpal's daughter Cara read out a statement on behalf of Tejpal after the judgment: "In November 2013, I (Tejpal) was falsely accused of sexual assault by a colleague. Today the Hon'ble trial court of Additional

Sessions Judge Kshama Joshi, in Goa, has honourably acquitted me. In an awfully vitiated age, where ordinary courage has become rare, I thank her for standing by the truth."

Calling it a "serious setback" to the Goa government, Special Public Prosecutor Francisco Tavora said, "We are waiting for a copy of the judgment but the state will be preferring an appeal in the High Court." The Goa Police Crime Branch

in February 2014 had filed a 2,846-page chargesheet in the case. The prosecution team of Tavora, lawyer Cyndiana Silva, and investigating officer Sunita Sawant had also cited a "formal apology" email sent to the complainant by Teipal on November 19, 2013; another titled "Atonement", sent by him to Tehelka's then managing editor Chaudhury November 20, 2013: as well as electronic evidence such as WhatsApp messages. In the email to the woman,

Tejpal had said, "... I apologise unconditionally for the shameful lapse of judgement that led me to attempt a sexual liaison with you on two occasions on 7 November and 8 November 2013, despite your clear reluctance that you did not want such attention from me."

In the "Atonement" email. had written to Tejpal Chaudhury, "The last days have been most testing and I squarely take the blame for this. A bad lapse of judgement, an awful misreading of the situation, have led to an unfortunate incident that rails against all we believe in and fight for." The examination-in-chief of

the complainant, the prosecution's first witness, was held in court in March 2018.

The trial had recommenced in October 2019 in the Goa court after Tejpal's plea to the High Court of Bombay at Goa and then the Supreme Court for quashing of charges against him had been turned down.

After the court's decision Tejpal said, "I am just relieved that this nightmare for my family is over... I am grateful to the judge for looking at facts. It's a very trying time in this country. we all know....'

Tejpal's statement issued Friday read: "The past sevenand-a-half years have been traumatic for my family as we have dealt with the catastrophic fallout of these false allegations on every aspect of our personal professional and public lives... We have felt the boot of the State, but all through it we have cooperated fully with the Goa police and the legal system... thank this court for its rigorous, impartial and fair trial and for its thorough examination of the CCTV footage and other empirical material on record."

Stan Swamy

current Covid-19 situation. Swamy suffers from Parkinson's, has difficulty hearing and has other age related ailments. The court had asked for his medical report, for which Swamy was taken to JJ Hospital for tests this week. When produced, Swamy could not hear the court's questions and had to be helped by a person sitting with him. He said he wanted to speak about his condition.

"... When I came here eight sinking. It was when it was halfway sunk that reality hit us: months ago, the core systems of my body were still functional. we had to abandon ship. Since then, there has been a steady regression... Eight back. When the turn came for months ago, I would eat by myme and my friends to jump, we self, could do some writing on my own, walk, take a bath but We looked down at the water these are disappearing one after

another," Swamy told the court. He said while food is provided by the jail authorities, he is unable to eat by himself and requires to be fed by a spoon. Earlier he could put on his hear-

Jaishankar in US on vaccine mission

meeting Cabinet members and senior officials of the administration dealing with the bilateral relationship."

The External Affairs Minister will also engage in two interactions with business

ing aid and follow a conversation

but now he is unable to do that.

he said. The court noted the dif-

ficulty he was facing in hearing.

He asked the court to consider

"My deterioration is more

The bench asked him if he

the reasons for the regression.

powerful than the tablets they

are giving me," he told the court.

wanted to be shifted to a hospi-

tal, but Swamy refused, stating

the court should grant him in-

terim bail so he can go to Ranchi

and be with his own. "I would

rather suffer, possibly die here

very shortly if things go on like

attempted to explain to Swamy

that while his bail plea will be

heard later, he should consider

getting admitted to a hospital.

