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Questioning lasted hours

AI case: Praful Patel makes first appearance before ED

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FORMER CIVIL Aviation Minister Praful Patel appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for the first time Monday in connection with a money laundering probe in the Air India case, including the purchase of 111 aircraft, during his tenure in the earlier UPA government.

Sources said Patel arrived around 11 am at the ED office in Delhi where his questioning continued till evening. The NCP leader would be called again for questioning, they said.

According to sources, the ED is probing various decisions taken by Patel at the time, including on the merger of Air India and Indian Airlines. The probe covers allegations linked to the ceding of profitable routes to foreign airlines, corruption in the opening of training institutes with foreign investment, and Patel's alleged ties with lobbyist Deepak Talwar who, the ED has claimed, was the middleman in these deals.

Patel had earlier denied any wrongdoing, saying all decisions were collective. Talwar was deported to India from Dubai in January.

The ED probe follows four FIRs filed by CBI in this connection.

Patel was initially called to appear before the ED last Thursday but could not make it due to "prior commitments".

The ED named Patel in a chargesheet filed on May 1 in which it alleged that he "is a dear friend" of Talwar who allegedly facilitated dispersal of profit-making Air India routes to private airlines during 2008-09 using his "proximity to the minister and aviation personnel in India".

It also claimed that Talwar had exchanged several emails with Patel's office during the period when the alleged irregularities were committed. Talwar's lawyer Tanvir Ahmed Mir had denied any wrongdoing.

SON OF MAIN CONSPIRATOR IS ACQUITTED

For rape-murder of Kathua child, 3 get life in jail: acted as if jungle law prevails

3 policemen also jailed for destroying evidence, handed 5-year sentence

SOFI AHSAN
SRINAGAR, JUNE 10

SEVENTEEN MONTHS after the kidnapping, gangrape and murder of a minor girl in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir stunned the nation, the Pathankot district and sessions court, where the trial was transferred on the directions of the Supreme Court, held six men guilty in the case Monday.

It sentenced three men, accused of rape and murder among other charges, to life imprisonment, and three policemen to five years for destruction of evidence, observing that "the perpetrators of this crime have acted in such a manner as if there is a 'law of the jungle' prevalent in society".

A seventh accused, the son of the main conspirator, was acquitted while the eight accused, a juvenile, is being proceeded against separately.

Sessions court judge Dr Tejwinder Singh recalled a Mirza Ghalib couplet from a Supreme Court ruling to describe the plight of the victim: "*Pinha tha daam-e-sakht qareeb aashiyaan ke, Udhne na paye the ki giraftar hum hue...* (near the nest of a bird there was a hard net (placed by hunter) and the young chick was caught in it before it could take its first flight)."

According to police, the minor girl disappeared on January 10, 2018. She was kidnapped, held captive in a prayer hall where she was sedated and repeatedly raped. Her body was found seven days later in a forest.

The judge sentenced Sanji Ram, a former revenue official, Parvesh Kumar alias Mannu and Deepak Khajuria, a Special Police Officer, under Ranbir Penal

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Police escort convict Sanji Ram in Pathankot, Monday. He is one of three sentenced to life in prison. *Rana Simranjit Singh*

Her parents miles away, in the mountains: Woh baar baar yaad aati hai

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JUNE 10

WHEN THE Pathankot court was sentencing six men found guilty in the rape and murder of a minor girl in the Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, her parents were miles away, herding their livestock through the mountains towards Kargil, a journey the nomadic Bakarwals undertake twice a year.

Their daughter disappeared on January 10, 2018, and her body was found in a forest a week later.

"There isn't a day I don't think about her. She is always before my eyes, *mujhe baar baar yaad aati hai*," the father said.

He knew the verdict was coming Monday. "I could not bear to be in court and listen to

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7 to 4.5%: Ex-CEA cuts GDP estimate between 2011-12 and 2016-17

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

IN THE midst of a raging controversy over India's economic growth under the new GDP series, former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian has concluded that the country's growth has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2016-17.

While official estimates have pegged average annual growth at around 7 per cent during this period, actual GDP growth is likely to have been lower, at around 4.5 per cent, says Subramanian in a recent research paper published at Harvard University. It forms the basis of his piece in the Ideas Page of *The Indian Express* today (*See page 15*).

One sector where the magnitude of mis-measurement is particularly large is manufacturing. Pre-2011, manufacturing value added in national accounts tended to be tightly correlated with the manufacturing component of the index of industrial production and manufacturing exports. But, thereafter, the relationship has broken down, notes the former CEA.

Subramanian's analysis is based on 17 key economic indicators which tend to be highly correlated with GDP growth. However, it does not include the controversial MCA-21 database which forms an integral part of the CSO's calculation.

His findings, Subramanian argues, have key implications. "The Indian policy automobile has been navigated with a faulty, possibly broken, speedometer," he writes.

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NO NEED FOR BAILOUT YET

NBFC crisis: Govt in no hurry to step in, will wait and watch

P VAIDYANATHAN IYER
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

THE GOVERNMENT, at the highest level, is said to be against stepping in proactively to support or save non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), housing finance companies (HFCs), or mutual funds.

Sources in the government closely following the developments said there will be a "moral hazard" if the government bears the cost of risky actions of NBFCs. In its own assessment, the government also thinks that while the current liquidity crunch will impede growth, it is unlikely to lead to a full-blown crisis.

Analysts and market players are, however, extremely worried that the crisis triggered by the IL&FS default last June and now by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL) may lead to a contagion and take down other finance companies.

IL&FS had a total outstanding debt of Rs 99,354 crore April-end, and the quantum of DHFL debt recently downgraded to D category recently is Rs 1,02,563 crore.

Lack of funds or credit to roll over short-term debt falling due

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Govt hopes for clean-up within

THE LIQUIDITY crunch is painful for NBFCs and while the government is aware that growth may be hit in the short-run, it discounts a full-blown crisis. It has noted how NBFCs have begun to put their house in order — raising funds or setting up stronger checks for credit valuation. So unless there is a domino effect, the government will wait and watch, hoping that the system cleans itself up.

'When I entered jail, I cried and cried... had defended my country at the border'

Declared 'illegal foreigner', ex-subedar Sanaullah is sure that he will get justice

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 10

MOHAMMAD SANAULLAH walked out of the detention centre in Assam's Goalpara on June 8. But the day this Indian Army ex-subedar will never forget is May 29 — when he walked into the centre, carrying the tag of an "illegal foreigner".

"Entering through the prison gate, I cried and cried. I asked myself what sin have I committed that after serving my motherland for three decades, including at the LoC in Kupwara, I am being detained like a foreigner," he told *The Indian Express* at his residence in Guwahati's Satgaon after being granted interim bail by the Gauhati High Court.

"I have served for 30 years in the Army. I have been posted in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Delhi, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Manipur. I have defended my country standing bravely at the border. I love my country. I am an Indian and I am sure justice will be done in my case," he said.

