

**PASSENGERS HAVE TO SUBMIT SELF-DECLARATION FORMS****All international passenger arrivals on watchlist as coronavirus cases rise**

Govt suspends visas to nationals of South Korea, Italy, Iran & Japan

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

WITH ONE confirmed patient of coronavirus in Jaipur and six suspected cases from Agra, apart from the two infections reported Monday in Delhi and Hyderabad, the government Tuesday announced an additional measure to contain the outbreak: All international passengers to India will now have to submit self-declaration forms on arrival.

"Passengers of all international flights entering into India from any port are required to furnish duly filled self declaration form (including personal particulars i.e. phone no. and address in India) and travel history, to health officials and immigration officials at all ports," stated the latest advisory. They will also have to provide details of the countries they visited and possible contact with other people there.

Currently, passengers arriving via flights from 12 countries – Italy, Iran, China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia – have to undergo compulsory screening at 21 airports.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has also decided to suspend with immediate effect all regular visas and e-visas issued to nationals of Italy, Iran, South Korea and Japan issued on or before March 3 and have not entered India yet.

Officials confirmed that the Italian tourist in Jaipur, whose

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Policemen outside the Government Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad, Tuesday. PTI

## Delhi patient was at a hotel party, kin went to Agra; 2 schools shut

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

TWO LEADING private schools in Noida shut for the week, extensive fumigation of a five-star hotel in south Delhi, 42 people traced and more being tracked down across two states – the measures that have been taken after a coronavirus case was detected in Delhi Monday illustrate the daunting challenge that authorities face in tackling the outbreak.

The 45-year-old patient had visited Italy last month, and returned to Delhi on an Air India flight from Vienna along with

### NATIONAL COUNT

Number of confirmed corona cases	<b>6</b>
Number of confirmed cases discharged after treatment	<b>3</b>

\* As of March 3, 2020

two of his family members on February 25. It was only a day later that India started screening for air passengers from Italy, one of the most affected nations with over 2,000 positive cases so far.

Over the next four days,

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## China shuttered, India curbs exports to stock key drug ingredients

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE DIRECTORATE General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Tuesday restricted the export of key drug ingredients, such as paracetamol, Vitamin B12 and progesterone, in the wake of the ongoing shutdown in Hubei, the Chinese province at the centre of the coronavirus outbreak.

According to the directorate's notification, the export of 13 such active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and medicines made from them, have been restricted. This means that companies would need a no objection

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**CAA raises human rights issues, we will intervene in Supreme Court, says UNHRC**

Govt says it's an internal matter, no foreign party has any locus standi

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Assembly resolution 48/141."

India reacted sharply and underlined that the CAA was an "internal matter of India" and "no foreign party has any locus standi" on issues pertaining to its sovereignty.

While the Ministry of External Affairs' spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said the Permanent Mission in Geneva

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A big gesture to women, barring those in Kashmir.



**It's official: Complaint against any PM will go to Lokpal full bench, no explanation if rejected**

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE LOKPAL Rules notified almost a year after the appointment of the country's first Lokpal, established to inquire into allegations of corruption against public functionaries, state that in case a complaint is filed against a sitting or former Prime Minister, a full bench will decide, at the admission stage, whether an inquiry should be initiated.

The rules also state that if such a complaint is dismissed by the full bench at the admission stage, records of the inquiry shall not be published or made available to anyone.

The notification issued March 2 by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions regarding the Lokpal (Complaint) Rules, 2020 states

**E** Probe report in 60 days

THE NOTIFICATION of rules clears the decks for the Lokpal to inquire into allegations of corruption against public servants. The inquiry wing will have to complete its preliminary probe and submit a report to the Lokpal within 60 days. The bench, after giving an opportunity to the accused, will decide whether it should proceed with the investigation.

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## WhatsApp groups created to spread hate just before surge in Delhi violence: Police probe

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AS TENSIONS rose in northeast Delhi on February 23 following a rally by BJP's Kapil Mishra to oppose anti-CAA protesters gathering at Jafraab Metro station, members of both communities created several WhatsApp groups to circulate inflammatory texts, audio and video messages

and rally the crowds, a police probe has found.

The bulk of WhatsApp groups were created between February 23 and 24. The Indian Express has learnt that several old videos, not linked to northeast Delhi, were forwarded as those of current incidents to inflame passions.

For instance, one video showed men taking out guns from boxes of ghee for distribution. Police later found that the video was from a press confer-

### IN PARLIAMENT

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ence held by Delhi Police when they had arrested gun-runners last year.

The WhatsApp groups were

also used to give real-time information on where to gather, and which shops and homes to target, it is learnt.

"We are in the process of ascertaining their involvement by checking phone locations when violence broke out. We have got some specific information about local criminals and their alleged role in connection with the murderer cases," a senior police officer said.

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## Teachers on strike, mid-day meal stops, attendance dips in 45,000 Bihar schools

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PATNA, MARCH 3

AN ONGOING strike by over 3.5 lakh regular contract teachers seeking pay parity with government teachers has led to the discontinuation of the mid-day meal scheme in an estimated 45,000 of 75,000 schools in Bihar

and student attendance in these schools has dropped by 70 to 80 per cent, officials said Tuesday.

The strike began on February 17 and at some places, teachers have been dissuading students from attending school as part of a strategy to mount pressure on the government to concede their demands. Seeking "equal pay for equal work" – the state govern-

ment says this demand has been rejected by the Supreme Court – the striking teachers expect the state government to increase their monthly salary in an election year.

Currently, a contract teacher gets a salary ranging from Rs 18,000-30,000 per month as against a monthly salary of

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### WORLD



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NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR,

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Indian skipper ousted Australia's Steve Smith after again taking the No. 1 position in the ICC Test Batting Rankings.

**WE CALLED THE CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE AND HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED**

A day after two fresh cases of the novel coronavirus were reported in India, taking the total number of those infected in the country to five, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured citizens there was "no need to panic".

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**Why a UN body intends to intervene in a Supreme Court case against CAA**

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**EXPRESS AUDIO****How the Coronavirus outbreak is affecting the production of drugs in India****NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY**

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Citing Delhi defeat, Chirag says fight Bihar polls on development

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

BJP ALIY Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) Tuesday called for fighting the forthcoming assembly elections in Bihar on the agenda of development rather than caste or religion, citing the fraught election campaign in Delhi that ended in a drubbing for the saffron party.

"We all saw what happened in the Delhi polls," LJP chief Chirag Paswan told a press conference in the New Delhi, where he asked political parties to release their manifestoes well in advance of the polls so as to ensure that they are contested on economic issues.

Paswan denied that his remarks were aimed at the BJP, which was accused by rival parties of pushing "communal" issues in the Delhi campaign, and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's agenda is development. The BJP won only eight of the 70 assembly seats in Delhi.

The LJP will release its manifesto almost six months before the polls, he added, while appealing to the Election Commission to direct other political parties to act in a similar manner.

"Debates should be about manifesto, not issues of Hindu, Muslim or caste," Paswan said.

The LJP president was speaking to the media after a meeting of party leaders on preparations for its "Bihar first, Bihar first" rally on April 14 in Patna. The party will then also release its vision document aimed at making Bihar, which remains one of the most backward Indian states, one of the developed places in the country, he added.

Migration and unemployment are serious issues in the state which also suffers from crime, said Paswan, who is undertaking a tour across the state to receive people's feedback for his party's manifesto.

The LJP leader rejected suggestions that his comments were critical of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying that as an ally it was his duty to highlight issues facing the state.

**FROM PAGE ONE****UNHRC**

Honourable Court of the CAA is of substantial interest to the High Commissioner, considering its potential implications for the application and interpretation of India's international human rights obligations, including the right to equality before the law and the prohibition of discrimination as well as the CAA's impact on the protection of human rights of migrants, including refugees in India," it said.

It also said "special attention" is given to the core international human rights treaties to which India is a State party, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the International Covenant on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

**China shuttered** certificate (NOC) to move them out of India.

"These products have come from Hubei, which is currently on lockdown. It may take time to restart the industry there, so this move was recommended in the meantime to preserve available stock of these APIs and formulations," a senior government official told *The Indian Express*.

DGFT's notification states: "Export of specified APIs and formulations made from these APIs under the ITC HS Codes (Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System of Coding) mentioned against each is hereby restricted with immediate effect and till further orders."

The restrictions will cover: Paracetamol; Erythromycin salts; Vitamin B1, B6 and B12; Progesterone; Tinidazole; Metronidazole; Chloramphenicol; Acyclovir; Neomycin; Clindamycin salts and Ornidazole.

The move comes two weeks after the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) deputy secretary MK Bharadwaj wrote to DGFT seeking such a restriction amid concerns of a disruption in India's pharmaceutical supply chain due to the lockdown in Hubei from where the virus was first reported in December.

India is dependent on China for nearly 70 per cent of its APIs and almost completely dependent on it for fermentation-based APIs, which are used to make various vitamins and antibiotics.

**Lokpal** bench headed by the Chairperson, where at least two-thirds approve the inquiry.

"The complaint filed against a public servant referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Act, shall be decided by the full bench referred to in sub-clause (ii) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 14, in the first instance, at the admission stage," section 7 of the rules state.

Section 14 (1) (ii) also states that further inquiry shall be "in camera proceeding" and if Lokpal comes to the conclusion that the complaint deserves to be dismissed, "records of the inquiry shall not be published or made available to anyone".

On a complaint filed against a Union Minister or a Member of Parliament, the rules state that it has to be decided, at the admission stage, by a bench consisting of not less than three members of the Lokpal.

On July 2 last year, The Indian Express reported that the office of Lokpal is not yet fully functional because the anti-corruption ombudsman is still waiting for the Centre's approval on notifying the "format" for receiving a complaint.

With the format notified, the Lokpal — Justice (retired) Pinaki Chandra Ghose — can send complaints to the Inquiry Wing of the

**International passengers on watchlist**

blood samples had been sent to the National Virology Institute in Pune, had contracted the infection. The three new confirmed cases, including the two in Delhi and Hyderabad, are currently stable, sources told *The Indian Express*.

In Jaipur, 24 persons, including 21 other Italian tourists and three Indians — a bus driver, conductor and tourist guide — who had contact with the patient, have been shifted to the ITBP facility in Delhi's Chhawala for testing. "Depending on the result, future course of action will be taken," an official said.

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"There is no move at the moment to administer the drugs for which approval has been obtained for use in case of a corona-related public health emergency. The earlier three cases (in Kerala) recovered without administration of the drugs. Family members and immediate contacts in the three new cases have been quarantined while contact tracing is on," sources said.

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immigration, it said.

Italy, Iran, South Korea and Japan are among the hardest hit by the virus after China, where the first case was reported in December. Visas granted to Chinese nationals had been suspended in February. The fresh government order does not apply to diplomats, Overseas Citizens of India and air crew — they will have to undergo mandatory medical examination.

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On March 1, the patient was moved from RML Hospital to the isolation ward of Safdarjung Hospital after testing positive.

Officials told *The Indian Express* that a "massive exercise" is underway across Delhi and UP to trace all contacts of the patient, who is a resident of Mayur Vihar. They said that 42 people with immediate links have so far been traced, including 20 from his family and 22 doctors and paramedical staff at RML Hospital. All of them have tested negative.

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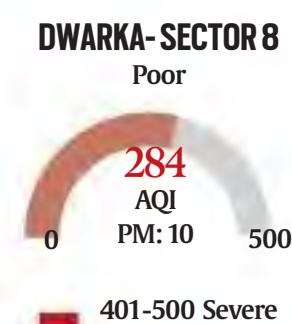
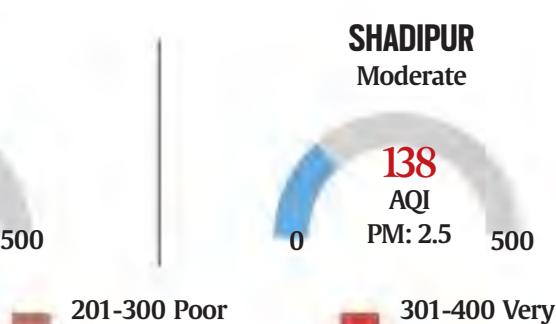
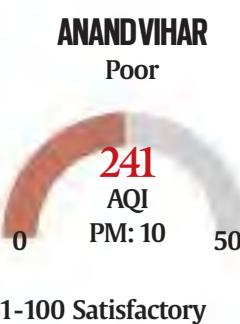
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WILL WORK WITH CENTRE TO PREVENT OUTBREAK, SAYS CM

# 1.21 lakh passengers screened for coronavirus since Jan 15

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AS MANY as 1.21 lakh passengers have been screened for coronavirus at the Delhi airport between January 15 and March 3, as per data collated by the Delhi government's health department.

These include passengers from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia, Malaysia, Iran and Italy. On Tuesday, 4,735 passengers were screened at the airport.

Data also showed that 30 symptomatic passengers have been hospitalised at two Centre-run hospitals as of March 3 – six in RML and 24 in Safdarjung. A total of 116 people who tested negative for the virus have been advised isolation at home.

The two hospitals have been made the nodal centres for offering treatment to patients suspected to have coronavirus.

Meanwhile, health authorities have swung into action after a 46-year-old man, with a travel history to Italy, tested positive for the virus.

## STAYING SAFE

### TO REDUCE RISK OF CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Avoid frozen meat
- Isolate symptomatic patients for at least 14 days

### DOS

- Cover nose and mouth with disposable tissue or handkerchief while coughing or sneezing
- Stay at more than one arm's length distance from persons with flu
- Person suffering from influenza-like illness must be confined at home
- Avoid crowded places

### DON'TS

- Touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Hugging, kissing and shaking hands while

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water
- greeting
- Spitting in public places
- Taking medicines without consulting doctor
- Disposal of used napkin or tissue paper in open areas

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday said: "The rising problem of coronavirus was also discussed in the meeting with the Prime Minister. There is an outbreak of the disease in India as well, with one case being reported in Delhi and one in Telangana. The Centre and Delhi government will work together to prevent an outbreak of the

deadly disease. We have to work together."

Kejriwal also called an emergency meeting to take stock of preparations at hospitals in the capital.

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said 3.5 lakh N95 masks were being arranged and that the government has 8,000 separation kits for staff treating

coronavirus patients.

"Over 10,000 people have been quarantined so far. This is a new infection but there is no need to panic. We are taking all possible steps to keep Delhi safe. Isolation wards are being readied in 25 hospitals, including 19 government and six private hospitals. Around 230 beds have been earmarked for coronavirus

patients," said Jain.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the Delhi government was trying to get in touch with people who could be infected or were in contact with the man who tested positive.

At Safdarjung, the administration has earmarked over 100 beds for patients, while 30 bed have been set aside at RML hospital. The Delhi government-run Lok Nayak Hospital said it has all the facilities to deal with the patient load.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). The new strain, COVID-19, originated in Wuhan, China, in December and has led to 2,943 deaths in the country.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, it can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure, and even death.

At the Noida school which closed down after the father of one of its students tested positive for coronavirus, Tuesday. Cajendra Yadav

virus had begun.

"In the last few days, we sent out another advisory. This morning, we decided to shut the school for three days till the weekend. We can make up for lost work days later. It's better to be safe than sorry. We can't keep telling children not to do things like not touch each other," she said.

Other schools like Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, have discussed the virus in their morning assemblies and sent out precautionary advisories via SMS to parents.

Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan, is also trying to curtail students' potential exposure to the virus outdoors. "We've asked parents to not take their children out of homes unnecessarily, to be

aware if any relative who recently travelled abroad visits their homes. We also decided to hold back from inter-school contests and foreign exchanges. We were to host some students from Mexico but have decided not to go ahead with that for now. We will also not have outings and excursions for students after their tests," said principal Jyoti Bose.

Last week, the Directorate of Education sent schools advisory material for children, which some schools distributed to parents.

These include advisories illustrated like comics, explaining how the virus spreads through sneezing and contact with infected objects, and teaching them how to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly.

## Masks, hand sanitisers fly off shelves as demand spikes

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AS CORONAVIRUS reached Delhi-NCR, pharmacies in the area reported an increase in demand of hand sanitisers and face masks. Chemists said the demand peaked by Tuesday afternoon, with many unable to meet it.

At Apollo Pharmacy in East Delhi's Savita Vihar, a salesperson said, "People are buying five-six hand sanitiser each, and we have now run out of them. We're also getting calls from residents around inquiring about the availability of masks, hand-wash and sanitisers."

At Zenhill Affiliate Pharmacy in Gurgaon's Galleria market, the salesperson said, "There has been a mad rush and stocks are over... We are asking all vendors to send us masks and sanitisers."

At Jagdamba Medicos in Noida's Atta Market too, it was the same story. A salesperson said, "We usually stock only two-three sanitisers and they were



By Tuesday afternoon, many chemists said they were unable to meet the rising demand. Archive

sold out today. We don't have any masks as the supply has been negligible since the outbreak of coronavirus in China. We have placed orders but aren't sure when we will get them."

Saifi-ur-Rehman, who runs Al Shifa chemist at South Delhi's Panchsheel Enclave, said he has placed an order of 20 N95 masks, which have already been sold in advance. "We sold 50-60 hand-sanitisers today and have placed

an order for another 120... People are buying in panic," he said.

At Ram Chemist in North Delhi's Vijay Nagar, near Delhi University, a similar spike in demand was noticed. A salesperson there said, "This has been the main query since Tuesday afternoon... there is no stock left. Anyway, mask supply has been poor since the outbreak in China. We have ordered more and will hopefully get it soon."

## Gurgaon admin issues advisory on coronavirus

Gurgaon: A day after the first coronavirus case surfaced in Delhi, the Gurgaon district administration Tuesday issued an advisory for residents along with guidelines on protection against the virus. Officials said a separate ward has been created in the civil hospital, and 12 private hospitals have also been identified to deal with cases of the virus.

"Arrangements have been made in the district... A sufficient number of N95 masks, triple masks, PPE kits are available in the district, and a Rapid Response Team has been formed to act promptly," said Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri.

"A separate 20-bed-ward has been arranged at the civil hospital, and 12 private hospitals have been identified with provisions for a separate ward and ventilators. These hospitals have 70 beds and 52 ventilators cumulatively," he said, adding that medical authorities are trained to deal with the virus infection, and an advisory has also been sent to private hospitals.

On Tuesday, the district administration also launched two 24x7 helpline numbers under the Gurgaon health department, where people having symptoms like fever, cough or breathing issues can call for help. ENS



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## OUR YAMUNA, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

YAMUNA BELONGS TO ALL OF US AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP IT POLLUTION FREE. LET'S ALL WE TAKE A PLEDGE TO KEEP YAMUNA POLLUTION FREE

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- Unchecked disposal of solid waste ■ Daily activities like bathing, washing clothes, bathing of animals, etc.
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- Sewer connections should be obtained by each and every house hold in areas where sewer network exists.
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- Use mug instead of running the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
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- Encourage rooftop rain water harvesting and recharging wells/tanks.
- Kitchen waste water should be used for watering plants and other non-potable uses.
- Establish community nursery by using waste water.
- Remain vigilant so that no septic tank waste is discharged into the drains and such incident should be reported. Septic tank waste is to be discharged at the designated points identified by DJB.

- Water conservation to be made a part of our daily routine.
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- Say no to single-use disposable plastics, carry a reusable bag (cloth bag) when shopping.
- Plant trees in your locality and ensure their survival. Planting of trees and shrubs in garden, balcony, roof top or a terrace garden provides shelter to birds and helps in conserving urban biodiversity.
- Make sure your home is leak free. Maintain and repair plumbing fixtures regularly.

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- Do not discharge contaminated water in water bodies.
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- Stop chemical pollution – if you notice someone throwing chemicals into the river or lake, or hear about such an incident, inform your local authorities about the matter.
- Do not block/stop natural drains by constructing on drain or dumping wastes in the drain.
- Avoid wasting water.
- Idols made of Plaster of Paris and baked clay or painted with chemical/heavy metals based paints should not be immersed.
- Do not let overhead water-tanks to overflow. Switch off water supply when they are full.
- Do not wash your car with a hose pipe.



Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi

## BRIEFLY

**Chadha**  
reviews water  
supply in NE  
Delhi areas

**New Delhi:** Taking charge as vice-chairman of the Jal Board Tuesday, AAP MLA Raghav Chadha reviewed the water supply situation in riot-hit NE Delhi. He also directed officials to ensure delivery of clean drinking water.

**JNU invites applications**

**New Delhi:** Jawaharlal Nehru University has invited applications for admission to various programmes for 2020-21.

**Gurgaon buses now ferry 24.5L**

**Gurgaon:** From transporting 1.5 lakh commuters a month in September 2018 when it was launched, the Gurugram city bus service now ferries 24.5 lakh people, GMCBL CEO said Tuesday. **ENS**

**JITENDER GOGI, 3 ACCOMPLICES ARRESTED IN GURGAON****Photo from coffee shop led cops to city's top gangster**

**MAHENDER SINGH  
MANRAL**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3



**Jitender Gogi**  
(below) The photo that led to their arrest



A FEW months ago, Kuldeep Maan alias Fajja, a close associate of the capital's most-wanted criminal Jitender Maan alias Gogi, had posted a photo taken inside coffee chain Starbucks on his Facebook profile — of three cups with the names 'Rohit, Gogi and Fajjie' written on them.

Following this, the Delhi Police Special Cell, which has been on Gogi's trail since 2016, visited several outlets and found that the photo was taken in a shop in Gurgaon. On Tuesday, Gogi was arrested along with three accomplices, Fajja, Kapil alias Gaurav, and Rohit alias Moi, from Gurgaon, said DCP (Special Cell) Manishi Chandra.

The DCP said they got a tip-off on Gogi's whereabouts Tuesday and went to Gurgaon's Kherki Daula toll plaza. "We got information that Gogi and his gang members were living in a flat at Mapso Casabella, Sector

82. Accompanied by a SWAT team, special cell personnel surrounded Block B-4. Finding no escape route, the men surrendered," he said.

Police said six imported pistols, over 70 live cartridges and a Hyundai i20, stolen from Paschim Vihar police station area, were recovered. Before their arrest, the accused had made a video in which they claimed they plan to surrender and police intended to kill them in an encounter.

Last month, police said, Gogi and his men had shot dead

Pawan Anchil Thakur (32) in Rohini. They suspected Thakur was supporting Gogi's rivals.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Gogi was extorting money from leading businessmen in North, Northwest and Outer Delhi. "He had recently extorted money from an MLA under the pretext of protection money and threatened him with dire consequences if he informed police," said police sources.

According to police, Gogi and his rival Sunil alias Tillu have been running extortion rackets in Alipur and Sonepat for years. The constant strife between the two gangs has often ended in bloodshed. "The Gogi-Tillu rivalry dates back to their college days. The dispute took a violent turn in 2012, when Gogi and his associates allegedly shot at Vikas, a close confidant of Tillu. In 2015, Tillu was arrested by Sonepat police and is lodged in Sonepat jail. While Gogi was looking for a chance to hit back at Tillu, he was also nabbed by the Haryana CIA from Sonepat and handed over to Delhi Police. Bent on killing Tillu, Gogi escaped

in 2016 when police were taking him to a court hearing in Haryana," said an officer.

In 2017, in Panipat, Gogi and his associates had allegedly killed Haryanvi singer Harshita Dahiya. Police said Gogi had met Harshita's brother-in-law Dinesh Karala in Tihar Jail, who asked Gogi to kill her. "He didn't take money; he killed her to get Karala into his gang," alleged police.

Gogi was last spotted during the Narela shootout on September 8 last year when he allegedly killed history-sheeter Virender Mann. Eyewitnesses had identified Gogi when he intercepted Mann's car and allegedly pumped 20 bullets into him.

"After Thakur's murder in Rohini, Gogi and his men had posted a video claiming responsibility. Police also found that Kapil, who recently joined the gang, was in touch with an arms dealer. Police approached the dealer and got Kapil's number, through which they narrowed down his location," said police sources.

Gogi was carrying a reward of Rs 6.5 lakh for his arrest.

**Kejriwal meets PM, discusses police action in NE Delhi riots**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

A WEEK after the national capital came under the grip of communal riots, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday, in what was their first meeting after the AAP's return to power.

Briefing reporters about the meeting in the Parliament House, Kejriwal said they discussed the role of Delhi Police during the violence, which peaked last Monday and Tuesday in the city's Northeast district, claiming at least 47 lives.

Kejriwal also emphasised that the PM has assured him of full cooperation over the next five years in developing Delhi and working for the welfare of people.

"We also discussed the situation in Delhi. I told him the police proactively quelled rumours, panic and averted another crisis Sunday night by hitting the streets in large numbers and appealing to people to maintain calm. Had they shown similar alacrity last Monday and



CM Arvind Kejriwal after his meeting with PM Narendra Modi at Parliament House on Tuesday. **Prem Nath Pandey**

Tuesday — whatever took place over those two nights in one district — perhaps a lot of lives could have been saved," the CM said.

Kejriwal also requested Modi that whoever was responsible for the riots, "irrespective of party, religion, or stature, should not be spared and strict action should be taken against them, so the message that such actions will not be tolerated goes out to the public".

**Congress MP's office vandalised**

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

**THE OFFICE** of Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was allegedly vandalised by unidentified men Tuesday evening.

Police said Chowdhury's secretary filed a complaint at Tughlaq Road police station, and alleged that four persons entered the office, which is near the MP's residence, around 5.30 pm. The men initially asked for Chowdhury but staff replied he wasn't in the office. When the staff declined to connect them with the MP over the phone, the men allegedly "abused" them and vandalised the place.

Police said they have received a complaint and are enquiring into the matter.

**March to Jantar Mantar denied police nod, 185 detained**

**ARANYA SHANKAR**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3



**At Jantar Mantar on Tuesday.**  
**Abhinav Saha**

was also raised.

The call for Tuesday's march was given by the Young India Coordination Committee, an umbrella organisation of various student and youth groups. As protesters began to gather at Ramlila Maidan at 10.30 am, they were detained and taken to various locations. The march was then cancelled and the organisers decided to gather at Jantar Mantar.

"Permission for the march was rejected and communicated to the organiser. Despite this, there was apprehension of people coming and marching... so, strong arrangements were made at Ramlila. Protesters were detained swiftly and taken to Khatu Shyam Stadium, Hari Nagar po-

Act and later released.

Former JNU students' union (JNUSU) president N Sai Balaji, who was leading the march, said they were informed about rejection of permission at the last minute on Monday.

At Jantar Mantar, students were asked where they were going and which college they belonged to before they were allowed to pass through police barricades. Police also video-graphed the entry of the protesters. DCP (New Delhi) Eish Singh said the exercise was for "security reasons".

Speaking at the protest, former JNU student Umar Khalid said, "... If we want to hold a rally in Delhi, we don't need to seek

their permission. We only need to go near them and raise the slogan 'goli maaron saalon ko' and police will grant permission."

JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh, Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad, former IAS officer Kannan Gopinathan and Jamia student Shadab Farooq, who was shot at by a gunman outside his university, were also present.

Azad said, "We say it's a democracy, which sounds good. But we cannot talk, we cannot protest, we cannot take to the streets, we cannot move freely,

we cannot raise our voice against oppression and injustice. Then what kind of democracy is this?"

(inputs from Armond Feffer)

expected to increase activity of rain, thundershowers, lightning and hailstorm," Srivastava said.

The induced cyclonic circulation is expected to form over Rajasthan Wednesday, affecting Delhi the following day, Srivastava said.

As per the IMD's forecast, strong surface winds of about 25-30 kmph along with very light rain or thundershowers is expected Thursday. This would change to light to moderate rains or thundershowers by Friday, accompanied by a squall of about 40-50 kmph, along with a hail-storm at isolated places.

The impact of the western disturbance is likely to wane after Friday.

**SPECIAL PTM FOR NORTH-EAST DELHI SCHOOLS**

**Schools and parents to come together to support each other and rebuild the confidence of children and resume normal school activities**

**COME LET US REBUILD THE CONFIDENCE OF EACH OTHER**

**Date: March 4 and 5, 2020**

**Schools:** All schools of Delhi (Government and Govt. aided) of District North East and affected area of District East

**SCHEDULE**

**March 4, 2020**

**Morning/ General Shift :**

02:30 PM to 04:30 PM

**March 5, 2020**

**Evening Shift :**

02:30 PM to 04:30 PM



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Workers repair a damaged school in Shiv Vihar, Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

## NORTHEAST DELHI VIOLENCE

# Riot-hit families line up outside Eidgah in Mustafabad, now a relief centre

JIGNASA SINHA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

A DAY after an Eidgah in Mustafabad was converted into a relief camp for those affected by the riots in Northeast Delhi, hundreds of families seeking shelter lined up outside the gates. Among them were 28-year-old Kadijah Khan and her five children, whose house in Shiv Vihar was among the many that were burnt down during the violence.

Holding her one-year-old baby, who suffered burn injuries on his leg, she said: "We were sitting inside our house when I saw a mob throwing petrol bombs and lighting cylinders. I was horrified, my husband wasn't home. I took my five children and rushed to the terrace. We waited for them to leave but they kept throwing petrol bombs, one of them hit Shazdah on his left leg. Our neighbours helped us and

we managed to escape to Chaman Park. A doctor treated Shazdah there. He has a fever and he hardly sleeps. My husband is still staying at his friend's place. We have nothing left."

While her daughter picked up new clothes from a pile kept outside tents set up by volunteers, Khan tried to get her baby to sleep. Others in the camp who came from Shiv Vihar and Chaman Park had similar stories to share.

Shiba (28), a resident of Chaman Park, sat with her sister-in-law and children on a mat and waited for lunch. Her mother-in-law Sahiba (60) was talking to her three sons. The family of 12 had to flee after a mob burnt down their shop and home.

