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Delhi court awards 7-yr-jail term to

ISIS operative New Delhi: A Delhi court Wednesday awarded seven-years jail term to an ISIS operative for conspiring to commit terror acts in the country. TN-based Mohamed Naser Packeer was deported from Republic of Sudan and arrested in the case on December 11, 2015.

33 govt staff held, ₹7 cr seized by DVAC in 3 months

Chennai: In a series of raids conducted on different entities by the Directorate of Vigilance and Antiaround ₹7 crore unaccounted income has been recovered. It may be learnt that DVAC seized unaccounted money of ₹6,96,29,605 7.232 kg of gold, 9.843 kg of silver 10.52 Carats diamond and fixed deposits of ₹37,00,000, apart from some incriminating Documents, from over 127 places in the state since October this year. During the period from 01.10.2020 to 14.12. 2020, on specific bribe compliant the DVAC & Anti-Corruption Officials arrested 33 government servants statewide for demanding and receiving a bribe



People are anxiously counting the days to get rid of the Covid year!



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'GOVT NEGOTIATIONS WON'T WORK'

Top court for Centre-farmers committee to resolve issues

The protesting farmers described the top

SANJAY KAW AND PARMOD KUMAR | DC

Noting that the Centre's negotiations with the farmers protesting against the agricultural reform laws have not yielded any results, the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it could form a committee to work out a solution between the two sides. The court said the proposed committee will comprise representatives from the government and farmers' unions across the country in an attempt to break the deadlock.

The protesting farmers described the court's suggestion on forming such a committee as their "moral victory" but remained firm on their stand that they will continue with their agitation till the three laws are repealed by the Centre. The ongoing protests, that are now in their third week, have seen thousands of farmers, primarily from Punjab and Haryana, gath-

Cabinet approves

auction of spectrum

worth ₹3.92 lakh cr

New Delhi, Dec. 16: The Union Cabinet on

Wednesday approved a proposal for the auction of

2,251.25 megahertz of spectrum worth ₹3.92 lakh crore

at the base price. The tele-

com ministry plans to issue a notice to invite bids in

December and hold the spec-

trum auction by March, tele-

com minister Řavi Shankar

has decided not to auction

frequencies in 3,300-3,600

Mhz bands that were identi-

fied for 5G services. "The

auction will be for spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz,

2300 MHz and 2500 MHz fre-

quency bands. Spectrum

will be offered for assign-

ment for a validity period of

20 years. A total of 2,251.25

MHz is being offered with a

3,92,332.70 crore (at reserve

price)," an official statement said. "The notice inviting

application shall be issued

in this month and by auction will be conducted by March," Prasad told reporters after the Cabinet meet-

nications Commission, the

apex decision making body

of the Department of Tele-

com, in May had approved

the spectrum auction plan

worth ₹5.22 lakh crore

which included radiowaves

for 5G services as well.

However, a part of the 300

Mhz of spectrum identified

by the DoT for 5G services is being used by the Navy, and

the Department of Space has

also made claims on a signif-

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tion till the three laws are repealed by the Centre ering at the borders of the national capital. "Even if a committee is formed, our agitation will co-ntinue until the three laws are withdrawn," the All India Kisan Sangarsh Coordination Committee, a pan-India organisation of 250 farmers' groups, said. The AKS-SC said the formation of the

regional farmers' outfits. The farmers' unions also sent a written reply to the Centre rejecting its December 9 proposal in which it offered significant concessions. In an email to agriculture ministry joint secre-

committee would be fruitful

only if it has the representa-

tives of all national and

tary Vivek Agrawal, Sanyukt Kisan Morcha leader Darshan Pal said: "With reference to the pro-posal and letter received from you, we want to inform the government that the farmers' unions had held a joint meeting on the same day and discussed your proposal and rejected it because it was the written format of the proposal verbally offered by the government representatives on

December 5, 2020." Mr Pal also asked the government to stop maligning the farmers' movement. want the government to stop maligning the farmers' movement and stop parallel negotiations with other farmer organisations," he

The written response from the protesting farm unions came a day after agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the government was awaiting a written response on its proposal sent to the farmers. Five meetings have taken place between the protesting farmers and the agriculture minister. Union home minister Amit Shah also met the farmers once, but the deadlock has persisted, with both sides sticking to their stance.

Hardening their stand further, the farmers' groups have now completely blocked the Delhi-Noida border at Chilla. Barricades were set up on the road, blocking vehicular movement from Noida to Delhi Traffic was also diverted from the Dalit Prerna Sthal, another site of farmers protests, to the Delhi-Noida-Direct (DND) flyway in the wake of the situation at the

Open air meetings allowed from Dec. 19

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

Open air meetings will be allowed to be held from Saturday with an occupancy of 50 per cent of the maximum capacity of the premises for social, political, sports, educational, cultural, entertainment and religious gatherings.

Making the announcement, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami said prior permission of the district collector or the City Police Commissioner, in the case of Chennai Corporation, should be obtained for the meetings, in which norms relating to social distancing should be strictly adhered to.

In a statement on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said that the Coronavirus pandemic had been brought under control due to the efforts of the government that clamped down a lockdown on March 25 and brought in relaxations step by step subsequently.

The government had already given permission for meetings in closed spaces, he said, urging people to wear facemasks in public, regularly wash hands with soap at home and at work, maintain social distancing and not

"Following standard procedures, social, political. sports, educational, cultural, entertainment and religious gatherings of a maximum 50% capacity will be permitted in open spaces from December 19," the CM's statement said

step out or men without valid reasons. Health step out of their homes

Meanwhile, Health Secretary J. Radhakri-shnan inspected the IIT Madras camps, which sud-denly turned out to be Covid-19 cluster. He said 1104 tests had been held in the campus and 191 persons had been found to be infected by Coronavirus

In the Anna University campus, 550 tests were conducted and six persons were found to be positive, he said, adding that severe action would be taken against educational institutions that do not follow government norms relating to the pandemic.

Stating that the vaccine would come Radhakrishnan stressed on the need for wearing facemask and maintaining



'Representation of new India', says Virat Kohli

Adelaide, Dec. 16: India captain Virat Kohli on Wednesday declared himself a "representation of new India", forever ready to take up challenges with optimism, as he responded to Greg Chappell's view that he is "the most Australian non-Australian cricketer of all time".

On the eve of the first Test against Australia, Kohli was asked about his aggressive brand of cricket coupled with a fighting attitude that the former Australia captain, who also served as India coach, found similar to the mindset of his coun-

rrymen.
"I would like to say that
I have always been
myself," the skipper said during a virtual media conference ahead of the opening Test against Australia here starting Thursday. "The way my personality and character is, I am the representation of new India. For me, that's how I look at it," he asserted. — *PTI*



Shubhendu quits as MLA, abandons Mamata's Imu

RAJIB CHOWDHURI |

KOLKATA, DEC. 16

Dealing yet another blow to West Bengal chief minister and Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee, her party's rebel leader: Shubhendu Adhikari quit as a TMC MLA of . Nandigram a day before his possible visit to New Delhi and his induction Apprehending "political vendetta" against him by his party, the TMC heavyweight also sought governor Jagdeer Dhankhar's "interventi on" in a letter to him for his and his aides' protec-

At around 4 pm on Wednesday Mr Adhikari, accompanied by Congress MLA Sudip Mukherjee from Purulia, went to the West Bengal Assembly and handed over his resignation letter to Assembly secretary Abhijit Šom in absence of Biman Banerjee. Speaker

tion from implication by

the police in false cases.

PM Modi lights Swarnim Vijay Mashaal on Vijay Diwas



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lights the "Swarnim Vijay Mashaal" from the National War Memorial's eternal flame marking the launch of the 50th anniversary celebrations of India's decisive victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war, which led to the creation of Bangladesh. This year is also being celebrated as "Swarnim Vijay Varsh". "On Vijay Diwas we recall the unwavering courage of our armed forces that resulted in a decisive victory for our nation in the 1971 war. On this special Vijay Diwas, had the honour of lighting the 'Swarnim Vijay Mashaal' at the National War Memorial," Mr Modi said in a tweet. Four Victory Mashaals (flames) will be carried to different parts of the country, including to villages of Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra awardees of the 1971 war. The soil from the awardees' villages and from the areas where major battles were fought in 1971 are being brought to the National War Memorial.

Banerjee to be CJ of Madras HC

New Delhi, Dec.16: The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the elevation of Calcutta High Court judge Justice Sanjib Banerjee as the Chief Justice of Madras High

Currently, Justice AP Sahi is serving as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court. The Collegium's recommendations were published on the apex court's official website Wednesday. Apart from Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, Justices NV Ramana, RF Nariman, UU Lalit and AM Khanwilkar are part of the five-judge Collegium. The appointment of Justice Sanjib Banerjee as the Chief



Justice Sanjib Banerjee

Justice of the Madras High Court comes ahead of the retirement of sitting Chief Justice of Madras High Court AP Sahi. The serving CJ of Madras High Court AP Sahi took charge in last November, and was scheduled to retire by the end of December 2020.

JEE-Mains to be held 4 times a year starting 2021 "We have examined the 2021 will be considered for

New Delhi, Dec. 16: The JEE-Mains for admission to engineering colleges will be held four times a year starting 2021 to offer flexibility to students and a chance to improve their scores, Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank announced on Wednesday.

The first edition of the Joint Entrance Examina-tion-Mains (JEE-Mains) will be held from February 23 to 26, fol-lowed by rounds in March, April and May.

suggestions received from students and various quarters, and it has been decided that JEE-Mains will be held in four sessions in February, March, April and May," Nishank

The first session will be held from February 23 to 26 and the results will be declared within five days from the last date of exams, he said. "The move will ensure that students do not miss out on opportunities due to clash of • The first session will be held from February 23 to 26 and the results will be declared within five days from the last date of exams, Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said

exams or due to the COVID-19 situation at present," the minister present," said. Nishank also said that students will be given a choice to answer 75 questions — 25 each in physics, chemistry and mathematics — out of 90 in the JEE-Mains paper. In the exam paper of 90 questions, 30 questions each will be from physics, chemistry and mathematics, he said.

The minister informed that a candidate need not appear in all the four sessions. "However, if a candidate appears in more than one session then his or her best of scores in

preparation of merit list or ranking. The question paper will contain 90 questions, in which the candidate will have to attempt a total of 75 questions. In the new paper pattern, there will be no negative marking in the 15 alternative questions,' Nishank said.

"The candidates have to attempt 75 questions out of 90, or 25 questions out of 30 in each section of chemistry, physics and maths," he said. — *PTI*

Ruling front scores big wins in Kerala local body polls

Kottayam, Dec. 16: Armed with support of the Jose K .Mani faction of Kerala Congress (M), the ruling CPI(M)-led LDF has made inroads in UDF strongholds in central Kerala wresting power in Kottayam and Idukki district panchayats and winning several municipalities and panchayats in the civic polls.

This was the first election since the Jose K Mani faction of the KC(M) severed its decades old ties with the UDF over its differences with the Congress over sharing the Kottayam district panchayat president's post in the previous council. As the results of the civic polls came in, the UDF leadership was stunned to see the collapse of the Congress-led front in its citadels in the district including Kottayam district panchavat. Pala municipality and

Puthuppally gram panchayat. Puthuppally is the stronghold of the Congress from where former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Oommen Chandy has been elected to the state Assembly for the last five decades.

Buoyed by the stunning performance of his faction in the local body polls in many parts of the central Kerala districts including Kottayam and Idukki, Jose K Mani said the result clearly states the faction led by him was the real Kerala Congress (M). Recalling the contribution of his late father and Kerala Congress (M) founder-leader K M Mani in building base for the UDF in the state, Jose K Mani said the victory of LDF, in which his faction is a partner, is a "fitting reply to those who had backstabbed KM Mani."—PTI

Chennai airport proves a haven for pet transit across the world, the return of Chandran's family to there was no restriction for

T. SUDHEESH I DC CHENNAI, DEC. 16

Those who love animals send out an unequivocal message to the modern society that all species in this universe are no different from mankind. If you accept that philosophy, the family of Mr. Sarat Chandran Palat, a Palakkad native, who reached Chennai last week, will give you a feel of the deep bond between humans and animals.

Mr. Chandran, who bade goodbye to his three-decadelong health and safety expert job in Oman in August, wanted to spend rest of his retirement life



Sarat Chandran along with family and Candy at a apartment on Wednesday.

peacefully at his native place along with wife Manjula Vijayan and lone

daughter Shiyani. Since the Covid-19 pandemic derailed air travel

Kerala was possible only in December. When he went to book the flight tickets, he came to know that his family was ineligible to fly to Kerala as none of the airports there had the facility to receive his "Candy", a five-year-old tortoiseshell Arabian mau (cat). He and his family members were allowed to fly to Kerala on condition of leaving 'Candy behind. It was a tough choice, as spending the rest of their life without 'Candy'

was unthinkable. The family dropped their Kerala plan, and chose to fly to Chennai instead, where

was not easy as they required to catch a flight that has a special facility of accommodating pets, pay the additional duty at the airport, and a whole host of conditions of the airline. Besides, the family had to find a foreign pet-friendly apartment in the pandemichit city. Finally, they managed to find one at Ramapuram here where they live in a two-bedroom

apartment with Candy

peacefully for the next one

month. Then they will transport 'Candy' by road to

For the family, the goal

foreign cats to land.

SHORT TAKES

TN reports 1,181 new **Covid-19 cases**

Chennai, Dec. 16: Tamil Nadu on Wednesday reported 1,181 new Covid cases taking the tally to 8,02,342 and the death toll touched 11,931 with 12 more fatalities.

The active cases stood at 9,880 with 1,240 patients getting discharged from various hospitals and cumulatively 7,80,531 people have got cured

As many as 73,015 samples were tested and in total 1,31,59,822 specimens have been examined under the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction

method in 232 labs in the state. Of the fresh cases, Chennai logged 341, nearby Chengelpet and Kancheepuram 74 and 40 respectively. The tally of 8.02 lakh plus cases include the capital's 2,20,903, a health department bulletin

Those dead include 10 with co-morbidities and two with no chronic illness. The death toll of 11,931 covers Chennai's 3,931, the highest.

Heavy rains expected in parts of TN till Dec. 19

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

Parts of delta and coastal districts of Tamil Nadu are expected to receive rainfall till December 19, according to the latest weather fore-

According to the latest bulletin from the Regional Meteorological Centre, heavy rain warning has issued heavy rain at isolated places over Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Pudukottai districts of Tamil Nadu and Karaikal area on December 16, 17 and Thunderstorms with lightning are likely to occur at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal area between December 16 and 19.

