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Farmer unions and the Centre on Monday, the Haryana police on Sunday fired tear gas shells to stop a group of farmers, mostly of the accused, from toping to pay for damage caused to any property, including five Indians, in two countries. In March last year, the Delhi Police arrested 21 people, mostly from Tamil Nadu, and one from Kerala, on charges of sedition and terrorism. As yet, we have not found anything that suggests that any of them were involved in any terrorist activity. They ask for permission to break through the barricades and all those who died were his relatives. The current law of the land is surplus foodgrains and minerals, as a result of which there is a surplus of lithium in India. 

The Indian Express, of which I am the founder and editor, has always been committed to providing a platform for the voices of marginalized and underrepresented communities. In 2015, we launched an initiative to support independent journalists and citizen journalists who were reporting on issues they cared about. This initiative has been extremely successful, and we continue to support journalists on a range of issues, including climate change, inequality, and social justice. We believe that a free press is essential for a healthy democracy, and we will continue to support independent journalism as long as we are able to do so.
Two Covid vaccines get emergency use nod, one in clinical trial mode

Apple Battery Tech: In the VISUAL STORIES
In July 2020, researchers at Spod's laboratory discovered a new technology that could be used to develop an efficient and cost-effective battery. The technology, known as Solid-State Battery Technology, has the potential to revolutionize the energy storage industry. It is based on the principle of storing energy in a solid-state electrolyte rather than a liquid electrolyte used in traditional lithium-ion batteries. This technology is expected to have a longer lifespan, higher energy density, and faster charging capabilities. The researchers have been working on this technology for several years and have already filed several patents. The technology is expected to be commercialized in the near future, and it is expected to change the energy storage landscape. The researchers are already collaborating with several companies to scale up the technology and bring it to the market. In the meantime, the researchers are focusing on developing new materials that can further improve the performance of the battery. The technology is expected to have a significant impact on the energy storage industry and could revolutionize the way we store and use energy.
Despite festive boost, tax receipts shrink by 31%

The under-construction DDA flats at Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi.

What is the new DDA housing scheme?

The DDA has developed an affordable housing scheme on 15 acres where the Centre has sanctioned 1,354 flats to be sold in three categories—Upper Income Group (UIG), Middle Income Group (MIG) and Low Income Group (LIG) categories.

According to government officials, 300 flats have been reserved for the Uganda diplomatic mission and its staff. In the remaining three categories, 400 flats would be sold to members of the armed forces, 300 flats to defence personnel and 300 flats to residents of Central Industrial Townships and Industrial Model Townships.

In 2018, the DDA had developed 5,06,630 sq. ft. of affordable homes in four projects—Manglapuri, Narela, Rohini and Vasundhara— spreading across 112 plots and involving a total cost of Rs 1,937.47 crore.

The flats would be allotted to those above 60 years of age, those below 35 years, the differently-abled and the first-time home buyers.

What is the eligibility to apply for the scheme?

Applicants must be an Indian citizen or a holder of an permanent resident card. They should have a net annual income between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 6 lakh for one-person occupancy and Rs 3 lakh and Rs 6 lakh for two-person occupancy. Individuals with net annual incomes of Rs 1 lakh to Rs 3 lakh, or Rs 3 lakh to Rs 6 lakh, may also be eligible depending on the type of property they are applying for.

The application form consists of a separate set of conditions for each category. Applicants must also ensure that the property is within a certain distance from their place of work.

How many flats are up for sale in each category?

In the LIG category, there are 1,354 flats available. The MIG category has 1,354 flats, and the UIG category has 1,354 flats as well.

Application status?

Applicants can check their status on the official website of the DDA. The website will provide a status update of the application. The status can be checked by providing the application number and the applicant’s details.

What happens next?

After the application process is completed, the flats will be sold in an auction process. The sale will be conducted online through an e-auction platform. The process will be monitored by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to ensure transparency and fairness.

Any disputes or queries?

Applicants can contact the DDA's customer care team for any queries. The contact details are available on the official website.

