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Since the protests started, many farmers have been hurt financially. The BMCC, a trade union representing the farmers, has made several demands, including a $710 million compensation for the farmers whose crops were damaged during the protests.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the farmers were not willing to reconcile and that the situation had become critical. The farmer leaders, on the other hand, accused the government of not listening to their concerns.

The government announced that it would set up a committee to look into the farmers' demands. However, the farmers have rejected the proposal and called for a nationwide strike on March 5.

The protests have put a strain on the government's relations with other states, as well as with the central government. The farmers have also been criticized for disrupting normal life in the region.

The government has announced that it will hold talks with the farmers to resolve the crisis. However, the farmers have said they will continue their protests until their demands are met.

The situation has become more complicated as the government has been accused of using excessive force against the farmers. The government has said it is acting in accordance with the law and that the protesters are causing damage to public property.

The protests have also drawn international attention, with several countries expressing concern over the situation. The United Nations has called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

The farmers have said they will continue their protests until their demands are met, and the situation remains tense. The government is under pressure to find a solution to the crisis, but the farmers are determined to continue their protests until their demands are met.
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The Centre has opened the Covid-19 vaccination drive to 2.01 crore frontline workers. The move comes after India reported its highest single-day spike in coronavirus cases. The Centre said that the plan was to vaccinate 50,000 workers per day on a priority basis.

**Mumbai local trains open to all during non-peak hours from February 1**

The local trains in Mumbai will be open to all passengers from non-peak hours from February 1. The move comes after the Maharashtra government on Wednesday said it was preparing to relax more Covid-19 restrictions.

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The instance is significant in the context of farmers' agitation in Delhi, especially in the wake of the recent violence at the Singhu and Ghazipur borders. The farmers had been demanding the repeal of three farm laws since July 2020, and the recent incidents have added to the tension.

The farmers' agitation has been ongoing for over a year, with thousands of farmers from various states camped at the borders of Delhi for several months. The government had earlier announced its intent to repeal the laws, but the farmers have continued their protests, saying the laws benefit large corporates and devastate small farmers.

The recent violence at the borders has caused outrage and concern, with some leaders calling for the immediate withdrawal of the laws and others calling for a peaceful resolution.

The incident has also led to calls for action against those responsible for the violence, with the Centre and the state governments promising to investigate the matter and take appropriate action.
The real darkness on the horizon is the turn Indian democracy is taking, almost as if it is on a road to perdition.

He was trying to understand the state with the most political economy in the country — rich in water, human resources, and several prospects of diversifying its economy. Shalab's writings sought to enlighten on what may be loosely called the roots of Bihar's lowlanders.

One of the first tasks that Shalab undertook as an economic adviser to the newly formed National Democratic Alliance government was to conduct a comprehensive study of the state's economy. He spent a significant portion of his time in the field, meeting with farmers, industrialists, and politicians, and analyzing the state's economic policies and structures.

He also worked closely with the state government to develop a comprehensive plan for economic development. This plan aimed to attract foreign investment and promote industrial growth, while also addressing the state's chronic fiscal imbalances. Shalab's work was widely recognized as a key factor in the state's economic turnaround.

In addition to his work as an economic adviser, Shalab was also a prolific writer and commentator. He authored several books and articles on economic development, and his writings were widely read and respected for their insight and analytical depth.

Shalab's legacy continues to be an inspiration to young economists and policymakers, and his work continues to shape the economic policies of the state. He is remembered as a visionary who helped transform the economic landscape of Bihar, and his contributions to the field of economics will be remembered for years to come.
Once upon a Covid time
Today marks a year of India’s Case No. 1. Five lessons for the future

The Economic Survey has set the stage for promoting local production and consumption, and laying out the path for a V-shaped rebound. Consolidating the recovery

The multi-sectoral National Infrastructure Pipeline Programme (NIP), launched by the government, has been one of the important initiatives aimed at providing new momentum to the investment rate. The NIP is expected to provide a significant boost to the economy, with a focus on infrastructure development across various sectors. The survey highlights the importance of infrastructure development in stimulating economic growth and creating employment opportunities.

The survey also underscores the need for fiscal policies that are anchored in the principles of economic efficiency and social equity. It stresses the importance of balancing economic growth with social welfare and environmental sustainability. The survey suggests that fiscal policies should be designed to promote inclusive growth and reduce inequality.

Other important recommendations include:

- The need for a strong social safety net to protect the most vulnerable segments of the population.
- The importance of investing in education and healthcare to improve the quality of life and productivity.
- The need for reforms in the tax system to ensure fairness and efficiency.
- The importance of environmental sustainability in economic development.

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Sachin Chaturvedi
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Rahul Gandhi has written a letter to the Home Minister, emphasizing the importance of conducting a thorough inquiry and ensuring that justice is served.

He has also mentioned that the Home Ministry should ensure that the CBI does not come under any pressure and that the accused officials are given a fair trial.

Rahul Gandhi has expressed his concern that the functioning of the CBI has been adversely affected by political interference, which could undermine the credibility of the institution.