As for Chennai, the sky condition is likely to be generally cloudy over the next 48 hours, with light to moderate rains.

N Puviarasan, Director, Area Cyclone Meteorological Chennai told reporters that the weather conditions are likely to prevail for the next few days at a few places over coastal Tamil Puducherry and Karaikal area. In interior districts, light to moderate rain or thunder is likely.

Onennai and its neigh districts Chengalpattu, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram have received excess rainfall in the last two months.Other districts that have received significant excess rainfall during this period_include Cuddalore, Ranipet, Tirupattur, Sivagangai. Tiruvannamalai, Thoothukudi, Villupuram and Virudhunagar.

Multi-crore GST fraud unearthed, three held

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

The personnel of GST and Central Excise department, Chennai north, on Wednesday detected a multi-crore GST fraud case and arrested three persons including the managing director of a

famous company.
In a release, G. Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner, stated that the arrested persons colluded with each other to evade GST and as a result the government incurred a loss of ₹10 crore.

The fraud relates to illegally taking and passing of input credit of GST on the basis of bogus invoices without supplying or receiving taxable goods or services and without pay-

The fraud relates to illegally taking and passing of input credit of GST on the basis of bogus invoices without supplying or receiving taxable goods or services and without paying GST

A case has been booked against a business entity from Chennai city that sells readymade garments

through its various retail outlets. The managing director of the firm and two other key individuals involved in the fraud were on the run for more than a month. The personnel nabbed them after sustained efforts.

A bhajan group rendering devotional songs on Mada street in Mylapore on

Pandemic impact

Bhajan groups may miss their date with Margazhi

group for several years, told *DC*, "My grandfather

eminent musician-com-

poser Papanasam Sivan

would lead the early morning bhajans in Margazhi and several vet-

eran and illustrious musi-

those days. Musicians like

ghavan, S. Sowmya and

Vijay Siva were also part

of our bhajan group. We

used to sing Carnatic

stopped at vantage points.

While walking, we opted for **namavali** (chanting

names of gods and god-desses)." But this year Si-

joined nim

Venkatara-

Subramanian,

whenever we

cians nave

Gayathri

songs

The enforcement and compliance management unit of the department arrested all the three persons, who are in their 40s, for committing a GST credit fraud of about Rs 10 crore on invoice value of more than Rs 150 crore. The arrests were made

taking statements and conducting searches to gather evidence. The arrested persons were produced before Chief Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, who remanded them to judicial custody

after carrying out a detailed investigation,

until December 22. The arrested managing director of the company is the main beneficiary and the kingpin of the racket. Colluding with the duo he

issued by fictitious firms established for the sole purpose of issuing such bogus invoices without supplying any goods or services.

The company made payments for these fake supplies through proper banking channels, but got the money back in cash from the fictitious compatheir commission for issuing bogus invoices. In order to plough the cash back into the company's account, the arrested persons created four fictitious companies and issued bogus invoices to these companies without making any supplies. Further investigation is underway, the release

Fire at car seat storage godown

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

A major fire was reported in the godown of a car at Pondhur near Sriperuere were no casualties, the fire personnel said.

According to police, the fire was first noticed in the early hours of thick smoke from the godown engulfed the

ram, Sriperumbudur and Magaral rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze in a estimated to be several lakhs. .A short circuit is the fire. However, police are investigating to ascertain the exact cause of the fire. registered a case and further investigations

seat manufacturing unit mbudur in Kanchi on Wednesday morning. Th-

Wednesday from one of the godowns used to store vehicle seats. The entire area.

on being alerted, fire and rescue services per-sonnel from Irunga-tukottai, Kancheepu-ram, Sriperumbudur and Magazal rushod to few hours. The loss was said to be the cause of Sriperumbudur Police

Testing intensified



Greater Chennai corporation health department organises nasal swab test at Ethiraj College for Women in the city on Wednesday.

Miscreants rob varsity assistant registrar's family at knifepoint

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

A 56-year-old man and his wife were threatened at knifepoint by men who barged into their house in the wee hours of Wednesday. The gang alleged-ly robbed 40 sovereign jewels from the house in Pattamudaiyar Kuppam near Sunguvarchatram

in Kanchipuram district.
According to the police, the assistant registrar of the University of Madras, Shanmugam (56), resides in Pattamudaiyar Kuppam with her wife.

The incident happened at around 2 am on Wednesday when five men broke through the house from the back door and threatened the duo with lethal weapons ask-ing for money and jewels. The couple were locked

inside the restroom by the robbers, the police said. Miscreants moved all around the house col-lecting all jewels from the bureau. They left with gold jewels worth 40 sovereigns, including the jewels his wife was wearing that time.

In addition to this, they confiscated the couple's mobile phone and warned them to not lodge a complaint with the

The couple inside the restroom the whole night panicking and alerted the Sunguvarchatram police station in the morning. Sunguvarchatram police registered a case. Forensic experts have examined the house and investigations are on. The victims were advised by the police to install CCTV

One killed, two injured as lorry runs amok

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

A lorry on Wednesday went out of control after the driver on the wheels reportedly slept and ran amok, killing one and injuring two pedestrians besides damaging a few vehicles moving on the road here, police said.

The incident happened near Perungalathur on

Wednesday afternoon. According to police, the lorry loaded with maida flour, on its way from died Salem to Chennai city lost said.

Customs seizes huge haul of gold at airport

control and hit a state government bus, an autorickshaw and a motorcycle, before crossing the signal and hitting on three pedestrians.
Three men identified as

P a d m a n a b a n , Manikandan and Dilli Babu of Peerkankaranai were knocked down by the lorry. Passersby immediately rushed the trio to Chromepet government hospital, however, one of the injured, 60year-old Padmanaban died on the way, the police

Soon after the incident the lorry driver tried to flee the spot but locals caught him and handed over to the police. He was later identified by the police as Venkatachalam (27) of Ayyampettai in

Salem district.
The driver allegedly told police that he has been transporting goods with-in the state, without proper sleep for the last few days. The Chromepet traffic investigation police registered a case and began a probe into the

SFI: Improve social representation in faculty appointments

Ashok

A. ARUL PALANI | DC CHENNAI, DEC. 16

Slamming the recommendation of a committee constituted by the Union Ministry of Education to exempt IITs from following reservation policies in faculty recruitment, the SFI has urged the central government to propose measures to improve the social representation in dation and sought the central

the appointment of professors and associate professors since majority of such posts in the country's premier institutions are exempt from

B. VIJAYALAKSHMI | DC CHENNAI, DEC. 16

A distinct feature of Mar-

gazhi is groups rendering

bhajans on the Mada stre-

ets of Mylapore every mo-

rning. However, the pan-

demic has taken its toll on

this age-old tradition. Gr-

oups singing carnatic and

devotional songs, playing

harmonium, mridangam

and even chaplakattai and

traversing the streets of

Mylapore and Triplicane

for a couple of hours brav-

ing early morning biting

cold are missing this time.

Ramani, who has been part of Sivan's bhajan

Papanasam

reservation. In a joint statement, V.P. Sanu, national president, and Mayukh Biswas, national general secretary of SFI, have condemned the committee for proposing the recommengovernment to reject the proposal as it was violation of the Constitution.

They have sought the government to revaluate PhD selection process at IITs to find out the bottlenecks /biases faced by the candidates from reserved categories, release a proper notification of the PhD positions available in the departments of all IITs along with their categorywise dis-

tribution, during each selection session, make informa-tion available to the candidates about the parameters of the PhD selection process for each of the departments /streams and the expectations from PhD candidates in the IIT system, and make central government-mandated SC/ST and OBC observers in the selection panel compulsory for PhD and other interviews.

van group has not organised the Margazhi bhajan.

"With heavy heart, we

decided against conduct-

ing the bhajan due to pan-

demic threat," said Ashok

morning, a small group,

who follows Swami Hari

doss Giri, walked through

Mada streets in Mylapore

singing devotional songs.

Since wearing masks

and maintaining social

distance may not be possi-

ble during this early

morning sojourn, bhajan

groups will have to miss

their date with Margazhi

However, as Margazhi

weanesaay

Ramani.

dawned on

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16 The customs officers at

the Chennai airport seized a huge haul of gold worth ₹2.41 crore, weighing 4.77 kilograms. Seven persons were arrested by the officers for smuggling the

According to an official press release from the department of Customs , based on intelligence Mohammed Rabeek (25) of intelligence Ramanathapuram, Mohamed Yazeer Khan (23) of Chennai, Mujeebur Rahman (34) and Bilal (33) both from of Tiruchirapalli who arrived from Dubai by Air India Express flight IX 1644 were intercepted at exit.

On their personal search 4 gold cut bits, 4 gold chains, 6 gold paste pack-

ets were recovered from their jeans. Iphones 12,cigarettes, health supplements valued at ₹9.8 lakhs were also recovered from their hand bags and seized. 8 bundles of gold paste weighing 1.928 kg were recovered from rectum of Mujeebur and Bilal, which on extraction yielded 1.72 kg gold. They were arrested . Mohamed Rabeek has also been

The officials on the same day intercepted, Fasil Rahuman (27) Ashok Kumar (22) both from Ramanathapuram, and Mathan Kumar (26) of Puddukottai who arrived by Fly Dubai flight.

On personal search 7 bundles of gold paste weighing 1.52 kg were recovered from rectum which yielded 1.38 kg gold

Segur corridor: Conservation gets jumbo boost

after extraction. One 49 gram gold chain was also recovered. Cigarettes valued at ₹9.35 lakhs were also recovered from their handbags and seized. All three were arrested. In another case

Mohamed Vaaris (25) of Chennai and Ihsanullah (32) of Ramanathapuram who arrived by Air Arabia Flight G 9471 arriving from Sharjah were intercepted and 3 bundles of gold paste were recovered from them.

Similarly, Sayed Mohamed of Madurai who have arrived by Emirates flight EK 544 was intercepted at exit .On personal search 6 gold chains concealed in handbag, 2 gold washers and 1 gold coin ingeniously concealed two wrist watches weighing 526 grams and valued at ₹26.5 seized under Customs Act. Customs officials arrested

Rasuldeen (29) of Sivaganga bound for Dubai via Flight FZ8518 was intercepted after clearing immigration. On search, 5000 Pound Sterling and 500 Singapore Dollars valued at ₹5.13 lakhs which were undeclared were recovered and seized under Customs Act r/w FEMA.

In total, gold worth ₹2.41 crore, foreign currency worth ₹5.13 lakh and iPhones, cigarettes, health supplements worth ₹19.15 lakhs goods totally valued at ₹2.65 crores were seized in eleven cases by the Chennai custion is under progress.

Plea in HC to honour scholars with Karunanidhi award

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, DEC. 16

A Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the Madras high court to direct the authorities to continue to present the Award every year on the occasion of the birth-day of former Chief Minister M.Karunanidhi i.e., on June 3 for the best contribution to classical Tamil studies by a researcher or a research institution in the areas of archaeology, epigraphy, numismatics, ancient grammar and linguistic study, literary criticism, creative writing, translation and music, dance, drama, painting and sculpture, leading to the creation of new knowledge in ancient Tamil culture and civilization and gaining International recognition.

A division bench comprising Justices M.Sathyanarayanan and P.Rajamanickam before whom the petition filed by advocate S.Doraisamy, also Vice President of

Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam, came up for hearing, ordered notice, returnable by March 3, 2021 to the Central Institute of Classical Tamil represented by its Ex-Officio Chairperson K.Palaniswami, Edappadi Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and two others.

According to Doraisamy, the then Chief Minister M.Karunanidhi, who was the author of number of literary works in Tamil, has created out of his personal funds an endowment in his name for classical Tamil research in the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) in the vear 2009. From the endowment an award will be given to the scholar and researchers of eminence every year. The award was one of the highest honours confirmed in India. The award carries a cheque for Rs 10 lakh citation plaque and a bronze replica of the donar M.Karunanidhi. The award

was scheduled to be present-

ed to the candidate every year on the occasion of the birthday of the donor (June 3). He said after he demitted the office of Chief Minister and after former Chief Minister J.Jayalalithaa, came to power, being the chairperson of the Society she gave a full stop for the activities of the society since the society was the brainchild

M.Karunanidhi. The society became more or less defunct. No Director was appointed to the society till her death. The M.Karunanidhi was not disbursed till date. Due to the intervention of the Union government, the present director was appointed in June 2020. However, he did not take any initiative to distribute the awards and the award amount of Rs 2 crore lving unutilized. Therefore, he sent a representation to the authorities. But there was no response. Hence, he has filed the present petition, he added.

The year 2020 saw a new leaf in the annals of elephant conservation in Nilgiris as the Supreme Court finally gave its nod for restoration of the Segur Valley elephant corridor now located in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) buffer zone. The final verdict came

B. RAVICHANDRAN I DC

OOTY, DEC. 16

after a 12-year-long legal

Mr. Elephant Rajendran, the Chennai-based advocate-cum-environmentalist, the petitioner in the public interest litigation on Segur Valley elephant corridor, whose tireless efforts yielded fruitful results this year, appreciated the role of Deccan Chronicle in the genesis of this case and its support for restoring the corri-



On October 14, 2020, the Supreme Court upheld the Madras high court judgment of 2009, on restoring the Segur Valley elephant corridor that stretches upto 22 km between Singara and Segur reserve orests in MTR buffer zone limits. The corridor is interspersed with

private lands and revenue lands. Due to mushrooming of concrete structures, including tourist resorts, in the lands and encroachments in the revenue lands in the corridor, it led to frequent man-elephant conflict in

Segur Valley elephant corridor is an important



A view of the Segur valley elephant corridor from Vibhuthimalai area in MTR buffer

corridor for migratory and free-ranging wild elephants in the Nilgiris elephant reserve and the elephant

reserve in Kerala. Now, around 800 structures in the private and revenue lands in Segur corridor are expected to be

removed soon after a three-member committee appointed by the Supreme Court submits its report to the court.



Tiruchy rail overbridge still unfinished

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUCHY, DEC 16

Tamil Nadu Assembly Public Accounts Committee chairman Duraimurugan said the state government was apathetic towards completing the rail overbridge near Tiruchy Junction.

On Wednesday, he chaired a committee meeting along with a few members and told the media that the AIADMK gov-ernment failed to follow the procedure of acquiring 65 cents of defence land for the rail overbridge and also said the government did not aproach then defense minister Mrs. Nirmala Seetharaman sincerely.

