



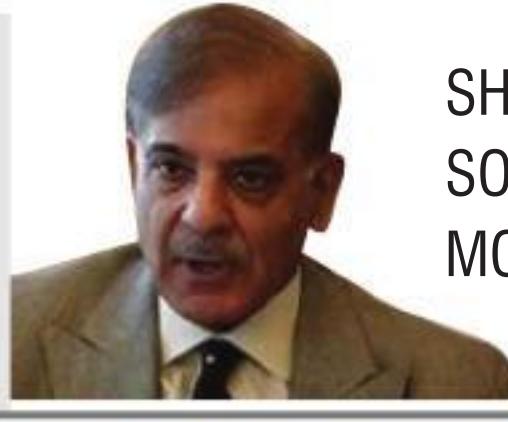
KAMAL NATH OFFERS
TO QUIT AS MP
CONGRESS CHIEF

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POLITICAL NOVICE
WHO GAVE VETERANS
A RUN FOR MONEY

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SHAHBAZ SHARIF,
SON INDICTED FOR
MONEY LAUNDERING

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'LET SHARMA
TAKE OVER
AS LEADER'

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WEATHER

Mainly clear sky. Mist/shallow fog in the morning. The maximum and minimum temperatures would be around 29 and 11 degrees Celsius respectively.

RAINFALL: Nil

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Max: 98% Min: 48%

TEMPERATURE

Max: 29.9°C (+1)
SUN RISES 06:42 hrs
MOON RISES 04:15 hrs

Min: 11.4°C (-3)
SUN SETS 17:29 hrs
MOON SETS 15:41 hrs

THUMBNAILS



Widows of Vrindavan celebrate Diwali at the Yamuna ghat in New Delhi on Wednesday. ■ SNS

Hong Kong lawmakers to resign: Hong Kong's pro-democracy lawmakers announced Wednesday they would resign en masse after four of them were ousted from the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's Legislature in a move one legislator said could sound the "death knell" for democracy there. The resignation of the 15 remaining pro-democracy lawmakers will ratchet up tensions over the future of Hong Kong, a former British colony that has long been a regional financial hub and bastion of Western-style civil liberties but over which China's government has increasingly tightened its control.

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SC refuses to interfere with HC cracker ban: The Supreme Court refused on Wednesday to interfere with the Calcutta High Court order banning the sale and use of firecrackers in West Bengal during Kali Puja, saying preservation of life was more important amid the coronavirus pandemic. A vacation bench of Justices D Y Chandrabhushan and Indira Banerjee said though festivals were important, but "life itself has been imperilled now" amid the pandemic. It said the high court knew the local condition better and it should be allowed to do the needful.

CPCB orders closure of hot mix plants, stone crushers: The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on Wednesday ordered closure of hot mix plants and stone crushers in Delhi-NCR till November 17 in view of a likely increase in pollution levels during the festive season. It also asked the governments of Punjab and Haryana to take immediate stringent actions to curb stubble burning and authorities in Delhi-NCR to strictly check biomass burning. "Frequency of mechanised cleaning of roads and water sprinkling to be increased particularly on road stretches with high dust generation potential," the apex pollution watchdog said in an order. "It should be ensured that guidelines and standard operating procedures for dust mitigation at construction sites are strictly adhered to," it said.

"I just think it's an embarrassing

SC pulls up Maharashtra govt; grants bail to Arnab Goswami

SNS & AGENCIES
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI,
11 NOVEMBER

The Supreme Court on Wednesday pulled up the Maharashtra government and granted interim bail to Republic TV editor Arnab Goswami in a 2018 abetment to suicide case, saying it will be a "travesty of justice if personal liberty is curtailed". "If constitutional courts do not protect liberty, then who will?" the court asked, as it expressed concern over state governments targeting some individuals on the basis of ideology and difference of opinion.

The two-judge bench comprising Justice D Y Chandrabhushan and Indira Banerjee also granted interim bail to two others in the case, Nitish Sarda and Parveen Rajesh



Singh, on personal bond of Rs 50,000 each and directed that they shall not tamper with the evidence and shall cooperate in the probe.

Goswami and the two others were arrested last week in connection with the suicide of architect Anvay Naik and his mother in 2018 over alleged non-payment of dues by companies of the accused. Goswami, editor-in-chief of Republic TV, has challenged the Bombay High Court's November 9 order refusing to grant him and the two others interim bail in the case and asking them to move the trial court for relief. Justice

Chandrabhushan said that if constitutional courts did not interfere when personal liberty is curtailed, "We are travelling the path of destruction undoubtedly".

The bench also told the state government to forget the way he screams and yells. "What concerns me is the value ascribed to human liberty," added Justice Chandrabhushan.

Later tonight, Goswami was released from Taloja jail in Maharashtra's Raigad district. Goswami came out of the jail around 8.30 pm and waved to people assembled outside the vehicle carrying him, saying he was "thankful to the Supreme Court for granting him bail. He flashed the victory sign and said, "this is the victory of the people of India."

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NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER**

The government has put OTT platforms such as Netflix as well as news and current affairs content on online platforms under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and given it powers to regulate policies and rules for the digital space.

There was no law or autonomous body governing digital content in India so far. Now, OTT and other platforms, including digital news websites, are expected to fall within a governmental framework of rules and regulations.

According to a notification issued by the Cabinet Secretariat on Tuesday night and signed by President Ram Nath Kovind, the decision comes into effect immediately.

It was taken in exercise of the powers conferred by

clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution by amending the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, the notification said.

With this, the Information and Broadcasting ministry has the power to regulate policies related to news, audiovisual content and films on online platforms. These include over the top' platforms Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Disney+Hotstar as well as homegrown ones like SonyLIV, and digital news websites, including TheWire and Scroll, often seen as being critical of the government.

Digital media is already regulated through the IT Act and other laws, albeit within the framework of the Constitution that guarantees freedom of speech, veteran media insiders pointed out. Though a cross-section of journalists, writers and

TIGHTENING CONTROLS



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directors in digital news platforms and those providing content for OTT services responded with dismay, there was little clarity on what kind of regulations the move would entail. Information and Broadcasting Minister

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India, China on verge of deal to resolve Ladakh standoff

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The sources said both the Indian Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) are looking at sealing the pact in the next round of Corps Commander-level talks as the proposals were agreed to by the two sides.

The ninth round of military talks are likely to take place in the next few days.

Nearly 50,000 Indian Army troops are currently deployed in a high state of combat readiness in various mountainous locations in eastern Ladakh in sub-zero conditions as multiple rounds of talks between the two sides have not yielded concrete outcome.

China has also deployed an equal number of troops, according to officials.

As a first step, both sides will remove their tanks, artillery guns, armoured vehicles and large equipment from the friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The specific proposals for the disengagement and restoration of the status quo ante as existed in April were finalised during the eighth round of high-level military talks between the Indian and Chinese armies in Chushul on November 6 on the Indian side of the LAC.

It was broadly agreed to withdraw around 30 per cent of the troops every day for three days, they said.

After seven months, local trains back on track in Bengal

FACT FILE

TOTAL CASES	86,36,011
ACTIVE CASES	4,94,657
NEW CASES	44,281
NEW RECOVERIES	50,326
TOTAL DEATHS	1,27,571

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 11 NOVEMBER

Suburban train services of Eastern and South Eastern Railway resumed in West Bengal on Wednesday after more than seven months with the authorities trying to enforce Covid safety guidelines. However, even as the Railways put in their best efforts to ensure that the protocols are followed, physical distancing norms were flouted inside several local trains and at some platforms during the morning peak office hours.

The trains were not choc-a-bloc initially after the services commenced early in the morning, but as hours passed, jam-packed rakes reached Sealdah and Howrah, leading to apprehensions over maintenance of physical distancing norms.

India's Covid active caseload below 5L



**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER**

With 44,281 new coronavirus infections and 512 deaths in the past 24 hours, India's overall tally was 86,35,921 on Wednesday, even as the country's Covid-19 active caseload fell below the 5 lakh mark for the first time after 106 days. There are 4,94,657 active cases of coronavirus infections as on date. The last time the figure was below the 5-lakh mark was on July 28, when there were 4,96,988 active cases, according to Union health ministry figures.

The city recorded 85 fresh Covid fatalities - its worst figure in nearly five months - which raised its coronavirus toll to 7,228, the health bulletin reported.

This was the first time that Delhi logged more than 8,000 Covid cases in a single day. These fresh

Medical Research (ICMR) conducted 11,53,294 sample tests on Tuesday, taking the total tested samples to 12,07,69,151.

Though Maharashtra continued to be the worst-

coronavirus cases were detected out of 64,121 tests, including 19,304 RT-PCR tests, conducted the previous day. The national capital's positivity rate was 13.4 per cent, the bulletin said.

The number of recovered Covid patients in the city over the last 24 hours was 7,264. The active cases tally rose to 42,629 from yesterday's 41,385, the bulletin said.

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new coronavirus cases and 83 deaths, the highest ever single-day tally since the onset of the pandemic. The other worst-hit states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.

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names in the OTT circuit. Hansal Mehta, Reema Kagti and Karan Anshuman, who have been making streaming content on various OTT platforms, were among those who spoke out.

MX Player CEO Karan Bedi said he looks forward to working with the ministry to implement the efforts towards self-regulation. "As responsible content creators, we want to ensure that this act not only takes cognisance of the nature of content being released, but also ensures that we safeguard creativity in this rapidly growing sector," Bedi told PTI. Several other major OTT platforms declined to comment on the development when contacted.

But filmmakers and writers did not mince their words. The decision could put Indian content creators at a disadvantage on the world stage and curtail the creative and personal freedom of makers as well as viewers, said several big

names in the OTT circuit.

Zoya Akhtar and Alankrita Shrivastava. However, nothing specific has been said regarding censorship, except that it is coming under the ambit of I&B ministry," she said, adding that creators are asked for many cuts even though films are certified A'.

Govt brings OTT operators under ambit of I&B ministry

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Government of India (GOI) has to define a vaccine distribution strategy and how it will reach every Indian

RAHUL GANDHI
CONGRESS LEADER

CM urges Vardhan to add beds in Centre's hospitals

Kejriwal urges Union health minister to augment bed capacity in the Centre-run hospitals in Delhi, citing a shortfall of beds and apprehensions that daily Covid cases might spike to 15K in the city soon



SNS & PTI
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has urged Union health minister Harsh Vardhan to augment bed capacity in the central government-run hospitals in the city in view of apprehensions that the number of Covid-19 cases might reach 15,000 a day in coming weeks.

In a letter to Vardhan last week, Kejriwal cited a shortfall of around 4,900 beds in hospitals, seeking the Union health minister's direction to the hospitals run by the central government in Delhi to provide at least 1,092 additional beds, including 300 ICU beds, with the required medical staff.

The CM pointed out that Delhi is witnessing a renewed increase in the number of Covid cases and cited the

revised response strategy 3.0 of the Dr Paul Committee projecting up to 15,000 coronavirus cases per day in the national capital during the third surge in the upcoming weeks due to the rising pollution, celebration of festivals, wedding season and other factors.

Currently, Delhi has a total bed capacity of 15,713, including 1,029 ICU beds, for Covid patients, the CM stated.

However, the shortfall of around 4,900 beds in the national capital will have to be met by augmentation in hospitals run by both the Centre and the state government, Kejriwal told Vardhan who represents Delhi's Chandni Chowk constituency in the Lok Sabha.

The Centre-run hospitals in Delhi have proposed augmentation of around 1,092 beds, the CM said urging Vardhan for necessary directions so that the bed capaci-

ty in Delhi's hospitals for Covid patients is adequate in coming weeks.

Delhi yesterday logged record 7,830 fresh coronavirus cases, which raised its Covid caseload to 4,51,382, according to the Delhi government's health bulletin. These cases were detected out of 59,035 tests. The city had on 8 November recorded 7,745 coronavirus infections detected out of 50,754 tests.

The national capital had yesterday recorded 83 Covid deaths - its worst since 16 June - which pushed its coronavirus toll to 7,143. On 8 November, it had logged 77 Covid fatalities.

On 6 November, Delhi had crossed 7,000 Covid cases for the first time, recording 7,178 cases out of 58,860 tests. It had then recorded 64 deaths.

In a bid to reduce coronavirus deaths in the city, the Delhi government has ordered

the Covid test centres to mandatorily check the oxygen saturation level of patients so that those having it below 94 per cent could undergo compulsory medical examination.

Amid the current festive season, increased gatherings, lax public attitude, and soaring air pollution, Delhi has been witnessing a fresh surge in Covid cases for the past few weeks.

Delhi health minister Satyendar Jain has said that the third wave of Covid was at its peak in the national capital and that it has been the worst since the pandemic swept into the city early this year.

Jain today said that the duration of the third peak of the spread of Covid in Delhi is longer than those of the previous peaks but it might subside in the next few days.

He told reporters that the

Delhi government has ramped up testing by nearly three times on an average per day compared to the number of tests conducted when the second peak had hit the city around 16 September, when over 4,000 daily cases were being reported. "We are also doing RT-PCR tests in large numbers," he said.

The minister also said the Kejriwal government has filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court after the Delhi high court did not allow reserving 80 per cent ICU beds for Covid patients in many private hospitals here and that the apex court has asked the government to approach a division bench of the high court.

"About two to three months ago, we had written to the Centre to increase about 1,000 beds and 300 ICU beds in Centre-run hospitals in the city," Jain said.

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AAP govt extends anti-vehicular pollution campaign till 30 Nov

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

The AAP-led Delhi government has decided to extend its "Red Light On, Gaadi Off" campaign to curb vehicular pollution in the city till 30 November, environment minister Gopal Rai today said.

Rai said that in the wake of the current surge in Delhi's air pollution levels, the second phase of this campaign will be launched on 16 November, which will continue till 30 November.

He appealed to the people of Delhi to play their part to fight pollution. There is need for Opposition parties also to support the government in this fight, he said.

"To control the pollution level in Delhi, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the



'Yuddh, Pradushan Ke Virudh' campaign. Various initiatives have been started to combat several internal sources of pollution in Delhi, and on-ground actions have been taken," Rai said.

"The first phase of the 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign was launched on 21 October to combat vehicular pollution in Delhi. It will end

on 15 November," he said, adding that its second phase will continue during 16-30 November.

Like the first one, the second phase will also aim to make people aware of the need to switch off their vehicles at traffic signals. About 2,500 marshals will be deployed at 100 junctions in 11 districts across Delhi for its implementation.

No Chhath puja at public places, temples, river banks in Delhi due to Covid: DDMA

PTI
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

The DDMA has instructed officials to ensure that Chhath Puja this year is not performed at public places, river banks and temples in Delhi, citing the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in the national capital.