"On February 25, my husband rushed home at 8 pm and told us that a mob shouting slogans was outside. Soon, we saw our shop being set on fire. We were scared and tried to hide in



Food and clothes being distributed at the relief camp in Mustafabad, Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

a room but the men had set our house on fire as well. We ran through the back door... I was right behind my sister-in-law Reshma when a man caught hold of my hair and pulled me. Another joined him and they threatened to kill me. I cried and begged for my life, I told them I have two children and that I am not part of any movement or protest. After some time, they let me go, but I was hit with stones and bricks. I joined my family,

who were waiting outside the lane. We then went to Reshma's house in Sangam Vihar and stayed there for four days," said Shiba. She said that though the camp has all the facilities, she misses home.

While the government has set up camps in Shahdara and other areas, several riot-affected people stayed with their friends or families in Chaman Park, Mustafabad and other areas before they found out about the relief centres.

The Eidgah camp was set up by the Waqf Board in association with the Delhi government. The government said more than a thousand people have been accommodated so far in 24 hours.

Multiple tents have been set up under which carpets and mattresses are laid out. Outside the tents, a space has been demarcated for people to sit and eat. Food is cooked by a few volunteers and groceries are sent by

a few NGOs and donors.

The area is divided into three parts — one for men, second for women and the third for doctors and volunteers. Doctors from Holy Family Hospital and different welfare associations have set up mini-camps inside the Eidgah to give out medicines and treat the injured. Around 50 metres outside the camp are portable toilets for men and women.

On Tuesday, people brought trucks filled with food, groceries, water, toiletries and clothes, which were checked by volunteers before being distributed.

One of the volunteers, Mustafabad resident Ruby Khan, said, "We helped set up tents and bring food and other items.

There are a lot of people here, we have to maintain records. A few of them need daily medication and we assist them. Today, we made roti and mutton for lunch. We will also give milk to the children."

## Man who fired in front of cop held from UP's Shamli

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SHAHRUKH PATHAN (23), who fired multiple bullets last week at Northeast Delhi's Maujpur while standing in front of a policeman, was arrested by Delhi Police from Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district Tuesday. Pathan was produced before a court and remanded to four-day police custody.

Additional CP (Crime Branch) A K Singla said Pathan had fled to Punjab initially after his video was widely circulated on social media and shown on news channels.

"He was hiding at a friend's house in Shamli. Based on information received and extensive discreet inquiries conducted in different parts of Delhi and UP, police zeroed in on the area around Shamli and Kairana. On the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday, police received information that Pathan would be coming to the Shamli bus stand between 10 am and noon to meet someone. A trap was laid and he was arrested," Singla said.

"Pathan was planning to escape from Shamli, but he was nabbed and later brought to Delhi. We are trying to recover the pistol used by him during the violence. He was fond of buying pistols. He had procured a 7.65 mm pistol and ammunition about two years ago from one of his (factory) labourers.

The good quality semi-automatic pistol (that Pathan used during the violence) was bought from Munger in Bihar," he added.

Singla said Pathan had gone to the site alone and had five bullets, of which two fell down; he fired the remaining three.

"During questioning, Pathan told police that he opened fire in a fit of rage as stone-pelting was going on. We are also trying to trace his family members, who are absconding. A college dropout, Pathan was interested in bodybuilding and modelling. He used to make TikTok videos. He owns a shop and a socks manufacturing factory in Ghonda," he said.

"After the incident, he was initially roaming in Delhi. He left after his video went viral. He first went to Punjab. Then he hid in Bareilly before moving to a friend's place in Shamli," Singla said.

Police said so far they haven't found any previous criminal record. They said his father was involved in a narcotics case, and they are trying to ascertain if he is associated with any gang.

The vehicle used by Pathan to flee Delhi has not been recovered yet, said Additional CP Singla.



Shahrukh Pathan (23)

## COPS BACKTRACK ON TAHIR STATEMENT

New Delhi: Delhi Police backtracked Tuesday after a senior officer went on record to say AAP's Tahir Hussain was moved out of his house in Northeast Delhi on the night of February 24 by police — a statement later denied by police themselves.

At a press conference on the arrest of Shahrukh Pathan, Additional CP (Crime) Ajit Kumar Singla was asked about Hussain's claims of being rescued from his house on February 24 by police after mob surrounded it. Singla replied, "Around 11.30 pm-12 am on February 24-25, some people informed us a councillor is stuck... Some personnel went in and he came out of the house, *Dono taraf bheed thi, dono communities ki*. He was with another person..."

In the evening, Delhi Police spokesperson M S Randhawa said, "A section of media reported that Hussain was rescued by Delhi Police. The facts are that on the intervening night of February 24-25, some men informed police at Chand Bagh that Hussain was trapped as a crowd had surrounded his house. Police verified the same to be incorrect as Hussain was found available in his house. It is further added he was named as an accused on February 26 upon the recovery of the body of Ankit Sharma. His house was searched and he was found absconding. Efforts are being made to arrest him." ENS

## Sisodia visits riot-hit areas, says officers keeping eye on ground

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

OFFICIALS WORKING on the ground to ascertain the damage during the riots have so far verified that 79 houses were destroyed completely in fires, 168 sustained substantial damage, and 327 shops were burnt.

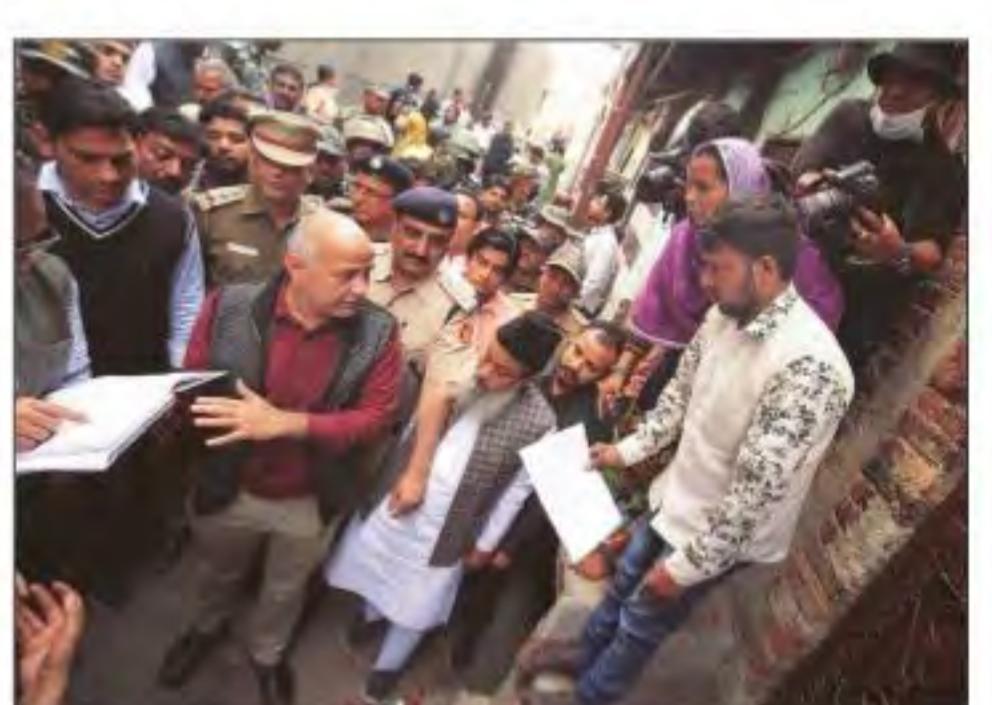
Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Tuesday visited Shiv Vihar and nearby areas. The Delhi government has tasked 18 sub-divisional magistrates to coordinate relief and rehabilitation efforts in riot-affected areas.

"If houses in the affected areas are locked, officials are trying to contact occupants through their neighbours so that their names and details can be included in the SDM reports. Till Monday evening, we had reports of 79 houses that were completely destroyed, 168 that were burnt substantially, 40 with minor damages, 327 burnt shops, and 41 (identified) bodies per police... 422 people were injured," he added.

Meanwhile, a Delhi Assembly panel launched a dedicated WhatsApp number and an email address for people to file complaints against hate messages received on social media.

The peace and harmony committee launched the number 895000946 in this regard. The email ID is [discomittee@delhi.gov.in](mailto:discomittee@delhi.gov.in), said Greater Kailash MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj, who is chairing the panel.

Sisodia, who also heads the revenue department heading the relief operations, said: "The situation is grim but I also noticed that residents displayed a



Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia visited Shiv Vihar and nearby areas, Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

lot of unity amongst themselves, irrespective of their religion, and came out in support of each other during these difficult times. Our officers are keeping a close watch on the affected areas to report and prevent any untoward incident," he said.

He said a legal team, IT team and an agency will vet the messages and pick those that demand police action while informers of hate messages whose complaints are converted into FIRs will be rewarded Rs 10,000.

The committee has also decided that a peace meeting will be organised with the six MLAs of the violence-hit areas on March 5. Prominent religious leaders and people from civil society of those areas will also join. The panel has also decided to invite the Delhi Police chief," he added.

"People can share their com-

plaints against any messages received via WhatsApp, Facebook or any other social media platform which can potentially cause communal disharmony. They can even share screenshots," he said.

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## One more body identified at RML Hospital: Father of 2 and daily wage labourer had left home for work

ASHNA BUTANI  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AFTER WAITING for a week for Bhure (25) to return home, his family found his body at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital mortuary on Tuesday. "He was wearing a purple shirt, had a mark on his left arm and a black thread around his neck. That is how we identified him," said his elder sister, Sharmila Mullick.

Bhure used to work as a daily wage labourer. He lived with his family in Ghaziabad's Loni.

His mother said: "The last time I saw him was on the morning of



At RML Hospital, Tuesday.  
Prem Nath Pandey

February 26. He ate breakfast and left for work. He would always bid us goodbye before leaving. But that day, he did not. We had no

idea he would never return."

Bhure is survived by his sons, aged six and eight. "His wife died six years ago after giving birth to their second child. Since then, the children have been brought up by me and my daughter, Sharmila," said Bhure's mother.

Sharmila added: "His number had been unreachable since the 26th. We know that if he was alive, he would have left us a message somehow... His children have no parents now. What will I tell them?"

According to a police officer, Bhure's body was found in the Bhagirathi nala. "We do not know how he got there. He had a number of wounds on his head.

The post-mortem will be conducted tomorrow morning," said the officer.

Of the five bodies in the RML mortuary, only two — that of Bhure and Aftab (21) — have been identified. While four of the bodies were found in a drain in Gokulpuri, one of them was found in Karawal Nagar. So far, 42 of the 47 victims have been identified.

Aftab's body was identified by his family on March 2 and was handed over to his family after the autopsy. They said they will seek an inquest to understand the cause of his death.

Meanwhile, at GTB Hospital, Ayub Malik (18) succumbed to

head injuries on March 2.

"He had been unconscious since February 24. I never got a chance to meet him one last time. At 7.30 on March 2, I was told he was no more," said his brother Waseem (28).

Ayub had two sisters and two brothers. "Our sister's wedding was scheduled for April 11. Ayub went to Bhajanpura market to get clothes for the wedding on the 24th. I was sleeping when he left. He never returned," said Waseem. Ayub and his brother Indrapraman in Indirapuram.

Hospital authorities, meanwhile, have not confirmed if Ayub was injured during last week's riots.

## Schools to identify students who lost books, uniforms

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AMID EXAMINATION season, schools in Northeast Delhi have begun the process of restoring study material and uniforms to students, which were lost to the ravages of last week's violence.

Students of Classes X and XII were in the midst of their CBSE board exams, while students of other classes were taking their internal exams when the violence broke out. While board exams resumed Monday, internal examinations have been put off till March 7.



Many schools in Northeast Delhi were vandalised and set on fire during the riots

Anticipating that the pressure of examination season is likely to add to their difficulties, the Directorate of Education issued directions to schools to provide essential study supplies to affected students so "they may resume their studies properly and appear in exams with confidence". Additionally, students of the region may also use uniform for this month, if required.

Instructions have been issued to heads of all schools — government and private — to identify and list students who have lost their books, stationery or uniforms in the violence.

"Heads of schools and teachers know all their students well and have databases on them. They will contact them to find

who all have been affected. NGOs are also working with the Delhi government to give relief. We are collaborating with them to identify such children," said education director Binay Bhushan.

The schools have been asked to try to use resources like their existing stock, libraries, stocks of neighbouring schools and the School Management Committees to provide these to the children.

However, Bhushan said the department is in talks with the SDM to assist those schools which may not be in a position to do so, and that the depart-

# IN PARLIAMENT

BUDGET SESSION

## FROM THE GALLERY

## FROM THE CHAIR

## RAJYA SABHA

"This is not the way.. You can't use the Parliamentary forum for this... No comment, no slogan will go on record... Then, I have to adjourn the House. There is no other way. You don't want any Business..."

**VENKAIAH NAIDU**, Chairman, when Congress members jeered MoS (Finance) Anurag Thakur when he got up to lay papers on the table.

## LOK SABHA

"Do you want to run the House while holding placards? If you want to run the House while holding placards, then announce it on behalf of your parties."

**OM BIRLA**, Speaker, to members during Question Hour.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Even today, the queue of corpses (due to Delhi violence) is on the increase. We have a right to raise this issue."

**ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY**, Congress floor leader during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha.

## ROLL CALL

**PRIME MINISTER:** Not Present

**SONIA GANDHI:** Not Present

**RAHUL GANDHI:** Not Present

## 5 QUESTIONS



**CONGRESS'S RAJYA SABHA MP BK HARIPRASAD** SPEAKS TO MANOJ CG ON THE RUCKUS IN HOUSE WHEN ANURAG THAKUR ROSE TO LAY PAPERS.

**The Congress on Tuesday created ruckus in Rajya Sabha when MoS, Finance, Anurag Thakur got up to lay on table papers listed against his name. Why? What was the provocation?**

The provocation is his "goli maaro" speech. We demanded that an FIR be filed against him. He is a minister who has taken oath under the Constitution. The fundamental duty of a minister is to safeguard the life and property of the people. He has violated that. We wanted him to resign...

**But he was only laying a paper. He was not taking part in any discussion or giving a reply.**

The man who has gone against the spirit of the Constitution has no business laying the paper. He will face this music whenever he gets up in Parliament. He has to apologise...

**Is there any way out of the current deadlock in Parliament? The Congress had demanded the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah and now you seem to be agreeing for a discussion.**

There should be an immediate discussion. Because people have lost lives. Thousands of people have become homeless... There is a huge damage to properties... FIRs should be filed against the likes of Kapil Mishra, Thakur and Parvesh Verma... The police officer who was standing next to Mishra when he was making that provocative statement, he should be immediately suspended.

**But your demand is for the resignation of the Home Minister?**

I told you let's see what comes out of the discussion. The Home Minister has totally failed... Even after almost 10 days he has not said anything...

**Are the other Opposition parties on board the Congress's demand for the Home Minister's resignation?**

All are demanding. The Opposition is united on this issue.

## Govt for discussion on Delhi riots after Holi, Opp says today

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AS PARLIAMENT proceedings remained stalled for the second day after the Budget session recess, the government on Tuesday reached out to the Opposition, saying it was ready for a discussion on the communal violence in Delhi in both Houses on March 11, the day after Holi. This did not satisfy the Opposition which insisted that the discussion be held Wednesday. Talks between the two sides, sources said, are continuing to end the deadlock.

As soon as Rajya Sabha was adjourned in the morning, Union Commerce and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and MoS Parliamentary Affairs V Muraleedharan met Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and Congress Deputy Leader in Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma.

Azad and Sharma made it clear that the Opposition will not back down from its demand for a discussion. The talks continued in the afternoon and then the government signalled that it was ready for a discussion.

In Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla announced that the discussion would take place on March 11. But the Opposition members were not satisfied and they stormed the Well of the House, demanding an immediate discussion. In Rajya Sabha, Azad said it would appear strange if Parliament did not discuss the incidents of violence in Delhi when the whole world was talking about it.

"We have told the government that it is not about attacking each other... Whatever happened was very painful... This is such an issue on which we should not be fighting... instead we should have a discussion, so that such incidents do not recur," Azad said when the House reconvened at 3 pm after two adjournments. He said the issue will become a "non-issue" and "non-event" after 10-12 days. He said Opposition members would act responsibly and not fuel tensions.

Leader of the House Thawar Chand Gehlot said the government was ready for a



BJP's Sakshi Maharaj with Congress's Motilal Vora. Prem Nath Pandey

discussion at a timing ascertained by the Chairman (M Venkaiah Naidu). Sharma said since the Leader of the House and the Leader of Opposition are of the same view, a discussion should be scheduled for 11 am Wednesday. BJP's Bhupendra Choubey said the Chair should not be forced to hold the discussion at a particular time and the decision should be left to the Chair's discretion. Deputy Chairman Harivansh said the timing of the discussion could only be decided after consulting Chairman Naidu.

In Lok Sabha, which witnessed unruly scenes Monday, the Speaker warned members that they would be suspended for the entire session if they cross over to each other's side.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury walked over to the side of the Well facing the treasury benches which led to a commotion. Other Opposition members followed Chowdhury and BJP members blocked their way. BJP MP from West Bengal Locket Chatterjee had a heated argument with Chowdhury, and Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad tried to pacify them. Amid the din in which BJP and Congress members tried to shove each other and some members banged the door leading to the Secretary General's desk, Birla adjourned the House for the day.

### 120 FIRs filed, hundreds arrested, Parliament told

**New Delhi:** The Delhi Police has registered 120 FIRs and arrested hundreds of people in connection with the Delhi riots, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) told Lok Sabha on Tuesday. It said a close watch is being kept on social media platforms to check rumours and propaganda. The Delhi Police has taken several steps to control the law and order situation in the national capital, Union Minister of State for Home Nitinand Rai said in Lok Sabha in a written reply. Police officers along with adequate force, including 76 companies (7,600 personnel) of the Central Armed Police Forces, were deployed at vulnerable points, he said. "More than 120 FIRs have been lodged and hundreds of miscreants have been arrested," Rai said.

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Opposition members protest in Lok Sabha. PTI

## Speaker warns: Any MP going to rivals' side to be suspended for rest of session

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

LOK SABHA Speaker Om Birla announced on Tuesday that any member from the Opposition or the treasury benches who goes to the rivals' side to get to somebody's seat will be suspended for the rest of the session.

"You people had decided that however serious an issue may be, you would raise it only after Question Hour... The House runs with consensus and with everybody's co-operation. If it runs with everybody's co-operation, it functions well too. Today, we discussed two issues at the all-party meeting (in the morning). One, no member from the Opposition or the treasury benches will go to other side to somebody's seat. If anyone does, I will suspend him for the rest of the current session," the Speaker said.

The warning came a day after some Congress and BJP members pushed and shoved one another in the House during an altercation over the violence in Delhi. As soon as the House assembled at 11 am, members from the Congress, DMK and other Opposition parties were on their feet, demanding a discussion on the violence in Delhi. The Speaker told the protesting members that they could flag the matter during Zero Hour.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Trinamool Congress's Sudip Bandyopadhyay and Saugata Roy and the BSP's Ritesh Pandey demanded that the Speaker admit their notices for an adjournment issue on the Delhi violence.

"They are sitting like mute spectators," DMK leader T R Baalu said, pointing at the front row of the treasury benches. He demanded a response from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was present in the House.

Chowdhury said the members were representatives of people. "Do we not have the right to take up the matter when Delhi is burning?", he asked.

Amid the uproar, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the Opposition could raise the matter during Zero Hour. Emphasising that "restoration of peace and normalcy" was the top priority of the gov-

ernment, he said, "We are ready for a discussion. Let the Speaker decide."

However, Opposition members insisted on an immediate discussion. As the Opposition MPs waved placards and raised slogans, Birla declared that placards would not be allowed in the House. This triggered protests from the Opposition. As the ruckus persisted, the Speaker adjourned the House till noon.

When the House re-assembled, Opposition members were back on their feet. Kirit Solanki of the BJP, who was in the Chair, appealed to members to take their seats as the House was going to take up several important issues for discussions for the welfare of SCs, STs, OBCs, senior citizens and weaker sections of the society. As the disruption continued, he adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm.

After the House met again, Speaker Om Birla said the discussion would take place on March 11 after Holi. The Opposition members then stormed into the Well demanding an immediate discussion. Amid the ruckus, Birla adjourned the House for the day.

### Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill tabled

AMID LOUD protests by the Opposition, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday introduced a Bill to provide more powers to the RBI for regulating cooperative banks.

The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which comes in the backdrop of PMC Bank scam, seeks to strengthen cooperative banks by increasing professionalism, enabling access to capital, improving governance and ensuring sound banking through the RBI.

As Opposition MPs kept sloganising, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said it was the "need of the hour" to avoid a PMC Bank-like crisis in future. Noting that the happenings at the PMC Bank had put a lot of small depositors in difficulty, she said there were demands that the government should do something about it. Sitharaman said if the Opposition wanted to deny the small depositors their rights then "it is a shame". It could not be cleared because of the ruckus in the House over the Delhi violence.

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### ON ALERT

CRPF personnel keeps watch after a security siren went off in Parliament on Tuesday. The security apparatus was alerted after Kaushambi MP Vinod Kumar Sonkar's car accidentally hit a security barrier. Ground embedded iron spikes were activated and armed commandos took their positions along the MPs' entrance gate, officials said. Prem Nath Pandey

### 'VIOLATED VISA NORMS'

## 5 foreigners asked to leave India for CAA protests: Govt to LS

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AS MANY as five foreigners have been asked to leave India for participating in anti-CAA protests, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. The foreigners have been asked to leave on the ground that they violated their visa conditions by engaging in an activity that could be defined as political, sources said.

Responding to a question in this regard, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nitinand Rai said, "As reported by the Bureau of Immigration, five foreign nationals who violated visa norms by participating in the anti-CAA protests were asked to leave India."

The amended citizenship law has triggered protests across the country. According to the new law, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian immigrants who have come from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan will be given Indian citizenship with December 31, 2014 as the cut-off date.

The government also told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that it was holding discussions with all States over the NPR exercise which is



Union minister Nityanand Rai with Delhi Police Commissioner SN Shrivastava, in New Delhi. PTI

scheduled to begin along with the householding phase of the Census on April 1.

"The government is in discussion with the States having concerns in regard to the preparation of NPR. The demographic and other particulars of each family and individual are to be updated/collected during the

exercise of updation of NPR. No document is to be collected during this exercise," Rai said in his reply to a written question.

Home Ministry sources said the Central government is already reaching out to allay the apprehensions of States by meeting Chief Ministers critical of the exercise. Punjab, Kerala, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh are some of the non-BJP ruled states which have apprehensions about the NPR and are critical of the exercise.

As part of the Centre's outreach, Registrar General and Census Commissioner Vivek Joshi recently met Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and apprised him of the preparations for the Census and NPR. Punjab Assembly has adopted a resolution expressing its opposition to the CAA. Joshi, who will supervise the Census and NPR exercise, is expected to meet Chief Ministers of all states critical of the NPR, sources said.

Several states, including Kerala, have said they will cooperate with the Census exercise but not NPR.

Sources said the RGI is also looking at roping in celebrities to allay fears about the NPR exercise. The government is also asking various government departments to carry out an awareness campaign on NPR.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday agreed to the Opposition's demand for a discussion on the Delhi riots in Rajya Sabha. The House, however, had to be adjourned with the Opposition insisting on having the discussion on priority.

Leader of the House and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot assured the Opposition of a discussion right after Rajya Sabha proceedings resumed at 2 pm. Earlier, the House was adjourned once after Opposition MPs demanded action against Union Minister Anurag Thakur for his alleged hate speech.

"There is peace in Delhi for the last four days. The Opposition wants a discussion on this topic. The government is ready. Whenever the Chairman decides, we can discuss that day," Gehlot said in the afternoon after Opposition MPs did not let the House to take up the discussion on the Central Sanskrit Universities Bill.

Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad pressed for a discussion on priority. The House was adjourned for the second time as interruptions continued while Azad was speaking. Thereafter Azad and Gehlot went to the Chairman's room for a meeting.

When the House resumed at 3 pm, Deputy Chairman Harivansh defended his decision to adjourn the House while Azad was speaking. "This House has had a very old and a very

proud tradition that when the Leaders of the House and the Opposition speak, no one interrupts them. You can check the record to see that when Azad was speaking there was noise. We are discussing a very important issue... I request him (Azad) to finish what he was saying," he said. Azad then appealed to the Chair and the government to discuss the Delhi riots before taking up any other business. "This is being discussed across the world. If we shy away from a discussion in India, then it will seem strange. The world will say that they are willing to talk about it but not the Indian Parliament," Azad said. "We are already late in discussing this issue. We should have done this the first thing yesterday. If we come to it a week later, then it will be a non-issue... We shouldn't run away from our responsibility," he said.

To this, Gehlot said the government is aware of its responsibility and is ready for the discussion on a day decided by the Chairman.

But as Harivansh tried to take up the discussion on the Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, Congress MP Anand Sharma objected and said the Delhi riots should be the House's priority.

BJP MP Bhupendra Yadav intervened to point out that under Rule 258, the ruling of the Chair is final and that the Opposition should not force the Chair's hand. However, K Keshav Rao of TRS agreed with the Congress and requested the Deputy Chairman to adjourn the House till Wednesday. "So that the message goes that our first concern is the people of Delhi," he said. The House was then adjourned till Wednesday.

# Strain in ties: Furious Delhi summons Iran envoy, says Zarif's remarks just not on

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

A DAY AFTER Iran became the fourth Muslim-majority country to officially react to the riots in Delhi, India on Tuesday summoned Iranian Ambassador in New Delhi Ali Chegeni and lodged a strong protest against, what it called, "unwarranted" remarks by Iranian Foreign minister Javad Zarif.

A diplomat-minister known for his careful choice of words, Zarif had tweeted Monday night: "Iran condemns the wave of organised violence against Indian Muslims. For centuries, Iran has been a friend of India. We urge Indian authorities to ensure the wellbeing of ALL Indians and not let senseless thuggery prevail. Path forward lies in peaceful dialogue and rule of law."

Responding to this, Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said: "The Iranian Ambassador to India Mr Ali Chegeni was summoned and a strong protest was lodged against the unwarranted remarks made by the Iranian Foreign Minister. It was conveyed that his selective and tendentious characterisation of recent events in Delhi are not acceptable. We do not expect such comments from a country like Iran."

Tehran had last criticised India after the 2002 Gujarat riots and a decade earlier after the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition. New Delhi had earlier rejected comments from Turkey, Malaysia and Pakistan which had spoken out against the riots over the last week. Malaysia and Bangladesh too had earlier criticised the citizenship law and the proposed National Register of Citizens.

The recent comments have come after six years of Modi government's outreach to the Islamic world and building diplomatic relationships, especially in West Asia.

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New Delhi and Tehran have maintained close bilateral relationship, which has been strained after India decided to stop buying oil under threat of US sanctions. It has, however, moved ahead with the development plan of the strategically important Chabahar port, having received a waiver from the US. The two sides have also maintained bilateral contact through diplomatic visits.

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## High stakes for both sides

MUCH IS at stake on the strategic front for India in its bilateral ties with Iran, particularly with the US signing a peace deal with the Taliban in Afghanistan. Iran is critical for two specific reasons: it meets part of New Delhi's energy needs, and also lends access to Afghanistan through the Chabahar port.

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## PM AT BJP PARLIAMENTARY PARTY MEET



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with BJP president J P Nadda and Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari at the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting on Tuesday. Renuka Puri

## 'Ensure peace reflected in our thoughts, words'

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

WITH SOME of his party leaders coming under attack for their divisive remarks, and his government under fire for the violence in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked the MPs to "ensure" that their "commitment towards peace, unity, harmony is constantly reflected through our thoughts, words and deeds".

"I appeal to all MPs that we have to lead from the forefront through collective efforts in order to maintain peace unity and harmony." Modi is said to have told party MPs at the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting.

"Development is our only mantra; serving the country through development activities remains the main objective of our political activities. We should remember that peace, unity and harmony are prerequisites for development," he said.

On February 26, Modi had appealed for "peace and brotherhood" and reminded citizens that peace and harmony are "central to our ethos". But Tuesday was the first time he effectively cautioned BJP MPs against any act of mischief that

could spoil this peace.

Asserting that his government works with the slogan of "sabka saath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas" (with all, development for all, and trust of all), Modi used the Sanskrit words "manasa, vaacha, karmana" to ask party leaders to work for India's development with their mind, words and action.

BJP leaders said Modi's message to the party MPs were "clear and strong" to those who "created controversy with their statements and embarrassed him. The message, they said, was "strong".

In a rare move, the BJP Parliamentary Party office distributed copies of the main points from the Prime Minister's address. His message came a day after the Opposition sought resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah for the Delhi violence. Shah and BJP president J P Nadda attended Tuesday's meeting.

At the meeting, the Prime Minister also took a dig at his predecessor, Manmohan Singh, without naming him.

Maintaining that people earlier objected to "Vande Mataram", he is reported to have said, "Ab kuchh logon ko Bharat Mata Ki Jai bolne main bhi boo aur rahi hai (now

some people find a stink even in

the slogan Bharat Mata Ki Jai)."

In the closed-door meeting, Modi said that similar controversies were created over 'Vande Mataram' during the freedom struggle, and singing it was considered a "gunah" (crime). According to sources in the party, Modi told the MPs that many people left meetings of the Congress when 'Vande Mataram' was played. "It is unfortunate and sad that 70 years after independence, raising a slogan like 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' is being depicted as a crime.... It is unfortunate that a person who held the post of Prime Minister is saying so," he is reported to have said.