Covid death rate very low in TN: CM

KARUR, DEC. 16

Due to the continuous efforts of the Tamil Nadu government, the death rate and number of people infected by Covid-19 in TN are very low compared with other states, said Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami.

Palaniswami made these remarks during a review meeting with Karur Collector S. Malarvizhi and other officials on the ongoing developmental activities and the preven-

on Wednesday. He said 4,999 persons were affected by Covid-19 in Karur district, of which 4,863 were cured. As many as 48 people died and at present 88 persons are undergoing treatment.

Till yesterday 1,10,401 tests were conducted and yesterday 1,269 RT-PCR tests were conducted in Karur district. So far, 10,647 fever were conducted in the district.

He said during the World Investors' Conference in 2019, MoUs worth ₹2,100 tive measures taken crore were signed for against Covid-19 in Karur starting new industries in

800 people will get jobs. He said a new check dam

across river Cauvery will come up at Nanjai Pugalur village at a cost of ₹406.50 crore and under the Lower Bhavani improvement scheme renovation of water bodies and extending the infrastructure of irrigation will be taken up at a cost of ₹933.10 crore in Erode, Tirupur and Karur

districts. Under the Kudimaramathu scheme, 90 works have been completed at a cost of ₹14.20 crore from 2016-2017 to 2020-2021, he

Memorial of King Serfoji 2 in Thanjai to get facelift

THANJAVUR DEC.16 The memorial of Maratha

king Rajah Serfoji 2, the architect of Saraswathi Mahal library, at Rajagori cemetery will be renovated soon. Foundation stone for the renovation of the memorial was laid by M. Govinda Rao, the Thaniavur district collector.

G. SRINIVASAN | DC

The monument protection committee of the Sri Jayamala Rani educational

trust, headed by prince Shivaji ious languages like English. Rajah, has taken up the renovation work. "People, particularly tourists, evince interest in seeing the memorial after they visit Saraswathi Mahal library. Hence the effort" said Shivaji Rajah.

Serfoji's contribution to the Saraswathi Mahal library was his precious personal collection of manuscripts and books collected by him during his Kasi yatra. He presented 5,000 books collected by him in var-

French, and Dutch. His contributions include the first English dictionary of Samuel Johnson, the first Tamil Bible printed at Tharangampadi, medical books and paintings.

He established Nava Vidhya Kalanidhi Salai and provided education to children and girls. Women teachers also worked here. He also established choultry at various places for the benefit of tourists and pilgrims. He conpalace complex and Vinayaka sannidhi at Big temple.

Viswajit Ghatte Rao, vicepresident of the monument protection committee, Viveka-Gopal, secretary. Janaki Raveendran, commissioner of Thanjavur city corporation, Lakshmi Narasimhan, regional manager of Indian Overseas Bank, Sachin Joshi and Tanaji Sonahe, general managers of Bharath petrole-

Kamal takes a swipe at 'one nation, one language'

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR I DC

Did traversing southern Tamil Nadu bring about a change of mind in Makkal Needhi Maiam founder Kamal Haasan? Going by his tweet on Wednesday it seems so, at least on the issue of Neet.

While the actor had said a few days back that he would plump for Neet, which is the common national level entrance for medical college admissions, he flayed the 'one examination' concept on Wednesday.
In the line of the 'one nation, one

law, one examination, one religion, one Hindi, one chappathi, one jibba hides the idea of 'one Prime Minister,' Kamal said, adding that wherever the 'one' came up autocracy and oppression would rear their heads as history had informed us.

"In an uneven society without equality and social justice, mentioning that 'one' is a great injustice,' he said, taking a standpoint diametrically opposite to that of the 'nationalist' BJP. reference to 'one Prime Minister,' in fact, is a swipe at nationalism itself.

So, has the tour of the southern districts that started from Madurai opened his eyes to the ground realities and helped him understand local aspirations better?

For, in an earlier tweet, he bemoaned the inordinate delay in putting up a statue for Tamil writer Puthumaipithan in Tirunelveli and assured to set up a university in the



name of the literary genius if his

party came to power.
Prior to that he had exulted over the crowds at K Kamaraj's town (Virudhunagar) and his visit to the house of nationalist poet Bharathiyar in Ettayapuram, which he said had not seen any development.

But his mocking at 'one religion, one Hindi and one chappathi' was a surprise in that he seemingly expounds a view that is similar to that of the popular political parties in Tamil Nadu.

By referring to Hindi, chapati and jibba, he has directed his attack at the varied attempts from several quarters to impose north Indian culture and language on Tamil Nadu.

In a speech, Kamal that Tamils would learn any language if they are let free but would 'spit out' any thing that was imposed on them.

He also speaks indirectly against Sanskrit, calling it a dead language, thus taking the line of the regional parties on the contentious language

15(2) Notification to be read as

Kamal Haasan: MNM may lead third front in TN

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUNELVELI, DEC. 16

Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) founder-president Kamal Hasan has hinted at the possibility of leading a third front in Tamil Nadu, adding that the time is not yet ripe to finalise the parties joining hands with MNM for the 2021 electoral battle in the state.

Further clarifying that he has nobody behind him to operate to initiate a third front to split the votebanks of other parties, Mr Hasan said that he took his long-awaited political plunge two years ago after deep thought. Declaring that his political strategy is his uncompromising honesty, the MNM leader said that he takes decisions of his own, whether in cinema or in poli-

Responding to the media reports about the MNM forging an alliance with Asaduddin Owaisi's All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), that is expected to set its foot in Tamil Nadu in the 2021 assembly election, Mr Hasan commented that he came to know about that message only through the media and added that he had not talked with

any of the AIMIM leaders.
Speaking about the election commission denying his party the torch symbol, which was allotted to the MNM in the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Mr Hasan said that such a decision might have been taken because of his strong political stand against the present ruling government at the

Countdown begins for launch of communication satellite

countdown for the launch of communication satellite CMS-01 on board launch vehicle commenced on Wednesday, Isro said.

The polar satellite launch vehicle's 52nd mission is scheduled for lift-off at 15.41 hours on Thursday from the second launch pad at the spaceport of Sriharikota 'subject to

weather conditions'. "PSLV-CMS-01

District: Namakkal

Chennai, Dec 16: The 25-hour Countdown for the launch of PSLV-C50/CMS01 mission commenced on Wednesday at 1441hrs from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR Sriharikota," Isro said. CMS-01 is the 42nd communication satellite of the space agency and it is envisaged for providing services in Extended-C of the frequency spectrum covering India, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands. —PTI Mission: Lakshadweep islands.

15(2) Notification already published

Efforts to trap killer jumbo go in vain

B. RAVICHANDRAN I DC OOTY, DEC.16

The efforts of the forest teams to capture a 50-yearold male wild elephant at the Nilgiris border went in vain on Wednesday as the jumbo, escorted by other members in its herd, moved further inside the woods after receiving a

tranquiliser dart.
The teams could spot the

jumbo at Dampalla in Cherangode limits after the use of drones and three kumki elephants from Mudumalai Tiger

The jumbo killed three persons in three days in Kolapalli hamlet limits in Pandalur taluk in Nilgiris along Kerala

Ånwardeen, the I. Anw Additional Principal Forests in Coimbatore circle, said that this jumbo, named Sullikomban or Othaikomban by local when populace unleashed a rampage in 2016 in Pandalur limits, has been renamed as Shankar after the profiling of the wild jumbos in

the Gudalur forest divi-

sion recently. "After the forest veterinary team

in the afternoon, it joined its herd which included four other tuskers. The other jumbos in

the herd surrounded Shankar, moved little further in the woods and prevented the forest teams approaching the from We will continue operation Thursday to capture it,"

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

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

Roc.No. 18078/2016/H2 AMENDMENT TO NOTIFICATION Dated: 38.11,2020 Where as a Notification under sub-section (2) of Section 15 of Tami Nadu Highways Act-2001 was published on 19.11.2020 in Deccan Chronicle News paper (Coimbatore Edition) (Notifications - Page No.05) for acquisition of lands in 44. Athipalayam village of Tiruchengode Taluk of Namakkal District to wit for the formation of Byepass Road t Tiruchengode Town. The following amendment is issued to the above said

Amendment

In the said Notification, in the Schedule, in SI.No. 8 against the Survey No. 41/3 under the heading "Details of Buildings, Structures, Trees, Crops and Others", the expression "Electric Motor Room-1 Yielding Coconu Tree-2 Yielding Palm Tree-2 Murungai Tree-1 Tree-1" shall be substituted and for the expression "Electric Motor Room-1, Yielding Coconu Tree-2, Yielding Palm Tree-2, Murungai Tree-1" shall Be added.

Land Acquisition Officer/
District Revenue Officer, Namakka



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER AND DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, NAMAKKAL.

The following amendment is issued to the public notice already issued under sub section 2 of section 15 of Tamil Nadu Highways Act-2001 for the acquisition of 0.71.02 Hectare of Dry lands situated in 44.Athipalayam Village of Tiruchengode taluk of Namakkal District for the formation of Bye pass road to Tiruchengode Town as published in English Daily "Deccan Chronicle", (Coimbatore Edition) dated 22.12.2017.

Amendment

1. In the said Notification, the following amendment is issued to the existing schedule.

Taluk: Thiruchengode

Village: 44.Athipalayam

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4 3	9/3B 2E	39/3E 2E1	0.25	.0 0.05.98	Dry Using As House	Patta No.359 Singaravelu S/o Sengoda gounder -1 Rajavel S/o Ponnusamy - 2		S.No. 39/3A 1B	S.No. 39/ 3B2E2	S.No. 39/3B2 E2	S.No. 39/3B1 D2	4	39/3B 2E	39/5	0.25.0	0.04.77	Dry	Patta No.359 Singaravelu S/o Sengoda gounder -1 Rajavel S/o Ponnusamy - 2		S.No. 39/3A 1B	S.No. 39/ 3B2E	S.No. 39/3B 2E	S.No. 39/6
5	39/3 B1D	39/3 B1D2	0.23	.5 0.12.66	Site Dry Using As House	Patta No. 349 Natarajan S/o Nachimuthu - 1 Sakthivel S/o Nachimuthu - 2	Yielding Coconut Tree-5 Sappotta Tree – 2 Young Mango Tree – 2 Barbed Fencing -1	S.No. 39/3B1 D1	S.No. 39/3B2A2 39/3B1D3	S.No. 39/3B2 E1		5	39/3B 1D	39/6	0.23.5	0.14.56	Dry	Patta No. 349 Natarajan S/o Nachimuthu - 1 Sakthivel S/o Nachimuthu - 2	Yielding Coconut Tree-5 Sappotta Tree – 2 Young Mango Tree – 2 Barbed Fencing -1 Bore Well - 1	S.No. 39/3B 1D, 39/3A 1B	S.No. 39/8 39/7 39/3B2A2	S.No. 39/5 39/3B 2E, 39/7	S.No. 39/3B1D 39/3B1 C1
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9 3	9/3B 2D	39/3E 2D1	0.05	0 0.02.51		Patta No.332 Kannagi W/o Natesh	Barbed Wire Fencing Bore Well - 1	S.No. 39/3B2 A2	S.No.	S.No.	S.No. 39/3B2 C1		2C			0.06.03	Dry	Patta No.331 Viswanathan S/o Muthusamy	94 PH	S.No. 39/8, 39/9	S.No. 39/3B2C, 39/12	S.No. 39/3B 2D 39/11	S.No. 95 39/9
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Site S/o Chinnagounder - 2 Total Extent of Dry Lands to be acquired - 0.69,78 Hect.

House Ravikumar

Total Extent of Dry Lands to be acquired - 0.71.02 Hect.

Land Acquisition Officer and District Revenue Officer, Namakkal

DIPR /692 /LAND/2020

ROC. 15689 /2018/H.7



Dated: 21.11.2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

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

AMENDMENT OF NOTIFICATION The following amendment is issued to the public notice already issued under sub section 2 of section 15 of Tamil Nadu Highways Act 2001 for the acquisition of 31632.5 Square Meters of Dry lands situated in Ladduvadi Village of

Mohanur Taluk of Namakkal District for the formation of Bypass road to Namakkal Town as published in English daily "Deccan Chronicle" (Coimbatore Edition) dated 07.06.2018 <u>AMENDMENT</u>

