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Fajar: 5.22 am Zohar: 12.28 pm **Asar:** 3.42 pm Maghrib: 6.10 pm **Isha:** 7.23 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.12 PM SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.35 AM MOONRISE TODAY 1.22 AM MOONSET TOMORROW 1.09 PM



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India fastest country to reach

5 million Covid vaccinations mark: Health ministry

New Delhi: India has become the first country in the world to reach the 5 million COVID-19 vaccination mark in just 21 days, the Union Health Ministry said as nearly 53 lakh beneficiaries have been administered shots under the countrywide inoculation exer-

cise till Friday evening. reached 5 million vaccinations in 24, 43 and 45 simultaneous days

WB govt to reshuffle top police

officials before Assembly poll

Kolkata: With the assembly election round the corner, the West Bengal government is likely to name Soumen Mitra as the new commissioner of Kolkata Police, a state government official said on Friday. Mitra will replace Anuj Sharma who may be made the additional director general (ADG) of the state CID, he said. Siddhinath Gupta, presently the ADG of state CID may be named as the ADG (South Bengal).



Now, the phone is mightier than the pen and the gun!

New Assembly: Pondy Speaker plea to LS counterpart



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ernment

tive stance.

Projecting 10.5 per cent growth for next fiscal, the

Central Bank kept the

record low repo and reverse

repo rate unchanged while

continuing its accommoda-

"It is proposed to provide

retail investors with online

access to the government

securities market - both pri-

mary and secondary—directly through the Reserve Bank ('Retail Direct'),"

RBI governor Shaktikanta

Das said while announcing

the decision of the mone-

tary policy committee (MPC). Further to revive growth on a "durable basis", the MPC left the repo

rate unchanged at 4 per

cent, which was slashed by

115 basis points since March

last year. The reverse repo

rate too was unchanged at

3.35 per cent – fourth time in

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RBI MONETARY POLICY

Retail investors can buy gilt now

Tamil Nadu govt announces ₹12,100 cr farm loan waiver

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DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

The Tamil Nadu government on Monday announced the waiver of agriculture loans worth ₹12,100 crore benefitting 16.43 lakh farmers, who had been distressed due calamities such as the pandemic, cyclones and unseasonal rains.

Making the announcement under Rule 110 in the state assembly, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami said the loans taken from the cooperative banks by the farmers would be all written off with immediate effect. The required financial allocation would be made in the interim budget, he said.

Mr Palaniswami said he was a farmer that his government's priority was to provide succor to the farmers who were in trouble and listed the various measures taken by his

ments.

unseasonal rains.

Total amount to be waived ₹12,100 crore

TO WHOM: Those who have availed loans from cooperative banks. The Chief Minister has **REASON:** Distress due to calamities such as the pandemic, cyclones and

Farmers are the fulcrum of society; people of other vocations, too, are dependent on them – Edappadi K. Palaniswami Chief Minister

government and the previous AIADMK governculture. He said the waiver

would help the farmers continue cultivation without hassles. Describing farmers as the fulcrum of society as people of other vocations

J. Jayalalithaa had waived ₹5,318.73 crore farm loans, benefitting 12.02 lakh small and

too were dependent on them, the Chief Minister said a country's prosperiHe has now made the announcement as he has no

No of farmers

to be benefitted

16.43 lakh

been promising

crop loan waiver

assumed power.

after his party

- M.K. Stalin Leader of Opposition

ty was based on the agri-The late chief minister

micro farmers in 2016. In 2017, the Palaniswami government provided ₹2,247 crore drought relief to ryots.

Farmers faced travails

due to the pandemic Covid-19, the back to back cyclones Nivar Burevi last year. Unseasonal rains that caused heavy damage to crops ready for harvest also impacted the farmers, he said.

Before the Chief Minister made the statement on farm loan waiver, the House passed eight Bills on the last day of the present session with the entire opposition boycotting it since the first day when the Governor's address was delivered.

Among the bills passed were one on amending IPC 1860 in its application to the state to enhance the punishment for offences committed against women and children, one to take over the medical college attached to the Annamalai University and another one to set up a new university at Villupuram, named Jayalalithaa University.

SANGEETHA G | DC In a structural reform that would put India among a group of select few countries, the Reserve Bank of provided investors easy access to govsecurities.

RB) Governor Shaktikanta Das announces the policy decision of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), via live streaming, in

Mumbai, Friday.

Finding inflation within the tolerance band, RBI projected 10.5 per cent real GDP growth for financial year 2021-22 in the range of 26.2 to 8.3 per cent in H1 and 6.0 per cent in Q3. Consumer Price Index inflation has been revised to 5.2 per cent for Q4 of this financial year from 5.8 per cent predicted earlier. CPI inflation could come down to 4.3 per cent by Q3 of next financial year.

"After breaching the upper tolerance threshold continuously since June 2020, CPI inflation moved per cent in December for the first time od," Mr Das said. To support growth RBI

continued its accommoda-tive stance. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate were left unchanged at 4.25 per cent. Further, RBI decided to gradually restore Cash Reserve Ratio in two phases in a non-disruptive manner to 3.5 per cent from March 27 and 4 per cent from May 22, 2021.

"CRR normalisation will open up space for a variety of market operations of the RBI to inject additional liquidity," Mr Das said. Earlier, CRR of all banks was reduced by 100 basis points to 3 per cent till March 26, 2021.

"In line with market expectations, the MPC voted unanimously to keep key rates unchanged. The stance continued to be accommodative as long as it is necessary to support growth as the economy comes out of the pandemic,' said Shanti Ekambaram, Group President — Consumer Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Centre agrees to allow extra attempt to UPSC aspirants

New Delhi, Feb. 5: The Centre Friday told the Supreme Court that it is agreeable to give an extra chance as a one-time relax-ation to UPSC civil service aspirants, who had appeared in their last attempt in the 2020 exam amid the Covid-19 pandemic and are

otherwise not age-barred.
"Relaxation, only to the extent of providing one extra attempt for Civil Examination (CSE), specifically limited to CSE-2021, may be granted to only those cand who appeared for CSE-2020 as their last permissible attempt and are otherwise not age-barred from appearing in CSE-2021," the Centre told a bench headed by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar. "This relax-ation for the candidates and to the extent as prescribed above, shall be a one-time relaxation only and shall apply only for appearing in CSE-2021 and shall not be treated as a precedent," it told the

SANJAY KAW & BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 5 Defying a ban, thousands of

people attended a mahapanchayat at Shamli in western Uttar Pradesh in solidarity with the farmers who have been protesting for over two months against the three agricultural laws at the borders of Delhi. Security, meanwhile, has been beefed up all across the Delhi-NCR area in the wake of the farmers' unions calling a nationwide 'Chakka Jam' (blockading of roads) protest on

Saturday. Bharativa (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait, who has become the face of the anti-farm law protests, said the 'chakka jam' will not take place in Delhi, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, but will be done in other parts of NCR and the rest of the country, including the southern states. "Dilli mein hum nahi kar

rahe, wahan to raja ne khud qile-bandi kar li hai humare jaam karne ki zaroorat hi nahi hai (We are not going to do anything in Delhi, the king there has already fortified it, there is no need for us to do a blockade now)," he said, in a veiled jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government over the fortification of the protest sites at the Ghazipur, Tikri

and Singhu borders.

Mr Tikait, however, did not attend the mahapanchayat in Shamli, saying his outfit had nothing to do with the meeting. But his brother Narendra Tikait attended it in his personal capacity. The state government had not given permission for the mahapanchayat, organised by the Rashtriya Lok Dal and Samajwadi Party, on behaviour" of the farmers during the Republic Day tractor rally and "violation of Covid guidelines" by protesters. The administration even imposed Section 144 CrPC prohibiting the gathering of more than four persons from February 4 till

Despite the ban, a large number of people joined the mahapanchayat, where songs imploring the Prime Minister to listen to the voice of farmers played in the background.

Road blockade today; police heightens vigil

Farmers take out massive rally in UP defying ban

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA NEW DELHI, FEB. 5

Ahead of the 'chakka jam' (road blocade) proposed by farmers, the Delhi police ty arrangements at the bormonitoring the content on the social media.

that took place on January 26, adequate security arrangements have been put in place by the Delhi police at the borders," a police spokesperson said. Meanwhile, investigating the 'toolkit document'

"In view of the violence

know the IP address from where it was uploaded.

out shortcomings, says Tomar

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 5

Asserting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the union government are committed to the welfare of farmers, agrihas made adequate securi- culture minister Narendra fourth consecutive day, Singh Tomar on Friday said ders so that miscreants neither the Opposition who cannot enter the national criticised the three new farm capital. The police will also laws, nor the farmers' unions, h had held more rounds of discussions with the government, have been able to point out what is (black) in the laws which they are claiming are kanoon" (black laws).

Intervening in a discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha, Mr Tomar reituploaded on a social media erated that the new laws are handle by teen acivist aimed at boosting farmers' Greta Thunburg, the police incomes and the governis now writing to Google to ment's offer to amend them to assuage the farmers' sentiments does not mean they are flawed.

Oppn couldn't point Lok Sabha stalled for fourth day over farmer stir

New Delhi, Feb. 5: Lok Sabha proceedings were a virtual washout on Friday as relentless protest by Opposition against the three farm laws continued for the even as signs emerged that resume on Monday. The government

cussion and we are hope ful that Lok Sabha will function smoothly from Monday, parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said.