Swamy repeated, "Whatever

happens to me, I would like to be

had been admitted to the prison

hospital which did not have an

MBBS doctor. He sought permis-

sion from the court to speak

with Swamy again to see if he

agrees to be hospitalised. The

court allowed Desai's request

and posted the matter on June 7.

ities to follow the recommenda-

tions of the JJ Hospital panel

gas and oil lines. Colliding with

those meant instant explosion,

also snapped. As the barge now

swayed uncontrollably, we kept

sending SOS, over the radio.

had made contact with the plat-

form. Luckily, we hit a spot

where there were no pipes, but

the impact was so hard, it left a

were still not sure exactly what

was happening. Nobody had the

time to tell us, and we still

thought we were ready to deal

deploy the life rafts — 12 on each

side. But as we started inflating

them, we realised almost all

ing life raft. Around 10 people

got in. However, even that raft

was punctured when it hit the

barnacles at the base of the ves-

sel, and the men were thrown

into the sea. It happened in two-

three minutes. Those who took

that raft haven't been found still.

was out of the question, the sea

was too rough. We decided to

wait for instructions from a Navy

visibility got lower, they told us

to wait. Pulling the ship close to

the barge with the waves so high

But by then, the barge started

The barge now was on its

I think I was the last to jump.

were almost 50-60 feet in the air.

I was scared. Maybe that's what

saved me too. I saw some of

them jumping into the wrong

place, and things falling on them.

The distance between the

ship, stationed nearby.

risked a collision.

and hesitated.

Deploying another life raft

As the rain intensified and

There was just one function-

Then, all of us were asked to

with whatever happens.

were damaged.

Water started coming in. We

hole in the base of the barge.

Then, our last two anchors

Within seconds, the vessel

consuming our vessel too.

which had examined Swamy.

'…all alone'

phone, WhatsApp.

It directed Taloja jail author-

Desai told the court Swamy

Senior advocate Mihir Desai

this, he told the court.

with my own."

forums on economic and Covid-related cooperation between India and the US, the statement said.

The groundwork for Jaishankar's visit has been laid by India's Ambassador to the

water and the tip of the vessel

kept reducing. When it was 10-

20 feet, I decided it was time.

Thankfully, I jumped into a safe

spot. I saw a group of people and

"Are you okay?", "It's alright, we

are getting out soon", "The Navy

is here". We held hands so that

the rescue team could spot us,

think. It was starting to get dark.

When we looked around, we

face, its salt burning my eyes.

Sometimes we were pushed up

into the air, sometimes the

waves submerged us. Even for

an experienced person, after a

while, saltwater triggers gag re-

flex and uncontrollable cough.

ple around me. Some didn't

know swimming. They were

panicking, flapping their hands

and legs, tiring themselves

out. There were 15-16 of us.

Waves kept separating us, but we

did not give up. We kept swim-

ming towards each other. We in-

cluded others floating in the wa-

ter. Our group was getting bigger.

saw a Navy ship. We swam to-

wards it. But just as we reached

close, it started raining, making

the sea violent again. People

help, calling their gods. Some

a second. It was mainly because

of the burning sensation due to

the saltwater. When I opened

my eyes again, it was around 12

am. I looked around and realised

that the group I was with now

we again got close enough to the

Navy rescue ship. They threw us

a rope ladder and everyone at

once started reaching out for it.

other, stepping on one another

to get to the ladder. I was the last

person to climb. I jumped on, but

the person above me slipped

searched for something to keep

me afloat. I saw a buoy, I tried

swimming with it towards the

ladder. But a wave out of

nowhere pushed me away.

Within minutes, I was miles

from the ship. It was out of sight.

very high. The ship put up flares.

I could see them, but the waves

that I was all alone. There was no

one and I had lost sight of the

ship. It was pitch dark. Gradually,

the lights on my lifejacket went

out. At that point, I thought I was

I had the weird feeling that

I decided to gather up my

the waves were taking me to the

strength and swim. I played out

a couple of scenarios in my

mind. Maybe I will get washed

up in Gujarat. Or Oman. I might

find a platform nearby, or maybe

had was about death. I might die

of hunger and fatigue. With that

thought, I tried to get some

sleep, before a wave whipped

my face only 30 seconds later.

This kept repeating till 5.30 or 6

As daylight broke, I spotted a

in the morning.

But one thought I constantly

get help in the morning.

were in the middle.

going to die.

heart of the cyclone.

The waves at that point were

It was at that point I realised

Thrown into the water. I

and accidentally kicked me.

I saw people pushing each

Before I could process that,

only had six people.

wished to see their mothers.

I heard people crying for

I decided to close my eyes for

panicked.