Sanaullah (52), retired as a subedar with the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) in August 2017. He had joined the Army on May 21, 1987, and in 2014, was awarded the President's Certificate for his promotion to the rank of a "Junior Commissioned Officer in the Regular Army in the Rank of Naib Subedar".

After his retirement, Sanaullah joined the Border wing of Assam Police as a sub-inspector in Kamrup (Rural) district after clearing the qualification tests.

However, after investigating him as a suspected illegal foreigner in 2008-09, the Border wing lodged a "reference" case against him at a Foreigners' Tribunal (FT). On May 23, Sanaullah lost the case. Six days later, he was taken to the detention centre in Goalpara district.

The FTs — 100 across the state — are quasi-judicial bodies

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Md Sanaullah and his wife Samina Begum. *Abhishek Saha*

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A Meeting In Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav and son Akhilesh in Lucknow, Monday. Adityanath met Mulayam at his home to inquire about his health. Late Monday night, Mulayam was admitted to Medanta — The Medicity in Gurgaon, with a hospital spokesperson saying details will be shared on Tuesday. *UP Chief Minister's Office*

Bishkek summit: Xi, Modi meeting confirmed, likely to discuss US trade friction

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

WITH A meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping scheduled on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit this week, China Monday hoped that the two leaders would discuss their respective trade frictions with the US and the two "good friends" could reach a consensus on opposing "trade protectionism".

They will meet on sidelines of SCO summit. *File*

The meeting between Xi and Modi at the SCO summit in the

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UP video: SC to hear plea against journalist's arrest, 3 more held

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JUNE 10

ON THE day the Supreme Court said it will hear Tuesday a plea by the wife of journalist Prashant Kanojia against his arrest by the UP police for allegedly making "objectionable comments" against UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on social media, police Monday registered three more FIRs and arrested three persons for allegedly uploading morphed photographs of the CM.

The fresh cases mean police have now filed six cases in UP and arrested six persons over the last three days. Police had earlier arrested Kanojia for allegedly uploading a video on Twitter in which a woman is heard making some claims about Adityanath. He also allegedly made "objectionable comments" on the video.

Ishika Singh, head of a Noida-based news channel, and Anuj Shukla, one of the editors of the channel which aired the video, were also arrested. And while new FIRs were registered at

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Playwright who engaged with history to articulate India's modernity

AMRITA DUTTA
BENGALURU, JUNE 10

GIRISH KARNAD wrote his first play on a ship to England. He was 22, travelling to Oxford University on a Rhodes scholarship and leaving behind a family acutely anxious about the departure of their son to foreign lands. In that "intense emotional turmoil", he found himself writing in Kannada, the language of his childhood. He found himself writing about the legends that he had soaked up as a child in Sirsi, a small town in Karnataka that was the heart of yakshagana country. His ambition, till then, was to become an English poet in the mould of TS Eliot, but *Yayati* (1960), about a king who cannibalised his son's youth, "nailed him to his past."

For one of India's greatest modern playwrights, modernity was not a repudiation of the past but a conversation with it. Through parables mined from history, ancient myth and folklore, he found a way to articulate the anxieties of the here and now, and the muddled-ness of being an Indian. It was a project he carried into his last play *Rakhsasa Tangadi*, about the hubris of an old king and the destruction of the Vijayanagara empire, which he wrote last year. "He was an international figure, but he never lost his connection with Indian life," says Kannada writer-playwright Vivek Shanbag.

His death on Monday at 81 — he passed away in his sleep at his home in Bengaluru — brings to a close a glorious chapter in modernist Indian theatre which he helped shape through his work, from the early 1960s onward. Together with Badal Sircar in Bengali, Vijay Tendulkar in Marathi and Mohan Rakesh in Hindi — and several other artistes in post-Independence India — Karnad asked the question: what is it to be Indian? The answer, articulated robustly in various Indian languages, affirmed a belief in equality, secularism and constitutional morality.

A cosmopolitan erudite liberal rooted in a thriving tradition of Kannada modernism, Karnad was a true Renaissance man, ranging from theatre to cinema and television. (Two of his most-loved roles were in *Turning Point*, a Doordarshan show on science education, and in *Malgudi Days*.) To him goes the distinction also of co-writing a film (*Aa Dinagalu*) with a reformed underground gangster Agni Sreedhar.

Karnad grew up in a Saraswat Brahman home in Dharwad, an important centre of scholarship and classical music. The city was also home to Manohar Granthamala, the publishing house which bet on him when he was an unknown writer in his 20s. It was where he met the two men who shaped his imagination, poet AK Ramanujan and critic Keertinath Kurtakoti. Till the end, he called himself "a Dharwad man".

As an actor, he was part of the influential parallel cinema movement with stellar roles in Shyam Benegal's *Nishaant* and *Manthan*. To Kannada cinema, he brought a fresh perspective through award-winning films such as *Vamsa Vriksha*. He debuted as a film actor with *Samskara*, based on a novel by fellow Kannada writer

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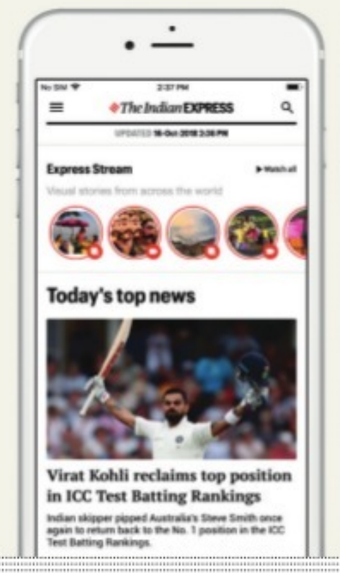

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Sanaullah

meant to "furnish opinion on the question as to whether a person is or is not a foreigner within the meaning of Foreigner's Act, 1946".

"After my retirement, I was looking for opportunities to continue serving my state and my country. I got selected to the Border wing and took the job. The officers who arrested me were my senior colleagues. They followed the procedure as required after an FT order," he said.

"On May 28 evening, I was called by a DSP to North Guwahati police station. I had an apprehension that it could be related to my detention as per the procedure. At the station, I had to sit through the night, without a place to sleep. Next day, around 7 pm, I entered the detention centre in Goalpara. The prison cell where I was kept there had probably 40-odd people. They gave me two blankets, a mosquito-net and a plate and a glass," he says.

The bail order says Sanaullah has to furnish a bond of Rs 20,000 with two local sureties. The order states that Sanaullah's biometrics — iris and fingerprints — and photograph should be obtained prior to his release. It also prohibits Sanaullah from moving out of the territorial jurisdiction of Kamrup (Rural) and Kamrup (Metro) districts.

There are six detention camps in Assam — housed in jails at Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Tezpur, Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Silchar — and they hold 1000-odd "illegal foreigners". Many of those lodged in these centres have challenged the FT orders in courts.