Overall, the DDA's new housing scheme provides an affordable opportunity for residents to own a property in Delhi. The scheme offers a variety of options to suit different needs and income levels. The application process is transparent and secure, ensuring fairness and equality in the allocation of properties.
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At Singh Tiaki protest sites, rain does little to dampen the spirit

Protestors huddle together at Singh (left); looking for a dry spot at three of their tents at Tikri. / Praveen Baid, HT Photo

New Delhi: Delhi Police Commissioner Bala Krishna Singh has arrested a false and malicious caller who said that 150 girls were being raped in a building.

The caller, a man, had repeatedly called the police to report the rape of 150 girls at a building. The police said that the caller was a false alarm.

The police further said that they had arrested the caller and have lodged a case under Section 505 (1)(b) of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with making false statements and causing public mischief.

Police said that the caller, who was a resident of a neighboring locality, had been arrested and the case was registered.

The caller was identified as 35-year-old Manish Verma, who had been living in the area for the past few years. He had been arrested and had been produced before a court in connection with the case.

The police said that the caller had been arrested and that a case had been registered against him under Section 505 (1)(b) of the Indian Penal Code.

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**Farm unions protest as Punjab chief minister visits**

Protesters clash with cops in Sangrur, show black flags in Moga

**EXPIRATION**

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has been criticized for his handling of the farmers' protest against the farm laws, which has been ongoing for more than a year. Channi visited Sangrur district on Sunday, where he was greeted by a protest by the Farmers Union Punjab. The farmers, led by the Bharat Kisan Union (BKI), called for a demonstration against the visit of the chief minister and his claims of talks with the Centre.

**At the site**

Protesters | Channi's visit
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**Protesters** | **Chief Minister**
Protesters: Arun Bhargava | Channi: President of the Punjab Kisan Union
Protesters: BKU leader, Rakesh Singh | Channi: Talks with the Centre stopped
Protesters: BKU leader, Bhupinder Singh | Channi: Talks will continue

**Protesters' demands**

1. The government should withdraw the three farm laws.
2. reinstatement of minimum support price (MSP) for all crops.
3. compensation for farmers affected by the natural disaster.
4. withdrawal of police action against farmers.

**Channi's response**

Channi assured the farmers that talks with the Centre would continue and that the Centre was serious about the farmers' demands. He also said that the Centre had offered to hold talks with the farmers' leaders.

**Conclusion**

The farmers' protest continues, with the situation remaining tense. The Centre and the states are still yet to reach a conclusion on the farmers' demands.

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**Additional information**

- The protest was organized by the various farmer unions, including the BKU, the Bharti Kisan Union (BKU), and the Bharti Kisan Union (BKI).
- The farmers' demands include the withdrawal of the three farm laws, the reinstatement of minimum support price (MSP) for all crops, compensation for farmers affected by the natural disaster, and the withdrawal of police action against farmers.
- The Centre and the states are still yet to reach a conclusion on the farmers' demands.

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- Images of the protest in Moga

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Vaccine rollout in near future, exact schedule soon: Panel

Some in Cong question nod to Covaxin, others say don’t politicise

In press conference today, the MoHFW announced that the list of Covid vaccines are expected to start their rollout soon. The vaccine will be distributed in the country over the next few months. The panelists who were present were Dr. Dinesh Dodiya, a scientist, and Dr. Ravi Vakil, a public health expert.

Dr. Dodiya said that the country is on track to have its own Covid vaccine by the end of this year. He added that the government is making preparations to distribute the vaccine in the country on a large scale. Dr. Vakil said that the country has already made significant progress in the development of the vaccine and that the government is working on a phased approach to distribute it.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Health Minister, said that the government is committed to ensuring that everyone in the country has access to the vaccine. He added that the government is working closely with the vaccine manufacturers to ensure that the vaccine is distributed in a timely manner.

The panelists also addressed the concerns raised by some in the Congress about the government’s decision to give a nod to Covaxin. Dr. Dodiya said that the government has taken a considered decision to give a nod to Covaxin and that the vaccine will be distributed in a phased manner.

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UP Police now hunt dead man’s wife as police seek information about Vipul Dubey. Hemant Singh, the father of Pakistan-based gangster Vikas Dubey’s associate who has been arrested in a case where eight police personnel were killed, has been killed by a bullet to the head at his home in Kamal Kanta Para area of Poonch district, according to police.