An order issued by Chief Secretary and Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) executive committee chairman Vijay Dev on Tuesday issued directions to all district magistrates (DMs) and deputy commissioners of police (DCPs) for strict compliance and to encourage people to celebrate Chhath at their homes during the pandemic.

It also directed the DMs and DCPs to hold meetings with religious and commu-

nity leaders as well as Chhath Puja Samitis before the festival to get their cooperation to maintain law and order and harmony, and to sensitise the public on the compliance of guidelines and instructions to combat COVID-19.

The situation of COVID-19 in Delhi was reviewed and it had been observed that there is a persistent rise in COVID-19 cases in NCT of Delhi in the recent period, the order stated.

Considering this, it has been decided that Chhath Pooja celebrations in the month of November 2020 may not be allowed in public places and people may be advised to celebrate the festival at their home only, it said.

Delhi BJP leader and former minister in the city government Kapil Mishra questioned the order and claimed

it was issued as the AAP government failed to make adequate preparations for Chhath Puja. "This order banning Chhath Puja in Delhi will not be obeyed Arvind Kejriwal ji."

"Delhi government, which was the first to open liquor shops in the country, cannot issue an order to stop Chhath Puja."

"The AP government banned Chhath Puja as it could not prepare for it. Chhath Puja will be performed," Mishra said in a Hindi tweet.

The Chhath Puja is celebrated in Delhi in a big way by the natives of Bihar and eastern UP. The two-day festival, falling on November 20-21 this year, involves worship of the Sun God at a water body like a river, pond or tank.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COURT NOTICE
(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF
SH. ANUPREET SINGH
Civil Judge (Junior Division),
Gurugram
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2020
Next Date: 22-01-2021

GENERAL PUBLIC
NOTIFICATION
IN THE COURT OF
SH. ARVIND BANSAL
ACJ/CCJ/ARC-(South East)
Saket Courts, New Delhi
SS-2020

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Dated,

2020.

Civil Judge
(Junior Division),
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Seal of the Court

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Anupama
Versus
The State & Anr.

Whereas, on application

U/s 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 has been made by

Anupama, successor of

Late Jagan Nath, for grant of

Succession Certificate in

respect of debts/securities of deceased.

And whereas the said application shall come for hearing on 23-11-2020 at 10-00 a.m.
Therefore, the public notice is hereby given that no notice to any person has objection to the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the said applicant, he may appear and file objections in writing, in person or through duly appointed pleader, on the said date and time.

Given under my hand and Seal on 06-11-2020.

ACJ/CCJ/ARC-(South East)

Saket Courts, New Delhi
Seal of the Court

CHANGE OF
NAME

I, JYOTSNA Devi, spouse of

Sakti Bhadra, resident of

Rahara, Ram Krishna Pally, P.O.: Rahara, P.S.: Khardaha,

Kolkata-700119, Dist: North 24 Parganas, has changed my name from Jyotsna Devi to Jyotsna Bhadra, vide affidavit dated 14 Sept., 2020 before Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas.

I, SERVICE No. 15318181K, Rank Hav., Name Manik Pahari, Unit: 4 Engr., Regt. RHQ, C/O 99 APO, Pin-914004, I want to change of name and date of birth of my family member.

Wrong Spelling: Wife: Smt. Tinku Pahari, D.O.B.: 12.10.1979.

Correct Spelling: Wife: Uma Pahari, D.O.B.: 01.01.1969.

2. For further documentation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Upon the instructions of
my clients i.e. Smt.
Gurpal Khurana, W/o
Late Bhupinder Singh
Khurana and Smt.
Babli Khurana, W/o
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Khurana, both R/o C-
3/11, Ashok Vihar,
Phase-II, New Delhi and
Sh. Arbind Singh and
Sh. Gurinder Singh,
both S/o Late Amrik
Singh, R/o A-22 Vishal
Enclave, New Delhi and
65/41, West Punjab
Bagh, Delhi it is notified
for the information of
public at large that
property at Khasra no.
93, Peepal Thala,
Adarsh Nagar, Delhi is a
subject matter of civil
litigation pending in the
court of Ms. Rekha, ADJ
(North), Rohini Court,
Delhi along with several
other properties. An
execution petition
bearing no. 71/17 titled
as "Sh. Gurbachan
Singh & Sons Vs Sh.
Ravinder Singh Khurana
& Sons" is pending in the
aforesaid court. It is
further notified that by
virtue of an order dated
17.12.2013 passed by
the Honble High Court of
Delhi, there is a status-
quo order with respect to
the title and possession
in respect of property at
Khasra No. 93, Peepal
Thala, Adarsh Nagar,
Delhi. Anybody dealing
with the said property
may be doing so at
his/her/its/their own
risks, costs and
consequences.

Dated : 12.11.2020 Sd/-

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Transparency with Good Governance

'Lal Dora Mukt Yojana' started

which is now adopted as 'Swamitva Yojana' by the country
to give rural people property ownership rights

This scheme ensures rights for sale, purchase and to avail loan on their land

Mera Parivar-Meri Pehchan
www.meraparivar.haryana.gov.in
portal started to provide benefits
of all Government schemes
from the ease of home



Wi-Fi hotspots installed for
providing Internet services
in 4496 gram panchayats

Record of 60.14 Lakh Families
is available on the portal



542 services and schemes of
39 departments are available
online through 15,311 Atal Seva
Kendras and 117 Antyodaya Kendras

Parivar Pehchan Patra
prepared for more than
15 Lakh Families



More than 7 lakh
complaints resolved
through CM Window

To bring transparency Body Cameras
will be provided to the vehicle
inspectors for checking and passing
the commercial vehicles



Gram Darshan Portal
Platform to deal with Issues
Data of 6,197 Gram Panchayats & Entire
information of Development Projects available

Portable Dharmkantas to
be installed on the roads to
prevent overloading of
commercial vehicles



In order to bring work transparency
'e-office' started in 4 corporations and
70 departments and soon to be implemented
in all other departments as well

**Let's adopt the strict measures
To prevent the spread of Coronavirus**



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EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS FROM 12.11.2020 TO 14.11.2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during festival season, Northern Railway in coordination with other Zonal Railways has planned to run following East bound Festival Special Trains from Delhi area from 12.11.2020 to 14.11.2020 as per the schedule given below:-

Spl Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
LIST OF EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA ON 12.11.2020 (THURSDAY)						
03258	Anand Vihar (T)	13:30	Danapur	07:30	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
04448	Anand Vihar (T)	23:55	Saharsa	19:45	AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Danapur & Barauni Jn. Stations
05530	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Saharsa	03:05	Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn., Sitapur, Gonda Jn., Manikpur Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptangan Jn., Baghia, Harrigarh, Narkatiagan Jn., Bettiah, Sagar Jn., Bapudham Motihari, Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn. & S. Bakhtiyarpur Stations
04428	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Jogbani	13:15	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hazipur, Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria, Naugachia, Kathiara, Purnia Jn., Aranya Court & Forbesganj Stations
04426	Anand Vihar (T)	16:25	Raxaul Jn	22:10	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Pilkhu, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Raja Ka Sahaspur, Chandausi Jn., Aonia, Shahjehanpur, Hardoi, Almangar, Lucknow, Nihalgarh, Musafirkhana, Sultanpur, Lambhua, Srikrishna Nagar, Jaunpur City, Varanasi Jn., Varanasi City, Annurahr Jn., Nandganj, Ghazipur City, Yusufpur, Ballia, Suraimangar, Chhapa, Dighwara, Parmanandpur, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Runni Saidpur, Sitamarhi, Balagnia & Gorhasahan Stations
02550	Anand Vihar (T)	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Naugachia, Kathiara Jn., Barsoi Jn., Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Raniganj Jn. Stations
04424	Anand Vihar (T)	15:20	Katihar Jn	19:55	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Khurja Jn., Aligarh Jn., Hathras Jn., Tundla Jn., Firozabad, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Unnau Jn., Aisbagh, Badshahpur, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Manikpur Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Maina, Siwan Jn., Chhapa, Dighwara, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Dholi, Khudiram B Pusa, Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Thana Bihpur Jn., Naugachia, Kith, Kursela & Karagola Road Stations
04462	Anand Vihar (T)	20:20	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapa, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn. Stations
04464	Anand Vihar (T)	17:10	Saharsa	18:15	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapa, Dighwara, Parmanandpur, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Khagaria Jn. & S. Bakhtiyarpur Stations
04408	New Delhi	19:25	Darbhanga	17:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Siwan Jn., Chhapa, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn. Stations
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10	First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn. & Gyanpur Road Stations
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Bharwari, Prayagraj Jn., Vindhya Chal, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Chhandauli Mjhw, Bhabua Road, Kudra, Sarasam, Dehri On Son, Anugraha N Road, Rafiganj & Guraru Stations
04004	New Delhi	18:00	Patna Jn	13:00	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Rae Bareilly, Gauriganj, Amethi, Pratapgarh Jn., Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Stations
04460	New Delhi	20:55	Patna Jn	11:30	AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn. & Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. Stations
04466	Delhi Jn	22:50	Varanasi Jn	12:50	First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur Jn. Stations
04470	Anand Vihar (T)	10:00	Raxaul Jn.	12:15	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Chhapa, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., & Sitamarhi Stations
04472	Anand Vihar (T)	11:00	Bhagalpur	08:30	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Patna Jn., Mokameh Jn., Kiul & Jamalpur Jn. Stations
04474	Anand Vihar (T)	09:30	Saharsa Jn.	10:20	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Sitapur Jn., Gorakhpur Jn., Chhapa, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn. & Simri Bakhtiyarpur Stations
04478	Anand Vihar (T)	12:00	Jaynagar	11:15	AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations
04482	Delhi Jn.	12:00	Chhapra	04:30	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn. & Gorakhpur Jn.
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Executive A.C. Chair Car & A.C. Chair Car	Ghaziabad & Etawah Stations
LIST OF EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA ON 13.11.2020 (FRIDAY)						
04090	Anand Vihar (T)	16:55	Bhagalpur	11:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Vindhya Chal, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Dildarnagar Jn., Buxar, Dumraon, Bihiya, Ara, Bihta, Danapur, Patna Jn., Rajendranagar Jn., Kiul, Jn., Jamalpur Jn. & Sultanganj Stations
04012	Anand Vihar (T)	07:30	Jogbani	08:30	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier & Sleeper	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Dildarnagar Jn., Danapur, Patliputra, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn., Mansi Jn. & Simri Bakhtiyarpur Stations
04404	Anand Vihar (T)	18:35	Bhagalpur	15:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Patna Jn., Mokameh Jn., Kiul Jn., Jamalpur Jn. & Sultanganj Stations
03258	Anand Vihar (T)	13:30	Danapur	07:30	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
02596	Anand Vihar (T)	20:00	Gorakhpur	07:50	AC 3 Tier	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti Stations
04436	Anand Vihar (T)	10:50	Saharsa	10:30	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapa, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begu Sarai & Khagaria Jn. Stations
04426	Anand Vihar (T)	16:25	Raxaul Jn	22:10	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Pilkhu, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Raja Ka Sahaspur, Chandausi Jn., Aonia, Shahjehanpur, Hardoi, Almangar, Lucknow, Nihalgarh, Musafirkhana, Sultanpur, Lambhua, Srikrishna Nagar, Jaunpur City, Varanasi Jn., Varanasi City, Annurahr Jn., Nandganj, Ghazipur City, Yusufpur, Ballia, Suraimangar, Chhapa, Dighwara, Parmanandpur, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Runnisaidpur, Sitamarhi, Balagnia & Gorhasahan Stations
02820	Anand Vihar (T)	07:05	Bhubaneswar	12:20	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jn. Gorno, Tatangar Jn., Hijili, Jaleswar, Balasore, Soro, Bihadrak, Hajipur Jn., Rock & Cuttack Stations
02550	Anand Vihar (T)	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Dildarnagar Jn., Danapur, Patliputra, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn., Barsoi Jn., Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Raniganj Jn. Stations
04440	Anand Vihar (T)	13:45	Katihar Jn	19:20	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Dauram, Siddhart Nagar, Gorakhpur, Siwa Bazar, Narkaliaganj Jn., Bettiah, Bapudham Motihari, Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Khagaria Jn., Saharsa Jn., Dauram Madhupura, Banmankhi Jn. & Purnea Jn. Stations
04424	Anand Vihar (T)	15:20	Katihar Jn	19:55	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Khurja Jn., Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Firozabad, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Unnau Jn., Aisbagh, Badshahpur, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Manikpur Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Maina, Siwan Jn., Chhapa, Dighwara, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Dholi, Khudiram B Pusa, Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Thana Bihpur Jn., Naugachia, Kith, Kursela & Karagola Road Stations
04456	Anand Vihar (T)	23:55	Bhagalpur	21:40	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Patna Jn., Mokameh Jn., Kiul Jn. & Jamalpur Jn. Stations
04406	New Delhi	19:25	Barauni	15:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapa, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Chhapa & Hajipur Jn. Stations
04410	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Jn	09:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10	First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn. & Gyanpur Road Stations
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Bharwari, Prayagraj Jn., Vindhya Chal, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Chhandauli Mjhw, Bhabua Road, Kudra, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugraha N Road, Rafiganj & Guraru Stations
04452	New Delhi	20:00	Islampur	14:45	AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Firozabad, Shikohabad Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Vindhya Chal, Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Zamania, Dildarnagar Jn., Gahmar, Buxar, Dumraon, Bihiya, Ara, Bihta, Danapur, Phulwarsarif, Patna Jn., Rajendra Nagar, Patna Saheb, Faizabad, Dhanbad, Bazaar, Hizra & Ekangarha Stations
04458	New Delhi	21:00	Patna Jn	15:30	AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn. & Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. Stations
04084	Delhi Jn	23:00	Katihar Jn	22:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gorakhpur, Chhapa, Hajipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn. & Naugachia Stations
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Executive A.C. Chair Car & A.C. Chair Car	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn. & Gyanpur Road Stations
04450	Delhi Jn.	10:00	Sitamarhi	06:00	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn., Gorakhpur Jn., Narkatiaganj Jn., & Raxaul Jn. Stations
04488	Anand Vihar (T)	11:15	Jaynagar	11:50	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations
04490	New Delhi	22:50	Varanasi Jn.	12:50	First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur Jn. Stations
LIST OF EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA ON 14.11.2020 (SATURDAY)						
03258	Anand Vihar (T)	13:30	Danapur	07:30	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
04434	Anand Vihar (T)	11:00	Jaynagar	13:35	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Mokameh Jn., Barauni Jn., Samastipur Jn., Darbhanga Jn. & Madhubani Stations
04428	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Jogbani	13:15	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria, Naugachia, Kathiara, Purnia Jn., Aranya Court & Forbesganj Stations
02550	Anand Vihar (T)	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Naugachia, Kathiara Jn., Barsoi Jn., Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Raniganj Jn. Stations
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THUMBNAILS



Artists perform during the inauguration of Hunar Haat at Pitam Pura Dilli Haat on Wednesday. SNS

YSR attacks TDP: Andhra Pradesh chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has alleged that the lawyer who secured bail of two policemen accused of torturing in a case of suicide of a family of four in Nandyal belonged to Opposition TDP. Reddy alleged: "TDP has been spreading rumours that the government is trying to save the two accused in the case." SNS

Pak shells 3 sectors: The Pakistan Army heavily shelled forward posts and hamlets on Wednesday in three sectors along the LoC in Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The Indian Army effectively retaliated. Meanwhile, 11 drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested with contraband substances in the past 10 days in Kathua district, police said.