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			1000			Patta No.481 Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna Gounder	~	S.No. 4/1A1	S.No.3	4/1D2	S.No. 4/1A2	2		4/1D1			Dry	Patta No. 481 Chinnusamy S/o. Periyanna Gounder	Young Karuvel Tree-1	S.No. 4/1A2	S.No.3	S.No. 4/1D2	S.No. 4/1D2
3	4/15	4/11-1	1500	117	Dry	Patta No.1526 Periyanna Gounder S/o. Periyanna Gounder	Compound Wall built by stone(part) Vadhanarayanan Tree- 1 Neem Tree-1	S.No. 3	S.No. 4/1G1	S.No. 4/1F2	S.No. 4/1F2, 3	3		4/1F1			Dry	Patta No.1526 Periyanna Gounder S/o. Periyanna Gounder	Young Neem Tree-1	S.No. 3	S.No. 4/1G1	S.No. 4/1F2	S.No. 4/1F2
4	4/1G	4/1G1	1200	80	Dry	Patta No. 1066 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy-1 Govindan S/o.Lakshmanan-2 Minor Kavitha D/o.Govindan-3 Minor Sangeetha D/o.Govindan-4 MinorThirupathiS/o.Govindan-5 Perumal S/o.Lakshmanan-6 Akila D/o.Perumal-7 Minor Gokulraj S/o.Perumal (Guardian)-8 Thangammal W/o.Ramasamy-9 Periyasamy S/o.Ramasamy-10	-	S.No. 3	S.No. 14	S.No. 4/1G2	S.No. 4/1F1	4	4/1G	4/1G1	1200	58		Patta No. 1066 Govindan S/o. Lakshmanan-1, Minor Kavitha D/o.Govindan-2, Minor Sangeetha D/o.Govindan-3, Minor Thirupathi S/o.Govindan-4, Perumal S/o.Lakshmanan-5, Akila D/o.Perumal-6, Minor Gokulraj S/o.Peruma (Guardian)-7, Thangammal W/o.Ramasamy-8, Periyasamy S/o.Ramsamy-9, Minor Chinnusamy M/o.(Guardian) Thangammal-10, Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-11, Veerammal		S.No. 3	S.No. 14	S.No. 4/1G2	S.No. 4/1F1
						Minor Chinnusamy M/o. Guardian Mother Thangammal-11 VenkatachalamS/o. Perumal-12 Veerammal W/o. Perumal-13 Sumathi W/o. Mani-14 ChinnusamyS/o. Periyanna Gounder-15						5	5/1A	5/1A2	1650	1475		W/o.Perumal-12, Sumathi W/o.Mani13, Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna gounder-14, Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy-15	-	S.No.	S.No.	S.No.	S.No.5/1D1
5	5/1A	5/1A1	1650	788	Dry	Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3	-	S.No.3	S.No. 5/4A1	S.No. 5/1A2	S.No Thotti patti Village Boundary			5/1D1			Dry	Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No. 1066 Govindan S/o. Lakshmanan-1.	-	5/1A1 Thotti Patti Village,	5/4A2	5/1A3 S.No. 5/1D2	Thotti patti Village Boundary S.No.6
6	5/1D	5/1D1	750	5	Dry	Patta No.1066 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy-1 Govindan S/o.Lakshmanan-2 Minor Kavitha D/o.Govindan-3 Minor SangeethaD/o.Govindan-4 MinorThirupathiS/o.Govindan-5 Perumal S/o.Lakshmanan-6 Akila D/o.Perumal-7 Minor Gokulraj S/o.Perumal (Guardian)-8 Thangammal W/o.Ramasamy-9 Periyasamy S/o.Ramasamy-10 Minor Chinnusamy M/o. Guardian Mother Thangammal-11 VenkatachalamS/o.Perumal-12 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-13 Sumathi W/o.Mani-14	-	Thotti Patti Village, Boundary S.No. 5/1A1	S.No. 5/1A1	S.No. 5/1D2	S.No. Thotti Patt Village Boundary							Minor Kavitha D/o.Govindan-2, Minor Sangeetha D/o.Govindan-3, Minor Thirupathi S/o.Govindan-4, Perumal S/o.Lakshmanan-5, Akila D/o.Perumal-6, Minor Gokulraj S/o.Perumal (Guardian)-7, Thangammal W/o.Ramasamy-8, Periyasamy S/o.Ramsamy-9, Minor Chinnusamy M/o.(Guardian) Thangammal-10, Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-11, Veerammal W/o.Perumal-12, Sumathi W/o.Mani-13, Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna gounder-14, Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy-15		Boundary			
7	5/4A	5/4A1	600	362	Dry	Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna Gounder-15 Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2	-	S.No.3	S.No. 5/5A1	S.No. 5/4A2	S.No. 5/1A1			5/4A2				Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3	-	S.No. 5/4A1	S.No. 5/5A2	S.No. 5/4A3	S.No. 5/1A2
8	5/5A	5/5A1	500	297	Dry	Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2	~	S.No.3	S.No. 5/8A1	S.No. 5/5A2	S.No. 5/4A1	8		5/5A2 5/8A2				Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No.500	Young Neem Tree-1	S.No. 5/5A1 S.No.	S.No. 5/8A2 S.No.	S.No. 5/5A3 S.No.	S.No. 5/4A2 S.No.
9	5/8A	5/8A1	700	432	Dry	Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2	-	S.No.3	S.No. 5/9A1	S.No. 5/8A2	S.No. 5/5A1			5/9A2				Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No.500	-Young Neem Tree-1	5.No. 5/8A1	5/9A2 5/9A2	5.No. 5/8B1 5/8B2 S.No.	5.No. 5/5A2 S.No.
10	5/9A	5/9A1	800	532.5	Dry	Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No.500 Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1	-	S.No 3	S.No.4	S.No. 5/9A2	S.No. 5/8A1							Veerammal W/o.Perumal-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3	3	5/9A1		5/9B1 5/9C1	5/8A2
11	12/1	12/1B	23350	4781.5	Dry	Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal-3 Patta No.36 Poongodi W/o.Elango	Asbestos House-1 Bathroom Barbed wire fencing Young Neem Trees-14 Drumstick Tree-1	S.No. 12/1A	S.No. 12/2B	S.No. 12/1C	S.No. 13	11	12/1	12/1B	23350	4891		Patta No.36 Poongodi W/o.Elango	Asbestos LineHouse-7, Asbestos Line Bathroom-7, Barbed Wire Fencing-2, Neem Trees-12, Drumstick Tree-1, Young Pala Tree-1, Young	S.No. 12/1A	S.No. 12/2B	S.No. 12/1C	S.No. 13
12		12/2B	4350 1450			Patta No.645 Venkatachalam S/o.Marappa Gounder Patta No.700	Young Neem Tree-1	S.No. 12/2A S.No.3	S.No. 33	S.No. 33 12/2C S.No.	S.No. 12/1B S.No.4	12	12/2	12/2B	4350	2372	Dry	Patta No.645 Venkatachalam S/o.Marappa Gounder	Jamun Tree-1, Young Neem Trees-6 -	S.No. 12/2A	S.No. 33	S.No. 33 12/2C	S.No. 12/1B
	1A1	1A1A				Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy-1 Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna Gounder-2	-		14/1A2 A	14/1A1B		13	14/ 1A1	14/ 1A1A	1450	74.5		Patta No.700 Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna Gounder-1 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy-2	-	S.No.3	S.No. 14/1A2A	S.No.	S.No. 4
14	14/ 1A2	14/ 1A2A	7650	768	Dry	Patta No.698 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy	-	S.No.3	S.No. 14/ 1B1	S.No. 14/ 1A2B	S.No. 14/ 1A1A	14	14/ 1A2	14/ 1A2A	7650	671		Patta No.698 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy	Young Unja Tree-1, Young Kiluva Tree-1,	S.No.3	S.No. 14/ 1B1	S.No. 14/1A 2B	S.No. 14/ 1A 1A
15	14/1B	14/ 1B1	5150	1632.5	Dry	Patta No.1531 Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna Gounder-1 Perumal S/o.Periyanna Gounder-2	Young palm Trees-2 VelVelam Tree-1 Karuvelam Tree-1	S.No.3	S.No. 14/ 1C1	S.No. 14/1B2	S.No. 14/ 1A2A	15	14/1B	14/ 1B1	5150	1540	'	Patta No.1531 Chinnusamy S/o.Periyanna Gounder-1 Perumal S/o.Periyanna Gounder-2	Young Palm Trees-2, Young Neem Trees-2	S.No.3	S.No. 14/ 1C1	S.No. 14/1B2	S.No. 14/ 1A2/
L			3150			Patta No.698 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy	Young Palm Tree-1 VelVelam Trees-3	S.No.3 15	S.No. 14/1D1	S.No. 14/1C2	S.No. 14/1B1	16	14/10	14/1C1	3150	698	Dry	Patta No.698 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy	Young Palm Tree-1, Young Neem Trees-2,	S.No.3 15	S.No. 14/1D1	S.No. 14/1C2	S.No. 14/1B1
			4250 4400			Patta No.1481 Ramkumar S/o.Sundaram Patta No.698	Young Neem Trees-3 Vel Velam Trees-3 Young Karu Velam	S.No. 15 S.No.	S.No. 14/1E2 S.No.	S.No. 14/1D2 S.No.	S.No. 14/1C1 S.No.	17	14/10	14/1D1	4250	980		Patta No.1481 Ramkumar S/o.Sundaram	Young Velvela Trees-3 Young Neem Trees-4, Young Velvela Trees-4	S.No. 15	S.No. 14/1E2	S.No. 14/1D2	S.No. 14/1C1
19	27/1A	27/1A2	73900	4450		Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy Patta No.1205	Trees-3 Young Neem Trees-3 Unjal Trees-3 Pala Tree-1 Velvelam Tree-1 Hut-1	15 S.No.	13 S.No.	14/1E1 S.No.	14/1D1 S.No.		14/1E	14/1E2	4400	1900		Patta No.698 Kaliammal W/o.Ramasamy	Young Neem Trees-25 Young Unja Trees- 32 Seemai Karuvel Tree-1 Karuvel Trees-3, Kiluva Tree-1, Young Velvela Tree-1,	15,	S.No. 13	S.No. 14/1E3	S.No. 14/1D1
	27/1B	27/				Chandramoulishwaran S/o. Devaraju Reddiyar-1 Balasubramaniam S/o. Devaraju Reddiyar-2 Vijaya Kumar S/o. Devaraju Reddiyar-3 Vasantha Kumar S/o. Devaraju Reddiyar-4 Nithiya Kalyani D/o. Devaraju Reddiyar-5 Nachimuthu-6 Kandasamy-7 Marayammal-8 Chellammal-9 Palanisamy-10 K. Murugesan S/o. Kalimuthu-11 Velappan-12 Alagu Perumal Gounder S/o. Chinnaa Gounder-13 Marappan-14 Palanikumar-15 Kangani S/o. Palani-16 Ponnusamy S/o. Perumal Gounder-17 Southern Hecharish Pvt Ltd-18 Jeyapo-19 Mahadevan S/o. Ramasamy-20 Ramasamy S/o. Palani Gounder-21 Venkatachalam Aasari S/o. Chinnathambi @ Maruthamuthu-22 Subbraya Gounder-23 kandasamy S/o. Chidambaram Pillai-24 Somasubramaniyam S/o. Chellaiya Pillai-25 Devaraj S/o. Perumal Pillai-26 Bakkiyam W/o. Periyasamy Pillai-27 Kondan S/o. Muthan-28 AyyavuS/o. Periyasamy-29 Chinnusamy S/o. Perumal Gounder-30 Girirajan S/o. Venkatachalam-31 Dharmalingam S/o. Devendiran-32 Chellammal W/o. Periyasamy-33 Logaraj S/o. Kolanthavel-34 Raji Boyan S/o. Mathar Boyan-35 Palanisamy S/o. Duraisamy Boyan-36 Chinnusamy S/o. Thangavel-37 Santhi W/o. Venkatachalapathy-38 Patta No.1366	Hallow Brick Compound Wall Purasa Tree-1 Young Neem Trees-3 Pala Trees-13 Unja Trees-20	27/1A1 27/1B1	40 S.No.	27/1A3 S.No.	27/1B2		27/1A	27/1A2	73900	5553		Patta No.1205 Chandramoulishwaran S/o.Devaraju Reddiyar-1 Balasubramaniam S/o.Devaraju Reddiyar-2 Vijaya Kumar S/o.Devaraju Reddiyar-3 Vasantha Kumar S/o.Devaraju Reddiyar-4 Nithiyakalyani D/o.Devaraju Reddiyar-5 Nachimuthu-6 Kandasamy-7 Marayammal-8 Chellammal-9 Palanisamy-10 K.Murugesan S/o.Kalimuthu-11 Velappan-12 Alagu Perumal Gounder S/o. Chinna Gounder-13 Marappan-14 Palanikumar-15 Kangani S/o.Palani-16 Ponnusamy S/o. Perumai Gounder-17 Southern Hatcherish Pvt Ltd-18 Jayopo-19 Mahadevan S/o. Ramasamy-20 Ramasamy S/o.Palani Gounder-21 Venkatachalam Aasari S/o.Chinnathambi @ Maruthamuthu-22 Subbaraya Gounder-23 kandasamy S/o. Chidambaram Pillai-24 Somasubramaniyam S/o.Chellaiya Pillai-25 Devaraju S/o.Perumal Pillai-26, Bakiyam W/o.Periyasamy Pillai-27, Kondan S/o.Muthan-28 Ayyavu S/o. Periyasamy-29 Chinnusamy S/o. Venkatachalam-31 Dharmalingam S/o.Devendiran-32 Chellammal W/o.Periyasamy-33 Logaraj S/o.Kolanthavel-34 Raji Boyan S/o.Mathar Boyan-35 Palanisamy S/o. Duraisamy Boyan-36 Chinnusamy S/o. Unraisamy Boyan-36 Chinnusamy S/o. Thangavel-37 Santhi W/o. Venkatachalapathy-38, Murugesan-39, Palanisamy S/o.Betha Boyan-40	Young Pala Trees-6, Young Alinji Trees-4 Hut-1,Compound Wall,Tin roofed Shed With Iron Gate -1, Young Unja Trees-114, Young Pala Trees-43, Young Neem Trees-20 Karuvel Tree-1, Neem Tree-1 Young Alinji Tree-1		S.No. 40	S.No. 27/1A3	S.No. 27/1B2
	29/1G	1B2	1600			Patta No. 1300 Vasantha Kumar S/o. Devaraju Reddiyar-1 Girirajan S/o. Venkatachalam-2 Dharmalingam S/o. Devendiran-3 Patta No.713	Barbed Wire	29, 27/1B1		5.No. 27/1B3 S.No.	29 32 S.No.	20	27/18	27/ 1B2	40500	3874	Dry	Veeran S/o.Kangani-41 Patta No.1366 Vasantha Kumar S/o.Devaraju Reddiyar-1	Young Pala Trees-32, Young Unja Trees-20,		S.No. 27/ 1A2	S.No. 27/1B3	S.No. 29,
2 1	2011G	1G2	1000	4/3	Dry	Patta No. /13 Logaraj S/o. Kolandaivel-1 Purusothaman S/o. Chinnappan-2	Barbed Wire FencingPala Trees-8 Young Neem Trees-2 Yielding Palm Trees-2	S.No. 29/ 1G1	S.No. 29/ 1H2		S.No. 30	21	29/1G		1600	461		Girirajan S/o. Venkatachalam-2 Dharmalingam S/o. Devendiran-3 Patta No. 713	Young Neem Trees-4, Young Alinji Tree-1, Thar Road (Part) Yielding Palm Trees-2,	29 S.No.	S.No.	S.No.	32 S.No.
	29/1H	1H2	3100		'	Patta No.90 K.Murugesan S/o.Kalimuthu	Pala Trees-3	S.No. 29/1H1	S.No. 29/2B2	S.No. 27	S.No. 29/1G2	22	29/1H		3100	368	Dry	Logaraj S/o.Kolandaivel-1 Purusothaman S/o.Chinnappan-2 Patta No.90	Young Neem Trees-4, Young Pala Trees-10 Young Pala Trees-6,	S.No.	29/ 1H2 S.No.	S.No.	30 S.No.
23	29/2B	29/ 2B2	1650	484.5	Dry	Patta No.235 Arunmozhi W/o.Srinivasan-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Selvi W/o.Mohan Kumar-3 Anitha D/o.Seenivasan-4 Krishna W/o.Seenivasan-5 Paavaayi W/o.PerumalGounder-6	Pala Tree-1 Unja Trees-4	S.No. 29/2B1	S.No. 29/2D2	S.No. 27	S.No. 29/1H2	23	29/28	1H2 29/ 2B2	1650	377	Dry	K.Murugesan S/o.Kalimuthu Patta No.235 Arunmozhi W/o.Srinivasan-1 Sumathi W/o.Mani-2 Selvi W/o.Mohan Kumar-3 Anitha D/o.Seenivasan-4 Krishna S/o.Seenivasan-5 Paavaayi W/o.PerumalGounder-6	Young Unja Trees-7 Young Pala Tree-1, Young Unja Trees-5	29/1H1 S.No. 29/2B1	29/2B2 S.No. 29/2D2	27 S.No. 27	29/1G2 S.No. 29/1H2
24	29/2D	29/2D2	1850	601.5	Dry	Patta No.675	Pala Trees-2	S.No.	S.No.	S.No.	S.No.	24	29/2D	29/2D2	1850	384	Dry	Patta No.675	Young Pala Trees-5,	S.No.	S.No.	S.No.	S.No.



