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IN BRIEF

Poll bonds

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the Bihar Assembly elec-tions, the Centre has ap-proved the 14th tranche of electoral bonds, which will be open for sale be-tween October 19 and October 28. The Election Commission issued a Commission issued a "no objection" on October 15 with certain condi-tions, the finance min-istry said on Priday. Pn

INDIA COUNT

Updated Covid-19 figures on Friday

Confirmed cases: 7370468

Active cases: 804528 Overnight addition

Discharged: 6453779

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Prasar Bharati to end PTI deal

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New Delhi: The Prasar Blaarati board on Thursday
decided to end its subscription to the country's largestrews agoncy, Prass Trust
of India, a more that it said
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ferences over the wire service's bandling of news.

The United News of India
too got the axe as part of the
review of the public broadcaster's relationship with the
country's oldest news agencies
after differences arose over the
annual subscriptions.
According to Prasar Blaarati officials, the board at its
meeting on Thursday decided
to call for fresh proposits for a
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Prasar Bharati", the public
broadcaster's CEO, Shashi S.
Vennati twested in response Vempati, tweeted in response to the charge that ending PTI's

subscription was another at-tack onpress Freedom.
This sthefirst time that the CEO has responded to such criticism, kicked off by Prasar Bharati's June letter to PTI warning the agency with end-ing the subscription to tits news feed for coverage that was "der-trimental to subcond interest". The Bara letter had been se-timental to subcond interest. The subscription is the sub-timental to subconding the pro-tract to give the subconding to the property of the pro-parently angeed the govern-ment because it offered space to China in the media, As for the limit of the media, as for the pro-

ment because it offered space to China in the media. As for the Misri interview, the age-ncy's initial tweets on it attrib-uted a comment to the ambas-sador that contradicted Prime Minister Narendra Mod's cl-aim that no one had intruded into Indian territory.

aim that no one had intruded into Indian territory. While this purported com-ment by Misri was not included in the copy that was released for use, PTI did not withdraw the initial tweeds. Nor did Misri or the external affairs ministry deny that he had said so.

The warning letter to PTI was sent by the Prasar Blarati News Service—a recently formed unit of the public broadcaster—although the biggest consumers of the feed within the organisation are All India Radio and Doordarsham.

The subscription fees were an issue with UNI too. After the expiry of the last three-year contract with the two aperice in 2016-16, Prasar Bharati had insisted on a service-based rationalisation of the subscription formula but then PTI and UNI wanted to continue with the years add mechanism of a consolidated payment.

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Court: Puja grant mainly for Covid protection

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purposes.

On Friday, the court made
the puja committee office-bearers "personally responsible" for ensuring that the grant is spent only on these
counts.

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More than 5,000 people formed a 4km human chain in Ranchi on Friday to express solidarity with octogenarian Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist Father Stan Swamy arrested and jailed in Mu bai for alleged Maoist link

Ranchi Archbishop Felix Toppo (left) and auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi Archdio-cese Theodore Mascarenhas cese Theodore Mascarenhas (right) were among those who joined the human chain.

MORGAN TAKES

fight Covid G.S. MUDUR New Delhi: The antiviral drug remdesivir widely pre-scribed for coronavirus dis-ease neither prevents deaths nor reduces duration of hospi-

trial stay in patients, a clinical trial monitored by the World Health Organisation in 30 countries, including India, has found.

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Drug regimens containing remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir-ritoanine, niterferon have "little or no effect" on the 28-day mortality or the course of illness in hospitalised Covid-19 patients, the WHO said on Friday, amsouncing the interim results of the global trial.

terim results of the global trial. Health experts said the findings could come as a jolito doctors across India who have been prescribing both rende-sivir and hydroxychloroquine to Covid-19 patients under guidelines approved by the Union health ministry and the Indian Council of Medical Re-search (ICMR).

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Objection nixed, role for outspoken Lokur

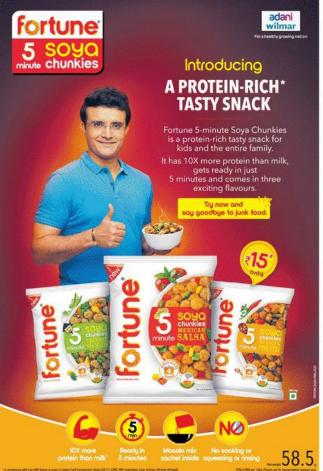
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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday appointed Justice Madan B. Lokur; a re-tired judge and a trenchant critic of the State's misuse of

critic of the State's missise of the sedition law, as a one-man committee to check air pollution in Delhi. The court overruled objec-tions from solicitor-general Tushar Melta, who was rep-resenting the governments of two states where the BJP is in

power: Mehta said his clients had not been heard before the panel was recommended. A bench headed by Chief Justice S.A. Bobde has task-ed Justice Lokur with ensur-ing the prevention of stubble the property of the party of the preing the prevention of stubus burning in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, an age-old practice that aggravates air pollution in the National Capital Region in October-November every year:

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Kamala Harris. (AFP)

Kamala forced out of trail after aides fall ill

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Washington: Joe Biden's
election campaign has been
shaken by coronavirus after
Kamala Harris, his runningmate, was forced off the trail
news that two members of herentour age have fallen prey to
the illness.

Biden's campaign manager, Jemiffer O'Malley Dillon,
said Harris "was not in close
contact, asdefined by the CDC,
with either of these individuals during the two days prior
to their positive tests, as such,
there is no requirement for

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quarantine".
But O'Malley Dillon said Harris'stravel till Sunday was being cancelled "out of an abundance of caution and in line with our campaign's com-mitment to the highest levels

mine win our campagip's com-mitment to the highest levels of precaution."

Liz Allen, Kamala's com-munications director, and an unnamed crew member on a campaign aircraft tested posi-tive for the virus on Wednes-day night. Harris, 55, tested negative at the same time— and did so again on Thursday— but will play it safe by re-turning to the virtual election-eering.

says Pfizer

New York: Pfizer's chief executive said on Friday that the company would not apply for emergency authorisation of its company in the year in a hefore the year in a hefore the year in the year in the year. coronavirus vaccine before the third week of November, ruling out President Trump's assertion that a vaccine would be ready before Election Day on November 3.

company website, the chief ex-ecutive, Dr Albert Bourla, said that although Pfizer could have preliminary numbers by

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Combative Trump and a deliberate Biden spar from afar at town halls

FOREIGN

A study in contrast of duelling rivals

New York: President Trump New York: President Trump spoke positively about an ex-tremist conspiracy-theory group, expressed scepticism about mask wearing, rebulsed his own FBI director and at-tacked the legitimacy of the 2020 election in a televised town hall forum on Thursday, weering far away from a fo-cused campaign appeal. Instead, he further stoked the country's political rifts as his Democratic opponent,

his Democratic opponent, Joseph R. Biden Jr., pushed a

Trump's defensive and combative performance came Vaccine will

not be ready

by November.

on a night that was supposed to feature a debate between him and Biden, but that mor-phed into a long-distance

a virtual debate.

On the central issue of the election, the coronavirus pandemic, the two candidates appeared to hishabit not just different television sets but different universes.

Biden has made the full embrace of strict public health quidelines the centragies.

embrace of strict public health guidelines the centrepiece of his candidacy, while Trump has continued to defy even the recommendations of his own government on matters as basic as the use of masks—a pattern that persisted in their opposing events on Thursday.

the end of October about whether the vaccine works, it would still need to collect safe ty and manufacturing data that would stretch the time-

that would stretch the time-line.

Close watchers of the vac-cine race had already known that Pfizer wouldn't be able to meet the Food and Drug Ad-ministration's requirements by the end of this month. But Friday's announcement rep-resents a shift in tone for the company and its leader.

Dr Eric Topol, a clinical trial expert at Scripps Re-search in San Diego, said while Pfizer officials had as-sured him that a vaccine would not be authorised be-fore the polis, the company's letter was "even more solid about their not being part of

about their not being part of any political machinations".

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US President Donald Trump (left) at the NBC News town hall event in Miami and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden at the ABC News event in Philadelphia, (Reuters)

Biden lashed virtually peogevery aspect of the President's that handling of the health crisis, including his language on diagraphy.

ple say, Well, it mustn't be

people say, 'Well, it mustn't be that important."

In perhaps his most incen-diary remarks, Trump repeat-edly declined to disavow QAnon, a pro-Trump Internet community that has been de-scribed by law enforcement as a potential domestic terrorism threat. The President pro-fessed to have no knowledge of

the group, and as a result could not disavow it, but then demonstrated specific knowl-edge of one of its core conspira-cy theories involving na-dophila that is entirely false. "I know nothing about it," Trump said. "I do know they are very much against pae-

are very much against pae-dophalia. They fight it very hard." When the NBC anchor Savannah Guthrie pressed Trump to reject the communi-ty's essential worldview, and described some of its most ex-treme and bogus elements, the President gave no ground: "I don't know," he insisted. "No,

I don't know."
At the moment that Trump
was effectively defending a
fringe corner of the Internet,
Biden, the former Vice-President, was speaking about cor-

porate tax rates and citing the business analysis service Moody's, underscoring the extraordinary gulf separating the two camidates in their worldviews, policies and connections to factual reality. The second proving the control of the control of

mer candidate was diverging from the political tracks they laid down months are

Protesters are hit by a water cannon in Bangkok on Friday. (Reuters)

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military ruler.

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more than five people was imposed on Thursday.

"We've issued warnings
against illegal acts," police
spokesman Yingyot Thepchamnong adi
"After this there will be intensive measures in enforcing
the law." Redox

California aid plea rejected

THOMAS FULLER AND DERRICK BRYSON TAYLOR

Moraga, California: The Moraga, California: The Trump administration has re-jected California's request for disaster relief aid for six major wildfires that scorched more than 1.8 million acres in land, destroyed thousands of struc-tures and caused at least three destine last three this last month

deaths last mouth.
The rejection of aid late on
Thursday, a rare move in
cases of disasters on the scale
of California's fires, escalated
a long-running feud between
the Trump administration and
California on the issues of climate change and forest man-

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gement. California has suf-red a series of record-break-ig fires since August, when eak lightning storms ignited undreds of fires.

Subsequent fires in Sep-tember fore through parts of the Sierra Nevada and wine country north of San Francis-

co.
Judd Deere, a White House
spokesman, said President
Trump had already come to
the state's assistance when his
administration authorised increased funding for debris removal from the fires as well as moval from the fires as well as relief for the August fires. "The more recent and sep-arate California submission was not supported by the rele-

vant data that states must pro-vide for approval and the Pres-ident concurred with the FEMA administrator's recom-mendation." Deerre said. California officials imme-dicate myshed back on that as-

California officials immediately pushed back on that as-sessment. Brian Fergison, a spokesman for the state's of-fice of emergency services, said the state had a "strong case" that it meets the federal requirements for approval and planned to appeal the deci-sion.

on. While the state did not in ade a specific dollar amount clude a specific dollar amount in its request, governor Gavin Newsom wrote that because of a recession induced by the coronavirus pandemic, Cali-

fornia went from a projected \$5.6 billion budget surplus to a \$4.54 billion projected deficit. "California"s economy is suffering in away we have not seen since the 2005 Great Re-cession," he said in the re-quest, which came in the form of a letter to Trump. Infrastructure damage es-timates from the fires had ex-ceeded \$229 million, Newsom said, and "the severity and magnitude of these fires con-tinuate to cause significant in-tinuate to cause significant in-

inute to cause significant impacts to the state and to the affected local jurisdictions such that recovery efforts remain beyond the state's capabilities."

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Siblings hacked to death

MUMBAI: Four minor sib lings were allegedly ha-cked to death with an axe by an unidentified persor in Jalgaon district, Maha rashtra, police said on Fr rashtra, police said on Friday. The incident came to light on Friday morning after the children were found lying in a pool of blood inside a house built at a farm in Borkheda Shivar village. The aa Shivar village. The parents had gone to Madhya Pradesh along with their elder son for a ritual of a dead relative, the police said, adding a case of murder has been registered and few suspects are being questioned. rn

Cricket quarrel

NEW DELHI: A 19-year-old INEW DELM: A 19 year old youth has been arrested for allegedly injuring an-other person by hitting him in the head with a bat after he was told by the victim not to play cricket in a lane in south-east Delhi's Abu Fazal

SKY HIGH



Delhi on Friday. (PTI)

Girl set on fire, dies

eHYDERABAD: A 13-year-old tribal girl, who was set on fire, allegedly by her employer at his home for resisting a rape at-tempt, died here on Thursday night while un-dergoing treatment for nearly a month, police said. The incident oc-curred in Khammam town on September 18. FI

Indian jail term

SINGAPORE: A 40-ye old Indian national, who was found guilty of mo-lesting a stewardess on board a flight, was sent to jail for four months on Friday after his appeal in August last. The inci dent happened on board a Scoot flight from Cochin to Singapore on November 2, 2017. rn



Barransacked

THANE: A group of 17 peo for lunch and later refu-sed to pay for the meal. They also decamped with Rs 82,000 from the cash counter. Three persons have been arrested. FT

3 killed by truck

GHAZIPUR: Three per sons were killed and four injured on Friday after being struck by a truck while waiting for conveyance in Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur district, police said. The truck driver has been arrested. rn

Congress questions Nitish: *Ka kiye ho?*

Target: CM's 15-year record

New Delhi: The Congress

New Delhi: The Congress electoral camping in Bihar targets Nitish Kumar more than Narendra Modi in an unmistakable shift in strategy, probably realising that the chief minister has become the face of anti-incumbency.