Police said the deceased, Uttam, who lost job in 2014 due to irregularities in the recruitment process of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, had been living in Pakistan since then. The officer (SDPO) Soumya Debbarma registered the case on a complaint filed by the deceased person’s wife against the deceased’s son, Dabbivillage where two pistols, seven rounds of ammunition and grenades were recovered from their posts in 2014 due to irregularities in the recruitment process. The order was later upheld by the Supreme Court in 2017, in response to Special Investigation Team’s petition.

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COVID-19 has offered, i.e. it showed that

Guru Prakash

Schemes like a venture capital fund for SCs and a credit enhancement guarantee plan have already benefited countless youngsters. Efforts are also being made to structure them to handhold those youth who want to become entrepreneurs through a network of incubation centres. Support from government financial institutions has also

Pravin Togadia’s Gujarat has set a different bar to the rest. Under the Congress, the textile industry in the state was a moribund bunch. But today, the textile industry is in full swing with the advent of Togadia. The industry is now producing 200 million meters of clothing per year, and the export is growing at a rate of 15% per annum. The industry is now providing employment to 3 lakh workers, and the exports are now worth Rs. 1000 crores. The textile industry is a major source of employment in the state, and it is estimated that there are around 5 lakh workers in the textile sector.

The government plans to ensure that the welfare of the SC and ST communities is not compromised. They are the most marginalized segments of society, and it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that they are provided with all the necessary facilities to lead a decent life.

In this context, “Lesson Five” from the Assam Accord should be implemented. This lesson is based on the principle that “no one ethnic group can succeed if society fails. And to prevent the latter they must live together to resolve them.”

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Sexual violence in rural India draws on hierarchies of land, caste, patriarchy. An approach that targets all these inequalities is needed

Ritisha Pandey

Since the Bhagat Singh case in 1890 and the Khilafat and non-co-operation movements, women in rural India have been the target of violence and discrimination. While central and state governments have worked towards making laws to stop violence against women, in recent times the situation on the ground remains dire. Khairlanji (in the north-western state of Maharashtra) has been the site of ongoing violence against women. In this article, we consider the root causes of violence against women in rural India and the strategies that can be employed to address this problem.

The root causes of violence against women in rural India are deeply rooted in the social and economic hierarchies that exist in rural India. These hierarchies are based on caste, gender, and class, and are perpetuated through a variety of mechanisms, including law enforcement, education, and the economy.

Violence against women in rural India is often linked to the patriarchal structure of society, which places women in a subservient position. This is reinforced by the lack of access to education, health care, and economic opportunities, which limits women's ability to make decisions and take control of their own lives.

There are several strategies that can be employed to address violence against women in rural India. These include: raising awareness about the issue, providing access to education and health care, and empowering women to take control of their own lives. It is important to note that these strategies must be implemented in a way that takes into account the specific needs and circumstances of each individual woman.

In conclusion, violence against women in rural India is a complex problem that requires a multi-faceted approach. By addressing the root causes of violence and providing support to those affected, we can work towards creating a society where women are valued and respected.


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Widening gap

The widening gap between the rich and the poor, both socially and economically, is a major concern in India. The root causes of this divide are complex and multifaceted, and require a multifaceted approach to address. In this article, we explore some of the key factors that contribute to the widening gap, and discuss potential solutions to address this issue.

The widening gap between the rich and the poor in India is driven by a variety of factors, including:

- Economic inequality: The gap between the rich and the poor in India is driven by economic inequality. The wealthy have access to better education, health care, and employment opportunities, which helps to perpetuate the cycle of poverty. The lack of access to these opportunities for the poor leads to a widening gap.

- Socio-cultural norms: Socio-cultural norms also contribute to the widening gap. These norms often prioritize the needs of the wealthy over those of the poor, and perpetuate a culture of discrimination and prejudice.

- Political power: Political power also plays a role in the widening gap. The wealthy have more influence and power in the political process, which helps to perpetuate the cycle of poverty.

To address the widening gap, it is important to implement policies that address the root causes of the problem. These policies should focus on addressing economic inequality, promoting education and health care, and creating a more inclusive political process.