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24 29/2D 29/2D2 1850 384 Dry Patta No.675 Venkatachalam S/o.Perumal Gounder



Young Pala Trees-5, Young Unja Trees-2

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INDICATO	RS	%
Sensex	46,666.46	0.87
Nifty 50	13,682.70	0.85
S&P 500*	3,703.40	0.24
Dollar (₹)	73.58	0.09
Pound Sterling (₹)	99.31	-1.25
Euro (₹)	89.49	0.03
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	49,059▲215	0.43
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	50.70	-0.06
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.944	0.003
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.928	0.007

LPG price raised again by ₹50; ATF costlier by 6.3%

* As of 8:30 PM IST



Cooking gas LPG price was increased by Rs 50 per cylinder, the second hike in rate this month following firming of international prices. Also, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price was raised by a steep 6.3 per cent. Non-subsidised LPG price was increased to Rs 694 per 14.2-kg cylinder from Rs 644 earlier, according to a price notification of state fuel marketing companies. On Dec. 1, price was hiked by a similar Rs 50 per cylinder.

■ Guv's advice for raising credit-GDP ratio

Lend by cash flow, not collateral: Das

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI, DEC. 16

Banks should rely less on collateral security for lending and instead focus more on cashflow-based lending to help improve the creditto-GDP ratio in the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday. The credit bureaus and the proposed public credit registry (PCR) are expected to improve the flow of credit as well as credit culture, the apex bank chief added.

India is ranked amongst the most financially underpenetrated econo-mies, which suffered from a bad loan problem with industrial credit while also having an underpenetration in last mile credit. As per RBI data, the scheduled commercial banks' credit as a per cent of GDP came down to 50.99 per cent in FY20 from 51.51 per cent in FY19.

On the other hand, the credit-to-GDP ratio in advanced economies and China is in the range of 150 to 200 per cent.

"To improve the credit to GDP ratio, access to credit and cost of credit need to be addressed by lesser reliance on collateral security and greater cash-flow based lending. Credit bureaus and the proposed Public Credit Registry (PCR) framework are expected to improve the flow of credit as well as credit culture," Das said in his keynote address titled the National Strategy on Financial Education 2020-



25 at the webinar on 'Investing in investor education in India: Priorities for action' organised by the National Council of

Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

The views had earlier been put forth by former deputy governor Viral Acharya, who, in July this year said that an estimate year, said that an estimated 50 per cent of Indians were employed informally and remained invisible to despite earning as much as their peers in the formal system. "When they want a loan, the bank denies them credit unless they provide a hard asset collateral, which is not easy to come by if you are the last mile and below the poverty

line," Acharya had said.

He said the average
Indian could not provide collateral and hence resorted to informal finance which remained infamous for 'extraordinary high rates, onerous terms and inhuman collection policies'. Acharya had cited the example of micro entrepreneurs and said that "if the formal financing system can observe the cash flow patterns of

entrepreneurs micro other transacthrough tions that they are doing, they can start doing cash flow lending and can start serving the unique needs of the customers based on

the specific maturity pro-

file and their cash flows.' India, with a large section of population in the working age group, is already the third largest economy in the world in terms of purchasing power parity and is aiming to become a \$5 trillion economy.

"We need to harness the demographic dividend by meeting the aspirations of a large young population. This necessitates creating an enabling environment and infrastructure in the form of education, training and opportunity. Among all the prerequisites for achieving demographic dividend and accelerated growth, quality of human resources, greater formalisation of economy, a higher credit to GDP ratio and greater financial inclusion are the differentiating factors that would elevate our economy to the desired level,'

400 foundries stop work over high raw material price

Coimbatore, Dec. 16: About 400 small and tiny foundries in the district remained silent on Wednesday as part of their indefinite strike to draw the attention of the Centre to the spiralling price of raw materials in the last two months.

The foundries, affiliat-

ed to the Coimbatore Tiny and Small Foundry Association (Cosmafan), stopped production indefinitely, resulting in a loss of Rs 30 crore daily, its president Shiva Shanmughakumar said.

The increasing prices would not only affect the foundries but also related industries such as wet grinder, pump & motors, textiles and automobiles, who are the large-scale customers of foundry products, he said.

The price increase ranged from 30 to 55 per cent compared to the pre-

lockdown period, he said Hoarding by the traders, thus creating artificial scarcity of the materials, also contributed to the price hike, he said, adding the entire industrial sector is seeking the intervention of the Centre to bring down the

prices for its survival. The Coimbatore and Tirupur Medium Industries Association, with nearly 50,000 units, has also given a call to down shutters for a day on Wednesday to express solidarity with striking foundries. Nineteen SME associations had already staged a demonstration here on Tuesday. -PTI

Sebi relaxes norms for CIRP firms, MF sponsors

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

The Sebi board on Wednesday made changes to the shareholding norms for corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) companies, relaxed mutual fund sponsor eligibility criteria and also decided to relax minimum promoter contribution in followon public offer.

The regulator said firms that remain listed due to implementation of resolu-tion plan under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code will be required to have at least 5 per cent public shareholding at the time of their admission to deal on a stock exchange. There is no such mini-

mum requirement now. Further, such companies will be provided 12 months to achieve public shareholding of 10 per cent from the date shares are admitted for dealings on the stock exchange and 36 months to achieve pub-



lic shareholding of 25 per cent. For this, the current timelines are 18 and 36

months, respectively.

The Sebi also decided to relax the profitability criteria for becoming a mutual fund sponsor, aiming to facilitate innovation and expansion in the sector.

The regulator has also decided to segregate and ring-fence assets and liabilities of mutual fund schemes. This is in addition to the existing requirement of segregating bank accounts and

securities accounts.
On sponsor eligibility, the Sebi said sponsors that

itability criteria when applying will also be con-sidered eligible to sponsor a fund. "This is subject to having a net-worth of not less than Rs 100 crore for the purpose of contribu-tion towards the net-worth of the Asset Management Company (AMC)."
The net-worth of the

AMC has to be maintained till it makes profit for five consecutive years.

The new rules will open the gates for new players to come in as mutual fundsponsors with high networth but no profitability. At present, a sponsor has to show profits in three out of the immediately preceding five years.

The board approved the proposal to do away with the applicability of minimum promoters' contribution and the subsequent lock-in requirements for the issuers making a Further Public Offer of specified securities subject to conditions.

Covid steals 81 mn jobs in Asia-Pac

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, DEC. 16

Covid-19 wiped out some 81 million jobs in the Asia-Pacific while 364-429 million casual workers were affected by the Indian lock-down measures, says the International Labour Org-anisation (ILO) in a study.

The report estimates that in Asia and the Pacific, the Covid-19 crisis has led to a gap of 81 million jobs compared with the pre-crisis numbers. The regional jobs gap in 2020 is largely

driven by South Asia, where the employment estimate is nearly 50 million jobs below the pre-crisis baseline, corresponding to a 7.4 per cent drop in employment.

"India implemented one

of the strictest lockdowns among the large middle-income countries...An estimated 364-429 million workers have been adversely affected by the lockdown measures," the report said. While India's total Covid-

19 fiscal response package as a percentage of GDP

was higher than the median among the Asia-Pacific government countries, support to income or revenue, as part of the Covid-19 policy expenditure, was on the lower side and lessthan countries like Paki-stan, China and Australia. Overall, in Asia-Pac,

labour income is estimated to have declined by 9.9 per cent in the first three quarters of 2020. An additional 22-25.4 million persons could be added to working poor or those living on less

OF CHANGE IN EADERSHIP

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 16

All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary incharge of Madhya Pradesh affairs Mukul Wasnik on Wednesday remained non-committal on change of guard in state Congress amid growing demand in the party here to replace Kamal Nath as PCC

Wasnik who arrived here in the morning on a 3-day-visit to the state to review preparations of the party for the upcoming civic body polls, told reporters that the party needed seni-or leaders for their experience and the young ones for revitalisation of the organisation.

He was replying to a question as to if change in leadership in

MP Congress was imminent. When insisted by reporters to clear the air on the matter, he quipped "Do you expect me to answer all your questions today itself".

Nath's recent statement that he needed 'some rest' and wanted to stay at home has given birth to speculation that he may pave the way for a new PCC chief.

Govt clears ₹3,500 cr aid for sugarcane farmers

Move to benefit 5 crore farmers, 5 lakh workers in sugar mills

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government Wednesday cleared financial assistance of ₹3,500 crore to sugar mills for the export of 60 lakh tonnes of sweetener during the ongoing marketing year 2020-21 as part of its efforts to help them clear outstanding dues to sugarcane farmers.

Briefing media after the meeting, information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar said the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a subsidy of ₹3,500 crore on exports of

RESIGNS AS TMC

ADHIKARI

LEGISLATOR

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farmers.

The dues will be directly credited to their accounts on behalf of sugar mills against the cane price dues, and the subsequent balance, if any, will be credited to mills' accounts.

Farmers sell their sugarcane to the sugar mills, however, they don't get their dues from the sugar mill owners as they have surplus sugar stock. To address this concern, the government has facilitated 60 lakh tonnes of sweetener and the subsidy amount sugar stock. This will will directly be given to enable payment of dues of

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC

Dealing yet another blow to

West Bengal Chief Minister

Trinamul Congress, rebel

leader Shubhendu Adhikari

quit as Nandigram MLA a day before his visit to New

Banerjee's

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the sugarcane farmers.

The CCEA has approved the subsidy at the rate of ₹6 per kg for the current year, much lower than about ₹10.50 per kg in the 2019-20 marketing year keeping in view favourable interna-

According to official sources, the government will incur about ₹3,500 crore for this purpose, and this assistance would be directly credited into farmers' accounts on behalf of sugar mills against cane price dues and subsequent balance, if any, would be

Delhi and likely induction in

the BJP. Adhikari, fearing a

'nolitical vendetta" against

him by the TMC, also sought

Dhankhar's "intervention"

in a letter for his and his

aides' protection from being

implicated by the state police in false cases.

Governor

credited to mill's account. The decision will benefit five crore farmers and 5,00,000 workers employed in sugar mills and related ancillary activities. Sugar mills will be able to earn ₹18,000 crore revenue from the export, said Javadekar, who is also Union environ-

ment minister.

This subsidy aims at covering expenses on marketing costs including handling, upgrading and other processing costs and costs of international and internal transport and freight charges on the export of up to 60 LMT of sugar limited to Maximum Admissible Export Quota (MAEQ) allocated to sugar mills for the sugar season 2020-21.

At around 4 pm on Wednesday Adhikari, accompanied by Congress MLA Sudip Mukherjee from Purulia, went to the West Bengal Assembly and handed over his resignation letter to Assembly secretary Abhijit Som, in the absence of Speaker Biman Banerjee.

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ந.க.எண்: 5166/2020/ஆ5 பேரூராட்சிகள் துறை

கேகி: 14.12.2020

தமிழ்நாட்டிலுள்ள 12 மாவட்டங்களில் 2020–21 ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான தமிழ்நாடு நகர்ப்புற சாலை கட்டமைப் ம்பாட்டு திட்ட வட்டி தொகையின் கீழ் சாலை பணி செய்வதற்கான ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி கோரும் அறிவிக்கை. பேரூராட்சிகளில் மேற்காணும் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ள 34 பேரூராட்சிகளின் செயல் அலுவலர்களால், தகுதியான ஒப்பந்ததாரர்களிடமிருந்து பணிகள் வாரியாக ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகள் வரவேற்கப்படுகின்றன. ஒப்பந்தபுள்ளி தொடர்பான விபரங்களை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட பேரூராட்சிகளில் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம்.

ஒவ்வொரு சிப்பமும் சுமார் ரூ.15.00 இலட்சம் முதல் ரூ.150.00 இலட்சம் வரை மதிப்புள்ளது.

i. பணி வாரியான ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி நழூனாவினை https://tntenders.gov.in மற்றும் http://townpanchayats.tn.gov.in/tende என்ற இணையதள முகவரிகளிலிருந்து இலவசமாக எடுத்துக் கொள்ளலாம். இந்த இணையதள முகவரிகளிலிருந்த ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகள் குறித்த முழு விபரங்களும் பெறலாம்.

பொதுவான நேரம் மற்றும் நாள். (அனைத்து பேரூராட்சிகளுக்கும் பொதுவானது) அ) ஒப்பந்த நமூனா பதிவிறக்கம் செய்தல்: 17.12.2020 காலை 10.00 மணி முதல் 06.01.2021 மாலை 3.00 மணி வரை ஆ) ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி சமர்ப்பித்தல்: 06.01.2021 மாலை 3.00 மணி வரை

ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகள் திறத்தல் : 06.01.2021 மாலை 3.30 மணி

ஒப்பந்தபுள்ளி பெறப்படும் நாளன்று அலுவலகத்திற்கு விடுமுறை தினமாக அறிவிக்கப்படின், அதற்கு அடுத் மலை நாளில், அதே நேரத்தில், அதே இடத்தில் ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி பெறப்பட்டு திறக்கப்படும். செ.ம.தொ.இ./4721/ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி/2020

ந.க.என் : 10310/2020/ஆ5 **பேரூராட்சிகள் துறை** தேதி : 15.12.2020 தமிழ்தப்புள்ளி 34 மாவட்டங்களில் 2020-21 ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான சிறப்பு சாலைகள் திட்ட நிதியின் கீழ் சாலை பணி செய்வதற்கான தப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகோரும் அறிவிக்கை 1. பேரூராட்சிகளில் பேற்கானதும் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ள 176 பேரூராட்சிகளின் செயல் அலுவலர்களால், தகுதியான ஒப்பந்ததார்களிடலிருந்து பணிகள் வளிகளை மேற்கெய்யுள்ளிகள் வரவேற்கப்படுகின்றன. ஒப்பந்தபுள்ளி தொடர்பான விபரங்களை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட பேரூராட்சிகளில் பேற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம். 2. ஒவ்கொரு பணியும் கயார் கு.000 வட்சம் முதல் கு.2.50 கேஷ வரை மதிப்புள்ளது. 3. பணி வளியான வர்பியும் அட்சியர் நட்சியாகிலை https://intenders.cov/in மற்றும் http://townpanchavats.tn.gov/in/fender_arim_Googneysen

3. பணி வளியான ஓப்பத்தப்,ஸ்ளி நடூனாவினை https://intenders.gov.in மற்றும் http://townpanchayats.tn.gov.in/tender என்ற இணையதன முகவரிகளிலிருந்து இலவசயாக எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவாம். இந்த இணையதன முகவரிகளிலிருந்து ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகள் குறித்த முழு வியரங்களும் பெறலாம்.