While demanding repeal of the three laws, Opposition parties are also insisting on a stand alone debate on the farmers" issue.

The government has maintained that Opposition can raise the issue during the debate on the motion of thanks. -PTI

AFTER 18 MONTHS

High speed internet restored in entire Jammu & Kashmir

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC

High speed 4G internet services were restored in entire Jammu and Kashmir late Friday evening, exactly after a gap of 18 months.

The authorities said that the decision to this effect was taken after the review of the security situation in the Union Territory and in view of the recommendations of a committee set up by the govissue some time ago.

The announcement was by Information, Secretary Rohit Kansal, who is also government spokesperson, through a tweet. It said, "4G mobile internet services being restored in entire J&K @diprjk."

A formal order signed by Shaleen Kabba, principal secretary (home), said that in view of the advice of the special committee constituted on the directive of Supreme Court and upon "careful review" of the over-all security scenario the restrictions on mobile data services and fixed line Internet connectivity is revoked "except to the extent that the pre-paid SIM card holders shall be provided excess to the Internet connectivity only after verification as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections" In August last year, the

J&K authorities had restored high-speed 4G internet service on 'experimental basis' in two districts of the erstwhile state Udhampur and Ganderbal. more than a year after a complete communication blackout was enforced in both Jammu region and Kashmir Valley regions ahead of the Centre's abrogating Article 370 and bifurcating the state into two Territories on August 5, 2019.

Jilted lover immolates self, kills woman and her mom

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

A 29-vear-old man set himself, the woman with whom he was reported to be in love and her mother in the latter's house in Korukkupet, killing all of them in the melee.

The man has been identified as Bhoopalan (29), an engineering graduate, and the woman Rajitha, (26), the police said. Police sources said that

Rajitha had recently got an appointment for a job Chennai Corporation, on compas-

sionate grounds after her father died.

After she joined work, she is said to have distanced herself from him seven years of courtship.

However, Bhoopalan did not let her go. He report-edly compelled the woman to marry him. Meanwhile,

Ranjitha got engaged to another man and this irked Bhoopalan. Police said Bhoopalan went to Rajitha's house at

4 a.m on Friday and

He then allegedly set

locked it from inside.

himself on fire before setting Rajitha and her mother Venkatamma (46) ablaze.

All three were burnt to sources said. Neighbours who heard the cries rushed to the house alerted the local police. Police personnel who

came to the spot found charred bodies inside the house. The bodies were sent to a government hospital for

post-mortem. The R.K Nagar police a case and registered

began investigation.



England captain Joe Root (right) and opener Dom Sibley put on 200 runs for the third wicket as the visitors made 263/3 on day one of the opening Test at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Friday. Root scored a century in his milestone 100th Test, while Sibley made a gritty 87. - BCCI ■ Report on P6

SC grants interim bail to comedian Munawar Faruqui

New Delhi, Feb. 5: In a relief to comedian Munawar Faruqui, arrested in a case for allegedly hurting religious sentiments by passing objectionable remarks about Hindu deities during a show, the Supreme Court on Friday released him on an interim

The top court also stayed the Madhya Pradesh High Court order of January 28, which had refused to grant him bail

noting that to "promote har mony" is one of the constitutional duties. It also stayed production warrant issued against Faruqui by a trial court in Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh in connection with the FIR lodged in the

A bench of Justices R.F. Nariman and B.R. Gavai said issued notice on two petitions filed by Faruqui seeking bail in a case lodged in



Indore in Madhya Pradesh and clubbing and quashing of FIRs lodged for the same alleged offence in different

States. The top court sought response from Madhya Pradesh government on both the pleas filed by Faruqui and from Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra governments on the plea seeking clubbing and quashing of

"This being the case, we issue notice in both the petitions, and stay the Judgment of the High Court. The petitioner is released on ad-interim bail on conditions to the satisfaction of the trial court. In the meantime, there shall be stay of the production warrants as well," the bench

At the outset, advocate Saurabh Kirpal, appearing for Faruqui said, "This is a case of victimisation". He said that allegations made in the FIR are vague in nature and procedure of arrest laid down by the court in its 2014

verdict was not followed. The bench noted the submission and said, "The counsel has pointed out to us that quite apart from the fact that the allegations made in the FIR are vague that the procedure contained in Section 41 CrPC as adumbrated by our Judgment in "Arnesh Kumar Versus State of Bihar and others" has not been followed before arresting the petition-

Pfizer withdraws application for emergency use of its vaccine

arma major Pfizer on Friday said it has decided to withdraw its application for Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) of its Covid-19 vaccine in Índia. Pfizer was the first pharmaceutical firm to seek an emergency use authorisation from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for its Covid-19 vac-

New Delhi, Feb. 5: Ph-

secured such clearance in the UK and Bahrain. "Based on the deliberations at the meeting and our understanding of addi-

cine in the country, after it

tional information that the regulator may need, the company has decided to withdraw its application at this time," a company spokesperson said in a statement. -PTI



SHORT TAKES

2,000 kg of pickles donated to shrine in Tirumala

Tirupati, Feb. 5: An unusual offering of two tonnes of pick-les was made by a devotee to the shrine of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala, near here, on Friday, an official of the temple said.

After offering worship at the temple, the devotee Kaaturi Ramu from Chirravuru village in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh handed over the pickles to TTD (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam) Board chairman YV Subba Reddy at the temple-run pilgrims free meal canteen, the official told PTI.

Different varieties of vegetable pickles, including mango, lemon, tomato, and gongura were packed in plastic canisters, the official said.

Ramu requested the TTD to utilise pickles at the canteen where over a lakh meals were served daily to the visiting devotees

Meanwhile, a TTD press release said the foundation stone would be laid on February for the construction of a replica of the temple of Goddess Padmayathi to be built by the TTD in Chennai.

The foundation stone would be laid by the seer of Kanchi Kamakota Peetham Vijayendra Saraswati, the release quoted the TTD Board chairman as

New Assembly: Pondy Speaker plea to LS counterpart

Puducherry, Feb. 5: The Speaker of the Puducherry Assembly V P Sivakolundhu presented a petition on Friday to the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to ensure that Central assistance of ₹200 crore was available for the construction of a new Assembly building here. The Assembly has to be shifted to alternative site so that the present building can be preserved as a monument, the petition said. The existing premises accommodating the Assembly is a heritage building constructed during the erstwhile French regime. -PTI

Religious fervour



Devotees taking part in the annual Brahmotsavam festival of Parthasarathy Swami temple in the city on Friday.

Kerala man reunited with family after six years

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

A 30-year-old Kerala man was reunited with his family on Friday , after a six years long wait , thanks to social workers at Udavum Karangal.

Udavum Karangal took Mr Sopan (30) from Kerala on December 12, 2015. He was transferred to the home from Kerala's home from Kerala's Divyaraksha Social and Charitable Society care, treatment and restoration. On arriving at Udavum

Karangal he was given extensive psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and care. It was after the medication that the social workers there started getting information about him.

He remembered Suresh kirana shop near his hou-se at Belakalla village, Koppal district. Based on thpiece of information, the social workers were able to trace the owner of the shop, Suresh. Through him, the workers reached Sopan's brother Peer Saheb and uncle Khaja Sab. On receiving the news about Sopan, Peer Saheb along with his uncle Khaja Sab rushed to Udavum Karangal Thiruverkadu

Peer said that Sopan was mentally sick for a long time and one day before six years, he went missing. "It was an emotional reu-

on Thursday

nion between two of the brothers on Thursday. Thtinuing psychiatric treat-ment and regular medication besides family love and affection, to avoid further relapses of his problem. Sopan was given free medicines for a month as prescribed by the psychia-trist, says Vidyaakar, the founder of Udavum Kar-a-In another reunion on

the same day, a 25-year-old man who was found loitering aimlessly near Maduravoyal Government hospital was rescued, treated at Udavum Karangal and reunited with his family. The man identified as

Mohammed Jaseem was rescued on 3rd February by the social workers. After he was found to be mentally ill, he was given ev were counseled for con-

proper medication and within two days, he started opening up and started to divulge small information about his family and place of living.

He disclosed that his

father worked in a hotel in Pondicherry .He also gave the phone number of his mother, Jarina Begum. He was married to a woman in Mumbai , however the woman left him as he did not had a job.

The social workers of

Udavum Karangal contacted his mother and she was happy to know that her son Jaseem was found at last. On learning about her son, Jarina came to Udavum Karangal in Thiruverkadu on Thursday to take him back home.

Man dies after earth caves in while digging drainage trench

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

A 28-year-old man died and another was injured when a 10-ft-deep pit dug for underground drainage work caved in West Tambaram on Friday morning.

The incident took place when Sekar (28), Bharathi (24), residents of Tiruvottiyur in North Chennai were digging a trench for drainage on Kadaperi Burma colony in West Tambaram. They had been employed by a private firm under contract with the Tambaram

municipality.
Police said that Sekar and Bharathi were inside the ten-feet-trench, dig-ging it, while another worker was clearing the

A little after 10 am, one side of the trench caved in trapping the two men

16

Across

1.Flying (8)

6. Curved structure (4)

16. Mended with stitches

19. Distributed sparingly

Word Mine

8 OUTSTANDING

letters can you make from the

letters shown in today's puzzle?