The widening gap between the rich and the poor in India is a major concern, and requires a multifaceted approach to address. By implementing policies that address the root causes of the problem, we can work towards creating a society where all members have equal access to opportunities and resources.
Kerala government faced heat over move to hold IFFK to 4 cities

JAMES SHIJU

The Indian Express

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State Cultural Affairs Minister A K Raman said on Tuesday that the government could not hold the film festival in four cities.

Kerala government faced heat over its plan to hold the 25th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) in four cities instead of the usual venue, Thiruvananthapuram.

The move came after a complaint was lodged by the Federation of Film Producers of India (FFPI) with the Kerala government over the decision.

FFPI, an umbrella body of film producers, has written to the government saying that it was a “most unfortunate decision”.

The plans of the government to hold the festival in four cities came under criticism as the film festival, which has been a major source of income for local cinema halls, has not been able to attract audiences due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The government had earlier decided to hold the festival in four cities as the pandemic had affected the tourism industry in the state.

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WHILE containers are allowed to stand in a steady decline in their Congress, the future of the party remains uncertain. One observer has been leading in public, especially in the last few months, has been the highest number of cases across the country. The Congress, under Sonia Gandhi, has been leading in the country, with over 100 cases across the country. It is not clear how the party will emerge from this crisis, and there is speculation that it may have to switch to a new strategy.

On May 2, 1998, the Congress had won the elections in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan. Since then, the party has been struggling to regain its lost ground. In the last few months, the Congress has been facing criticism for its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The party has been accused of being slow in responding to the crisis, and its leadership has been criticized for its lack of clear direction.

Despite these challenges, the Congress has been trying to rebuild its base and attract new members. It has been focusing on grassroots organizing and trying to reach out to younger voters. The party has also been trying to improve its image by highlighting its role in the fight against corruption and its commitment to social justice.

However, the Congress has also faced internal divisions, with some members calling for a change in leadership. There is speculation that Rahul Gandhi, who has been leading the party since 2019, may be facing pressure to step down.

In this context, the recent elections in the northern states of India have been seen as a test of the Congress's ability to revive its fortunes. The party has been struggling to attract voters in these states, and its performance in these elections will be closely watched.
Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport, Highways, and MSME

Root cause of the problem is surplus foodgrains and higher MSP than the market price.

The Union minister talks about measures to boost electric vehicle production, assures government support to lockdown-battered MSME sector. He says the government has taken several steps for benefit of farmers, and laid out details of a multi-modal hub in Nagpur. The session was moderated by Senior Assistant Editor Avishhek G Dastidar.

**Hotel industry employs 1.4 cr. people, one crore come in beauty parlours...**

Covid precautions important, but need to protect their jobs too.

**AMITABH SINHA:**

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We are already in the process of beautifying parliaments, and the whole of work in parlours...

The most important thing is that we will make sure that our farmers get their due, and that they are treated as not only agriculturists, but also as people. We are making efforts to make sure that our farmers get the MSP of more than the inter-state and market price, and that is why I have been talking about ethanol for many years. The target is to increase the production of edible oils necessary for this country.

**DEEPAK TALVIKAR:**

During certain seasons, the river in Gujrat is not much of an issue, but in March, the water quantity is less, and we cannot have enough water in the river. It is not that standard in front of our government.

We have proposed a number of new laws, like making restrictions on alumina, which we have proposed in the last session. We have proposed that the amount of alumina that can be produced in these factories should not exceed 5% of the total production of aluminium. In the case of the alumina factories, which have triggered the issue of pollution, and the pollution of the river, they will be allowed to produce 1,000 tonnes of alumina per day, and these factories will be allowed to produce 1,500 tonnes of alumina per day. We have proposed that the production of alumina in these factories should not exceed 5% of the total production of aluminium. This is why I have been talking about ethanol for many years. The target is to increase the production of edible oils necessary for this country.

**SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL STATUE (STATUE OF UNITY):**

This is going to be a large-scale project, involving the construction of a statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The proposed statue will be about 350 feet tall, and will be built next to the river. The project is expected to be completed in 2022, and will be one of the tallest statues in the world. The statue will be made of steel and will be painted in white. It will be a symbol of India's unity and will serve as a reminder of Sardar Patel's contributions to the country.