Modi was referring to Singh's comments last month—that nationalism and the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' are being misused to construct a "militant and purely emotional" idea of India that excludes millions of people. Singh was speaking at the launch of the book *Who is Bharat Mata?* by Purushottam Agrawal and Radha Krishna on Jawaharlal Nehru's works and speeches.

Referring to Singh's remarks, Modi said, "I feel deep pain when I see some people look at even slogans such as Bharat Mata Ki Jai suspiciously.... Such views are very painful – not just me, such attitudes hurt every nationalist."

Ex-RSS chief's biographer appointed varsity V-C

GARGI VERMA  
RAIPUR, MARCH 3

BALDEV "BHAI" Sharma, a biographer of former RSS sarsanghchalak KS Sudarshan, was Tuesday appointed the Vice-Chancellor of a journalism university in Chhattisgarh by Governor Anyasuya Ujkey.

The appointment of Sharma, a former National Book Trust member and author of *Humare*

Sudarshanji, to the top post in Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication has raised eyebrows within the state's administration, with officials claiming the Congress government's suggestions were ignored by the Governor.

"There were six names in the final list that was submitted with the Governor," said a senior official, requesting anonymity. "The decision was taken by the Governor, although we had suggested other names. The government's suggestions were not considered." Discussions on names for the V-C post had been going on since December 2019, sources said. The former V-C, Mansingh Parmar, had resigned in March 2019. Since then, the post was being held by commissioner G R Churan as an additional responsibility.

Sharma is currently serving at the central university in Himachal Pradesh.

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ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, MARCH 3

THE GAUHATI High Court has set aside an order by a Foreigners' Tribunal (FT) in Jorhat district of eastern Assam, calling it a "perversity". The court has asked the Tribunal for a fresh opinion and allowed bail application by the alleged 'foreigner'.

The order comes after the HC last month upheld FT orders declaring two women from extremely poor families as 'foreigners', ruling that multiple documentary evidence they had submitted were not enough to establish their Indian citizenship.

Mohammad Idrish Ali, who has been in a detention camp for 'illegal foreigners' in Jorhat since September 21 last year, was declared a 'foreigner' earlier that month. The FT had disregarded a copy of the voters' lists of 1985 and 1989 bearing Ali's name - the court observed that if Ali was born in 1953, as per his statement, then he should have been

registered as a voter by 1974. But his name was not in the 1975 voters' list, it pointed out. Ali had submitted to the FT 11 documents, including voters' lists of 1965 and 1970 bearing names of his father and uncle, to prove he is an Indian.

"We have no doubt that the Tribunal has committed an error

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## HC differentiated between court and tribunal

THE HC order said that "the strict rules of evidence are not applicable in a tribunal". It said, "Nothing is required to be proved beyond all reasonable doubt."

To explain the difference, the HC quoted a Supreme Court order which gave three points of difference, one of which states: While courts are governed by detailed statutory procedural rules, in particular the Code of Civil Procedure and Evidence Act, Tribunals generally regulate their own procedure applying provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure only, where required, and without being restricted by the strict rules of Evidence Act.

while appreciating Exhibits 6 & 7 [voters' lists of 1985 and '89].

Justices Manojit Bhuyan and P.J. Saikia said in their February 27 order.

Ali's details cited in the HC order indicate that his family originally resided in a village under Dhang police station of Nagaon district and moved to a village in

Golaghat district in 1983 after a flood inundated their village.

The court said, "He was born and brought up in that village [in Nagaon]. His grandfather's name appeared in the Voter List of 1965. The petitioner claimed that since 1965 [and] till 1989, his family used to cast their votes at Moiradhwaj village. But when he shifted to No. 2, Kairagon Village, his name was displayed in the Voter List of Golaghat District as 'D' voter. So, since 1997, he has been shown in the Voter List as 'D' voter."

D-Voter is a category unique to Assam, introduced in 1997 to mark people unable to prove their citizenship during verification. There are widespread allegations amongst minority communities in the state that this process was marked by arbitrariness.

It has been observed in Assam that migrants who relocate due to different reasons often find themselves under investigation as suspected foreigners in the new location.

Doordarshan, too, has been roped in. Celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor will dish out nutritious recipes for pregnant and lactating women, and women-centric Bollywood flicks, including Raazi and Tumhari Sulu, will be telecast

till March 7.

Doordarshan will also broadcast programmes commemorating Women's Day.

On govt's Women's Day plan, PM's social media accounts for inspirational stories

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE TAKEOVER of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's social media accounts by women on Sunday is just part of a series of events planned by the Centre to mark International Women's Day.

While women will share their "inspirational stories" on the Prime Minister's accounts, several ministries, including the ones for Women and Child Development and Information and Broadcasting, will execute campaigns in the run-up to March 8, with a different theme for each day.

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On March 7, the Rural Development Ministry will conduct an event in New Delhi where women self-help groups will meet with Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

"This Women's Day, I will give away my social media accounts to women whose life and work inspire us. This will help them ignite motivation in millions," the Prime Minister tweeted on Tuesday.

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## SC rejects plea against bail to Chinmayanand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

Granted bail on Feb 3 in sexual exploitation case

a student at a college run by him.

Chinmayanand was arrested on September 21 last year after the police booked him under IPC Sections 364 (kidnapping or abducting in order to murder) and 506 (criminal intimidation). He was later booked under Section 376-C of the IPC, which is usually applied in cases where a person abuses his position to "induce or seduce" a woman under his charge to have "sexual intercourse not amounting to the offence of rape".

The chargesheet against Chinmayanand was filed under IPC sections 376-C, 354-D, 342 and 506.

The SIT which probed the matter had booked the girl over allegations that she tried to extort money from Chinmayanand. She is currently on bail.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# States raise alert, say no need to panic

Co-workers, apartment residents put on alert after Telangana techie working in Bengaluru tests positive

JOHNSONTA  
BENGALURU, MARCH 3

A ROOMMATE in Bengaluru who looked after an engineer from a global computer technology firm for a day, 25 work associates he had direct contact with on February 21, 23 co-passengers on a bus from Bengaluru to Hyderabad the same night, and residents of a Bengaluru apartment complex with 98 flats where the engineer lived have all been alerted to watch out for signs of upper respiratory infections after the 24-year-old engineer tested positive for coronavirus.

The 24-year-old tested positive in Hyderabad on Monday, 10 days after he travelled from Bengaluru with symptoms of an upper respiratory infection on the night of February 21. He had flown into Bengaluru from Dubai a day earlier.

Since they were informed on Monday evening about positive coronavirus test on the 24-year-old, state Health Department officials have tried to establish contact with as many people who came in direct contact with the patient – from his arrival on an Indigo flight from Dubai on February 20 to his travel by a private bus to Hyderabad on the night of February 21.

All those who have interacted with the engineer who has tested positive have been screened. The apartment complex where he lives has 98 flats, and people are being screened, as are 23 people who travelled in the bus with him," state Health Minister B Sreeramulu said on Tuesday following a meeting with Health officials.

The minister emphasised, "There has been only one positive case from Karnataka (so far). There should not be any panic over this."

According to Karnataka Health Secretary Jawed Akhtar, the techie who tested positive for COVID-19 virus came in contact with around 25 employees on the only day he went to work after his return from an official visit to Dubai. The company, Akhtar



Visitors wear protective masks at Government Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Tuesday. PTI

## 69-yr-old Italian tourist first confirmed case in Rajasthan

21 Italian tourists, 3 Indians from same group quarantined

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, MARCH 3

IN THE first confirmed case of coronavirus in Rajasthan, a 69-year-old tourist from Italy tested positive for the virus a second time on Tuesday, and his wife, too, has reportedly tested positive.

D S Meena, superintendent at the government-run Sawai Man Singh Hospital here, said the wife has been exhibiting symptoms of the disease and her samples are being sent to National Institute of Virology, Pune, for confirmation.

The 69-year-old man was kept in isolation after exhibiting symptoms of the disease. The "patient is in isolation and stable", the Press Information Bureau said in a statement on Tuesday.

Officials said 24 people – 21 Italian tourists and three Indians: a bus driver, conductor, and tourist guide – who had come in contact with the Italian national have been shifted to the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) quarantine facility in New Delhi and will un-

dergo tests. The Italian tourist had arrived in Jaipur from Udaipur on February 28. He had checked into a hotel but had to be taken to a private hospital and kept overnight after he complained of breathlessness and cough.

He was subsequently shifted to the Isolation Hospital around noon on February 29, and screened for H1N1 and coronavirus. While the initial report came out negative, another screening on Monday came out positive, following which his blood samples were sent to the NIV, which confirmed the virus.

State Health Minister Raghu Sharma said all those who came into contact with the victim will be screened for the virus. The 69-year-old and his wife were part of a 20-member group of Italians who visited Mandawa, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Udaipur before arriving in Jaipur.

In an order, Additional Chief Secretary (Medical and Health and Family Welfare) Rohit Kumar Singh said rapid response teams

(RRTs) should be formed at the medical college level across the state. Each team will have doctors and epidemiologists from Preventive and Social Medicine, Medicine, Microbiology as well as Paediatric departments.

The RRTs will inspect hotels and tourist sites covered by the Italian group. Simultaneously, the sites will be disinfected, Singh said.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who chaired a high-level meeting at his residence on Monday, said he reviewed arrangements being made by the Medical and Health Department to deal with coronavirus. He instructed officials to follow guidelines set by the Union government in this regard and directed Health department to ensure that there is no fear or panic among the people.

Gehlot also instructed senior doctors to make adequate arrangements for screenings and to keep suspected patients in isolation. "I want to assure all that there is nothing to fear. We are taking all steps for prevention, screening and treatment of coronavirus."

## MADHYA PRADESH

# MP CM: Digvijaya poaching bid charge true, but govt stable

MILIND GHATWAI  
BHOPAL, MARCH 3

AFTER SENIOR Congress leader Digvijaya Singh alleged that the BJP was trying to lure MLAs of the ruling Congress by offering them money, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath said on Tuesday that Singh was "telling the truth". He, however, expressed confidence in the stability of his government.

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## VIRUS WATCH

### JAMMU & KASHMIR

#### UT admin steps up surveillance

BEEFING UP its surveillance in wake of the evolving coronavirus outbreak, the Jammu & Kashmir administration on Tuesday made it mandatory for all passengers arriving at Jammu and Srinagar airports to make self-declaration about their travel history to countries severely affected by the virus. Spokesperson of the Union Territory administration Rohit Kansal said medical teams have been deployed at both airports.

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## KERALA

### State braces for Round 2

The Kerala government on Tuesday decided to strengthen the vigil against the coronavirus outbreak.

Kerala reported three positive cases of coronavirus last month. At one point in the last month, Kerala had about 3,500 people under observation.

On February 28, their number came down to 136. However, as the infection spread to 65 countries, the number of persons under observation in the state rose to 411.

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## MADHYA PRADESH

### 32-yr-old Army officer isolated

Indore: An Army officer who returned from Iran last month has been isolated in MP for suspected exposure to the coronavirus. However, there were conflicting versions of where he was isolated.

A health official said the 32-year-old officer had been quarantined at the military hospital at Mhow near Indore, while senior Army officers said he was at home. The officer returned from Tehran on February 25. PTI



Kamal Nath



Digvijaya Singh

Mishra of being behind the alleged poaching move.

Congress MLA Bajnath Kushwah has alleged that he was offered Rs 25 crore and "ministership" a month ago by a BJP leader in Bhind. He said the leader had told him that he was delivering a "message" from Chouhan, a Union minister and Mishra. He alleged that two RSS leaders from Indore had also contacted him.

Dismissing the allegations, Chouhan said Singh was known to sensationalise issues by lying. "Maybe his work was not done and he is trying to put pressure on Nath's statement, he said the two Congress leaders take potshots at each other by engaging in pointless talk.

Leader of the Opposition in Assembly Gopal Bhargav said Singh has insulted legislators by accusing them of being involved in give-and-take of money. "MP does not have a tradition of horse-trading. He should provide proof to back his allegations and make public names of legislators he is in touch with."

State BJP president V D Sharma said Singh is known for making "wild" allegations to remain in the news. "Maybe he wants to put pressure on the Kamal Nath government or wants to secure his entry to Rajya Sabha," Sharma said.

## Navy postpones its largest ever exercise

KRISHNA KAUSHIK  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AS THE novel coronavirus spreads, with fresh confirmed cases reported in the country, the Indian Navy has postponed its largest ever multi-nation war game exercise as a precautionary measure. The event was scheduled to begin on March 18 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

On Tuesday, the Navy said the exercise – Milan 2020 – has been indefinitely postponed "taking into consideration the safety of all participants and travel restrictions imposed by the spread of COVID-19".

Milan 2020, the Navy said in a statement, had "generated a very enthusiastic response, with Navies around the world having expressed their desire to participate... in deference to this interest, the Indian Navy looks for-

ward toward scheduling MILAN at a later convenient date."

Navies of 41 countries had been invited for the exercise, and more than 30 had confirmed their presence, according to information. Navies of 16 countries, besides India, had participated in the last edition of the event in 2018.

Milan 2020 was expected to have the presence of at least 12 warships from across the world. Among the countries that had been invited are the US, Russia, France, Israel, Iran, UAE, Australia, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam.

China and Pakistan were also invited.

Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh had said in December last year that invites were sent to "like-minded countries".

The exercise was to have a harbour phase from March 18 to March 23 and a sea phase from March 24 to March 27.

## Plea in Delhi HC seeks airlifting of Indian students in Iran varsities

PRITAM PAL SINGH  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE DELHI High Court on Tuesday sought to know the Centre's stand on a plea seeking the airlifting of Indians studying at several universities across Iran at the earliest amid the growing threat of the Novel Coronavirus.

Justice I S Mehta issued a notice to the Ministries of Home, External Affairs, Civil Aviation and Health, seeking status reports by the next date of hearing on March 11 after hearing a plea by nine parents – all residents of Kashmir. It asked the ministries to inform it of steps taken so far. The parents also sought direction to authorities to look into other modes of transport, including through ships, to provide "humanitarian assistance to the Indian students stranded in different universities of Iran".

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## UP: Six suspected, 23 in isolation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, MARCH 3

AS MANY as 23 people have been identified in Uttar Pradesh who had come in close contact with the family whose two members have tested positive for coronavirus.

Samples were collected from these 23 people in Agra and Noida and sent for testing at National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi. The reports have come in for 13 of them and six of them have been identified as suspected cases.

For a final confirmation, their samples have been sent to National Institute of Virology, Pune. The reports of the remaining 10 people are awaited.

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"One family had gone to Europe for vacation and when they returned to Delhi, all their relatives got together and organised a party. Out of those relatives, some were from Agra and some from Noida. When the Central government informed us about the positive cases from Delhi, their family members in Agra were

identified. After taking samples from Agra, four were found positive," Jai Pratap Singh, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, said. "On the request of Delhi, they have been shifted to Safdarjung Hospital. Staff members of the family, like the driver, have been asked not to leave their homes," the minister added.

Sub-divisional police officer of Ramnagar, Ghaziabad, said police officers are in the process of registering an FIR and details would be made public once it is registered.

## To collect Rs 4 cr in coins a month, banker seeks Rs 40 lakh from BEST

IRAM SIDDIQUE  
MUMBAI, MARCH 3

ALARMED AT having to lug sackloads of coins accumulated at bus depots of Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) in Mumbai, the transporter's banker ICICI Bank has now demanded a service charge of 10 per cent of the value of coins to be collected. This means BEST will have to shell out about Rs 40 lakh a month to the bank for collecting and transporting coins valued at Rs 4 crore every month from its 27 depots.

At present, daily collections of ticket revenues find their way to the 27 bus depots of BEST located across various parts of Mumbai. Employees of ICICI Bank go and collect this money from the depots and deposit the

## J&K police asked to book 'killer' cough syrup maker

ARUN SHARMA  
JAMMU, MARCH 3

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration Tuesday directed the police to register a case against the Himachal Pradesh-based pharmaceutical company whose cough syrup allegedly killed nine children in Udhampur district.

Sources said the move came after the administration Tuesday received a final lab report confirming the presence of the deadly compound in the ColdBest-PC syrup that caused the deaths in Ramnagar area.

At Dullo, the Principal Secretary of the Health and Medical Education Department, said the police have been formally asked to register an FIR against the manufacturer, Digital Vision.

Sub-divisional police officer of Ramnagar, Ghaziabad, said police officers are in the process of registering an FIR and details would be made public once it is registered.

But it was unclear whether the health department communiqué mentioned the name of the local chemist, Mohinder Singh, who had allegedly prescribed and sold the syrup to most of the children who died between December and January.

The chemist, a registered medical practitioner, is only a Class X passout with no qualifying diploma or degree. By his own admission, his father, Bharat Singh, was a *vaid* (traditional healer), who prescribed Ayurvedic medicines.

He claimed to have started learning under him, and it was this "experience", along with an interview, that helped him register as a medical practitioner in 1982 with the then J&K Board of Ayurvedic and Unani System of Medicines. While the registration allowed him to only prescribe Ayurvedic medicine, on the basis of another interview in 1998, he got the licence from J&K Pharmacy Council to sell allopathic medicines as well.

BEST presently earns Rs 2 crore a day through ticket sales, of which coins make up Rs 13 lakh. According to bank officials, sorting, counting and collection of coins requires additional manpower. BEST is now planning to distribute at least Rs 2,000 to each of its employees in coins as a part of their monthly salary. The employees will be given around Rs 2,000 in change from March 10-15 when their salaries will be credited.

FULL REPORT  
[www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
RANCHI, MARCH 3

PRESENTING ITS first Budget, the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand on Tuesday proposed a farm loan waiver – "Alpaakal Krish Rahat Yojana" – and said Rs 2,000 crore has been earmarked for the scheme.

In a first, the Budget, presented by Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon, also proposed to institute annual unemployment allowances of Rs 5,000 and Rs 7,000 for all unemployed graduates and postgraduates, respectively. Rs 146 crore has been earmarked for this in the 2020-21 Budget, he announced. Oraon presented a Budget of estimated Rs 86,370 crore, against the 2019-20 Budget estimates of Rs 85,429 crore.

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren and Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon in the Assembly on Tuesday. PTI

Calling it a "revolutionary" and "pro-people" Budget, Chief Minister Soren said it focuses on health, unemployment and farmers, among others, and will help pave the way for a new journey.

The Budget proposes to give free electricity up to 100 units for

households consuming up to 300 units per month.

The government also proposed to set up a state farmers' relief fund this kharif season. A sum of Rs 100 crore has been earmarked for the proposed relief fund, termed Jharkhand Rajya Kisan Rahat Kosh, "changing the form of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana", Oraon said.

In another new initiative, the state government proposed to start its own health insurance scheme, worth Rs 5 lakh each, on the lines of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme.

The Budget that households with annual income up to Rs 8 lakh will be given free treatment for cancer, kidney ailments, liver disease, and brain haemorrhage at renowned hospitals. The state will facilitate and incur the entire cost, it was announced.

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## Delhi firm was posting content through fake news pages: FB report

KARISHMA MEHROTRA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

A DELHI-BASED "online reputation" company was posting content against the UAE and Saudi Arabia and in favour of Qatar through pages masquerading as news outlets, journalists and activists, a new Facebook report has revealed.



Anytime Channels Department, Air India Building, Corporate Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021.

### CORIGENDUM

Please refer RFP No. SBI/AC/2019-20/006 dated 07/02/2020 for Installation of 6,000 ATMs under Total Outsourced Model (TOM) PHASE XIV (YR. 2020). Amended RFP for installation of 10,000 ATMs will be published. Hence, Pre-bid meeting with bidders scheduled on 05.03.2020 from 15.00 Hrs. - 17.00 Hrs. has been deferred. Further information in this regard and on RFP will be published in due course.

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 04/03/2020  
Sd/-  
Deputy General Manager (ATM-I&S)



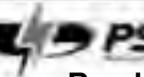
### NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301, Ph.: 0120-2412294, 2412445, Fax: 0120-2412397 (CIN-L74899DL1974GOI007417)

#### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Bids are invited for Renovation of "CONSTRUCTION OF ZONAL MARKETING OFFICE BUILDING AT LUCKNOW, U.P." through E-tendering process from interested eligible parties, having sufficient experience in this field. The last date of receipt of Bids is 07.04.2020 up to 15:30 PM. For further details, visit website: www.nationalfertilizers.com or www.eprocure.gov.in, Amendments/Corrigendum/Addendum, if any would be hosted only on our website.

Deputy General Manager (Project)



### Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001  
Phone No. 0175-2207649, E-mail ID: se-it@pspcl.in  
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 23/DT-1029 dated 03/03/2020

**Short Description:** Short term tender for availing GPRS Connectivity Services for installation in modems under RAPDRP, AMR, IPDS and DDUGJY Scheme.

**Start date for downloading of specification/tender documents:** Date of uploading of tender.

**Last date for downloading of Specification/tender documents:** 19.03.2020 upto 12.30 P.M.

**Last date for Bid Submission:** 19.03.2020 upto 12.30 P.M.

**Bid Opening date:** 20.03.2020 upto 12.30 P.M.

**Note:** The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and/or GePNIC representatives in case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender well in time. It is also requested to get their Digital Signature and registration well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only.

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website. (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>)

Sd/- SE IT (A&PM), PSPCL, Patiala.

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TRIPURA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ASTABAL: AGARTALA

No. F.4-40/STY/TLDA/2019 Dated, Agartala 28/02/2020

#### NOTICE INVITING E-tender (e-NIT)

e-tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Tripura from the reported, bona fide, resourceful, registered suppliers or their local authorized distributors from outside of states to be supplied of 2,50,000 LITERS OF LIQUID NITROGEN IN PHASE MANNER AS PER REQUIREMENT ALONG WITH TRANSPORTATION TO DHARMANAGAR (TRIPURA NORTH DIST.), R.K.NAGAR (TRIPURA WEST DIST.) AND UDAIPUR (GOMATI DIST.) during the year 2020-21. The details of the tender, quantity, specification and tender documents are made available in the website (<http://tripuratenders.gov.in> and [ardtripura.nic.in](http://ardtripura.nic.in)) also in the news portal of Tripura [www.tripurapublicinfo.com](http://www.tripurapublicinfo.com)

The last date/time of submission of the tender documents by online is on 21/03/2020.

All future modification/corrigendum shall be made in the e-procurement portal. So bidders are requested to get update themselves from the e-procurement web portal only.

Sd/-

(D.K. Chakma)

Chief Executive Officer

Tripura Livestock Development Agency

Agartala, Agartala

Dt-26-02-2020 (Items 1 to 5)

01. Number of Works : SE Level - 05 (Five)

02. Value of Works (ECV) : SE Level Rs.692.22 Lakhs

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Further details at <http://www.aperprocurement.gov.in>

For Commissioner GVMC

4.0, विदेशी नियमों के अनुसार आवश्यक तरह संचालित चाल खाता सं.

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SHASHI GUPTA & ORS.

D-1 SMT SHASHI GUPTA WO SH NAVAL KANT HOUSE NO. 168, DELHI ADMINISTRATIVE FLAT,ASHOK VIHAR, PHASE-4, NEW DELHI-52

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D-3 M/S AMRAPALI SAMRT CITY DEVEOPERS PVT LTD, REGD. OFFICE-307, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR, NIPUN TOWER, KARKARDooma, COMMUNITY CENTRE, DELHI-92

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 08.04.2020 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of FEB 2020.

By Order of the Tribunal

Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi



### GREATER VISHAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



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### BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules)1993.

In the matter of O.A. NO. 732/2019

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### All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raebareli

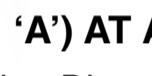
(An Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)

Munshiganj, Raebareli - 229405, Uttar Pradesh, India

[www.aiimsrbl.edu.in](http://www.aiimsrbl.edu.in)



Dated: 02.03.2020



RECRUITMENT OF FACULTY POSITIONS (GROUP 'A') AT AIIMS RAEBARELI ON REGULAR BASIS

The Director, AIIMS, Raebareli invites online application from the citizen of India/OCA for filling up various faculty positions in AIIMS, Raebareli on regular basis. For recruitment details, applicants may visit [www.aiimsrbl.edu.in](http://www.aiimsrbl.edu.in). Important dates are as follow:-

Online Application download starts :07.03.2020 (14:00 hrs)

Last date of submission of :08.04.2020 (23:59 hrs)

online application

**DIRECTOR**

AIIMS, Raebareli



### New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.)

Website : [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com)

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments/ corrigendum etc.

**S. No.** **Job no./ Work name** **Amount**

1. 119(D)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, D/o Park with two year Cost Rs. 36.15 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 17.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM.

# NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) GENERAL ADVISORY FOR PUBLIC



The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Wuhan coronavirus, is a contagious virus that causes respiratory infection, can transfer from human to human.

## SYMPTOMS

- FEVER
- DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING
- COUGHING
- TIGHTNESS OF CHEST
- RUNNING NOSE
- HEAD ACHE
- FEELING OF BEING UNWELL
- PNEUMONIA
- KIDNEY FAILURE

## MODE OF TRANSMISSION

Human Coronavirus (COVID-19) most commonly spread from an infected person to other through:

- Air by coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hand
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

## HOW TO REDUCE RISK OF CORONAVIRUS INFECTION (COVID-19)

- Clean hand with soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing & sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu like symptoms
- Isolation of symptomatic patients for atleast 14 days.

### DO's

- Cover your nose and mouth with disposable tissue or handkerchief while coughing or sneezing
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid crowded places
- Person suffering from Influenza like illness must be confined at home
- Stay more than one arm's length distance from persons sick with flu
- Take adequate sleep and rest
- Drink plenty of water/liquids and eat nutritious food
- Person suspected with Influenza like illness must consult doctor

### DON'Ts

- Touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Hugging, kissing and shaking hands while greeting
- Spitting in public places
- Taking medicines without consulting doctor
- Disposal of used napkin or tissue paper in open areas
- Touching surfaces usually used by public (Railing, door gates, etc)

## Control Room Numbers at State and District level

State DGHS (HQ)	011-22307145, 22300012, 22300036
North	011-27708768
South	011-29531277
East	011-22050908, 22051234
West	011-25195529
North-West	011-25951182

South-West	011-25066674
South-East	011-26476410
North-East	011-22115289
New Delhi	011-23385743
Central	011-23270151
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## BOOSTING IMMUNITY

Combating coronavirus requires getting basics right, creating awareness, investing in public health infrastructure

**E**VEN AS CHINA'S COVID-19 caseload wanes, the coronavirus has spread to at least 70 other countries. Two new infections were reported in India this week — in Delhi and Hyderabad — taking the total number of those afflicted by the virus to five. These patients seem to have contracted the flu outside the country of its origin — the patient from Delhi had traveled to Italy, one of the hardest hit by COVID-19, while the one in Hyderabad had returned last week from Dubai where 19 coronavirus cases have been reported. The country's health officials are taking precautions to make sure that these patients do not pass on the infection to others. The government has also extended the screening of passengers to those arriving in India from Italy and Iran. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has tweeted that there is no need to panic. It is up to the country's public health authorities to translate this message into action.

With more than 3,000 recorded deaths, the number of fatalities from the coronavirus outbreak has surpassed the toll of the 2002-2003 SARS outbreak, which also originated in China. Ipo fact, this is no cause for worry. SARS killed about 9 per cent of those it infected — nearly 800 people worldwide. In contrast, the fatality rate of COVID-19 is less than 2 per cent. The virus is a public health challenge because it is highly infectious. The symptoms of an infection are usually similar to the common cold and they take about two weeks to manifest. Mostly, the symptoms go away on their own. But in those with a weakened immune system, the elderly or infants, COVID-19 could cause more serious respiratory tract illness like pneumonia or bronchitis. In such cases, treatment relies on the basics of medicine — providing patients breathing support until their immune system can fight off the virus. In extreme cases, treatment also includes care to support vital organs. At present, there is no vaccine or antidote to the virus — awareness is the best way to guard against it. It is imperative, therefore, that health authorities issue messages laying out the character of the disease, its health risks and also issue practical advisories on travel and sanitation.

The country's first coronavirus cases were detected in Kerala, more than a month ago. The three patients who had visited China are reportedly free of the disease now. The state's experience in dealing with the Nipah virus about a year ago came in handy — it showed the merits of isolating carriers of the disease. Kerala, of course, has a public health infrastructure that many states in the country cannot match. Given the frequency of viral pandemics, the salience of such infrastructure cannot be overstressed.

## ADVANTAGE GOTABAYA

With Opposition in disarray, snap polls in Sri Lanka are likely to help Rajapaksas tighten grip on power

**P**RESIDENT GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA'S decision to dismiss parliament six months ahead of schedule and call for fresh elections was expected. Ever since he swept the presidential polls in November, Gotabaya has consolidated his political position and is now seeking to establish control over parliament as well. Sri Lanka's Constitution allows the president to declare elections ahead of schedule only after parliament completes four-and-a-half years of its tenure, which it just did. With Gotabaya's popularity on the rise and the Opposition in disarray, the Rajapaksas — Gotabaya and his brother and former president, Mahinda — seem well-placed ahead of the elections.

The present ad hoc arrangement wherein Mahinda heads a minority government as prime minister in a parliament dominated by the Opposition, has clearly run its course. Gotabaya would want his party, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, to have a majority in parliament so that the necessary constitutional amendments could be made to restore full authority to the presidency. Under the previous president, Maithripala Sirisena, Sri Lanka had amended its constitution to reduce the concentration of power in the president's office. This arrangement failed to deliver on governance mainly because Sirisena, who won the presidential polls as the joint Opposition candidate against Mahinda, and the prime minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe, could not work together. The Easter terror bombings by a local Islamist group that claimed over 250 lives exemplified the failure in administration as the two offices blamed each other for neglecting security alerts. The bombings, the first major incident of terrorism since the days of the LTTE, were a setback for the Sri Lankan economy that had not fully recovered from the long years of civil war, but they shifted popular opinion in favour of a strong unitarian government, and against a federal arrangement. The upcoming parliamentary elections will coincide with the first anniversary of the Easter bombings; hopefully, it will not become a polarising issue in the elections.