In making a word, each letter may

be used once only. Each word

must contain the letter at the top of the pyramid. There should be

at least one nine letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper

INCIPIENT, incite, nice, pectin

18. Škin eruption (4)

7. Corset (anag) (6) 9. Dance club (5)

11. Drink deeply (5)

12. Saltpetre (5) 13. Living fence (5)



Officials from the Tambaram municipality and Chennai metro water inspect the mishap site in West Tambaram on Friday.

13

1. Left in the lurch (9)

2. Speed contests (5)

3. Corrosion (4)

4. Shut out (7)

5. Menagerie (3)

8. Invigorated (9)

14. Waste pipe (5)

15. Check and correct (4)

cue the men but in vain. services rushed to the spot

OUICK CROSSWORD

19

site and residents of Personnel from Tamil Burma colony tried to res- Nadu Fire and rescue

and managed to scramble out Bharathi in time but Sekar lay trapped. After a long struggle, they pulled out Sekar too.

The duo was rushed to Chromenet Government hospital, where Sekar was declared brought dead. Bharathi is undergoing treatment in a critical condition, the police said. The body of the deceased was sent for postmortem.

The officials from the Tambaram municipality and Chennai metro water inspected the mishap site. Tambaram police registered a case regarding the They have detained a pri-

vate contractor and supervisor for investigations.

Many of those who gathered at the site alleged serious violation of safety norms. Residents alleged that the workers were not wearing helmets or other protective gear while digging the trench.

Pseudoephedrine seized at Chennai airport

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

In a huge haul, 24.5 Kg pseudoephedrine worth Rs 2.45 crore were seized by Chennai air cargo customs at the airport.

According to air cargo customs, based on intelligence, they intercepted an export consignment suspected to contain narcotic substances at air cargo export shed in Meenambakkam, destined for Austra-

Cartoons declared as kitchenware like coconut scrapers, electric rice cookers, non-stick pans were examined. On cut opening carton containing coconut scraper, it was noticed that 3 small wooden boxes were ingeniously fitted in the frame of the scrapper. On opening the boxes a polythene bag containing

white powder was found concealed inside. The powder was taken

in for laboratory testing and tested positive for pseudoephedrine. Pseudoephedrine is a sought-after chemical precursor in the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine.

A total of 12 polythene bags containing 24.5 kg of pseudoephedrine valued at ₹2.45 crore were recovered from four coconut scrapers and were seized under the NDPS Act

It was found that a businessman from Chennai was sending this consignment to Australia. Searches were carried out and the exporter Vivekanandan(43), has been arrested. Further investigation is in progress.

In another seizure at the Chennai airport, customs

officials have received unclaimed gold bars worth ₹62 lakh hidden in the restroom of a private airlines flight,

arrived from Dubai. The gold bars weighing 1.2 kg were found by the airline's staff and handed over to the Chennai cus-

According to the official sources, while the private airlines' staff were clean-ing the aircraft that arrived from Dubai, they found bundles wrapped in adhesive tape, which were found to be gold bars on

opening.
Gold bars with foreign marketing, weighing 1.2 kg and valued at ₹62 lakhs were recovered.

It has been seized as unclaimed under the Customs Act and an investigation is on, the officials

COFFEE-BREAK

Your day today By Dr C.V.B. Subrahmanyam



Aries: Your idea is to relax and you want to spend time with like- minded people and discuss subjects, which interests you. All will be fine on the work front. **Faurus:** This is a phase of empowerment and



possibilities with exciting changes in the near future. Love and respect will be reciprocated by Gemini: Artistic and creative endeavors will go well this evening. The stars are thrum-

ming with power and you will feel your bat-

teries all charged up and ready to go.



Cancer: On the family front, the time has come to take some important decisions; do not delay. You have the energy to work and play



nificant progress, based on what you have already achieved. It's a superb day all round. Keep working hard.

Leo: On the domestic front, you can make sig-



Virgo: You may give a reason to your romantic partner to feel upset and neglected. Focus on your inner or creative life today. Expect to have guests or forge new associations.



Libra: Work behind the scenes or take a break from things if you can, because you will not enjoy the best of health today. Spend quality time with children.

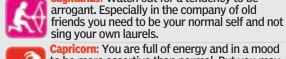
You share your b'day with

Angad Bedi, Bollywood actor. He is best known for

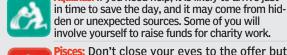
his roles in *Pink, Dear Zindagi, Tiger Zinda Hai,*



Scorpio: You have been working behind the scenes, doing a lot of research on a new project, now is the time to put your knowledge and work before those who matter. Sagittarius: Watch out for a tendency to be

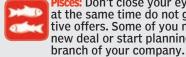


sing your own laurels. Capricorn: You are full of energy and in a mood to be more assertive than normal. But you may have to face delays in your plans. You will be restless. These delays are only short term.



involve yourself to raise funds for charity work. **Pisces:** Don't close your eyes to the offer but at the same time do not get lured by lucrative offers. Some of you may even sign a new deal or start planning for another

arius: If you need help, it is likely to arrive just



ALDER

ONE OUT AND TWO IN IS GOOD BUSINESS

hen entries are hard to find, it might be best to concede one trick unnecessarily to your opponents.

In today's deal, for example, South is in three no-trump, and West has led a fourth-highest club seven. What should declarer do? In your partnerships, would two-diamond advance be forcing or only invitational? I like forcing,

whereas a majority treat it as

encouraging but nonforcing Here, though, North and South pushed on, North hop-ing that West's opening bid would help to steer his part-

In theory this thought was correct, but declarer played without proper analysis. He called for a low club from the board and won with his nine. Then he continued with a diamond to the king and a heart to his king and West's ace. A



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jumble

MITFIS CPTEKO Jumbles ODDLY SWLPT WICKED Answer: When she saw her mom upside-dox

queen. South cashed the diamond ace and played another diamond. That established winners, but declarer had no hand entry left and went down two. Declarer has a club winner

in his hand, but he needs to keep it on the back burner. He must win the first trick with dummy's club ace, overtake the diamond king with his ace and continue with the diamond iack, driving out West's queen to establish a total of

five diamond winners Suppose West shifts to a spade. South wins on the board and plays a club to his queen and West's king. After taking the next spade in the dummy, declarer leads a club to his iack and cashes the diamonds. He takes two spades, five diamonds and two clubs Watch your entries and

Across: 6. Battleship, 8. Crash, 10. Force, 13. Predecessor, 14. Gavel, 17. U-turn, 19.

Down: 1. Saga, 2. Itch, 3. Reef, 4. Char, 5. Appearing, 7. Scapegoat, 9. Sedge, 11. Onset, 12. Act,

15. Vase, 16. Lump, 17. Ugly, 18. Ulna.

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CALVIN AND HOBBES | Bill Watterson







I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN ON THIS SKI TRIP FOR ALMOST A WEEK NOW





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BLONDIE | Dean Young and John Marshall







ANDY CAPP | Reg Smythe







TARZAN|Edgar Rice Burroughs







OTHER STORY

Jallikattu stir cases to be withdrawn

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

Cases filed against the protestors who participated in the agitation demanding the 2017 will be withdrawn, Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami announced on

Replying to the motion of thanks for the Governor's address in the state Assembly, Palaniswami said that only those cases filed on charges like assault of police personnel or setting fire to public property could not be with-

The government had taken the decision in view of the fact that the agitation was for a genuine cause, he said, regretting that some unpleasant incidents took place during

the state-wide agitation.
The Chief Minister's customary reply referred to its various activities in the past and said that it had lived up to the expectations of the poor peo-

ple by addressing their issues. The lengthy reply listed the various measures taken for agricultural development, improving food production, combating the coronavirus crisis, industrial progress, providing protection to fisher-men and everything that had

The speech was peppered with lines from MGR film songs and also passages from Bharathiar poems.

■City may be first in country to have such system

Groundwater monitoring system to come to Chennai

With metro water installing 200 automatic groundwater level recorders one in every ward and 20 rain gauges, one each in 15 zones as well as five lakes, the authorities plan to make Chennai, the country's first city, to have a comprehensive automatic groundwater monitoring

T. Prabhushankar, executive director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB), told DC that the system will help to gather data from strategic locations spread across 420 sa.km. and would assist the detailed study on groundwater level and quality, and check over-exploitation of

The real-time information pivotal role in changing effi-

Metrowater effective and equal distribution of quality water across the city, especially during summer. We can act with more efficiency according to the requirement of the particular area. In case there is depletion in the water table in one depot, it would be an indicator to reallocate water in a quick manner.

Apart from this, making the information accessible to residents will help to create attitudinal changes among them. If one person identifies the GW table is very bad in their locality, they can change towards the exploitation for his domestic purpose, and spread the information to their community as well. Since the GW data is so dynamic, we think this system will play a

the first comprehensive GW monitoring system when it comes to Metro cities in the country, he said.

"As the system is operational, residents can access real time data of groundwater, rainfall and lake water levels via portal in Chennai Metro Water website http:// /122.183.188.248:8080/C-MWSSB-web/onlineMonitoringSystem/waterLevel.