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What sealed GA fate in Bihar

Political observers say one factor that impacted Opp alliance was 'Jungle Raj' tag associated with RJD

MANOJ CHAURASIA
PATNA, 11 NOVEMBER

So, what proved disastrous for Tejashwi Yadav-led Grand Alliance (GA) in Bihar elections? Although the GA leaders have raised rigging allegations charging the Nitish Kumar government with "intimidating the officials and tampering with results", there are many factors which seemed to have worked against the main Opposition alliance. According to political observers, one factor that heavily impacted the Opposition alliance was the "Jungle Raj" tag associated with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) headed by jailed politician Lalu Prasad.

All though the month-long poll campaign, the ruling NDA leaders—from chief minister Nitish Kumar to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, focussed on the issue of "Jungle Raj" and kept reminding the voters about the RJD's "lawlessness", instead of highlighting the NDA's agenda for the state.

Especially, the Prime Minister looked more ruthless in his attack on the RJD. He not only described Tejashwi as "Jungle Raj ka Yuva" but also accused the RJD of "having the copyright for kidnapping".

"The masses didn't take Nitish's charges seriously but got suddenly alert when the PM went on whipping up the Jungle Raj fears and alerting them. Apparently, this worked against



JD-U workers celebrate party's performance in the Bihar Assembly elections, in Patna on Wednesday. IANS

the Grand Alliance which put up magnificent performance in the first phase of polling on 71 seats of south-central Bihar," commented a political expert.

The Grand Alliance won 50 seats in the first phase, making a virtual clean sweep in Magadh and Shahabad divisions. Of the total 71 seats in these two divisions, the Grand Alliance bagged 50 seats.

The entry of Modi, however, upturned the applecart in the

next two phases.

"Such was the impact of the PM's Jungle Raj alert that quite good number of voters, especially young voters, who were willing to vote for change apparently getting attracted by Tejashwi's 10 lakh job promise eventually dragged their feet on parents appeal and supported the NDA. Had these voters not made this correction, the scene would have been entirely different," informed

a top JD-U leader.

The GA tally in the second and third phases amply explains this. The Grand Alliance which put up a terrific performance in the first phase could win only 59 seats out of total 172 that went to polls in the second and third phases.

The second factor, according to the experts, is that the RJD's promise for 10 lakh jobs was not taken seriously by majority of the youths.

Although impressive crowds were seen attending each rally of Tejashwi, they could not be translated into votes.

Unemployment is the issue which has affected the youths across every caste, community and religion, and had the youth community solidly voted for the Grand Alliance, it would not have been staggering to reach near the majority mark of 122.

Poor performance by the Congress was another factor which spoiled the Grand Alliance's chances.

The Congress party had hard-bargained 70 seats from the RJD during the seat-shifting deal but managed to win only 19 seats with the shocking strike rate of 27.

The strike rate of the RJD and the Left parties, on the other hand, remained at 52 and 55 percent, respectively.

The last but not the least which dealt a severe blow to Grand Alliance's prospects was the AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's move to field his party candidates in Muslim-dominated 24 seats in the border region. While the AIMIM could win only five seats, its move polarised the Hindu voters in the region and played virtual spoilsport for the opposition alliance.

This could well be gauged from the fact that the Grand Alliance could win only seven seats out of 24 in the Seemanchal or border region against 12 seats won by the NDA.

Wanted JD-U weakened, won't back Nitish: Chirag

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

PATNA, 11 NOVEMBER

LJP leader Chirag Paswan on Wednesday defended his decision of fielding candidates against the JD(U) in large numbers in the Bihar assembly polls which hugely damaged its prospects, saying he wanted Nitish Kumar's party to be "weakened" and succeeded in the endeavour. He also declared he will not support the new government in Bihar if the NDA stuck to its promise of retaining Nitish Kumar as the chief minister despite the JD(U)'s diminished numbers in the assembly.

"We never concealed our intentions. We believed the JD(U) headed by Kumar needed to be weakened and we succeeded. We wanted to make the BJP stronger and its heft has increased unquestionably," Paswan said. Addressing a press conference here, Paswan said he was happy that the BJP had emerged "much bigger and stronger" in Bihar, and ruled out any possibility of a truck with the opposition Grand Alliance, comprising RJD, Congress and three Left parties, citing "ideological differences".

He also asserted that the LJP displayed "courage" in going solo and ended up with a better vote share though it could not convert into seats. Paswan, whose party fared abysmally securing just one seat in the assembly elections, said the LJP did not wish to carry the tag of "pichhlaggi", the one who rides piggy back. The 37-year-old, whose brinkmanship has been

blamed by leaders like Sushil Kumar Modi, a BJP veteran and Deputy Chief Minister, for the NDA's sub-optimal performance, hoped that his relations with the BJP at the Centre will not be affected since many allies of the saffron party, including the JD(U), have in the past challenged it electorally in states.

"If anybody deserves to be congratulated on the NDA's victory in Bihar, it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi. People have reposed their trust in him and his vision for 'Atmanirbhar Bihar'. We always wanted to see a government in the state headed by the BJP and supported by the LJP. But we respect the mandate given by the people," Paswan said. The son of late Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan maintained that "Nitish Kumar as the chief minister is not good for Bihar" and that there was "no question of us supporting a government headed by him. It is another thing that the NDA in Bihar comprising BJP, JD(U) and two smaller parties have the numbers and does not need our support," he added.

'Difference between Left parties & BJP allies was very small'

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

The CPI, the CPI (M) and the CPI (Marxist-Leninist) which won 16 seats in the Bihar Assembly elections as part of

the RJD-Congress-led Mahagathbandhan, today said the difference between their alliance and the ruling BJD (U) coalition was "very, very small."

In a joint statement, CPI

(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja and CPI (M-L) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya said the BJD-led alliance lost 12 per cent from the vote it had polled in the

2019 Lok Sabha election.

The response of the youth and the people to the issues concerning people's livelihood and employment was heartening, the leaders of the three par-

ties said. Incumbent chief minister's party, Janata Dal (United), won only 43 seats, as compared to the 71 it won in the last assembly election.

"The CM's defection from

the Mahagathbandhan to the BJD is, amongst other factors, rejected by a large section of the electorate," the three leaders said.

The three leaders said the BJD and Prime Minister Modi

raised communal agenda to a "very high pitch and sought to communally polarize the electorate."

This was effectively met largely by the Mahagathbandhan's focus on the eco-

nomic distress caused by the lockdown and the utter failure of the BJP and its allies in containing the pandemic and galloping unemployment, the joint statement said.

Tejashwi: Political novice who gave veterans a run for money

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

PATNA, 11 NOVEMBER

An avid cricketer whose career never really took off, a political greenhorn who got power on a silver platter but failed to keep it, scion of Bihar's most powerful family who could not get past the 9th grade.

That was Tejashwi Yadav until the 2020 Assembly polls marked the coming of age of a politician who valiantly went down fighting an army of battle-hardened veterans.

He may have failed to learn the textbook lessons at Delhi Public School, R K Puram, in the national capital but showed an uncanny knack of reading the mind of voters, like his more famous father, as he led the opposition Grand Alliance to an impressive performance in the polls winning 110 seats in the 243-member assembly.

The 31-year-old also powered the RJD to the status of the single largest party in the House with 75 seats.

Analysts feel Tejashwi's

poll promise of sanctioning "10 lakh government jobs at my first cabinet meeting" was a masterstroke which had the young voter swooning in a state reeling from widespread joblessness sparked by Covid-induced lockdown when the return of countless migrants home brought the state's largely agrarian economy under further stress.

The promise was good but not good enough to bring down the NDA government.

Another hallmark of his personality is the ability to think on his feet. After deciding early on in life that studies were not for him, Yadav chose not to cling to his cricketing aspi-

sition.

As Lalu landed in jail following conviction in a number of fodder scam cases, Tejashwi, by now the RJD's chief ministerial candidate, kept the party afloat and also rallied leaders as diverse as Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal and the Left bigwigs at a rally in New Delhi against the Muzaffarpur shelter home scandal, making his presence felt at the national level. After the Lok Sabha poll fiasco, Tejashwi showed signs of torpor, choosing to spend most of his time away from Bihar and even giving a month-long assembly session a miss during an outbreak of brain fever and flash floods in north Bihar, providing the opposition with ample ammunition to attack him.

He might have failed to lead his alliance to victory, but the assembly polls have heralded the advent of a young leader on Bihar's political firmament who can feel the pulse of youth and has abundant promise.

Guj boys dig up graves to steal hair from corpses

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

AHMEDABAD, 11 NOVEMBER

Digging up graves to retrieve valuables buried with the dead had figured in literary imaginations of almost all languages.

But, two teenagers in Bharuch district of central Gujarat have transformed such imagination into reality.

Bharuch police on Tuesday detained two teenagers who dug up graves to steal long hair from corpses and sold them.

This incident has been reported from Ikhlar village where these two boys broke open the graveyard's store room on Sunday night to take out shovels and pick axes.

The duo had earlier kept an eye on the spots where two women were buried recently.

On Monday evening, the boys dug up the graves of the two women, cut out the hair from the corpses and sold them to one Yakub of neighbouring village Luvara.

The teenagers were caught

by the villagers, including the panchayat chief, and handed over to the police on Monday.

During questioning by the police, the boys have confessed to have sold the hair to Yakub at a price of Rs 3,000 per kilogramme.

The police have sent the two teenagers to a juvenile home in Bharuch and arrested another accomplice Hayat Apal.

Hunt is currently on for Yakub to whom the hair from corpses were sold.

After losing in the 2017 state Assembly poll and suffering a shocking defeat in Lok Sabha election from Nainital seat in 2019, Rawat is low on confidence these days. Facing opposition from one section of the Congress in Uttarakhand, he is struggling to find his position firm in state politics.

Former Uttarakhand chief minister & general secretary of All India Congress Committee Harish Rawat alleged that NDA won in Bihar assembly election by hacking EVM machines. Even when Harish Rawat lost back to back elections in Uttarakhand in 2017 from two seats in state assembly election and in 2019 from Nainital Lok Sabha seat he had accused EVMs of tampering the EVMs.

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NOTICE OF 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The notice is hereby given that:

1. The 10th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company will be held at Shed No. 17/B, Industrial Estate Kharipura, Madhupatna, Cuttack-753010, Orissa on Friday, the 04th day of December, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. to transact the Ordinary Business, as set out in the Notice of AGM.

2. Electronic copies of the Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 2020 have been sent to all the other members whose E-mail IDs are registered with the Company. Physical copies of the Notice of AGM and Annual Report 2019-20 have been sent to all the other members at their registered address in the permitted mode. The dispatch of Notice of AGM has been completed on 11th November, 2020.

3. Members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on cut-off date of 26th November, 2020 may cast their vote electronically on the Ordinary Business as set out in the Notice of AGM through electronic voting system of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) from a place other than venue of AGM ("remote e-voting"). All the members are informed that:

i. The Ordinary Business as set out in the Notice of AGM may be transacted through voting by electronic means;

ii. The remote e-voting shall commence on Tuesday, 01st December, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.;

iii. The remote e-voting shall end on Thursday, 03rd December, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.;

iv. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or at the AGM is 26th November, 2020;

v. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice of AGM and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. 26th November, 2020 may obtain the login ID and password

NDA again

Just how did Nitish Kumar pull it off? Likely to be sworn-in for a record fifth term as Chief Minister of the politically important state of Bihar unless he declines the post or in the unlikely event the BJP wants it for itself, he is that rare species ~ a relatively clean politician ~ in India today. So, first up, and to that extent, the electorate can congratulate itself for overlooking many grievances and voting back to power the NDA alliance he heads in the state.

But it must be underlined that the NDA has just about squeaked past the winning post: Bihar 2020 has not been a resounding win by any yardstick. Then there is the fact that JD(U) has come in third in terms of numbers, well behind its principal opponent the RJD and its erstwhile junior partner, the BJP. The fact that a non-NDA, non-Mahagathbandhan grouping of the AIMIM, BSP plus sundries cut into what the Opposition alliance believed were votes which otherwise would have come into its kitty, especially in the Muslim-dominated Seemandhal region, also played a role in keeping the NDA's nose ahead.

Anecdotal evidence backed by initial voting statistics suggests it was the large turnout of women voters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's undisputed mass appeal, the lingering trauma among a large section of the electorate of 15 years of Lalu Prasad-Rabri Devi rule, and Nitish Kumar's reputation as a non-bombastic leader with a barely disguised disdain for political theatrics who focuses on governance and not on making promises he cannot keep, which worked in the NDA's favour. There is, of course, talk of Nitish Kumar's stature having been 'diminished' by this tight result and widespread conjecture that future electoral battles will be fought between the BJP and the RJD in Bihar.

But that is for tomorrow. For today, the most important takeaway from the Bihar Assembly poll is that in a land where caste-community mobilisation and sharing the spoils of public office with the simpatico have always been the key to success at the hustings, Kumar's consistent emphasis on, and a measure of delivery of, sushaasan or good governance has made a difference. It hasn't done away with caste and community arithmetic, but it has raised the expectations of Bihar's voters.

Perhaps the most important learning from the Bihar poll, the first conducted in times of Covid-19, is that in a crisis ~ and it doesn't get bigger than a global health pandemic that's destroyed the lives and livelihoods of millions as the exodus of migrant workers from big cities to their native state brought home to us a few months ago ~ people are willing to forgive lapses in administration, even grievous ones, but won't tolerate being misled. For all that he could have done better, Kumar expressly did not do the latter. In voting for the 'double-engine' template promised by Narendra Modi and endorsed by Nitish Kumar, Bihar has signalled it is ready to be realistic but won't compromise on development.

Not letting go

Four days after the US Presidential election was called in favour of Democrats Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, it is become increasingly clear that President Donald Trump is not ready to let go of the White House. To the mortification of Americans who love to preach how a democracy should conduct itself, Mr Trump appears to be spiralling into a rage that may have so blurred his vision that he cannot see how his country and he are being viewed globally.