He has called for a transparent and impartial investigation into the case, and has urged the Home Ministry to take all necessary steps to ensure that the accused officials are tried fairly and that the CBI is not intimidated by any political pressure.

The case has gained prominence due to the high-profile nature of the accused officials, and Rahul Gandhi's intervention is expected to help ensure a fair trial.

However, the Home Ministry and the CBI have not yet commented on Rahul Gandhi's letter, and it remains to be seen how they will respond to his request for intervention.

The case is being closely watched by various political parties, with the Congress Party and Rahul Gandhi in particular expressing concern about the potential for political interference in the investigation.

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The visit will aim at furthering Bangladesh’s strategic partnership with India, particularly in the economic and defence sectors.

The visit will be a landmark moment in the bilateral relationship as the leaders will exchange views on issues of mutual interest, including the multi-modal transport connectivity and infrastructure projects.

The leaders will also review the economic cooperation, with a focus on trade, investment, and infrastructure development.

India and Bangladesh have maintained strong economic and defence ties, with Bangladesh being a key trade partner for India.

India’s relationship with Bangladesh has deepened considerably in recent years, with the countries having signed a number of agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in various sectors.

The visit will also provide an opportunity to discuss the progress of ongoing projects, including the Bangladesh-Pakistan-India (BPI)umbo project, and explore new avenues for cooperation in the fields of energy, agriculture, and education.

The leaders are also expected to discuss the ongoing regional initiatives, including the establishment of a joint committee to oversee the implementation of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multinational Economic and Social Cooperation) initiatives.

The visit is expected to further enhance the strategic partnership between India and Bangladesh, paving the way for greater economic and defence cooperation in the future.
A year with Covid: peak behind India

The decline in numbers looks terminal, but the end may be still some distance away, and it is not yet clear how long immunity will last. Tracing India’s journey to the peaks in case counts and deaths, followed by the decline.

Covid-19 VACCINE TRACER

AstraZeneca

The company said it had data from a global trial of 11,638 participants, in which 2,362 people were given two doses of AstraZeneca’s vaccine, while 2,310 received two doses of a placebo. Of those in the vaccine group, 14 were hospitalised with Covid, compared with 71 in the placebo group.

The findings add to a growing body of evidence that the vaccine is effective in preventing hospitalisation and death from Covid. AstraZeneca has submitted its vaccine for emergency use authorization in the US, EU, India, and other countries. The company is also awaiting approval from regulatory authorities in the UK.

In the trial, the vaccine was found to be 76% effective in preventing hospitalisation and death in people with no history of Covid and 67% effective in those with a previous infection. The vaccine was 80% effective in preventing symptomatic Covid in people with no history of the disease and 70% effective in those with a previous infection.

The company also reported that the vaccine was well tolerated and had a good safety profile.

AstraZeneca is continuing to conduct trials to further evaluate the vaccine's effectiveness and safety in different populations, including elderly people and those with underlying health conditions.

Different countries have different vaccination schedules and rates, so it is difficult to compare the number of doses administered. However, as of February 2021, India had administered over 30 million doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine, making it one of the largest vaccine rollouts in the world. The company has said it will produce over 2 billion doses of its vaccine in the next year.
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India’s sovereignty rating has been revised from Baa3 to Baa2 by S&P Global Ratings. The revision is due to an improvement in India’s external and fiscal indicators, with the economy recovering from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The rating outlook remains stable. The ratings agency noted that India’s fiscal performance has improved significantly, with the government’s budget deficit narrowing to 8.3% of GDP in FY20 and expected to decline to 6.5% in FY21.

The government has also implemented several measures to support the economy, including the introduction of the national health insurance scheme, the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, and the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). These measures have helped in improving the fiscal position of the government.

However, the rating agency highlighted the need for further improvement in the economic indicators, such as the growth rate and the fiscal deficit, to sustain the growth momentum. It also noted that the COVID-19 pandemic could have a long-term impact on the economy, with the possibility of a second wave in the future.

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EU clears AstraZeneca’s vaccine
Moves to block from sending vaccines outside the bloc

**THE NEW YORK TIMES**

By Laurence Norman

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Thursday imposed a embargo on AstraZeneca vaccines and blocked shipments of doses from the company’s plant in Belgium, two people familiar with the matter said.

The decision will put EU leaders in a bind as they try to shore up vaccine supplies, and it comes amid a growing row with the United Kingdom over vaccine exports.

The move is likely to further strain relations between the EU and the UK, which are already tense over issues such as fishing rights and Northern Ireland.

AstraZeneca has been struggling to meet its production targets, and the EU has been critical of the company’s delay in delivering vaccines.

Some EU member states have already expressed concerns about AstraZeneca’s ability to fulfill its obligations under the contract, and the EU has threatened to take legal action.

The decision comes on the same day that the EU’s executive arm, the European Commission, announced that it has agreed to use a “backup plan” to ensure the smooth delivery of vaccines across the bloc.