"My heart broke during my interactions with fellow detainees — most of them have never been to school and are very poor. Some of them have spent eight-nine years in detention. One person from Nalbari district, around 65 years old, has spent over nine years. Most of them were telling me how they had been declared as 'foreigners' due to errors in the spelling of their names and discrepancies in age in certain documents," says Sanaullah.

"The families of many of these detainees do not have the funds to contest the FT order in high court. Some of the families have stopped visiting because even travelling from a far off district to the centre in Goalpara requires money. I met some young men, in the age group of 18-30, who have been declared 'foreigners' but there is no question on the Indian citizenship of their parents and siblings," he says.

Last month, the Supreme Court allowed the conditional release of persons lodged at detention centres for being "illegal foreigners" in Assam.

The apex court ordered that such detainees who have completed more than three years may be released after they furnish a bond with two sureties of Rs 1 lakh each of Indian citizens, submit details of address of stay after release and provide biometric details in a secured database. They should also report once every week to the police station specified by the FT.

"If they come out and work, maybe they will earn a small amount, say Rs 200 per day. But they will be able to live with their family and probably have meals together," says Sanaullah.

The Gauhati High Court has issued notices to the Union of India, government of Assam, NRC authorities, the Election Commission of India and a former Assam police officer Chandramal Das in the case challenging the FT order against Sanaullah.

The basis of the "reference" to the FT was an interrogation investigation report by Das, the then sub-inspector of the Border wing of the Assam police, against Sanaullah in 2008-09.

However, the three witnesses named in that report Amjad Ali, Mohammad Kuran Ali and Mohammad Sobahan Ali — all residents of Kalahikash village in Kamrup district from where Sanaullah hails — lodged an FIR against Das last this week saying that it was fictitious.

They said their names were included with their permission, and that their signatures were faked. Moreover, the family and lawyers of Sanaullah pointed out multiple anomalies in Sanaullah's purported confession, attached in the investigation report, and alleged it was completely fabricated.

"The interrogation report was completely fictitious. I had never met the police officer Das. On the dates of the supposed interrogation mentioned by Das, I was serving in Operation Hifazat (a counter-insurgency action) in Manipur," says Sanaullah.

Girish Karnad

UR Ananthamurthy, for which he wrote the screenplay.

For those who pilloried him as an "anti-national" and part of a creaking, corrupt ancien regime in his last years, it is important to remember that Karnad's path-breaking Tughlaq (1964) — written at the astonishing age of 26 — captured the disenchantment with Nehruvian ideals that had set in after Independence. It became a metaphor for authoritarianism during the Emergency and the Indira Gandhi years and remains a powerful depiction of the impulse to overweening, unchecked power in Indian democracy.

After the declaration of the Emergency, Karnad resigned from his post as the head of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in protest against impossible demands from the government.

On Monday, in accordance with his wishes, his last rites were held at the Kalpally crematorium in a low-key ceremony attended by a few friends and well-wishers. Karnad had asked his family to refuse any offer of state honours, or official pomp. "It was a metaphor for the fiercely private person he was," said Shanbag.

For a generation of artists that came after him, Karnad's plays offer a way of thinking about Indian society, its caste hierarchies, and its disillusionments with politics, all at once. Some of his most popular and influential plays include Hayavadana (1972), Nagamandala (1988) and Agni Matte Male (1995), which staged the clash between desire and tradition, hierarchy and freedom.

In 1990, at the height of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, Karnad wrote Tale Danda, a play inspired by the 12th century anti-caste revolution led by poet-statesman Basavanna and his followers, the sharanas, in Basavakalyan.

Till the end, through six decades of public life, Karnad continued to pitch himself — his frail body, his breathless self — into the battles of the present. From trying to douse the communal conflagration over the Babu Budangiri shrine in Chikmagalur to standing up against state excesses against Kabir Kala Manch, from speaking out without fear against majoritarianism and hate, Karnad's voice rang loud and clear. "People listen to me," he said matter-of-factly, when this writer met him last year at his home.

That outspokenness incurred costs.

If the abiding image from the last few years has been of a frail Karnad, a breathing device stuck to his nose, turning up to protest the murders of first MM Kalburgi, and then Gauri Lankesh, both alleged targets of militant Hindutva groups, it must also be remembered that the playwright's name was on top of that hit-list.

That did not deter him, of course.

Last year, Karnad turned up at a memorial function for Lankesh, wearing the placard #MeTooUrbanNaxal — as a protest against the arrest of human rights activists and lawyers Sudha Bhardwaj, Surendra Gadling, Shoma Sen, Mahesh Raut, Sudhir Dhawale, and others. "The terror is not in what police are saying. The terror is in the words. (The fantastic allegations) show that the police don't care, they don't have to be rational. What they are implicitly saying is that we can say what we like, which means we can do what we like," he said that day to a packed audience, ending his short speech with, "I won't say more, I have run out of breath."

But the power of his ideas and his plays never will.

Karnad is survived by his wife Saraswathi Ganapathy and children Raghu Amay and Radha Shalmali.

> "Sad to hear of the passing of Girish Karnad, writer, actor and doyen of Indian theatre. Our cultural world is poorer today. My condolences to his family and to the many who followed his work."
>
> — RAM NATH KOVIND
> PRESIDENT

> "Girish Karnad will be remembered for his versatile acting across all mediums. He also spoke passionately on causes dear to him. His works will continue being popular in the years to come. Saddened by his demise. May his soul rest in peace."
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> — NARENDRA MODI
> PRIME MINISTER

NBFC crisis

in the coming months can potentially affect other non-banking companies and may lead to more defaults in the NBFC sector. This may spill over with adverse second-round impact that could be felt on real estate and construction firms, analysts warn.

Expressing the gravity of the situation, a senior analyst in a top FII told The Indian Express, "The RBI did not address the issue in its policy. The stock market dropped 554 points last Thursday despite a 25-basis point rate cut. It is past the time to ask if government action poses a 'moral hazard'."

Sources said the government has been monitoring the situation since the first default by IL&FS in June 2018. Some Cabinet Ministers and top officials in the Prime Minister's Office have been meeting analysts and are being regularly updated with information flowing in from public sector bank chiefs, mutual fund CEOs and top FIIs.

The government's risk perception, sources said, suggests that the tight liquidity conditions will slow down GDP growth in the short term but does not share the alarm among many in the market — that the crisis could blow up. Instead, the government's view is that IL&FS and DHFL and their mess within can be ring-fenced.

"The pain is bearable. if an NBFC fails, so be it. The belief is that the sector, which flourished in a lax regulatory regime, will emerge stronger after this round," said a source who did not wish to be named. The source said the system was "getting mature" over the last eight months and this pain was probably necessary from the perspective of future credit behaviour.

Sources also underline that the government is well aware of the risk of a contagion. Sources said if there is a domino effect, the government will definitely intervene. For instance, government-owned life insurer LIC offered to subscribe to DHFL papers worth Rs 3,000 crore in January this year. "Ahead of Lok Sabha elections, the government did not want any escalation," the source said.