Anyone can select the areas out of the 200 locations and can have a realtime record of groundwater levels in their respective locality. The portal will be updated with separate daily reports with downloadable format. Also reports of longitudinal GW data of a particular location over the selected time period can also be downloaded. And historical GW data right

time rainfall data along with history since 1965 and daily lake levels can be accessed from the portal. This is a milestone in the country in quantifying the water cycle and also making information accessible to the citizen," he said.
As part of the system, a

total of 200 borewells with digital water level recorders and sensors were constructed. The sensors will transmit real-time data and help assess the fluctuation in the groundwater table.

It will also help to assess the impact of rainwater harvesting (RWH) measures in each area and rectify deficiencies in the system According to officials, at least nine lakh RWH structures are already available

in MTR, urge greens by workers in an illegal tourist resort in the MTR recently, and the subsequent legal notices served by activist 'Elephant Rajendran', the local body

B. RAVICHANDRAN | DC

The way in which the local body administration in the Nilgiris is moving about to close illegal tourist resorts, cottages and homestays in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve buffer zone limits has attracted criticism from

The Nilgiris Environment and Animals Protection Samithi (NEAPS) wanted the administration to fully seal such places, instead of merely issuing notices and warning those who run such illegal tourist cottages and homestay facilities.

Following the death of a wild elephant due to burn injuries sustained by a fireball flung towards it

administration issued notices to 55 such unauthorized tourist resorts, cottages and homestays, and warned them of severe action.

Seal illegal tourist cottages

As the owners of such properties promised the officials that they will not use their buildings to run tourist cottages, the local administration shied away from sealing such buildings. Meanwhile,

Kumaran, president, NEAPS, charged that in the name of hosting their relatives as guests, most of unauthorized tourist cottages, resorts and homestay facilities tourists in their premises, which is also illegal Without the connivance of concerned officials and police administration in Masinagudi, this type of illegal tourism will not happen.

"It is high time the district administration interferes in this issue and seals all such unauthorized tourist cottages, homestay facilities in the MTR buffer zone. No one understands why the local body officials are trying to show mercy on those running illegal tourist cottages. We urge that the vigilance department inquire into this and book the errant revenue and local body officials, Kumaran added.

Two ancient Siva Lingams unearthed

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUCHY, FEB. 5

Two ancient Siva Lingams of three and two feet were Jembukeshwarar

premises on the Thiruvanaikovil -Tiruchy road on Friday, during the compound wall renovation

The temple administration is undertaking renovation of the compound wall near the Kubera Lingam sannidhi. workers When

involved in some earth work, they found these two idols, which is said to belong to the Chola period.

tees and the public offered

worship.
It might be recalled that in the last year, a pot full of gold coins was unearthed same temple, in another

hit Nagai , Pudukottai DC CORRESPONDENT NAGAPATTINAM, FEB. 5

Central team visits rain

Central team accompanied by Collector Praveen P. Nair, Director, Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu, V. Dakshinamoorthy, made on the spot assessment of the rain hit areas in the district, on Friday.

The team went through the photographic exhibition on crop damages and also visited Thirupoondi north, Vellapallam and Palaiyur in the dis-Collector Praveen P. Nair explained the extent of crop damages in both Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai districts. He also told the team that various crops in 82,330 hectares were damaged in the district. The team visited the rain hit areas of

Pudukkottai Collector B Umamaheswari told the district had received abnormal rainfall of 208 mm against the normal rainfall of 11.57 mm till January this year. She said that various crops in 43,976 hectares including 40,669 hectares of paddy were fully damaged due to the rains. The team also visited Vaduvur, Sithambur, Karikkottai and

Pudukkottai and Tiruvarur district, on

Plea to drop service road plans in Tiruchy-Thanjai NH

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUCHY, FEB. 5

The federation of those affected due to road extension (Salai Virivakka panigalal pathikkappaduvor Kootamaippu) threatened boycotting the assembly elections if the government continued to proceed with its land acquisition plans for the proposed service road for a distance of 14 kms from Old Palpannai to Thuvakkudi on the Tiruchy -Thanjavur national highway

Federation president K. Marappan and Ve. Govindarajulu, general secretary, Tamil Nadu Traders federation, told newsmen here on Thursday night, that a resolution to this effect was adopted at the meeting. The meeting urged the government to expedite the ring road project in between Thuvakkudi and Thiruchendurai. The necessity of the service road rises only when the ring road project is completed, they added.

They said if the government continued with its proposed project, traders and general public residing and trading on either side of the Tiruchy-Thanjavur national highway, would be severely affected. Govindarajulu suggested that the government can construct fly-over in between Old Palpannai to Thuvakkudi stretch. He said they are going to meet the Tiruchy collector on February 9 and to submit a memorandum to

Rlys to take up Madurai-T'kudi line, other TN projects

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

Thomas, General Manager, Southern Railway, said that the Central government has planned to take up the Madurai – Tuticorin line via Aruppukkottai and the Rameswaram - Dhanushkodi line, and has allocated ₹94 crore in the current budget.

ing on Friday, John said the government allowed new line projects - Madurai – Tuticorin via Aruppukkottai Rameswaram Dhanushkodi line and allotted ₹20 crores and ₹75 crores, respectively. The government has allocated ₹200 crores for doubling of Maniyachi – Nagercoil line, and another ₹300 crore for

Tuticorin doubling project. It allotted ₹25.5 crore for Omalur dam line doubling project, and it will be completed in March 2021. ₹35 crore has been allocated for the Salem – Magnesite – Omalur doubling line which will be completed in August

John said that the Indian

under 'Gross Budgetary Support' (GBS), of which the Southern Railway has been allocated a substantial amount of ₹3,855 crore, including stores and manufacturing expenses.

He stated that allocation under capital/GBS is very key as land acquisition for doubling and new lines have the Southern Railway. In Tamil Nadu, 27 ongoing projects costing ₹30,961 crore are under different stages of planning and execution.

In Kerala, nine ongoing projects costing ₹8,799 crore over 458 kms length of lines fully/partly the state are under different stages of planning and

■ Move will save up to ₹35K crore for government, Tangedco Freeze expenses, retire coal power plants, say experts

A.ARUL PALANI | DC

cash-strapped ernment can save up to ₹35,000 crore over five years through a combination of retiring 3.1 GW of old power plants, freezing expenditure on 3.5 GW of new plants at early stages of construction and availing of cheaper power to meet future demand, said

The report of 'Recipe for Recovery' points out that reduction Tangedco's participation in the UDAY scheme in 2017, failed to 1. distribution con The failed to revive the power companies Centre recently approved a bailout package of ₹30,230 crore for Tangedco, but without measures to either lower the cost of power supply or

an analysis conducted by raise tariffs, energy experts forests and climate change. ue to accumulate.

The report identifies cost savings opportunities through retirement of coal power plants that are over 20 years old. Such plants are typically less efficient, more polluting, and are now legally required to meet the 2015 air and water emission norms notified by the ministry of environment, The deadline for compliance with the norms is 2022, but so far, little progress has been made.

GW of old Retiring 3.1 plants (instead of incurring the capital expenditure to retrofit them will save approximately ₹1,670 crore in avoided costs. These plants are Thoothukudi, Mettur, North Chennai and NLC II Stage I. Replacing the scheduled generation from these old plants with retrofits, it is cheaper electricity, either economic to retire them. from renewable or through market, will save another try, as well as cheaper crore annually (₹7,3 00 cr. over a five year period), as cheaper options

are now available.
"These old plants are not on track to meet the 2022 deadline for compliance norms. Rather than incurring 1,600 crores or more on

The power surplus situarenewable energy potential win-win situation for Tamil Nadu's consumers through retiring these assets", said report author Ashish Fernandes of

Climate Risk Horizons. Tamil Nadu's coal fleet has been running below 60 percent plant load factor

years. Moreover, over three GW of new coal plants and expected to be commismonths, ensuring surplus electricity generation.

Sundarrajan G of 'Puvula-gin Nanbargal' said, "The coal plants in question are responsible for significant pollution in terms of both air emissions and fly ash. Retiring them is the right

purchases on the open tion in the state and coun- are nearing completion struction of coal plants and shelve those that are at an

> As many as 3.5 GW of state-owned plants are in the early stages of construction – Uppur, Udangudi and Ennore Freezing expenditure by halting construction on over ₹26,000 crore.

> > Dated: 07.01.2021

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

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LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER / DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, NAMAKKAL **AMENDMENT OF NOTIFICATION**

The following amendment is issued to the public notice already issued under sub section 2 of section 2 of Section 15 of Tamil Nadu Highways Act 2001 for the acquisition of 701.5 Square Meters of Natham Village Site lands situated in Ladduvadi Village of Mohanur Taluk of Namakkal District for the formation of By-pass road to Namakkal Town as published in English daily " Deccan Chronicle" (Coimbatore Edition) dated 27.02.2019 AMENDMENT 1. In the above said Notification, the following amendment is issued to the existing schedule.