With a catchplrase * Kakiye ho (what have yot done?)* the Congress theme song and jingles question Mitish on overy aspect of governance—alarming unemployment to rising unemployment under the publishment unde

crime and manning.
the pandemic.
Although there are references to the BJP_JDU alliance, as the double-engine government is branded as "Loot Express", the BJP scarcely fig. ment is branded as "Loot Ex-press", the BJP scarcely fig-ures. The campaign taunts Ni-tish for political grumastics, a vague reference to his betray-al of the 2016 mandate, 55 scams in 15 years, failure to speak up on crimes against women, corruption in welfare

schemes and the pitiable state of health care and education. Nitish is accused of hollow rhetoric and fake claims of de-veloping Bihar.

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The Congress underlines
that Bihar had recorded the
highest unemployment rate of
46 per cent in the country, with
every second youth denied a
gainful job. Nitish is also acgainful job. Nitish is also ac-cused of Sourcing people from his home district of Nilanda in constable recruitments, with 4,500 out of the total 5,500 re-cruits comingfrom the district. Ordinary citizens have be-en filmed for the social media campaign that asks them what Nitish has done for the people inhis it years as chief mirisfer. Asked if Prime Minister Modi was deliberately not made the primer Varget, a few

graph: "It is not that the Con-gress is wary of attacking the Prime Minister. Rahul Gandhi

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"As a policy the jail authorities stopped the purchase of newspapers by him in the jail due to the Covid-18 pandemic. So, some newspaper dippings and printouts sent by post are not given to him and are being held by the authorities along with the handwritten or typed personal letters addressed to him."

Calls have been restricted for one or two, menth, side

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A poster featuring Nitish Kumar used by the Congress in its

came deeds on a daily basis, more than any other Opposition leader. Rabulji will definitely talk about Modi's politics in his speeches. But there was a realisation that Ritish is the weakest link. Surveys indicated he was the target of the disgrunded people. The leader added: "Modi, too, has lost a lot of goodwill, but he is still popular among a large number of people and is not as discredited as the chief minister. Also, Ritish is the face of the ruling alliance in Bihar and it is his leadership that is being compared with that of the long compared with that of the Sew en longith being compared with date. So we thought blaming Nitish for the failures and misdeeds will have far greater resonance among the people who have first-hand experience of his per-

rmance Modi is still a di-pure whose image has siduously protected by edia despite such grie failures on the econ

failures on the economy and other fronts.

Referring to the absence of any mention of divisive politics, another leader said: "We consciously decided not to harp on communalism because people now know what Modi stands for. Communal polarisation, unpresessarily polarisation unnecessarily creates opportunities for the BJP's propaganda. We want to focus on issues such as unemfocus on issues such as unem-ployment, sufferings of the poor during the lockdown and agriculture. So we decided to keep the focus on the chief minister. Nitish anyway has lost his charisma; while his trustworthiness is finished because he embraced the BJP after publicly taking a vow to prefer death to rejoining them. His pointed critique of the RSS-BJP during the last elec-tion hasn't been forgotten by the peorle.

RSS-BJP during the last elec-tion hasn't been forgetten by the people."
While the forceful pitch by AlMiM leader Asshodian (wa-ish naslraed; given the BJP an opening to deploy communal rhetoris, it also pounced on the rhetoris, it also pounced on the rhetoris, it also pounced on the theoris, it also pounced on the Mashkoor Ahmed Usuani, a student leader from Aligarth Muslim University, who had been linked to the controversy over Muhammad Ali Jimanh's potrati. In 2018, a BJP MP had objected to a Jimanh portrait at AMIJ and Usmani, as the stu-dent union leader, had pointed out that the potrait had been on the campus for many decades.
Some television channels

Some television channels ran a campaign on Friday, saying the Congress had field-ed a "Jinnah-lover" and por-trayed it as a big election issue. This controversy has pushed the Congress into a corner as the local leaders are not will-ing to defend his candidature. The entire state leadership was opposed to his nomination as he was not a local of Jale, the constituency he has been fielded from.

BJP on Chirag: 'Vote-cutter'

New Delhi: The BJP on Fri-day called the Chirag Paswan-led Lok Janshakti Farty a "vote kanne (vote-cutter)" and said it had no relations with it, seeking to dispet the growing perception that the BJP was making a covert bid to subjugate ally Nitish Kuman. Two central leaders of the BJP — Union minister Prakash davadekar and gen-eral secretary Eluquendra Yadav—rushe to darify that there was no secret deal with the LJP.

the LJP.
"Chirag Paswan has gone
his own way in the Bihar elections. The NDA has nothing to
do with him. The BJP doesn't have any B-team," informa-tion and broadcasting minis

ter Javadekar tweeted.

Javadekar put out a video
in which he called Chirag's

r BJP le

by claiming closeness with section RiP leadwards. Ar and Yada'v were silent on the fact that the LIP continues to be a part of the NIDA at the Centre.

Chirag has been going all out to hall Prime Minister Nametha Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah while slamming the NIDA's poli face, Nitish Kumar. The LIP has been fielding candidates only against the JDU and claiming that a BIP-LIP government would be formed in the state.

the state.

"By using the Prime
Minister's name, Chirag
Paswan wants to create
confusion.... Neither do we have any alliance with the LJP nor is it part of the NDA," BJP general secretary and the party's Bihar minder, Yadav,

Yadav termed Chirag's at-tack on Nitish "unfortunate".

Saibaba fast threat for books

PHEROZE L. VINCENT

New Delhi: G.N. Saibaba, the

In a letter to the head of Maharashtra's prisons, addi-tional DGP Sunil Ramanand, Saibaba's wife A.S. Vasantha Kumari has written that the Kumari has written that the jailed professor had decided to go on a hunger strike to protest "the inhuman behav-iour and unfair restrictions laid down by authorities". Saibaba has demanded that he be allowed to receive medicines, letters, books and

who taught English at Delhi University's Ram Lal Anand College until his arrest in 2014, is paralysed below his waist due to polio and his family says his arms are getting paralysed because of irregular medical treatment by jail anathorities.

Kumari has medical treatment by jail anathorities with the same the additional DGP: "I have been informed that he is facing hardships and harassment in Nagpur Central Jail due to the inhuman behaviour and unfair restrictions laid down by authorities. He has taken a decision togo on hunger strike from 21st October 2000..."

Referring to the restrictions, she said: "Allthase books supplied to him are in English, some of them are either pooks of literature-based books of literature-based based to the law of the l



New Delhi: G.N. Sababa, the partially paraly sed professor who is serving a life sentence in Nagpur prison for links with Maoists, has threatened to go on a hunger strike from October 21 if he is not allowed to receive letters, books and poolicines.

medicines, letters, books and newspaper clippings from his family, and also permission to make phone calls to them once

a week. The 53-year-old professor, who taught English at Delhi University's Ram Lal Anand

Lawyer arrested for Sushant 'fake news' IMRAN AHMED SIDDIQUI

New Delhi: The cyber cell of Mumbai police on Friday arrested a lawyer from Delhi for allegedly spreading fake news and conspiracy theories news and conspiracy meories on social media over the deaths of actor Sushant Singh Rajput and his former manager Disha

uam. The accused, identified as The accused, identified as Vibhor Anand, was taken to Mumbai where he was pro-duced before a court and re-manded in police custody till October 15. Sources in Mum-bai police said Anand had been booked for defamation

been booked for defamation and other charges under the information Technology Act. "Anand concocted several fake conspiracy theories and made false claims related to the circumstances surroundthe circumstances surround-ing the deaths of Sushant and Salian. He is accused of cook-

ing the deaths of Sushant and Salian. He is accused of cooking up conspiracy theories that definined some celebrities and the Malarasshira government," a police officer said.

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NEET absentees double in Covid year

CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Absenteeism in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test in Covid-hit 2020 is double last year's de-spite the exam being held a

spite the exam being held a second time this year for the benefit of those who had skipped the first edition. Of the 15.57 lakh registered candidates, 23 lakh or 14.4 per cent failed to appear in the test, held on September 13 and October 14.

test, held on September 15 3120 October 14.

Last year, about 1.08 lakh among the 15.15 lakh regis-tered candidates had stayed away, clocking an absen-teesism figure of 7.1 per cent. Last year, the test was held just once.

The Supreme Court had on Monday allowed the exam to be conducted a second time on Wednesday to help the students who could not take the test on September 13.

Nearly 7.71 lakh candidates including a transgender student have cleared this very a second to the court of the second that the second the second that the seco

year's exam, scripting a suc-cess rate of 56.44 per cent among those who appeared in it. Last year's success rate was

o per cent. The NEET is the national The NEET is the national entrance exam for admission to undergraduate medical and dental courses, of which there are nearly 80,000 and 27,000 seats, respectively. Soyeb Aftab from Odisha

scored 720 out of 720 to top the merit list. Akanksha Singh

from Delhi too scored 720 but was placed second because she was older. A tie in aggregate score, individual subject scores and percentile score can be broken by considering the age of the candidates, the rules say.

les say.
At 66.55 per cent, the suc-ssrate is highest among the conomically Weaker Sec-ons candidates. The success to among general-category rate among general-category students is \$5.09 per cent and that among the OBCs, \$9.19

The qualification cut-off The qualification cut-off for the general merit list was a percentile score of 50, com-pared with 45 for economically weaker candidates and 46 for the OBC, Dalit and tribal can-didates.

Covid drug trial

Shri Prakash Kalantri, profe son Pracash Kalamur, profes-sor of medicine at the Mahat-ma Gandhi Institute of Med-ical Sciences, Wardha, who ical Sciences, Wardha, who was not associated with the WHO trial, said: "The new results put a big question mark on what our policy makers have recommended."

Indian health authorities like their counterparts in other countries had approved remedistif for emergency use on Covid-19 patients as an investigational therapy.

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standard care. The trial re-searchers have posted their findings, which are yet to be peer-reviewed, on an online reprint archive.

"The results are unambiga-tion, there is no invest on

ous — there is no impact on mortality," K. Srinath Reddy, president of the New Delhi-based Public Health Founda-tion of India and member of an tion of India and member of an international group of re-searchers who monitored the trial, told The Telegraph. Gilead appeared to chal-lenge the findings. "The energing data appear inconsistent with more robust

inconsistent with more robust evidence from multiple randomised controlled studies published in peer reviewed journals validating the drug's benefit. "Glead sadd in a statement." We are concerned the data from this global trial have not undergone the rigorous review to allow for constructive scientific discussion." But health experts say the strength of the WHO trial lies in its zize —11,009 patients across 495 hospitals in

30 countries, with over 5,000 patients in the remdesivir arm — and its worldwide applica-

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sin comparison, the experts said, a key US study that had influenced the regulatory decision to approve energy special to a provision of the p

also hammer the last nail on hydroxychloroquine's use for Covid-19. "Simple. Hydroxy-chloroquine dd not work. It is time our policymakers It and doctors and the national task force take off hydroxychloro-quine for tree-ting hospitalised Covid patients," Kalantri told this newsman.

BJP leader shoots in UP, 1 dead

PIYUSH SRIVASTAVA

Lucknow: One person was killed and another injured when a BJP leader allegsedly opened fire during an eedingto settle a dispute over the allot-ment of a ration shop in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district, with

Profesi's Ballia district, with the deceased kin alleging that the politician was allowed to escape despite the presence of over 20 policemen and senior administrative officials. The police administrative which is yet to arrest Dhirmo-dra Pratap Singh despite over 21 hours having passed since ty" and suspended nine cops and two administrative officials. Local BJP MIA Surendra Singh, to whom Dhirmodra's singh. Singh, to whom Dhirendra is said to be close, claimed that the accused had opened fire in self-defence. Video footage showed peo-

ple running helter-skelter after the firing and a group of after the firing and a group of policemen surrounding a man resembling Dhirendra, a for-mer soldier with a paramili-tary force who is now the Bal-lia district ex-servicemen's cell chief of the BJP.

Tej Pratap Pal, the brother of Jai Prakash, 46, who died in the firing, alleged that the po-lice had caught Dhirendra after the firing, but "took him to a ne-arby embankment and let him

Surendra, the MLA, said Surendra, the MLA, said:
"Weneed to know that Dhirendra and many more people
would have died had he not
fired in self-defence. Dhirendra is the president of the Balla district ex-servicemen's
cell of our party. The kind of
incident that took place in
Durjanpur village can happen
anywhere. Both sides had attacked each other."

tacked each other."
On Friday morning, policemen were deployed in front of the palatial house of Dhirendra after some villagers allegedly damaged a car and some chairs in front of the building. The villager sals or organised a dharna and chanted slogms against the Yogi Adityanath govern ment for "protecting a killer".

Objection nixed, role for outspoken Lokur

that delivered an unpalatable verdict for the Narendra Modi resunt for the Narendra Modi government on extra judicial killings and had condemned, after retirement, the use of the sedition law against "young-sters, students talking about doing something good for the country".

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"The charge of) sedition is being used with an iron hand to curb free speech, which is an overreaction to people ex-pressing views," be had said at a webinar last mouth, without neutronient names.

a weomar last menta, murea mentioning names. Alluding to Dr Kafeel Kh-an, he had said that recently in Ultar Pradesh, a speech callin-g for the unity and integrity of the country was used to keep

e speaker in preventive de-tion on the ground that the eech was against the coun-'s integrity. In 2018, dealing with a PIL

later."
The Committee for the Defence and Release of Dr G.N.
Saibaba has said: "He has spent the last several years suffering grave physical ailments including the gradual paralysis of his functional limbe the predict of the property of t

limbs due to neglect and con-tinuous denial of adequate treatment by the jail authori-ties....Previously, even parole to attend his mother's funeral

In 2018, dealing with a PIL on alleged extra judicial killings of over 1,289 people in Manipur between 1985 and 2001, the bench headed by Justice Lokur had ordered a CBI inquiry despite the Modi government arguing this would demoralise the armed forces. Justice Lokur's willingness to express dissent also showed in the way he had combined with three other apex court updgestindamany 2018 to held a news conference and accuse then Chief Justice Dipak Misra of allocating key cases to cer-

of allocating key cases to cer-tain favoured junior judges.