Mr Trump and his supporters may like to believe that they are victims of an electoral swindle, and while they are entitled to take their grievances about fraud to appropriate courts, it could not have escaped their attention that a difference overall of more than five million votes between the two candidates could not only have been conjured up through deceit. In the days after the election was called, Mr Trump has sacked his Defence Secretary through a tweet; got his attorney-general to authorise investigations into vote fraud; refused to give the Biden team access to transition offices, and commenced preparations for a Budget as if he will present it. While Mr Biden has termed Mr Trump's actions an "embarrassment", even a person as mercurial as the President must have a reason for what he is doing. Two possibilities present themselves.

The first is that Mr Trump nurtures a fragile hope of somehow being able to overturn the result. But there seems to be consensus that this is very unlikely. The other possibility is that Mr Trump is seeking to build a narrative that explains his loss and keeps him politically relevant. As one commentator has pointed out, he appears to be "seeding a narrative that could endure for years" ~ to the effect that he had an election stolen from him. Already, there is evidence that his Republican supporters believe him, and one poll suggests as many 70 per cent of them think it was not a free and fair election.

Even as an overwhelming majority of world leaders have congratulated the Biden-Harris team for their success, just a handful of Republicans have publicly accepted the outcome. There may be several reasons for this. One, of course, is the possibility that the Presidential race having been so close, Mr Trump remains a potent force and may be the front-runner for the nomination in 2024, when he will be as old as Mr Biden today is. The next is that his support will be vital in ensuring victories in crucial Senate races in the weeks ahead. The third may be the realisation that the ideological divide between the two country's main political parties, which was hitherto nuanced on either side of the centre, has now been taken so far to the right by Mr Trump that it is the template every Republican must abide by.

Perfect diet

Eating a vegan diet could be the single biggest way to reduce the environmental impact on earth and the ill effects on health



One element that is essential for projecting food demand growth is income distribution. One of the most robust relationships in economics is Engel's law; after Ernst Engel, a German economist, who in the 19th century studied food consumption of the Belgian working class. The law establishes that as income increases, households' demand for food increases less than proportionally. Hence, as households become richer, their share of expenditure on food decreases until reaching a 'saturation' point, after which food demand is hardly responsive to any income increases.

There is a strong positive relationship between the level of income and the demand for greater food variety. As incomes increase, demand for higher-value foods such as meat, milk and eggs rises, compared with food of plant origin such as cereals. This is because livestock products are not only tasty and provide high-value protein but are also important sources of a wide range of essential micronutrients, in particular minerals such as iron and zinc, and vitamins such as Vitamin A.

Demand for meat is growing. Over the past 50 years, meat production has more than quadrupled. Globally, we consume 346.14 million tons of meat every year (2018). Around 80 billion animals are slaughtered each year. The average person in the world consumed around 43 kilogram of meat in 2014. This ranges from over 100 kg in the US and Australia to only 5 kg in India. In 2030, our consumption level will be around 453 million ~ a 44 per cent increase.

The projection for world meat demand appears to be uncertain. Though income explains a large proportion of variance, tasks are relatively unimportant. Growth in meat consumption accelerates as countries pass through middle-income stages. Greater equality in income distribution reduces average meat consumption. Therefore, part of the reason why growth in meat consumption accelerates as countries pass through the middle-income stages is because income distribution is more skewed at this stage of development. However, demand may vary from 375 to 570 million tonnes by 2050, that is an increase of 70-160 per cent compared to 2000.

The growing demand for livestock products will have an undesirable impact on environment. Livestock production has become a major environmental challenge. For example, there will be more large-scale, industrial production, often located close to urban centres, which brings with it a range of environmental and public health risks. When full

commodity chain of livestock products is included, the sector contributes to global warming, imparts stress on land by grazing, increases demand for water for feed crop production and leads to water pollution by animal waste and chemicals.

Red meat production is a major contributor to global warming because of the methane emitted by cattle and sheep. The amount of greenhouse gases in fresh foods (in kg CO₂-eq/Kg) is: Beef (26.61 kg), Lamb (25.58 kg), Pork (5.77 kg), Chicken (3.65 kg), fish (3.49 kg) and eggs (3.46 kg). Field-grown vegetables, on the other hand, produce the least emissions, according to research published in the Journal of Cleaner Production. Rice (2.55 kg), fruits and vegetables (2.13 kg), tree nuts (1.2 kg), cereals and pulses (0.51 kg) and field-grown vegetables (0.37 kg).

Livestock products contribute 18 per cent of total greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for 37 per cent of anthropogenic methane (23 times as warming as CO₂ generated by human activity). Livestock industry generates 64 per cent of ammonia, which contributes significantly to acid rain, and generates, mostly from manure, 65 per cent of human-related nitrous oxide, which has 300 times the Global Warming Potential (GWP) of CO₂.

Livestock is the world's largest user of land, either directly through grazing or indirectly through consumption of fodder and feed grains. Around 30 per cent of the earth's land surface ~ a massive 70 per cent of all agricultural land ~ is used for grazing farmed animals. Much of this grazing land would otherwise host natural habitats such as rainforests. And of the world's land suitable for growing crops that would otherwise directly feed humans, a third is used to produce feed for farmed animals.

A Worldwatch report says that persistent grazing makes bare ground impermeable to rain, which then carries away the most precious topsoil with it. Topsoil regenerates naturally ~ but at the agonizingly slow rate of approximately 2.5 centimeters every 500 years. Thus, overgrazing causes soil erosion, desertification and deforestation. Twenty per cent of the world's grazing land has already been designated as degraded due to the rearing of animals for their meat.

Livestock population explosion is damaging the overgrazed grasslands surrounding China's Gobi Desert, where dust storms are increasing dramatically.

China has the largest sheep population of 187 million followed by India and Australia. Livestock production is responsible for 70 per cent of deforestation in the Amazon region of Latin America, where rainforests are being cleared to create pastures.

The conversion of cereal grains and other foods to livestock products involves large losses of edible energy. The losses are greatest for cattle, intermediate for pigs, and least for chickens and fish. Cattle in feedlots require roughly seven kilograms of grains concentrate per additional kilogram of live weight. For pigs, the ratio is less than four to one. Chickens, being much more efficient, uses scarcely two kilograms of grain for gaining one kilogram of weight. Fish, including both herbivorous and omnivorous species, require less than two kilograms of grain concentrate to gain additional kilogram.

On average, 40 per cent of global grain production is used to feed livestock, although in richer countries the proportion of grains used for animal feed is around 70 per cent. If all food crops grown globally were fed directly to humans instead of animals, around 70 per cent more food would be added to the food supply, which would be enough to feed 4 billion additional mouths. Estimates of water required to produce a kilo of beef vary from 13,000 liters up to 100,000 litres. Around 8 per cent of total human water use goes for irrigation of feed crop. On the other hand, the sector is the single largest contributor of water pollution. Key pollutants are animal waste, antibiotics and hormones from feed crops and sediment from eroded pastures. Farmed animals and fish are fed a wide variety of drugs to fatten them faster and to keep them alive in conditions that would otherwise kill them. These drugs enter the human food chain through direct consumption or through pollution of our waterways. Antibiotics reduce the amount of bacteria in animal intestines and prevent infection to which crowded stressed animals are predisposed. Routine antibiotic use leads to antibiotic-resistant bacteria thereby reducing antibiotic effectiveness when treating people suffering from infectious diseases. Farmers also use hormones on animals to increase growth and productivity, these hormones are known to cause several types of cancer and reproductive dysfunctions in humans. The WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer

indicated that consumption of red meat is carcinogenic. The Washington-based Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicines has linked the high incidence of heart disease and diabetes among Indians to increased meat consumption.

The British epidemic of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or mad cow disease, which began in 1986 and had affected nearly two lakh cattle, jumps to beef-eating humans in the form of the always-fatal Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD). The CDC reported that an average of 10 to 15 people have contracted CJD from meat in Britain each year since it was detected in 1994. Over the past 70 years, more than 300 zoonotic diseases have been detected. Every epidemic that has threatened humans has largely been zoonotic ~ Covid-19, HIV, Sars, Mers, Nipah, Ebola and Swine flu.

According to a 2012 report of the Department for International Development, UK, zoonoses are responsible for over 2.7 million deaths and over 2.5 billion cases of human illness every year. Indeed, zoonoses are increasingly being considered as a potent threat to the stability of society. Our preference for meat-based diets has increased our close contact with domesticated and wild animals. As a result, frequency of virus transfer has increased 2 to 3 times in the past four decades, in a cycle of every three decades.

Eating a vegan diet could be the single biggest way to reduce environmental impact on earth and ill effects of diets on health. It reduces global warming; avoids toxic food contamination; reduces the risk of heart disease; prevents cancer and slows the ageing process. In general, a vegetarian is defined as a person who doesn't eat meat, fish or even poultry. But science tells us that while an exclusive plant-based diet is said to reduce the risk of chronic diseases, persons living on such diet alone are at an increased risk for iron, zinc and vitamin B12 deficiency and anaemia. Of course, eating fewer animal products can help us to get rid of these risks. Not all vegetarian diets are created equally. There are several approaches. Vegans, also called total vegetarians, exclude all animal products including eggs, milk, cheese, and perhaps even honey. Lacto-vegetarians will include dairy products in their diet. Lacto-ovo-vegetarians will eat dairy and eggs. Pescatarians will eat fish. Flexitarians, also called semi-vegetarians, may eat meat once a week or less. Indeed, it is green to go veggie (a vegetarian), but before doing that, it is important to learn about vegetarian nutrition so that the selected diet is balanced and adequate. We all must remember that 'To eat is a necessity, but it is an art to eat intelligently.'

Pollution demands holistic response

SIR, Apropos your report "NGT bans sale or use of all crackers in NCR till 30 Nov" (10 November), it should surprise no one that the NGT has prohibited the sale and use of firecrackers during Deepavali in the NCR of Delhi. The directions expand on SC orders issued in the past, and provide some concessions to cities and towns that have moderate or better air quality, by allowing "green crackers" and specified hours for bursting. These stipulations are to extend to Christmas and New Year if the ban continues beyond November. The NGT took its decision after noting that Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Chandigarh, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and the Calcutta High Court

had already responded to deteriorating environmental conditions by banning firecrackers this year. As the impact of Covid-19 became clear in March, and there were fears of a case surge during the winter, it was incumbent on the Centre to work with States and resolutely prevent the

burning of farm stubble ahead of Deepavali. This annual phenomenon unfailingly fouls the air across northern and eastern India, and imposes heavy health and productivity costs. In the absence of pollution from agricultural residue, there could be some room for a limited use of firecrackers across all the states.

Only damage control is possible now, including steps to address the concerns of the fireworks industry.

Even without the risk of a Covid-19 surge, it should be evident to policymakers that their measures under the National Clean Air Programme, must be demonstrably effective. Many other cities have a similar profile, but get less attention. With 40 per cent of all pollution-linked deaths attributed to bad air quality in leading emerging economies and some evidence from the US on higher Covid-19 mortality in highly polluted areas, it is time governments showed a sense of accountability on the right to breathe clean air by banning firecrackers across all the states.

SIGH OF RELIEF

SIR, Besides the USA, the entire world heaved a sigh of relief after learning that Donald Trump had lost. Probably this is the happiest news of 2020 when people are distressed and exhausted by the deadly virus.

The most alarming fact is that although Trump has been dumped by his people, he still appears to be unable to control his tongue. People are waiting to watch how Trump respects the semi constitutional formality of conceding the election and turning over power to a new President. The inaugural will definitely create a defining moment where a widely known incorrigible person will have to somehow transform himself to adhere to protocol. Trump was a square peg in a round hole.

Yours, etc., Prasanta Basu Ray, Chandannagar, 9 November.

A MEMBER OF THE **ANN**
ASIAN VOICES

Runaway virus and maudlin ramblings

The parliamentary sitting was limited to about three hours. Serious thought should be given to shortening the House proceedings even after the pandemic is over. Parliament is characterised by absenteeism, and not many MPs come prepared for debates, which are an insult to the intelligence of the taxpaying public. Our representatives have mastered the art of saying so little in so many words, and their blether is sickening. After all, the country did without Parliament for months, thanks to the virus, which caused the general election to be postponed.

Having bungled on the health front, the government is now seeking divine interventions to curb the raging wave of Covid-19. If it had maintained the momentum of its campaign against the pandemic without resting on its oars after the first wave of infections was over, it would have been able to rid the country of the virus, and there would have been no need for it to kneel in supplication or 'drop pots into rivers'.

The Opposition yesterday ridiculed the government's resort to rituals to beat the virus. One of the SJB MPs reportedly asked Health Minister Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi to sacrifice herself to the sea to save the country from Covid-19. This is how the Opposition is trying to solve the problem! One is reminded of former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's wisecrack about MPs and water pollution.

During his general election campaign, he said people really wanted all MPs thrown into the Diyawanna lake, but he asked them to refrain from

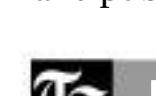
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doing so lest they should pollute not only the Diyawanna water but also the Kelani Ganga.

So, the Opposition MPs should be careful what they wish for! The Health Minister declared that she was ready to sacrifice herself to the sea if she could stop the viral wave that way. Barbs, rhetoric, repartee, etc., will not help solve the problem, and the government and the Opposition should stop using the virus as a political football. They should not waste time in Parliament as one sitting costs Citizen Perera an arm and a leg. However, the Health Minister's offer to sacrifice herself is worth analysing. Pavithradevi is apparently trying to achieve greatness by offering to do what Viharamahadevi is believed to have done to save the country. Viharamahadevi volunteered to be sacrificed to the sea to help her father, King Kelanitissa, propitiate the angry deities who caused a tsunami by way of a divine retribution for killing a Buddhist monk.

It is that the Health Minister wants to have us believe that she cannot be held responsible for the rising wave of Covid-19, but is willing to be a sacrificial lamb to save the powers that be? Will the government be able to secure divine assistance to tackle the pandemic? The Wuhan wet market is believed to be the cradle of the pandemic.

The Peliyagoda wet market is mainly responsible for the second wave of infections rippling through this country. How can the government reconcile its efforts to invoke divine blessings for its battle against COVID-19 with its commitment to promoting the killing of fish and other creatures for food? Do the Health Minister and other pious Buddhists in the Cabinet think that they can take deities for a ride by performing rituals while raking in taxes from the fish and meat trade, which the Buddha asked his followers not to engage in?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pollution demands holistic response

Tamil Nadu, where 90 per cent of firecrackers are produced, has legitimate concerns on the fate of the ₹2,300 crore industry this year. A transparent compensation scheme for workers, and suitable relief for pro-

ducers may be necessary, although the longer-term solution might lie in broad-based economic activity in the Sivakasi region, reducing reliance on firecrackers.

Yours, etc., Sanjay Chopra.