After almost three hours, we

But then I looked at the peo-

The time was 6.30 pm, I

The water kept hitting my

our lifejackets had lights.

couldn't spot any ships.

People reassured each other,

swam towards them.

US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who held a series of meetings with top US officials, including CDC director Rochelle Walensky, Chief Medical Advisor to the US President Dr Anthony Fauci.

Over the last few weeks,

to swim towards it. I had my

whistle. I blew it.

reveal a rescue zone.

for medicines like Remdesivir and vaccines like Covishield. ship. With all my might, I tried

Sandhu has also held meetings

with vaccine manufacturers,

including Pfizer CEO Albert

Bourla and J&J's Alex Gorsky,

and suppliers of raw material

The ship honked. It came towards me and turned a little to

But I was too weak by now. I turned around and saw I had another ship behind me. It was the Navy. I was between two ships, and a Navy chopper was flying above me. That's when I knew I

was getting out of here. The rescuers pulled me out somehow. But the worst was yet to hit me. Bodies that were yet to be identified waited for me. More than the trauma I had just endured, it was the death of my close friends that shook me.

I also saw a couple of my friends who had made it. We hugged. But I am still waiting to hear from the rest of them.

Eralil, 27, is among the 261 survivors of barge P305, that sank following Cyclone Tauktae. As of Friday, 60 crew members were confirmed dead, and 15 were still missing **ASTOLD TO MEERA** KALYANI, KOCHI

Gadchiroli

the help of surrendered cadres, and most of them belonged to the Kasansur dalam of the CPI (Maoist). "Together, they had a reward of Rs 58 lakh on their capture," a press note by Gadchiroli police said. Satish, identified as a member of the North Gadchiroli Divisional Committee, carried the maximum reward of Rs 16 lakh.

"Some weaponsand an IED explosive were among the materials seized," Kalwania said.

The officer said they were not acting on an intelligence tipoff. "It was a regular search operation. This is *tendu* leaves collection season, and Naxals are on the move for extortion from tendu contractors."

Recalling that 15 personnel had been killed in an ambush in the district in 2019, Gadchiroli SP Ankit Goyal told *The Indian* Express, "Every such time, we remember our martyrs. Yes, in that respect, it (the encounter) can certainly be called a tribute to our martyrs." Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil visited Gadchiroli and congratulated police.

Eight of those killed on Friday belonged to the Kasansur dalam: Nandini alias Prembatti Madavi; Rupesh alias Linga Gawde (a 'deputy commander'); Sevanti Hedo; Kranti alias Meena Mattami; Rajni Odi; Umesh Parsa; Somri alias Sunita Naitam; and Rohit alias Manesh Karami. Three were from Company 4 of the CPI (Maoist): Satish alias Adve Mihanda; Kushor alias Shiva Gawde: and Guni alias Bukli Huicami. The other two killed were Kushor Holi of the Paidi area committee and Saguna alias Basanti Narot of Chatgaon dalam.

This year, 22 Naxals have been killed in various encounters by Gadchiroli police. The last one was on May 16 in Sawargaon area, in which two Naxals were killed.

Twitter

investigation by the local law enforcement agency. This action not only dilutes the credibility of Twitter as a neutral and unbiased platform facilitating exchange of views by the users but also puts a question mark on the status of Twitter as an intermediary," says the letter. Responding to a query by *The*

Indian Express on whether it had received the communication from the IT Ministry, Twitter said it would not be commenting on the issue. The BJP had released the al-

leged "toolkit" on Tuesday, essentially a document seemingly on a Congress letterhead, laying out a campaign against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Centre over the handling of the Covid pandemic. BJP president J P Nadda, Union minister Smriti Irani, and senior party leaders had later put out posts with the hashtag "CongressToolkitExposed" Sources in the BIP said the

party IT cell was consulting legal experts over a response to Twitter's move. "Twitter has been taking a biased stand towards the BJP and its activists for some time. We have taken it seriously. If it can tag our tweets as manipulated at the advice of the Congress party, the IT Ministry of this government, whom many call Fascist, could ask it to tag everything Rahul Gandhi posts as fake and manipulated," a party leader said.