The Opposition has announced an alliance, Samagi Jana Balawegaya, with Sajith Premadasa, who lost the presidential polls in November, as the prime ministerial candidate. While Premadasa is backed by a broad spectrum of groups, including some Tamil and Muslim parties, he needs to win over his own party colleagues, for instance, Wickremesinghe. The Tamil and Muslim parties will first need to consolidate their strength in the north and the east before they can carve out space in a polity that is increasingly unconcerned about the minorities.

## EARNING A VICTORY

Behind New Zealand's cricket win over India is a story of deft re-invention by a cash-strapped administration

**T**HE BRUISING LOSS to New Zealand cost India its street cred in the cricketing world, deprived them off precious Test championship points, sparked questioning thoughts about Virat Kohli's batting reputation and generally dented delusions of greatness. But for New Zealand, India couldn't have landed at a more opportune time. They were recently outclassed when they toured Australia and this win has not only boosted morale but has helped them leap over England and Pakistan to third position in the championship table.

A resource-strapped cricket administration has perfected the art of prioritising cricket development and fund allocation. The six regional teams in the first-class competition prioritise the need to find players for the national team. The focus on "A" tours to enable the development of talented players against the best teams worldwide in different conditions led to an alteration in funds allocation. They cut costs by reducing the first-class season from 10 games per team to eight from the 2018/19 season. Unlike South Africa which burnt Rs 100 crore in trying to set up a Global T20 league before they binned the idea, New Zealand didn't let ambition run away with prudence. Since they could not afford to pay Kane Williamson and other players as much as England and India, they adjusted their domestic cricket calendar to ensure more New Zealand players were available to be picked in T20 leagues in other countries.

In the end '90s, New Zealand were barely above Zimbabwe in both Tests and ODIs among the Test playing nations but a structural overhaul in governance in 1995 helped. The six directors, who represented the six regions, agreed on dismantling the system. An independent panel of administrators found it easier to create robust governance. The problem of a finite pool of players will continue to keep the administrators on their feet but they can pat themselves on the back for what they have accomplished.



SAUGATA BHATTACHARYA

THE LATEST DATA from the National Statistical Office (NSO) retained India's economic growth forecast at 5 per cent for the current financial year, unchanged from the previous estimate presented at the end of January. Growth has dropped from 6.1 per cent in the previous year. But, more strikingly, nominal GDP growth has decelerated from an average of 11 per cent during 2016-17 to 2018-19 to 7.5 per cent this year, with lower inflation adding to the volume slowdown. The value of India's GDP for FY20 is estimated at around \$2.9 trillion.

GDP is estimated from both output and demand lenses, using specific economic indicators as proxies for activity in specific sectors. From the output side, agriculture sector growth was revised up to 3.7 per cent (up from the 2.8 per cent previously), industrial activity was lowered to 1.5 per cent (from 2.3 per cent earlier), while services output remained largely unchanged at 6.5 per cent. Agricultural production is expected to improve based on the third advance estimates of the rabi season crops, as well as higher horticulture and allied sector output (livestock, forestry and fishing), which now is significantly larger than conventional food crops. The key concern regarding the continuing slowdown is the increasing weakness in the industrial sector (particularly of manufacturing), whose growth has progressively fallen from 13.1 per cent in FY16 to 5.7 per cent in FY19, and plummeting to 0.9 per cent in FY20.

From a demand perspective, the obverse side to the manufacturing slowdown is the even sharper drop in fixed asset investment growth — down sharply from an average 8.5 per cent during FY17 and FY19 to -0.6 per cent in FY20. The causes for this contraction needs to be understood in detail, and we will return to this.

The other significant driver of growth in India has been private consumption. For perspective, the share of private consumption had averaged 59-60 per cent during FY16-FY20. Reflecting the higher spending over

GDP data suggests slowdown has bottomed out, but a sustained recovery will require boosting credit flow

the last couple of years, the share of government consumption in GDP has risen from an average of 10.5 per cent of GDP over FY12-17 to almost 12 per cent in FY20, resulting in the share of total consumption above 70 per cent.

The really remarkable trend, though, as noted above, is the share of nominal investment in GDP progressively dropping from 39 per cent in FY12 to 30 per cent in FY20. Part of this is actually good, reflecting higher capex efficiency. However, one narrative underlying the contraction in fresh capex in FY20 was slowing household consumption growth, which, in nominal terms, fell from an average 11.6 per cent during FY16-19 to an estimated 9.1 per cent in FY20. Though the deceleration *prima facie* does not seem significant enough to result in a broader economic slowdown of the current magnitude, the high share of household consumption has contributed disproportionately to lower growth. A direct fallout of this is that seasonally adjusted capacity utilisation (based on RBI surveys) had shrunk from 73.4 per cent in the first quarter of FY20 to 70.3 per cent in the second quarter, and this is unlikely to have improved materially in the second half of the year. This is one of the reasons for the low levels of fresh investment.

The other cause of the low capex, more from the supply side, is a much reduced flow of credit to the commercial sector, and this remains the proximate impediment for growth revival, with signs of risk aversion in lending still strong despite the recent measures by RBI to incentivise credit to productive sectors. Funds from selected sources, over April-January FY20, was only about Rs 9 lakh crore as against Rs 15 lakh crore in the corresponding 10 months of FY19. Growth in bank credit (which is still the largest source of financing) till mid-February 2020 was down to 6.3 per cent — the lowest in three years. Even this is almost wholly driven by retail credit; incremental credit to industry and services over this pe-

riod was negative.

One bright feature in this economic environment is strong foreign investor confidence in India, reflected in both FPI equity and FDI flows. Many borrowers have used offshore sources to refinance or pay down domestic bank loans and debt. However, a global risk-off environment might restrict even this channel in the near future. Domestic corporate bond issuances have also remained robust, although the dominant set of borrowers still remain public sector agencies and financial institutions.

Monthly economic indicators suggest that the growth deceleration has likely bottomed out in the third quarter. The bet has been on reducing inventories and the consequent production ramp-up to replenish stocks. However, the evidence on this is mixed. The coronavirus effects, both concurrent and lagged, will also moderate some of the emerging positive effects of countercyclical policy measures of the past six months. If the outbreak does not abate over the next month or so, the complex supply chains of intermediates sourced from China will run dry and add to the already weak system demand. In addition, surveys indicate that both business and consumer confidence, which while improving, remain muted. A growth revival, hence, is likely to be only very modest over the next few quarters.

A \$5 trillion economy by 2025 is still a worthwhile target and aspirational; coordinated strategies, policies, execution and institutional mechanisms will be needed to move up to a sustained 8 per cent plus growth consistent with achieving the target. The focus in the near future should to increase investments and facilitate credit for funding these productive assets so that India's potential output growth can steadily rise.

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SINCE TIMES IMMEMORIAL, women in India have been regarded with the utmost respect and accorded prestige. For a nation to progress, it is essential to empower women. I am glad that India has been blessed with women pioneers who have broken the shackles of gender stereotypes in every field.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on the launch of the expanded Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (March 8, 2018): "Daughters are not a burden but the pride of the whole family. We realise the power of our daughters when we see a woman fighter pilot. The country feels proud whenever our daughters bag gold medals, or for that matter any medal, in the Olympics."

As a father of three daughters, I understand the struggle our daughters face in fighting gender stereotypes and biases. But with their determination they are able to sail on the ship of success. I feel proud to cheer my daughters' triumphs towards equality. Arushi, my eldest daughter, has defied all odds and is now an Indian classical dancer, entrepreneur and film producer. I couldn't have been more proud when Shreyasi continued the military tradition of Uttarakhand and joined the Army Medical Corps. Vidushi, the youngest of the three, wants to bring a change in society and is a gold medalist in law.

Allied to the march towards equality with our sisters and daughters of the country, let us understand the theme of Women's Day: "I am Generation Equality: Realising Women's Rights." The year 2020 has been earmarked as a crucial year by UN Women to assess progress made globally to achieve gen-

## EDUCATE AND EMPOWER

Because when you educate a girl, you educate a nation

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der equality and human rights for all women and girls since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action.

On this occasion, it is important for me to reflect on how successful the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under the leadership of PM Modi has been in providing equal opportunities. It is heartening that due to the Swachh Bharat Mission, 14,67,679 schools now have a functioning girls toilet, an increase of 4.17 percentage points in comparison to 2013-14. The impact of the mission has resulted in an increase in enrolment of girls by 25 percentage points in 2018-19 from 2013-14.

In her budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman applauded the results of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao: "Gross enrolment ratio of girls across all levels of education is now higher than boys. At the elementary level it is 94.32 per cent as against 89.28 per cent for boys, at the secondary level it is 81.32 per cent as compared to 78 per cent and at the higher secondary level girls have achieved a level of 59.7 per cent compared to only 57.54 per cent."

To increase equality of access and opportunity for girls, the MHRD has sanctioned 5,930 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, which are residential schools for girls and have an enrolment of 6.18 lakh girls. An incentive amount of Rs 8.56 crore to the 28,547 beneficiaries has been sanctioned under the National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education. The scheme provides Rs 3,000 which is deposited in the name of eligible unmarried girls below 16 years of age

and entitles them to withdraw it along with interest on reaching 18 years of age and after passing Class X.

Apart from an increase in the gross enrollment rate of the girl child in schools, the educational outcomes and achievements have also improved. I must also express my happiness and pride that girls have performed better than boys in the CBSE Class XII examinations in 2018-19.

To increase the participation of women in STEM education, supernumerary seats have been created in the IITs and NITs. As a result, the number of girls in NITs has grown from 14.11 per cent in 2017-18 to 17.53 per cent in 2019-20 and in IITs from 8 per cent of the total student body in 2016 to 18 per cent in 2019-20 for B.Tech programmes.

In conjunction with the celebration of progress obtained by India in improving gender equality in the education system, there is a need for a much larger collective effort to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating "gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations".

It is said when you educate a girl child, you educate an entire family. Let us all work together for the educational empowerment of all our girls and work towards making a New India.

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## MARCH 4, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

## CABINET EXPANDED

IN THE FIRST expansion of PM Indira Gandhi's Council of Ministers, C M Stephen was sworn in as a Cabinet minister along with four ministers of state. The latest addition raises the number of the Cabinet ministers to 16 and ministers of state to 11. The expansion, however, leaves the prime minister and some of her Cabinet colleagues still holding additional portfolios.

## MUIVAH'S RISE

REPORTS OF A "bloody counter-coup" in the hierarchy of the underground Naga "federal setup" have come from across the Burma border.

According to sources, at least 20 rebels were executed during the mid-December 1979 coup, staged by Naga National Council general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah and vice president Isak Chishi Swu. The two who were put under house arrest about two years ago after a bloodless coup, managed to stage the counter-coup reportedly in collaboration with S S Khaplang, president of the underground "government", located in Burma.

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without reacting at a moment when it saw its national interests at stake," she told the Paris daily *Le Matin*. While not trying "to excuse or whitewash" the Soviet action, she said Afghanistan was on the Soviet border, and with Afghan rebels being armed by Western-backed Pakistan, "what alternative did the Soviets have?"

AASU ON PM INVITE

THE ALL ASSAM Students' Union general secretary, Bhrigu Phukan said the Union had received the prime minister's invitation for a discussion on the foreign nationals issue. A decision on it would be taken at the executive meeting.

# THE IDEAS PAGE

## Teaching the teacher

Inadequacies in planning, regulation, policy and organisational structures in the teacher education space must be addressed, for the sake of the country's future



AMITABH KANT AND SARAH IYPE

**COMPARABLE TO THE** role of a thermometer in diagnosing fever, an assessment of the quality of teacher education can be a status check on the schooling system. Teachers remain at the heart of the issue, and translating schooling into learning is a critical challenge. The learning crisis is evident in the fact that almost half of the children in grade 5 in rural India cannot solve a simple two-digit subtraction problem, while 67 per cent of children in grade 8 in public schools score less than 50 per cent in competency-based assessments in mathematics.

On the one hand, India is dealing with a scenario of significant teacher vacancies, which are to the tune of almost 60-70 per cent in some states. In fact, there are over one lakh single-teacher schools present across the country. But, on the other hand, there are 17,000-odd Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs) that are responsible for preparing teachers through programmes such as the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed), and Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed). Taking their sanctioned intake into account, at full operation, these TEIs could generate over 19 lakh freshly trained teachers every year as against the estimated annual requirement of 3 lakh teachers. To put things in perspective, currently, there are about 94 lakh teachers across all schools in India. Every year, the teacher education system could therefore be producing one-fifth of the total number of school teachers.

Apart from this glaring quantitative aspect, let us consider the quality aspect. Not only are these TEIs generating a surplus supply of teachers, they are also producing poor-quality teachers. Besides it being reflected in the dismal state of learning across schools, the pass-percentage in central teacher eligibility tests that stipulate eligibility for appointments as teachers has not exceeded 25 per cent in recent years. This begs a pertinent question – how did we get here?

The answers lie in the inadequacies of planning, regulation, policy and organisational structures.

The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and its four regional committees (north, south, east and west), established by statute, are responsible for teacher education in India. However, the Act assigns disproportionate power to the regional committees which grant programme affiliation while the Council has been rendered toothless.

Perverted incentives, widespread corruption and commercialisation have resulted in a massive proliferation of sub-standard TEIs.

The decade between 2004 and 2014 saw a five-fold increase in the number of programmes recognised by these regional committees. About 90 per cent of these institutes are privately owned and a mind-boggling majority of them are standalone institutes, running single programmes with as few as 50 students. In fact, while most of these TEIs are financially unviable, some function out of tiny rooms with duplicate addresses, and a few could even be selling degrees at a fixed price. These institutes function in isolation from the rest of the higher education system, and there is no system to assess and accredit them. Consequently, there is no systemic sieve to ensure the entry of only motivated and meritorious individuals into the teacher education space.

A more granular look reveals disparities across regions and programmes offered.

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in Uttar Pradesh. In fact, Ghazipur, a district in UP with a population of around one lakh, has a whopping 300 TEIs. Approximately half of the total TEIs are in the northern region with Rajasthan having the second-largest number of institutes. And while there are about 17 recognised teacher education programmes, a majority of TEIs offer only B.Ed and D.El.Ed programmes. This reinforces the point of poor planning as the country is actually facing a shortage of subject-teachers in secondary schools and teacher-educators for whom a Master of Education (M.Ed) degree is a requisite (offered in less than 10 per cent of the TEIs).

Adding to the mix of challenges is an outdated teacher preparation curriculum framework that was last updated over a decade ago. Further, on the governance front, multiple agencies have oversight on teacher education.

Clearly, this establishes a compelling case for radical reforms in the sector. Any reform initiative must be built on credible data. Till date, there is no accurate real-time database of the number and details of teacher education institutes, students enrolled and programmes offered. Such data could be used to create a comprehensive plan for the sector, devising the optimal number of TEIs, their regional spread and programme-wise intake. One cannot but underscore the significance of proper planning. The teachers will concur.

Beyond optimising numbers, an accurate system of assessment and accreditation must be developed to ensure high-quality teacher education. The National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC), responsible for quality-standards in higher education, has only covered 30 per cent of all institutes since its establishment back in 1994. Given the extensive landscape of the teacher education sector alone and current capacity constraints, it is necessary that multiple accreditation agencies be empaneled. A common accredi-

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tation framework should be designed through a consultative process including all relevant stakeholders to facilitate its wider acceptability. A transparent and credible system of accreditation could form the bedrock for weeding out substandard TEIs and propelling quality improvements in the rest.

Another core determinant of quality is the curriculum which must be regularly revamped and revised to ensure that our teacher education system is aligned to global standards. Ideally, given that teacher education requires a good mix of curricular inputs and good-quality pedagogy, experts are rightly advocating for a shift towards integrated four-year subject-specific programmes to be housed in multidisciplinary colleges and universities. In the first phase, these may be initiated in select central and state universities. This could also potentially serve as an avenue for India to outsource its surplus high-quality teachers to over 70 countries that face a teacher shortage.

Finally, reforms must be driven by administrative will and executed through a well-established governance mechanism, clearly establishing ownership and accountability for set work streams across multiple agencies.

The draft National Education Policy presents a ray of hope. Its vision to restore integrity and credibility to the teacher education system needs to be translated into effective action. India is estimated to have the largest workforce within the next decade. This means that a population bulge is on the cusp of entering the higher education ecosystem now. The pressing need of the hour is to focus on providing the best quality teacher education to those who aspire to build the future of this country.

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the seeds of Pakistan in 1920 and the same mindset is now demanding granting of citizenship to Muslims of Pakistan as well, who are perpetrators of violence against minorities there. The only difference is that neither the political establishment nor Hindus are ready to succumb to the politics of blackmail," the signed editorial by Prafulla Ketkar said.

He has questioned the intention of the protests asking why there were riots only in Muslim majority areas. "Remember, there are many Shaheen Baghs all over Bharat. Amidst the rhetoric of democracy and Constitution, Islamist, Supremacist and violent narratives are played there. ...the desperation to vitiate the atmosphere, perfectly timed with the visit of US President Donald Trump, to internationalise the issue started with occupying Jaffrabad Metro Station and when it was resisted by the locals, it resulted in full scale rioting and massacre," the editorial said.

### ISI CONSPIRACY

ANOTHER ARTICLE on anti-CAA protests and the recent riots has claimed that videos show the riots were led by Muslims. It goes on to suggest that it could be an ISI conspiracy. "All these protests, violence and riots seem to be clearly orchestrated by vested interests. The on-going violence in Delhi is a culmination of 2 months long 'protest'. It comes against the backdrop of Trump's visit to India. Could it be the ISI? Could it be the breaking India forces functioning within the country? Or is it an outcome of the both shaking hands?"

Claiming this was not the first time that "those against India" were working hard to show India in bad light on international stage, the article has paraphrased a social media post of Major General Gagandeep Bakshi where he has purportedly hinted at an ISI conspiracy. "Since, the Modi government came to power, the number of terrorist attack on civilians has reduced. This has upset the establishment in Pakistan as their attempts to carry out terror strikes have caught up with the law of diminishing returns. In his Facebook post, he says that the ISI had engineered the riots and the armed violence in Delhi... a deliberate attempt to tarnish India's image globally. Mentioning that the violence was a pre-planned and a deliberate one, he pointed that it is a failure of intelligence. He called out the Leftist bureaucracy for giving a free run to separatists and Maoists under the pretext of free speech. He said that the ISI operatives in Delhi have taken advantage of the focus on VIP security to stage well-timed riots in the capital to make a mockery of the republic."

The article concluded with the statement that no protests should be allowed and police must deal with them with an iron hand.

### NO DEAL, BIG DEAL

IN AN article analysing the gains of US President Donald Trump's India visit, *Organiser* said that even though the two countries failed to ink any trade deal, India had asserted its position in the world and told

the US that it could not be taken lightly.

"Strongly rejecting the unfair trade and economic demands of the US and not signing trade agreements without causing any rift in Indo-US relations Modi has written a new chapter in Indo-US relation, based on equality and mutual benefit and not on coercion and arm twisting," it said.

It argued that India had emerged as a tough negotiator during the visit. "India has been successful in pushing the US to favour India's action on Kashmir, making strategic agreements with India etc, and not allowing them to meddle in our internal affairs. Narendra Modi government's foreign policy can be considered a great success in this regard. Trump has also repeatedly said that Prime Minister Modi is a good friend, but an equally 'tough negotiator,'" the article said.

It has also argued that due to India's strong position in the world, American support to Pakistan has become history. "America should not forget that India is an emerging power... whose strength is also very important for global strategic balance. It should respect the sentiments of India while abandoning its petty economic interests. America's supportive stance towards Pakistan has now become a history, for which too, Modi deserves a big credit. In such a situation, the increasing proximity of America with India is not only a success of India's foreign policy, it is also a good sign for peace and harmony in this region," it said.

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### VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

**BLAMING DEMOGRAPHY** IN THE backdrop of Delhi riots, the English mouthpiece of the RSS, *Organiser*, has dedicated its latest issue to anti-CAA protests. Alluding to a certain communal incident in pre-Independent India's Kerala, where it claimed Hindus were killed by Muslims, the magazine's editorial claimed the riots showed that Hindus were once again at the receiving end. It also said the anti-CAA protests were about changing India's demography and not an assertion of democracy.

"Perpetuating permanent insecurity among the Muslim ghettos hand-in-glove with secularists is the business of Islamist leadership. For them the communal demographic advantage is more superior to democracy and national development. Anti-CAAsim is just an expression of the same separatist insecurity based on religion and demography. Constable Ratan Lal and IB officer Ankit Sharma are victims of this ghettoism," the editorial said.

It argued that protests at Shaheen Bagh, which later spread to Northeast Delhi, were an attempt to turn India into Pakistan. "The politics of ghettoism and vetoism had sown

### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"We should be confident, even though the resumption of production and work comes with risks, as an unbreakable great wall of epidemic prevention has been formed in China by the government's increased ability in prevention and control, as well as people's high vigilance to the virus." — GLOBAL TIMES CHINA

## The rights of others

Government's assurance on CAA-NRC-NPR ignores a basic moral principle: Humanity, humaneness begin with empathy



ALOK RAI

their children with them to attend a protest against the CAA — even though, clearly, their rights were unaffected. Indeed, the children might have been too young to even understand what rights mean — rather like the UP police, in fact. And of course, given that the UP police were there, the children could easily get hurt, right?

At about the same time that this curious story about the concern of the UP police for children's rights appeared, my daughter sent me a picture of a small anti-CAA demonstration in Oxford: Some 40-odd people, standing on the cobbles outside the Radcliffe Camera, shaking their fists in protest in the winter air. And there, part of the conscientious gaggle of protesters, was my elder grandson, blowing away on his trombone, a musical accompaniment to the demonstrators' slogans. And my younger grandson, not yet five, looking baffled, standing beside his mother. Alas, he wasn't up to understanding the intricacies of the CAA, but he still picked up a crucial cry — *Inquila Zindaba!*

Of course, it may also be technically/legally true. After all, if all that was being proposed was a faith-based denial of citizenship to some refugees, people who are already "Indian citizens" would be exempt from its purview. Of course, whether or not they are "Indian citizens" would be subject to the determination of the NPR/NRC. And when the CAA helpfully removes some of those deemed "non-citizens" from the category even of eligible refugees — well, the "non-existent" detention camps will accommodate them. To say further that the CAA is only conferring rights on some refugees is beneath contempt — because even a child knows that a selective conferring, whether of sweets or citizenship, is implicitly a denial of my rights are unaffected, but even because my rights are unaffected.

And yet, strictly speaking, that's not even true. I have a constitutionally guaranteed right to my country, a right — indeed, a responsibility — to be concerned about my country, and about the fate of my country. That right supersedes any alleged "mandate", and is rooted in the democratic Constitution of my country.

The Constitution is not simply a document. Grammatically speaking, it is the record of an act and a process, a heroic endeavour of self-making through which, in the midst of a million difficulties, the Republic of India was created — democratic, secular, socialist, committed to principles that were spelt out in the Preamble. It is to the Preamble that we turn to remind ourselves of who we were, and what we set out to become, in that blood-stained moment, over 70 years ago.

So if the Sangh Parivar wish, now, to create a new kind of India then they will have to begin at the beginning: Convene a new Constituent Assembly, and let's see if we can agree on another viable India. But if we should fail, the responsibility for that failure will rest squarely on their shoulders, who have, patiently and assiduously, worked to hollow out and undermine the Constitution. Writing in *The Guardian*, the novelist Amit Chaudhuri expressed with clarity and eloquence what is at stake in the deceitful phrasing of the CAA, as well as in its devious concert with the NPR and the "as-yet-undiscussed" NRC: "What's being put to death here with the omission of a single word is what it means to be Indian: part of a fraught but great experiment that has no parallel anywhere in the world. Every Indian has contributed to creating India, and we — not just Muslim refugees — are suddenly being denied access to what we've created." So.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### CENTRE MUST ACT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Delhi to Shillong' (IE, March 3). The violence reported in various parts of the country is a result of the central government's failure, and its inaction. It seems that the riots are encouraged by some people in active politics. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure the safety of its citizens. Undoubtedly, unless the central and state governments take measures to control riots immediately, people will lose faith in them.

Sarjerao Narwade, Sangli

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Delhi to Shillong' (IE, March 3). It is high time the Centre addresses to the widespread suspicion created by the CAA/NRC talk. After all, it is the citizens that they have vowed to protect. To act oblivious while the debate takes a violent turn shows poor judgement.

Alisha Parvez Thakur, Vadodara

#### GREAT EXAMPLE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'In a Jharkhand corner, Deputy Commissioner opts for a government hospital to deliver baby' (IE, March 2). IAS officer Kiran Pas's courage of conviction — to have her C-section in a government district hospital — is exemplary. Netas and godmen who preach to the people on every issue under the sun ought to emulate her.

LR Murmu, via email

#### LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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#### PRIVATE SPACE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'New forces in orbit' (IE, March 3). The ISRO and its commercial arms, Antrix and NSIL, are doing phenomenally well in furthering India's space capabilities. The ever-evolving space sector provides enormous opportunities and private sector participation in all its aspects is inevitable. The ISRO officially confirmed that about 80 per cent of launch vehicles and 60 per cent of spacecraft are made privately by the 400-odd companies that work with ISRO. The Draft Space Activities Bill has been in the public domain for quite some time and should be considered for legislative scrutiny.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

## TELLING NUMBERS

10,000 student suicides a year in India, 1,400/year in Maharashtra

## STATES WITH 1,000+ STUDENT SUICIDES (2016-18)

STATE	2016	2017	2018	3-YR TOTAL
Maharashtra	1,350	1,437	1,448	4,235
Tamil Nadu	981	810	953	2,744
Madhya Pradesh	843	953	862	2,658
West Bengal	1,147	779	609	2,535
Karnataka	540	702	755	1,997
Gujarat	556	638	570	1,764
Chhattisgarh	633	524	603	1,760
Telangana	349	504	428	1,281
Odisha	390	361	501	1,252
Uttar Pradesh	263	436	513	1,212
Kerala	340	410	375	1,125
Andhra Pradesh	295	392	360	1,047
<b>ALL INDIA</b>	<b>9,478</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>10,159</b>	<b>29,542</b>

Source: Ministry of Human Resource Development

BETWEEN 2016 and 2018, nearly 10,000 students committed suicide every year in India, data tabled by the Human Resource Development Ministry in Parliament show. The Ministry sourced its data from 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India', which is based on data provided by the states and Union Territories.

Maharashtra accounted for 1 in every 7 student suicides in the country – 4,235 out of 29,542 in the three years combined, or about 1,400 a year. Maharashtra had over 1,300 student suicides in each of the three years, while West Bengal was the only other state with over 1,000 in any single year – 1,147 in 2016.

In the overall three-year totals, Maharashtra was followed by Tamil

Nadu (2,744), Madhya Pradesh (2,658) and West Bengal (2,535). Eight more states totalled over 1,000 student suicides in the three years, with Karnataka the highest among these at almost 2,000. Among the Union Territories, Delhi had 626 student suicides – 211, 212 and 203 in the three successive years.

The Ministry said that under Samagra Shiksha, funds are provided to the States and Union Territories to encourage teachers to function as the first-level counsellors in schools. The Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has appointed counsellors in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, while the NCERT has developed textbooks that deal with stress, anxiety and related problems in schools, the Ministry said.

## TIP FOR READING LIST

## WHAT WE JUNK, WHERE IT ALL ENDS UP

IN THE age of consumerism, people buy a lot and many eventually give away some of it, particularly clothes once old. When someone dies, their relatives often donate their possessions. What happens to all these discards?

In the preface to his book, Minter writes, "(Readers) will find a surprising world where what's old becomes new again, over and over, and the desire to profit from castoffs creates innovation and livelihood—all over the world at all hours of the day."

Reviewing the book, *Nature* magazine writes: "In exploring the vast global tide of used and discarded goods, Adam Minter delivers a book as crammed with oddities and gems as the second-hand shops he loves to haunt."

Minter, who is currently the Shanghai correspondent for *Bloomberg World View*, grew up in a family of scrap dealers in Minneapolis. Previously, he wrote *Junkyard Planet: Travels in the Billion Dollar Scrap World*. On his website, he describes himself as a "Journalist. Author. Junk Man".



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## Quitting social media or taking a break? Here's what you must know

SHRUTI DHAPOLA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

ON MONDAY evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on Twitter what could have been read as an intention to walk away from social media. "This Sunday, thinking of giving up my social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube. Will keep you all posted," he tweeted.

By Tuesday afternoon, however, Modi had clarified that he intended to only make a gesture to honour some "inspiring women" on the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8).

**Why would Modi quitting social media – in the event that he indeed did so – be such a big deal?**

Modi was one of the first mainstream politicians in India to realise the potential of social media. He had a YouTube channel as early as 2007, he has been active on both Twitter and Facebook since 2009, and he has been leveraging social media to build his image from long before he became Prime Minister. Today, he is one of the biggest stars on global social media plat-

forms – with 53.4 million followers, he is the world's third most followed leader on Twitter (behind Barack Obama, 113.3 million, and Donald Trump, 73.3 million), and the most followed on Instagram (35.2 million followers, significantly ahead of Obama's 26.9 million). Modi's YouTube channel has 4.51 million subscribers. On Twitter, he has been the main draw for a large number of Indian users.