"But the message, for now, is loud and clear. NBFCs are selling assets for liquidity, some are selling profitable subsidiaries to shore up their cash, some are going for IPOs, and some even diluting their equity to raise more money from foreign investors, hoping it will perk up their market capitalization," said another source.

For instance, DHFL is selling its entire 49 per cent stake in Avanse Financial Services Ltd, an education-focused NBFC. DHFL and its parent Wadhawan Global Capital, plan to sell their 9.15 per cent and 70 per cent stake, respectively in Aadhaar Housing Finance Ltd, to raise another Rs 2,500 crore.

Edelweiss Financial Services Ltd, another big NBFC, plans to sell minority stakes in its subsidiary Edelweiss Insurance Brokers Ltd and also in Edelweiss Global Wealth and Asset Management. "This is to ensure that Edelweiss survives and emerges from this crisis to play the second round," said a source.

Some major real-estate companies too are tiding over the current credit shortage by liquidating their assets or selling part stakes. Indiabulls Real Estate, for example, plans to sell about 12 per cent of promoter holding in the company to focus more on financial services. Similarly, real estate giant Shapoorji Pallonji is listing one of its arms to raise Rs 4,500 crore.

Bishkek summit

Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek on June 13-14 was confirmed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)'s secretary (west) A Gitesh Sarma. Modi will also meet Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the summit.

At a media briefing in Beijing, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Hanhui said: "While the details for the meeting are under discussion, I believe every bilateral meeting between President Xi and Prime Minister Modi is very important. From the Chinese side, we will make good perpetrations for the success of bilateral meeting."

He said the China-US trade war and the "spectre" of emerging trade frictions between the US and India could become an important part of the discussions between the two leaders.

"Whether they will talk about trade frictions between China and the US and the spectre of trade frictions between the US and India, such things are not surprising. I believe this could become an important topic in his bilateral meetings with the related leaders," he said.

"Trade protectionism and unilateralism are very much on the rise. How to respond to the bullying practices of the US, its practice of trade protectionism, this is an important question not only to China, but also has direct bearing on the recovery of the global economy," said Zhang.

"So I would say it will be helpful if the two leaders could exchange views and we hope their communication will lead to extensive consensus on upholding justice and opposing trade protectionism...I hope with their cooperation, the two countries will not only enhance bilateral trade but also play an important role in promoting the global economy."

UP video

Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar and Gorakhpur districts, police arrested two more persons and said raids were on to trace two others, who are allegedly on the run.

In the SC, the petition by Kanojia's wife, Jagisha Arora was mentioned before a vacation bench of Justices Indira Bannerjee and Ajay Rastogi with her counsel seeking urgent hearing saying the arrest was "illegal" and "unconstitutional".

On Monday, Basti police arrested village head Akhlaq Ahmed (42) for allegedly uploading a morphed photograph of Adityanath on a WhatsApp group. Akhlaq was produced before a Basti court which sent him to judicial custody, according to officiating SHO of the Rudhali police station, Ashok Kumar Verma. A farmer, Ahmed is the head of Bashkor village in Basti.

According to Verma, "on Sunday HUV (Hindu Yuva Vahini) worker Raj Kumar Soni informed police that Akhlaq had uploaded an 'objectionable' morphed photograph of Adityanath on a WhatsApp group".

On Soni's complaint, police registered an FIR against Ahmed under IPC Section 505 (2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes), he said.

In another case, the Mehdawal police station in Sant Kabir Nagar district filed a case against a local Mohammad Asif and police said they were conducting raids to trace him. Mehdawal SHO Ravindra Kumar Gautam said, "HUV's Sant Kabir Nagar city president Rajneesh Pratap Singh had filed an FIR against Asif for allegedly uploading a message carrying the morphed photograph of Adityanath on a WhatsApp group of which he is also a member."

In a third case, the Gorakhpur police Sunday arrested 40-year-old Peer Mohammad. Police are looking for one Dharmendra Bharti, who allegedly shared a morphed photograph on Facebook and also made a derogatory comment on it, said Circle officer, Gola (Gorakhpur), Satish Chandra Shukla.

According to Shukla, "the case against Mohammad and Bharti was lodged at the Gola police station on Sunday on charges of defamation and the IT Act for uploading and sharing an objectionable morphed photograph of the Chief Minister on Facebook".

Mohammad, a businessman, was produced before a local court, which sent him to judicial custody, said Shukla.

Meanwhile, police also arrested 30-year-old Raju Singh Yadav, three days after lodging an FIR against him for allegedly uploading morphed photographs of Adityanath on Facebook. According to Hemraj Saroj, the Asothar police station SHO, Singh, who works at a private firm in Mumbai, was arrested from near his residence in Fatehpur. He will be produced before a local court Tuesday.

Kathua rape-murder: 3 get life in jail

Code sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) for life, 302 (murder) for life, 363 (kidnapping) for seven years, 328 (causing hurt by means of poison etc) for 10 years, 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) for five years, 343 (wrongful confinement) for two years and 376D (gangrape) for 25 years. The sentences, the judge said, shall run concurrently.

Sub Inspector Anand Dutta, SPO Surinder Kumar and Head Constable Tilak Raj were sentenced to five years imprisonment under RPC section 201 for destruction of evidence.

"Where there is nothing on record which could show that accused SI Anand Dutta, HC Tilak Raj and SPO Surinder Kumar were part of criminal conspiracy right from the beginning. As per evidence on record, they have tried to cause disappearance of evidence... with an intention to screen the main offenders... from the legal punishment in this case, by washing away the blood stained clothes of victim, concealing the 'dupatta' (chunni), hair band and necklace of victim and by giving false information regarding the place of occurrence," the order stated.

The seventh accused, Sanji Ram's son Vishal Jangotra, was acquitted of the charge of rape. The prosecution had claimed that he was specially called from his college in Meerut to rape the victim in captivity, and that he had created an alibi "by resorting to manipulation of records and creation of false evidence with the connivance and assistance of his father" and others.

The order stated "his 'plea of alibi' is accepted by the court" as the evidence brought on record "categorically proves the fact that the accused Vishal Jangotra during the days of occurrence was not present in Kathua (J&K) rather he was present in Meeranpur, Muzaffarnagar (UP) and was appearing for the examinations"

According to police, the rape and murder of the minor girl was aimed at "dislodging" the nomadic Bakarwal Muslim community from a village in Kathua district. Even as the case sparked outrage, a group called Hindu Ekta Manch was formed in Jammu to back the accused, and this led to the case being given a communal twist. Two BJP ministers of the then J&K government had backed the Manch, coming out in support of the accused.

The trial was shifted to Pathankot on Supreme Court orders after a group of lawyers attempted to prevent the submission of the chargesheet before the trial court. The in-camera trial, which started May 31, 2018 in Pathankot, concluded on June 6 this year after nearly 240 hearings.