Another leader pointed out that Twitter hadn't tagged all the tweets linked to the "toolkit" allegations against the Congress – including those by BJP general secretary B L Santhosh — implying that the objection was not to the charge as much as "the text Patra put along with it". A BIP leader said that re-

cently Gandhi had tweeted that the second wave should be called "Movid Pandemic". "Does it not amount to hate speech? He also said that all ventilators purchased and distributed under PM-CARES fund had failed. Is that a fact?" BJP leaders argued that

Twitter is a platform and "the platform cannot be a player". "The Congress has complained, and the investigation is on. The BJP has given evidence to prove the Congress's role," a leader said.

The Congress said Twitter's move had "validated" its stand. "What the Congress has been saying for many days and in fact many years...about the BJP's false propaganda and spreading of lies...has actually been validated by this single incident," AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation K C Venugopal said.

He said the Congress will discuss how to follow up on its demand that Twitter suspend the official handles of Nadda, Irani, Patra, and Santhosh.

Asked about the Congress demand that the tweets be removed, spokesperson Pawan Khera said the world should see the posts to know what the ruling party in India was doing in the middle of a pandemic.

The two-page document shared by the BIP as a Congress "toolkit" talked about "an opportunity to destroy his (Modi's) image and erode his popularity". The document also urged campaigners to use phrases like "Indian strain" whenever talking of the new mutant, and says social media volunteers may call it "Modi strain", as well as push phrases like "Missing Amit Shah", "Quarantined Jaishankar".

RBI's surplus

Board on Friday. The transfer takes into account maintaining the Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.5% of RBI's economic capital. The biggest toll of the second

wave is in terms of a demand

shock — loss of mobility, discretionary spending and employment, besides inventory accumulation, while the aggregate supply is less impacted, the RBI said in its 'State of economy' report this week. On the fiscal front, the re-

newed surge in the virus is expected to contribute to a marginal shortfall in revenue and a redirection of spending toward healthcare and virus response. The RBI surplus is expected to fill the gap to a great extent. In 2019, the RBI Central

Board transferred a record surplus — Rs 1.76 lakh crore — to the government based on a report submitted by the Bimal Jalan committee.

The level of surplus or profits the RBI pays to the government has been an issue of conflict for long. Over the last decade or more, the government had sought higher payouts saying the RBI was maintaining reserves or capital buffers that were much higher than many other global central banks.

Narada case

division bench of Acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Arijit Banerjee of the Calcutta High Court had put a stay on the bail order.

On Friday, as the court assembled, Justice Banerjee said that there was a difference of opinion between the two judges and that he was in favour of granting interim bail to the accused. At this, the Acting Chief Justice said he was in favour of house arrest. In view of this difference of opinion, the court held that the matter would be referred to a larger bench and in the meantime, the four accused would be sent to house arrest.

Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Siddharth Luthra, counsel for the accused, then urged the court to consider interim bail. After a break of five minutes, the two judges set aside the appeals. This difference of opinion

was also reflected in the court's order of Wednesday, May 19, which was uploaded today. The May 19 order by Justice

Banerjee read, "Admittedly, investigation against the present applicants is complete and chargesheet has been submitted... It is also stated that further investigation against the other accused persons is continuing. If that be so, I have not understood as to how custodial detention of the applicants is necessary any more, or how further investigation against the other accused persons will be hampered if the applicants are not detained in Justice Banerjee said that in

view of the pandemic, the Supreme Court had said "bail should be granted liberally". The order by Justice Bindal,

however, read, "... the arguments in the application for recalling the earlier order dated May 17, 2021 are still being heard. Even the counsel for one of the accused has not completed his arguments. In response the arguments of the counsel for the CBI are yet to be heard. Hence, to find out a prima facie case at this stage would be pre-mature". But "considering the age and

health issues of the accused", Justice Bindal held that "instead of custody in jail, they can be put under house arrest".

On the house arrest, the court said on Friday that the ministers will be able to work virtually but will not be allowed to meet anyone personally.

"A complete log of all video conferencing along with the details of the persons with whom it was held and the purpose therefore, shall be maintained... Further complete record of any person visiting the house of the accused shall be maintained," the order read.

Besides Justices Bindal and

Banerjee, the larger bench will have Justices I P Mukerji, Harish Tandon and Soumen Sen.