Mehta, appearing for the
Uttar Pradesh and Haryana
governments, had opposed

Justice Lokur's appointment on the ground that the states lad not been head not been that the states lad not been head to been head not been head.

But the three judge bench, which included usuites AS. Bopanna and V. Ramasubramasian, heldfirm.

"We heard the matter at length for more than half an bour. We heard everyone. The consent of the judge was taken. We passed the order in the open court. You can tell us.

hour. We heard everyone. The consent of the judge was taken. We passed the order in the open court. You can tell us what your reservation is," Justice Bobde had asked. Melta said: "The recom-mendations for the committee were made by the petitioner and the consent (of Justice Lokur) was obtained by them. We were not even put on notice.

We were not even put on notice. Hence we should be heard." But Justice Bobde said: "We are only concerned that citizens of Delhi NCR are able

to breathe fresh, clean air; and while the court is shut, we don't want anything to happen during these nine days." The court will be closed till Octo-

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hear a petition on environmental poliution on November 23.
She added that the Environment Pollution Prevention Control Authority (EPCA) of the Union environment min-

istry was already monitoring the situation.
But dustice Bobde clarified that the order was "not an indictment of any authority".
"It is necessary that there some monitoring of subbble burning with a view to its prevention before it assumes abnormal proportions," the court said.

said.
"We, accordingly, accept "We, accordingly, accept the suggestion (of the petition-ers' counsel, Vikas Singh) and appoint Hon Tile Mr-Justice Ma and Lokur, a former judge of this court, to act as the one man monitoring committee to moni-tor the measures taken by the states to prevent stubble burn-ine."

and Delhi must assist Justice Lokur "and enable physical surveillance of fields where stubble is likely to be burnt".

The National Cadet Corps, National Service Scheme and the Bharaf Scouts and Guides should assist the Lokur committee wherever possible.

The teams formed in the states to prevent stubble burning "shall report to and take instructions from" the Lokur committee.

committee.

The Punjab, Haryana and Ultar Pradesh governments must provide the committee with secretarial help, transport and security, fine-cessary.

The EPCA and other relevant authorities must be received.

ing." vant authorities must provide any assistance and information the committee sets.

The chief secretaries of Punjab, Haryana, Ultar Pradesh fortugalty reports to the court.

Speculation has been rife that the government is targeting PTI in particular to make space for its preferred agency — Asia News International— and Hindustan Samachar, which has been revived since and Hindustan Samachar, which has been revived since the Modi government came to power in 2014. That ANI, which specialis

PTI deal

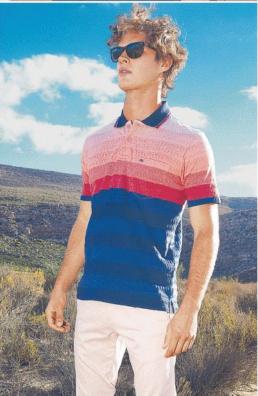
That ANI, which specialises in audio visual content, is the government's favourite is evident from the way it gets to air the Prime Minister's speeches in preference to Do-ordarshan.

ordersham.
Ever since the lockdown began and news conferences went online, this feed has been available live on YouTube and ANI but not on Doordarsham, which used to have almost exclusive rights to such broadcasts from the government.

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5,000 join human chain for Swamy

shedpur: More than ,000 people formed a 4km numan chain in Jharkhand apital Ranchi on Friday to ex ress solidarity with octoge press somarity with octoge-narian Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist Father Stan Swamy, who has been arrest-ed and jailed for alleged Maoist links.

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The peaceful human chain mainly along Purulia Road that began from Albert Ekka Chowk and culminated at Kantadol Chowk as culminated at London and the Company of the Company of

Bishop of Ranchi Archdiocese, Theodore Mascarenhas, took part in the human chain.
Official spokesperson for Jesuits of cutral zone, Father Peter Martin, said that the Christian community from different parts of Ranchi and outskirts obeyed social dis-tance and other protocols for Covid-19 pandemic to attend the silent human chain around dpm.

the silent human chain around 4pm.

"The participants adhered to protocols for Covid-19 pan-demic during the peaceful and silent human chain protest which began around 4pm and continued till 5pm.

"At 5.30pm, only 50 partici-pants took mat in the prayer

aid Father Martin.
Meanwhile, members of



A human chain in Jamshedpur on Friday to protest Stan Swamy's arrest. Picture by Bhola Pracad

ople's organisations who we been sitting on dharna ar the Birsa Munda memonear the Birsa Munda memo-rial at Kokar in Ranchi since October 11, said that after Op-position MPs and chief minis-ters of Opposition-ruled states, even a BJP legislator from Meghalaya has come out in support of Fr Swamy.

"We have been informed that Sambor Shullai, a B.P legal state from South Shullai, a B.P legal solution from South Shullai, a B.P legal constituency in Meghalaya, I las written to Prime Minister Narendra Mod seeking his intervention for the release of 83-year-old Pr Stan Swanny. This shows even ruling party MLAs are now questioning the

visory Committee member Ratan Tirkey, who is a key functionary of the Jharkhand Janadhikar Mahasabha, a conglomeration of human

conglomeration of human rights groups. Incidentally, Shullai in his letter dated October 14, wanted the Jesuit priest to be released "unconditionally" in consideration of his age and health related condition. Health related condition. Health related condition. Health related to condition with the condition of t antine at a hospital inside the jail. The arrest of the Jesuit priest who has dedicated his life with a misson to uplift the tribals of Jharkhand has triggered insecurity among the minority Christian community throughout the country. Shudlan said in his letter, adding that the NRA more was adding that the NRA more was part of the property of the pr

demnable".

Advocate and tribal rights activist Aloka Kujur said that several organisations under the aegis of "Stand for Stan Swamy" would undertake a "nyoya march" (justice rally) from Zilla School to Raj Bha-van in Ranchi on Saturday. Several speakers will ad-dress the rally near Raj Bha-

dress the rally near Raj Bha-vanin the state capital before a delegation submits a memo-randum to Jharkhand gover-nor Draupadi Murmu de-manding the release of Father

cases and 61 deaths

MEGHDEEP BHATTACHARYYA

Bengal logs 3.771 Covid

Calcutta: Bengal on Friday logged the highest number of Covid-19 cases at 3,771, reset-ting the maximum daily count ting the maximum daily count of patients for the 13th time in October. Bengal's total cases went past 3.13 lakh, which in-clude nearly 2.75 lakh recover-ies and 5,531 deaths. The state logged 3,194 re-coveries and 61 deaths on Fri-

coveries and 61 deaths on Fri-day.

The state again reported a dip in the recovery rate on a day Union health minister Harsh Vardhan said another "high level" central team wo uld be despatched to Bengal, apparently in the wake of a surge in the cases. The recovapparently in the wake of a surge in the cases. The recovery rate, which had reached a high of 87.58 on October 6, dropped to 87.73 per cent on Friday. The national recovery rate, which was far behind that of the state, is 87.63 now.

rate, which was far behind that of the starts, 1987.85 now.
This is not good. After mouths of not being able to point a finger at us, the BJP-led Centre is once again trying to discredit our war effort in the pandemic using the excuse of the current spell of rise," said a Bengal mirister. "They are sending teams to Bengal, Kerala, Rajasthan, Chhattisg-arh and Karnataka. Only the last one is BJP rided."
There had been public spats between such central teats to the start of the start

There had been public sp-ats between such central te-ams sent earlier and the state government over alleged non-cooperation from Nabanna and suggestions of mismanagand suggestions of mismanag-ement in Bengal's handling of Covid-19. The team this time, according to the Centre, will support the state's efforts to-wards testing, infection pre-vention, control measures and efficient clinical management of the positive cases.

Puja grant conditions

The court 'prima facie accepted that since Durga Puja may bet the biggest featual in the state, irrespective of such featural being connected with a religious occasion, the feativital being connected with a religious occasion, the feativities can be the springboard for promoting socially relevant programmes and there may not be any religious flavour to such secular programmes being pursued. The primary purpose in this case is... In the case is... In the case is... In the case is... In the case is... In this case is... In the case is... In the case is... In this case is... In the case is... In the case is... In the case is... In this case is... In the case is a case is the case is the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case is a case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case in the case in the case is a case in the case in the case in the case is a case in the case is a case in the case in purpose in this case is... to strengthen the bond between the police authorities and the citizens and facilitating the in-volvement of women in assisting community policing activi-ties."

ties."
It asked the puja organisers to furnish by November 10 their bills of expenditure and utilisation certificates before sub-divisional officers (SDOs) in the districts and

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organisers.

Some government lawyers
said the court order was an
embarrassment for the state
authorities, who are yet to decide whether to appeal before
the Supreme Court.

the Supreme Court.
The bench, which included
Justice Arijit Banerjee, asked
the police to print handbills
and leaflets with details of the
court order on the utilisation
norms and distribute them
among the puja organisers by
October 22.

tober 22. It said the final verdict

would ensure the subject of the grant did not come up before the court year after

the grant our incomes-before the court year after year.

"The larger questions, in-cluding the very propriety of making such agrant, will be considered once and for all im-mediately after the Piga vaca-tion (which ends of November 17) so that the repetitive exer-cise is not undertaken every September or October," the ourt said.

September or October," the court said.

A law department source said: "Last year, too, our goy-ernment's decision to give a grant to Puja committees was challenged before the high court. After the high court refused a stay, the petitioner had approached the Supreme Court. That appeal is still pending."

The high court will next

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The high court will next
hear the case two weeks after
the Puja vacation.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM for Open Tender

Hathras whiff in UP murder

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Lucknow: A Dalit teen has Lucknow: A Dalit teen has been gang rapped and mur-dered in Ultar Pradesh's Bara-banki with her family accus-ing police of forcing them to cremate the body and delaying the registration of a case under the relevant sections. The father of the 16 years of the control of the 16 years of the control of the 16 years of years of the 16 years of the 1

feet tied.
R.S. Gautam, the police chief, said: "We had registered a murder case against two suspects and arrested them. The gang rape case was added after we got the autopsy report."

'Fully' electrified **Darjeeling**

Darjeeling: Come Saturday, Darjeeling will be "100 per cent idectified." 123 years after India's first hydel project was commissioned in Sidrapog here in 1857 by then Bangal act-ing lieutenant-governor Cha-rles Ceel Stevens. The Gorkhadand Territorial Administration (GTA) will in-augurate a nower project for

augurate a power project for Gorkhay and Samanden, two villages on the fringes of Sin-galila National Park, which still lack roads and can be reached

lack roads and can be reached only via a two-hour trek from Ramman after a three-hour drive from Darjeelingtown. Surendra Gupta, GTA principal secretary, will visit Go-rkhay to insugurate the pro-ject. Arijit Mitra, executive di-rector, GTA (power) said:

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GTA area."
In 2013, the Centre sauctioned Rs 194.96 crore to the GTA for rural electrification under Rajiv Gambia Grameen Vidyutikara Vigians, later-enamed Deendayal Upodhyaya Gram Joyd Vojane, later-enamed Deendayal Upodhyaya Gram Joyd Vojane, later for villages that could not be brought under the ambit of the central scheme. "The fundsfor the project being inaugurated tomorrow (Saturday) were provided by the GTA. The project being insugarated tomorrow (Saturday) were provided by the GTA. The project being in the GTA in the project being in the GTA in the Taylor of the GTA in the GTA in

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Concern at rape-case gag fallout

K.M. RAKESH

Bangatore An association of women media professionals has expressed grave concern at the manner in which rape accused were being allowed the benefit of gag orders on the reporting of sexual assault and har assument cases. a present harassment cases, a precau-tion originally meant to pro-

narasanten't cases, 'at precantion originally meant to protect the survivors. The Network of Women in Media, India, has said in a detailed note that in several instances the accused in rapec cases were being allowed the privilege of gap orders, kimade a special mention of the 2017 abduction and asseulf of a feeral actress in which a leading actor named in the case had taken and waitage of the provisions meant for the survivor. In February 2017, the popular actress had been walkage seement for the survivor. In February 2017, the popular actress had been walkage and thindel the ext. allegedly at the belsest of a folialyaham survivor.

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"The trial commenced incamera in January 2020. In blarch, the accused obtained a gap order from the court against the media's coverage of the case, in Segenber, the field excess, in Segenber, the read of the court against to media houses for allegedly violating the gap order—the hearings in this matter, — me nearings in this matter, too, are currently ongoing,"

the statement, signed by 20 eminent personalities, said. The statement cited the petition filed by the accussed that said that the "Highpl act" of publishing proceedings frout act to hurt his reputation and violate his fundamental rights. "The choice of words in the petition underlines the irony of the situation Section 3760 and trials should be conducted in camera; and Section 3760 mandates that trapeinquiries and trials should be conducted in camera; and Section 3760 mandates that it is unlawful to print or publish any matter related to in-camera proceedings without the court's previous permission," the RVM di said.