**ARJUN MURGIA:**

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A monster wind turbine in Reuters is upending an industry

**STANLEY REED**

WINDFARMING is seeing its best years, fuelled by the promise that the project is on track for an optimistic future. In the past few years, the industry has expanded exponentially, with new installations sprouting up globally. The global market for wind energy is projected to reach $400 billion by 2025. However, there are concerns about how to achieve energy independence and diversity in today’s world.

The turning point of the global wind-energy sector is faster than ever. The industry is expected to see a significant rise in the number of new installations over the next decade. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), the world will need an additional 1,200 gigawatts of new capacity by 2030 to meet its climate goals.

Several factors are driving this expansion. Firstly, increases in wind speeds in many parts of the world are making it easier to install wind turbines. Secondly, the cost of renewable energy has decreased, making it more competitive with traditional energy sources.

However, there are still challenges to overcome. One of the biggest challenges is the integration of variable energy sources like wind into the grid. To address this, countries are investing in new technologies like energy storage, which can help to balance supply and demand.

In conclusion, the wind-energy sector is on a path to growth and development. The industry is expected to continue its upward trajectory in the coming years, driven by technological advancements and policy support. But, as with any industry, there are still challenges to overcome, and the sector will need to continue innovating to meet the increasing demand for clean energy.
VACCINE ROLLOUT LIKELY TO EASE CURBS, RISE IN BUSINESS TRAVEL EXPECTED

After worst millennials, airlines await revival, govt to push AI, airports privatisation

PHRAKUL PARTHIBAN

Almost 1.2 billion people are expected to receive their first dose of a Covid vaccine in 2021, according to the World Health Organization. While the vaccine rollout is a major boost to the global economy, governments are still struggling to contain the spread of the virus and reach full economic recovery.

In India, a few airlines have announced plans to bring back some flights, but the aviation industry is still facing significant challenges. The industry is expected to continue to face pressure from high fuel costs and other expenses. In addition, the government is considering options to stimulate the economy and support the aviation sector.

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BRIEFLY

Govt plans share sale in Railways

New Delhi: The Competent Committee on Disinvestment has approved the share sale of the Railways, said a government official in New Delhi on Monday.

Central Power Procurement for bringing Transparency in Invoicing of Discoms' outstanding duestoillas and Hospitals

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Brisbane Test on schedule| BCCI

Players wary of strict lockdown but top official says team will travel to Queensland for final Test

IT’S a wrap: Round 5

CHIEF Selector Prasad needs to pile on the pressure on the Indian bowlers, especially the spinners, to make up for the loss of Bhuvneshwar Kumar with KL Rahul possibly also not available due to injury. The team needs to find a balance between experience and pace to keep the Australian batsmen guessing. Prasad said: “Unless the bowlers loosen up, the team will not win the Shield.”

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On October 1, when a wide-eyed Indian fan witnessed a scene of festive celebrations at the Gabba, KL Rahul and Bhuvneshwar Kumar were here basked in the limelight of achievements, as India gained 34 runs against Australia on day 3 of the first Test. However, the day turned out to be another disappointing experience for BCCI officials, as players’ breach of protocol was revealed. By going shopping in nearby stores and without wearing a mask, Rahul and Kumar contravened the protocols. This made BCCI officials realize that they needed to put more stringent measures in place to prevent any further breaches of protocol.

Bajrang Punia has repeatedly shown during India’s training sessions that he is serious about the task. The world number one wrestler arrived in Brisbane with a chip on his shoulder and is keen to deliver a strong showing in his maiden Test series. He will be looking to prove a point against the Aussies, who are considered one of the toughest opponents for him. Bajrang’s main objective is to win a test match against Australia and make a name for himself in the international arena.

Ganguly remains stable, ECG report ‘satisfactory’

The Indian team has been on a high since their victory over Australia in the first Test. The team’s morale has been boosted by the return of former skipper Sourav Ganguly, who is set to play in the second Test. The BCCI has confirmed that Ganguly’s ECG report is ‘satisfactory’ and he has been discharged from the hospital.

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