The plan includes the use of a “vaccine passports” system, which would allow people to travel within the EU without the need for quarantine or other restrictions.

But the move is likely to be met with resistance from some member states, which have expressed concerns about privacy and data protection.

The EU is also facing pressure from the US, which has threatened to impose sanctions on the bloc if it is found to be acting in breach of international law.

Despite these challenges, the EU remains committed to delivering vaccines as quickly as possible, and is working with pharmaceutical companies to increase production and ensure a fair distribution of doses.

The decision on AstraZeneca’s vaccines is just one of many that the EU is considering in its efforts to secure enough vaccines for its citizens.

Meanwhile, UN, West voice alarm amid coup fears in Myanmar

Violence and unrest have heightened in Myanmar in recent weeks, with reports of attacks on security forces and civilians, and concerns about the future of democracy in the country.

The situation in Myanmar has been particularly tense since the military coup on February 1, which overthrew the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Since then, there have been widespread protests, with people calling for the restoration of democracy and the release of political prisoners.

The military has responded with a crackdown, using force to suppress the protests and arresting numerous people.

The United Nations has expressed deep concern about the situation in Myanmar, and has called for an end to violence and a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

The US, UK, and EU have also condemned the military coup and imposed sanctions on military leaders.

There are fears that the situation in Myanmar could escalate, with the risk of further violence and human rights abuses.

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Abhimanyu, Rahane insurance Mumbai bowlers

VIJAYWADA (News18 Sports) – Mumbai’s bowling unit will have to rely on some of its senior players to stop the Baroda innings after dismissing the visiting side for a paltry 72 in the Ranji Trophy final in Vizag on Thursday.

The hosts were left to chase 131 to win the tie after the visitors were bundled out in the 29th over by the Mumbai bowling unit, which put up a fine show in the first innings with Ankit Chavan (5/24) and Dhruv Jaiswal (3/39) taking wickets in each over.

The Mumbai bowlers will have to concentrate on containing Baroda’s tail and then make a big breakthrough to bring the game under control and make the winning move.

With the clean sweep, Mumbai will claim their 17th title and Baroda will be left frustrated after a lacklustre performance.

Mumbai’s bowling unit took the wickets of Baroda openers P. Saraf and P. N. Prasad in the very first over of the day.

The unit continued its dominance over Baroda’s middle-order and took the wickets of Laxman, A. H. Khadka and S. P. Shinde, who were trying to build a strong partnership in the middle. The possession of wickets ensured Baroda’s remaining wicket was taken within the first 10 overs.

The Mumbai bowlers will now focus on the run chase against Baroda’s second-string, which was left reeling at 20/5 with eight overs remaining.

The Mumbai unit will have to make sure to continue its good form against Baroda’s tail-enders to finish off the game and take the Ranji Trophy title.

The Mumbai unit will have to pace their attack to be successful in the run-chase, as Baroda is still fighting to stop Mumbai from winning the tie.

The Mumbai bowlers will have to work together to produce a well-organized plan for the run-chase, in order to bring Baroda’s innings to a close and take home the Ranji Trophy title.

**Match Details:**
- **Date:** Thursday, 24 March 2021
- **Location:** Vizag
- **Teams:** Mumbai vs Baroda
- **Score:** Mumbai 131/3 (29.5 overs) vs Baroda 72 (28.5 overs)
- **Result:** Mumbai win by 59 runs

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**Previous Matches:**
- Mumbai vs Baroda, 22 March 2021: Mumbai won by an innings and 78 runs
- Mumbai vs Baroda, 21 March 2021: Mumbai won by an innings and 128 runs

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**Post-Match Quotes:**
- Mumbai bowler Ankit Chavan: "It’s a great feeling to win the title and we are happy to keep our track record intact.
- Baroda bowler P. N. Prasad: "We made some mistakes in the field and that cost us the game.

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**Winning Strategy:**
- Mumbai focused on maintaining a steady pace in the run chase and not taking any unnecessary risks.
- The Mumbai bowling unit took wickets at regular intervals to keep Baroda’s innings under control.

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**Next Match:**
- Mumbai will face the semifinalists of the other Ranji Trophy zones in the final to claim the title.

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**Additional Information:**
- The Ranji Trophy is India’s premier first-class cricket tournament, contested by 10 state cricket associations.
- Mumbai has won the title 17 times, making it the most successful team in the tournament.

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Zealand but missed it due to a fractured thumb. His trapped leg before wicket when only two catches behind before Maharaj had Babar (30) lbw. Anrich Nortje’s (2-24) twin strike in one over, Pakistan reached 90-3 before tea in 22.5 overs. 4-79 to dismiss South Africa for 245 in the second innings. Pakistan to seven-wicket win over South Africa by Alam’s gritty century. The win also earned Babar Azam’s success on test debut. South Africa’s captain Quinton de Kock admitted ‘soft dismissals cost us’... "How to plan for a session, how to set fields, consistency... It helps to reduce errors."

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