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the RNM fla said.
The statement highlighted
how these legal provisions had
been introduced to protect the
identity and privacy of the survivors, and not to accord the
same privileges to the accused.
It said: ".. Time and again,
it is the weight of public opinion and the role played by responsible media overage that
has helped sensitise and exert
pressure on governments and
the police to act against perpetrators of soxula assault and
harassment. Clearly, there can
be no public opinion inf three is be no public opinion if there is no information in the public realm. We believe this is why powerful accused are increas-

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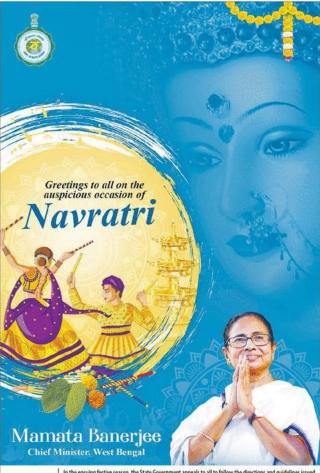


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Hospital asked to return Rs 1.7 lakh

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Calcutta: The state clinical es tablishment regulatory com

Calcutta: The state clinical establishment regulatory commission on Friday asked BP Poddar Hospital to return Rs. 1 Takin to Coving plantisfsamily after they complained that they had not been given any bull and the hospital failed to threath any recomplained that they had not been given only bull and the hospital failed to the main any recomplained in Aligner was also asked to return Rs. 14,000 to a Covid patient who was admitted there from June 1s to 16 The hospital had charged Rs. 25,01 as mon-medical expense and a good part of it comprised PE charges that exceeded the calling imposed by the state government, retired judge Ashim Kumar Baneejee, the chair-person of the commission, said.

The government had on

person or said. The government had on June 26 announced that June 26 announced that private hospitals could not charge a patient more than Rs 1,000 for PPE per day. The hospital had billed a woman Rs 3.5 lakh for under-

woman Rs 3.5 lakh for under-going treatment for Covid from July 11 to 19. "The woman's family had com-plained that they were not given a bill. We asked the hos-pital to give us a copy of the bill but they could not," Banerjee

said.
"We asked the hospital to keep Rs 1.8 lakh — Rs 20,000 for each day of the patient's nine-day stay there — and refund the rest," Banerjee

Mohit D. Bhagat, the assistant general manager of the bospital, said he had to go through a copy of the order be-fore commenting. "But how it possible for someone to pay Rs 3.5 lakh without any bill? The amount is important enough for the person to approach the commission," Blagat said.

As for the commission's order in response to the other or or in response to the other complaint against the hospi-tal, Bhagat said: "We will do the needful as per law".

Another order

The commission asked the RN Tagore Institute of Cardiac Tagore Institute of Cardia.
Sciences to return to a patient
the Rs 1,700 it had charged for
a prostate-specific antigen
test. The patient said he underwent the test at the hospital
but the report was from Dr Lal
PathLabs.
"The charge of the test was
was absoration of the laborate.

said Banerjee. "The hospital said during "The hospital said during the hearing that their equip-ment to do the PSA test was not working. But they could not give any justification for charging the patient Rs 1,700 for thetest. The laboratory (Dr Lai PathLabs) charges only Rs 760. Another very rep-utable laboratory charges Rs 700," he said.

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YESTERDAY

Should I go pandal-hopping?

■ Daktarbabu, when will

Calcutta: The Covid-15 pan-demic has changed a lot of things in our lives, including the questions we ask dectors. Queries once reserved for as-trologers are now being direct ed at doctors. One dector recently re-ceived a handwritten letter tained questions like whether he could go out to buy milk or drink warm water mixed with fresh lime juice. "Most of these questions are not related with resname junce. Wost of these questions are not related to treatment. But we under-stand that people are now under a lot of stress and are often unsure about taking any decision," said a public health

oecison," said a public health expert.
From travel plans to children's marriage, many are turning to doctors for advice.
Metro spoke to some leading doctors in the city—surgical oncologist Gautam Mukhopadhyay, pulmonologist Ajoy Krishan Sarkar, nephrologist Arup Ratan Dutta, psychatrish Ranadip Chosh Ray and liver diseases specifically the control of the control o

When will Covid go away? None of the doctors, public health experts or scientists dealing with viruses knows the answer. In all likelihood, Covid will stay like most other viruses and can mutate. We have to wait for some time to know the arswer. know the answer.

When the vaccine arrives, can I return to normal life after getting a shot? There are several unanswered questions like when a Covid vaccine will arrive, when it will be available for mass distribution and how effective will be. "The influenza vaccine



provides only 60 per cent pro-tection, so we are not sure about the effectiveness of the Covid vaccine," said one of the doctors.

Air pollution is again rising after the lockdown norms were eased. Does increased air pollution make me more vulnerable to Covid? Air pollution has no direct link

Air pollution has no direct link with someone getting infec-ted by the coronavirus. But there is definitely an indirect link, said doctors. "Dust parti-cles enter our lower respira-tory system and prolonged

exposure to air pollution compromises the condition of the lungs. Since Covid-19 essen-tially attacks the respiratory system, someone with com-

of Covid cases during and after the festival season. Shopping in a crowded place is one of the worries. One should take ade-

quate precautions like wearing masks, sanitising hands and avoiding touch as much as possible. These measures will definitely bring down the

Is it safe to go pandal-

hopping? Like shopping, one should take necessary precautions. It's better to avoid crowded pandals. The best option is to pandals. stay hom

If I meet friends and rela-tives and go pandal-hopping on all Puja days like before,

will anything me?

No one has an answer to this question. The higher the exposure, the more the risk of getting infected by the coronavirus. The problem is many avirus. The problem is many infected people are asymptomatic and temperature checks at pandals, shopping malis and restaurants will not be able to detect infected persons. So dictors are advising people to celebrate in a restricted manner and take as many protections as possible. Again, the best option is to stayhome.

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will anything happen to me?

No one has an answer to this question. The higher the exposure, the more the risk of gets ting infected by the coronavirus. The problem is many oscientific data suggesting on scientific data suggesting. that the virus stays in genes.

Will I be able to fight Covid better if I drink warm water mixed with fresh lime juice on an empty stomach? Will multi-vitamin pills protect me from Covid? Microputrients such as Vita-

to develop the immune system and play a vital role in promot-ing health and nutritional well-being. However, there is no scientific evidence that mi-cronutrient supplements can play a role in Covid treatment.

Is it safe for me to travel to Mumbai to meet a relative or for the relative to visit me in Calcutta? Mumbai has a high number of Covid cases and in Calcutta, too, cases are rising every day. People are now firing between Mumbai and Calcutta. If one takes promes mecantions all takes proper precautions all through, it does not matter

Can I go on a holiday?

Can Igo on a holiday? Travelling is not advised by public health experts at the moment unless it is absolutely necessary. Also, regular inter-national flights and long-distance trains have not yet resumed. But, people are plan-ning holidays. Taking precau-tions is important. One should go through government advi-sories carefully.

My daughter's wedding has long been scheduled for January. Can I go ahead with the plaus? The state government is allo-wing wedding ceremonies. But social distancing should be maintained and the number of guests needs to be restricted.

Can I visit the market to buy vegetables and fish? Can Igo out to buy mik? Peeple are going out to buy stuff, so there is no reason why one should not. But those with co-morbidities and el-derly peeple should avoid going to markets and other congested places. Anyone visiting shops must wear masks and sanitise hands frequently.

Can I colour my hair?

Winter steps

listed for

healthy lungs

Can I colour my hair?
The state government has al-lowed parlours to reopen. So one can visit a parlour provid-ed the staff are maintaining all hygiene norms prescribed by the government.

Hope in Puja rain forecast

Calcutta: The Met office has Calcutta: The Met office has predicted a rain-soaked Durga Puja, which public health experts consider good news in the season of pandemic as showers could prevent crowding at pandals and a consequent surge in Covid

Cother is and become more marked over the next 24 he Met office predicted a rainy spell in Calcutta and the rest of south Bengal between October 21 and 26 (Panchami and Dashami). Theintensity of the rain islikely topeak on October 22, 23 and 24 (Sashthi, Saptami and Ashtami), according to the Foreast.

The southwest monsoon

starts withdrawing from the city from the middle of Octo-. But not this year, said a

Met official.

"The usual date of its withdrawal is October 12. But monsoon is witnessing a delayed withdrawal this year. A low-pressure area is likely to form pressure area is likely to form over central Bay of Bengal on October 19 and become more marked over the next 24 hours, "said a statement from the India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

two systems, south Bengal will see significant incur-sion of moisture Jaden south-westerly winds," said G.K. Das, the director of the IMD, Calcutta. "Calcutta is tipped to get multiple spells of rain from October 21. The showers will last for the next five days. The intensity is likely to peak on October 22 to 24," said Das.

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Because of high moisture incursion, the days are likely to be sweatly and uncomfortable, he said.

Doctors and public health Doctors and public health of the order of the peak of the pea

iany. "The rains might just help

"The rains might just help in arresting the surpe if people chose to stay indoors," said a public health expert.

Last year and the year before had seen rain-free Durga Puja. But for Calcuttans, rain often emerges as the real Mahishasura during the Puja.

Puja. Street, the Met offlice had issued a similar forecast — rainy but not a washout—for the Puja. Saptami to Dashami were humid but there was very little rain. It poursed on Ekadashi.

The days leading to the Puja are likely to be sunny and hot.

Calcutta: A fire broke out in a

Calcutts: A fire broke out in a multi storey building on Ganesh Chandra Avenue on Friday night, leaving several residents injured while they tried to scamper out.

Eyewitnesses said a child was severely injured when he jumped out of a first floor balcony of the building — 21 Ganesh Chandra Avenue — and had to be rushed to bosjital. Police said the fire was detected around 10.15pm.

Fire officials said the blaze possibly started from the meter room. Till midnight, at least 10 fire tenders were fighting to control the blaze.

SUBHAJOY ROY Calcutta: Prevent burning of waste, compel all builders for sexure construction materials are covered, stop running commercial vehicles aged to years or older, and encourage work from home at least till the end of winder. These are some of the steps that can save Calcuttans from inhaling noon air during with The absence of enough

that can save carcitatins from inhaling poor air during win-ter as it can leave their lungs compromised during the pan-demic, doctors and air quality management specialists have

The authorities are aware

The authorities are aware of this but how well these steps are implemented will deter-mine whether Calcuttans breathe clean air this winter, Anumita Roy Chowdhury, the executive director of the Cen-tre for Science and Environ-ment, said.

executive director of the Centre for Science and Environment, said.

The research and advocacy organisation based in Delhi works on environment issues.

The ultra-fine pollutant in sir, PM25, can enter the lungs and trigger supptons like asthma, pulmonologist Ajoy. Sarkar said. Covid-19 has been affecting lungs among other organs, he said. "The smaller particles can go inside the alveol and respiratory bronchioles and cause bronchioles

"The absence of enough wind during winter traps pol-lutants closer to the ground. The authorities in Calcutta have to ensure that local gen-erators of pollutants are reined in so that they do not add to the existing pollutants in the air," Roy Chowdhury said.

in the air," Roy Chowdhury said.

Kalyan Rudra, the chair-person of the state pollution control board, said the state government had "used water sprinklers very effectively last year to prevent dust from rising". "District magisfrates are alerted the moment burring of crop residue is noticed so that it is stopped."

Rudra said a panel headed by a chief scertary was working on replacing old commercial vehicles.

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Kumartuli takes puja to scarred Kultali

KINSUK BASU

Calcutta: When Deripaksha starts on Saturday members starts on Saturday membe of a Kumartuli puja committee will be busy with the idol in their neighbourhood. A few others will be in Kultali, about 100km from the city, overseeing puja preparations there. This year. Kumartuli This year. Kumartuli committee has decided to organise Durga Puja for some 800-odd residents of Shyammagar, a village in

Some divondresidents of Shyanmagar, a village in Kultali, still struggling to recover in the affermath of Cycles

Partly cloudy sky. Rain or thunder-shower likely in some places recover in the a... of Cyclone Amphan. This will be the first time a Durga Puja will be held at

yamnagar and members the Kumartuli puja mmittee have decided to adorn the interiors of their pandal at Kumartuli with

pandal at Kumartuli with pictures of gleaming faces from this village.

"The cyclone had left behind a trail of devastation; we were looking to visit a village with relief materials. We contacted some of our men in Kultali who visit us overy vear to help us us every year to help us lift the Durga idol. They recommended Shyammagar," Debasish Bhattacharya of Kumar-

"We have decided to hold a small puja at this village, utilising a portion of our funds. The smiling faces

gest reward." After the initial rounds

of visits to Shyammagar, the committee members sat down with some of the villagars in Septembers and finalised the plan to organise Dunga Ptja there. Asmall ground at the end of the village was identified for the villages to set up a small pandal. The Kumattuli sarbojonim members will take the idol from Calcutta, along with various items needed for Dunga Ptja.

Dunga Puja.
The puja will be
organised at an estimated
cost of Rs 3 lakh.
In Calcutta, the

committee members decided to trim down their puja expenses to meet the expenses of the puja in Kultali and accordingly two idols were ordered, the

idols were ordered, the or for Slayamagur smaller. "While going through some of photographs of o visit to Slayamagur, we decided to decorate our pandad with the faces of villagers. We will have them framed and they will be all over the interiors of the pandal," a committee member said.

said.
The decision to organise
the Durga Puja brought
smiles on the faces of
Shyanmagar villagers, many
of who usually walk down a

village every year: "Amader pujo chhilo na. Ei bar hobey (We did not have a puja of ours; this time we will have one)," Alok Das, a villager, said. Some villagers were sceptical about outsiders

sceptical about outsidess organising Durga Puja. A few had asked if this would be the first and last time. "We assured the villagers we would with them till they were ready to organise a puja on their own." Bhattacharya said, "The idea, is to assure when we idea is to ensure when we see the lights in Calcutta, our brothers and sisters in Shyanmagar, too, will enjoy theirs."

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EASTERN RAILWAY

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Driver run over in road rage

Sinthi: A government bus

Sinthi: A government bus driver who got off the bus to confront a private bus driver to the office of BT Road on Pirlay was run over and killed when the other driver tried to flee, pilles said.

The accident occur red near Chita More in north Calcutts on the Dunlop-bound flank of BT Road in the afterneon.