The prosecution produced 114 witnesses in support of its case while the defence team brought 14 witnesses. The investigation was conducted by an SIT of the J&K Police Crime Branch. The J&K government had asked Gurdaspur-based senior lawyer Santokh Singh Basra and Pathankot district attorney Jagdishwar Kumar Chopra to appear for the prosecution side while the accused were represented by at least 47 lawyers.

Parents miles away: Woh baar baar yaad aati hai

the episode being repeated over and over" for the sentencing. He had learnt of the court ruling, and was somewhat dismayed that one of the seven accused had not been held guilty. "This was long overdue, *par tasalli nahin hui* (We are not completely satisfied). *Sabko sazaa milni chahiye thi* (all accused should have been punished)."

He said months after his daughter was kidnapped, raped and murdered, he had returned to the area to pray at her grave. An innocent child, he said, had been killed for no reason, and "justice will only be done if all accused of taking away our child are given the punishment they deserve".

The mother was more vocal: "I want justice for my girl and that justice will be delivered when all the accused are hanged." "I was at her grave two months ago... *bohot yaad aati hai, hum ab bhi ro rahe hain* (we remember her a lot, and we still weep)."

Her brother, the girl's adopted father, had lost two children in a bus accident around the time their daughter was born. For over a year, the brother kept asking her for the child. She finally agreed and gave her youngest child to her brother.

The girl's parents belong to the nomadic Bakarwal tribe, one of 12 Scheduled Tribes in J&K with a population of just over 60,000. They steer their livestock along the highways and forest routes in the mountains.

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Free Metro for women likely to extend to NCR, says govt

Deadline for suggestions on Delhi govt proposal extended by a fortnight

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

THE DELHI government's proposed public transport fare exemption scheme is likely to also cover women Metro commuters whose point of origin and destination stations fall outside the boundaries of the national capital. The Metro network spans 373 km across Delhi and NCR cities like Gurgaon, Faridabad, Bahadurgarh and Ballabhgarh in Haryana and Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said the government intends to extend the waiver to women travelling between NCR cities after being informed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) that such commuters make up for not more than 3-4% of the total ridership. "We are holding meetings on a daily basis. In some cases, women travel to NCR cities from Delhi. There is no confusion regarding them. But we are still considering the case of those whose origin and destinations both fall outside Delhi. But most probably, the scheme will cover them as well," Gahlot said.

The Metro network spans 373 km across Delhi and NCR cities like Gurgaon, Faridabad, Bahadurgarh, Ballabhgarh

A senior government official said that initially, there were suggestions to extend the waiver to only those who enter the Metro system through a station located in Delhi. "But then, working professionals routinely travel to Noida and Gurgaon from Delhi. It will be absurd to not extend the benefits to those who will return to Delhi from those NCR cities after work," the official said.

While the modalities of the proposal are still being drafted, the government has also decided that it will now take in suggestions and feedback from the public till June 30, pushing the deadline by a fortnight.

Till Monday, around 3,700 suggestions were sent to delhiwomensafety@gmail.com, said Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah. The DDC has been tasked by the government with collating and analysing the feedback.

Gahlot also said that while there is no potential difficulty in implementing the proposal in Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses, the ETMs (Electronic Ticketing Machines) may have to be tweaked to make the transition seamless. "A 'woman' option will have to be added in the software that runs those machines so that a passenger willing to avail the scheme is not charged," Gahlot said.

The Transport Department was directed by Gahlot to prepare a Cabinet note on the proposal by June 11.

FIRE CONTROL

A minor fire broke out inside a room on the ground floor of Shastri Bhavan Monday. Five fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the blaze was brought under control. *Praveen Khanna*

Math in best of 4 for Eco Hons: DU aspirant's concerns reach High Court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

DAYS AFTER airing concerns at DU's 'open session' regarding removal of mathematics as a part of 'best of four' subjects for admission to Economics (Honours), the request has now reached the High Court.

A petition filed by a school graduate seeking to apply for the Economics course reads: "That by the introduction of this arbitral (sic) change in the merit-based admission, the petitioner will suffer grave loss of not securing a seat in one of the prime institutions of the respondent University. The petitioner has secured a meritorious percentage of 98.75 in her BFS if Mathematics is not included... the Petitioner would now be constrained to include Mathematics in her BFS bringing her percentage down to 97.75 thereby losing a whole (percentage point) in the process."

At the open session, Saturday

The petition argues that this change in eligibility criteria was only made known to applicants a day before the application process began, when instead, it should have been publicly notified a year ago, so that applicants could have "strategised" and "prioritised" accordingly.

The information bulletin for the ongoing admission process for the university's undergraduate programmes was published online on May 29. It included a change in the eligibility criteria for application to the economics programme. While the applicants' best of four score (BFS) had to include a language and any three other subjects till last year, this time, mathematics has been included as a compulsory inclusion along with a language.

Referring to the revised rule as "unfair" and "discriminatory", the petition has requested the order be quashed. The matter has been listed for June 12.

Another plea, filed by lawyer Charanpal Singh Bagri in the High Court, claimed that the varsity's decision to amend the criteria at the last moment was in violation of the principle of natural justice.

To this, the HC sought to know the stand of the Centre and Delhi University by June 14, saying that there was arbitrariness in how criteria was amended just a day before opening of registrations for admission.

Meanwhile, some members of DU's academic and executive councils have written to the vice-chancellor asking for the reversal of criteria.

"It is important to note that these changes do not have sanction of the academic council... The students have been caught unaware...and they must be given sufficient time to adapt themselves to these changes," the letter read.

Those living in unauthorised colonies step closer to getting ownership rights

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

RESIDENTS WITH houses in unauthorised colonies are one step closer to having ownership rights on homes in these areas.

A committee — formed in March to prepare a list of recommendations to recognise rights of ownership or transfer/mortgage of residents of unauthorised colonies and revise norms to help improve road, water and sewage networks — submitted its report to the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Monday.

According to sources, the report has suggested that those who own houses in these areas be charged a one-time tax for recognition of ownership rights.

There are more than 1,700 unauthorised colonies in the capital

Development charges will be levied separately for other facilities.

One roadblock, officials said, was creating open spaces as mandated under the Master Plan, since these colonies came up without planning and don't have any space for parks, etc.

According to official documents, there are 1,700 unauthorised colonies in the capital, of which 895 have been earmarked for regularisation by the Delhi government.

An election issue for over 15 years, each party in the fray has promised regularisation to residents of these areas, which cover over 30% of Delhi's areas and house approximately half of Delhi's population.

The Delhi government and the Centre sparred over the issue recently, with each blaming the other for the delay in issuing guidelines for regularisation.

The biggest hurdle in the process is mapping the boundaries of these colonies. The Delhi government cleared a proposal earlier this year to map unauthorised colonies using drones, after four different methods tried since 2015 fell through.

Officials at the ministry confirmed that the report has been submitted to the minister by members of the committee Monday.

"The report discusses ownership rights and the procedures for layout. The ministry will study the proposals and action will be directed," a senior official said.