15(2) Notification already published								15(2) Notification to be read as																
SI. No	Survey No.	Pro posed Sub- Division No.	of the	. be	ca tion	Name of the Pattadar as per Natham Chitta	Details of Buildings, Structures, Trees, Crops and Others	S. Boundaries for the proposed		SI. No.	Survey No.	Division	Extent of the	to be acquired	Classifica tion of the Lands	Name of the Pattadar as per 10(1) Chitta	Details of Buildings, Structures, Trees, Crops and Others	Boundaries for the proposed Acquisition lands						
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Terraced House-1

S/o. Muthusamy Gounder

Vijayasekaran S/o.Kandasam

Patta No. 416

Village



Village K.Vijayasekaran



Terraced Shops-2 (Part)



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US remarks a wake-up call Delhi can't ignore The American government's statement on Thursday — in which the right of peaceful protest, free speech, and unhindered access to the Internet were flagged as signs of a "thriving democracy" — is a straightforward response to the egregious steps of the Narrendra Modi government in recent days. These are the first substrative public electronic provisions of the provision of the provision

These are the first substantive public observations on India by the two-week-old Biden administration. The message — in the backdrop of the farmers' agitation in the country, and the comments by journalists and other public figures in that context — accords with the sentiments of millions of Indians, and millions worldwide,

who are surprised by the turn of events and processes in India for some time. President Joe Biden's administration has underlined first principles in a neutral, moderate voice. Also, the US state department's cautionary observations which was reiterated by the US embassy in India — was in response to a question by the American newspaper *The Wall Street Journal*, not off its own bat. This is a

useful device suggestive of an official criticism, but not quite. It will be obvious except to the dense that the present US administration's first public observations on India came immediately after the Narendra Modi government targeted some international icons, including the famous pop star Rihanna, the teen Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg (who is nominated for the Nobel Prize) "and others" for lending support to the farmers' stir (since it is being railroaded by a monstrous government, actions which have drawn considerable domestic criticism).

Through a tweet, the climate activist offered a "toolkit" to back protesters. This is standard mobilising tactic for activists everywhere with the use of "Twitter storm" and the like. Supporters of the ruling party in India do this routinely when

playing polarising games at election time.

The so-called "toolkit" has moved the Indian government, including its normally staid external affairs ministry, and the ruling party, to smell an international "conspiracy", no less, to defame India. This is laughable, of course.

The Delhi Police, frequently a violent and communal force, has filed a FIR against international personalities without naming anyone. This is a fig leaf. It is clear that Ms Rihanna and Ms Thunberg, "and others" (including the US vice-

president's lawyer-writer niece Meena Harris), are the principal objects of its ire.

These FIRs — the official call for investigation — by the Delhi police, which is directly controlled by Union home minister Amit Shah, are related to extremely serious criminal offences such as sedition and attempt to cause disharmony as between communities. Before the international celebrities, it had been the turn of journalists in India — last week six well-known editors, in a long string of journalists in recent times, and senior politicians like Shashi Tharoor — to face exactly the same official allegations. The US state department's remarks appear to have this figured.

In its sorry response, the India's external affairs ministry is self-congratulatory, calling India a "vibrant" democracy with "shared values" with the United States. In today's climate, is it? No amount of seeking to falsely equate the January 6 attack on the US Capitol and the January 26 move by infiltrators in the entirely peaceful farmers' movement to create chaos at the Red Fort, hides the ugly reality of our present.

Don't pardon Rajiv killers

Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, the Tamil Nadu Governor, Banwarill Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, the rainin road Governor, _____
Purohit, has ducked the responsibility. He has passed the political football back to the President of India saying he is the appropriate authority to take the call though he may find it difficult to explain why he sat on it for two-and-a-half years before declining to decide. The prisoners for life, some of whose sentences were commuted to life and thus got a reprieve from the gallows, have been languishing in Tamil Nadu prisons for close to three decades. The question that arises is whether they deserve any sympathy.

Mercy may be a quality that is twice blessed, as the Bard of Avon put it, but sympathy for the conspirators of a heinous crime aimed at one who had been Prime Minister of India may be totally misplaced even if some of them may have, innocently or otherwise, contributed very little to the plot like buying a 9-volt battery to complete the circuit to blow up the explosives hidden in the body belt worn by the assassin Dhanu. The plot, hatched by LTTE's murderous chief Velupillai Prabhakaran, seemed to have came straight out of a Frederick Forsyth novel and was carried out on Indian soil near Chennai, killing 18 including Rajiv Gandhi and the assassin and injuring 43 bystanders on May 21, 1991.

Sympathy on humanitarian grounds for the surviving plotters has been built up in the strange political ambience in a state that once viewed a Tamil Eelam in northern Sri Lanka as a desirable outcome. Rajiv Gandhi, confused by a welter of opinions on the Tamils issue, may have erred in judgment in sending a peace keeping force to the island nation and paid the price. No government at the Centre could be seen as weak in pardoning the killers of a Prime Minister. The ball is back with the President even as the top court will continue to grapple with the legal chal-

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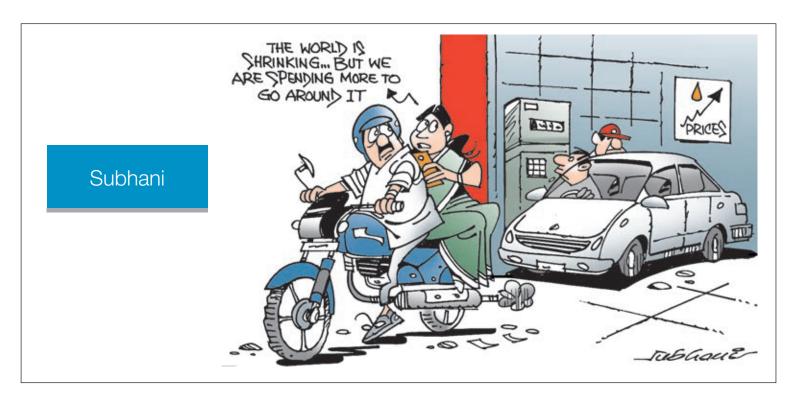
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Yeh Rihanna-Wihanna, Greta-Vreta... kaun hai?



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Shobhaa De

Goa, desperately trying to dodge zillions of Dilliwallas who have as good as taken over this gorgeous state and estabtheir Ĭished own across favoured villages and hamlets. Poor Goans, I thought to myself. First came the Israelis, then the Russians — and now Arpora has become a mini-Gurgaon, and the locals aren't amused. In such a surrealistic setting, it was a bit tough for me to focus on a single tweet posted Barbados-born singer and the havoc it generated across India. Well, I'm getting carried — it was Dilli netas and assorted celebrities/influencers who jumped in, and boom! Rihanna went viral. Be honest — how many of you reading this column had even heard of Rihana before this hungama? Okay maybe you had her. And even danced to her tracks, but did Rihanna and what she tweeted impact your life even remotely? No, *na*? I recall enjoying *Under* mv umbrella, which

Now, I am unlikely to forget! The 32-year-old singer with a staggering 100 million followers on Instagram. No wonder our netas got sufficiently hilagoed and obviously rattled, when she had the gumption to tweet in support of our protesting farmers. More than 226.3K retweets followed, with 490.3K users "liking" the tweet. Whoa! What was going

brought Rihanna into

the global stage way

back in 2007. After that, I

totally forgot all about

Uske baad, that opinionated Greta what's-her-face, got into the act and lagaoed her own

tweet. Mayhem followed as all *desi* patriots scrambled to counterattack these impudent folks who had dared to question our official stand on the farmers' protests. People who had absolutely nothing to do with either the farmers or the government, jumped in feet first to damn and attack the this case. "influencers" accusing them of generating an international conspiracy designed to break up our vast coun-try and hand it over to

[... as it is, the sultry Goan weather had started to play tricks with my mood and thinking (without feni, let me hastily clarify), upar se... I was going through zabardast tweets posted by super-patriotic Indians, basically ask-ing Rihanna and Co to butt out of India's affairs. Someone brilliant called Sambit Patra (know him?) thundered higoted/compromised television chan-"Why doesn't Rihanna tweet about the 1984 riots?" Excellent question, Shri Patra. But the singer was born in 1988 and Twitter started only in 2006. Koi baat nahi — loyalty game fully on, even if the goofups are totally embarrassing. So much for credibility. Hot air has

China! Stumped? So was

Confession: I am pretty clueless myself. But when I read accounts of two elderly fauji farmers (Jeet Singh, 70, and Gurmukh Singh, 80) being picked up by the Delhi police as suspects, charged with an act of violence (FIR No. 31) they were allegedly a part of ... nothing makes sense! Lodged in Tihar Jail, the two men who had served the Army for over two decades in the

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ence itself is grossly

uninformed.

same Sikh Regiment, dealing with this strange situation that their traumatised families can do little about. Jeet Singh's son Veer works as a guard. He said: "Our fathers fought for India in their youth. The government has disrespected them by putting such veterans in jail." The two farmers own an acre of farmland each, on which they grow wheat. Today, they are languishing in jail and being called "Khalistanis" and "terrorists". Rihanna sang Unapologetic in 2012. You go figure who deserves an apology in

Soon, everybody had jumped in to express their two bits' worth. I saved my *gyaan* and stayed out — savouring grilled calamari at a beach shack seemed a far more worthwhile pursuit. I thought lazily and idly to myself, try-ing hard not to get dis-tracted by the overdressed Gurgaon crowd swigging beer at the next table: "Why is everybody frothing at the mouth and dissing Rihanna?" Then I remembered. If VVIP Bharatwaasis did not step up publicly and lecture us on our duty as Rihanna, tell her not to meddle in India's affairs, let the world know we can handle our own internal matters..."), their bag of *sarkari* goodies would be snatched away. The more relevant counter question to all those big names who have passed the patriotic test with flying colours — did

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even one of them understand the highly complex farmers' problem? Frankly, it beats most analysts. Without get-ting to the bottom of what is nothing short of an unfortunate impasse at the moment, why ignite more fires? Who is Rihanna to us? Had her tweet been ignored, we would not have attracted even more global scrutiny — it was as if the entire government machinery at the time was busy dealing with a famous foreign entertainer's tweet!