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"The government bus then overtook the private bus from the right and blocked its way

before the driver got off to con-front the other driver. He de-manded an explanation why the private bus driver had brothe private bus drives in tron," a traffic police officer of the fatal squad said. "They had a heated argument... the private bus driver tried to flee and pressed or the accelerator."

driver tried to flee and pressed on the accelerator."
The bus tried to negotiate past the state bus when the state bus driver came under its wheels, the police said. He was declared dead at RG Kar bosoital.

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The private bus driver was arrested on the spot. He has been booked for culpable homicide not amounting to murder. He knew the consequences of his rash driving, an officer of Cossipore police stations aid.

Eco Park to reopen

17 OCTOBER 2020

SNEHAL SENGUPTA

New Town: Eco Park in Ne own will reopen on Saturday it will allow only up to 50 ople at a time on its 480 acre

bell win and/ow only up to a possible at a time on its 460 acre.

The park's ticketing sys-tem will shut down once so tickets have been printed, said an official of Hideo, which runs the park.

Once the number of visi-tors inside the park comes down from 30, fresh tickets will be issued.

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Indicate where people can sit and where they cannot. Masks are mandatory and we will not allow people to sit or stand in clusters. We will also monitor crowds through the network of CCTV cameras installed throughout the park," said De-bashit Sen, the clashrman cum-managing director of Hideo.

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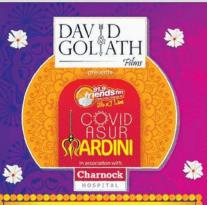
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Crippled mother, son found dead at home

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Patuli: An overpowering stench from a two-storey stench from a two-storey building in Patuli prompted neighbours to alert police who broke into the house on Thurs-day evening and found an 88-year-old woman lying dead on the floor, maggots crawling on her.

The decomposed body of the decomposed body on the woman's 50-year-old son was hanging from the ceiling fan in one of the rooms on the first floor. No stricide note was

reu. Police have learnt during a preliminary investigation that the son, Subhomay Mitra, had

is eathern any investigation of the son, Subiomay Bittra, had becould be a fixed that his late father had taken on rear. He was working as a comuractural employee of the Calcutta Municipal Corporation. Apart from him there was no one to look after his crippled mother. Manjuscee Mitra, the police said. The police seid. The police seid and a self-around 7.1.5m on Thursday that a foul smell had been emanating from a building in Garia's Kantungo Park. On reaching the spot, they found the main door locked from inside.

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"We broke open the door and entered the bouse only to find the decomposed body of an aged woman lying on the floor. There were worms on her body. It was clear that the body was a few days old. Her son was found hanging from the ceiling fam in one of the house," a police officer said. The bodies were sent for post-morten.

An officer familiar with the probe said that going by the

post-mortem.

Anofficer familiar with the probe said that going by the condition of the bedies, it appeared the woman had died before the man.

The property of the woman that died before the man. The injury marks on the woman. Its sense to be a natural death The post-mortem will reveal the cause of death. The mother and the soa were lying dead inside the house for at least three to four days," the officer said.

Some neighbours to did the cops that they had last seen the two a week ago.

Shanikar ananda Guha, an elded'y neighbour, said the son had been depressed ever since le lost the bookstore his father had taken on rent. bfur, the neighbour said, had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out of work for a few more than the son had been out to the son had been than the son had been out to the son had been son had been and the son had been and the son had

been out or wors seemonths.

There have been many incidents in the city of the aged and the uncared dying without anyone to keep take on them.

Calcutta police encourage elderly residents to earnot with Pronam — a project that involves cops from local police stations keeping in touch with the navel.

Elocutionist no more

Calcutta: Elocutionist Pradip Ghosh passed away at his Jodhpur Park home on Fri-day. He was 78. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee described Mamata Banerjee described him as a "bright star in the world of elocution" in her con-dolence message.

New clothes to win trust in conflict zones

Calcutta: Over 2,500 children

Calcutta. Over 2,500 children and women living in areas proneto human animal conflict will get a new set of clothes in thermu up to the festive season. The areas are Dakshin Shole in West Midmapore, human settlements around the Narayampur forces in Hooghiy and Kumirman vitleage in the Sunderbars. Salbenia, around 21km from Midnapore town, isa hotbed of human elephants and the village frequently, destroying crops.

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People irving in tribal ham-lets around the Narayanpur forest, 25km from Singur, have been accused of hunting moni-tor lizards, fishing and civet cats, birds and other animals that are foundin the forest.

that are founding the forest.

It is the Bush are founding the forest that are founding the Bush are taged to the Sush at range of the Sunderban Tiger Reserve, derrives its name from croodile. Man wild conflict in the mangroves needs no introduction. The loss of livelihood because of the pandemic has forced many people living on the fringes to enter the forests for fishing and collecting firewood. More than 15 people have been killed in tiger attacks in the

turned to the Sunderbans from various cities in the wake of the lockdown. Many of them depended on farming and fish-ing for survival but Cyclone Amphan inundated vast swathes of farmlands and wa-terbodies with salt water. The distribution of new

The distribution of new clothes is an attempt at inclusive conservation management, said Joydip Kundu of the Society for Heritage & Ecological Research (SHER), an NGO that works to reduce lumnar wildlife conflict and is behind the project.

The aim is to win the trust of trying to make them part of the feather than the state of the sta

mittees.
"The people of the Sunder-bans have suffered a lot because

of the Covid-19 pandemic and Amphan. They are yet to recov-er from the twin blows. We want to make these marginalised peo-ple a part of the festive celebra-tions," said Tapas Das, the field director of the Sunderban Tiger Reserve, who was part of the dis-tribution cammains.

Reserve, who was part of the dis-tribution campaigns.

"We want to engage with children in one way or anoth-er. If we cancatch them young, they can be the agents of the change we seek."

change we seek."
In the past, people living on
forest fringes were brought to
the city and taken to pandals
by SHER.
This year it won't be possible because of the pandemic.



New clothes being distributed among residents of Kumir mari village in the Sunderbans on Friday

IIT campus call for some researchers

SUBHANKAR CHOWDHURY

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Kharagpur: IIT Kharagsur will call some researchers and employees associated with projects back to the campus. Projects back to the campus can be called the project staff will be in batches of a few — at the most 10, an institute official said. The institute official said. The institute doesn't want these staff in large numbers on the campus as it could trigger a health risk, the official said. A similar situation had fed to the closure of the campus early in September.

The supervisor of each project has been asked to

email the dean of sponsored research and industrial facul-ty the name of a specific mem-ber of staff from the project. "Specific information such as project code, date of comple-

be mentioned in the mail to help the institute prepare a priority-based list on those who would be receiled. The plan is to bring back the first batch of 10 by the third week of October," the official said. If has been specified that the researchers and employ-cess researchers and employ-cess. The control of the control tion at the Vikram Sarabhai Residential Complex (VSRC).

Project scientists live in the comjex.

They have to quarantine themselves for 14 days on reaching the campus, following which they will be allowed entry to the academic area.

"We are allowing entry of project staff in a phased manner. We will then think of allowing other PhD and postgrathaste students." Somesh affire, to Mil Metro of students.

graduate students." Somesh Kumar, the dean of students' affairs, told Metro. The Centre has said higher education institutions can be reopened from October 15 only for research scholar sand post-graduate students in technolo-gy and science streams requir-

works.
Each department has been asked to take appropriate action for samitisation of their

tion for santisation of their laboratories and equipment ahead of the arrival of mem-bers of the project staff. Considering the insufficient medical facilities in Kharagpar town, the institute has been cautious while recalling re-searchers, an official said. Although the number of

searchers, an official said.

Although the number of people infected with the coron-avirus has come down on the campus, it is still on the rise in the immediate surroundings. "As beds are not available in adequate numbers, we are

nonth," the official said.

The BC Roy Technology
Hospital on the campus is not
equipped to handle Covid patients.

tients.

At IIM Calcutta a student of the executive MBA course who was among those allowed on the campus last month to use the institute's facilities to attend online classes tested positive for the virus on Thursday. The entire batch has been quarantined again.

Open-air gym for New Town

SNEHALSENGUPTA

New Town: An open-air gym-nasium and a workout zone were inaugurated in the Eco Urban Village complex in New Town's Action Area II on Friday. The gymnasium has been set up after a survey on

set up after a survey on residents revealed they want-ed to work out in an open space because of the pandem-ic, an official of Hideo, which has installed the machines, eaid

said.

The gym is built along the lines of callistheric sparks and outdoor fitness stations, popular in South Korea, Europe and Australia, the Hideo official said.

The park has a bunch of fitness equipment—including

The park has a bunch of in-ness equipment — including an aerial stroller, sit-up sta-tion, standing waist twister, double big shoulder wheel, chest and shoulder press exercise set-ups, and a ski walker.

Every machine has a label explaining which body part's would benefit from it. De-bashis Sen, the chairman and managing director of Hideo, said Hideo made it a point to have equipment that don't require a trainer.

"All the equipment are placed in such a way that distancing rules are maintained. Visitors will be asked to clean and wipe every equipment after uses, The said.

People will have to pay Rs 10 a day to access the open iker. Every machine has a label

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air gym. They can work out for as long as they like, the official said.

Smriti Agarwal who lives in a nearby complex said she was a regular at the Eco Urban Village where she would jo gor go for morning walks. "I jog and do freehand exercises in the park. I can't wait to try these machines tomorrow

these machines tomorrow morning. This is a great addition to the park."

A couple of years ago, Hideo had installed gym equipment at bus stops across all three action areas. But they hadn't proved too popular. People mostly used them as seats while waiting for buses, an official said.

Smriti Agarwal who lives

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DODGY TACTICS

ndians have re-discovered the virtues of thrift in a Covid-bat-tered economy. Household sav-ings have started to rise as consumers have cut back on discretionary spending over the past six months. The Narendra Modi government, howev-er, does not like this tendency among Indians to squirrel away savings. The latest 'stimulus' package, which prods federal government employees to spend their leave travel entitlethat attract a goods and services tax rate of 12 per cent and more, signals a gy, especially when it argues that capidesperate attempt to ig-

nite demand at a time when consumers are showing a marked pref-Nirmala Sitharaman needs to come erence to conserve cash. Government emto conserve up with a big-bang ployees are being urged to spend three times their travel entitle-ments during the period stimulus package to revive the economy till March 31 next year

in order to claim the un-derlying tax break. The move is osten-sibly designed to create new demand for goods and services worth Rs 360

Consumers are unlikely to fall for this bait. A State Bank of India re-search report reckons that less than 10 to 15 per cent of government employ ees will opt for the voucher scheme to unlock lapsable travel entitlements because of the onerous spending com-mitments. This suggests that the latest efforts of the finance minister. Nir enors of the mance minister, Par-mala Sitharaman, to crank up demand will fail badly. The offer to give these employees a Rs 10,000 pre-loaded RuPay card—resurrecting the idea of a special festival season advance that med part of the Sixth Pay Commission report — which can only be us at point of sale machines looks equally

dodgy.

The Centre also believes that it can stoke additional demand by goading states to increase their capital spending on roads and urban infrastructure by offering them special, interest-free, 50-year loans worth Rs 120 billion. The cash-strapped Centre is extremely reluctant to increase spending on its books. Instead, it wants the states and

> tal expenditure has high multiplier effect on the economy. The Cen-tre's fiscal deficit has already gone through the roof. Its accounts for the month of August pegs the fiscal deficit at Rs 8.7 trillion — 9.3 per cent in excess of the budgeted fiscal deficit of Rs 7.96

trillion for the full year.
The Centre needs to borrow more
but it will not. India's debt-to-GDP
ratio, which includes the debt of the Centre and states, is a modest 70 per cent, but is projected to jump to 90 per cent, but is projected to jump to 90 per cent this year. The stimulus measures announced since the outbreak of Covid-19 have been modest: a sum of Rs 1.7 trillion under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana an-nounced in March and another Rs 20.97 lakh crore under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package un-veiled in May that focused on supply-side measures and some long-term re-forms. Ms Sitharaman needs to come up with a big-bang stimulus package; the Centre's parsimony will not revive

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Narendra Modi's political graph mirrors that of Lalu Prasad

Shared trajectory

hepopularity of the prime minister, Narendra Modi, continues to baffle his critics. They ask — 'what did Modi create in these crities. They ask.—'what is years?' But that is the wrong question to ask. His appeal stems from not what he has created but what he has destroyed, and continues to destroy—a discredited status quo. In this respect, his enduring mass appeal, in the absence of taugbile achievements, is similar to that of Lalu Prasad in his beyday. Lalu's mass appeal, which is similar to that of Lalu Prasad in his beyday. Lalu's mass appeal, which for over it years, had similarly confounded analysis. A study of the parallels between the two leaders might illuminate what it would take to successfully challenge Modi.

If you look at the biggest political moves of Modi over the last six years—demonetization, Article 370, the goods and services tax, farm and labour bills—they follow a simple pooks and services tax, farm and labour bills—they follow a simple political logic. Modi rose to power in a society teening with aspirations. These aspirations, embodied particularly by a neo middle class, were released by the aralization but not quite the services are also that the services that is a status of the services that is a status of the services that is not quite the services that is a system of power, which was deeply corrupt and captured by vested interests. This was the old status quo, which was thoroughly discredited in 2014.