Mohali, 10 November

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Importance of Nawaz Sharif

VINOD SAIGHAL

Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif (born 25 December 1949) is a Pakistani businessman and politician who served as the prime minister of Pakistan for three non-consecutive terms. Sharif is the longest-serving prime minister of Pakistan having served a total of more than nine years. While he was initially backed by the Army he was removed by them on all three occasions for challenging their writ or becoming too independent. The tragedy of several prime ministers of Pakistan has been (at least partially) of their own making starting with Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who promoted the seemingly docile General Zia-ul-Haq as the army chief superseding several generals senior to him. He ended up being hanged by his favoured general.

Nawaz Sharif chose to follow the pattern set by Bhutto and even earlier by Iskander Mirza who nominated Ayub Khan to be the martial law administrator. Ayub deposed him and Iskander Mirza went into exile. When he died he was given a state funeral by the Shah of Iran. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's last run off was with General Pervez Musharraf, again his appointee after superseding generals senior to him. It was a near run thing. He was exiled to Saudi Arabia at the insistence of the Saudi royals who continued to back him on his return and as prime minister.

Not willing to wait it out any longer from his self-imposed exile in London he has decided to take on Imran Khan as well as the army, especially army chief General Bajwa whom he had promoted while prime minister, seeing that the opportunity of challenging them was too good to be missed. Pakistan and Imran Khan were floundering on all counts. As in the case of Altaf Hussain of MQM, Nawaz was unlikely to have moved against Imran Khan as well as the army chief without the tacit consent or even backing of the UK government and even perhaps the US who were not happy at Pakistan becoming the vassal state of China. India has very wisely decided to keep out of the fray.

Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) and Bilawal Bhutto of Pakistan's People's Party (PPP) have come together to create the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM). They have organised a series of jalsas or rallies in major cities. Tensions between Nawaz Sharif and the military exploded into the open when the former named General Qamar Bajwa

and the ISI chief Lt. Gen Faiz Hameed during PDM's first major rally at Gujranwala on October 16, blaming them for ousting his government, pressuring judges to take up fake cases against opposition leaders, and making Imran Khan the prime minister through a rigged election; an unprecedented direct assault on the deep state, something unimaginable in Pakistan.

The second rally in Karachi on October 18 attracted a large crowd. It incensed the military, which retaliated by pressuring the police in Karachi to arrest Sharif's son-in-law Mohammad Safdar Awan the following day. After more than fifty police officers in Sindh went on leave to protest the way the provincial police chief was harassed by military intelligence to order Awan's arrest, Gen Bajwa ordered an inquiry and spoke to Bilawal Bhutto of PPP that rules Sindh to calm the situation. On the face of it the younger Bhutto would have seemed to oblige. There would have been quid quo pro assurance of easing up on the father, Asif Ali Zardari. It is a card the army could use later to divide PDM.

When Gen. Bajwa was given a three year extension by Imran Khan several generals who were in the running would have sent out signals about their unhappiness with the state of affairs. Nawaz Sharif would also not have acted without such support conveyed through various means as well as the backing of Saudi Arabia and the Emirates whom Imran Khan has offended by trying to open a second Islamic front with Mahathir of Malaysia and Erdogan of Turkey. It is to be noted that the PDM has in its fold astute leaders like Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl chief, Maulana Fazlur Rehman.

China's role remains ambivalent. After all it was Nawaz Sharif who negotiated the CPEC agreement with China. However, when its back is to the wall, if it ever comes to that stage, the army as well as Imran Khan can always fall back on the time-tested India card, creating a situation whereby Nawaz Sharif is obliged to condemn India in unequivocal terms. Further, it could prepare for a major incident obliging India to respond, thereby enabling the declaration of emergency in Pakistan and the banning of PDM with the soothing assurance of revival of political activity when the threat from the neighbour would be over.

But how does Nawaz Sharif get to the state of being Prime Minister? There are several factors that



come into play here. To begin with the decline in Imran Khan's ability to stop the downside in the country reaches a point where the army feels obliged to drop him unceremoniously as a first step to ensure its own position. Running the country through direct military rule in the fashion of Ayub, Yahya Yahya Khan, Gen Zia or even Pervez Musharraf is no longer feasible or prudent for General Bajwa. He knows it. It would not be far-fetched to say that the days of direct military rule are over.

Therefore, the only option remains the ordering of fresh elections without military interference. Were that to happen the PML (N) would sweep Pakistan as would PPP Sindh and Karachi with the backing of PML (N) and other alliance partners. Such would be the scale of the PDM victory that the army would have no choice – more on account of its own interest – than to let Nawaz Sharif the leader of the largest party govern without let or hindrance from the army that for the first time after independence would truly have gone back to the barracks.

The fourth time prime minister Nawaz will have to dig into his vast reservoir of experience to make his renewed mandate a success. The challenges would remain formidable with no easy solution in sight. To begin with, keeping the grand alliance on the same page with the spoils of office is not going to be easy with the

Maulana finding it difficult to reconcile with him not being the prime minister, a sacrifice that Nawaz cannot and should not make. Ways would have to be found to assuage the Maulana with offers that he cannot refuse. Even before that Nawaz-Maryam Nawaz, father-daughter duo would endeavour to give permanence to the PML (N) – PPP alliance for the sake of their respective provinces and Pakistan. Both sides would respect each other's turf. Once this alliance is sealed other alliance members, notably Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, Baloch National Party and Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement would become its strong supporters for the benefits that it would bring to their respective regions.

The biggest challenge, however, would be to turn around Pakistan's abysmal finances, without which the government would lose the support of the people that voted it to power. Righting the situation internally through taxes that are already high or draconian measures in the first instance would not appear to be a feasible proposition without greater flows of money. Keeping in mind his old benefactors Nawaz would most likely make his first visit as prime minister to Saudi Arabia and the Emirates. The latter, relieved at the turn of events, would gladly make funds available to right the economic situation in his

country. These inflows would cement his standing in the country and his allies.

In the realm of foreign policy the priority would be to reassure its neighbours and the world at large that while it might take time to curtail terrorism in the country and outside it, the government would ensure that the terrorist organisations causing mayhem in Pakistan and Afghanistan and elsewhere would no longer have the support of the Pakistan military combine. Should he be able to do that, the US and several other countries would be likely to assist the government of Pakistan to bring peace to his country and the region. Nawaz Sharif would be able to only then turn towards India and take forward the Lahore momentum progressing by degrees to a No War Pact between India and Pakistan. With India's support it could be taken off the FATF grey list, leading to prosperity of its people not witnessed before in the country. The next step could well be the restoration of rail and road links across the subcontinent, enabling Saarc to become one of the most prosperous regional groupings in the world. The architect of that would be acknowledged to be Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan.

The writer, a retired Major-General of the Indian Army, is the author of Restructuring Pakistan.

The man trying to rescue Trump

JOE LOCKHART

The iconic image of America's justice system is a blindfolded woman holding a scale with the inscription: Justice is Blind.

Under the Trump Administration, with attorney general Bill Barr leading the way, the Justice Department's new motto has become "robust Justice blind".

William Barr, a former attorney general under George HW Bush, was the choice to lead the Justice Department after President Donald Trump found Jeff Sessions too weak or principled to do his dirty work. Barr auditioned for the job by sending an unsolicited 20-page memo to the president arguing the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller was illegitimate. That was all Trump needed to hear.

His first act as AG was to totally mischaracterise the findings of the report from Mueller to the public and then hold back the release of the actual report for weeks. It had the intended effect of neutering Mueller and his team.

Since his brazenly political act, Barr has proceeded to do the president's bidding in the case of Michael Flynn, the convicted former national security adviser, Roger Stone, the convicted political operator, as well as launching a series of investigations of the investigators who were looking at any potential crimes of President Trump.



Trump lose.

And Trump did lose, in a big way. Joe Biden is on track to win the popular vote by millions of ballots. It wasn't close and there is not a single piece of evidence of voter fraud. Every lawsuit so far filed by the Trump campaign considered by a judge has been thrown out of court.

But never fear, Barr is here to rescue Trump again. Yesterday, he authorised Department of Justice (DoJ), all in service of Donald Trump.

prosecutors to investigate "substantial" allegations of voter fraud. In effect, this allows prosecutors to bypass the chain of command within DoJ and bring evidence to him and his office directly.

Now, Barr covered himself by also stating that allegations should not be specious, speculative or fanciful claims. Those who argue that makes the move just a political statement – because there are no allegations that are not specious – haven't been paying close attention to Barr.

Over the course of the last two years, seven senior prosecutors leading the Stone, Flynn and Manafort cases have resigned in protest. They all claim Barr is no longer serving the goal of justice for all Americans, rather he is doing the political bidding of President Trump. The latest resignation yesterday was longtime Justice Department lawyer Richard Pilger, who led the office overseeing cases of election fraud.

Pilger said in his letter of resignation he could not in good conscience participate in this brazenly political act. Eli Honig, a former DoJ prosecutor didn't mince words talking to me about Barr's latest outrage: "Barr has demeaned and degraded the Justice Department like nobody else before him. He has lied to the public, undermined his own prosecutors, and politically weaponised the DoJ, all in service of Donald Trump."

So, what will the result of Barr's

decision on the outcome of the election? The answer is probably very little. Biden has a solid lead in both the electoral college and an overwhelming lead in the popular vote. Despite dozens of press conferences, the Trump team has not been able to document a single case of voter fraud, much less any that would turn the election.

But Barr's announcement does have far-reaching consequences for the norms of our government, the Biden presidency and how the DoJ will be viewed going forward. Barr has made the department a political arm of the Trump campaign. That has had a profound impact – on the DoJ and on how Americans view the justice system.

More importantly, Barr has provided justification for the 70 million Americans who voted for Trump to believe the Biden presidency is illegitimate. That makes governing, particularly during the coronavirus pandemic, incredibly difficult for Biden at best. At worst, it could fuel an outbreak of civil unrest in America.

But those concerns don't seem to bother the likes of Trump, Barr and Mitch McConnell. They view holding onto power as the only reason to be in government. And, if it means years of civil unrest and the destruction of American institutions, that's fine with them. Or as Trump famously said: "It is what it is."

The writer was White House Press Secretary from 1998 to 2000 under President Bill Clinton.
The Independent.

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100 YEARS AGO OCCASIONAL NOTE

The report, just issued, of the Meteorological Department for 1919-20 states that the most important development of the year was in connection with upper air observations. The importance of this branch of the Department's work has been increased by the progress of aviation. Observations of the upper air were asked for early in 1919 on behalf of the aviators who were from time to time crossing India. The report shows that the formation of a complete aviation section of the Meteorological Department is under consideration. In the meantime, it was decided last year to extend the upper air observations and to start new stations along the main aviation routes. Two new balloon stations at Calcutta and Bombay were established during the year and, like the stations at Lahore and Akyab, were started with the special object of providing data for the use of aviators. There were seven stations in all engaged in upper air work. The headquarters of this work are at the Aerological Observatory at Agra established in 1913. Here the results of all stations are tabulated and dealt with, including the data needed for the information of airmen. Apparently, therefore, the Meteorological Department is well ahead with its contribution to the development of airmanship. It can only be wished that the air services were as well advanced.

NEWS ITEMS SERIOUS TRAM CAR & GHARRY SMASH

A serious collision took place in Bentinck Street between a tram car and an office jaun. The jaun got sandwiched between the tram car on one side and tram post on the other side and was crushed, while the occupant, Mr. E.K. Ismail narrowly escaped injuries. It appears that a Chippore car was proceeding along the road, the bell being rung constantly. On nearing No. 6 which is on the west side of the road, the horse and gharry was seen coming out, and by the time the gharry reached the road, the tram was a few feet behind. The driver of the gharry turned to the left, the tram drive put on his brake, but as the car line runs close to the footpath, the tram car struck the gharry and threw it on to the two posts, where it was crushed in. The horse was knocked down and was injured.

THE BUCKINGHAM MILLS

Before Mr. Justice Phillips today Mr. D. Chamier applied for an interim injunction to issue against Mr. B.P. Wadia, Mr. T.V. Kalyanasundara Modalilai, Mr. Ramanju Naidu and six others restraining them from continuing and giving effect to their alleged conspiracy, to maliciously injure the plaintiffs, the Buckingham Mills Company, and in particular restraining the defendants from holding a meeting of the mills workmen, and inducing them to break their contracts with the plaintiffs. The suit has been filed against the nine defendants. The application for an injunction was supported by an affidavit sworn by Mr. A.P. Symonds. His lordship, after hearing counsel, directed the interim injunction to issue returnable, restraining defendants from conspiring to cause injury to plaintiffs by inducing plaintiffs' workmen not to work for them, or by preventing other workmen entering plaintiffs' service.

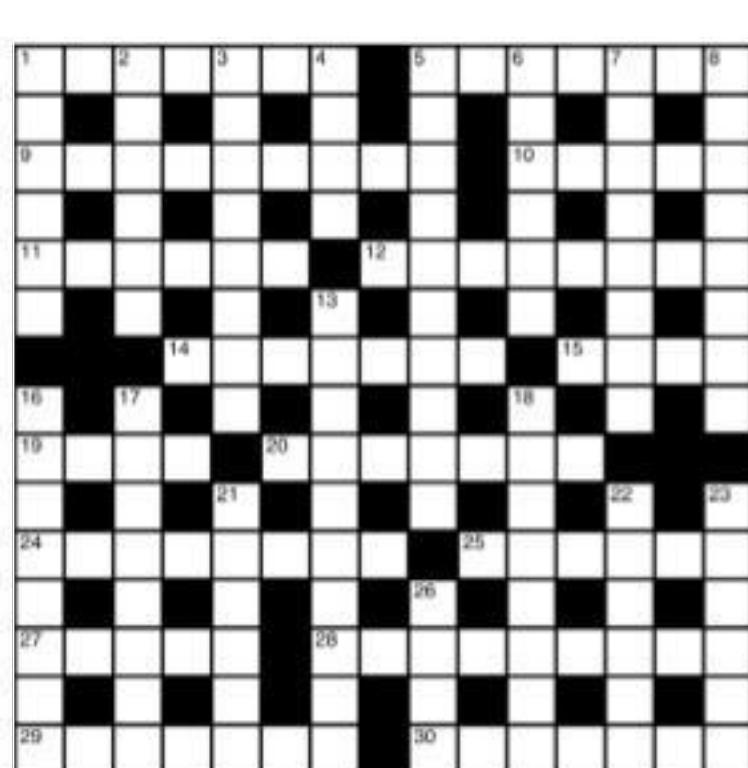
HIGHWAY ROBBERY NEAR JORHAT

News has been received of a case of assault and robbery in the Sibsagar district of Assam. It appears that the head clerk of the Manager of the Dumating division of the East India Tea Company, Titabar P.O., while proceeding to Jorhat by cart in the early hours of Saturday, was assaulted and robbed of notes to the value of Rs 12,400 belonging to the company. Accompanying the head clerk was a chowkidar, besides the cartman. All three men were badly cut about the head and face. As a rule the head clerk goes to Jorhat by train in order to cash remittances, but on this occasion it happened that the second halves of the notes did not arrive until Friday. The theft has been reported to the Currency Office and the police have the case in hand.