Pinarayi people of Kerala have accepted

this and this is shown in the huge mandate." Asked about his new govern-

ment's priorities, Vijayan said that apart from poverty alleviation programmes, "a separate committee has been constituted under the Chief Secretary to formulate a scheme that will ease the workload of homemakers through a 'Smart Kitchen Project' and protect women engaged in domestic work". The decision to exclude

Shailaja and the inclusion of Vijayan's son-in-law and firsttime legislator P A Mohammed Riyas has triggered disquiet even among Left sympathisers and the party's central leadership. Vijayan, however, remained

unfazed. "To bring new faces as MLAs and Ministers was a decision taken by the party. I am glad that many, including our adversaries, are now in full praise of our efforts in the health sector. The very people who had ridiculed Shailaja Teacher are singing her praises," he said.

The Chief Minister said his government's initiatives were always "part of team work". "An able and competent young woman has succeeded Shailaja Teacher," he said. Shailaja has been replaced by first-time CPI(M) MLA Veena George.

Asked about what he would do to ensure better consultation between the party and the government, Vijayan said: "The decisions of the government are according to the promises we have made to the people. The media wants to stereotype people and to create certain images."

Vijayan reiterated that his party's prime objective is to "ensure the defeat of the BJP which has a divisive agenda".

Bahuguna and the Chipko movement was

spreading across the state. "At that time, Sunderlalji had

started what would become a four-month long padayatra through Tehri, Chamoli Uttarkashi, Almora. In the winter of 1974, he arrived in Chamoli. He sought us — young students and activists — out, Pathak said.

Pathak joined the padayatra along with hundreds of others "There was one big message that he gave us — it was impossible to truly know a region just by reading books." "His second message was in-

ter-dependence of human communities and nature. We trekked from Nepal to the Himachal border. The 1974 padayatra was life-changing for all who participated," Pathak said At this time, while Bahuguna

worked on environmental issues, his main focus was on the menace of alcoholism in the hills and empowerment of Dalits. It led to the entry of Dalits in temples in Tehri district. He went on to establish an *ashram* for Dalits.

Veteran environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt, who was among those who led the Chipko movement in Chamoli, said the anti-liquor movement led to the state government banning the sale of alcohol in 1971.

The Chipko movement came

to a halt during the Emergency, but when it resurfaced in 1977, Bahuguna emerged as one of its tallest leaders. "The Chipko movement was a string of peasant movements centred around livelihood, which was intimately dependent on forests. Sunderlalja understood this and maintained that our movements need to be critically aligned with our needs, Dr Ravi Chopra, director, People's Science Institute, Dehradun, said.

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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

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over 2,300

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

hospitals get

concentrators

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OVER 2,300 oxygen concentra-

tors given by donors were deliv-

ered to several Delhi government

hospitals with OR 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 govern-

ment hospitals following an ap-

sure 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 sys-

tem 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 state-

ment from the DDC said.

"The donors were keen to en-

peal by CM Arvind Kejriwal.



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

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

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 Taugeer 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.



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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL

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Place : Mumbai

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Description of the property

No.		Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)		Guarantor	13(2) under SARFAESI act	below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	Borrower: Late	₹13,07,478.00	1. Equitable mortgage of all that part and			₹11,93,000/-
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	Sri Rajiv Pratap	with further	alias Shashi Singh vide Deed No.2278 dated	Singh		X 10,000/-
	Singh	interest from	15.11.2010, Khata No.46, Plot no.264,265,			
		19.05.2020 plus	Tauzi No.3306,3307,3308, Thana No.180, Area:			
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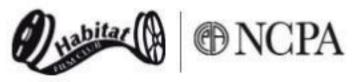
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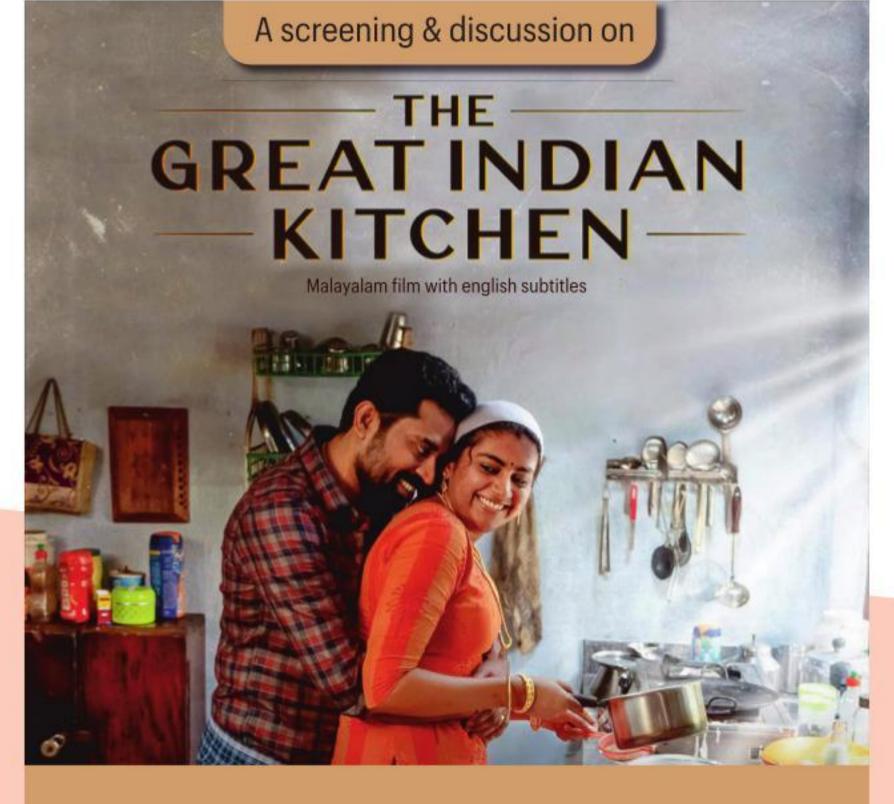
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1.	Dr AB Mishra Diagnostic Centre, Prop.	₹ 1,32,58,083.00 as on 21.09.2020 with further interest, cost charges etc.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building & structures as per details hereunder: Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the land & building in the name of Dr. Smt. Urmila	Dr. Mrs. Urmila Mishra W/o	21.09.2021	### Bid Increment Amount ### 1,18,00,000/- ### 11,80,000/- ### 50,000/-
			Mishra W/o Dr. Satyendra Nath Mishra vide Sale deed No- 1757 dated 14/02/2012 located at Mouza-Baijla, Sasaram-Ara Road within Halka No- 05, Thana- Sasaram, Thana No- 162, Registration sub-District- Sasaram, Distt- Rohtas, Bihar, Chak Khata No-44, Chak Plot No-289, Area-7 Kattha (21.875 Decimal). Boundaries of the land are:- North- Shri Pramod Dubey, South- Aniruddha Dubey, East- Ganga Deyal Dubey, West- Bihar Sarkar, (Property Id for e-auction: SBIN89616565586)	Dr. Satyendra Nath Mishra.		30,000
2.	Enterprises, Prop. Shri Vishnu Shankar Tiwari; Shri Vishnu in	₹ 23,12,609.00 as on	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building & structures as per details hereunder: Equitable Mortgage of all that land & building in the name of Shri Rameshwar Tiwari S/o Shri Ramadhar Tiwari vide Gift Deed No- 3367 dated 30/06/1997 located at Mouza- Dharupur, Thana & Anchal-Bikramganj, Bihar under Thana No- 526, Halka No- 3, Sub Registry Office- Bikramganj, Distt- Rohtas, Bihar & Khata No- 296(new), Plot No- 2512(new), Area- 01 Kattha 7 ¾ Dhur (4 ¼ Decimal). Boundaries of Land: North-Rameshwar Tiwari, South-Plot No- 2507 & 2511, East- Ram Equbal Tiwari, West- PCC Road/Plot No- 2767, (Property Id for e-auction: SBIN89879439821)	Tiwari S/o Shri Ramadhar Tiwari	08.01.2019	₹ 17,00,000/-
						₹ 1,70,000/-

e-Auction Terms And Condition

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- 4. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through NEFT/ Transfer After generation of Challan from (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Transfer the bidder has to visit Indian Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.
- MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help):033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact no (for property related enquiry): 9955998907.
- 6. The General Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/ auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.
- 7. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest act, 2002.

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Enforcement Rules, 2002. NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the

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