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on the new farm and labour regime. Unlike Jawaharlal Nehru, Modi lacks

on the new farm and labour regime. Unlike Jawaharlal Nehru, Modi lacks both the will and the capacity to be an institution -builder. And yet, the dramatically simple and reductive logic undergirding these narratives, far from being a weakness, is actually their main strength. A good political narrative is essentially a simple one, as the example of Lalu shows. Much like Modi, Lalu's rise to power represented the casting away of the old order. From the late 1900s, there was an emerging political consciousness among the backward castes in Blar — mouded by leaders such as Ram Manohar Lohia, Jayarakash Narayan and Karpoori Thakur. The political aspirations of these peasant castes had been whetted by the gains of the Green Revolution. The old upper-caste dominated order, embodied by the time Lalu became chief minister in 1800.

dominated Congress, had become dis-reddied by the time Lalu became chief minister in 1950.

Again, like Modi, Lalu's subse-queat politics centredless on building a reformed Blar, which would mate-rially benefit his political base, and more on symbolic fights against the old upper caste order. The political stogan of his then Januta Party was 'Vikas Nahin, Samman Chahiye (We need dignity, not development)'. As the political scientist, Jeffrey Wilson wrote, Lalu mobilized the backward castes not through policy initiatives but by appealing symbolically to themes of dignity. The main focus of his rule was to undo the upper caste control of the State, which involved regular confrontations with the upper-caste controlled police, bu-

reaucracy and the judiciary. Unsurprisingly, this politica of conflict deepened, what the cal scientist, Atul Kohli, had te cal scientist, Atul Kolu, had termed the "crisis of governability" in Bihar. The state continued to lag in educa-tion, health and jobs. The problems of law and order and corruption, which were already severe in percious Con-gress regimes, continued to fester, if not worsen. Yef, Lalu remained the tallest leader of Bihar and returned with an axona bloose victory in 156s. tallest leader of Bihar and returns.

Populist showmen, like Lafu and Moth, are, for a period, immune to at tacks on governance because they can easily turn criticism into validation. The criticism into validation. The criticism into validation. The criticism from dast bevestiges of the old order, perennially withining at their loss of power and status. Lafu termed all his corruption scandals as the conspiracy of uppercaste investigative agencies and the judiciary. And the manginalized identified with Lafu as one of their own, like many poor and nee-middle class Indians identify with Modi ('son of a saeller') and gave him a long rope. Indians identify with Modi ('son of a tea seller') and gave him a long rope. Lalu's rule had socially and politically ly empowered the backward casts and they didn't want a return to the old upper-caste dominated political order. In his symbolic flights, they saw one of their own challenging the de-spised system that had kept them down.

spised system that had kept them down.
Yet, as Lalu discovered, in 2000, when he lost his majority, and in 2005, when he was shunted from power popularity can't last forever if you don't ultimately fulfil material aspirations. Medi might be coasting morning the structure and a shunp in job creation, but he situation can drastically change by 2024. A long rope, too, has its limits.

But the lesson from Bihar is it can't happen without an alternative political vision. Simply attacking the government doesn't work. Nitish Rumar promised a "Nutan Bihar" (New Bihar), not a return to the old order: Jeffrey Witsoe and Francine Delited fligare to combine the themes of development and social justice of deliver in combination." But he dish't stop at rhetoric; he skilfully politicized and cultivated a coalition of extremely backward castes, which felt themselves marginalized under the increasingly 'Muslim 'Yadav' rule of Lalu. Along with his 'natural' base of Kurmis and Koeris, with a smattering of Pasmanda Muslims, this was a winning coalition when allied with the upper caste base of the Bharatiya Janata Party. But, unlike Lalu, he backward-caste leader. He also appealed to an aspirational voting bloc that wanted deem politics and material benefits.

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pealed to an aspirational voting blochta wanted deam politics and material benefits.

If we are beffled with the popularity of Modi, we must also ask what is the alternative vision the Opposition is offering. The Congress still suffers from the tain of corruption and encrusted privilege. Most of its prominent young leaders come from political dynasties and it is de facto led by fourth-generation dynasts of the Nehru-Gandhi family. Of late, it has been trying to emerge as the party of the backward castes, Dalits and Muslims, but its attempts at mobilization on the ground have been feeble and episode. Its leadership crisis has meant that there is a lack of darity on what the party stands for.

Similarly, many regional parties passively hope that the Congress's depleting social base will return to then on their own without attempting to their own without attempting to the control of the control o

classes and make them part of their political coalition.

The old political system lies dis-credited, and Modi's eclipse, when it happens, will likely be to a new form of politics. The trouble is that it is hard to see this new politics any-where on the horizon.

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4 How many straight-and-narrow paths were crooked paths? How many best families were norst families and how many good people were bad people? When you added them all up and then subtracted, you might be left with only the children, and perhaps with Albert Ein-stein and an old violinist or sculptor somewhere.

EYE ON ENGLAND

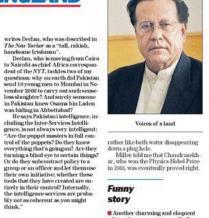
Vivid picture

On the line to Cairo, I talk to De-clau Walsh about his very engaging new book, The Nine Lives of Polists on: Disparches from a Divided Nation. On the Polists of the Nine Lives of the Nine on, which gives readers "a sense of the hard for nine years for The Counting and The Nore York Times but was ex-pelled in 2013 for "undestanble activi-ties"—a reference to his reports on insurgency movements in Balochis-tan. He has told the story of Pakistan through the lives of nine people, am-ong them Asma Jahangir, "doyenne of Pakistan's human rights movem-ent"; Salmaan Tasseer, the Punjab go-vernor who was shot by his own bodent": Salmaan Taseer, the Punjab go-vernor who was shot by his own bod-yguard; Chaudhry Aslam Khan, "Ka-rachi's most famous cop"; and Abdul Rashid Ghazi, who died in the siege of the Red Mosque in Islamabad. The picture he paints is of a vio-lent and lawless land. "But I had

lent and lawiess land. "But 1 mad grown to love Pakistan, too — a coun try of hidden delights, endearing ab-surdities and some of the closest friendships I had ever experienced,"

drasekhar's radical notion was that a massive dying star "kept on collapsmassive dying star "kept on collay ing and collapsing and collapsing into a black hole which sucked in





rather like bath water disappearing down a plug hole.
Miller told me that Chandrasekh ar, who won the Physics Nobel Prize in 1583, was eventually proved right.

Another charming and eloquent editor of my acquaintance. Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, who was briefly editor of The Sanday Telegraph, has been in the news. "Perry", whose column was once essential reading for Conservative Party members, passed away last week, agd 96. Perry considered himself a maverick intellectual, and arrived in Argustina after the Falklands War but was denied the interview he sought with the country's new democratic president, Raul Alfonsis. The Sheraton in Butenos Aires was then brimming with 500 foreign journalists. I was then on the Daily Muli, whose editor, David English, sent me back to Argentina with instructions — as al-

ways—to get the first exclusive in-terview with Alfonsin. Thanks sole-ly to the magic wrought by the Indi-na unbassador, Laklan Lai Mehro-tra, Alfonsin was warm and open when we talked for 90 minutes at the Casa Rosada. Perry wrote a long article ex-plaining that the reason Alfonsin had creatted an interview to an Indi-

plaining that the reason Alfonsin had granted an interview to an Indian reporter of no great consequence (very true) was because the president had wanted to be kind to a third world country. I passed on Alfonsin's pro-Indian sentiments to Melrotra, who said quietly. Telt mess what I can $d\alpha$. Shortly after wards, Alfonsin's aim was invited to be chief goas at the Republic Day Parade in Delhi.

Stunning work

Mare, born in Birmingham of a Jamaican father and a Finnish mother with Indian ancestors from Bihar, he believes, has been a radical mere per of the Labour Farty. He calls the book "a labour of love" but assures met it is not a hagiography. "He was wrough in his dispute with Gaudhi" over how to achieve Indian independence. That said, Saklatvala, a member of the Tata family, was, in Mare's opinion, "the most important Indian fighter for independence outside of India in the 20th century, with Dadabbala Kaoroji comingat the end of the 19th century".

Amit Roy

The Khushwant Literary Festival, which has been coming to London since 2018, was held digitally last week, opening with Sudha Murty telling Chetan Blas gat about her son-in-law. When Rshi Sunak—he is married to Murty's daughter Akshata —was made Chancellor of the Exchequer, he rang to give her the big news. "Explain that to me in Indian English," she responded, and appreciated the significance when Rishi said he was now "finance minister".

hand over the captaincy to his teammate, Eoin Morgan. The Irish-born Morgan has done a great job captaining the Eng-lish men's cricket team, and KKR could benefit from his

Marc Wadsworth's biography of Shapuri Saklatvala, the Communist who held Battersea North in London as a Labour parliamentarian from 1922-1923 and from 1924-1925, is a stunning work of scholarship. It took Marc 19 years to bringo ut the first edition of Commed Sak in 1936. The revised second edition, just out, has new material on how Mile spied on Saklatvala and his correspondence with Gandhi. Marc, born in Birmingham of a Jamaican father and a Funnish moth-

Amit Roy

Right step

Sir — It was both surprising and heartening to read that Dinesh Karthik, who was the skipper of the Indian Premier League team, the Kolkata Knight Riders, has decided to hand over the captaincy to his time it was best that he handenamate, Eoin Morgan. The Irish-born Morgan has done a great job engined for the property of the property of

Truly inspiring

Sir — With the demise of Bhann Athaiya, the nation and the world of cinema have lost one of the most prolific, talented and versatile cos-tume designers of all time ("Ehann Athaiya, first O scar winner, dies", Oct 16). "Thum Athalya, first Oscar winner, dies", Oct 18). Athalya had a Midas touch that could be seen in a wast number of Hindi movies right from the 185% to the first years of the 21st century. She showcased rich, colour-ful and splendid Indian costumes on the global stage. The designer, who won the Academy Award for India through her work, for the movie, Gundhi, was truly an example from whom the present generation of costume designers can learn every thing.

No other costume designer would have had such a long list of fillin makers eager to make her a part of their on acceptance.

long list of film-makers enger to make her a part of their movies. The list of film-mak-ers she worked with included the legendary Guru Dutt, Raj Kapoor, Yash Chopra, B.R. Chopra, Subhash Chai, Vid-hu Vinod Chopra and also the newer directors such as Ashutosh Gowariker and Raj Khosla. Athaiya also worked with international names

Khosla. Athaiya also worked with international names such as Richard Attenbor-ough and Contrad Rooks. Be it the rustic charm seen in the costumes in Seajum Shiwam Sundaram, Ram Teri Ganga Maili and Lagaan or the romantic aura presented in Chandni,

Nayana Mookerjee, Calcutta

Calcutta

Athaiya's designs spoke volumes about her calibre. The styles in which she dressed actors and actresses varied vastly. If Bollywood stars were able to shine in their roles on screen and mesmerize viewers, a large part of that credit went to Athaiya. Movies such as C.L.D. Parlamachari, Menn Naum Joker, ER Dulje Re Lipe and 1942. A Looe Story bere testimony to her excellent work. Athaiya was a master craftswoman



Step down

whose memory will live on

M. Pradyu,

■ Sir — It was saddening to read that the costume design er, Bhann Athaiya, India's first Oscar winner, passed away after a prolonged illness. She was 51 years old. The pioneering Athaiya won the Oscar, along with John Mollo, for her work in Richard Attenborough's Gandhi. Born in Kolhapur,

she began her career as a cos-tume designer in Hindi cine-ma with Guru Dutt's 1956 su-perhit, C.I.D. in 2012, Athaiya returned her Oscar to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for safe-benship In suppress Arts and Sciences for safe-keeping. In a career spanning five decades and over 100 films, she won two National Awards, for Gulzar's mys-tery drama, Lekin, and the period film, Lagacan, directed by Ashutosh Gowariker. With her death, the country has lost one of its best cre-ators across all artistic fields

Bhagwan Thadani,

death of India's first Oscar winner, Bhanu Athaiya, a winner, Ehama Athaiya, a winner, Ehama Athaiya, a winner, Ehama Athaiya, a wa upsetfing She was a honagenarian. Her work for Gandhi was outstanding no wonder it won the an Oscar. The Kolhapur-born osstume designer worked for more than a hundred Bolly wood blockbusters like Shri-20. Sahib Biwi aur Ghulam and Cauda. Her career spanned is long years, during which she created many new fashion trends, all of which were greatly appreciated Surprisingly, however, Athaiya din not even receive the Fadma Shri. This is very unfortunate.

Sourish Misra, Calcutta

Sir — Bhanu Athaiya was an inspiration for women, who are often told they can never be pioneers in any male-dominated field. One hopes her legacy continues to inspire girls and women.









life the next. One image dis-tinctly looks like pierra dura or inlay work found in Taj Mahal. Desai has kept each form as simple as possible without succumbing to the temptation of making them unnecessarily complex and elaborate. A single idea has been embeddered in each in.

Fiery ideas

VISUALARTS SOUMITRA DAS

t's amazing what young artists like Viraag Desai, who operates from both utta and Mumbai, can

tions of inkblots are recorded and analysed. These shape shifting forms are intriguing for one moment they resemble a drawing by a cartographer or

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cialborate. A single idea has elaborate. A single idea has elaborate holices. This is not to say that each form is perfectly articulated, but these works are certainly of a far superior quality to the run of mill exhibits displayed in every other pullery.

Some of the images are particularly beautiful. In these the forms of trees and flowers appear il he phantoms of the pullery, pulsating colours. They prig back memories of pressed flowers and petals kept between the pages of books.

Another brings to mind a



Through a lens, fairly

VISUALARTS

SRIMOYEE BAGCHI

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A ta time when artists are judged as much for their politics as their work, Wa sawo's exhibition, We Are Alacoys Working doeld both audium and offline at Latitude28 recently), is refershing for the photographer's wilful shumming of any ideological begaguse. In fact, the charm of Wasnow's works lies in his self-deprecating humour, he pokes lies works have been with a self-deprecating humour, he pokes lies as for his self-deprecating humour, he pokes lies as for his have his his self-deprecating humour, he pokes lies with a self-deprecating humour, he pokes lies of his his his heen Wasnow's home since 2006 — the artist also finds humour in Rajasthan leaving behind its variegated past of warfare and chivalry with alacrity and hurtling towards globalization that will soon erase all traces of "local colour".