**Is it possible to quit all social media?**

Yes, of course – you can deactivate or delete your accounts on social media. By deactivating, you put your account out of use temporarily, and can get back online at any time using the password and email id for that account. In a 2018 Pew Research survey, about 59% of respondents in the United States said it wouldn't be hard for them to quit any social media platform. About 40% said it would be a problem to quit – this group was only 28% in the previous version of the survey in 2014.

On Facebook and Instagram, you can both deactivate and delete accounts; on YouTube, you can both hide and delete. Twitter allows only deactivation of a handle; on WhatsApp and TikTok, you can only delete.

**Facebook**

**DELETE:** If you delete your account on Facebook, all content – photos, posts, videos, etc – that you have uploaded will be lost forever. However, photos of you that others may have posted will stay.

You will lose Facebook Messenger access. Any messages sent by you earlier will still be visible in your friends' inboxes, but your account name will disappear from next to those messages.

Your Facebook login for third-party apps will be revoked. If you have signed into an app using Facebook, you should create a new account there before deleting.

Facebook gives users the option to cancel a deletion for up to 30 days after taking this step. It says that deleting all of the data might take up to 90 days, even though your information will no longer be accessible to other Facebook users.

Should you decide to delete your account, it is recommended that you log on and download a copy of all your Facebook data onto a personal computer first. You will find the option to download in your Facebook Information settings.

Once you are ready, click Deactivation and Deletion. Choose Delete Account, then

click on Continue to Account Deletion. You will be asked for your password. Click continue, followed by Delete Account.

**DEACTIVATE:** Your profile gets hidden, but your photos, posts, and videos are not deleted. Facebook Messenger access continues, and your profile picture remains in conversations with your friends. Other users can search for you by name on the network. Also, Facebook login for third-party apps will continue.

To deactivate your Facebook account, go to Facebook settings, then Facebook Information. Click on Deactivation and Deletion; choose Deactivate Account, then click Continue to Account Deactivation. You will be asked for your password before the account is deactivated.

To reactivate your account, you will need access to the email and mobile number that you used when logging into the account.

**Instagram**

You can either disable/deactivate your Instagram account, or delete it altogether.

If you deactivate, your profile, photos, comments, and likes will be hidden, and your followers will no longer be able to find your account or see your photos.

## SIMPLY PUT QUESTION &amp; ANSWER

## How to handle COVID-19 scare

Can you catch coronavirus infection by going to a party or shaking hands? Are masks and washing hands effective means of prevention? In panic season, a primer on what works or doesn't, what's safe or unsafe

ABANTIKA GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

SINCE MONDAY, new cases of confirmed coronavirus infection in Delhi, Hyderabad and Jaipur have led to a series of precautionary measures by government and school authorities, and panic particularly among residents of the National Capital Region. Much of the panic has been spread by alarmist messages via WhatsApp. What actions are safe or unsafe, and what measures are necessary or unnecessary? Here is all you need to know:

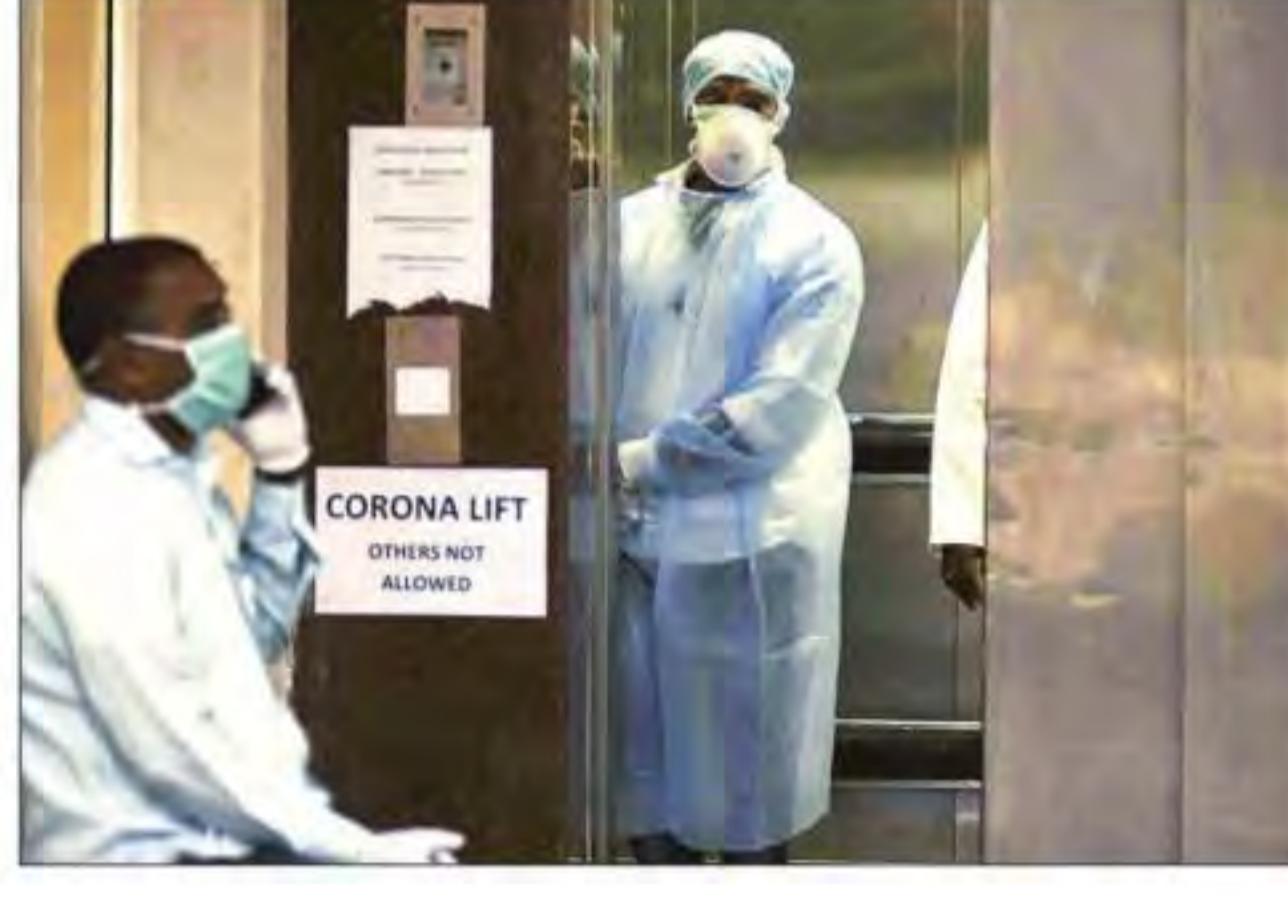
**What test is done for coronavirus? Are private laboratories equipped?**

The first test that samples of all suspected patients are sent for is the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. If that is positive, the sample is sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune, which is the only government laboratory currently doing genome sequencing, for final confirmation. This final confirmatory test specific for the novel coronavirus was developed virtually overnight after the emergence of the disease. There are many viral research and diagnostic laboratories such as the ones in AIIMS, Delhi, King George's Medical University in Lucknow, Sawai Man Singh Hospital in Jaipur, National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases in Kolkata, and Indira Gandhi Government Medical College in Nagpur, where the PCR test can be done. Many private laboratories are equipped to do the tests but, because of the risk of spreading the infection and the possibility of treatment/iso-lation delays, it is considered better to go to designated government centres.

**Can masks contain the infection?**

Masks are effective in containing the spread of infection. Any person with a history of travel to affected areas or of contact with infected persons, and showing symptoms of the disease, should use a mask. It is also important for medical staff to use masks.

For the general population, it is not essential to use masks at the current moment. In fact, masks come with their own hazards. For a person with an existing medical condition,



Doctors outside an isolation ward at Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

**Is it all right to send children for birthday parties and other such gatherings? Is it okay to use public transport?**

Only if someone among the party's guests or hosts has a history of exposure to an infected person, or a history of travel to a country where cases have been reported, is it advisable to avoid throwing or attending a party. The same holds for passengers on public transport. If there is no such history, there is no bar on gatherings or public transport at the current moment. At the same time, it is of paramount importance to maintain basic coughing and sneezing etiquette, and to repeatedly wash or sanitise hands.

**Are hand sanitisers effective?**

They are, provided they are alcohol-based and the alcohol content is more than 60%.

The US Centers for Disease Control recommends washing hands with soap and water whenever possible because handwashing reduces the amounts of all types of germs and chemicals on hands. But if soap and water are not available, using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol can help you avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Hand-washing, though, remains the first and best step, preferably with warm water.

**Is it safe to shake hands?**

The virus can transmit itself via hand contact, especially if the infected person has coughed or sneezed into his own hands. As the number of people exposed to the virus goes up, and given the 14-day incubation period during which a person can stay asymptomatic but spread the disease, it may be better to use a hands-off greeting, such as a *namaskar*.

**Is sexual contact safe?**

It is, but again, it may be better not to kiss. Also, whatever the act, hand-washing remains the cardinal safety measure at all times.

**How prepared is the government?**

So far, the government has not been challenged by the detection of any case of local transmission. However, if and when that happens, and the contact tracing process gets more and more complicated as the net widens, the health systems will be tested hugely. The government has already introduced travel restrictions and suspended visas from affected countries. A detailed containment plan has been shared with states.

States have been asked to identify possible isolation areas in hospitals that can accommodate larger numbers. They have been asked to augment existing isolation wards and include facilities of the Labour Department, armed forces, paramilitary forces, medical colleges and PSUs within their jurisdiction.

**How did the Delhi cases slip airport screening?**

Screening of passengers from Italy started from February 26. The cases now detected had entered the day before. With large numbers coming in from across the world, airports are always a hotspot, given the fact that in the last 24 hours the virus's footprint has expanded from 66 to 75 countries.

**Should you stop eating out?**

Not yet. If you had to start avoiding public places, then it would have extended to schools and workplaces too. That situation has not arisen yet. Also, avoiding public places, or advising others to do so, may create unnecessary panic. In fact, even for the Noida school where the children of the Delhi patient study, officials of the National Centre for Disease Control say it is all right for children to return to school once fumigation is done and the school reopens next week.

There is a need to keep privacy concerns of patients in mind, without compromising on necessary, verified information – for example, the Noida schools have not given out the identity of the students but they have shared the fact that one parent has tested positive. It is important to refrain from spreading random social media messages, especially from perpetuating doomsday messaging.

## How does this mammal stay pregnant all its life?

KABIR FIRAAQE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

ON MONDAY, researchers reported that the swamp wallaby, a marsupial related to the kangaroo, is pregnant throughout its adult life. It typically conceives a new embryo days before delivering the newborn from its previous pregnancy. The swamp wallaby is likely the only mammal pregnant and lactating all life long, said the researchers, from the University of Melbourne and the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, Berlin. Their study is published in the journal *PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA)*.

**HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?** Female wallabies and kangaroos have two uteri and two separate ovaries. At the end of a pregnancy in one uterus, a new embryo develops in the other uterus. Kangaroos and wallabies regularly have an embryo in the uterus, a young joey in the pouch, and a third semi-dependent young at foot, still drinking its mother's milk.

There is a difference, however. In kangaroos, the new embryo is conceived a day or two after the previous birth. In the swamp



The swamp wallaby conceives while already pregnant. Getty Images

wallaby (*Wallabia bicolor*), the new conception happens one or two days before the previous joey is delivered, the researchers said, after having used high-resolution ultrasound to track pregnancy and mating in 10 female swamp wallabies.

**WHAT HAPPENS AFTER:** As soon as the mature foetus is born and settles in the pouch, the swamp wallaby arrests the development of the new embryo. This is called embryonic diapause, which happens in many animals to pause reproduction until the conditions are right – season, climate, food availability. For wallabies, this is also to ensure that the new one is born only when the pouch is free again. If this did not happen, the swamp wallaby would be birthing new young every 30 days – it has a short gestation period – and its pouch could not support that.

**THE HARE PARALLEL:** There is only one other mammal, the European brown hare (*Lepus europaeus*), that conceives additional embryos before giving birth. There are, however, two key differences. In the hare, the new embryos are conceived in the same uterus that is already supporting foetuses in late stages – which, the researchers note, may be all the more remarkable. The other differ-

ence is that only the swamp wallaby is pregnant all its life. "The hare is only pregnant with the possibility of conceiving new embryos during distinct breeding seasons over about 5–6 months of the year. The rest of the time it is not pregnant or lactating at all," Dr Brandon Menzies of the University of Melbourne, one of the researchers, told *The Indian Express* by email.

**WHY IT MATTERS:** Apart from the

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# THE WORLD

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Press to shut  
after 85 years

**Sydney:** Australia's only national newswire will be shuttered after 85 years of operation, with around 180 staff told Tuesday their jobs will end in June. Staff gathered on the newsroom floor at Australian Associated Press' headquarters in Sydney were told a drop-off in subscribers in the face of free online content meant the company was "no longer viable". "This decision's been made with very heavy hearts. It's been made on an economic and financial basis," chief executive Bruce Davidson said. The newswire will close at the end of June while its subediting business Pagemasters is set to close at the end of August.

BRAZIL  
15 dead in  
torrential rain

**Sao Paulo:** At least 15 people have been killed in torrential rain that hit the Brazilian states of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, triggering flash floods and destroying houses, authorities said on Tuesday. Violent storms in recent days have dumped a month's worth of rain on some areas in a matter of hours, devastating poor neighbourhoods on the southern coast of Sao Paulo state and on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, the country's second-biggest city. At least 10 people were killed early Tuesday and one is missing in Sao Paulo after floods and landslides hit the coastal cities of Santos, Sao Vicente and Guaruja, state authorities said.

FRANCE

**Paris makes  
Brazil's Lula an  
honorary citizen**

**Paris:** Paris city hall made Brazil's former leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva an honorary citizen on Monday, in a likely blow to his political enemy President Jair Bolsonaro whose relationship with France has deteriorated. The motion to honour Lula was backed by the city's Socialist mayor Anne Hidalgo. "Immense joy to give the Honorary Citizen title to Lula. Paris will always stand beside those whose rights are not respected," Hidalgo said on Twitter.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Govts focus on containment as virus alarms sound worldwide; US toll at 6

Over 90,000 cases across globe; China reports 125 new cases, its lowest daily number since January

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
MARCH 3

WITH THE threat of a full-scale pandemic growing by the day, governments around the world shifted their focus Tuesday to devising plans to contain the spread of the new coronavirus rather than to stamp it out, and to do so without causing widespread social disruption and economic upheaval.

In the United States, where there are now more than 100 confirmed cases in 15 states and six deaths linked to the virus, the Trump administration sought to project an image of control even as concerns emerged about early missteps, including defective diagnostic kits and highly restrictive rules for administering the tests, both of which may have contributed to the early spread of the virus.

As the number of global infections surged past 90,000, financial policymakers from the world's seven largest economies, known as the Group of 7, discussed Tuesday ways to limit the economic fallout.

US President Donald Trump, in an early morning post on Twitter, called for a "big" interest rate cut "to make up for China's coronavirus situation and slowdown."

China, where the virus first emerged, reported 125 con-



South Korean President Moon Jae-in (second from right) during a Cabinet meeting in Seoul on Tuesday. South Korea has the world's second-highest cases of the coronavirus. AP

firmed new infections Tuesday, the lowest such total since January, as the infections there continued to dwindle.

But the epidemic showed little signs ofwaning elsewhere.

Iran remained a source of concern in the Middle East, with nearby Bahrain and Kuwait reporting dozens of new cases tied to the Iranian outbreak.

Tehran has confirmed more than 2,300 cases, but public health experts have expressed concern that authorities are underestimating the true breadth of

the epidemic there.

Just three weeks ago, South Korea had only a handful of cases. Now there are nearly 5,000, demonstrating how quickly the virus can spread.

And officials in Italy saw the number of new cases push past 2,000 on Tuesday, even as the government sought to restore some sense of normality in Milan, the city closest to the hardest-hit areas in the country's north.

Museums in Milan were permitted to reopen, but visitors were asked to stand about 3 feet apart.

Major cities across China have announced new travel restrictions on people who have recently visited countries where coronavirus infections are on the rise.

On Tuesday, authorities in Shanghai said that all travellers entering the city who had visited countries with significant outbreaks within the past two weeks must undergo a 14-day quarantine at home or at an approved isolation center. Officials in Guangdong province announced similar measures, state news outlets reported Tuesday. NYT

MANY LAWMAKERS  
TAKE ILL IN IRAN

THE NUMBER of people in Iran infected by the coronavirus surged past 2,300, the death toll rose to 77, and the country's head of Parliament said nearly two dozen lawmakers had tested positive and should avoid meeting with members of the public, authorities announced. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader, told the Iranian people anything that facilitates the virus's spread is a sin.

N KOREA: 8,000  
IN QUARANTINE

NORTH KOREA has quarantined around 8,000 people as part of its efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus, South Korea's National Intelligence Service said. The country has not reported any cases of the virus, but there has been concern that it may be hiding an outbreak. North Korea shares a 930-mile border with China.

## ISRAEL ELECTION



Benjamin Netanyahu at the headquarters of his Likud party in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. Reuters

## Netanyahu leads, but lacks majority

JEFFREY HELLER  
JERUSALEM, MARCH 3

PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu led on Tuesday in Israel's third national election in less than a year but was short of a governing majority, nearly complete results showed.

Netanyahu claimed victory in Monday's vote over his main challenger, former armed forces chief Benny Gantz of the centrist Blue and White party, after exit polls projected the right-wing leader's Likud party had come out on top.

"We turned lemons into lemonade," he said at Likud's election headquarters as exit polls were released. But Gantz stopped short of conceding defeat, saying the election could result in another deadlock.

With some 90 per cent of the votes counted, Netanyahu, who has the pledged support of right-wing and religious parties for a coalition government, appeared to control 59 seats in

EXPLAINED  
E.  
Paving way for  
more annexations

THOUGH NETANYAHU may fall short of a majority, his Likud party has a healthy lead over rival Gantz's Blue and White party. If he can finally form a government on the third attempt in less than a year, Netanyahu is likely to annex settlements in the occupied West Bank and the Jordan Valley under Trump's peace plan'. This could further raise tensions in the region as Palestinians see such a move as antithetical to a two-state solution.

parliament, two short of a ruling majority. REUTERS

Tornadoes hit Tennessee, killing at least 19 people

TRAVIS LOLLER &  
KIMBERLEE KRUESI  
NASHVILLE, MARCH 3

TORNADOES RIPPED across Tennessee early Tuesday, shredding at least 40 buildings and killing at least 19 people. One of the twisters caused severe damage across downtown Nashville, destroying the stained glass in a historic church and leaving hundreds of people homeless.

Daybreak revealed a landscape littered with blown-down walls and roofs, snapped power lines and huge broken trees, leaving city streets in gridlock. Schools, courts, transit lines, an airport and the state Capitol were closed, and some damaged polling stations had to be moved only hours before Super Tuesday voting began.

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Nashville residents walked around in dismay as emergency crews closed off roads. Roofs had been torn off apartment buildings, large trees uprooted and debris littered many sidewalks. Walls were peeled away, exposing living rooms and kitchens in damaged homes. Mangled power lines and broken trees came to rest on cars, streets and piles of rubble. AP

The surge has revived memories of the 2015-16 refugee crisis, when over a million people arrived in Europe from Turkey. REUTERS

## Super Tuesday: Biden looks to blunt Bernie rise

STEVE PEOPLES  
& BILL BARROW  
LOS ANGELES, MARCH 3

THE DIZZYING fight for the Democratic presidential nomination reaches a critical juncture on Tuesday as millions of voters from Maine to California head to the polls. Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has energized liberals and young voters, is seeking to pull away from the rest of the field, while Joe Biden hopes to ride a wave of momentum and establish himself as the standard-bearer for the party's moderate wing.

A defence ministry official said of overnight attacks on government forces in 13 of the country's 34 provinces.

Two soldiers were killed in one of the attacks that happened in southern Kandahar province, a government statement said.

The agreement includes a commitment for the Taliban to release up to 1,000 prisoners



(Left) Former Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg endorses Joe Biden in Dallas, Texas. (Right) Bernie Sanders leaves a campaign rally in St. Paul, Minnesota. Reuters, AP



Establishment allies to rally behind his campaign. Amy Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg abruptly ended their campaigns and endorsed Biden. Another former competitor, former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, publicly backed Biden while a new wave of mayors, lawmakers and donors said they would support the former vice president.

Sanders and his closest advisers pushed back against the shift

of party establishment and donor class toward Biden.

Campaigning in Minnesota, Sanders sought to beat back Biden's momentum with a welcoming message to Klobuchar and Buttigieg supporters.

"To all of Amy and Pete's millions of supporters, the door is open. Come on in," Sanders said. "We all share the understanding that together we are going to beat Donald Trump."

The dramatic developments came at a key crossroads in Democrats' turbulent primary season as the party struggles to unify behind a clear message or messenger in its urgent quest to defeat the president. Yet as a field that once featured more than two dozen candidates shrinks to just five, the choice for primary voters is becoming clearer. AP

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## Child dies at sea as migrants flock to Greek shores

LEFTERIS PAPADIMAS &  
ALKIS KONSTANTINIDIS  
KASTANIES, LESBOS, MARCH 3

A YOUNG Syrian boy died on Monday after being pulled from the sea when a boat capsized off the Greek island of Lesbos, Greek officials said, the first reported fatality since Turkey opened its border last week to let migrants reach Europe.

Separately, two Turkish security sources said a Syrian migrant died from injuries Monday after Greek security forces inter-



Migrants at Edirne, on the Turkish-Greek border. AP

vened to prevent migrants crossing from Turkey into Greece, but Athens branded the

claim "fake news."

More than 10,000 migrants, mostly from Syria, other Middle

Eastern states and Afghanistan, have reached Turkey's land borders with EU states Greece and Bulgaria since Ankara said last Thursday it would stop keeping them on its territory.

Farther south, at least 1,000 migrants have reached Greece's eastern Aegean Islands since Sunday. "This is an invasion," Development Minister Adonis Georgiadis told Skai TV.

The surge has revived memories of the 2015-16 refugee crisis, when over a million people arrived in Europe from Turkey. REUTERS

Weinstein had broken the law at the time of the incidents. They spent little time discussing three other accusers called to establish Weinstein's pattern of behaviour.

Still, a second juror said the similarities between the attacks lent credibility to the women's accounts. "Each act happened the same way," the juror said. "Each person said the same thing."

The three jurors thought Weinstein's decision not to testify or to have his brother or close associates vouch for him probably hurt his case. The one friend who did testify, Paul Feldsher, did not

help the defense, two jurors said.

Feldsher, a writer and former talent agent, said Weinstein was a "sex addict" whose appetite for women was "to put it mildly voracious."

"He threw him under the bus," the second juror said. "That didn't help his case at all."

Though the jurors said they were aware of the trial's importance to the #MeToo movement, they said they concentrated on the evidence. The deliberations went on for 26 hours, exhausting them physically and emotionally, they said. NYT

'YOU ARE ANALYSING YOUR OWN MORALITY AS VIEWED BY THE LAW IN A ROOM OF 11 STRANGERS,' A JUROR SAID

## Inside the Weinstein jury: How 26 'stressful' hours led to his conviction

JAN RANSOM,  
SHARON OTTERMAN  
& LAURA DIMON  
NEW YORK, MARCH 3

THE 12 jurors took their seats around a long wooden table in a small room with two sets of windows and an array of carefully tended plants. One panelist, using a black marker, wrote the five charges against Harvey Weinstein on a whiteboard.

"Everybody got a couple minutes to unpack the last five weeks for everyone else," one juror re-

called. "There were different opinions. We were not unanimous anywhere on the first day."

What happened over the next five days in the cramped room at the Manhattan Criminal Courts Building would mark the final downfall for a Hollywood mogul who had faced years of whispered accusations that turned into a worldwide scandal when several women went public in 2017 and said he had sexually harassed and assaulted them.

In a series of interviews, three jurors provided an inside look into how the panel found Weinstein, 67, guilty of rape and criminal sexual assault while acquitting him of the two most serious charges: two counts of predatory sexual assault.

Though the debate was



mostly civil, the stress got to many of them, and several got sick. "You are analysing your own morality

as viewed by the law in a room of 11 strangers. It is a very stressful dynamic," one juror said.

The jury of seven men and five women decided instead to focus narrowly on whether

## Classifieds

## PERSONAL

It is general information that I, Sunil Saini S/o Sh.Rajender Singh Saini R/o H.No.-682, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, inform that name of my son has been wrongly written as Kartik Saini in army record, but the correct name of my son is Kartik Saini. It is certified that I have complied with others legal requirements in this connections-Sunil Saini.

0040534345-7

I, Megha Agarwal W/o Vipul Agrawal R/o-A-2, Sector-36,Noida, GautamBudh Nagar,U.P.,have changed my name to Megha Agrawal Permanently.

0040534347-7

I, Vinod S/o Ram Chandra Thakur R/o-1191-92 K-Block Jahangirpur Bhalaswa Ns Mandi Delhi-110033. Changed My Name To Vinod Thakur.

0040534319-1

I, VIKASH SINGH S/o Kumar Singh R/o D-28A, Rajpur Khurd Colony, Chattarpur, Delhi-110068 have changed my name to VIKAS SINGH.

0040534353-9

I, Tushar S/o Sanjay Gupta R/o D-16/91 Sector-3 Rohini Delhi-110085 changed my name to Dhruv Gupta.

0040534330-1

I, Tasneem Begum W/o Sabir Ali Khan, R/o- E-3/45, Street-1, Ansar Gali, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 Changed my name to Tasneem.

0040534257-1

I, Sushil Kumar, s/o Gaya Prasad Upadhyay,R/o-Bharat Apartments,D2-UG-4, chander-Nagar,Near-Raghunath-Mandir, Ghaziabad, UP-201010, have changed my name, from Sushil Kumar to Sushil Upadhyay,for future.

0040534357-4

I, Simranbir Singh Amarbir Singh Bharara S/O Amarbir Singh Ajit Singh Bharara R/o-44-B, II-Floor, Block-J3, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027. Changed my Name to Simranbir Singh.

0040534357-6

I, Shivam Vaish S/o Ramesh Chandra Vaish R/o-GF-2, Ahlon-Cpartment, Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad,UP-201010, have changed my name to Shivam Vaishya, Permanently.

0040534357-3

I, Shashikant Prabhakar Rao Shirapukar S/o Prabhakar Shirpukar R/o/H. No240A, UF-2, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010, have changed my name to Shashikant Prabhakar Shirpukar.

0040534204-10

I, Sharon Pradhan W/O Rajesh Pradhan R/O-172, Vasant-Enclave, VASANT-VIHAR-1 South/West Delhi-110057 Have Changed My Name To Sharon Zorini Pradhan, For All Future Purposes.

0040534353-4

I, Shabeer S/o Mohd. Shahzada R/o J-3A/29A, Khirki Extrn. Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 have changed my name to Mohd. Shabeer for all purposes. Also inform that my wife name wrongly written in my Passport No.H9134682 as Shazda Khaton instead of Shajda.

0040534265-2

I, Sunder alias Sharlender Kumar S/o Late Sh.Raghbir R/o House No.93, Near Harijan Chopal, Bakkar Wala, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Sunder for all purposes.

0040534264-3

I, Sarika Garg W/o Rajesh Garg R/o Flat No.509, Royal Block, Super Tech Estate Sector-9, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201012 (U.P.) have changed my name from Sarika Garg to Sarika Jain for all purpose. I state that Sarika Garg and Sarika Jain are same person.

0040534277-1

I, Sarajeet Kaur W/o Swarn Singh R/o-H.No.7 Gali No.7, Block-5 Geeta Colony Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Sarjeet Kaur for all purposes.

0040534309-2

I, Sanjay S/o Peetam Singh R/o-Plot-4/7, Flat-14, Rajendra-Nagar, Sector-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sanjay Choudhary.

0040534330-7

I, Sanjay S/o Babu Lal R/o 28 Dhoobi Ghat T Huts 21 Mahabat Khan Road, DDU Marg, Delhi-2 have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar for all purposes.

0040534263-1

I, Sabiha W/o Intezar Ali R/o-174 A-Extn., Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092. have changed my name to Sabia Begum.

0040534345-1

I, Naresh Sadhana S/O, Mr Tirath Ram Sadhana R/o J 222 Lic Colony Paschim Vihar New Delhi have changed my name to Naresh Sadhana for all purposes.

0040534313-1

I, NEETIKA TOMAR W/o Sh.Abbhishek Saini R/o-J-3/319, DDA-Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to NEETIKA SAINI. for all purposes.

0040534345-10

I, SUBHRAM BAHL son of Shri Vinod Bahi residing of SAI Kripa 8/66, Arya Nagar, Kanpur U.P. have changed my name from SUBHRAM BAHL to SHUBHAM BAHL for all purposes.

I, Ritika Grover W/o Sh.Rajesh Grover R/o H.No.B-287, Lok Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Neelam Grover for all purposes.

0040534264-1

I, Rekha Rani Dalmia W/o Yogendra Kumar Dalmia R/o C204, Apex Golf Avenue, Sports City 1, Plot No GH03, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh,201008 have changed my name to Rekha Dalmia for all purposes.

0070701257-1

I, Ravish Usman Rizvi S/o Noshina Rizvi R/o J-3A/11, Khirk Extention, Malviya-Nagar, New Delhi-17 have changed my name to Ravish Usman Rizvi, for all purposes.

0040534345-9

I, Ravi Kant Kumar R/o:Qtr.No.50/1 Old Willingdon Camp Race Course Air Force Station New Delhi-110003, have changed my daughter's name from Adya Mehta to Aadhyaa Mehta vide-Affidavit dated-02.03.2020 in India.

0040534345-8

I, Ramesh Chand Ramu alias Ramu Bidhuri S/o Late Sh.Hazari Lal R/o 58, Khirbad, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Ramesh Chand Ramu for all purposes.