லிப்புங்களும் பேறவாட்.
4. பொதுவான தேரம் மற்றும் நாள், (அளைத்து பேரூராட்சிகளுக்கும் பொதுவானது)
அ ஒப்பந்த நடிமனா புதிவிறக்கம் செய்தல் : 18.12.2020 காலை 10.00 மணி முதல் 06.01.2021 மாலை 5.45 மணி வரை
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மாலை 3.00 மணி குறத்தல் : 06.01.2021 மாலை 3.30 மணி (கு.200 கோடி மதிப்பீட்டிற்கு குறைவான சாலைப்பணிகள்) : 19.01.2021
மாலை 3.30 மணி குத 200 கோடி மதிப்பீட்டிற்கு கேமான சாலைப்பனிகள்) (சிவகங்கை மாலட்டம் – கோட்டையூர் சாலைப்பணிகள்) வரும்பன் குதல் குறிப்பிய மணிகள் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவர்கள் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் குறைவர்கள் கடியிரும்பது சினைவரும் வரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் திரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் குறிப்படிய மற்ற முறைவர்களும் குறிப்பிரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் வரைவர்கள் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவர்களும்பதும் கூறைவரைவரும் கடியிரும்பது கிறைவரும் காலைப்படியிரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவர்களும் கூறைவரைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பது கூறைவரும்பது கூறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும்பது கிறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பது கிறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பது கூறைவரும்பதும்பது கிறைவரும்பதும்பதும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும்பதும்பதும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும்பதும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும்பதும்பதும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும்பதும்பதும்பதும்பதுரும்பதும் கூறைவரும்பதும

: 19.01.202 ஒப்பத்தபுள்ளி பெறப்படும் நாளன்று அனுவலகத்திற்கு விடுமுறை தினமாக அறிவிக்கப்படின், ஆதற்கு அடுத்த வேலை நாளில், அதே நரத்தில் அதே இடத்தில் ஓப்பத்தப்புள்ளி பெறப்பட்டு திறக்கப்படும். உ கொல் (27.72) கட்டிக்க இடத்தில் ஓப்பத்தப்புள்ளி பெறப்பட்டு திறக்கப்படும்.

பேரூராட்சிகள் இயக்குந ·.ம.தொ.இ./4722/ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி/2020

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Jagdeep

Total Extent of Dry Lands to be acquired – 31,632.5 Sq.Mts.

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Total Extent of Dry Lands to be acquired – 34300.0 Sq.Mts.

Land Acquisition Officer and District Revenue Officer, Namakkal



Chronicle

Facts don't back PM's theory on farmers' stir

rime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Kutch on Tuesday, in which he spoke of "a great conspiracy to mislead farmers, in and around Delhi", can be said to mark a new stage in the agitation of farmers of North India, in the vanguard of which are Punjab farmers. This stage bespeaks the hardening of the government's stand against the farmers knocking on the doors of the nation's capital for the past 20 days.

After six rounds of dialogue between the government and the farmers' representatives, including a session with Union home minister Amit Shah, the food growers maintain their opposition to the three controversial agri-laws, passed in controversial circumstances last September. The government is just as adamant and will not agree to their repeal, the farmers' key demand. The farmers have rejected the government's implied offer of amending specific sections of the three laws if farmers can pinpoint them.

In Parliament, and in various statements made by the government's representatives outside the legislature, not excluding the remarks of the PM at various forums, the government is yet to cogently explain to the need for the laws that have created a storm, other than to say that these represent much-needed "reform" that will benefit farmers and the farm sector, and will not leave them worse off. The agriculturists are not persuaded, however. The government's bland assurances have done nothing to reassure farmers that the real reason for these "reforms" was to not to benefit big industry, rather than the owners

Ironically, even as Mr Modi attacked the Opposition parties — and when he does that he specifically means the Congress since he says "they" were unable to bring reforms when in power — the real attack on the government has come from Akali Dal president Sukhbir Badal on the same day that the PM was accusing the Opposition of misleading farmers and playing politics in the guise of backing farmers. The Akalis depend principally on the votes of

agriculturists. Such was the force of the Dal's opposition to the three farm laws that its announcement of leaving the Narendra Modi government came on the floor of the Lok Sabha, in the course of the discussion on the controversial farm laws. Subsequently, the Punjab party left the ruling alliance. Therefore, the notion of innocent farmers being "misled" by the Opposition — assiduously propagated by the government and the BJP — does not square with the facts. In the first instance, this opposition to the agri-laws came from the Akali Dal when it was a member of the ruling NDA until three months ago. This was clearly a case of opposition from within.

In a newspaper interview, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the BJP under Mr Modi came back with an increased majority in 2019 because of the "transformative" policies of demonetisation and GST. The extremely negative economic effects of these policies did not concern him and he equated more seats in Parliament with approval of these policies by the people. In the same way, he noted, the farm laws, that have triggered a tsunami of protest, will also be backed by the electorate.

The farmers seem to be up against the strength of ideology rather than eco-

Naked power grab

he fracas in the Karnataka Legislative Council may be par for the course in many a legislature, but it did nothing for the reputation of a House of Elders. The physical pushing and shoving of the deputy chairman, who was the presiding officer at the time and the kind of street language members used against each other made this a new low so far as meetings at the majestic Vidhana Soudha building in Bengaluru goes. The issue does run deeper and the incident only further illustrates the naked power grabbing politics grip-

ping places reserved for people's representatives.

It appears the ruling party BJP was in a tearing hurry to pass the contentious Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill 2020 and the Congress, afraid of losing the chairmanship and control of the council, was hell bent on stopping the proceedings and the Bill. But the Congress chairman had no right to duck legislative business in adjourning the House on December 10 even as the BJP and JD(S) had no right to forcibly occupy the chair through

deputy chairman Dharmegowda to try and pass the Bill. The Congress' fear of losing the last vestige of power in Karnataka it had enjoyed in its alliance of convenience with the JD(S) till 2019 may have led it to such subterfuge in blocking legislation the BJP is keen to enact. The cattle protection laws are in keeping with BJP's pursuit of Hindutva, to enable which it has been seen enticing the JD(S) into its sphere of influence by dangling the

carrot of an alliance that may stretch into the next Assembly elections. The JD(S) is a past master in the art of gravitating towards evidenced in its supremo H.D. Devegowda once becoming Prime Minister of India in a large coalition with a minuscule number of MPs. Its effort to remain relevant in Karnataka politics today is understandable. However, the least expectation is presiding officers of legislatures will meticulously follow the rule book so as not to deny a majority from having its say, such majority always being on the floor of the House.

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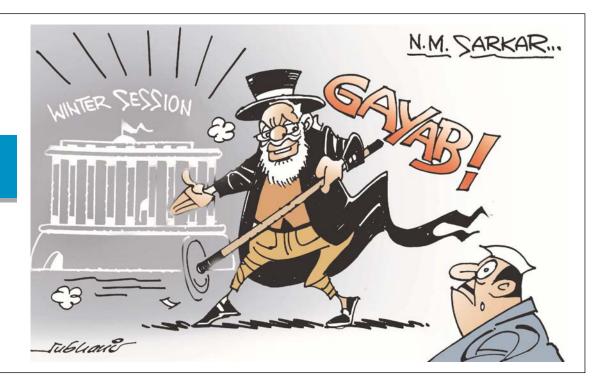
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Child nutrition crisis may derail India's aspirations



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t can be tempting to blame every crisis on the Covid-19 pandemic. But quite often, facts get in the way. Many things were bad enough even prior to the onset of the pandemic, that gutted so many lives and livelihoods.

The latest data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) is a case in point. It shows that several states across the country are doing worse since the last NFHS was conducted in 2015-16. They have reversed course and are showing worsening levels of child malnutrition despite improvements in sanita-

tion and better access to fuel and drinking water. Arguably, the first set of findings from the NFHS-5, conducted in 2019-20, four years after the last one (2015-16), relates to only 22 states and Union territories and does not include major states like Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. Data for states will released sometime in the middle of next year.

It is also true that not everything in NFHS-5 reeks of gloom.

Immunisation coverage has expanded in many states, the number of households using clean fuel has improved. Ditto with sanitation facilities. The total fertility rate (TFR) across most Indian states is also declining.

All this is good news. But we can't afford to take the eye off the ball and gloss over the heartbreaking reality of growing numbers of stunted and undernourished chil-

dren in India. In Maharashtra, the percentage of children in the 6-59 months group who are anaemic has shot up from 53.8 per cent (2015-2016) to 68.9 per cent in 2019-2020. Rural children are more severely affected. In the same period, the percentage of children under five who are stunted (low height for age) has gone up from 34.4 to 35.2.

What leapt out at me was the data from Mumbai. Children in the 6-50 months group who are anaemic has risen from 65.7 per cent in 2015-2016 to 72.8 per cent in 2019-2020.

Or take Gujarat, a relatively affluent state. The percentage of children under five who are stunted has risen from 38.5 (2015-2016) to 39.0 (2019-2020). In the same period, children under five who are severely wasted has gone up from 9.5 per cent to 10.6 per cent and those between 6-59 months who are anaemic has shot up from 62.6 per cent in 2015-2016 to 79.7 per cent in 2019-2020.

Nutrition experts point out that out of 22 states and Union territories for which we have data, there is a surge in severe acute malnutrition cases in 16 states/UTs, compared to NFHS-4 conducted in 2015-2016.

Even Kerala, that usually leads in social poliproblems: is growing anaemia among children.

The underfed hugely outnumber the overfed but alongside the crisis of child under-nutrition, we are also seeing a rise in child obesity, perhaps due to more junk food consumption. All this is exacerbated

by widespread under-nutrition and anaemia among women, including those who are pregnant. What is going wrong and what has changed

between 2015-2016 and "We don't have granu-

al status of students and lar data for all states and promoting the universal-Union territories as yet but the first lot of data from NFHS-5 points to What leapt out at me worsening malnutrition and anaemia in several states. From the data that's available, it's hard to pinpoint why malnutrition worsened even before the pandemic set in, but it's important to note that the period when it worsened coincides with the time India suf-

in 2016, which gutted much of the informal sector which dominates the Indian economy. We don't know to what extent those who took a

We had demonetisation

don't," she adds.

an ambitious target of

reducing anaemia by

three percentage points

per annum till 2022, are

not really captured in the

NFHS-5 data because

they really got going only

Even if that is so, it is

vital to review what is

actually happening on the ground. There are

enough indications that

all is not well with many

programmes. Take the

mid-day meals, for exam-

ple — the Central govern-

ment's flagship school-

improving the nutrition-

feeding pro-e aimed at

recently.

based

gramme

severe hit during demonetisation have recovered. The GST rollout also affected small businesses and rural wages have stagnated," says Dipa Sinha, assistant professor of economics at New Delhi's Ambedkar University and a key fig-ure in India's Right to Food Campaign. "The other unknown for which we don't have much data is the impact of the weakening of the crisis should give policysocial protection frame-

work with inadequate budgetary support and no expansion in response to the economic slow-down which could have affected affordability of diets. PDS (public distribution system) provides only rice and wheat in most states. Some states also give pulses and oil, care in early life. but many poorer states

only not grow to their full height, there is also a Some experts point out that the work of the Narendra Modi government's flagship National Nutrition Mission and tive potential. Anaemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) campaign, with

nutrition are more likely to have children who suf fer from stunting or wasting, perpetuating the cycle of poverty and undernutrition. mia is also hugely debilitating. It can affect children's cognitive perforand physical mance growth. In women, anaemia can adversely impact the capacity to work and can lead to poor pregnancy out-

Children are India's future, on whom the country's dreams rest, but they are paying the price of adult bungling and apathy. We can't afford that. Nor can we afford diversions like the needless hullabaloo over serving boiled eggs, a source of protein, to poor children in government

was the data from Mumbai. Children in programmes. the 6-50 months group who are anaemic has risen from 65.7 per cent in 2015-2016 to 72.8 per cent in 2019-2020.

isation of elementary education.

According to the Accountability Initiative of the Centre of Policy Research, only 14 states in India could utilise 100 per cent of the funds allocated to them for mid-day meals for the year 2018-2019, and states like Telangana, Assam and Goa used only two-third of the money allocated to them under this head. Gujarat and Haryana used only 40 per cent of the funds allocated to them for mid day meels them for mid-day meals. All this goes to show that there is a lot that is dysfunctional on the ground. India's child nutrition

makers sleepless nights. Stunting is a marker of chronic or recurrent undernutrition, usually associated with poor socioeconomic conditions, poor maternal health and nutrition, fre-quent illness, and/or inappropriate infant and young child feeding and

Children who suffer from stunting may not risk that they would not develop their full cogni-

Experts say mothers who suffer from under-

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WHAT AN IRONY

Makkal Needhi Maiam president Kamal Haasan has rightly said that 'Puratchi Thalaivar' M. G. Ramachandran, known as MGR and as 'Makkal Thilagam', is not the sole property or asset of AIADMK alone. He has rightly asserted that MGR is known as 'Makkal Thilagam' and not 'AIADMK Thilagam' and that some of the ministers would not even have met him. It is a matter of concern and irony that the AIADMK leaders who were addressing their rule as 'Amma Aatchi' all along has now switched to the words MGR Aatchi (MGR rule) and started giving prominence to MGR in posters, banners and advertisements keeping in mind the forthcoming assembly elections.