APPALLING STATE OF CHINA

The famine in China has reached an appalling stage. Fifty-eight million people are shadowed by the grim monster, in five provinces, of which total, according to figures compiled by the International Famine Relief Committee, fourteen million actually starving. It is estimated that fifty millions sterling are required to feed the whole of the threatened population until the spring harvest. The rest of China is highly prosperous, but is doing little to alleviate distress in the afflicted areas. The people are reduced to subsist on roots and bark and leaves of trees. The situation is intensified by bands of brigands, and hoards of locusts which are preying on growing crops.

CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

ACROSS

- 1 Going off and very quietly supplanting good person in assignment (7)
- 5 Spatter around liquid dispenser (7)
- 9 Nitwit taking action in German march? (5-4)
- 10 Brown arrived late without a note (5)
- 11 Climactic moment from Borg, as McEnroe discovered (6)
- 12 Partly visible satellite found by doctor, perhaps, if not working (4-4)
- 14 Exercise a fowl to produce a more beautiful bird (7)
- 15 Among others, General
- 19 Male lead is husband, I'm thinking, with nothing on (4)
- 20 Fighter shot arrow, possessing boundless grit (7)
- 24 Make a batch of altering instrument (8)
- 25 Questions in hearing after multinational group's badly advised (6)
- 27 Seated posture many adopting uncomfortably at first (5)
- 28 "Suggestions welcome!", I said initially, leading to problems (9)
- 29 In the East End, he's bound to find the one that got away (7)
- 30 Origins of Agni and Nandi (part human Indian god) (7)
- DOWN
- 1 Animal needing a long time to become a proficient flyer (6)
- 2 Seven stars break ground (6)
- 3 They're brilliant but I'm dense, confused about answer (5,3)
- 4 Carriage, they say, for spectators ... (4)
- 5 ... and carpets ruined their performance (3,7)
- 6 Calm provided in fast-moving surroundings (6)
- 7 Drums peculiar to rumba (8)
- 8 Entered left by mistake and threw in the towel (8)
- 13 Perhaps Indian makeup for Queen Mary? (5,5)
- 16 While it circulates before start of election, it's not true (5,3)
- 17 Creative painter, returning to attic after losing head, is found inside (8)
- 18 Significant relief when donkey, say, gets a home (8)
- 21 Finds oneself in a headstand? (4,2)
- 22 Pose can start with sacred sound in The Good Life, perhaps (6)
- 23 England's highest military man? (6)
- 26 Oscar, for example, having a temperature, always lost (4)



Despite Covid-19 continuing to pose serious challenges we have managed to significantly cut down our net loss in Q2

AJAY SINGH

CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, SPICEJET

THUMBNAILS

BoB rate cut: Bank of Baroda on Wednesday announced reduction in the marginal cost of funds based lending rate by 0.05 per cent across all tenors. "The bank has revised marginal cost of funds based lending rate with effect from 12 November 2020," Bank of Baroda said in a regulatory filing. The one-year tenor which is the benchmark for all consumer loans such as auto, retail, housing ~ has been reduced to 7.45 per cent from 7.5 per cent. PTI

HDFC Bank: HDFC Bank on Wednesday announced the launch of India's first comprehensive banking and payments solution for merchants ~ SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0. This first-of-its-kind solution allows merchants and self-employed professionals to instantly open a current account and start accepting payments in-store, online, and on-the-go, said a release. SNS

GN Dairies: To reclaim around Rs 115 crore, the Securities and Exchange Board of India on Wednesday ordered attachment of nine properties related to GN Dairies and three others in a case related to illegal fund raising. The properties being attached are plots, office premises and shops located in several places, including New Delhi, Ujjain, Bhopal, Indore and Pune, Sebi said in a notice. PTI

Anmi to Sebi: Stock brokers' association Anmi has raised concern on the proposal to lower the settlement cycle for completion of share transactions to T+1. In its letter to the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Anmi said the implementation of the new system would increase working capital requirements for brokers and enhance the work load on the banks and depository participants. Currently, trades are settled two working days after the transaction is done (T+2). PTI

MSCI India Index: As many as 12 companies, including Trent and Kotak Mahindra Bank, have been added to the MSCI India Index, while Bosch and LIC Housing Finance will move out, according to the latest MSCI Global Standard Index reig announcement.

Other who made their way to the MSCI India index are ACC, Adani Green Energy, Apollo Hospitals, Balkrishna Industries, IPCA Laboratories, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Larsen & Toubro Infotech, MRF, Muthoot Finance, PI Industries, Trent Limited and Yes Bank. PTI

CMR Infra: CMR Infrastructure Ltd (GIL) on Wednesday said its businesses are on a recovery path, and the firm is focussing on cash conservation by rescheduling its capex plan to mitigate challenges. It has also extended the Delhi airport plan to June 2023, instead of the scheduled September 2022, the company said. PTI

NMDC board clears ₹1,378-cr buyback

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NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

State-owned NMDC today said its board of directors has approved a share buyback proposal of up to ₹1,378 crore. In a BSE filing, the company said the decision was taken at a meeting of its board on Tuesday.

"The board approved a proposal for buyback of 13,12,43,809 fully paid-up equity shares of a face value of Re 1 each from the company's shareholders at a price of Rs 105 per equity share payable in cash," NMDC said. The buyback will be for an aggregate consideration not exceeding Rs 13,78,05,99,945 (offer

Production-linked incentive scheme for 10 key sectors

The financial outlay for the new scheme will be ₹1,45,980 crore over a period of five years

SNS & PTI
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

The government today approved a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for ten key sectors, including telecom, automobiles and pharmaceuticals, taking the total outlay for such incentives to nearly Rs 2 lakh crore over a five-year period.

The scheme will help encourage domestic manufacturing, reduce imports and generate employment as the government works to bolster economic growth. The financial outlay for the new scheme will be Rs 1,45,980 crore.

The five-year PLI scheme, which aims at making Indian manufacturers' competitive globally, was approved by the Union Cabinet, information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters here.

Elaborating on the decision, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the PLI scheme will provide great incentives for manufacturers

MANUFACTURING GETS BOOST



► The 10 sectors that will be entitled to get the incentives are advance chemistry cell (ACC) battery; technology products; automobiles and auto components; pharmaceuticals and drugs; telecom and networking products; food products; high efficiency solar PV modules; white goods; and speciality steel.

► Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the PLI scheme will provide great incentives for manufacturers and help the country move towards the objective of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India).

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The Cabinet also decided to extend the viability gap funding scheme to social infrastructure sectors. The scheme is currently available only for projects concerning economic infrastructure.

"The Cabinet has taken two very important decisions...

both of which, if you ask me at a time like this, are going to give a right impetus to the economy, because we are looking at Aatmanirbhar," Sitharaman said, adding that they will help in making India part of the global value chain.

The PLI scheme, she said, will also provide encouragement to the critical sunrise sectors by ensuring necessary support from the government in

addition to creating jobs and linking India to global value chain.

The 10 sectors that will be entitled to get the incentives include advance chemistry cell (ACC) battery. It is entitled to get Rs 18,100 crore. Other sectors are electronics and technology products (Rs 5,000 crore); automobiles and auto components (Rs 57,042 crore); pharmaceuticals and drugs (Rs 15,000 crore); telecom and networking products (Rs 12,195 crore); textiles products (Rs 10,683 crore); food products (Rs 10,900 crore); high efficiency solar PV modules (Rs 4,500 crore); white goods (Rs 6,238 crore) and speciality steel (Rs 6,322 crore).

"Over the next five years, this is today estimated, that the new PLIs that we are bringing in for these 10 identified sectors will involve an expenditure of about Rs 2 lakh crore. So this is something which we are very happy to announce that the Cabinet has given clearance for this..."

Sitharaman said.

An official release said the scheme across these 10 sectors will make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment in the areas of core competency and cutting-edge technology, ensure efficiencies, create economies of scale, enhance exports and make India an integral part of the global supply chain.

approved financial outlay over the five-year period for these 10 sectors will be Rs 1,45,980 crore. Under another PLI scheme, an outlay of Rs 51,311 crore has already been approved.

"We are yet again proving that the policy that we are taking up even in PLI through which we want manufacturers to come to India is clearly to say we want to build on our strength but yet link with the global value chains.

"...so this PLI is also aimed at getting investments into the country. The government is giving financial support that these financial incentives will make it attractive to produce in India and selection of sectors have been based on that," Sitharaman said.

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IBA, bank unions conclude wage revision negotiations

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MUMBAI, 11 NOVEMBER

The agreement reached on Wednesday, provides for a 15 per cent increase in pay slip, IBA chief executive Sunil Mehta said in a statement.

The new wage revision would entail an additional yearly outgo of Rs 7,898 crore for the banks.

IBA further said to inculcate a sense of competition and also to reward the performance, the concept of performance-linked incentive (PLI) scheme has been introduced for the first time. The scheme will be effective from the current fiscal.

The PLI scheme in public sector banks will be based on operating profit/net profit of the individual bank. It is optional for private and foreign banks.

The 10th Bipartite Settlement ended in October 2017. In the wage settlement, which was signed in May 2015, for the period between November 2012 and October 2017, the IBA had offered a 15 per cent hike.

Stock indices scale fresh peaks

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MUMBAI, 11 NOVEMBER

The BSE Sensex defied gravity for the eighth straight session to finish at yet another record high today as positive global cues and robust foreign fund inflows fuelled risk-on sentiment.

The government approving a Rs 2 lakh crore production-linked incentive package for various sectors also buoyed investors, traders said.

After touching its all-time peak of 43,708.47 points during a see-saw session, the 30-share BSE index settled 316.02 points or 0.73 per cent higher at 43,593.67 points.

► Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty vaulted 118.05 points or 0.93 per cent to close at a record 12,749.15 points. Intra-day, it touched its all-time high of 12,769.75 points.

sion on the trot. Tata Steel was the top gainer among the Sensex constituents, surging 7.39 per cent, followed by Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv, ITC, Sun Pharma, Infosys, L&T and Bharti Airtel.

Kotak Mahindra Bank

spurted 3.12 per cent after

MSCI said it will add the

private sector lender and 11

other domestic firms to the

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IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries, Titan, Asian Paints, HUL and HDFC Bank closed in the red, tumbling up to 5.62 per cent.

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BSE metal, healthcare, IT, teck, utilities, power and auto indices rose as much as 3.51 percent, while energy and consumer durables finished in the red, tumbling up to 5.62 per cent.

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Azure Power registers \$47.6m turnover in Q2

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, 11 NOVEMBER

368 million (\$5.0 million). "During the quarter, our results were negatively impacted by an increase in stock appreciation rights (SARs) expense by Rs 492 million (\$6.7 million) related to the 87 per cent increase in the share price during the quarter," the company's financial statement said.

Backed by investors such as Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, International Finance Corporation

and Netherlands Development Finance Company, Azure Power is also the first Indian energy asset to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange and India's first solar green bond listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation) for the quarter ended 30 September 2020 was Rs 2,318 million (\$31.5 million), 11 per cent increase over the second quarter of fiscal 2019-20.

Cash flow from operating activities for the quarter and six months ending 30 September 2020 was Rs 2,993 million (\$40.7 million) and Rs 2,431 million (\$33.1 million), and the working capital inflow was Rs 1,369 million (\$18.7 million).

SpiceJet Q2 loss narrows to ₹112.6 cr

NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

Budget carrier SpiceJet today reported a net loss of Rs 112.6 crore for the quarter ended 30 September 2020.

It had posted a net loss of Rs 462.6 crore for the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

The airline's total income stood at Rs 1,305 crore in the second quarter of fiscal 2020-21, significantly lower than Rs 3,074 crore in the year-ago period.

Total expenses also reduced to Rs 1,418 crore as compared to Rs 3,536 crore earlier, the airline said in a statement.

"Despite Covid-19 continuing to pose serious operating challenges we have managed to significantly cut down our net loss in Q2 much like the previous quarter," SpiceJet chairman and managing director Ajay Singh said.

Woodside Energy (Senegal) BV (Woodside), Capricorn Senegal Limited (Cairns) and Le Societe des Petroles du Senegal (Petrosen) the national oil company of Senegal are other partners in the RSSD block.

The acquisition by ONGC Videsh is subject to satisfaction of customary conditions precedents, including approvals of Senegal regulatory authorities, FAR shareholders' approval, non-exercise / waiver of pre-emption by joint venture partners and termination of certain third-party agreement," it said.

The Sangomar field, currently under development, is located in the deep waters of Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and Guinean-Conakry Basin (MSGBC Basin), Offshore Senegal, covering an area of 772 sq km and 10 per cent participating interest in exploration area of the RSSD block.

is planned to go on production in 2023 under phase-1 development.

"Total investment involved, including the development cost, until the first oil is expected to be around \$600 million," it said.

Woodside is the operator of the block and has recently exercised its pre-emption rights to acquire the participating interest held by Cairns in the RSSD block.

Post completion of Cairns stake by Woodside, it will hold 68.333 per cent participating interest in Sangomar field and 75 per cent participating interest in exploration area, while Petrosen will hold 18 per cent participating interest in Sangomar field and 10 per cent participating interest in exploration area of the RSSD block.

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upcoming Diwali festival, which is in November this year," Menon said.

During the month, sales of Maruti Suzuki India stood at 1,63,656 units, up 17.64 per cent from the same month last year. Similarly, Hyundai Motor India sales rose to 56,605 units, up 13.9 per cent from October 2019.

Kia Motors dispatched 20,621 units last month, an increase of 61.25 per cent over October 2019.

According to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), which collected vehicle registration data from 1,257 out of the 1,464 regional transport offices (RTOs), PV sales stood at 2,73,980 units in October 2019.

Total retail sales across categories declined by 23.99 per cent to 14,13,549 units, last month compared to 18,59,709 units in the year-ago period.

Passenger vehicle sales rise by 14% in Oct

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, 11 NOVEMBER

Passenger vehicle sales in India increased by 14.19 per cent to 3,10,294 units in October against 2,71,737 units in the same month last year as companies dispatched more units to dealers to cater to enhanced demand in the festive season, auto industry body Siam said today.

According to the latest data by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (Siam), two-wheeler sales also rose by 16.88 per cent to 20,53,814 units, compared with 17,57,180 units in the same month last year.

Three-wheelers saw a slight improvement in sales, compared to



There will be a smooth transition to a second Trump administration. We are ready. The world is watching what's taking place here. We're going to count all the votes...

US SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO

AS TRUMP REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

US hits record Covid-19 hospitalisations amid virus surge

NEW YORK, 11 NOVEMBER

The U.S. hit a record number of coronavirus hospitalizations Tuesday and surpassed 1 million new confirmed cases in just the first 10 days of November amid a nationwide surge of infections that shows no signs of slowing.

The new wave appears bigger and more widespread than the surges that hap-

peneed in the spring and summer — and threatens to be worse. But experts say there are also reasons to think the nation is better able to deal with the virus this time around.

"We're definitely in a better place" when it comes to improved medical tools and knowledge, said William Hantage, a Harvard University infectious-disease researcher. Newly confirmed infections in

the U.S. were running at all-time highs of well over 100,000 per day, pushing the total to more than 10 million and eclipsing 1 million since Halloween. There are now 61,964 people hospitalized, according to the Covid Tracking Project. Several states posted records Tuesday, including over 12,600 new cases in Illinois, 10,800 in Texas and 7,000 in Wisconsin.

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TENDER

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No. I, HPPWD, Mandi, Distt Mandi (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Eligible Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Sub-Tehsil Building cum residence building at Kataula District Mandi (H.P) (Sub Head:- Construction of Site development, building portion, water supply and sanitary installation, rain water harvesting system, septic tank & Soak pit)	81,11,220/-	1,13,600/-	2000/-	One year	"A & B"

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://htenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://htenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

- 1. Date of Online Publication
- 2. Document Download Start and End Date
- 3. Bid Submission Start and End Date
- 4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document
- 5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.

4. TENDER DETAILS: The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:

i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".

ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No. I, HPPWD Mandi, Distt Mandi (H.P) payable at Mandi as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4. The Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 02.12.2020 at 11.30 A.M. in the office of Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No. I, HPPWD Mandi, Distt Mandi (H.P) by the authorized officer. In their interest the renderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No. I, H.P.W.D., Mandi Distt. Mandi (H.P.)
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
'NOTICE INVITING TENDERS'

Sealed item rate tenders on form 6&8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Palampur Division HP.PWD., Palampur on behalf of the Governor of H.P for the following work from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in HP.PWD. (B&R) whose registration stood renewed as per revised rules and also registered under the H.P General Sales Tax Act 1968 so as to reach in his office on or before 3.12.2020 up to 11.00 AM, and the same shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender documents can be had from his office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on 2.12.2020 up to 4.00 P.M and the application for issue of tender form shall be received on 1.12.2020 up to 12.00 noon.

The earnest money in the shape of FDR/saving account of the Post office/Bank in H.P duly pledged in favour of the XEN must accompany with each tender. Conditional/ incomplete tenders & tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The XEN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or drop the proposal of tenders without assigning any reasons.

S. No.	Name of work.	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Limit	Cost of form
1	Imp. of black spot on Palampur Galtu Langha via Chandpur road (SW:- C/O R/wall at RD 0/555 to 0/570; 0/595 to 0/600 and parapets	1,31,954/-	2650/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
2	R/D of Parour Lahta Chachain road (SW:- C/O R/wall at RD 2/885 to 2/905 and edge wall at RD 3/120 to 3/140 near Karam Chan House)	1,67,648/-	3300/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
3	C/O road to Cow Sanctuary at village Kudan in Km: 0/00 to 0/500 (SW:- P/L GSB, P/L wearing G-II)	3,28,797/-	6580/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
4	C/O Gopalpur to Gopalpur via Gujrena 0/00 to 2/300 (SW:- Imp. of road in between RD 1/00 to 1/260)	1,54,487/-	3100/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
5	C/O road to cow sanctuary at Village Kudan 0/0 to 5/0 (SW:- P/L wearing G-III & bitumen concrete	4,98,352/-	10000/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
6	Fixing of steel crash barriers Bram Theru to Garhi Mata road 0/0 to 7/0 (SW:- Providing & fixing crash barriers 4/0 to 4/10)	3,44,905/-	7000/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
7	C/O link road Thala Matlanta 0/0 to 2/500 (SW:- P/L interlocking tiles at various RDS.)	4,69,387/-	9400/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
8	Repair of rain damages to link road Suleri 0/0 to 1/0 (SW:- P/L tack coat, premix and seal coat)	4,98,685/-	10000/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
9	C/O link road to Jugehar to Khart (SW:- Earth work in cutting 0/100 to 0/500)	4,98,705/-	10000/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
10	Repair and maintenance of pootted accommodation at Palampur (SW:- P/F Aluminum fitting , Wood work and floor- ing etc. of SDO/C C resistance)	2,11,083/-	4300/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
11	C/O Mini Sectt./Combind office building at Palampur (SW:- C/O Lift porton etc.)	1,74,031/-	3500/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-
12	Up-gradation of Rakhn Gharmota Jyun Suker Bundla road 1/40 to 3/40 (Nabard) (SW:- Extension and paving of berms) 28/095 to 28/595	4,69,466/-	9400/-	Three Month	Rs. 350/-

Terms & Conditions:
Following documents should accompany the application for tenders.
1. GST. No.
2. Valid copy of Registration
3. Machinery will be of the contractor where required.
4. Certificate regarding possession of machinery.
5. Telegraphic/Fax tenders are not acceptable.
6. The tender documents can be received by registered/ Insured post which should be received in this office on or before the date of opening of tender by 11.00 A.M. positively.
7. Contractor should have successfully executed two works of similar nature of 1/3 amount of estimated cost or similar single work of amount equal to estimated cost during the last preceding three years
8. The Contractor will have to submit affidavit along with application for issue of tender that he has not more than two works in hand. Next tender will be issued only after completion of previous works in hand.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Eligible class of Contractor	Time Allowed
1	1 O/R to NH 22 (new NH 5) on Kalka Shimla Wangtoo Road km 131/00 to 145/100 & 0/0 to 13/00 (SH:- Hiring of Excavator cum loader for removal of snow/slip/s and supplying and stacking of crushed sand at site for smooth flow of traffic in snow bound area km 131/00 to 145/100 & km 0/0 to 13/00 on Shimla By Pass)	14,99,400/-	30,000/-	500/-	Class D	4 months

1. The Executive Engineer HPPWD NH Division Solan Distt. Solan (H.P) on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the above mentioned works from the eligible and approved contractors/ Firms registered with PWD Department.

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://htenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://htenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

- 1. Date of Online Publication
- 2. Document Download Start and End Date
- 3. Bid Submission Start and End Date
- 4. Physical Submission of (EMD) Cost of Tender Document
- 5. Date of Technical Bid opening.

6. TENDER DETAILS: The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:

Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".

Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to Executive Engineer, HPPWD NH Division Solan (H.P) as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 28/11/2020 at 11.00 AM HRS in the office of Executive, Engineer HPPWD NH Division Solan (H.P) by the authorised officers. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Executive Engineer Solan NH Division, HPPWD, Solan Distt Solan H.P on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh Tel/Fax: 0172-223804

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Biden vows to get right to work

Despite Trump resistance, President-elect to stay focused on health care in the midst of the crisis

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Vowing "to get right to work," President-elect Joe Biden shrugged off Presi-



dent Donald Trump's fierce refusal to accept the election outcome as "inconsequential," even as Democrats elsewhere warned that the Republican president's actions were dangerous.

Raising unsupported claims of voter fraud, Trump has blocked the incoming president from receiving intelligence briefings and withheld federal funding intended to help facilitate the transfer of power. Trump's resistance, backed by senior Republicans in Washington and across the country, could also prevent background investigations and security clearances for prospective staff and access to federal agencies to discuss transition planning.

As some Democrats and

former Republican officials warned of serious consequences, Biden sought to lower the national temperature Tuesday as he addressed reporters from a makeshift transition headquarters near his home in downtown Wilmington.

Biden described Trump's position as little more than an "embarrassing" mark on the outgoing president's legacy, while predicting that Republicans on Capitol Hill would eventually accept the reality of Biden's victory. The Republican resistance, Biden said, "does not change the dynamic at all in what we're able to do." Additional intelligence briefings "would be useful," Biden added, but "we don't see anything slowing us down."

There is no evidence of

widespread fraud in the 2020 election. In fact, election officials from both political parties have stated publicly that the election went well, and international observers confirmed there were no serious irregularities.

The issues Trump's campaign and its allies have pointed to are typical in every election, problems with signatures, secrecy envelopes and postal marks on mail-in ballots, as well as the potential for a small number of ballots to be cast or lost. With Biden leading by wide margins in key battleground states, none of those issues would have any impact on the outcome of the election.

French President Emmanuel Macron met with Biden via videoconference. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, among six world leaders overall, congratulated Biden on his election.

Meanwhile, Biden tried to stay focused on health care in the midst of the worst health crisis in more than a century. In an afternoon speech, Biden delivered a forceful defense of the Affordable Care Act, just hours after the Supreme Court heard arguments on its merits.

'Sputnik V 92 pc effective against Covid'

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MOSCOW, 11 NOVEMBER

Russia's *Sputnik V* vaccine has shown 92 per cent efficacy in preventing Covid, according to interim trial results announced by the country's health ministry on Wednesday. The announcement follows results unveiled earlier this week by vaccine developers Pfizer and BioNTech, who said their vaccine was more than 90 per cent effective at preventing Covid.

The calculation is based on the 20 confirmed Covid cases split

Minds, not laws, need change

Neither the death sentence nor other punishments will deter a rapist, argues ANANDA MUKHOPADHYAY

Recently, our neighbour Bangladesh has decided to make a major change in its criminal law. They are going to amend the law by approving the death penalty for rapists. In our country also, after the barbaric Nirbhaya incident in Delhi and subsequently in Hathras and Mathura, a section of people raised the demand of implementing death penalty to combat such incidents. Another section of people thinks that castration of the rapists would be the more effective measure to get rid of this curse. But is it at all possible to deter rapists and offenders by implementing some barbaric laws in our society? Should we not try to change the narrow mindset of our society about women?

Since Independence, several laws have been enacted in our country to protect the rights of women. In spite of that, the social status of women mainly in the rural areas has not changed too much. In public and private jobs, the percentage of urban women is much higher than of rural women. Moreover, the issue of malnutrition, child marriage, dowry, school drop out at the primary level, sexual abuse mostly by close relatives, domestic violence and rape are the common features in their daily life.

In 1972, a case of custodial rape shook the entire nation. A young orphaned tribal girl was raped by two policemen in the compound of Desaijan Police Station in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. She was between 14 to 16 years old. But the learned session judge remarked in his judgement that the girl was "habituated to sexual intercourse" and her consent was voluntary. As a result, the two policemen were acquitted.

On appeal, the Nagpur bench of Bombay High Court made a historic judgement by setting aside the judgement of the session court and sentenced the two policemen for an

imprisonment of one and five years respectively. The Hon'ble High Court observed that passive submission due to fear of threat could not be construed as submission or willingness of sexual intercourse.

In September 1979, the Hon'ble Justices of the Supreme Court refuted the judgement of Bombay High Court and again acquitted the accused persons by saying that neither the girl raised any alarm nor had she any injury marks on her body. It seemed that though she was habituated of having sex, she might have induced the drunk policemen to have sex with her. After this judgement, human rights organizations and noted intellectuals all over the country raised their voices against the feudal observation of the apex court.

Legal expert Dr. Upendra Baxi wrote an open letter to the Hon'ble Justices of the Supreme Court along with Raghunath Kelkar, Latika Sarkar and Vasudha Dhagamwar, protesting the concept of consent in the judgement. After a long protest and spontaneous movement all over the country, the Government was convinced to amend the law of rape which includes custodial rape in it. Not only that, the burden of proof shifted from the victim to the accused person. The amendment in Section 376 of the Indian Penal code achieved a major victory for Indian Women. Apart from this act, several other laws including Prevention of women from domestic violence, Dowry Act, protection of children (which includes female child also) from sexual offences are still in force in our society to protect the rights and security of the Indian women. But it is also evident that merely by making some tough laws we cannot change the fate of women.

It is very unfortunate that despite efforts of several social workers and political leaders including Raja Rammohan Roy, Pandit Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, Begam Rokeya, Akshay Kumar Dutta and other outstanding personalities, inequality against women still exists in our society. Dr. Lohia once rightly said, "India is perverted today with all their talk of sex purity. The people are by and large dirty in their ideas of marriage and sex." It is very much applicable today mostly in the societies of northern India where the curse of casteism is still deep rooted. The torture of women of dalits, backwards and minority classes



are regular phenomenon. Hathras incident is one of the remarkable examples in this regard. This type of social stigma is not only within the minds of the common people, it has also penetrated the minds of a section of the top layers of society including the top officers of the police force, administration and political leaders.

Without eliminating the social taboo regarding sexuality and casteism from the mind of the people, implementation of death penalty or castration

may not be the panacea for such heinous crime. Such step would not accelerate any change in the social psyche. In the Hathras case, the rule of law had been completely violated. The police officers including the SP made a statement to the press, which has sparked off a serious controversy among social workers, human rights activists and others. It is even alleged that the body of the rape victim was cremated by the police in a field putting the family members under confinement.

They were not permitted to see the body of the victim. In such a situation, it is at all possible in our country to castrate all such people who are actively or passively involved in this incident?

In fact, reformative measures should be adopted in a bid to control the culture of rape and cruelty upon the women in Indian society. An endeavour should be made to remove the social taboos regarding sexuality from the minds of the people. Women should not be judged by their virginity and

chastity; rather they should be treated as human beings. To spread this awareness, education on reproductive health should be provided from the school levels. Not only that, the government should ensure a speedy justice system to the victim.

On the other hand, protection of witnesses in all criminal cases is of paramount importance, so that criminals do not escape punishment.

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IF CONGRESS, NOT COURTS, DECIDE TRUMP'S FATE

If the American Presidential election is to be resolved by Congress, Donald Trump will have an advantage, argues DONALD BRAND

President Donald Trump's campaign is challenging results of battleground states with lawsuits, hoping to litigate its way to a win in the 2020 election. But the Founding Fathers meant for Congress – not the courts – to be the backup plan if the Electoral College result was disputed or did not produce a winner.

Generally, the framers sought to avoid congressional involvement in presidential elections. As I've taught for two decades in my college course on presidential selection, they wanted an independent executive who could resist ill-considered legislation and would not care about currying favor with members of Congress.

That's why they created the Electoral College, assigning to state legislatures the responsibility for choosing "electors" who would then determine the president.

But the framers could foresee circumstances – namely, a fragmented race between little-known politicians – where no presidential candidate would secure an Electoral College majority. Reluctantly, they assigned the House of Representatives the responsibility to step in if that happened – presumably because as the institution closest to the people, it could bestow some democratic legitimacy on a contingent election.

The founders proved prescient: The elections of 1800 and 1824 did not produce winners in the Electoral College and were decided by the House. Thomas Jefferson was chosen in 1800 and John Quincy Adams in 1824.