24-year-old bludgeoned to death in Jahangirpuri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed and then bludgeoned to death, allegedly by a group of five men, in North West Delhi's Jahangirpuri late Sunday night. Initial investigation has revealed that the victim, along with his associates, allegedly beat up the accused and his associates, members of a rival gang, following which they killed him to "exact revenge".

According to police, the victim has been identified as Gaurav Kumar.

"On Sunday evening, Kumar, along with one Satish, stabbed one Ravi and fled from the spot. Ravi was taken to hospital. In the meantime, his gang members gathered outside the hospital and some of them started looking for Kumar and Satish," a senior police officer said.

The incident took place around 2 am, when they found Kumar and allegedly stabbed and bludgeoned him to death, said police.

"They stopped him when he tried to escape and started beating him. They whipped out knives and stabbed him. They then bludgeoned him to death and fled the spot," an officer said.

Police were informed about the incident, following which Kumar was taken to a hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

In 2016, Kumar was arrested in connection with a murder case. He was acquitted a few months ago, said police.

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BRIEFLY

Sisodia visits four govt schools

New Delhi: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia visited four government schools in the city — at Pushp Vihar, Shahpur Jat, Safdarjung Enclave and Green Park Extension in South Delhi — to inspect under-construction classrooms Monday. "I want daily progress reports with photos from the schools... please raise the matter if work stops even for a day," he said. **PTI**

Man escapes from custody, nabbed

New Delhi: A 28-year-old undertrial, who was in police custody, fled from Rohini court Saturday and was arrested again Monday. DCP (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma said, "He was with a sub-inspector and managed to escape after he said he wanted to go to the bathroom. He also made use of the fact that it was crowded."

Professor's car vandalised

New Delhi: The car of St Stephen's College faculty, Nandita Narain, was allegedly vandalised at North Campus. Police confirmed that they have received a complaint and are investigating the matter. The complaint said the windscreen of the car, which was parked inside the campus, was smashed.

Man shot at by his neighbour

New Delhi: A 21-year-old man was shot at in Kalyanpuri Sunday night, allegedly by his neighbour. Police suspect it was a fallout of personal enmity between the victim's brother and an acquaintance of the accused, who are lodged in prison. **ENS**

DAYS AHEAD COULD BRING RESPITE

48 degrees Celsius

Capital in grip of heat wave as Palam weather station records highest temperature in 21 years

An afternoon break from work. Dry weather, long gap between western disturbances and westerly winds are reasons behind the heat wave. *Tashi Tobgyal*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

TEMPERATURES SOARED in the city Monday as Palam recorded a maximum temperature of 48 degrees Celsius — the highest in 21 years. At Safdarjung observatory, considered the official weather station for the city since 1941, the maximum temperature was 45.6 degrees Celsius, the highest in six years.

A slight respite in the form of a dust storm is expected Tuesday, when the maximum temperature at Safdarjung is expected to be 44 degrees Celsius.

Consistently dry weather, long gap between western disturbances and westerly winds are primary reasons behind the heat wave, officials at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

In small areas, like the capital, a heat wave is declared if the maximum temperature is recorded at 45 degrees Celsius even for a day, it said.

"The whole of North West India is witnessing this heat wave. Dry weather and low moisture is aiding such high temperatures... Western Rajasthan is also reeling. This time around, there has been a long gap between western disturbances that have affected the plains. Western disturbances are expected over the western Himalayas starting tonight but the plains are not expected to see much relief," said a senior IMD official.

Delhi, which usually sees 8.6 mm of rain in the first 10 days of June, is yet to see any this year.

IMD records show that the highest temperature recorded at Palam since 1952, since when records have been maintained at the station, was 48.4 degrees Celsius on May 26, 1998. At Safdarjung, the highest temperature ever recorded was 47.2 degrees Celsius on May 29, 1944.

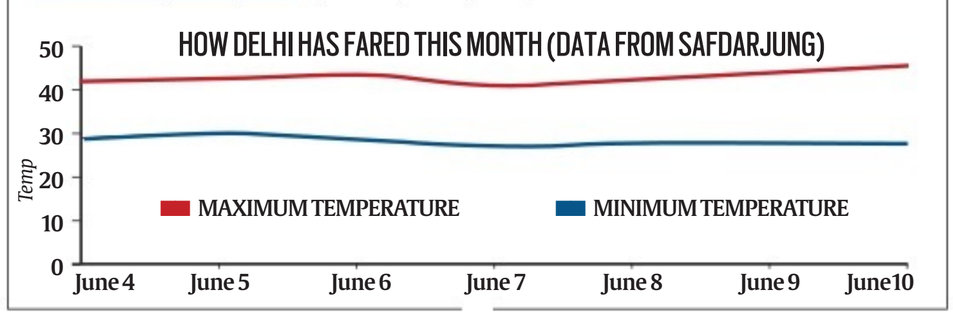
The highest temperature of the season is usually recorded in the last week of May, as June has more days with rains.

"In May this year, Delhi saw light rain almost every week and was affected more by Himalayan western disturbances, which is why temperatures didn't climb. This year, dry and hot weather is being seen primarily in June. Monsoon was also delayed by a week," the IMD official said.

THE DAY — AND THE WEEK AHEAD

	MAX	MIN
Palam	48	30.2
Lodhi Road	46	27
Ridge	47.9	30
Ayanagar	47	27.7
Faridabad	46	31.8
Jafarpur	46.7	28.5
Najafgarh	46.3	30.3

	MIN	MAX	FORECAST
Tue	29	44	Heat wave
Wed	29	41	Dust storm or thunderstorm
Thu	29	42	Dust storm or thunderstorm
Fri	28	42	Strong surface winds during the day
Sat	29	42	Strong surface winds during the day
Sun	30	42	Dust storm or thunderstorm



FIR against management as boiler blast kills 2 Chinese men

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JUNE 10

Victims Ji Jian, Zhang Yang

A DAY after three people, including two Chinese nationals, died following a boiler explosion at a biotechnology company in Mewat, an FIR has been registered against the manager, general manager and director.

"The case has been registered under IPC sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 34 (common intention) based on a complaint submitted by the father of one of the victims, Vicky," said ASI Chanderpal, the investigating officer.

"Vicky's post-mortem has been conducted and his body handed over to his family. The post-mortem of the other two will be conducted once we get a no-objection certificate from the Chinese Embassy. Their bodies have been kept in the mortuary for now," he said.

In his complaint to police, Vicky's father Jagat Singh, a farmer in Gurgaon's Sohna area, alleged the equipment had been faulty for some time, and senior officials had not got it repaired despite repeated complaints from employees. He also alleged that no fire control measures were taken at the establishment, and security equipment was not provided to his son and the others while fixing the boiler.

According to police, the incident took place around 2.30-3 pm at Pusilin Biotechnology Pvt Limited in Rojka Meo Industrial Area Sunday, while Vicky, a welder, was fixing the boiler. The other two, senior engineer Ji Jian (33) and production engineer Zhang Yang (36), who hailed from Shandong in China, were supervising the job.