0040534264-2

I, Rakesh S/o Manni Lal R/o AC-164A, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar permanently.

0040534340-3

I, Divya Sharma W/o Shashi Kant Sharma R/o-103, 1st Floor, Plot-B-43-D, Old DLF-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Anjali Sharma.

0040534340-2

I, Dimple Champaakbhai Mehta W/o Kaushal Hasmukh Meghani R/o-202, C4F-Block, Janakpuri, N.Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Dimple Kaushal Meghani after-marriage.

0040534340-1

I, Puttan Khan Aboo Khan S/o Abbu Khan R/o-16/182, Block-16, Khurji-Vill., Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Puttan Khan.

0040534340-1

I, Chirag S/o Ravi Khurana R/o-RZ-48, A-Block, Gali No.3, Syndicate-Enclave, Raghu-Nagar Delhi-110045, Change my name to chirag Khurana permanently.

0040534353-1

I, Praveen Yadav / Praveen Kumar S/o Kanwar Singh R/o Pg142 FFPG Block Pessangalpur Janakpuri ND-58 have changed my name to Praveen Rao for all purposes.

0040534316-1

I, Satyendar Mittal S/O Suraj Bham Mittal S/O-J-11, Adhyapak-Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041. Changed My Name To Sat Narain Mittal.

0040534319-5

I, Pratipal Sharma S/o Rajeev Kumar Sharma R/o-H.No.-163, Mangal Bazar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Ajay Sharma.

0040534275-1

I, Poonam W/O Krishan R/o 221, Village Lath, Tehsil Gohana, Sonipat-131301. Have Changed My Name To Poonam Devi.

0040534357-5

I, Pankaj Jain, S/o Mahesh Chand Jain R/o-C-288, Chankya-Marg, Chhajipur, Babarpur, Shahdara, Delhi-110032,inform that Pankaj Jain & Pankaj Both are one & the same person.

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0040534345-10

I, Mukesh Kumar Sharma S/o B.K.Sharma R/o-I-570, 5th Avenue, Gaur City, Greater Noida West have changed my name to Mukesh Sharma for all purposes.

I, Lizy Verghese W/o Mr. Abraham Verghese R/o Theekumuri House, Keezhavipur, Mallappally, Pathanamthitta, Kerala, Pin-689587 have changed my name Leelamma Varghese to Lizy Verghese for all future purposes.

I, Laxmi Narain S/O Jai Kishan R/o-804/48, Lekhu-Nagar, Trinagar, Delhi-110035. Changed My Name To Laxmi Narain Goel.

0040534291-3

I, Rekha Rani Dalmia W/o Yogendra Kumar Dalmia R/o C204, Apex Golf Avenue, Sports City 1, Plot No GH03, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh,201008 have changed my name to Rekha Dalmia for all purposes.

0070701257-1

I, Tarvinder Bhatti W/o Akhil Bhatia R/o-37/27 East Patel Nagar Delhi-110008, Changed My Name To Tarvinder Kaur.

0040534291-1

I, Simran Bhatia W/o Kulpreet Singh R/o-270 Sector-3 Rohtak Haryana-124001, Changed My Name To Simran Kaur.

0040534308-3

I, Shiv Ratan Singh Kushwah S/o, Late Laaja Ram Kushwah R/o-C-19 Panchsheel Enclave Loni Road Bhopura Ghaziabad UP-201005. have changed my name to Shiv Ratan Singh

0040534315-1

I, Hari Prasad Aryal S/o Kshageshvar Sharma H.No.1006, Raigarh, Jharkhand, India-812003, have changed my name to Hari Prasad Sharma.

0040534330-5

I, T.S.Priyanka D/o Sushil Kumar R/o-179, Sector-11, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Priyanka Sushil.

0040534330-2

I, Ruhina Khanam W/o Shri Ahatsham Khan R/o-A-2241 Greenfield-Colony Faridabad. Have Changed My Name, From Ruhina Khanam To Ruhina Khan.

0040534357-3

I, Prem Nath S/o Ashraya Lal S/o Bangra, Saran, GS Bangra, Bihar-841412, have changed my name to Prem Nath Gupta

0070701254-1

I, Mohd. Charman S/o Haji Abdul Wahid R/o-7134, Gali-Teliyan, Quresh-Nagar, Delhi-110006. have changed my name to Mohd. Shamim, for all purposes.

0040534319-6

I, Jyotsana Singh aged 51-years, D/o Late Shri. Harsharan Singh Malhan & W/o Shri. Arjun Sharma, R/o-27, Sunder-Nagar, New Delhi-110003, have changed my name as Jyotsana Sharma after-marriage. It is also stated that Jyotsana Sharma, Jyotsna Sharma & Jyotsna Singh is the one & the same person.

0040534340-2

I, Jagjit Kaur w/o Gurpreet Singh Guru Extn.Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051 Have Changed My Name to Jagjeet Kaur Permanently.

0040534290-1

I, Hitherto known as Kuldeep Son of Shri Ram Parkash Residing at Village Kangraur, Nawanshahr Punjab-144503, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Rai.

0040534309-4

I, Hitherto known as Geeta Wife of Shri Kuldeep Residing at Village, Kangraur Disst., S.B.S.Nagar Punjab-144503, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Geeta Rani.

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GOLD

₹42,958



RUPEE

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OIL

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SILVER

₹46,213

Indian basket as on March 2, 2020

International market data till 1900 IST

## SECTOR WATCH PHARMACEUTICAL

**Amid rising COVID-19 cases, panel formed to boost production of key drug ingredients**

PRABHA RAGHAVAN

NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE GOVERNMENT has decided to set up a 10-member technical committee to revive India's lost capacity to make certain crucial drug ingredients, *The Indian Express* has learnt. The development holds significance as it comes in the backdrop of a steady escalation of COVID-19 cases here as well as a continued shutdown of operations in a major Chinese province that exports these key ingredients to the country.

The development comes over a month after the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) formed an expert committee to monitor the potential impact of the novel coronavirus outbreak in China on its supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) to India. The committee, chaired by CDSCO Joint Drug Controller Eswara Reddy, had recommended the formation of this technical committee, which is expected to suggest ways to revive India's API segment, especially its fermentation-based APIs, said industry sources. APIs are the key ingredients that give a drug its therapeutic effect.

One of the duties of the new technical committee is to look into the cost of setting up fresh API manufacturing capacities — greenfield projects — to wean India off its dependency on imports for these products, according to one of the sources.

The new committee will also examine the latest "viable" technologies to make these products, "including backward integration", said the source.

It will also examine a proposal to restart manufacturing of some of these APIs by government undertaking Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), according to another source. Apart from this, it will also look into other existing facilities along with their capacities to make these ingredients.

Around 58 such ingredients had been identified by the committee set up last month, including amoxicillin, vitamin C, neomycin, acyclovir and tetracycline. Exports of some of these ingredients, imported from China's Hubei province that is currently under lockdown, have been restricted by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

HAL previously operated a capacity to manufacture a fermentation-based antibiotic called gentamicin in the 1980s, which later closed, according to a vision document by industry body Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA).

*The Indian Express* first reported on February 21 that the government is planning

**The present stock of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) "may be sufficient" for 2-3 months to make formulations, the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) has said**

to revive old drug manufacturing units that produced key ingredients for crucial medicines in the past, but are now being imported from China.

DoP has constituted the new technical committee because it was receiving varied estimates from industry members of how much more expensive it was to make these APIs in India as compared to China.

Between the 1960s and 1980s, India had set up 7-8 manufacturing plants to make as many as 20 crucial fermentation-based ingredients, including penicillin G, erythromycin, citric acid and vitamin B12. However, in the last three decades, these manufacturing plans were shut down due to "cheaper" alternatives from China.

Industry officials had earlier said that this was because Chinese API manufacturers managed to scale up production with government support like cheaper land during that time. Their products became 20-25 per cent cheaper than domestic firms, making Indian API manufacturers less competitive.

"Even with import duties, their products were cheaper, so our formulators began picking them over Indian manufacturers," one of the officials cited above had said.

India relies on China for nearly 70 per cent of its total API imports, leaving the country in a vulnerable state during the current outbreak of the deadly respiratory coronavirus.

The present stock of APIs "may be sufficient" for 2-3 months to make formulations, said DoP in a release on Tuesday, citing some of the recommendations of the committee that was chaired by CDSCO's Reddy.

The committee had also recommended that the government establish a "Drug Security Authority" to make India "self-sufficient" and a "global leader" in APIs and other key intermediates domestically as well as an exporter, according to a person aware of its recommendations.

Chinese drug makers outside of Hubei have now resumed operations "partially" and are expected to be fully operational by March-end, DoP stated.

## 'EVOLVING RISKS TO ECONOMIC ACTIVITY' Coronavirus spread: US Fed responds with 50 bps cut

REUTERS  
NEW YORK, MARCH 3

THE US Federal Reserve cut interest rates on Tuesday in an emergency move designed to shield the world's largest economy from the impact of the coronavirus.

It was the Fed's first emergency rate cut since 2008 at the height of the financial crisis. In a statement, the central bank said it was cutting rates by a half-percentage point to a target range of 1.00 per cent to 1.25 per cent.

"The fundamentals of the US economy remain strong. However, the coronavirus poses evolving risks to economic activity. In light of these risks and in support of achieving its maximum employment and price stability goals, the Federal Open Market Committee decided today to lower the target range for the federal funds rate," the Fed said in a statement.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the coronavirus



US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell in Washington. AP

would weigh on the US economy for some time. He said he believed the central bank's action would provide "a meaningful boost to the economy."

US stocks initially surged on the move. At 11:47 a.m. ET, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 403.67 points, or 1.51 per cent, at 26,299.65, the S&P 500 was down 39.53 points, or 1.28 per cent, at 3,050.70. US benchmark 10-year Treasury yields fell

to a record low Tuesday. In mid-day trading, US 10-year yields fell to 1.047 per cent, from 1.088 per cent late on Monday. Earlier in the session, 10-year yields hit a record low of 1.022 per cent.

Meanwhile, the pan-European STOXX 600 index closed up 1.4 per cent, after surging as high as 3.3 per cent after the rate cut. Of the 21 European sub-sectors, only banks closed out the session lower.

## Re falls below 73/USD

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, MARCH 3

DESPITE THE rally in the markets, the rupee on Tuesday slumped 43 paise to 73.19 against the US dollar amid concerns over the possibility of capital outflows and a fall in the GDP growth in the wake of coronavirus outbreak.

After starting on a positive note, the rupee witnessed heavy volatility during the session and finally settled below 73 per US dollar level as uncertainty over coronavirus spooked investors. The rupee

had fallen to 72.76 against the dollar on Monday. This is the third consecutive session of fall for the domestic unit during which it has depreciated by 160 paise.

"The entire premise of the rupee being likely to outperform other Asian and emerging market currencies goes for a toss if new coronavirus cases are detected in India. If the disease spreads, it would compound the challenges for the government and the central bank which are already grappling with the weakest economic growth in 7 years," said an analyst with IFA Global.

After a highly volatile ses-

sion, the 30-share benchmark index snapped its seven-day losing streak, surging 479.68 points, or 1.26 per cent, to end at 38,623.70. The broader NSE Nifty jumped 170.55 points, or 1.53 per cent, to close at 11,303.30, led by gains in metal and pharma stocks.

Sun Pharma rose 6.64 per cent, along with stocks of other

## '81% employers feel new I-T regime not to benefit staff'

A survey of HR and finance professionals by Mercer across companies has found that 81 per cent of them don't consider the new optional income tax regime beneficial



### TWO-FOLD CHALLENGE

■ While organisations will have to look for innovative nudges to ensure that employees save voluntarily, it will also create a complex task at hand while negotiating for a better

rate for these benefits with the vendors

■ As much as 83 per cent respondents feel that less than 30 per cent of their employees will opt for the new tax regime

### NEARLY 60%

RESPONDENTS FEEL THOSE WITHIN INCOME BRACKET OF RS 5-10 LAKH AND RS 10-25 LAKH WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE NEW TAX REGIME

### WILL AFFECT SAVINGS

■ A higher 80 per cent of responding employers think the new tax regime will affect the retirement savings behaviour of their employees

■ They also fear the new regime will deter employees from taking voluntary benefits from employers, which will force those drawing higher incomes to look for other options

■ 81% of their employees feel that the new tax regime will not benefit them

### Tax slab under the new system

Up to ₹ 2.5 lakh: NIL  
₹ 2.5 lakh-₹ 5 lakh: 5%  
₹ 5 lakh-₹ 7.5 lakh: 10%  
₹ 7.5 lakh-₹ 10 lakh: 15%  
₹ 10 lakh-₹ 12.5 lakh: 20%  
₹ 12.5 lakh-₹ 15 lakh: 25%  
Above Rs 15 lakh: 30%

### 64%

OF RESPONDENTS EXPECT A MEDIUM TO HIGH COMPLEXITY CHALLENGE IN INTRODUCING THE NEW TAX REGIME

### 13%

anticipate a change in salary structure, which means the employers may continue with same salary structures with various components irrespective of the tax regime chosen by employees

### OVER 80%

employers think the changes in Section 17(2), under which employer contribution towards superannuation, national pension scheme, among others, will affect the amount of money they are investing towards these products

### Existing tax slab

Income Rate (%)  
Up to ₹ 2.5 lakh: NIL  
₹ 2.5 lakh-₹ 5 lakh: 5%  
₹ 5 lakh-₹ 7.5 lakh: 10%  
₹ 7.5 lakh-₹ 10 lakh: 15%  
₹ 10 lakh-₹ 12.5 lakh: 20%  
₹ 12.5 lakh-₹ 15 lakh: 25%  
Above Rs 15 lakh: 30%

Note: The new tax system cuts down on many exemptions

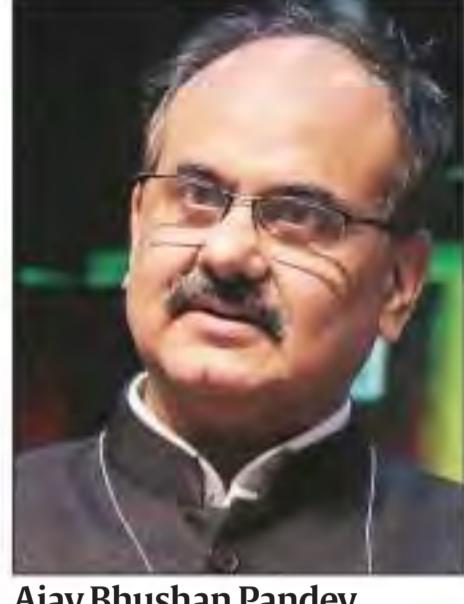
Methodology: The survey covered financial services, automotive manufacturing, IT/ITES, healthcare, chemical/life sciences, consulting, telecom, FMCG/ retail, travel/logistics, and education

Will raise compliance cost  
It will be a challenge for their HR systems to handle dual tax regime, which also increases the compliance cost

Source:  
Mercer/PII

# Revenue Secretary Pandey named Fin Secy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3



Ajay Bhushan Pandey

REVENUE SECRETARY Ajay Bhushan Pandey was on Tuesday designated Finance Secretary, the position conventionally accorded to the senior-most among the five secretaries of the Finance Ministry.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved designating Pandey, a 1984 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, as finance secretary, following the superannuation of Rajiv Kumar, financial services secretary, last month.

Atanu Chakraborty, a 1985 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, is at present secretary, Department of Economic Affairs. Tuhin Kant Pandey, a 1987 batch IAS officer of the Odisha cadre, is secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management. His

batchmate from Tamil Nadu cadre, T V Somanathan is secretary, Department of Expenditure. Debasish Panda, also from the same batch, is financial services secretary.

Pandey has been at the helm of significant reforms such as the sharp reduction in corporate tax rate, introduction of faceless e-assessment,

Document Identification Number (DIN) system and measures to bring down litigation in tax matters. Under his watch, the government has sought to put higher burden of taxes on top earners while providing relief to taxpayers at the bottom. Pandey, an electrical engineering graduate from IIT Kanpur and PhD in Computer Science from University of Minnesota, is of the view that recent decisions by the government, including the option of choosing a tax rate, will help in laying the foundation of a simple tax regime with minimal exemptions, which will benefit both the taxpayers and the tax department.

At present, he also holds the position of chairman of the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN). Pandey has earlier served as the UIDAI CEO. At UIDAI, he was instrumental in bringing in Aadhaar and its linkage to government subsidies.

A detailed written order would be made available on Wednesday, the Bench said.

Jaypee Infratech, which has been stuck in litigation for 939 days as against a Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code's initial deadline of 270 days, was taken to the

## 'Global smartphone sales fall marginally in Q4 2019'

Global sales of smartphones to end users contracted in the fourth quarter of 2019, declining by 0.4 per cent year over year, according to Gartner



### SAMSUNG, HUAWEI AND XIAOMI BUCK THE TREND

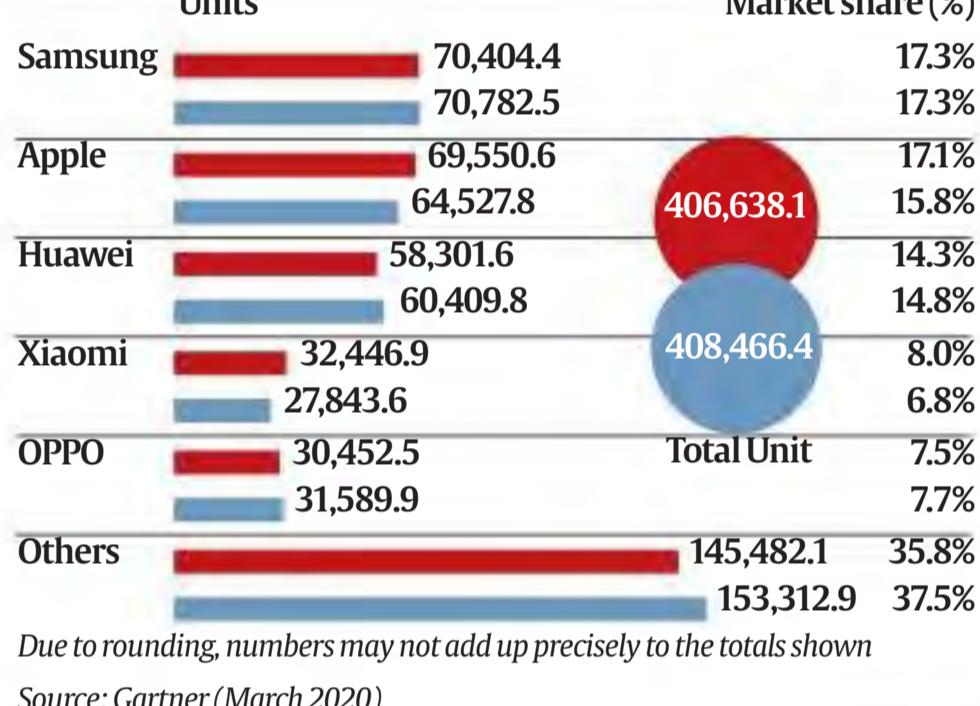
■ Despite a small (0.5 per cent) year-over-year contraction in its smartphone sales in the fourth quarter of 2019, Samsung maintained its No. 1 position in the global ranking for 2019

■ Huawei experienced the highest growth in 2019 with an overall annual increase of 18.6 per cent  
■ Huawei aggressively pursued its strategy in China, where it grew its market share by 37 per cent in 2019

● APPLE AND XIAOMI WERE THE ONLY VENDORS IN THE TOP FIVE TO ACHIEVE GROWTH IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2019

● BACK TO GROWTH AFTER FOUR CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS OF DECLINE, APPLE'S IPHONE SALES RETURNED TO GROWTH, RISING 7.8 PER CENT IN Q4

### WORLDWIDE SMARTPHONE SALES IN Q4 2019 (THOUSANDS OF UNITS)



Source: Gartner (March 2020)

China maintained the lead, with sales of 390.8 million smartphones over the full year

Source: Gartner

## FDI inflow declines slightly to \$10.67 bn in Oct-Dec

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

FOREIGN DIRECT investment into India dipped marginally by 1.4 per cent to \$10.67 billion (about Rs 76,800 crore) during October–December period of 2019–20, according to government data.

Inflow of foreign direct investment (FDI) during October–December of 2018–19 stood at \$10.82 billion.

FDI inflows in July–September period of the current financial year stood at \$9.77 billion.

During April–December period 2019–20, foreign investments into the country grew 10 per cent to \$36.76 billion as against \$33.49 billion in the same period of 2018–19, according to the data.

Sectors which attracted maximum foreign inflows during the nine month period include services (\$6.52 billion), computer software and hardware (\$6.35 billion), telecommunications (\$4.29 billion), automobile (\$2.50 billion) and trading (\$3.52 billion).

Singapore continued to be the largest source of FDI in India during April–December period of the current financial year with \$11.65 billion investments. It was followed by Mauritius (\$7.45 billion), the Netherlands (\$3.53 billion), Japan (\$2.80 billion) and the US (\$2.79 billion).

FDI is important as the country requires major investments to overhaul its infrastructure sector to boost growth.

The government had last year relaxed foreign investment norms in sectors such as brand retail trading, coal mining and contract manufacturing.

## Sebi revises investment manager eligibility regulations for InvITs

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MUMBAI, MARCH 3

SEBI HAS revised its investment manager eligibility norms for Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and also permitted fast-track rights issue by REITs and InvITs without filing draft offer document with the regulator.

The investment manager needs to have an experience of at least five years in fund management or advisory services or development in the infrastructure sector, Sebi said.

Alternatively, Sebi has also allowed a combined relevant experience of at least 30 years of directors, partners and employees of the investment manager, even if it is a newly created entity. "For computing the combined experience, only the experience of the directors/partners/employees with more than 5 years of experience in fund management or advisory services or development in the infrastructure sector shall be considered," the regulator added.

For this, the regulator has amended Securities and Exchange Board of India Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulation, 2014.

The regulations were amended after the regulator in its board meeting on February 17

decided to amend its investment manager eligibility norms for InvITs and permit fast-track issuance of units to existing investors in REITs and InvITs.

The changes in the eligibility norms will help a mega offering worth an estimated Rs 20,000 crore by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which is in the process of setting up an InvIT to monetise its completed public-funded national highways. The markets regulator also revised norms of compensation and penalty applicable on termination of contracts under the regaining matched book regulations for commodity derivatives segment on Tuesday.

Sebi, in September 2016, had come out with risk-mitigating tools, christened as regaining matched book rule, for the commodity market. A circular on Tuesday said that the norms related to compensation and penalty applicable on tear-up of positions have been revised following feedback from Clearing Corporations and stakeholders.

Railways carries highest-ever freight volume in February at 106.5 MT

### STUCK IN LITIGATION FOR 939 DAYS

## NBCC receives NCLT approval to acquire Jaypee Infratech

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE PRINCIPAL Bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Tuesday approved, with modifications, the resolution plan submitted by NBCC (India) to take over debt-laden Jaypee Infratech. A two member Bench, headed by acting president B S V Prakash Kumar, in an oral order said the Rs 750 crore, deposited with the Supreme Court by Jaypee Associates, would also be part of the plan.

A detailed written order would be made available on Wednesday, the Bench said.

Jaypee Infratech, which has been stuck in litigation for 939 days as against a Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code's initial deadline of 270 days, was taken to the

### DETAILS OF THE PLAN

■ Jaypee Infratech was taken to the Allahabad Bench of NCLT by IDBI Bank-led bank consortium

■ The committee of Creditors, consisting of 13 banks, had initially rejected a Rs 7,350-crore joint bid submitted by Lakshadweep Investments & Finance and Suraksha Realty

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proposed to complete pending work on nearly 20,000 flats located in Noida and Greater Noida. The construction company had also proposed to transfer all road assets to the lenders, but with a condition that it would borrow Rs 2,500 crore against expected toll revenue to fund the construction and completion of pending projects

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Lakshadweep Investments & Finance and Suraksha Realty.

In the second round of bidding, the plans submitted by both Suraksha Realty and NBCC had

been turned down by the

lenders. The current plan submitted by NBCC was approved in the third round by the CoC in December last year.

In its plan, NBCC had proposed to complete pending work on nearly 20,000 flats located in Noida and Greater Noida. The state-owned construction company had also proposed to transfer all road assets to the lenders, but with a condition that it would borrow Rs 2,500 crore against expected toll revenue to fund the construction and completion of pending projects.

After the Supreme Court intervened last year, the central government had said that it was "willing to give tax concession running into hundreds of crores" and enhance the compensation being given to the farmers but only if NBCC was allowed to complete the pending projects.

### BRIEFLY

SBI Cards IPO subscribed 87% on Day 2

New Delhi: The IPO of SBI Cards and Payment Services was subscribed 87 per cent on the second day of bidding on Tuesday. The public offer received bids for 8,75,37,632 shares against the total issue size of 10,02,79,411 shares, as per data available with the NSE.

TCS, HCL Tech advice to staff to tackle virus

New Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services and HCL Tech instructed staff to avoid non-essential travel as IT firms put in place measures to safeguard workers against the deadly coronavirus.

Duthaluru is Uber global engg head for CC platform

New Delhi: Uber Tuesday said it has appointed Vidhya Duthaluru the global engineering head for its Customer Care platform.

FCA India launches Rubicon for ₹68.94 lakh

New Delhi: FCA India Tuesday launched its Jeep Wrangler Rubicon SUV model priced at Rs 68.94 lakh (all-India price).

Indian Railway Finance Corp gets nod for IPO

New Delhi: Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has got markets regulator Sebi's approval for its initial public offer (IPO). The IPO comprises fresh issue of 93.8 crore equity shares and an offer for sale of 46.9 crore equity shares by the government of India. PTI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE GOVERNMENT is set to introduce an amnesty scheme for Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) firms for delays in mandatory filings which could benefit 20–25 per cent of the 1.25 lakh LLPs registered in the country. The move is aimed at bringing non-compliant LLPs into the legal fold, a senior government official told the Indian Express.

Under the scheme, LLPs will be given a three-month window to complete overdue filings of four forms through which LLPs provide details of the LLP agreement, partners as well as statement of accounts and annual returns.

The scheme which is set to be run for 90 days from March 16 to June 13 will allow LLPs to file these forms for a delay fee of Rs 10 per day with a maximum of Rs 5,000 per form.

"In cases where these forms have not been filed for 10 years, a stakeholder may have to pay over Rs 3.5 lakh (under the LLP Act). They are presently not completing filings because it is too expensive," the official said adding that

the settlement scheme would allow these LLPs to come back within the fold of the law.

Experts say the move would improve compliance and may even prompt some LLPs to re-initiate business activity.

"They (LLPs) can regularise their non-compliance. A lot of the LLPs have stopped carrying out activities because they found out after a couple of years of starting their LLPs that these filings were to be done and that there were large additional fees to be paid and had chosen to start business in other forms. They can now re-initiate business activities," said Ankit Singhvi, partner at law firm Corporate Professionals.

"This move will also bring LLPs back into the fold of the compliance regime," he added.

## 90-day amnesty scheme to LLPs for filing delays

### TOTAL FREIGHT

1,108 MT

■ By the end of February, the total freight carried by the national transporter stood at 1,108 million tonne, which is around 5 million tonne more than what it was this time last year. Last March, Railways carried 119.58 million tonne of freight. Officials say this figure is likely to be breached by the end of this month.

Coal loading by Railways also witnessed a surge.

In February, it carried a 51 million tonne of coal, which was about 1.7 per cent more than the year-ago month.

For the most part of this fiscal year, the freight loading figures had remained in the negative vis-à-vis last year's performance.

Making good the sustained shortfall was cement, which saw a 21 per cent increase last month in the freight basket of the transporter.

Iron ore carried during the

time was also about 16 per cent more. Petroleum and such products saw a 16 per cent rise, too, even though the volume remained in single digits.

Container movement picked up by about 8 per cent more than last February, giving the freight loader some reason to cheer.

Policymakers said with the 15 per cent busy season surcharge removed purely as a business decision last year, much of the commodities, especially the cement industry, shifted a lot of its consignment from road to Railways, bringing in the much-needed numbers.

However, all this might not translate into much of an uplift in the amount of money earned from freight. This is thanks to around Rs 8,000 crore already received last fiscal towards an advanced payment taken from its mega clients to carry an equivalent volume of freight this year.

## OPEC+ EXPECTED TO CONSIDER DEEPENING CUTS, ALTHOUGH RUSSIA HAS SO FAR PROVED RELUCTANT TO BACK THAT PROPOSAL

## OPEC, allies to consider significant output cuts as coronavirus hits demand

Brent crude was up \$1.50 a barrel, or 2.7 per cent, at \$53.40 by 10:45 a.m. EST (15:45), off the session high of \$53.90 a barrel

### REUTERS

VIENNA, MARCH 3

### OPEC bars media from meet over coronavirus fears

London: OPEC said on Tuesday it was limiting the number of OPEC and non-OPEC delegates attending the producer organisation's policy meeting on March 5 and 6 to a bare minimum, in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

The group also said in a statement that members of

Russia and other producers already have a deal in place to cut output from Jan. 1 by 2.1 million barrels per day (bpd), a figure that includes additional volun-

CHAGUAN

# Globalisation under quarantine

Covid-19 is teaching hard lessons about China-only supply chains



Medical workers in protective suits tend to coronavirus patients at the intensive care unit of a hospital in Wuhan, China. Chinese leaders insist that they are well on the way to conquering the virus, allowing them to reopen 'leading enterprises and key links with important influence' in global supply chains. Reuters

UNTIL ABOUT the third week of January, only a few pharmaceutical executives, drug-safety inspectors and dogged China hawks cared that a large share of the world's supply of antibiotics depends on a handful of Chinese factories. These include a cluster in Inner Mongolia, a northern province of windswept deserts, grasslands and unloved industrial towns. Then came the covid-19 outbreak, and quarantine controls that locked down factories, ports and whole cities across China.