M.C. Vijay Shankar, Chennai

RYOTS SHOULD END STIR

APROPOS REPORT Conspiracy afoot to confuse farmers: PM (Dec. 16). The economists cry that due to farmers' agitation the nation is losing ₹3,500 crores per day. And the Prime Minister and the Home Minister had assured that the government will amend the laws suitably. Yet the agitating farmers are not willing to withdraw their agitation. Regrettably the Centre too is intransigent against repealing the 3 farm laws. The moot question is why Yechury, Prashanth Bhushan, Yogendra Yadav, Kejriwal and their ilk who are lending support to the farmers did not sympathise nor visit given 34,000 acres of their land for establishing Amaravati as AP's capital city, agitating for one year? In this regard, the Prime Minister's statement that "there is a conspiracy, confused and instigated the farmers" gains credence. It is time the farmers gave up their agitation and settled issues through negotia-

A. Seshagiri Rao, Chennai

CORRUPTION IN RTO

IN A surprise raid in Virudhunagar RTO, sleuths of the anti-corruption wing are reported to have seized unaccounted cash of ₹25.66 lakh. Two motor vehicle inspectors have been suspended in this connection. About three months ago, the DVAC officials had seized nearly ₹4 lakh unaccounted cash in Sriperumbudur RTO. The cash was reportedly found concealed in the flush tank of the restroom, generator room and also inside the vehicles used by officials. When computerisation was introduced, the authorities had made a tall claim that transparency would be the hallmark of administration, and corruption and malpractices would be a thing of the past. Unfortunately, things have not changed a wee bit.

P.G. Menon, Chennai

Dilip Cherian Dilli Ka Babu



Gymkhana divided on suspension of ex-cop

ue to various complex rules around admission, the Delhi Gymkhana Club has maintained its exclusive "aura" for 107 years. Its governing body is comprised of various retired government and defence officials as well as other private citizens. Its elections are a hotly contested affair, often leading to accusations of use of "illegal" and "unlawful" means between the contestants.

These days the club is roiled by a

letter written by 50 members collectively to the club president expressing their outrage at the "arbitrary decision" of the governing body. One of the issues that has riled members is the proposed suspension of a member, Dr Parvez Hayat, a retired IPS officer, for a day and further debarring him from contesting the club elections. Sources say that the member's suspension was the result of allegations levelled against him by viceadmiral B.S. Randhawa. The letter alleged that the club authorities did not observe the rules and due process before taking the decision to suspend the retired IPS officer.

Such controversies are not new Earlier this year, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) had ruled that the club was acting in a manner "prejudicial to public interest" and, therefore, must be probed. It said that a five-member central government appointed panel should investigate the affairs of the club, including land usage and its admission policy for members.

UPRIGHT BABU RILES

UTTARAKHAND MINISTER These days your average babu can Blind obedience is what is expected from them, leaving little room for independent decision-making. But like always, there are exceptions to the rule. An instance from Uttarakhand has recently come to light. There is even a touch of the bizarre about it!

The state's minister of women and child welfare, Rekha Arya, reportedly wrote to the DIG of Dehradun, Arun Mohan Joshi, inquiring about her additional secretary V. Shanmugam, who, she said, was "missing". And since the officer was "incommunicado", she feared he might have been kidnapped!

As it turns out, according to sources, trouble had been brewing between the minister and the IAS officer for some time. Matters came to a head sometime in September when Mr Shanmugam awarded a contract in a tender possibly against the wishes of the minister. Subsequently, he went into a two-day "self-isolation" and did not take any calls from his

office or the minister.

The irate mantri forced chief minister Trivendra Rawat to order an inquiry into the award of the contract, but additional chief secretary Manisha Panwar has reported that the probe did not find any misconduct by Mr Shanmugam. Further, Mr Panwar has stated that the officer had followed due process while awarding the contract and while going on leave. This is where matters rest. for now. It remains to be seen whether the minister will pursue the issue further or let it fly. It would also be interesting to see if the babu manages to hold on to his post or gets transferred elsewhere.

Contrast this with a powerful babu in Delhi who did not vanish after his "gaffe". Immense sweeping powers and other capabilities were exercised in Delhi and his statement vanished instead. What

One issue that has riled up members is the proposed suspension of a member, **Dr Parvez Hayat, retired IPS** officer, for a day and further debarment of him from the club elections. The member's suspension was the result of allegations levelled against him by vice-admiral B.S. Randhawa.

was reported in the media (of course, the story was promptly withdrawn, though the video exists!) on questioning the credentials of democracy itself led to much speculation whether this was just a gaffe or something

Share a babu experience! Follow dilipthecherian@Twitter.com. Let's multiply the effect.

SHORT TAKES

ANIME STUDIO ARSON: JAPAN DETAINS MAN

Tokyo, Dec. 16: Japanese prosecutors on Wednesday charged a man with murder over the 2019 arson attack on Kyoto Animation that killed 36 people, the country's deadliest violent crime in decades.

Shinji Aoba, 42, was detained in the aftermath of the July attack, but has been under constant medical supervision since then after sustaining severe burns in the incident.

The charges include murder, attempted murder, arson, trespass and breach of the armscontrol law, the Kyoto prosecutor's office said, without giving further details.

More than 30 people were also injured in the attack, in which Aoba is accused of breaking into the studio's building, spreading gasoline around the ground floor and setting it alight.

TRYING TO FLEE: **CHINA INDICTS 10 HK RESIDENTS**

Hong Kong, Dec. 16: Chinese prosecutors on Wednesday announced the indictment of 10 people from Hong Kong over an attempt to flee the city amid a crackdown on opposition political activity.

The Yantian district prosecutor's office in the city of Shenzhen just across the border from Hong Kong said on its microblog that 10 of the suspects were charged with illegally crossing the border whi le two were also charged with organising the attempted journev. Two others are minors and a decision on how to handle their cases will be made at a later time, the office said. Relatives of the 12 say they have been prevented from hiring their own lawvers and that the accusations against them are politically motivated. The 12 were arrested at sea in August

while they were apparently

attempting to flee to Taiwan after a tough national security

law took effect in Hong Kong.

Many European nations impose Senate run-offs: pre-Christmas virus restrictions

Berlin, Dec. 16: Several European countries on Wednesday imposed tight- Record death toll in Germany er Coronavirus restrictions ahead of Christmas, Frankfurt Am Main, as the United States rep- Dec. 16: Germany regisorted another record num- tered a record number of ber of new infections.

the Moderna Covid-19 vac- in infections. cine, but a study warned that at least a fifth of the world's population in poor- according to the Robert er nations may not have Koch Institute disease access to vaccines until control centre.

With the virus resurgent Coronavirus cases were in Europe, Germany clos-registered, a figure close ed non-essential shops and schools, swathes of England came under tighter curbs, and Denmark extended its restrictions.

"It's very good that we're closing the shops, it's for our health. We can't wait to ease food aid "It's very good that we're for things to fall apart," said shopper Jurgen in **Geneva**, **Dec. 16**: World Berlin, where people were Trade Organisation negorushing to finish their tiators were debating We-Christmas purchases before the shutdown. ore the shutdown.

Germany had coped relaing the delivery of inter-

tively well with the first national food aid as the wave in the spring, but it Coronavirus pandemic has struggled to contain a pushes humanitarian resurgence in recent months and its health minister pushes bumanitarian needs to new heights.

Dozens of WTO membesaid it wanted the Euro- rs, including the United pean Union to approve the States, the European Uni-Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on and China, support the "before Christmas".

Calls have been growing Singapore and the World for the EU health regulator for speed up its vaccines won the 2020 Nobel Peace decision process, with the Prize for its humanitarian bloc lagging behind a growing number of nations that have authorised the drug.

The formula fitter in the fitting fitting work.

"This is a very important proposal," EU ambassador to the WTO Joao

Britain has already star- Aguiar Machado told ted using it, but high in-fection numbers forced If adopted, the proposal London on Wednesday to would "ban export restricjoin large parts of central tions on these foodstuffs and northern England un- which hinder the World der tough, economically Food Programme's ability painful restrictions. Pubs, to procure (food products bars, restaurants and oth- for) the populations most er hospitality sites will in need across the world." close, apart from takeaways, as will theatres and other entertainment venues. enjoys strong support, it her entertainment venues.

ed on Friday.

WTO mulls how

deaths from Covid-19 on Hopes for an end to the Wednesday, the first day of pandemic were boosted by a new partial lockdown to positive assessments of try and cope with a surge A total of 952 people died

It said 27,728 new

dnesday a proposal to lift

proposal put forward by

But while the draft text

OUICK CROSSWORD

to the daily record of nearly 30,000 infections report-

previous daily record for fatalities was also reached Friday, when almost 600 people were reported to have died as the number of those in intensive care in the country reached alarming levels. Some 83 percent of intensive care beds in hospitals were occupied on Wednesday, the Interdisciplinary Association for In-

US AUTHORISES

FIRST AT-HOME

COVID-19 TEST

Washington, Dec 1 6

first rapid at-home test for

Covid-19, which is avail-

produces a result in

sell for around \$30 and the

company plans to roll out

three million units in Ja-

nuary 2021, and millions

more in subsequent mo-

nths. Stephen Hahn, com-

missioner of the Food and

said the emergency use

authorization represent-

unanimous backing whi-

ch is required for all deci-

sions at the global trade

ed a "major milestone."

Administration,

tensive Care and Emergency Medicine (DIVI) said. The latest figures come

as a new partial lockdown was imposed, with non-essential shops and schools closed in a bid to halt "exponential growth" in infections. The restrictions will

apply until January 10, with companies also urged to allow employees to work from home or to offer extended company

VIRUS HUNT: WHO TO SIFT CHINESE SAMPLES, DATA

Falkensee, Dec. 16: A German scientist who is part of a small team of experts assembled by the World Health Organisation to investigate the origins of the Coronavirus says they plan to sift through samples and medical data from The United States on Tuesday authorised its China to help determine where the bug first jumped from animals to humans and which species it came able over-the-counter and from. The search for the source of the new Coronavaround 20 minutes.

The test, made by California-based Ellume, will irus has sparked claims of cover-ups and fuelled political tensions, particularly between the US administration of President Donald Trump and Beijing.

Most researchers think that the virus, also known as SARS-CoV-2, originated in animals in China, probably bats, and the WHO has put together a 10-person team to examine the science. Mission member Fabian Leendertz, a biologist at Germany's Robert Koch Institute who specialises in emerging diseases, said that the goal is to gather data to be better prepared for possible future outbreaks.

Biden campaigns

Nominates Buttigieg as transportation secy

ent-elect Joe Biden threw his weight into the Democratic battle for control of the US Senate on Tuesday, as his White House win was finally acknowledged by top Republicans and holdout

foreign leaders. Biden flew into Georgia – a southern state he won in an upset against President Donald Trump — to host a rally for two Democratic candidates in run-off races that will determine the Senate's balance of power.

"Honk for your next United States senators Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock," Biden told the crowd at the drive-in event in Atlanta urging voters to turn

out in force on January 5. "Send me these two men, and we will control the Senate!" One day after the Electoral College affirmed Biden's victory, attention shifted to the looming Senate battle — and to the shape of the incoming administration, as Biden also announced he had nominated Pete Buttigieg, a former Indiana mayor and presidential rival, as secretary of transporta-tion. He would be the first openly gay person confirmed by the Senate to a presidential cabinet post - in sync with Biden's pledge to usher in the most diverse cabinet ever when he takes office on January 20.

PAK TO TALK

PEACE

Islamabad, Dec. 16: A AFGHAN, high-level Afghan-Taliban delegation arrived here on **TALIBAN IN** Wednesday to hold talks with the top Pakistani leadership as part of efforts to

Rouhani: 'Happy' Trump leaving

Tehran, Dec. 16: President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday that Iran was "very happy" over the looming departure from office of US counterpart Donald Trump, who led a campaign of "maximum pressure" against the Islamic republic.

President-elect Joe Biden, who defeated Trump at the ballot box in November, has signalled a willingness to return to diplomacy with Iran after four tense years under the outgoing president.

"Some say you are over-excited by the advent of Mr. Biden. No, we are not, but we are very happy to see Trump leave," he said in televised comments at a cabinet meeting.

"Thank God, these are his final days," Rouhani added, calling Trump a 'tyrant", "the most unruly, lawless president" and a "terrorist and mur-derer." The electoral college confirmed Biden as the next US president on Monday even as the incumbent continues to refuse to accept defeat.

The formal handover of power will take place on January 20 when Biden is sworn in.

Tensions between Tehran and Washington soared during Trump's presidency as his administration sought to bring Israel and the Gulf Arab states closer together with a hard line against Iran.

McConnell said on the Se-

nate floor, adding that Am-

And while Trump still refuses to concede — continuing to tweet baseless allegations of mass fraud that have been rejected in dozens of lawsuits - top Senate Republican Mitcĥ McConnell finally broke his silence with a message to the president: It's over.

"The Electoral College has spoken. So today I want to congratulate President-elect Joe Biden,'

push forward the reconcilia-

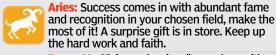
tion process, amid growing incidents of violence in Afghanistan The Taliban

ericans can also "take pride" that they will have the eir first female VP in Kamala Harris. Biden said that he had a "good" phone conversation with Mc-Connell, a longtime Senate colleague. "I told him that while we disagree on a lot of things, there are things we can work together on," he said. -AFP

Political Commission (TPC) headed by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, is on a December 16-18 visit to Pakistan, according to the Foreign Office (FO). "During the visit, the delegation will meet with the Foreign Minister and call on the Prime Minister," the FO said.

COFFEE-BREAK

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



the hard work and faith. **Faurus:** Health is good; enjoy dinner plans with loved ones. You may be feeling helpless and cornered today. Unsupportive associates at

work make things difficult for you to achieve.

Gemini: Things both at work and home hit a

peaceful note today. You are more relaxed. It's



wise to handle certain important and fragile issues on your own. Cancer: You can't achieve it all in one



day. Those going through a rough patch in their personal life are comforted by a new friendship. Finances improve for freelancers. o: Be patient and less restless. Health is

satisfactory. Work wise, those in artistic/ creative fields do well, but results that you



expect may be a wee delayed, don't worry. irgo: You will be a great team player instead of a leader now for your job satisfaction. Some of you might feel nostalgic and miss your beloved. Your efforts at work help the company to gain more profits and succeed. Spend time with family.

You share your b'day with

John Abraham, Bollywood actor. He is best known for his roles in Jism, Dhoom, Zinda, Water, Dostana, New York, Housefull 2, Race 2, Shootout at Wadala, Madras Cafe, Parmanu, Satyameva Jayate and Batla House amongst others.