"Zhang Yang had been working at the company for two months, and Ji Jian for barely 15-20 days. The former's visa expires in October, while the latter's expires in August. They were living in rooms at the unit itself... Their families have been informed," said the IO.

SP Sangeeta Kalia had Sunday stated that the boiler appeared to not have been inspected regularly, but added that this suspicion could only be confirmed once officials from the organisation were contacted. Till Monday, however, the officials remained absconding.

An official from the Labour Department said: "The firm falls under the Factory Act since it has more than 10 employees, and was hence required to take approval for building plans and licences from the labour department. It was also supposed to get itself registered. However, prima facie it appears this was not done."

In 4 slums, most kids have no access to toilet at home: Survey

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

A SURVEY conducted on children living in four Delhi slums has revealed that 81.6% of them do not have toilet facilities at home. According to the survey, of 423 children living at Inder Camp, Israil Camp, Sanjay Camp and Kalyan Vihar, 345 said they don't have a toilet at home.

The survey, titled 'A Study of Access & Safety of Toilets for Children in Slums of Delhi', was conducted over three months by the Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation (KSCF) to assess the quality of existing community toilets and their accessibility for children in urban slum communities.

Children aged between 5 and 18 were identified and interviewed. "Children are forced to use public toilets, which are unsafe and unhygienic. Children living in areas such as Israil and Sanjay camps have been urinating in public," said Rakesh Sengar, director, child-friendly committee, KSCF.

While 111 respondents were from Israil Camp, 105 respondents each were from Sanjay Camp and Kalyan Vihar Camp. Another 102 respondents lived in Inder Camp. Of the total respondents, 223 were girls and 200 boys.

The survey said almost 71% of children who used public toilets said they were inaccessible round-the-clock. It was also observed that due to lack of access to a public toilet at night, most children (56%) defecated in the open. A large proportion of children (92%) said there was no security at the public toilets. "The elected Bal Panchayat in these camps has written to several authorities asking them to set up toilets," added Sengar.

The outcome budget report released by Delhi government last week showed that the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) met the target of constructing 241 Jan Suvidha complexes this year.

The government has set a target of 245 such complexes for 2019-2020. "Our target is to construct 27,000 community toilets across the city by the end of this year. So far, 22,000 toilets have been built by DUSIB and around 3,000 by civic agencies. We are in the process of constructing 2,000 more toilets," Bipin Rai, DUSIB member, told *The Indian Express*.

GROUND REALITY

Among the 345 kids who did not have a toilet at home:
203 (58.8%) said they use community (pucca) toilets
14 (4.06%) used mobile toilets
128 (37.1%) said they defecated in the open

Ice-cream vendor has day's saving stolen at knife-point

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

FOR OVER eight hours, 30-year-old ice-cream seller Munna Singh sold ice-cream under the harsh sun, in South East Delhi's Pul Prahladpur.

At the end of the day, in under a minute, he was robbed of his day's earnings by three-bike borne men, who also stabbed him when he resisted, police said. "I spent over Rs 10,000 to get ice-cream from the distributor. For us it is tough work to sell them and get back our investment," Singh told *The Indian Express*.

Police said they have registered a case under IPC sections 394 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery) and 34 (common intention), and are looking at local criminals who operate in the area. "We are looking at people accused in snatching incidents and examining CCTV footage along the area to try and get an image of the bike," said a police officer.

The incident took place on Saturday when Singh was going home around 12.05 am. He lives with his wife and two children, aged three and one, in Jain Colony.

"I told them I didn't have ice-cream but one of them started beating me. Before I could make sense of what was happening, one of them took out a knife and stabbed me in the chest. I lay there bleeding while the third man took Rs 8,000 from my wallet," Singh said.

He made a PCR call and police arrived in five minutes to take him to a local hospital. As his condition worsened, he was taken to another private hospital. On Monday, he returned to sell ice-cream and borrowed some stock from a fellow vendor.

"I have to earn my money," Singh said.

Barapullah shooting prompts police to look at overburdened 100 system

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

IT TOOK an hour and 26 minutes after the first PCR call was made by two ABP journalists, who were shot at and chased by two men on a motorcycle on the Barapullah flyover Sunday, for police to attend to their call. The incident has forced police to rethink of ways to increase reaction time, including introducing an IVR (Interactive Voice Response) call system.

According to the two journalists, the driver managed to get them to the nearest police picket, where officers allegedly took photos of their bullet-ridden vehicle and left. PCR calls went unanswered, leaving them to fend for themselves, they claimed.

As per a report by PCR staffers, sent to senior officers, the journalists made several calls. The first call made at 1.33 am lasted 12 minutes, with the operator just saying one word — Hello. The second call lasted more than six minutes and police claimed the journalists kept changing their location. "We had alerted six PCR vans after a call at 2.51 am, and our van arrived at the spot in nine minutes," said DCP (PCR) Deepak Purohit.

Police patrol the flyover a day after the incident. *Praveen Khanna*

Police data shows the PCR unit gets 10 lakh calls a month, out of which they miss 6 lakh calls. "These are calls which either drop or the caller is not able to speak to our operators due to a signal issue," an officer explained.

Police believe the IVR system could be an alternative. "It will have a list of options a caller can avail. But it may not be of help during distress calls," Purohit said.

Another option is to await porting of the 100 number to the new 112 system, also known as the Emergency Response System (ERS). Under this, persons in distress can avail police, fire, health and other emergency services on a single number.

With over 10,000 calls coming in from 14 police districts in a day, an operator takes over eight minutes to fill out a form on the computer, relay the message to the district concerned and, eventually, the PCR van. "In this system, callers just have to make the call and the service provider will help us pinpoint their location, which will be sent to PCR staffers on smartphones," an officer said.

The 112 system was to be implemented this month, but due to polls and some officials seeking a legal opinion on the matter, police said it has been stalled.

While the assailants are yet to be traced, three officers have been suspended for failing to help the men. DCP (Crime) Ram Gopal Naik said 16 teams are on the case. "Over 50 suspects have been questioned... CCTV footage is being checked," he said.

SPORT NO LONGER RECOGNISED FOR SPORTS QUOTA

Women's baseball takes a hit in DU, team from Lakshmibai most worried

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

THE REMOVAL of 12 sports from those recognised for sports quota admission weighs especially heavy on certain Delhi University colleges — one of them being Lakshmibai College, which has nurtured national women's baseball champions for years.

While men's baseball continues as a recognised sport under which DU aspirants can apply for admission under the 5% sports quota, women's baseball was removed from the list this year.

In February, *The Indian Express* had reported on how eight current students and three alumni of Lakshmibai College were members of the Delhi state women's team in the Senior National Baseball Championship. On January 17, this team had won the championship.

Most of the women who were admitted through baseball to the college are from working class families in Delhi, for whom the college presented an opportunity. Its faculty members would pool in money to cover annual fees of sportswomen to encourage them, apart from providing equipment and coupons to buy milk, eggs and juice.