The show was a collaboration between Wasno and Rajash Soul, who handpoints the staged photographs taken by the surface, the works depict a highly grant of the heart of the staged photographs. They surface have been been a part of the relation of her healt on the works than an exploration of the relation defores up. But there is more to the works than an exploration of the relation between the act of looking and being looked at. The photographs — they are styled in the tradition of Indian studio photography with the subject possed before a painted the did of Indian studio photography with the subject possed before a painted the did of Indian studio photography with the subject possed before a painted the did of Indian studio photography with the sit and fedora.

The setting of Udaipur is perfect for a static of the zowa subito's gaze since the dry caters to — even thrives on — the



exoticization of its own identity, that is the flust for the local economy. His subjects though are not royal gautlemen and fine lattles but or charay for that one rut shoulders with all over the spin wearing such its as much the observer—he even wields a magnifying glass while looking at artefacts carefully placed in the photograph—as he is the observed. But it is difficult to take either of these acts seriously given the set-up. In appropriating the figure of the white male Orientalist and placing him within a satirical work, Waswo white male Orientalist and placing him within a stirical work, Waswo invalidates the weight of his observa-tions. This is sugmented by the minia-ture avatar in which Waswo has por-trayed himself. The stolen garden' in many of his titles refer not just to the history of colonialism in India but also to the painted backdrops replicated from vintage miniatures hanging in institutions such as the Victoria

and Albert Museum in London.

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IN FOCUS

Besides their varied mu-sical influences, what gave The Beatles an edge was their penchant for different The Beatles an edge was their penchant for different musical instruments. John Lennon — born this month — was, in particular, interested in diverse instruments. Although he played ments. Although he played ments. Although he played ments. Although he played ments. Although he played ments and the second of the distribution of the distribution of the distributions of the distribution, by "Stawberry Fields Forever", He was once spotded playing an alphorn, and his private collection included maracies, corquis, cowbels. Mediey and melody were important to Lennon. Not many would also not against farea for screening at comorts.



People's Artist Chitapro-sad: In Solidanty In Solid-de, an orline exhibition of the artist-advist-chronicler, is being presented by the Victoria Memorah Hallai-ong with DAG from Cotob-victoria Memorah Hallai-ong with DAG from Cotob-victoria Memorah Hallai-on mirrode at lime of turbu-lence. The implosion caus-ed by the pardemic is a periled occasion to revisit what the masseth had to say about restive epochs.



Siam president Kenichi Ayukawa

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Mumbai: Indiabulls Housing

Mumba: Indiabulls Housing Finance on Friday said it has sold an additional stake in Oa-kNorth Holdings Ltd for Rs 220

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IN BRIEF

Notices to e-retailers

NEW DELHI: The govern ment on Friday issued no-nections to Hipkart, Amazon and other ecommerce comparies for not manda-torily displaying informa-tion, including country of origin, on products sold on their platforms. The com-panies have been asked to reply to the notices within 15 days. rn

Liberty Thyssen bid

NEW DELHE UK-based Lib NEW DELM: UK-based Lib-erty Steel Group on Friday said it has made a non-binding indicative offer to Thyssenkrupp to acquire the German steel major's assets in Europe. Fr

IBA chief

MUMBAI: Indian Banks Association has appointed Union Bank of India MD and CEO Rajkiran Rai G as the association's chairman for the term 2020-21. PD





un on borrowing to compen-te the states for GST rev-nue loss, finance minister irmala Sitharaman has writ-nte themosythete

Nimalia Stharraman lass written to them on the terms under the terms as more fixe, largest error from a special window and pass it on to the states as loan.

However, the letter lacked clarity on several counts in cluding the interest rate and whether the states or the Centre will pay the administrative and the service costs of borrowing the sum.

The letter of the finance minister says "the interest rate will be very reasonable" but does not confirm the earli-

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday said it will purchase state

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Priday sadd it will purchase state government bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore in the first such auction to be conducted on October 28. On October 3, the cantral bank India nounced that it will conduct open market leans (SDI). The step is expected to im-prove the liquidity in these bonds and re-duce the spread over government securi-ties, thereby helping states in their bor-rowing plans.

wing plans. The RBI will conduct OMOs for bonds

The KBI will contact OMOS for bonds issued by Is states. However, it dishot disclose the amount that will be purchased from each of them.

The 16 states are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assum, Bilbar, Chhattisgarh, Gos, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya

er promise to bear the margin between G-Sees and the aver-sge of State Development Loan yields up to 50 hasts points through a subsidy. The margin relates to the bor-rowing the states themselves will do to the tune of Rs 1.06 lakh crore over and above the Rs 1.10 lakh crore borrowing. "Under this scheme, state governments get funds from two sources. First, they will get loans through a special window averaged by the Gov-ernment of India. The special window covers the shortfall arising from the implementa-tion of the GST calculated at Rs 1.10,208 lakh crore)." the letter by Sitharnams said.

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MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Question 1: What is the rate of interest at which the Centre will borrow Rs 1.10 lakh cr. Will states bear the administrative and processing fees

Question 2: States will

conduon attacned to the man portion of the borrowing pack-age issued on May 17, 2020 will be relaxed. Thus, states will be able to borrow an amount equivalent to 0.5 per cent of GSDP without meeting any re-form conditions," the letter said.

interest the state will pay for the loan Question 3: Centre making ost of the fact that GST

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dues to states this year v be Rs 1.83 lakh and state will be paid Rs 2.16 lakh will be paid Rs 2.16 lakh crore. But it is just a case of rollover of dues

The letter said the states The letter said the states will get access to resources of over Rs 2,16,000 lakh crore this year comprising Rs 1,10,200 crore (from the special win dow) plus Rs 1,06,300 crore (be-cause of the relaxation of the

tent of 0.5 per cent of GSDP without condition.

The Centre said the Rs 2.16 lakh crore will more than cover what the states were supposed to get this year. Out of the estimated GST shortfall of the estimated GST shortfall of Rs 2.83 lakh crore this year, only Rs 1.83 lakh crore would have been payable this year as the dues for February and March 2021 would be rolled over to the next year. Congress leader and for-mer finance minister P. Chi-dambaram in a tweet said

mer finance minister P. Chi-dambaram in a tweet said Sitharaman has written to the states that the central govern-ment will borrow Rs. 1,02,08 crore and give them 'back to-back loams'. "There is no clari-ty on the balance of the gap in the GST compensation. FM's letter puts the number at Rs

1,06,80 crore for this financial
year. There is no clarity on
who will borrow the money
and no clarity on how the debt
will be serviced and repaid,"
Chidambaram's tweet said.
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States are upposed to the country to the state of the second amount. This diameter as said. He also saked the Centre to resolve the impasse immediately by offering the same terms for Rs 1,00,000 crore.
Keraln finance minister Thomas Isaac in a tweet said. "But there is one issue yet to be resolved—how much of compensation is to be deferred to 2020." Reget tate this point and reach a consensus."

klorth idelings Infore Na 220 error. The sale proceeds will be accretive to the regulatory net worth and the CRA Recapital to risk weighted assets ratio) of the company added. "Indiabulls Housing Finance has further sold a portion of its stake in OakNorth Holdings Ltd (the wholly owned parent company of CackNorth Bank Plej for around Re 220 errore, it said in a communication to the stock exchanges.

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The company has raised a total of Res.2480 cror ea fresh equity in the months of September and October. This includes Rs 688 crore through qualified in stitutional placement (QIP) at take sale in OakNorth which will add to the regulatory equity capital of the company.

Earlier this month, the housing finance company had saidthait thad sold part of its stake in Oak North Holdings to HighSago Ventures LLCfor Rs 440 crore. HighSago Ventures LLCfor Rs 440 crore. HighSago Ventures LLC is a Booton based investment firm with an investor network spanning the venture metwork spanning the venture metwork spanning the venture.

ment firm with an investor network spanning the venture capital, private equity apublic equity segments.

Oak North Bank was launched in September 2015 and Indiabulls Housing had invested Rs 663 crore in November 2015 for a 40 per cent stake in the bank.

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Shares of Indiabulls Hous ing closed at Rs 151 on the BSE on Friday, a loss of 0.23 per cent over its last close.

Doubts persist over GST offer

ew Delhi: After making a U-

"The second source is through additional uncondi-tional market borrowing. The

RBI set to buy state bonds

THE FINE PRINT

SDLs are dated securities issued by states in the pri-

Principal is repaid on maturity

Interest rates are generally higher than central government securities

Pradesh and Maharashtra. The RBI will

Pradesh and Maharashtra. The RBI will purchase debts that are maturing between March 2005 and March 2001. The SDLs of other states are likely to be announced in the next batch. The RBI's amountement comes after the Centre saidit will borrow Rs 1.0 lakel. The RBI's amountement comes after the Centre saidit will borrow Rs 1.0 lakel. According to Jay arta Roy, senior vice-president and group head (coprate sector ratings) of Icra, the central governments of the said of the

mary market via auctions

Interest is serviced at half-yearly intervals

borrow Rs 1.06 lakh crore. Will Centre subsidise to any extent the rate of

borrowing headroom under the package in May to the ex-

state bonds in the second half of this fiscal and the cost of such borrowings would go down. Roy added that SDL spreads should

further ease because of the plan to conduct OMOs.

duct OMOs.
At present, SDLs are eligible collateral for the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) along with T-bills, dated government securities and oil bonds.

Reality push
In a bid to increase the flow of credit to the
real estate sector, the RBI in a notification
on Friday rationalised the risk weightage
to LTV (Joan to value) ratio for all new
housing loans senticioned up to March 31,
2022. New home loans will attract a risk
weight of 35 per cent where LTV is less
than 80 per cent and a risk weight of 40 per
ent where LTV is more than 80 per cent
but less than 90 per cent. This measure, according to the RE, is expected to give a fillipto bank lending to thereal estate sector.

Realty push

CIL festival bonus to employees

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Coal India has ap-proved a performance-linked

proved a performance linked reward of Rs 68,500 per em-phoyee for all lits non-executive cadre workforce for 2015-20. Around 2.62 lakh employ-ees of Coal India across its eight subsidiaries who were on the payroll during 2015-20 will benefit. The total outgo for the cability of the contraction of the payroll during 2015-20. will benefit. The total outgo for the public sector miner is a lit-tle over Rs 1,700 crore. Non-executive employees, who have completed at least 30 working days during 2015-20, will be eligible for the payment on a pro-rata basis.

on a pro-rata basis.

Despite the pandemic af-

fecting coal sales in the first half of the year, Coal India has offered a .67 per cent rise nane-linked reward of 8s 64.70 per cent place. The agreement was arrived at the 10th meeting of the Standard'sistin Committee of the Joint Bipartite Committee of Coal Industry held in Ranchi on Thursday. The Coal India management and trade union representatives were present.

union representatives were present.

Coal India has seen an improvement in demand in September in both production and offlake. "We are happy that we could conclude the performance related reward on time to the satisfaction of both sides. The payment ahead of the festive season should enthuse our employees to put in a greater effort or size our performance levels significantly," said a senior executive of the company.

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Car sales see festive spurt OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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New Delhi: Auto firms are looking forward to a festival season boom, buoyed by the 2645 per cent increase in wholesale sales of passenger vehicles in September. According to latest data by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (Siam), sales of passenger vehicles rose to 2,720% units in September this year against 2,124 units in the same month last year. "We are expecting good demand in the festive season starting tomorrow. In the second quarter, some segments have shown signs of recovery. Passenger vehicles and two wheelers are positive, although on a very low base of the previous year, "Siam president Keuichi Ayrikawa sail of previous year," Siam president Keuichi Ayrikawa sail of previous year, "Siam president Keuichi Ayrikawa sail of president Keuichi Ayrikawa sail of previous year, "Siam president Keuichi Ayrikawa sail units in September 2015, up 17.5 pm van. 555.754 units in the same up marginally at 5,66,205 units from 5,55,754 units in the same month last year.

The industry, reeling under a slowdown for almost two makers helieve the

The industry, reeining under a slowdown for almost two years, is finally seeing some recovery. Auto makers believe the Covid-15-induced lockdown, unexpectedly, proved to be a major contributing factor in building elemand for passenger vehicles. Ever since the pandemic struck and social distancing measures became a part of dally life, there has been a renowed interest in buying a personal mobility vehicle as people increasingly looked to move away from public transport.

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OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Shipments from China and Thail and are set to take a lat as India bans the im-port of air-conditioners with refrigerants to promote do-mestic manufacturing. Data showed that India im-ported split air-conditioners worth \$48 million in 2019-20 with \$241 million from China and \$185 million from Thai-land

land.
It imported window airconditioners worth \$35 million
with \$18 million from Thailand and \$14 million from
China during the same period.
Most of the air-conditioners
imported to India come with

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The domestic market of air conditioners is believed to be around \$5-6 billion. The government aims to shift the focus

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SBI sends notice to McNally

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Calculta: The clock has started ticking for the troubled EPC contractor McNally Blarat Engineering Company Led. The Blarat Engineering Company Led. The Engineering Company Led. The Company invoking the SARPACES In the board which is the second largest leader to McNally after the Bank of India, and the more against the working capital loans availed by the company. The Khaitata family owned McNally owes around Re 600 crore-cumulatively to SBI. McNally owned to the SARPACES In the Company is in default on the entire loan amount as on September 20, 2000. The company is in default on the entire loan amount as on September 20, 2000. The oncome was issued under Section 10 (a) of the Securitisation and Record Company Company (a) of the Securitisation and Record Company (b) of the Securitisation and Record Company (c) of the Securitisation and Record Company (c) of the Securitisation and Record Company (c) of the Securitisation and Record (c) of the Securitisation and

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At present, IBC is suspended and for pre-March 25 defaults, new admissions are difficult

McNally said the company is in dialogue with all lenders for a comprehensive debt restructuring exercise. The interest outstanding on the various loans availed by McNally is over Rs-850 crore as of the last quarter. It also owes Rs 1,000 correto promoter group companies. However, while publishing the results for the first quarter, the company had disclosed it had submitted a restructured a close of the disclosed of the disclose

had asked for certain changes. The auditor to McNally had again ex-

tended an adverse opinion on the results, noting that the company's ability to con-tinue as a going concern will depend on the successful execution of the debt re-

ucturing proposal. Earlier in the year, the company had

from an overseas investor. It now appears
that the investor developed cold feet
as the pandemic has roiled the world
economy, raising significant doubt about
the pace of recovery.