Over time, the development of a two-party system with national nominating conventions – which allows parties to broker coalitions and unite behind a single presidential candidate – has basically ensured that the Elec-



toral College produces a winner. Though the Electoral College has changed significantly since the 18th century, it has mostly kept Congress out of presidential selection.

A tie in the Electoral College is one way the 2020 election could end up with Congress. In the extremely unlikely scenario that both Joe Biden and Donald Trump get 269 electors, the election would be thrown into the House. A more likely scenario is that the Trump campaign's litigation winds up getting Congress involved in the 2020 election.

Though courts will decide specific questions of legal interpretation in voting disputes, they do not want to be perceived as deciding the 2020 election result, as the Supreme Court did in 2000. Where possible, judges will

decline to hear lawsuits that ask big political questions and leave these issues for the political system to resolve. Enter Congress. If neither candidate gets to 270 electors due to disputed ballots, the House would have to decide the election.

Though the House has a Democratic majority, such an outcome would almost certainly benefit Trump. Here's why: In a concession to small states concerned their voices would be marginalized if the House was called upon to choose the president, the founders gave only one vote to each state. House delegations from each state meet to decide how to cast their single vote.

That voting procedure gives equal representation to California – population 40 million – and Wyoming, population 600,000.

This arrangement favours Republicans. The GOP has dominated the House delegations of 26 states since 2018 – exactly the number required to reach a majority under the rules of House presidential selection. But it's not the current House that would decide a contested 2020 election; it is the newly elected House, and many November 3 congressional races remain undecided. So far, though, Republicans have retained control of the 26 congressional delegations they currently hold, and Democrats have lost control of two states, Minnesota and Iowa. Evenly divided delegations count as abstentions, and Republican gains in Minnesota and Iowa are moving these states from Democratic to abstentions.

Perhaps the most relevant prece-

dent for a contested 2020 election that winds up in the House is the 1876 election between Democrat Samuel Tilden and Republican Rutherford B. Hayes. That election saw disputed returns in four states – Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana and Oregon – with a total of 20 electoral votes.

Excluding those 20 disputed electors, Tilden had 184 pledged electors of the 185 needed for victory in the Electoral College; Hayes had 165. Tilden was clearly the front-runner – but Hayes would win if all the contested votes went for him.

Because of a post-Civil War rule allowing Congress – read, Northern Republicans worried about Black voter suppression – to dispute the vote count in Southern states and bypass local courts, Congress established a

commission to resolve the disputed 1876 returns.

As Michael Holt writes in his examination of the 1876 election, the 15-member commission had five House representatives, five senators and five Supreme Court justices. Fourteen of the commissioners had identifiable partisan leanings: seven Democrats and seven Republicans. The 15th member was a justice known for his impartiality.

Hope of a nonpartisan outcome was dashed when the one impartial commissioner resigned and was replaced by a Republican judge. The commission voted along party lines to give all 20 disputed electors to Hayes.

To prevent the Democratic-dominated Senate from derailing Hayes' single-vote triumph over Tilden by refusing to confirm its decision, Republicans were forced to make a deal: Abandon Reconstruction, their policy of Black political and economic inclusion in the post-Civil War South. This paved the way for Jim Crow segregation. The 2000 election is the only modern precedent for contested vote returns.

George W. Bush and Al Gore argued for a month over Bush's slim, 327-vote advantage in Florida's second machine recount. After a lawsuit in state courts, this political and legal battle was decided by the Supreme Court in December 2000, in Bush v. Gore.

But Bush v. Gore was never intended to set a precedent. In it, the justices explicitly stated "our consideration is limited to the present circumstances." Indeed, the court could have concluded that the issues presented were political, not legal, and declined to hear the case.

In that case, the House would have decided the 2000 election. The Electoral College must cast its ballots on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December. This year, that's Dec. 14. If disputed state vote totals are not resolved by six days prior to that date, Congress can step in, under the 1887 Electoral Count Act.

This could have happened in 2000, and it is imaginable this year.

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TIGER ROARS



Tiger Woods (in photo, left) expects to contend at the Masters this week and for years to come, the defending champion said on Tuesday as he asked people not to make too much of his recent mediocre form. Nineteen months after ending a decade-long drought by winning his 15th major title, Woods will return to Augusta National.

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THUMBNAILS



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Gautam Gambhir and Michael Vaughan have called for Rohit Sharma's (in photo) elevation to India's Twenty20 captaincy with the former national opener going to the extent of saying that it would be "shame" if the star batsman did not get the role. Sharma led Mumbai Indians to a fifth Indian Premier League title last night, impressing not just with a graceful half-century but also his shrewd captaincy. He is currently the national vice-captain for the white-ball formats.

"If Rohit Sharma doesn't become India's captain, it's their loss, not Rohit's," Gambhir told a website, adding: "Yes, a captain is only as good as his team and I completely agree with that, but what are the parameters to judge a captain? The parameters and the benchmark should be the same. Rohit has led his team to five IPL titles."

"We keep saying MS Dhoni is India's most successful captain. Why? Because he has won two World Cups and three IPLs," Gambhir said. "Rohit has won five IPL titles, he is the most successful captain in the history of the tournament. Going forward, it'll be a shame if he doesn't get India's white-ball or just T20 captaincy. He can't do

Gambhir earlier said that Virat Kohli should be made accountable for Royal Challengers Bangalore's failure to make the IPL finals in 13 attempts, eight of which had been made under Kohli's leadership. But Gambhir clarified that he had never meant Kohli's captaincy was "poor." He claimed to have suggested split captaincy.

much more than this. He can only help the team he captains to victories. So if he doesn't become India's regular white-ball captain, it will be their loss," he added.

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"They can also consider split captaincy. No one is poor. Rohit has shown in white-ball cricket how big the difference is between his and Virat's captaincy achievements. One player has led his team to five titles, the other hasn't won yet," said Gambhir, who had led Kolkata Knight Riders to two IPL titles.

"I'm not saying this because Kohli is a poor captain. But he has received the same platform that Rohit has, so you have to judge both of them in terms of the same parameters. Both have been captains in the IPL for the same length of time. I

feel Rohit stands out as a leader."

Vaughn took to Twitter to back Sharma for the leadership role in the Twenty20 format. "Without question Rohit Sharma should be the Indian T20 captain.. fantastic man manager & leader... & he knows exactly how to win T20 games .. it would also give Virat chance to take a breather and just be the player .. it's works for all other teams around the world .. #IPL2020," he wrote.

Virender Sehwag too praised Sharma, saying: "Ab to aadat hai sabko aise dhone ki. The best T20 franchisee in the world and the best captain in the format. Deserving winners, Mumbai Indians, koishak. Amazingly well-organised tournament despite various challenges."

Yadav's dismissal

"I should have sacrificed my wicket for him," said Sharma as he regretted Suryakumar Yadav's dismissal in the IPL final while attempting an improbable single that had actually been called by the Mumbai Indians skipper.

Sharma led from the front



with a 51-ball 68 as MI effortlessly chased down 157 in 18.4 overs. "The kind of form he was in, I should have sacrificed my wicket for Surya. But throughout the tournament he has played some incredible shots," Sharma said of the mix-up in which Yadav had crossed him just in time to save his captain. Yadav, who accumulated 480 runs this season, averaging 40 with a strike rate of 145, said that he had not minded the sacrifice as he knew that the skipper would lead the team through.

The 30-year-old said no when Sharma wanted it in the 11th over but crossed over all right when he realised that the captain would be dismissed if he did not sacrifice his own wicket. "He was batting really well. Most importantly, he's been anchoring well since the first game. I don't mind sacrificing my wicket at all," he said.

Sharma said that it was his bowlers who had set up the crushing win. New Zealand paceman Trent Boult snared the dangerous Marcus Stoinis and Ajinkya Rahane while off-spinner Jayant Yadav dismissed the in-form Shikhar Dhawan to leave Delhi reeling at 22 for three, early setbacks from which the team could not quite recover.

"We got a wicket off the first ball and a couple after that. We just wanted to keep the pressure, the execution was perfect from all the bowlers," Sharma said at the post-match press conference. Mumbai sailed home

with five wickets in hand. Sharma's classy knock highlighted the chase.

"We knew Stoinis and Dhawan are Delhi's key batters, so we wanted to unleash our key bowlers on them, getting early wickets was the key. When you have the best new-ball bowler in your squad, you make use of him," the Mumbai skipper said.

Sharma applauded each and every bowler for his contribution to the team's success throughout the tournament. Boult (25) and Jasprit Bumrah (27) were at their best through the season. "Boult has been fantastic for us this season and so was Bumrah. They are the ones who kept us in the game throughout. [James] Pattinson, [Nathan] Coulter-Nile, [Rahul] Chahar, and [Krunal] Pandya also did their job." Coulter-Nile was brilliant during the slog overs last night. He got rid of Rishabh Pant at a crucial juncture and also sent back Axar Patel, crushing Delhi's hopes of posting an imposing total on the board.

Opener Quinton de Kock said after the final: "Mumbai have a great set-up, so we've been able to move with the gym work and training and stuff. We're reaping the rewards today for it. It's a great feeling. I think this year because there were so many questions around Mumbai in general, whether we can win back-to-back, we put in some extra effort. You can see it's paid off. We worked extra hard on the nitty-gritty."

'Delhi bowlers slumped in powerplay session'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI, 11 NOVEMBER

Delhi Capitals skipper Shreyas Iyer (in photo) says his otherwise outstanding bowlers had "lost in powerplay" after a disastrous start had prevented them from posting a challenging total in the Indian Premier League final against Mumbai Indians. Losing three early wickets pegged Delhi back as they managed only a modest 156 for seven. Mumbai skipper Rohit Sharma then led his side to a comfortable win with his magnificent half-century. They raced to 61 for 1 in the first six overs that set a strong foundation for an easy chase.

"It's just the fatigue that crept in maybe, bowlers just lost it in the powerplay session," a disappointed Iyer said at the post-match Press conference.

Th DC captain said that he did not regret his decision to bat first. After being reduced to 22 for three, Iyer (65 off 50) and Rishabh Pant (56 off 38) stitched 96 runs together for the fourth wicket to stabilise the innings.

"I thought it was a very good decision (to bat first). When you enter the final, it's very important to get off to a good start and that's what we lacked in this game. Obviously,

there was the pressure of getting a good score in the powerplay. We had already lost three wickets so it was important that we score runs and also save wickets at the same time," he said, adding: "I think we reached a very decent total in the powerplay and after that we got to a decent total until 15th over, but after that everything came down."

Iyer was effusive in his praise for his bowling unit despite its indifferent showing in the summit showdown. He picked purple cap-winner Kagiso Rabada (30 wickets from 17 games) and veteran Ravichandran Ashwin for a special mention. "Well, they (bowlers) have been outstanding throughout. KG getting the purple cap, setting a great example for all the bowlers in the team. Also Ashwin, he has got a great mind and he knows the strategies pretty well. Lots of positives to take from this series and I am really happy with our overall performance in this league. Definitely a lot to take away and come back stronger in the next season," he said.

Analysing DC's performance this year, Iyer highlighted some grey areas the team needed to work on before the next season. "We have been lacking in good starts in most games. We have lost early wickets in most matches, so that's an area we need to work on going forward. We also need to strategise our bowling plans because we have leaked a lot of runs in powerplay sessions, especially in the second half of the season. It wasn't the best bowling imaginable," Iyer said.

Players thanked for taking 'tough bio bubble' in their stride

AGENCIES

DUBAI/WELLINGTON,
11 NOVEMBER

Board of Control for Cricket in India president Sourav Ganguly (in photo) today acknowledged that it had been mentally tough for players to be in the Indian Premier League's bio-bubble, thanking them for showing the resolve to make the tournament a success.

"@bcci along with the office bearers I personally thank all the players of each IPL team, for going thru the tuff bio bubble to make this tournament possible. It was tuff mentally, and our commitment makes Indian cricket what it is," @JayShah @ThakurArunS, Ganguly tweeted. The event is usually held in April-May each year but had to be postponed in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

start were the only major hiccup that the organisers were embarrassed by.

Windies sanctioned

The West Indies cricket squad have been stripped of the right to train while in managed isolation after players were found to have breached rules around their 14-day quarantine.

New Zealand's ministry of health said CCTV footage from the team's Christchurch hotel showed players mingling in hallways and sharing food in violation of managed isolation regulations. The ministry said all incidents had occurred within the hotel and there was no danger to the public. The West Indies squad will not be able to train again until their full managed isolation period has been completed.

'Messi's attitude deplorable'

DHAKA, 11 NOVEMBER

French forward Antoine Griezmann's former advisor Eric Olhats has claimed that Lionel Messi's attitude towards his Barcelona team-mate has been deplorable. He said that the Argentine superstar was a bad influence off the pitch. Griezmann has often found himself playing the role that Messi has made his own at Barcelona.

But Griezmann has often lacked the finishing he is expected to excel in, leading to the notion that his signing was unnecessary. Olhats says that it is not down to a lack of effort from the 29-year-old. For him, certain high-profile figures have made life more difficult for

Griezmann than it needed to be, with Messi - who pushed for a move away from Barca in the last transfer window - holding too much power at the club. Olhats told France Football: "Antoine arrived in a struggling club where Messi has a view on everything. He sat the same time emperor and monarch, and he didn't see Antoine's arrival with a good eye. His attitude has been deplorable, he made me feel that. I've always heard Antoine say there's no problem with Messi, but never the other way around. In my eyes, Messi is said to have wanted to leave to see what role he still had as a decision-making player, regarding the players who arrived and those who left, but he eventually stayed. Classic Messi! As good on the pitch as he is bad off it."

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FOR THE QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

₹ Lakhs)

SL. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		Quarter ended		Half year ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Half year ended		Year ended		
		30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2020 (Unaudited)		30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)	
1	Total Income from operations	318242	283790	375212	602032	636194	1319186	318242	283790	375212	602032	636194	1319186
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) from operations before exceptional items and tax	11752	15150	2344	26902	(7332)	13614	11562	14958	2339	26520	(7341)	12609
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) before tax after exceptional items	11752	15150	2344	26902	(7332)	(25271)	11562	14958	2339	26520	(7341)	(26276)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax	8731	11023	2459	19754	(3943)	(17101)	8541	10831	2454	19372	(3952)	(18106)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the period)	8661	10954	2362	19615	(4116)	(19631)	8471	10762	2357	19233	(4125)	(20636)
6	Equity Share Capital	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year							143036					141166
8	Earning Per Share (₹10/- each)*												
	(a) Basic	1.78	2.25	0.50	4.03	(0.80)	(3.49)	1.74	2.21	0.50	3.95	(0.81)	(3.69)
	(b) Diluted	1.78	2.25	0.50	4.03	(0.80)	(3.49)	1.74	2.21	0.50	3.95	(0.81)	(3.69)

* Not annualised in case of quarterly / half-yearly figures

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