Most super celebrities hire PR teams to manage social media accounts and project a finely calibrated public image. Perhaps Rihanna does indeed possess remarkable understanding of complicated political, and cultural issues in distant lands she may never ever set foot in (unless the money is good, of course). But the chances are, she goes along with whatever her alert and socially aware PR team places before her. In simple words, it is shrewd brand building. It shows her as a thinking star concerned with humanity. That's it! Yes, a tweet from such an individual does snowball into a bigger controversy, if it catches on like it did this time. These are the expected repercussions in the age of celebrity — deal with them wisely, as a government. By falling into the trap, we fed the monster and kept the story alive. Mogambo is very naraaz, okay? Get smart, you guys. Focus on asli matters. Rihanna's other hit was titled: "Bitch, better have my money..." She has made hers. The "bitch" has delivered. Where does that leave us? Still roping in celebrities to counter Rihanna! Hello! She has moved on, okay? She is probably tweeting about saving endangered dolphins in some bewakoofi, I tell you!

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The tweets of international celebrities in support of the protests of farmers has triggered an unwarranted backlash from the ruling establishment at the Centre with many terming it as an infringement on our sovereignty. The very notion that the tweets of a few international celebrities could undermine, weaken or challenge our country's sovereignty is misplaced. Had not people all over the world lent their support through social media platforms on the 'Black Lives Matter' movement which gained momentum after the death of a black man George Floyd in US? Nobody in the US had termed the support from outside for Black Lives Matter movement as an infringement or an assault on the sovereignty of their country. It is time BJP-led ruling dispensation at the Centre refrain itself from wasting its energies through its knee-jerk reactions over a few tweets expressing support for protesting farmers.

M. Jeyaram,

Sholavandan

SETTLE FARMERS' ISSUESTHE HIGH-HANDED passage of the farm laws was characteristic of the ruling BJP and its tyrannical nature. Months of demonstrations and sit-ins by the farmers across the country have grown into a stalemate marked by deadlocked talks between farmers and the Narendera Modi administration. Despite several rounds of talks, with two of them involving a threeminister panel of the Union government and a few dozen representatives of the farmers' unions the impa remains. The Centre cannot keep procrastinating the issue and has to make a decision and make it public very soon. The year 2020 has been a traumatic one for all and any continuation of defiance, arrogance and inconsistency by the Centre on decision-making will not give a positive signal in 2021, the year of hope, which is already a month old. R. Sivakumar, Chennai

CHARACTER CERTIFICATES

IT IS baffling that MP makes character certificate must for DL (Feb. 5). The comical (il)logic of this order is to curb crimes against women in Madhya Pradesh and also suspend driving licences of those accused of crimes against women. Is there any connection between women molestation and men driving vehicles? So, a teetotaller and man of impeccable character will be the future driver of vehicles in MP. First of its kind, we have to wait and watch for improved behaviour of drivers towards womenfolk. What about character certificate for female drivers? Are they exempt from this rule, if so, gender discrimination?

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Farrukh Dhondy **Of Cabbages** & Kings



"Gratitude is an angel With a very short memory. Jealousy, a demon With a stimulated long one Indifference shrugs its shoulders In dismissal whenever he Encounters a strong emotion Condemning it as the wrong one." From the Opera Bheeda Pareeda Translated from Hungarian by

t was a Greek called Aristarchus who in 200 BC first said that the earth was a globe. Galileo was certain of it and in later centuries the Portuguese Magellan added the decisive circumnavigating proof. An early definition of "globalisation" was born.

Bachchoo

Today "globalisation" means an exchange of culture and trade amongst most if not all nations of the world and it would certainly include the phenomenon of the spread of the Internet to every crook and nanny of

A Marxist definition would concentrate on the international flow and exchange of capital and of labour -with American motor car manufacturing relocating to the Far East and Coca Cola being concocted, bottled and sold

from the Uighar districts of western

Its inevitability hasn't led to popularity. There are Canutes who wish to turn back the tide. The most boastful and vociferous of these in recent times was one Donald Trump, whose opposition to globalisation may not have included the conviction that the world was flat (though one can never be sure what neo-troglodytes believe). It certainly included a political programme that attempted to reverse the flow of capital out of, and labour into, the United States of America. It negated international treaties designed to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons and was opposed to global action on climate change.

Britain's political position was paradoxical. On the one hand, Brexit caused the UK to leave one of the planet's largest trading blocs to go it alone, and on the other hand it trumpeted intentions to open Little England to an ambitious programme of international trade, an invitation to capital to come here with the promise of low taxes and Rishi Sunak's free ports, while at the same time stopping the import of even necessary labour. Welcome to "Free port and deport England" — both policies perpetrated, ironically, by British ministers whose origins are Indian and Indo-African.

Yet now, gentle reader, the most dreadful reminder that the tide of globalisation is upon us is not the rush of refugees from Africa to Europe or the determination of Japanese car manufacturers to relocate to countries where the promise of profit is the greatest. Independent of the will of capital and labour, nature has shown its near-apocalyptic hand. There have been plagues before, and Sars and Ebola did spread from one country to another, but Covid-19 and its menacingly developing variants is, after the very early spread of the ancestors of homo sapiens to all corners of the globe, the first truly fast-moving inhabitant of everywhere.

Earlier plagues hit single countries. Daniel Defoe wrote his Journal of the *Plague Year* as a novel covering events in London 1665. Then Shakespeare, it is said, wrote Macbeth and King Lear under lockdown in the early years of the seventeenth century. The Internet has alerted me to several literary efforts attempting to capture the ennui, isolation, change in shopping arrangements, etc during today's Covid lockdowns. No doubt there will be whole novels about what Netflix programmes some scribbler watched, with photographs of the meals they cooked in these dreadful months. I myself have found time to complete two books which have nothing to do with how I spend my time or what I cook but are brilliant fictional... (I've repeatedly told you that this space is not for your idiotic self-advertisements — Ed. Sorry yaar, iss mushkil vakhth mey thhodee si publicity sey kya farak padtha? -fd).

The globalist way of looking at these times is to see them as a battle between two species of evolved life -- the mutating, deadly coronavirus strains and the scientifically analytical and creative genius of scientists and the ingenuity of political ordering.

The scientific effort of the geneticists, doctors, epidemiologists and others who have not only invented and deployed five developed vaccines, and with many more to come, but have found treatments to alleviate the

symptoms of the infected.

The political efforts, subject to all manner of constraints and forces, including crass cronyism - as in Britain where jobs and public funds are given to Tory friends and supporters — profiteering and fraud are confused and less laudable. Here, gentle reader, are a couple of

shameful statistics: First: The International Labour Organisation estimates that the

plague has cost the workers of the world a loss in earnings of \$3.7 trillion. According to Oxfam, the increase in wealth of the world's top billionaires in ten moths of the plague has been \$3.9 trillion. Next: As of January 23, 39 million people in the so-called "first world"

had received an anti-Covid vaccination. The number of people who have been vaccinated in the continent of Africa, excluding South Africa, was 29. Yes, you read that correctly. No, I haven't missed out the words "thousand" or "million". There are reports, since that grim statistic, saying that subsequently other nations have allocated funds to get the vaccines across

This isn't about generosity, it's selfpreservation in a globalised world in which the enemy species has to be fought and subdued, if not annihilated altogether through... err...

in a globalised world, all must get the vaccine...

To ensure safety

Government ready to listen to protesting farmers: Tomar

DC CORRESPONDENTS NEW DELHI, FEB. 5

Asserting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Centre are committed to the welfare of farmers, agriculminister Narendra Singh Tomar on Friday said neither the Opposition members who criticised the three new farm laws, nor the farmers' unions, which had held more than 10 rounds of discussions with the government, have been able to point out what is "kaala" (black) in the laws which they are claiming are "kaala kanoon" (black laws).

Intervening in a discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address in the Raiva Sabha, Tomar reiterated that the new laws are aimed at boosting farmers'

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC

Madhva Pradesh Chief

Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday held

a closed-door meeting

with his predecessor and

veteran Congress leader

Kamal Nath here spark-

ing speculations on 'track 2 talks' to end the

impasse over the ongo-

The one-to-one meet-

ing, held in the Chief

Minister's official resi-

dence here, lasted about

20 minutes. Neither the

Chief Minister nor Nath

spoke to the media to

detail what transpired in

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SHAHAB ANSARI | DC

KANGANA'S CASE

A magistrate court in Mumbai

on Friday directed the police to submit a progress report on

the inquiry it had ordered into

a complaint against actor

Kangana Ranaut and her sis-

ter for posting alleged hateful messages on social media. On Friday when the matter

came up for hearing, the

Amboli police sought further

time to file their report on the complaint filed by advocate

Ali Kaashif Khan Deshmukh alleging that the sisters tweet-

ed nateful contents against a particular community.

Initially the magistrate in

Andheri had ordered an inqu-

iry in October, 2020 and asked the police to file their report

by December 5, 2020 into the

sisters' tweets from April 2020.

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ing farmers' stir.