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The US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, a congressional body, held hearings in July 2019 on threats and opportunities created by China's medical in-

dustry. The tone quickly veered towards the doomy. A senior Pentagon official, Christopher Priest, declared that "the national-security risks of increased Chinese dependence on Chinese APIs would not be overstated." He invited the hearing to imagine China interrupting supplies of irreplaceable drugs, such as those that protect troops against anthrax. Another witness, Benjamin Shobert, a health-care strategist at Microsoft, noted that mutual dependency was once seen as a reason to believe that Sino-American relations were stable and safe. But in an age of rising distrust, if those same calculated dependencies were to become a source of fear, then "much of what has supported the modern era of globalisation is no longer valid."

For implacable China hawks like Peter Navarro, who advises President Donald Trump on trade, the covid-19 crisis is a told-you-so moment. On February 23rd Mr Navarro told Fox Business, a television channel, that America had outsourced "far too much" of its supply chain for essential medicines.

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Joerg Wuttke, the president of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, says China's dominance in sectors like pharmaceuticals and pesticides is a topic of concern when he visits officials in Berlin, Brussels and elsewhere. It does not help that China has shown itself willing to use trade to

bully other countries during political disputes, as when it denied the export of rare earths to Japan in 2012. He does not expect firms to leave China altogether, because it drives global growth in so many sectors. But Mr Wuttke expects the epidemic to intensify European discussions about industrial policy. "The globalisation of putting everything where production is the most efficient, that is over."

James McGregor, a China veteran who heads the Chinese operations of APCO, an American consultancy, watched businesses putting ever more eggs in the China basket for a decade. Hit by rising labour costs, trade tensions and now the virus, companies have concluded that they need to diversify — though many are struggling to find countries with China's infrastructure and adaptable labour force. Against that, some firms that are in China to sell to China are expanding production there, in part to avoid the uncertainty of tariffs. The most capable high-tech companies see China as "the market of the future" for such promising industries as autonomous vehicles, robotics and the internet of things. They may be rewarded for their faith. "We are going to see the Chinese government be extraordinarily nice to compa-

nies once this virus is over," suggests Mr McGregor.

## Foreign trade without foreigners

One visible impact of the virus may be to speed changes at the top of firms. Multinationals have increasingly appointed Chinese executives (often Western-educated) to run their China operations. The epidemic may accelerate departures among the foreigners who remain. Air pollution has already driven many away. Some old-timers feel less welcome in a China taking a nationalist, authoritarian turn. Now they are living alone after evacuating their families, or in temporary exile abroad scrambling to find children school places in home countries they barely know. "A lot of my contemporaries don't need much of a push" to leave, says a long-time China hand. Even if covid-19 burns out soon, it has clarified how the world is growing warier of China. Few firms can afford to leave completely. But an emotional decoupling is under way.

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HARVEY WEINSTEIN

# Celebrity justice

Celebrity trials change less than you might think

HE IS no longer an "alleged" rapist and his Zimmer frame can return to the props department. On February 24th a Manhattan jury convicted Harvey Weinstein of rape and of a criminal sex act, acquitting him of the most serious charges of predatory sexual assault. The former film producer, who inadvertently accelerated #MeToo, is now in a New York hospital awaiting sentencing on March 11th. He faces between five and 29 years in prison. For his victims, the #MeToo movement and the office of the Manhattan District Attorney (DA), this is a resounding victory. "This is the new landscape for survivors of sexual assault in America. This is a new day," said the DA, Cyrus Vance junior. Maybe. But celebrity justice is subject to different rules.

Mr Weinstein's lawyers need not worry about being out of work any time soon. Donna Rotunno, who says her client "took it like a man," insists that he will appeal. There are grounds to do so, including the judge's decision to allow extra witnesses to testify about previous "bad acts" and concern over whether Mr Weinstein could have a fair trial in a city at the heart of the #MeToo media storm. Feminist flash-mobs performed in front of the courthouse, celebrities gathered outside, there was a daily Weinstein podcast. His lawyer scolded the media's influence but also used it,

publishing an appeal to the jury in a *Newsweek* op-ed as they started deliberations.

The appeals process could easily take a year, which Mr Weinstein is unlikely to spend at liberty. In the meantime, he faces criminal charges in Los Angeles and a stream of civil suits by women who claim he abused them. The difference is that he now faces them as a convicted rapist.

It therefore seems unlikely that he will sit out his retirement comfortably. But perhaps the more salient question is what this will change. Bennett Capers, a Brooklyn law professor, doubts there is a much wider significance. "Many will undoubtedly see this as possibly signalling a new era where prosecutors believe victims and pursue sexual assault cases, even against the powerful," he

**Celebrity trials can create unrealistic expectations in future jurors' minds. Harvey Weinstein had dozens of glamorous, public accusers. Most victims are alone and unknown**

says. But "will the verdict help everyday victims" like hotel workers, or where there is a single accuser?

The Weinstein conviction is being presented as a watershed moment that will change the way police, prosecutors and juries deal with such cases. No longer will women who report rape late, or whose testimonies are incomplete or complicated, face scepticism, goes the theory. In fact, after an initial bump, reporting rates of sexual violence in America as low as they were before #MeToo struck. Public attitudes to what constitutes sexual harassment have barely changed over that time, according to polls by YouGov for *The Economist*.

Celebrity justice is not normal justice. Even the most public trials have less lasting impact than the frenzied coverage might suggest. The fact that the Weinstein case even made it to trial is an anomaly in sex crimes. As with other big celebrity trials, such as those of Phil Spector, Michael Jackson, O.J. Simpson and Bill Cosby, a lot of public money was invested in the investigation that led to Mr Weinstein's conviction. This was matched in investment by the media. No amount of vetting would have been able to put together a jury that would not be influenced by fame of the subject and of his accusers. Celebrity



Film producer Harvey Weinstein exits following a hearing in his sexual assault case at the New York State Supreme Court in US on December 6 last year. Reuters

trials can create unrealistic expectations in future jurors' minds. Mr Weinstein had dozens of glamorous, public accusers. Most victims are alone and unknown.

The next stop for the Weinstein media circus will probably be Los Angeles, the birthplace of celebrity justice. The local

record of convicting celebrities is poor and scarred by the very public decision of a jury to acquit Mr Simpson of murdering his wife and her friend Ron Goldman. It will be tempting to fixate on whether the DA can do any better with Mr Weinstein. But just as Mr Simpson's acquittal, though dramatic,

was largely irrelevant for the handling of most murder trials, so Mr Weinstein's conviction may not prove the seismic moment for cases of sexual assault that many people assume it to be.

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## CROSSWORD 4057



- ACROSS**
- Ride a lot perhaps to be made fit (8)
  - Manages to hit back and bring down (4)
  - Follow directions, then use wrongly (5)
  - Number of workers that pay rent (7)
  - The craft of the player (12)
  - One apt to be recorded (2,4)
  - Ambassador meets a Spanish gentleman and how! (4-2)
  - Communist is hidden but is found again (12)
  - Regular army officer (7)
  - Youth leader took out foreign capital (5)
  - Useful implement to behold in retrospect (4)
  - Nominally, she's discretion itself (8)
- DOWN**
- Bound to be drawn (4)
  - A second coffee maybe (7)
  - Films and some film stars may suffer from it (12)
  - Put in a grave situation (6)
  - Fish in a quiet enchanting spot (5)
  - Delay when the mail has broken open (8)
  - Newly formed unit resented being unconcerned (12)
  - Left in error? (3,5)
  - One's kid supplies supple leather (7)
  - Air-conditioned jail? (6)
  - Wild dog in Australia (5)
  - It's everything for some, nothing for others (4)

Solutions Crossword 4056: Across: Protector, 8 Erica, 9 Forty, 10 Hinges, 11 Defile, 12 Insecure, 15 Adherent, 18 Agenda, 20 Lining, 21 Holiday, 22 Easel, 23 Emotional. Down: 2 Rhone, 3 Tilit, 4 Caffeine, 5 Retire, 6 Ring out, 7 Mass media, 11 Defaulted, 13 Set about, 14 Chinese, 16 Rankle, 17 Mexico, 19 Drama.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry &amp; I Lewis



## CALVIN &amp; HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## JUMBLE WORDS

Below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quiz.

I do on his \_\_\_\_\_ - Shakespeare (4,7)

GSEEE

AARCNY

WARTS

AEERBV

Answers: GSEEE, STRAW, CANARY, BEAVER - Shubhashree

## SUDOKU 4139

Difficulty Level 2s  
Instructions  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



Difficulty Level  
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The Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited an undertaking of Government of Jharkhand (JTDCL) intends to issue this Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a reputed agency for Designing and Printing of brochures and flyers on hotel/restaurant & other facilities of Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JTDCL). Interested agencies may download the document from 03/03/2020 onwards from the Department of Tourism website: [www.jharkhandtourism.gov.in](http://www.jharkhandtourism.gov.in) and submit their Applications. The Bid Due Date is on 13/03/2020 at 14:00 hours. A pre-application conference will be held on 06.03.2020 by 1600 Hours at Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited, 5, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834001, Phone No: +(91)-651-2331828 & 2331643. Fax: +(91)-651-2331828, E-MAIL: jtdcltd@gmail.com. All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the website. Tender/Bid Document Fee is Rs. 2,240/- (Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty only) inclusive of GST (Not Refundable).

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Sd/- Accounts Officer, (Member Secretary)

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## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

## ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There is more going on than meets the eye at the moment, and you would be well advised to avoid a break or separation that involves money as much as personal feelings. A current shake-up at home could be very favourable, even if it just seems to pile on the pressure in the short-term.

## TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Don't spend too much time going over old ground. Nostalgia for the past is all very well, but if you're important projects on the go, or if someone is depending on you, you should keep your attention pinned firmly on the present. If someone has let you down, then don't be too hard on them, it might not be their fault.

## GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The chances of a secret romance or discreet encounter are still pretty strong, although any thoughts you may have had of going behind somebody's back are now likely to be outweighed by good old puritanical guilt: you know as well as anyone what is right and what is wrong.

## CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Certain personal boundaries seem to have become rather blurred recently, and if you are a typical Cancerian you may be wondering where it will all end. Yet I have no doubt at all that intimate partners will see the sense in what you are doing.

## LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

All general planetary patterns indicate that partners are encouraging you to do your best. While advising you to avoid going to the top, I must remind you of the old astrological law that the better the future you expect, the better the future will be. Confidence breeds success.

## VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Your social stars are stirring, at long last, some would say. It's time to broaden your horizons and take as many new ideas on board as you can. Get out and about over the next four weeks, and even accept invitations you'd normally treat with disdain.

## PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

It may be frustrating to be left in the dark, but are you really sure you want to know what is going on? Be happy that current planetary influences appeal to your mischievous nature and have a good time. Or, at least, have as good a time as you can.

## LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

There are certain days when it is wiser to turn the other cheek. That does, of course, mean that sometimes other people do walk all over you.

## SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Colleagues or co-workers may have been asserting themselves recently. In fact, I don't think you have been given a fair hearing. All you can do is undermine others' inflated faith in themselves, and if you prick someone's bubble then they've probably asked for it.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

The emphasis on financial stars continues with a general note that anything connected with water is assuming greater significance. Does this refer to a holiday by the sea? Or merely routine plumbing problems? It could actually also indicate strange, illuminating dreams.

## CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You must do everything in your power to resolve a dispute in a close relationship. Don't allow partners to think you are totally self-obsessed and don't let them walk all over you, either. A relation you haven't seen for some time could have interesting news for you, so get in touch.

## AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You would like to be in a position to know a great deal more. Wouldn't we all? But, now that the facts are so difficult to get at, we all have our own version of the truth. Yours is as good as anybody's, so lay your ideas on the line and wait for partners' reactions.

## LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

All general planetary patterns indicate that partners are encouraging you to do your best. While advising you to avoid going to the top, I must remind you of the old astrological law that the better the future you expect, the better the future will be. Confidence breeds success.

## VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Your social stars are stirring, at long last, some would say. It's time to broaden your horizons and take as many new ideas on board as you can. Get out and about over the next four weeks, and even accept invitations you'd normally treat with disdain.

## PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

It may be frustrating to be left in the dark, but are you really sure you want to know what is going on? Be happy that current planetary influences appeal to your mischievous nature and have a good time. Or, at least, have as good a time as you can.

## NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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## SNAP SHOTS



## Cautionary Notice

GUCCI IS the latest brand in the fashion world to fall victim to the coronavirus outbreak. The Italian label made an announcement that it is cancelling its Cruise 2021 show, scheduled for May 18 in San Francisco, as a precautionary measure due to Covid-19. With the coronavirus death toll rising, the company said in a statement: "A decision on the new timing and location of the show will be announced at a later date, once the situation becomes clearer. At this time, our thoughts are with all of those affected around the world." The announcement comes in the wake of Prada announcing the cancellation of their cruise show in Tokyo on May 21. Actor Deepika Padukone (pictured) also decided to skip the Paris Fashion Week due to the virus epidemic in France.



## Call of the Jungle

LIFESIZE REPLICAS of animals — including crocodiles, cows, rabbits and fox — were on the runway, alongside models, at Stella McCartney's Fall 2020 show in Paris on Monday. The initiative emphasised on the need to adapt an eco-friendly approach. Featuring bags made from second-life plastic and vegan alternatives, the collection includes pyjama-style suits and silk dresses with jellyfish motifs and shooting stars.



## In Memoriam

RENNED PERFORMANCE artist Ulay passed away at the age of 76 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, after a long battle with lymphatic cancer. Born in Germany, the photographer is best known for the captivating performances with his former partner and artist Marina Abramovic. She announced his death with a statement: "It is with great sadness I learned about my friend and former partner Ulay's death today. He was an exceptional artist and human being, who will be deeply missed. On this day, it is comforting to know that his art and legacy will live on forever."

## Ode to the Master

THE CULTURAL Affairs Department of Maharashtra has announced an award in the name of late veteran actor Shriram Lagoo. Titled Nat Samrat Shriram Lagoo, the award acknowledges his contribution to Marathi theatre. Lagoo passed away in Pune in December 2019 at the age of 92. He directed more than 20 plays in Marathi and starred in nearly 250 films, including *Gharaonda* (1977) and *Gandhi* (1982).



## Ideas Have Voices

A book on unbuilt architectural projects in India points to the possibilities of structural forms and the ambition of limitless imagination

## SHINY VARGHESE

CAN YOU imagine a plot of land on a steep slope from a hilltop, which would have a bird's eye view? Could there be a house that seemed like it could stretch towards the skies? Mumbai-based architect Yashwant Pitkar imagined one such in Panchgani, Maharashtra, for his client, a connoisseur, where like the wings of a bird in flight, it would provide unobstructed views to the lake and extend its arms towards the horizon. The house was never built. Yet it testifies to the possibilities that exist in imagination, beyond the operational needs of a built space.

Could a cemetery become a place for contemplation, for pause and ponder moments? New Delhi-based firm Henri Fanthome Office for Architecture designed a Catholic cemetery in Gurugram to be more than just a collection of tombstones. With terraced walkways and wall crypts with planted gardens, they drew out a landscape of "calm remembrance", where "in the present chaos and impermanence of our existence, (this would be) a space to embrace and contemplate people's own mortality".

These are examples from nearly 54 projects across the country that have been compiled into a book titled *India: Unbuilt Architecture*. Self-published by Rajesh Advani, who anchors the web portal *architecturalive.in*, the 300-odd pages have been curated by Advani and Rituraj Parikh of Studio Matter. With essays from nine academics and architects, the book offers glimpses into projects that were conceptualised but never got built, either because these were competition entries or due to issues of feasibility and logistics.

Delhi-based Advani has been pursuing the idea of "unbuilt architecture" for the



(From top) The Delwara Community Toilets in Udaipur designed by vir.mueller architects; Yashwant Pitkar's design for a home in Panchgani; cover of the book

last four years, which he hoped would culminate into a travelling exhibition or an annual award. However, while neither picked up steam, the reality of a book seemed closer. He got on board Parikh, and together they called for entries. "We wanted to focus on civic or public buildings, to see how they capture ideas of democracy and urban space, and how competition projects, without the burden of site, can present the ambition of thought. The institutional projects are about human interaction with architecture, how it affects the environment, and how appropriate it is for construction and scale. Then there are projects that don't have a site or programme but show how the idea can be stretched to fit different problems of urban or rural life," says Parikh.

In his own unbuilt project, a proposal

for the Indira Awas Yojana, for rural housing, Parikh and team have presented multiple configurations of home units, which can accommodate workshop spaces, courtyards and other auxiliary spaces,

based on need. The idea is thus a "kit of parts" that can build an ecosystem.

"For some architects and students, an unbuilt project feels like a failure. However, through the book, our aim was to present the process, to say it is complete when a building is on the ground, but otherwise, we are in the in-between phase, which is as fertile. We asked our essayists to look at how the unbuilt affected them in their studio or area of work and as individual practitioners," says Advani.

In his essay, Chennai-based architect Suprio Bhattacharjee writes about the "possibilities of anti-practice", where the

unbuilt makes room for the "yet to be experienced, yet to be discovered, yet to be lived in", while Delhi-based architect Amritra Ballal argues that the unbuilt serves as an "incubator and instigator of our built reality". One such project that provokes thought is the Delwara Community Toilets in Udaipur, Rajasthan, designed by Delhi-based vir.mueller architects. The need for a community toilet was felt by both the men and women of this village, which would also serve as a gathering space. The architects planned for an amla grove, courtyards, women's toilets that could combine laundry, child care and socialising opportunities and choice of materials that was manageable by the stone craftsmen of the area.

The book thus takes one away from the "hegemony of vision", which usually plagues architectural projects and makes one think about the act of building. Mumbai-based Architecture studio presents a home for marginalised children, where they have thought of everything from sleeping areas for the children to places for study and storage. What's lovely is the playfulness of the space, where floors curve and roofs dip, where vertical nurseries for plants are possible and central courtyards allow light and air to stream in.

In his forward, Bengaluru-based architect Prem Chandavarkar equates the unbuilt to a photograph, and "what is revealed in this photograph will demonstrate whether architecture is captured by an ideology of arrogance or an ethic of idealistic aspiration". While many senior firms have presented their work, the joy of design seen in the younger firms is what brings this book alive. The "agility of their thought" is in stark contrast to the "complacency" of the older lot, says Parikh. In this lies the merit of the book, that it presents new hope for architecture in India.

## MOUNTAIN OF WASTE

An exhibition at University of Hertfordshire in the UK examines plastic consumption and its impact on the environment. Titled "Plastic Matter", it features works by eight artists, and includes a canopy made of 1,600 recycled plastic bottles.

## Tales that Transport

Writer Bhakti Mathur on the need to discuss religion with children



Bhakti Mathur

## SURBHI GUPTA

HAILING FROM Delhi, author Bhakti Mathur was a banker for 22 years before she turned to writing for children. She debuted in the literary scene with her 'Amma Tell Me' series (2016), which was self-published and had 12 books on the festivals and stories from Hindu mythology. The Hong Kong-based author recently came out with the series 'Amma Take Me' (Penguin). Designed for 8 to 12 year olds, the stories are written as travelogues and introduce readers to the history of some of the Indian faiths through places of worship, including the Golden Temple in Amritsar and Dargah of Salim Chishti at Fatehpur Sikri. Excerpts from an interview:

## What role did these stories play in your life?

My love for mythology was a gift from my grandmother and nanny. Both used to tell me stories from the Ramayana and Mahabharata every day after I came back from school. I loved listening to fascinating tales about Hindu Gods, of great kings and heroes, and their triumphs over the most evil of adversaries. The motivation for the 'Amma Tell Me' series was to tell my two children about the festivals I grew up celebrating and the stories I grew up hearing.

## In times when religion-driven politics and violence is rampant, how important is it for children to learn about religion?

In a polarised world today, with so much intolerance and violence in the name of religion and politics, it is important for children to know that religion does not create problems, people do. All religions are based on the concepts of love, kindness and generosity. Parents need to have discussions with children. How else will we ensure that they grow up to be sensitive, understanding and thoughtful human beings.

## If you could tell us about your process of building and writing these stories?

The writing process is threefold. I read and make notes on the place and the monument before we visit. Next, we visit the place as a family and I make notes on what my children are asking, and what fascinates them about the place. To get into the mind of a 10 and 12-year-old, there is nothing better than listening to their questions. The third and most difficult part is the writing process itself.

## Playing the Protagonist

French director Christophe Prebois's Indian documentary is part of HIFF 2020

## TANUSHREE GHOSH



(Clockwise from left) Christophe Prebois with Ram Chand; a still from the film; *Dark Habits*; *I Vitelloni*

dios. I met many studio owners and learnt (some) Hindi. I also acquired studio decors and pictures when studios were closing down.

## What came across as fascinating about the profession back in the day?

I was fascinated by the technique of colouring and painting the prints. Every studio at that time bore what I thought was a slogan: "Photographer and Artist". I thought the photographer was the artist, both at once. Then I realised it meant each and every photographer had a partner — a painter who was in-charge of painting the photos. I was inter-

ested in this mix of photography and painting. In the movie, Mr Chand speaks about the painter who did the backdrop in front of which he'd shoot his customers. This "moody painter", as Mr Chand calls him, had designed most of Ajmer's studios' backdrops. Some of them are still in use, but he's dead. I want to make a portrait of him.

## Was it any different in France back then?

In France, in the '60s, more people had a camera at home, and would document their private lives. For important milestones, like marriage, military service, religious moments, etc, they would get photographs made by a professional. In India, people would go to a photo studio not only to get portraits for official documents or for social motives but also

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## PEDRO ALMODOVAR RETROSPECTIVE

- *Pain And Glory* (2019), March 13, 6.30 pm
- *Dark Habits* (1983), March 16, 4 pm
- *What have I done to deserve this?* (1984), March 17, 4 pm
- *Law of Desire* (1987), March 18, 4 pm
- *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* (1988), March 19, 4 pm
- *Volver* (2006), March 21, 11 am

(In Spanish, with English subtitles)



## HUNDRED YEARS OF FEDERICO FELLINI

- *Amarcord* (1973), March 14, 4 pm
- *Luci del Varieta* (1951), March 15, 6.30 pm
- *Il Sceicco Bianco* (1952), March 16, 6.30 pm
- *I Vitelloni* (1953), March 17, 6.30 pm
- *Il Bidone* (1955), March 18, 6.30 pm
- *La Dolce Vita* (1960), March 19, 6.30 pm
- *8½* (1963), March 20, 6.30 pm

(In Italian, with English subtitles)

meet him. It wasn't easy as I can't speak Hindi and he couldn't speak French. We had to use very simple broken English. When I wanted to make the film, Mr Chand's studio didn't exist anymore. It had been replaced by his son Gurumukh's business of dry-cleaning. Just convincing Mr Chand about making a movie on him was difficult. Even when we landed up with the crew, the octogenarian wouldn't budge. It literally was 'how to make a movie about an old and reluctant photographer'?

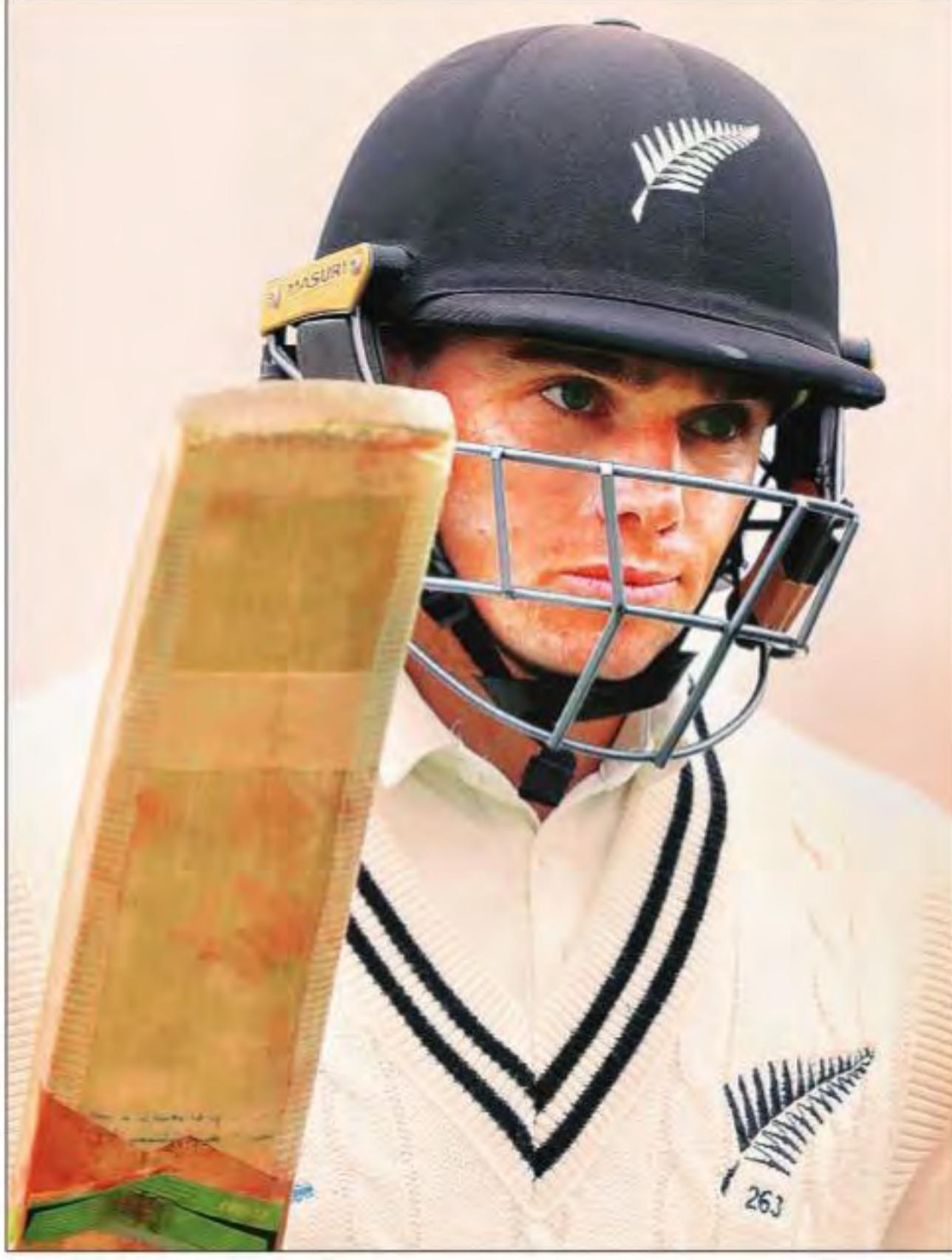
The film will be screened at 6.30 pm on March 16 at India Habitat Centre



## PANDYA IN OVERDRIVE

On a comeback trail, India all-rounder Hardik Pandya smashed his way to a sensational 105 in just 39 balls for Reliance 1 in the DY Patil T20 Cup in Navi Mumbai.

# Best performances in a supporting role



**Tom Latham's numbers are not mind-boggling but he has been a steady influence at the top with 11 hundreds in 52 Tests.**

## EXPRESS IN NEW ZEALAND

Opener Tom Latham and all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme are not stars, but vital cogs in the New Zealand team. Latham is the old-school battler against the new ball, while de Grandhomme is a utility cricketer with a golden arm and the ability to clear the rope.



**Colin de Grandhomme** was born in Zimbabwe and moved to New Zealand after Paul Strang convinced his father about the advantages.

## Youngster who took on Bond

**SANDIP G**  
CHRISTCHURCH, MARCH 3

TOM LATHAM was barely 15 when he walked out to face the fastest-ever New Zealand bowler, Shane Bond, in a club game. By then Bond had lost much of his frightening pace, but Latham's club coach Neil Fletcher was hesitant to send him as an opener. So before the game started, he told the teenager to bat down the order. But the fresh-faced Latham — he retains the freshness even now — didn't flinch.

"Don't worry coach, one day or the other I have to face bowlers as fast as him," he told him. The coach was still reluctant, before Tom's father Rod, a former international opener himself, assured him: "Let's see if he's got the stuff... If he's not good enough, maybe, he needs to rethink his future."

A few minutes later, Latham was shadow-batting in the middle, stretching his limbs and crouching to get the blood flowing. As Bond and Co. entered the field, one of the fielders began sledging him. Remembers Fletcher: "Something like, have you carried enough nappies or do you have a feeding bottle, some silly stuff. But Tom hardly listened to all this rubbish. He was just waiting for the biggest moment of his life. He even snatched the strike from his senior partner."

The first ball was full and beat his forward defense. The second was back of a length, and he hung back and defended: "The perfect back-foot defensive," Fletcher gushes. The third ball was full and straight.

"He just extended his bat and pushed it straight back. Four runs. I thought well, he's a seriously tough bloke. Has the guts," Fletcher says. Latham finished the match 92 not out, replete with several straight drives and pull shots, and a wowed Bond gave him an autographed ball.

He then had a chat with Rod. "Brave lad, I'm sure he will be a Black Cap like you."

In fact, an upgrade on his father, who was a bit-part player in the strictest sense.

I was surprised he picked it up left-handed. He had the left-hander's cow corner slog fairly early on. It wasn't too cultural at the start," Rod says.

A refined version of the slog sweep he unfurls in the subcontinent, where he has enjoyed considerable success, hundreds in Abu Dhabi and Colombo, besides half-centuries in India. The refinement happened at the Burnside West University under Fletcher. And the coach swears he had never seen a more hardworking kid in his coaching career. "He's always had a really good understanding of his own game. At an early age, that was quite visible ahead of players his own age. And he hits more balls than anyone. There's no secret to his success," he says.