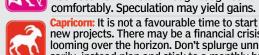


.ibra: If you are thinking of taking up a home improvement project, set a budget so that you don't go overboard. You will have to be more energetic towards your profession.



and work towards strengthening your bond with partner. Children's health may become the source of worry. Sagittarius: Do not be put off by obstacles in life, as this is only a passing phase.
Businessmen will sail through tough conditions

scorpio: It is advisable to think things through

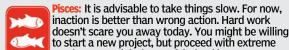


Capricorn: It is not a favourable time to start any new projects. There may be a financial crisis looming over the horizon. Don't splurge unnecessarily, instead plan and stick to a monthly budget.



to work hard to satisfy their clients. Consult with others before taking a major decision. Don't let any fear of failing hold you back from working hard. ces: It is advisable to take things slow. For now,

arius: Self-employed professionals will have



caution. You might have misjudged it.

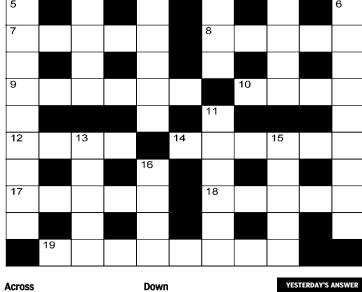
ALDER

SUIT PREFERENCE WINS REGULARLY George Szell, a conductor, was in the United States on his way back to Europe from Australia when World War II broke out. He never left. He said, "Conductors must give unmistakable and suggestive signals to the orchestra

tive signals to the orchestra, not choreography to the A bridge defender must give unmistakable signals to his partner, not worry about kibitzers. Most bridge players are

best at declarer-play, sec-ond-best at bidding and 10th-best at defense! To

defend well, not only do you need to watch the cards closely and signal accurate-ly to partner, but he must be doing the same, and both of you must be interpreting these cards correctly. The best defenders use a Dealer: East Vulnerable: Both West North lot of suit-preference sig-nals. Today's deal shows what is possible. How Pass 2♣ Pass Pass what is possible. How should the defenders defeat three spades after West



Down 1.Infatuated (8) 7. In search of (5) 8. Butter ingredient (5)

19. Come together and form

Word Mine

GOOD; 21 OUTSTANDING

one whole (8)

9. Hazard (6) 10. Wheel cover (4) 12. Sloping path (4) 14. Carpenter's tool (6) 17. Alcove (5) 18. Marsh plants (5)

1. Conductor's stick (5) 2. Sieve (6)

3. Diplomacy (4) 4. Foe (5) 5. Itinerant (9)

6. Adorn (9) 11. Refrain (6) 13. Showily manly (5) 15. Setting (5) 16. Sense (4)

Across: 1. Involved, 6. Punt, 7. Cipher, 9. Rumba, 11. Vodka, 12. Aloft, 13. Petri, 16. Tomato, 18.

Down: 1. Important, 2. Venom, 3. Vice, 4. Deplore, 5. Cue, 8. Realigned, 10. Buffalo, 14. Tamed, 15. Moat, 17. Odd.

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MEEKLY Jumbles: KIOSK RUNNY During the California Gold Rush, this land ow had a — ONE-TRACK "MINE"

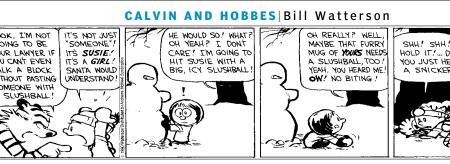
leads the club three? In the auction, if you think West ought to have bid four diamonds over three spades, tune in tomorrow. West overtakes with his king and delivers a second heart ruff to defeat the conneart run to defeat the con-tract by two tricks; plus 200 to East-West. Looking for a seasonal present for a bridge player? Give her or him a subscrip-tion to Phillip Alder's East wins the first trick with his club king and cashes the heart ace. West should realize that this is a singleton, so he must signal with his heart 10 under part-ner's ace, a suit-preference signal for diamonds. East now shifts to the diamond

three. West takes that trick with his 10 and leads the

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Now arrange the circled letters

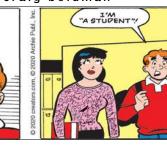
heart six. After East ruffs and leads the diamond jack,





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SHORT TAKES

Moody is SRH director of cricket

New Delhi: Australian Tom Moody has been appointed director of cricket at Indian Premier League side Sunrisers Hyderabad, who are captained by his compatriot David Warner.

Moody, 55, was the Hyderabad coach for seven years and led them to their only IPL title in 2016. He was replaced by another Australian, Trevor Bayliss, last year and late on Tuesday the franchise announced that Moody would be returning. The former batsman switched to coaching and TV commentary after retiring in 2001 and helped Hyderabad reach the play-offs five times during his stay as coach. Hyderabad, who also have New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson and Afghanistan spin ace Rashid Khan in their ranks, failed to reach this year's final when they lost to DC in the playoffs in November, -AFP

Shuttler Foo Kune banned for doping

Geneva: Mauritian badminton player Kate Foo Kune, her country's flag-carrier at the 2016 Rio Olympics, was banned for two years for doping on Wednesday after failing to prove her drink was spiked. Foo Kune tested positive for a banned steroid last year but she escaped a ban when the **Badminton World Federation's** anti-doping panel accepted her explanation that she was the victim of sabotage. But after a BWF appeal against its own panel's decision, there was no evidence of foul play. - AFP

Prez candidate

wants Leo to stay

Barcelona: Barcelona presidential candidate Jordi Farre said on Tuesday he would work to make sure Lionel Messi stays at the Catalan giants should be elected next month, and hinted at a improbable bid for Neymar by the cash-strapped club. Farre was promoter of the motion that led to previous club chief Josep Maria Bartomeu's resignation.

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TS SHOWTIME City held; Wolves peg back Chelsea

Tough India face Australian might in Pink Ball affair

peerless Virat Kohli and his "fearless" India would look to unleash their might on an Australian team which is ready for revenge but not exactly in 'pink of health' ahead of the first Day/Night Test starting Thursday.

Media mogul Kerry Packer, while promoting his path-breaking 'World Series Day/Night Test matches' on Channel 9 back in late 1970s, had an unforgettable caption "Big Boys Play At Night".

Even in 2020, there couldn't have been a more appropriate catch-line for a series where Kohli's magnificence meets its match in Steve Smith's consistency, Cheteshwar Pujara's doggedness challenged by a much younger Marnus Labuschagne, ready to show the world that he isn't a one-season wonder. All this would be under lights at the Adelaide Oval.

And then there are those mean fast men on both sides aiming to instill the fear of pink ball in twilight zone, creating all sorts of doubts in the batsmen's minds.

A Josh Hazlewood versus Mohammed Shami will be as enticing a subplot as Jasprit Bumrah bowling those yorkers in reply to Pat Cummins' barrage of bouncers.

With a workhorse like Ishant Sharma missing from Indian ranks and the enforcer David Warner absent in the Australian line-up.

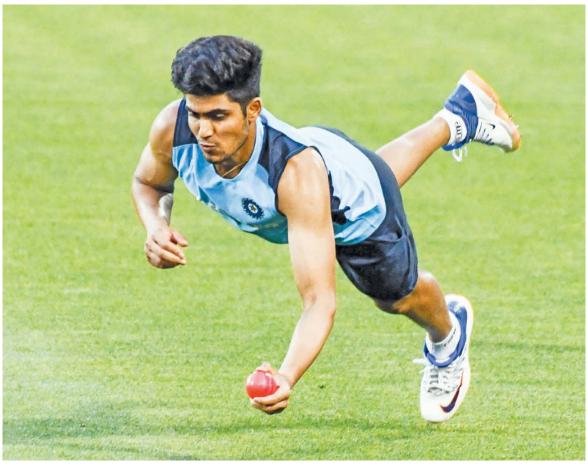
However, there will certainly be some distinct home advantage for Australia along with the experience of playing more day/ night Tests.

A day/ night Test match has its own little grammar where batsmen are expected to attack in the first session while bowlers are at their peak once the sun sets, allowing the pink kookaburra to pick its pace up.

Never has an Indian team been so spoilt for choices with multiple options in place for various positions.

Rahul will have to wait for their chances with the

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Shubman Gill of India dives to catch a ball during a practice session in Adelaide on Wednesday ahead of the first Test against Australia

NUMBERS GAME

The first day/ night Test match of the four-match Border-Gavaskar series between India and Australia will be played at Adelaide Oval from Thursday (December 17) It will be the 99th Test match between the two teams and on 49th Test match on Australian soil.

• Australia have a good record against India in previous

Test matches played between the two teams. They have won 42 and lost 28 in 98 previous encounters between the two sides. The remaining 27 matches ended with out a result which include one tied match. They have won 29, lost seven and drew 12 in 48 Test matches played against

India have a better record against Australia since 2000. They have won 17, lost 15 and draw 10 in 42 Test matches from January 2000 to January 2019. Australia have won seven, lost two and draw three in 12

Test matches played against India at Adelaide Oval. India's victories here came in 2003-04 and 2018-19. Adelaide Oval is hunting ground for Indian skipper Virat Kohli, who has scored 431 runs at 71.83 in six innings of three Test matches with three hundreds at this ground. India are in third place in the Test Team rankings with 114 rating points, whilst Australia top the rankings with 116.46 rating points. New Zealand follow closely in second with 116.37 rating points. India will feel the pressure as the race to the World Test Championship final heats up.

- S. PERVEZ QAISER

Kohli made it clear that stick to an out-of-form show in the practice Shubman Gill and KL Prithvi Shaw in the opening slot. Álso, Umesh Yadav pre-

But Indian skipper Virat management deciding to dictably, after his good side as the third pacer.

Prithvi to open as Saha keeps

Adelaide, Dec. 16: India have kept faith with opener Prithvi Shaw while opting for Wriddhiman Saha ahead of Rishabh Pant as wicketkeeper for the opening day-night Test against Australia in Adelaide starting Thursday.

Selectors also confirmed Umesh Yadav as the third seamer alongside Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah in the absence of the injured Ishant Sharma, while Ravi Ashwin won the race to be their frontline spinner ahead of

Kuldeep Yadav.
The flamboyant Shaw was under pressure from another young talent — Shubman Gill, also 21 — -PTI to open the innings along-

side Mayank Agarwal after just one decent knock in four warm-up innings.
But he will take the field

for his fifth cap on Thursday while Gill continues his wait to earn a

"Prithvi has performed at the Test level, but he would be playing in Australia for the first time. I think it is very exciting to see his progress as well," the Indian captain Kohli said.

The dogged and experienced Cheteshwar Pujara will come in at number three, followed by Kohli in his only Test of the tour before heading home for the birth of his first

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THE RESULTS

Manchester City (Gundogan 30) West Bromwich Albion (Dias 43-og)

Wolverhampton (Podence 66. Pedro Neto 90+5) (Giroud 49)

edge of the area by Gundogan. Guardiola's men shot themselves in the foot by conceding for the first time in seven games two minutes before halftime as they failed to clear a free-kick into the box and Semi Ajayi's shot was deflected into his own net by Dias.

It was one-way traffic after the break as City set up camp in the West Brom half but lacked the imagination or pace to open the visitors up. Frank Lampard believes

Chelsea have become complacent after the Blues blew a lead to lose 2-1 at Wolves and suffer back-toback Premier League defeats for the first time

City's probing was finally during his reign in charge. rewarded on the half hour as Raheem Sterling got to Daniel Podence's effort deflected off Reece James and inside Edouard Mendy's near post. — *AFP* the by-line and his cut back

Arun, Sandeep in TN probables list

DC CORRESPONDENT

Manchester, Dec. 16: Manchester City's falter-

ing Premier League title

challenge suffered another setback on Tuesday as lowly West Brom held out

for a 1-1 draw at the Etihad.

within three points of leaders Tottenham and Liverpool, who face each other on Wednesday, but

threw away two points against the side sitting sec-

the scoring for Pep Guardiola's men but Ruben Dias's own goal just

before half-time proved costly as City's problems in

front of goal continued in a

goalless second-half despite a siege on the West

A point edges City up to fifth on goal difference, while West Brom move to

within two points of safety at the other end of the table. West Brom had the

first big chance of the game when the ball ricocheted off Joao Cancelo into the path of Karlan Grant and he forced

Ederson into a fine save

low to his left.

Brom goal.

ond bottom of the table. Ilkay Gundogan opened

City could have moved to

Dinesh Karthik, Murali Vijay and Vijay Shankar were on Wednesday named in a 26-strong probables list by Tamil Nadu for next month's Syed Musthaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament.

Swashbuckling batsman K.B Arun Karthick, who returns to Tamil Nadu after a gap of seven years, medium-pacer Sandeep Warrier, who moved from Kerala, have also been included in the

Senior India off-spinner R. Ashwin, all-rounder Washington Sundar and left-arm pacer T Natarajan miss out as they are in Australia on national duty.

The players picked by the men's senior state selection committee of the TNCA also includes medium-pacer Aswin Crist, who last represented the state

returns after recovering from injury.

The selected players will

play three practice matches on December 19, 20 and 21 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in the city. The final squad will be picked on December 21. The tournament is set to

be played across six states under-bio secure environment from January 10 to

Tamil Nadu probables: Dinesh Karthik, M Vijay, B Aparajith, B Indrajith, Vijay Shankar, M Shahrukh Khan, C Hari Nishaanth, Pradosh Ranjan Paul, K B Arun Karthik, Akshay V Srinivasan, N Jagadeesan, M Abhinav, Aswin Crist, M Mohammed, Perivasamy, Warrier, S Harish Kumar, K Vignesh, R Silambarasan,

J Kousik, R Sonu Yadav, M Ashwin, R Sai Kishore, M Siddharth, Sathiyannaarayanan and M E Yazh Arun Mozhi

Village: 44.Athipalayam

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

ROC. No. 31371 /2017/H2

District: Namakkal

LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER AND DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, NAMAKKAL

Dated: 21.11.2020

The following amendment is issued to the public notice already issued under sub section 2 of section 15 of Tamil Nadu Highways Act-2001 for the acquisition of 1.62.88 Hectare of Dry lands situated in 44.Athipalayam Village of Tiruchengode taluk of Namakkal District for the formation of Bye pass road to Tiruchengode Town as published in English Daily "Deccan Chronicle", (Coimbatore Edition) dated 12.05.2017 & 22.09.2017.

Amendment

1. In the said Notification, the following amendment is issued to the existing schedule. Taluk: Thiruchengode

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