BHOPAL, FEB. 5

Shivraj, Nath hold

closed-door meet

issues.

incomes and the government's offer to amend them to assuage the farmers' sentiments does not mean they are flawed. As the government continued its defence of the laws, the Congress, which is supporting the farmers' unions protests against the laws, sought a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the Republic Day violence, when a protesting mob turned violent and unfurled a Sikh religious flag at the Red

While the Rajya Sabha saw the agriculture minister strongly defending the laws, the Lok Sabha witnessed sloganeering by Opposition members who demanded the repeal of the laws. The Lower House saw multiple adjournments before adjourned for the day till

the meeting.
Congress spokesman

here Narendra Saluja,

however, indicated that

the two leaders dis-cussed the farmers'

"Farmers' issues crop-

ped up in the meeting",

Saluja told reporters giv-

ing credence to the spec-

ulations on track 2 talks

to end the impasse

over the over 2-month-

long farmers' stir in

Incidentally, Nath left for Delhi after the meet-

ing on a week-long visit

to the national capital

where he was scheduled

to meet several senior

leaders of Congress

Monday.
"The farmers unions, the Opposition parties have failed to point out a single flaw in three new farm laws. We are not standing on prestige. We have been asking what is black in this law, and no one is answering," said Tomar in the Rajya Sabha, where he also attacked the Congress, that is leading the protest in Parliament, as indulging in "khoon ki kheti"

Amid the uproar in Parliament, the Prime Minister held a strategy meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah, parliamentary affairs minister Prahlad Joshi and I&B minister Prakash Javadekar on how to tackle the ongoing protests by the farmers and the Opposition campaign.

WB Cong seeks alliance with ISF to win Muslim votebank

RAJIB CHOWDHURI

Desperate to reclaim its Muslim votebank from the ruling Trinamul Congress in the forthcoming West Bengal Assembly elections, the state Congress leaders have sought UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi's permission to include a third party in their alliance, Indian Secular Front, floated by influential cleric of Furfura Sharif, Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui. The Congress already has an alliance with the Left Front and the two parties are in the middle of seat-sharing talks. On Thursday, leader of the Opposition in the state, Abdul Mannan, wrote to the Congress president, "Amidst the dialogue process with the Left Front on electoral alliance, I would like to add a possibility of a grand alliance in Bengal to target more winnable seats. You are aware that Congress party in WB stood in the state for the support of

FARMERS TAKE OUT MASSIVE RALLY IN UP DEFYING BAN

FROM PAGE 1

Chants of "Inquilab Zindabad" were also raised by farmers who walked or drove to the venue on trac-

"We are saying in one voice, if anyone raises a lathi to the farmer, we will crush that finger. Let's take a decision today, if this government is not hearing you out, you do the same in next year's election,' leader Jayant

Chaudhary said. After Section 144 was imposed to ban large gatherings, Mr Chaudhary tweeted on Thursday: "144 reasons why I will go to

Shamli tomorrow!" Addressing the gathering, Mr Chaudhary accused the BJP of hatching a conspiracy for the Republic Day violence. "The Delhi police chose to remain a mute spectator to the acts of vandalism by rowdy elements on January 26

in Delhi." Mr Chaudhary also accused the Centre of treading the path of rigidity and arrogance. He advised the Narendra Modi government not to make it a prestige issue and

repeal the laws. At another mahapanchayat in Dausa, a resolution seeking repeal of the three farm laws and withdrawal of cases filed against farmers for the Republic Day was passed

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minority votes since many years.

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REGIONAL OFFICE (TAMILNADU)

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ATTENTION - EMPLOYERS OF RANIPET AND DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

The ESI Scheme has been implemented from 1st FEBRUARY 2021 in new geographical areas of RANIPET AND DHARMAPURI Districts (Including already implemented area).

Accordingly, all factories and establishments including educational Institutions and hospitals situated in these areas, employing 10 or more persons, should register themselves under the ESI Act, within 10 days through ESIC portal (www.esic.in) . Further, such employers should register their coverable employees drawing wages of Rs. 21,000/- or below per month through online.

For further information/assistance, in respect of Ranipet District please contact Regional Office, ESIC, Chennal-34(Ph. 044-28306300) e mail: <u>rd-tamilnadu@esic.nic.in</u>

For further information/assistance, in respect of Dharmapuri District please contact Sub Regional Office, ESIC, Salem (Ph. 0427-2336941) e mail: sro-salem@esic.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER AND DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, NAMAKKAL.

Public Notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 15 of Tamilnadu Highways Act - 2001

and Tamilnadu Highways Rules - 2003 Section-5 Under sub-section (2) of section 15 of Tamilnadu Highways Act-2001 (Tamilnadu Act 34/2002) notice is hereby given that the lands specified in the Schedule and situated in the Village of Vettampadi in the Taluk of Namakkal in the District of Namakkal are required for highways purpose to wit for the formation of Bypass road to Namakkal town. All persons interested in the lands are accordingly required to lodge before the District Revenue officer, Namakkal within thirty days from the date of Publication of this notice, a statement in writing of their objections, if any, to the

Any objection / statement which is received after the date or which does not clearly explain the nature of the sender's interest in the lands liable to be summarily rejected.

Objections received within the due date, if any will be enquired by District Revenue officer, Namakkal, when the objectors will be at liberty to appear in person or by a person or persons authorized by him or them in this behalf or by a pleader and to adduce any oral or documentar evidence in support of their objections.

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Total Extent of Dry Lands to be acquired - 4462.0 Sq.Mts Land Acquisition Officer and District Revenue Officer, Namakkal

WORLD

Biden calls out Russia, China

Washington, Feb. 5: President Joe Biden ended US support for Saudi Arabia's devastating war in Yemen and dramatically increased the welcome to refugees, ushering in a major reset in

American foreign policy. In his first major speech on foreign affairs as president, Biden also froze for-mer president Donald Trump's plans to redeploy troops from Germany and vowed a tough approach against what he described as a rising authoritarian threat from China and

Russia. Vice Biden and President Kamala Harris traveled together to the State Department in a symbol of a renewed focus on diplomacy after Trump's tumultuous four years. "America is back. Diplomacy is back," Biden told a socially distanced auditorium of

diplomats. In a speech shortly afterward, Biden said the United States would end all support including connected arms sales for ally Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen, which he said "has created a humanitar-

ian and strategic catastro-

He appointed a US special envoy for Yemen, vet-eran diplomat Timothy Lenderking, who Biden said would support UN efforts to reach a ceasefire and revive peace talks between the government and Huthi rebels who control much of the country. including the capital Sanaa. "This war has to

end," Biden said. Saudi Arabia reacted to Biden's speech by reasserting its commitment to a political solution in Yemen, according to state media.

Riyadh also welcomed Biden's 'commit-

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ment cooperate with the kingdom to defend its sovereignty and counter against it,' the official

Saudi Press Agency added.

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Rend, Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patiela-14700 GURU HARGOSIND THERMAL PLANT, LEHRA MOHABBAT DISTT. BATHINDA (PUNJAB) - 151 111 e-tendering website- http://eproc.punjab.gov.in NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through E-tendering) Tender Enquiry No.: 65/CHP/OP-305/GHTP/2021-22 Dated 04/02/2021

SHORT DESCRIPTION: To provide support at the vital location/ equipments for operation of coal handling plant as per scope of work on Stage-I & II at 2x210 MW + 2x250 MW, CHP, GHTP, Lehra Mohabat Distt. Bathinda EMD: Minimum Rs. 7,00,000/-

Last Date & Time for bid submission : 03/03/2021 upto 11:30 hrs. Date & Time of opening of Fee stage bid : 05/03/2021 upto 11:30 hrs. Detailed NIT and tender specification can be downloaded from PSPCI website http://eproc.punjab.gov.in from dated 05/02/2021 onwards.

1. The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specifications from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender, information may be sought from http://eproc.punjab.gov.in

2. It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL official website i.e. https://pspcl.in

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06.02.2021 Łakh upto 3.00 PM Tender document and schedule are available in http://tntenders.gov.in and http://municipality.tn.gov.in/tenders can be down/baded at free of cost from The Bidding document will be received by the Commissioner, Usilampath Municipality by way o off-line and e-submission also in 2 cover system upto 23.02.2021, 3.00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit @ 1(one)% of the value of worl orients and e-submission arison a cover system upto 23.02.2021, 3.00 PM. Earnest Money sepositifile (10ne) in intervalue of work should be submitted along with the lender. The e-tender along with the EMD should be dropped in the interval to the control of the bids will be done as per Tender Transparency Act 1998 of Government of Tamil Nadu and rules there us. If the said tender date happens to be a holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day. The Municipal Commissioner reserves the rights to accept or reject any bidding document at any time without assigning any reason there of Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. For other details contact e-mail address: commrusilampati@n.gov.in Contact No.: 04552-252384



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER AND DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, NAMAKKAL.