Latham senior was careful not to interfere in his coaching. "Being the son of a former player is always difficult and the expectation is more than most. So I've always stayed in the background and his coaches are his coaches. He comes to me every now and then and asks what I think. I'll give him my thoughts and he'll do what he needs to do. I've always stayed at arm's length and let him make his own way in sport," he says.

When he's not playing cricket, Latham tags along with his father to the Harewood Golf Club. Apart from bowling, it's the only spectrum where the father dominates the son. "He's a decent player, but will take sometime before he reaches my level," the father chuckles. Jokes aside, he says: "As a cricketer, he has far exceeded my achievements and there are many more years left in his career. He has achieved what I could not have even dreamt of," he says.

Fletcher too is assured of his greatness. "He's too good, the world will one day understand him fully."

Though Latham's father was an opener and a part-time medium pacer, he didn't thrust cricket on him. "It just happened. So after retiring from international cricket, I began working at a sports shop in Christchurch and when he was around 4-5, my employer presented Tom with a cut-down cricket bat. The Dave Franco of the team.

**SANDIP G**  
CHRISTCHURCH, MARCH 3

In a rare trip to the city of his birth in 2005, former Zimbabwe cricketer Paul Strang, who by then had migrated to New Zealand and begun coaching at a club in Auckland, stumbled upon a robust-built teenager at the Harare Cricket Club. He knew how difficult it was back then for a white cricketer to burst onto the national scene. So he queried him whether he was interested in shifting to Auckland. First, he had to convince the boy's father, who aspired for his son to don Zimbabwe colours. Over a few meetings, he succeeded and Colin de Grandhomme was on his maiden flight. "I was very scared. I was flying for the first time and to a distant place," he once told *New Zealand Herald*.

Strang was struck by the big man's shyness. So was his then club coach Dipak Patel when he first met him. "He was a quiet, shy boy who hardly spoke. But he was bloody hardworking, rarely went out drinking with the boys, and was ready to do anything for the team," he recalls.

It's what he does for his team as well. Plugging in relentlessly with the ball as a reliable stock bowler and chiming in with useful contributions down the order. His clean hitting has made him a cult hero on the county circuit, where he plays for Warwickshire, though in the New Zealand set-up, his role as a batsman is more akin to Ravindra Jadeja's. In another era, or another team, he would have been labelled as the conventional Black Cap all-rounder, a bit-part player, who wouldn't have merited a placed on singular skill in a Test XI.

De Grandhomme bowls what might be described as right-arm Kiwi orthodox, medium-pace wobble. But underestimate him at your peril. On his Test debut, he picked six for 41 against Pakistan in Christchurch, the first Black Caps debutant to take half-a-dozen wickets since Alex Moir took six for 155 against England way back in 1951. A few

months later, he smacked his maiden — and till date only — Test hundred against West Indies in Hamilton. Twenty-four games into his career, he averages 37 with the bat including that hundred and eight 50s. He has picked just 37 wickets at 31.13.

Modest numbers, but his utility could not be gauged through numbers. For instance, in this series, his 43 in the first innings in Wellington and 26 in the first innings in Christchurch turned out to be precious for his team. Add to that the wicket of Virat Kohli in the second innings of the Christchurch Test, his workmanlike figures of 16-5-28-1, 11-5-12-1, 9-2-31-0 and 5-3-3-1, and his contributions have been spectacular as their frontline bowlers. Explained Trent Boult: "His thrift gives bowlers the freedom to attack. His energy gives us the time to recover between spells. He's like a bowling machine." Take him out of the eleven, and the Kiwis become an incomplete force.

However, he still remains shy and elusive. His rationale, as he explained to a radio station in a rare interview: "Just never been my thing. Talking in front of a crowd and just talking in front of heaps of people is pretty tough for me. I would rather face a 150kmh pacer," he says. Then in a rare instance of humour, he says: My dictionary doesn't have as many words as other people."

Among Kiwi journos, he's known as the five-word Colin. For there was a press conference — in fact, the only one he has ever given — wherein he spoke just five words. But his all-round efforts speak more than the words. There's no shortage of nicknames, Dutchie for his Dutch accent, Mo-man for the thick moustache he spotted on debut before he shaved it before the World Cup, Magnum for his striking resemblance to Tom Selleck's famous character Thomas Magnum from *Magnum P.I.*

Then Big House, because his New Zealand teammates thought his French surname Grandhomme meant Big House, whereas it actually means Big Man. But Grandhomme hasn't cared much about correcting names or changing perceptions.

## BEFORE COLIN, THERE WERE OTHERS TOO

NZ has always had bits-and-pieces players in their ranks.

## JACOB ORAM

During the 2002-03 series, Oram ran through India's famed batting line-up. He picked up 11 wickets and finished with a bowling average of 11.81. With the bat, he scored a crucial unbeaten 26 in the second innings of the final Test in Hamilton that helped the Black Caps eke out a four-wicket win and seal the series 2-0.

## CHRIS HARRIS

As a batsman, Chris Harris did not have the potential to survive the rigours of five-day format, and his gentle seam-ups made Geoffrey Boycott famously quip: "Even my mom can hit him." Despite these glaring limitations, he featured in 273 ODIs, in a career spanning close to a decade.

## ROD LATHAM

His career spanned only 4 years, in which Rod Latham — opener Tom's father — featured in four Tests and 33 ODIs. In the 1992 World Cup, he opened with Mark Greatbatch and then teamed up with Gavin Larsen to stifle oppositions with the ball.

## SCOTT STYRIS

He bowled with decent pace and could swing the ball before a knee injury. He turned into a batting mainstay, especially in ODIs, and had a sensational 2007 World Cup in the Caribbean (499 runs). ENS

## Australia star Perry ruled out of T20 World Cup

**REUTERS**  
SYDNEY, MARCH 3

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS Australia suffered a major blow ahead of the knockout stage of the Women's Twenty20 World Cup when all-rounder Ellyse Perry was ruled out of the remainder of the tournament on Tuesday.

The twice ICC women's cricketer of the year hobbled off the field in tears after suffering a right hamstring injury during Monday's four-run victory over New Zealand that sealed their place in Thursday's second semi-finals against South Africa.

"Ellyse sustained a high-grade right hamstring injury that is expected to keep her out of the game for a significant period of time," team doctor Pip Inge said in a media statement. "We are currently exploring management options and will continue to support Ellyse through her recovery."

The team said Perry would not be replaced in the squad. "Ellyse is a key member of our squad and has been for a long period of time and on a personal level we're disappointed that she won't have the opportunity to finish the tournament," coach Matthew Mott said. "We're confident that we have enough depth in the squad to cover her batting and bowling and know whoever gets an



**ELLYSE PERRY**

opportunity will make a strong contribution."

South Africa finished top of Group B after their final group match against West Indies at the Sydney Showground Stadium was washed out on Tuesday. They finished ahead of inaugural 2009 champions England who will play India, the only team to win all four group matches, in Thursday's first semi-final. The final takes place at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday.

## India to play England

**PITI** adds: India will take on England in the Women's T20 World Cup semifinals, it was decided on Tuesday following the rain-out game between South Africa and the West Indies in Sydney. The abandoned game meant South Africa and West Indies shared a point each which was enough to push the former to the top spot with seven points, leaving England second. England, who finished with three wins and a loss in the group stage, face India on Thursday in a repeat

semifinal of the 2018 edition. Back then, England had beaten India before losing the final to Australia.

India, who are aiming to make their maiden final, topped the group stage with four wins in as many games. The second semifinal between South Africa and four-time champions Australia will also be played on Thursday at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Former Australia pacer Brett Lee foresees a "different" looking India making their maiden T20 Women's World Cup final and attributed their rise to the emergence of star players like 16-year-old Shafali Verma. Besides opener Shafali, experienced leg-spinner Poonam Yadav has been the other match-winner for India in the competition. The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side topped the group stage with four wins in as many games and play their semifinal here on Thursday.

"They've never reached the final but this is a different India team from the one they've seen before. They've combined match-winners in Shafali Verma and Poonam Yadav with consistent players with both bat and ball," Lee was quoted as saying by ICC.

## SEMIFINAL LINE-UP

**India vs England**, Sydney, March 5; 9:30 am  
**Australia vs South Africa**, Sydney, March 5, 1:30 pm

## Kapil's reading: Kohli's reflexes have slowed down

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

**KAPIL DEV** feels slowing down of reflexes could be the reason behind Virat Kohli's struggles in New Zealand and the Indian skipper needs to "practice more" to overcome the age factor.

The 31-year-old Kohli managed just 38 runs in the two Tests at an average of 9.50 in New Zealand. In the preceding limited overs series, he managed to score 180 runs including a half century, making it a forgettable tour for the India skipper.

"With every big batsman there comes a phase. This is the age, after turning 30 everyone says there is a dip in the eyesight and that takes 6 months to a year to get used to it," Dev told ABP news. "I think he (Kohli) needs to adjust his eyesight a bit. When big players start getting bowled or LBW to incoming deliveries then you have to tell them to practice more," he added.

The World Cup winning Indian captain said that several batsmen like Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid and cricket legend Vivian Richards have faced similar difficulties. "It shows that your eyes and your

"When your eyesight weakens then you have to work on your technique. The same ball which he used to pounce on so quickly, he's getting late on it now. The IPL will help him as the more he plays the better understanding and idea he'll get on how to deal with it."

reflexes have slowed down a bit and in no time your strengths turn into your weaknesses. From 18-24, your eyesight is at the optimum level but after that, it depends on how you work on it."

"Sehwag, Dravid, Viv Richards all faced similar difficulties in their career. So Kohli needs to practice more."

Dev feels Kohli needs to tighten his technique and practice more and said playing in the IPL will help the 31-year-old to adjust to the development.

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**JAPAN** The country's Olympic minister Seiko Hashimoto said Japan is "making the utmost effort" to proceed with the July 24 opening in Tokyo. She told parliament that the country's contract with IOC specifies only that the games be held in 2020, meaning they could be postponed to later in the year if necessary.

**IOC** The Olympic body's president Thomas Bach, speaking at the two-day executive board meeting in Lausanne, said: "We are preparing for a successful Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020." Following the meeting, the IOC "expressed its full commitment to the success of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020".

**WHO** UN health agency chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said he spoke to IOC president Thomas Bach. "Deciding now would be too early, it would be good to monitor the situation." The WHO said that about 3.4% of confirmed cases of COVID-19 have died, far above seasonal flu's fatality rate of under 1%.

# Wheels within wheels

Japanese minister brings up postponement, IOC says no Plan B as different voices ring in the Olympics-Coronavirus conundrum

REUTERS  
MARCH 3

THE INTERNATIONAL Olympic Committee (IOC) on Tuesday gave further unequivocal backing to this summer's Tokyo Olympics, urging athletes to prepare "full steam" despite the coronavirus threat.

"We are preparing for a successful Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020," IOC head Thomas Bach said at an executive board meeting to discuss the July 24-Aug. 9 sporting extravaganza.

Earlier on Tuesday, Japan's Olympics minister Seiko Hashimoto had said that details within Tokyo's contract with the IOC "could be interpreted as allowing a postponement" until the end of the year. That host city contract states that one of several triggers which would allow the IOC to withdraw the Games from Tokyo would be if "the Games are not celebrated during the year 2020".

Hashimoto said, however, that Japan's government and Tokyo were still committed to the Games beginning on July 24, and the IOC has repeatedly swatted aside any suggestions of a postponement.

The Olympic body said again on Tuesday there was no Plan B, and that the Games would take place in their allotted time slot.

## Wreak havoc

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Bach, a 66-year-old lawyer and former Olympic fencing champion, has an iron grip on IOC decision-making and is known for sticking to his guns in adversity.

"I would like to encourage all the athletes to continue their preparation for the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020 with great confidence and full steam," the German told reporters in Lausanne. "From our side, we will continue to support the athletes and the National Olympic Committees."

Multiple sports events around the world have been cancelled during the epidemic, which has killed more than 3,000 people in China and spread to more than 60 nations including Japan where infections are near 1,000 and 12 people have died.

## Smaller crowds

Crowds will be smaller and receptions have been scrapped at the Tokyo 2020 torch lighting ceremony in ancient Olympia, Greece, next week as the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) introduced measures to protect against the coronavirus, it said on Tuesday.

Despite concerns over possible health risks to spectators and participants, IOC is unwilling to publicly discuss options such as cancellation or postponement.

The IOC board said a joint task force had been created two weeks ago, involving the IOC, the Tokyo Games organisers, the city, the government, and the World Health Organisation to help deal with the coronavirus ahead of the Olympics. "The IOC EB appreciates and supports the measures be-



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taken, which constitute an important part of Tokyo's plans to host safe and secure Games," the task force said in a statement.

Tokyo has pumped in more than \$12 billion to organise the event, while billions more were spent on related projects. Tokyo Games organisers are due to deliver a report via video conference to the executive board on Wednesday.

Head of the World Health Organization Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that he had spoken with Thomas Bach, president of the International Olympic Committee about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics due to open in July. "I think deciding now would be too early, it would be good to monitor the situation," he said

## 'Sound and sensible advice': Team England replaces handshakes with fist bumps

REUTERS  
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ENGLAND PLAYERS will not be shaking hands on their tour of Sri Lanka and will use fist bumps instead to greet each other following the coronavirus outbreak, skipper Joe Root said.

Root's team were laid low by flu and gastroenteritis in South Africa and are cautious following the coronavirus outbreak that has killed over 3,000 people and infected more than 89,000 globally.

"After the illnesses that swept through the squad in South Africa, we are well aware of the importance of keeping contact to a minimum," Root told reporters before flying to Sri Lanka on Monday night for a two-test series.

"We've been given some really sound and sensible advice from our medical team to help prevent spreading germs and bacteria."

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England will play the first of their two practice matches from Saturday before the first test in Galle from March 19 while Colombo hosts the second test from March 27. Sri Lanka confirmed the first case of coronavirus in the country in January but Root expected the tour to go on as planned.

"There is no suggestion that the tour will be affected. But, of course, it is an evolving situation so we are in regular con-

tact with the authorities and will proceed as advised," added the Yorkshire player.

## No threat to IPL

Mumbai IPL Governing Council chairman Brajesh Patel on Tuesday ruled out any threat to the upcoming cash-rich T20 league due to the novel coronavirus outbreak as of now but said the authorities are keeping a tab on the situation.

The IPL begins with a clash between Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings at the Wankhede Stadium on March 29 while the final will take place on May 24.

Asked whether there is any threat to IPL due to coronavirus, Patel said, "There is no threat as of now and we are keeping a tab on the situation."

BCCI President Sourav Ganguly too ruled out any threat to the IPL or the South Africa series, beginning with the first ODI on March 12 at Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh. "Nothing in India. Not even discussed it (Coronavirus)" said Ganguly.

Another senior BCCI official said that the South African team was coming as per the schedule for the three-match ODI series.

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## TRACKING THE VIRUS

### India U-16 tour called off

Indian U-16 football team's exposure trip to Tajikistan has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. The U-16 boys, currently the U-15 SAFF Champions, were slated to depart on March 5 to play two friendlies against Tajikistan, the AFC U-16 Championship runners-up.

### Tokyo torchlighting ceremony hit

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### UEFA monitors fixture impact

UEFA has set up a working group with the European Leagues association to handle any fixture congestion which may be caused by coronavirus postponements. UEFA general secretary Theodore Theodoridis told UEFA's congress on Tuesday that the body had been set up on Monday to "work on calendar issues". During the congress, FIFA president Gianni Infantino had said "it is important to work with authorities but not to panic".

### Speculation over Ferrari's participation

Formula One could not hold a world championship race in a country that denies access to any team due to coronavirus restrictions, motorsport managing director Ross Brawn said. Italy, home to Ferrari, is one of the countries most affected by the epidemic with more than 50 deaths and over 2,000 confirmed cases. Some countries, including Vietnam which hosts its first ever grand prix on April 5, have imposed quarantine periods on anyone who has come from or been in Italy during a two-week period prior to entry. That has raised concern in some quarters about Ferrari's ability to participate.

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## RANJIT TROPHY SEMIFINAL

# Cabbie's son drives Bengal to the summit clash

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 28

MUKESH KUMAR'S father, Kashinath, was a taxi driver in Kolkata, when his youngest son was growing up in Bihar's Gopalganj district. On November 28 last year, ahead of Bengal's Ranji Trophy opener against Kerala, Kashinath passed away. Kumar's finest hour in first-class cricket yet naturally had sadness mixed with pleasure. "Yeh six wickets papa ke liye hai (I dedicate this six-wicket haul to my father)," Kumar told *The Indian Express* after his six-wicket haul in the second innings took Bengal past heavyweights Karnataka and into the 14th Ranji Trophy final, their first since 2006-07.

Kumar, along with his fast-bowling mates Ishan Porel and Akash Deep, dismantled Karnataka for 177 to a 174-run victory. They fully capitalised after Anustup Majumdar took Bengal to 312 in the first innings with an unbeaten 149. The hosts were gasping at 67/6 at one stage. Then Porel starred with a five-wicket haul as the visitors' celebrated batting line-up was bundled out for 122. The 190-run lead proved decisive despite Bengal managing only 161 in their second innings.

In 2015, when Kumar was selected for Bengal for the Buchi Babu tournament, he didn't have a cricket kit. "Manoj Tiwary gave me a bat, leg guards and gloves," the medium pacer recalled. A year previously, when Kumar had been drafted into the Cricket Association Bengal's (CAB) Vision 2020 programme, he didn't have proper bowling boots. "Rana da (Bengal team bowling coach Ranadeb Bose) ne Debu da (CAB joint secretary and Town Club official Debabrata Das) ko bol kar woh arrange kiya tha (Rana da requested Debu da to arrange it for



Mukesh Kumar's career-best haul of 6/61 lead Bengal to a 174-run win. CAB

me). The 26-year-old's six wickets in Karnataka's second innings and Devdutt Padikkal. His strategy against Pandey was clear. "The idea was to bowl full in the channel and confuse him by mixing outswingers and inswingers. Whenever he came forward, there was a gap between bat and pad and my plan was to keep him confused. I was determined not to pitch it short and give him room to play the pull and

hook." Pandey eventually fell to an away-goer but even in defeat the Karnataka star was gracious. "Everytime I beat him," Kumar said, "well bowled."

Kumar liked playing local T20 matches, because every game gave him Rs 400-500. In 2011-12, when he joined the second division ICI Club, he got bored with the league's multi-day format and stopped turning up after a few matches. "Mein yehi socha ki utna time ka

cricket kaun khelega. T20 hi accha hai (I thought who would play a cricket match that lasted so long. T20 is the best thing.)"

Things changed after he got into the Vision 2020 programme. His father gave him one year. Without satisfactory progress, he had to quit cricket and search for a job. "Mein bahut mehnat kiya. Ek saal mein mere ko yeh prove karna hi tha ki mera cricket mein future hai (I worked my socks off. I had one year and I had to prove I have a future in cricket.)"

Along the way, two excellent pieces of advice furthered Kumar's career. The first one came from a mali (grounds staff) at Kalighat Club. "Mein paheli Kalighat Club mein gaya tha khelne kelive. Toh, woh mereka bola, yahan pe start karoge toh zindagi bhar pani hi pilate rahoge" (I went to Kalighat Club and he told me, if you start here you would be carrying drinks all your life). He advised me to try my luck at a smaller club." The next piece of advice came from then Vision 2020 fast bowling consultant, Pakistan great Waqar Younis. "At the camp, I wasn't consistent with my line and Waqar Younis told me to bowl from close to the stumps to get rid of the problem. It helped me a lot," Kumar recalled. With 30 wickets from nine matches, Kumar is the highest wicket-taker for Bengal, along with Akash Deep and Shahbaz Ahmed, in this Ranji campaign. He credited head coach Arun Lal for conducting a gruelling pre-season that raised the team's collective fitness level.

## Saha included

Wridhiman Saha has been included in the 16-member Bengal squad for the final. He will play as the wicketkeeper, while Shreya Goswami will be a specialist batsman.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Bengal 312 and 161 beat Karnataka 122 and 177 (Devdutt Padikkal 62; Mukesh Kumar 6/61) by 174 runs.

# Pujara's friend plots Saurashtra's comeback

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, MARCH 3

WHEN HE was 11 and started his cricketing journey under Arvind Pujara, Arpit Vasavada imbibed the batting ethos and became close friends with the coach's son Cheteshwar. At 31, a year younger than Cheteshwar, Saurashtra's gritty middle-order batsman craved a special knock in a crunch game. A big hundred, like his friend scores routinely, seeped in the batting method of coach Arvind. The left-handed batsman found himself in one such situation in the semifinal against Gujarat and with Cheteshwar not available, delivered, turning the game on its head and perching Saurashtra on top.

When Saurashtra were tottering at 15 for 5 in their second innings after letting Gujarat wriggle out of trouble with the bat, it seemed like they had blown a great opportunity. But Vasavada's 139 from 230 balls triggered a stunning comeback. Saurashtra made 274 and the 52-run first-innings lead swelled the target to 327. Then Saurashtra captain Jaydev Unadkat removed opener Priyam Panchal to leave Gujarat needing 320 runs on the final day to enter the Ranji Trophy final. They have to go for the target as a draw would terminate Gujarat's journey in the tournament.

Vasavada says he was relaxed as his team began the second innings after taking a first-innings lead. But he didn't expect five wickets to go down as quickly as they did. It took vital partnerships with Cheteshwar (45) and Chirag Jani, who hit 51 in a 109-run stand

for the seventh wicket, to bring Saurashtra back in the contest.

"I never imagined that (five early wickets). I told Cheteshwar (Sakaria) that we will take it over-by-over first and later try build a small partnership. The good thing was later, Chirag Jani also batted well and we could manage to reach a safe total," Vasavada said.

He also explained what the knock in a crunch game means to him.

"I always wanted this. I have hit crucial 50-60s in crunch games but nobody remembers the fifties, everyone remembers a hundred. When Cheteshwar got out, I said nothing doing, I will have to bat till the last." Vasavada was the last batsman to fall, caught at deep square-leg, attempting a hook in a pursuit of more runs.

The left-hander was hopeful that seamer Chintan Gaja, who had taken the first five wickets, won't have the same effect once the ball lost its shine. "If you see, all the wickets fell with the new ball."

He says he also felt that Gaja wasn't finding the right line to left-handed batsmen like him and Sakaria. "Chintan was bowling well to right-handers but somehow he wasn't finding his right line for left-handed batsmen. Cheteshwar and me took advantage of it. Now I am hoping our bowlers do the job on the final day. It will be a good contest."

If the Saurashtra bowlers do the needful, it will also mean that Vasavada's innings would be classified as a match-winning hundred.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Saurashtra 304 and 274 (Arpit Vasavada 139, Chirag Jani 51; Chintan Gaja 7/71) vs Gujarat 252 and 7/71.



Arsenal's Sokratis Papastathopoulos after scoring the opening goal against Portsmouth on Monday. Reuters

## FA Cup: Arteta's gamble pays off

EVERTON MANAGER Arsenal cruised into the FA Cup quarter-finals with a 2-0 win at

Portsmouth thanks to goals by defender Sokratis Papastathopoulos (picture left) and striker Eddie Nketiah either side of halftime on Monday. Third-tier Pompey had not beaten Arsenal since a 5-4 league

victory in 1958, but they caused the Gunners plenty of problems before the deadlock was broken just before the break. Reiss Nelson's cross was met with a sweetly-timed volley inside the area from Greece international

Sokratis who put the Gunners ahead in first-half stoppage time. The goal seemed to give Arsenal an injection of confidence and Nketiah made it 2-0 six minutes after the break, controlling a cross at pace before bundling the ball

home from close range. Portsmouth, roared on by their passionate fans, defended well but lacked spark in attack as Arsenal, the FA Cup's most successful side with 13 titles. "Tonight I'm so pleased with the

team, with everybody, with the young boys. They are improving a lot, every single week, they have a great mentality," Arsenal defender David Luiz, who wore the captain's armband, told BT Sport.

REUTERS

## India off and running in Asian boxing qualifiers

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Gaurav Solanki (52kg) will face top-seeded Uzbek Mirazibek Mirzakhaliyev next.

**Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Solanki defeated two-time Kyrgyz national champion Akylbek Esenbek Uulu, while Ashish got the better of Taiwan's Kan Chia-Wei.**

THE SEASONED duo of Gaurav Solanki (57kg) and Ashish Kumar (75kg) advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the Asian Olympic Qualifiers for boxing with dominating wins in their respective opening-round bouts on Tuesday.

Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Solanki defeated two-time Kyrgyz national champion Akylbek Esenbek Uulu, while Asian Championship silver-medallist Ashish got the better of Taiwan's Kan Chia-Wei. Both the Indians won 5-0 following strong performances.

Ashish will square off against Kyrgyzstan's Omurbek Belzhigit Uulu, who has been seeded fourth. The Indian had beaten Uulu in the quarterfinals of the Asian Championships last year.

"I have played Chia-Wei before but I lost to him previously. Today I made no mistake. It was a clean performance from my side," said Ashish after his victory.

"It has boosted my confidence especially after the good training we've had. I next face the fourth seed whom I have beaten before and am confident of putting up a good show."

Solanki, whose CWG gold was in the 52kg division, will be up against top-seeded Uzbek Mirazibek Mirzakhaliyev, who got a bye into the second round.

Mirzakhaliyev is the reigning world champion in this weight category besides being a gold-medallist at the 2018 Asian Games as well as the Asian Championships.

Solanki dominated from the word go, helped by Uulu's poor defence. The Indian kept his guard low and relied on counter-attacks to get the judges' nod. The

Later, Ashish also produced a confident performance against a sprightly rival. The Indian kept his guard low and relied on counter-attacks to get the judges' nod. The

## Four positive samples by NDTL turn out negative

MIHIR VASAVDA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

IN WHAT could be a major embarrassment, the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) has identified discrepancies in a re-analysis of four samples that were collected and analysed at the New Delhi-based National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

The samples, belonging to Indian athletes, had tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs when tested by the NDTL. Those athletes were, in turn, handed provisional suspensions. However, when tests were conducted on the same samples at a WADA-accredited lab in Rome, the results were negative.

The samples belong to athletes in track and field (2 cases), cycling and fencing (one each). The world body wrote to the Indian officials on Monday, informing them of the discrepancies.

Subsequently, the NDTL asked the National Anti Doping Agency, which takes responsibility for taking disciplinary action, to put on hold the punishment handed out to the athletes.

"WADA will now check if the results of the Rome lab are correct or the NDTL. That process to re-confirm the facts will take a few more days," a source said.

If found guilty, this is likely to put further on NDTL, which has

Indian's superior reach and power wore down the Taiwanese boxer, who took a tumble more than once in the second and third rounds after a split verdict in the opening three minutes. Advancing to the semifinals in this event would assure boxers of a spot in the Tokyo Olympics scheduled later this year.

World silver-medallist Amit Panghal (52kg) has been given the top billing in the men's competition, while the iconic MC Mary Kom (51kg) is seeded second in the women's event.

Among other Indians, two-time World Championships bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Asian Championships gold medallist Pooja Rani (75kg) and

Commonwealth Games silver medallist Satish Kumar (+91kg) are one win away from qualifying for the Olympics due to the small size of their respective draws.

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### Risks to Investors

- I. The six merchant bankers associated with the Offer have handled 46 issues in the past three financial years, out of which 17 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.
- II. There are no listed peers in India engaged in Issuer's line of business.
- III. The Price/Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS on a restated consolidated basis for FY19 for the Issuer at the upper end of the Price Band is 80.06 and is higher as compared to the NIFTY 50 index Price/Earnings ratio of 27.50 (as on February 20, 2020).
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Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form/Application Form, the Bidders/Applicants may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidders/Applicants as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for any correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that PAN, DP ID the Client ID and the UPI ID, as applicable, are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form/Application Form which should match with the PAN, DP ID and Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active.

Contents of the Memorandum of the Company as regards its Objects: For information on the main objects and other objects of our Company, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 167 of the RHP and Clause II of the Memorandum of Association of our Company. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, see the section "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" on page 478 of the RHP.

Liability of the members of the Company: Limited by shares.

Amount of share capital of the Company and Capital Structure: The authorised share capital of our Company is divided into 1,500,000,000 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 10 each constituting ₹ 15,000,000,000. The issued, subscribed and paid up share capital of our Company is ₹ 9,323,342,780 divided into 932,342,780 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 10 each. For further details, see "Capital Structure" on page 478 of the RHP.

Names of initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association and the number of Equity Shares subscribed by them: The initial signatories of the Memorandum of Association are State Bank of India and Mr. Om Prakash Sethi who subscribed to one Equity Share each of face value of ₹ 10 each of our Company. The liability of the members of the Company is limited. For details of the main objects of the Company as contained in the Memorandum of Association, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 167 of the RHP.

Listing: The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the BSE and NSE. We have received in-principle approvals from the BSE and NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to letters dated December 6, 2019 and December 16, 2019, respectively. For the purpose of the Offer, BSE is the Designated Stock Exchange. A signed copy of the Red Herring Prospectus has been filed with the RoC and the Prospectus shall be filed with the RoC in accordance with Section 26(4) of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of the Red Herring Prospectus up to the Bid/Offer Closing Date, see "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" on page 478 of the RHP.

Disclaimer Clause of SEBI: SEBI only gives its observations on the draft offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer stated in the specified securities or the offer document. The investors are advised to refer to page 378 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

Disclaimer Clause of BSE (the Designated Stock Exchange): It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to page 384 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

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General Risks: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Investors are advised to read the Risk Factors carefully before taking an investment decision in this Offer. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares have not been recommended or approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to "Risk Factors" on page 28 of the RHP.

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