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An official of McKally said he was hopeful of concluding negotiations with the lenders within 60 days as envisaged under Section 1220 of the notice. "We have time till December 6. It is possible to have an outcome by that time. Negotiations are going on," the official said.

Outsized, continued losses at McKally have put the entire Williamson Magor Group under financial stress.

The two other operating companies, Everendy and McLeod Russel, leaf heavily to salvage McNally but without any success.

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The Khaitans borrowed heavily, pledging their stakes with the financiers. As they defaulted on payments, financiers invoked the shares and sold them in the market, bringing down promoter holding in thetwo firms.

The SBI move also brings to the fore how lenders are amproaching a stressed

how lenders are approaching a stressed asset during the Covid period. Lawyers say SARFAESI is guining currency in deal-ing with defaulters as insolvency & Bank-ruptcy Code, 2016 remains suspended.

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A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Mohammedan Sporting will play in the I-League after a gap of seven years. They secured their berth by defeating Bhawanipore FC 2-9 in the I-League Qualifiers at the Kalyani Stadium on Friday.

Vanialbina Chhangte and Gani Meew

Gani Nigam scored one goal each as Mohammedan Sport-ing registered their third win

but for Bhawanipore goal-keeper Shilton Paul, who bril-liantly saved Chhangte's at-

tempt from close range.
Chhangte, however, scored in the 28th minute and substitute Nigam doubled the lead in the 67th.

IN BRIEF

Klopp wary of Everton

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Pak invite Eng

■LONDON: England have been invited to play a limited overs series in Pakistan early next year, the ECB said. Resters

Bagan colours

CALCUTTA: The iconic Howrah Bridge will beil-luminated with green and maroon lights on Sunday and Mouday to cel-ebrate Mohun Bagan's League triumph, the club said on Friday. Bagan will got the troub. ed by a victory proces-sion to the club's Maidan tent. On July 29, Bagan ere on Nasdaq bill-oards in New York's imes Square

THIS DAY THATYEAR

2015: Cristiano Ronaldo becomes Real Madrid's allbecomes read washed to time leading scorer across all competitions, overtaking club legend Raul, with his 324th goal in a 3-0 win over Levante in La Liga.

Karthik reads writing on the wall

Calcutta: Something that had een predicted to happen even efore the start of the IPL has

before the start of the IPL has happened. Dinesh Karthik has stepped down as Kolkata Knight Riders captain after seven matches, with Eoin Morgan replacing him. In a media release on Friday afternoon, the franchise said Karthik wishes to relinquish captainty to focus on his betting and contributing many of the contributing the contributing the contribution of the c

Sources, however, told The Telegraph that Karthik ne retegraph that Karthik had come under pressure to quit as captain after he strug-gled for runs in the first few matches amid an unsettled batting order. Two close victo-ries against CSK and KXIP had stalled such talks for a whije, but once they crashed against RCB, Karthik read the writing on the wall.



KKR captain Eoin Morgan To avoid any further em rrassment, Karthik an rassment, Karthik an-need his decision first to

nounced his decision first to the team management and then teammates on Thursday. "DR didn't wish to be dic-tated having gauged the mood of the powers that be at KKR. The team management in-creasingly felt that DK lacked innovative ideas on the field and that was reflected in the team performance. "His inconsistent form re-flected on his captaincy and the team management felt a

flected on his captaincy and the team management felt a change should be made at the earliest. In franchise-based leagues, it's a result-driven world, the source said. Insiders bloom?

orld," the source said. Insiders blamed head oach Brendon McCullum ore for not deciding on the

right batting position for me players and pointed to a lack of co-ordination between him

co-ordination between him and Karthik.

The wicketkeeper-bats-man had made up his mind after their last match and ex-pressed as much during the

pressed as much during the presentation.

"Let's be honest. Every captain has a day when things don't go right. But there are a lot of good days I can remember as well, and I will want to stick on to hem, 'be had said.

The source maintained an influential KRR official was behind Morgan's elevations of the second of the se

They knew a change was im-minent and waited for the right opportunity. It did come their way pretty early in the tournament.

rnament. "Shah Rukh Khan may be "Shah Rukh Khan may be the "Thrifting and water but beam a proup for the state of t

message moments after the de-cision was announced. "It takes years to build legacy but a minute to destroy it," Gamb-hir tweeted.

Sources revealed that Kar-thik's indifferent form had also led to discussions about dropping him from the XI. But given that KKR do not have an appropriate back: un such talk appropriate back-up such talk was shelved. Venky Mysore, CEO of KKR, looked at the pos-itive side. "We are fortunate to have leaders such as DK, who has always put the team first," Mysore said:

KKR'S CAPTAINS

Sourav Ganguly

(2008-2010) Matches: 27 • Won: 13

Lost: 14 • Tied/NR: 0/0



Matches: 13 Won: 3



Gautam Gambhir (2011-2017) • Matches: 122 • Won: 69

(2011) • Matches: 2 • Won: 1 Lost: 51
 Tied/NR: 1/1

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Win %: 57.43 Win %: 50.00

Mid-season leadership changes in IPL

■ Deccan Chargers, 2008: VVS Laxman to Adam Gilchrist

RCB, 2009: Kevin Pietersen to Anil Ku

■ RCB, 2012: Daniel Vettori to Virat Kohli

Lost: 9 • Tied/NR: 1/0
 Win %: 26.92



Matches: 37 • Won: 19 Lost: 17

• Tied/NR: 1/0 • Win %: 52.70

Gilchrist to David Hussey

■ MI, 2008: Harbhajan Singh to Shaun Pollock to Sachin Tendulkar

■ DareDevils, 2009: Virender Sehwag to Gautam Gambhir

■ DareDevils, 2010: Gambhir to Dinesh Karthik

■ Deccan Chargers, 2012: Kumar Sangakkara to Cameron White

■ KXIP, 2012: Adam

MI, 2013; Ricky Ponting to Rohit Sharma

■ Pune Warriors, 2013: Angelo Mathews to Aaron Finch

SRH, 2014: Shikhar Dhawan to Darren Sammy RR, 2015: Shane Watson to Steve Smith

KXIP, 2016: David Miller to Murali Vijay

■ Dare Devils, 2018 Shreyas Iyer

RR, 2019: Ajinkya Rahane to Steve Smith

Knights to the sword OUR BUREAU & AGENCIES

Calcutta/Abu Dhabi: Ch ge of captaincy did not trans-late into change of fortune for Kolkata Knight Riders as Mumbai Indians mauled them by eight wickets in Abu Dhabi

by eight wickets in Abu Dhabi on Priday.

The Knights were on their knees from the very start as they were reduced to it for five at one stage. Courtes y repair work from new capitain Econi Morgan and all rounder Econi Morgan and all rounder the country of the

batting line-up of Mumbai Indians and it turned out exactly so as they wrapped up the match with 15 bablis to spare. Quinton de Kock played a masterful knock of 78 not out off 48 balls, while captain Rehalt Sharma made an uncharacteristic 35 off 36 balls. But then, with De Kock on song, be did not need to take risks. Mone of the KKR bowlers managed to make an impact as De Kock and Kohi put up a 9-4 run opening stand. "We weren't even in the race today. We got a sour to bowl at in the end, but the way Mumbai got off, it was tought to stop them," admitted Morpara to the stop of the stop of

able Si not out off 30 balls and Morgan centributed 38 not out off 28 to rescue them after an unexplained batting collapse. Opting to bat, KfR lost opener Rahul Tripathi (7) early, courtesy a sensational catch by Suryakumar Yadaw at point, in the third over off Treet Boult.

Moments later, it became 35 for two as Bittish Rana (6) perished cheaply caught by Quinton de Kock off Nathan Coulter-Nile as the



Mumbai Indians' Quinton de Kock during his unbeaten 44-ball 78 against KKR on Friday. Picture courtery IPL

short ball worked for the Aus- KNIGHT RIDERS

Ruthless Mumbai put

short ball worked for the Australian pacer,
Leg spinser Rahul Chahar
2/18 then got into the act,
striking twice in the eighth
over, removing the young
Shutbman Gill (21) and Dinesh
Karthik (4) off successive
balis. While Gill holed out to
Revero Polland along on in an
rate, Karthik payed on trying
an over ambitious shot.
Andre Russell perished
for 12. A bouncer from Assprit
Bumrah did the trick as the
West Indian offered a sitter to De Kock.
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Cummins got into the act
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the 13th over, which fetched
KKR 16 runs and then made
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TACTICIANS AT PLAY: KEY GAMES FOR KOHLI & DHONI

RCB load ammo for erratic Royals

Dubai: Royal Challer Rangalore would aim to Bangalore would aim to g their strategy right after son inexplicable decisions duri Thursday's loss to Kings XI Punjab when they take on an erratic Rajasthan Royals here

on Saturday.
The Virat Kohli-led RCB The Virat Kohli-led RCB have won five of their eight games on the back of all-round per formances, but seemingly blundered in the eight-wicket defeat to laggards KXIP on Thursday. On the other hand, the Royals' campaign this season has been marred by numerous.

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The Royals, on the other hand, lie seventh in the standings with just three wins from eight outings.

Against KXIP on Thursday, AB de Villers, who has been in fine form, was sent in to bat at number six, a baffling decision by the RCB. Left handers Washington Sundar (33) and Shivam Dithe (20) we represented up the royer to zeconded up the order to zoccomed up the royer to zeconded up the order to zoccome ders Washington Sunnar (to) and Shivam Dube (20) were pri-omoted up the order to accompany skipper Kohli. The expe-riment dish't work as all three bastsmen struggled. To add to RCB's woes, while defending the total, Kohli decided to save the in form Sundar for the bighting Chris Garle, who came in to bot in the eighth over. That gamble duffy tay off "either as the 41 year-dld Jamaican smashed the young off-spinner for four sixes." We had a chat, a message from outside about 1eft-right TODAY'S MATCHES



RCB skipper Virat Kohli

embination and we wanted to be with it because they had so leggies. Sometimes things on't come off," Kohli said ber the match.

The Royals boast of a stro ng batting line-up. But the likes of Steve Smith and Sanju Samson have failed to score since the two victories in Shar-jah at the beginning of the tou-rnament. Jos Buttler too has rnament. Jos Buttler too has-been unable to capitalise on his starts. After failing in his-first match of the season, Ben-Stokes, who has been elevated to the role of an opener, struck 41 before he was run out against the Delhi Capitals.

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 Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Rajasthan Royals, Dubai (3.30pm IST) Chennai Super Kings vs Delhi Capitals, Sharjah (7.30pm IST)

Capitals test for master of strategy

Sharjah: Their campaign is back on track, courtesy Mahendra Singh Dhom's smart captaincy, but a stiff test awaits Chennal Super Kings when they face a dominant Delhi Captais in their next IPL match here on Saturday. Every tactic that Dhomi employed against Sumfisers Hyderabad worked, and they are expected to continue in the same vein as they battle to salvage the season. Whether it was promoting Sam Curran to the opener's stof or finishing poere Deepak Chahar's quota upfront while tasing seven borders to dry up runs, every univerproduced Captain Cod.

Dhomi used leg spinner Piyash Chahar's quota upfront while tasing seven borders to dry up runs, every univerproduced Captain Cod.

Dhomi used leg spinner Piyash Chahar's Gre day one over, that too as late as in the 16th, leaving it largely to Ravindra Jadeja and Karn Sharma, but CSK are likely to continue with three spinners considering that the Sharjah wickets are now getting slower. That spinners hold the key

sidering that the Sharjah wi-ckets are now getting slower. That spinners hold the key in Sharjah was evident in the last two games where the RCB and Kings XI Punjab slow bowlers were instrumental in

powiers were instrumental in their respective team's wins. The three-time champions will look to build on the win over Sunrisers as the league phase moves towards the busi-ness end. ness end.

However, they are up against a team which is high on confidence and well served by the South African pace duo of Kagiso Rabada and Aurich Nortje, who bowled a löd: Zkmph delivery during his spell

against Rajasthan Royals. Add the wily Ravichandran Ashwin and Axar Patel to the mix and DC has a rather impressive bowling unit. Pacer Tushar Deshpande, who made an emorable debut on Wednesday, adds teeth to the attack.

The Capitals side though would be a tad worried about the fitness status of Shreyas Iyer, who hurt his left shoulder in the previous pame. The skipper has been in good form with the bat and has led well too. If he is rulled out of Saturday's match, DC will be deprived of his classy batting and caim leadership which would be a blow for a side already missing the services of Rishabir Pant, sidelined by hamstringissues.

The team will also be ex-

namstring issues.

The team will also be expecting the talented Prithvi Shaw to show consistency while the senior pro, Shikhar Dhawan, has weighed in with crucial runs at the top as has Marcus Stoinis.

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