Public Notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 15 of Tamilnadu Highways Act - 2001

and Tamilnadu Highways Rules - 2003 Section-5

Roc. No. 17856/2016/H7 Dated: 07.01.2025 Under sub-section (2) of section 15 of Tamilnadu Highways Act-2001(Tamilnadu Act 34/2002) notice is hereby given that the lands specified in the Schedule and situated in the Village of 79 Ladduvadi in the taluk of Mohanur in the District of Namakkal are required for highways purpose, to wit for the formation of bypass road to Namakkal town. All persons interested in the lands are accordingly required to lodge before the District Revenue officer, Namakkal within thirty days from the date of Publication of this notice, a statement in writing of their objections, if any, to the acquisition of said lands

Any objection / statement which is received after the date or which does not clearly explain the nature of the sender's interest in the

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SHORT TAKES

Shastri pitches for break post IPL

Chennai: Indian cricketers must get a two-week break after this year's IPL to recover from fatigue since staying in biobubbles is "mentally draining", head coach Ravi Shastri said on

The Indian players have not taken a break since the IPL 2020 in September in the UAE. The IPL was followed by a challenging Australia tour comprising four Tests, three ODIs and three T20Is.

With the final spot in the World Test Championships at stake, India is currently hosting England in a bilateral series consisting of four Tests, five T20Is and three ODIs. "I do believe you need a break from international cricket at some point. After the England series, yes they go into the IPL. Again after the IPL, a couple of weeks off is a must," Ravi Shastri told Star Sports. - PTI

Consecutive win for Daruvala

Abu Dhabi: Mumbai Falcons and Jehan Daruvala continued their winning spree with a 2nd consecutive victory in the Asian Formula 3 Championship. A thrilling battle kept fans on their toes as Jehan had to fight tooth and nail to win Race 2 and also completed a hat trick of podiums to finish second in Race 3 and move into the championship lead. The Mumbai resident had a near perfect launch from pole position and held his position into the first corner. Behind him, Isack Hadjar of France also held onto second, while championship leader Guanvu Zhou dropped a position to allow Dino Beganovic into third. The first few laps were uneventful and once the top few settled into a rhythm, Hadjar seemed to have more pace than Jehan. He soon started piling on the pressure, with numerous attempts which did not stick. Hadjar then had a good run out of the corkscrew section and

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but Jehan held on.

came alongside Jehan. The two

entered the corner side by side,

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Sweeping success Root wants to make it count

Root sweeps his way to 20th Test ton, puts England on top

C. SANTHOSH KUMAR CHENNAI, FEB. 5

With a ringside view from behind the stumps, Rishabh Pant could easily see it. Shoulders drooped and heads bowed - the team's body language, at one time, was as flat as the surface. The wicketkeeper's constant egging, urging his teammates to lift themselves, summed up Team India's frustrating opening day on the field.

Joe Root (128 not out) and Dom Sibley (87) gave a masterclass on how to play spinners in subcontinental conditions with a brilliant 200-run stand for the third wicket as England stole a march over India on a featherbed in the opening Test here. At stumps, England, who won the toss, were 263/3 in 89.3 overs. Opener Sibley was dismissed lbw by Jasprit Bumrah in the last over of the day.

While Root, playing his 100th Test, unleashed his most potent weapon, sweep, in all possible ways — reverse, slog and even switch hit — to slam his 20th Test hundred, third in as many matches, Sibley personified resilience and proved to be the perfect foil for his

in-form skipper.

The pitch had little to offer the bowlers, but the England batsmen had to show a lot of patience. Sibley's marathon stay in the middle — 286 balls and 382 minutes — was significant as the 25-year-old not only absorbed the pressure early on, but also wore the Indian bowlers out with his dogged defence. With classic old-school technique, Sibley used his long strides effectively. He got closer to the pitch of the ball, didn't have any qualms in defending good deliveries and rotated the strike diligently to keep the Indian

spinners at bay.

Root joined forces with Sibley after Rory Burns (33) and Dan Lawrence (five-ball duck) fell to R. Ashwin and Bumrah, respectively, before lunch. Burns, who made a solid opening stand of 63, plotted his own downfall when he played a reverse sweep to lob a simple Pant.



England's Joe Root celebrates after scoring a century against India on the first day of their first Test match at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Friday.

SCORECARD

England 1st innings: Rory Burns c Rishabh Pant b Ravichandran Ashwin 33, D. Sibley Ibw b Jasprit Bumrah 87, D. Lawrence Ibw b Bumrah 0, J. Root (batting) 128. Extras (LB-4, NB-11) 15. Total (for 3 wickets in 89.3 overs) 263. FoW: 1-63, 2-63, 3-263.

Bowling: Ishant Sharma 15-3-27-0, Jasprit Bumrah 18.3-2-40-2, Ravichandran Ashwin 24-2-68-1, Shahbaz Nadeem 20-3-69-0, Washington Sundar 12-0-55-0.

batsman Lawrence with the help of a reverse swing, England were two

down for 63. India had the visitors under the pump, but Kohli may be guilty of letting Root who averaged the ground described to the England from scoring. the guard down later. His

the first session. When Ashwin and Ishant off the Bumrah trapped new attack post-lunch was inexplicable. The packed leg-side field which had proved effective against the Aussies couldn't stop the England batsmen

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his purple patch. The contest between Ashwin and Root was fascinating. The England skipper cleverly negated the offie by not employing sweep shot. As Root grew in confidence, the sweeps were a delight to watch.

More than three years after making his Test debut, Bumrah got to play his first match at home He bowled just a three-over opening spell before Ashwin was introduced as early as in the eighth. Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem who made it to the side following a knee injury to Axar Patel couldn't trouble the bats-

NUMBERS GAME

IN 100TH TEST MATCH

Joe Root became the 15th Englishman and 69th player overall to complete a century of Test matches after appearing in the Chennai Test on Friday (February 5).

 The England skipper who made his debut in India, at Nagpur in 2012. also played 50th Test match on Indian soil, at Visakhapatnam, in 2016..

After making an unbeaten 128 off 197 balls with 14 fours and one six in England's first innings, the right hand top-order batsman, also became the ninth batsman to score hundred in 100th Test

Australian Ricky Ponting is the only batsman to make two hundreds in 100th Test match. England's Colin Cowdrey, Alec Stewart, South African Graeme Smith and Hashim Amla. Pakistan's Javed Miandad and Inzamam-ul-Haq and West Indian Gordon Greenidge also scored a century in their 100th Test match before Joe Root..

The 200-run stand between Joe Root and Dom Sibley is England's second best third wicket stand in India and fifth best overall. Alastair Cook and Kevin Pieterson's 206-run stand is England's best third wicket stand in India

Anil Choudhury became the 63rd Indian umpire to officiate in Test cricket. He made his debut as a Test umpire after stood in 20 one day internationals and 28 Twenty-20 inter-

Nitin Menon and Anil Choudhury are the two Umpire in this Test match. The last time two Indian umpires stood in a home Test was in the Ahmedabad Test against Sri Lanka in February 1994, when Kapil Dev went past Richard Hadlee's record of most wickets in Tests. The umpires then were A.L. V.K.Ramaswamy

- S. PERVEZ QAISER

DC CORRESPONDENT

Skipper Joe Root who scored a scintillating century in his 100th Test and guided England to a commanding position against India wants to make it count. England had made 477 in the first innings the last time they played a Test here in 2016, but eventual-ly they lost by an innings. So, Root knows the importance of a big total.

"I think we have to try and get as many runs as we can. We want to bat the whole of tomorrow and possibly a bit into the third day, then things could fall in place. We will try and score 600-700," said Root. Root knows it's not easy

to bat long in the humid conditions here. "But, I am ready for more. We have to try and consolidate our position. It's an impressive start, but we have to make it count. That's the most challenging part for us,"

The flat surface had noth-

ing for spinners on Friday, but Root expects the track to wear out. "It's an unusual looking surface but it played pretty well. I think it's going to spin as the game goes on. With a bit of reverse swing, it was a good contest against India's bowlers. I was just trying to get used to the surface, get used to the bounce, and as I got in, I found it easier," added

Root was all praise for his opener Dom Sibley. "It was a fantastic innings. He had a few question marks over his game after the Sri Lanka series. To go out there and put a performance early on in the series is amazing. It's a high quality attack and we had to deal with spin and reverse swing," he added.

Root became only the third Englishman to score a century in his 100th Test, following in the footsteps of Colin Cowdrey and Alec Stewart.

"It was very special," he

We bowled well in patches: Bumrah

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 5

It turned out to be a challenging 'home' debut for Indian speedster Jasprit Bumrah. Operating in short spells, Bumrah picked up two England wickets, but found the dry conditions difficult for a pacer.

"It was an interesting first match for me here. The pitch was on the flatter side and there was no lateral movement. The ball got scuffed up as the wicket was hard and dry. We are not trying to complain about the wicket. We are trying to figure out the options and resolve the issues," said Bumrah.

As the ICC has banned the use of saliva in the wake of Covid-19, bowlers have found it difficult to shine the ball. "When the ball becomes soft, it doesn't shine as well as we want it to. In India, the ball gets scuffed up easily. So to make the ball heavy, you have to shine one side sometimes, with sweat, and it doesn't really serve done better," he said.

the purpose. You can't make one side heavy with sweat and it doesn't really work that way. But these are the rules and we have to make do with what we have at the moment," said Bumrah.

Bumrah said India bowled well in patches. "I felt we created a lot of pressure. We didn't give too many runs except in the last session. In the beginning of the last session, I think our body language was a bit down with not many wickets coming in. And also, it's not easy to keep yourself going in the searing heat. After a while, we started putting in more effort to get back into the game," he added.

Left-arm Shahbaz Nadeem's selection over wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav surprised many, but Bumrah backed the decision. sight, you can say a lot of things. As a team we went in, and backed all of them to perform well. Maybe after the game, we can discuss what could have been

