"The biggest casualty are children who have been training for years in the sport, becoming national-level players, expecting that this will pay off in their careers. Students admitted over the last two years had specifically taken admission to facilitate their playing — because they know the facilities this college provides. Their parents were happy and they were getting DU degrees while improving their game.

Teachers from the college fund the team's education

Once the sport stops being supported by the university, even the college will not be able to support these women," said college baseball coach Ravinder Malik.

"I wanted to do my Masters from Lakshmibai College so I could continue playing baseball. But there's a fear that certificates I collected over the years may have lost value. Many of us might have been average students because we focus on our game," said Siji Aiyan, who graduated from the college this year.

A teacher in the college's physical education department claimed the decision to remove the sports was arbitrary. "The college's PE departments were not consulted. It is most unfortunate because these sportswomen have won many accolades for the university," the teacher said.

The standing committee of the academic council had cleared this decision after it was given the green signal by the varsity's sports council and admissions committee. Among reasons cited were fewer applicants in the 12 sports.

A member of the sports council said removal of a sport will not impact students who have already been admitted under the sports quota. "The university teams will continue to exist and compete in inter-university tournaments as long as the second- and third-year students are still there. We will have to see about what will happen after that."

But Malik and the PE teacher remain apprehensive. "If new admissions are not taken against a sport, team is depleted. If it is known that it does not have a future in the college and university, the college will no longer fund and support the sports and players the way it used to," said Malik.

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in the presence of

Shri Parsadi Lal
Hon'ble Minister, Industry & State Enterprise, Govt. of Rajasthan

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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) W- III
ROOM NO. 402: VARUNALAYA PHASE-I: KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI - 5
Press NIT No. 02 (2018-19)
Press Notice Tender

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender	Earnest Money/ Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution ID No.	Last date and time of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of 1500 mm dia old PSC West Delhi water main emanating from Haiderpur WW-II with MS lined and Coated pipe	Rs. 41,07,30,832/-	Rs. 51,08,000/- (Rs. 20 Lakhs through RTGS and balance Rs. 31.08 Lakhs through BG) Rs. 1,500/-	06.06.2019 2019_DJB_173679_1	12.07.2019 Upto 3:00 PM

The verification of details of NIT published in leading news papers may be sent to undersigned for record please.
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Advt. No. J.S.V. 58/2019-20

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Executive Engineer (Project) W-III

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
No. : 23AC/393/New Proposal Parking/2018-Pt-II **Dated : 07 June 2019**
For and on behalf of The President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites Parking e-tenders for 3 years contract at the following Railway stations :

SN	Name of work with its location/ Railway Stations	Approxima-te cost of work	Date and Time of Submission of etender bid and opening of etender	Cost of Tender document including 18% GST	Earnest Money Deposit	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen
1.	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Delhi Kishan Ganj (DKZ) 'D' ctg, for an area of 1578.65 MT^2	As per NIT	11:00 hrs of 05.07.2019	Rs. 3,540	Rs. 61,300	http://ireps.gov.in & Tender No: Parking 76-2019
2.	Parking contract of Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Rohtak (ROK) 'A' ctg, for an area of 504 MT^2	As per NIT	11:00 hrs of 05.07.2019	Rs. 2,360	Rs. 37,200	http://ireps.gov.in & Tender No: Parking 77-2019
3.	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at kurukshtra (KKDE) 'B' ctg for an area of 800 MT^2	As per NIT	11:00 hrs of 05.07.2019	Rs. 3,540	Rs. 82,700	http://ireps.gov.in & Tender No: Parking 79-2019
4.	Parking contract of Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Panipat 1st Entry (PNP) 'A' ctg, for an area of 515.2 MT^2	As per NIT	11:00 hrs of 05.07.2019	Rs. 3,540	Rs. 60,500	http://ireps.gov.in & Tender No: Parking 80-2019
5.	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Badli (BHD) opposite to the existing parking 'D' ctg, for an area of 1376.4 MT^2	As per NIT	11:00 hrs of 05.07.2019	Rs. 3,540	Rs. 95,600	http://ireps.gov.in & Tender No: Parking 81-2019
6.	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo New Delhi at (Ajmeri Gate Side), station ctg, 'A-1' for an area of 3600 sq mtrs.	As per NIT	11:00 hrs of 05.07.2019	Rs. 11,800	Rs. 12,85,800	http://ireps.gov.in & Tender No: Parking 95-2019

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD (R&B) DIVISION CONST. DIV. NO. II, JAMMU
FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
E-NIT No. 30 of 2019-20/Div.-2 Dated 07.06.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Rs. In Lacs)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Improvement and upgradation of road from Jagti to Tanda and allied links under Langushing Programme.	407.80	6000	2% of the advertised Cost	24 Months	22.06.2019 02.00 P.M.	"A" Class Contractor
2.	Construction of roads from Nandani to Tara upto Madrassa Km 1st RD 0-1000 and Km 2nd RD 0-500 by way of Providing/Laying WBM Gr-II, Gr-III , 2.0mtr span RCC Culvert, R/Wall, B/Wall, Pucca Drain, 1.0mtr dia HP Culvert and including Construction of single lane 19 mtr clay span through type Steel Plate Grider Bridge in laying RCC deck slab 10 mtr approaches on both side. (L = 1.50 Km).	367.10	6000	2% of the advertised Cost	24 Months	22.06.2019 02.00 P.M.	"A" Class Contractor

Major Head of Account = Under Langusing Programme
Position of AAA = Submitted
Position of funds = DEMANDED
1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website: **http://jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07.06.2019
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08.06.2019 to 21.06.2019, 6.00 P.M.

No.: 3075-90
Dated: 07.06.2019
DIPJ-999
Sd/- (Er. Rajan Mengi)
Executive Engineer,PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II, Jammu.

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (SOUTH) III
A BLOCK GREATER KAILASH I NEW DELHI-48
N.I.T. NO: 03/S-III/ (2019-2020)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost/ Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procure-ment solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Construction of 50,000 gallons capacity of UGR and construction of panel room at Devli village in Devli Assembly under EE(South)III (AC-47) (Re-invited),	469995/- 94000/-	2019_DJB_173682_1 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
2.	Improvement of passage for commuting of water tankers by P/L ready mix concrete and drain in Water Emergency at G.K.-I under EE(South)III (AC-50).	4757442/- 92500/-	2019_DJB_173682_2 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
3.	Improvement of water supply by replacement of old./rusted water lines by P/L 100mm/150mm dia D.I. water lines in D-Block C.R. Park under South-III (AC-50).	4696779/- 94000/-	2019_DJB_173682_3 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
4.	Replacement of old damaged 700mm dia PSC water line from M-58 to E-100 GK-II by Providing Laying 600mm dia DI water line under South-III (AC-50).	4564444/- 91300/-	2019_DJB_173682_4 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
5.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of old/ damaged and badly silted up sewer line from C-77 GK-I to M-Block market GK-I under EE(South)III (AC-50).	3016217/- 60400/-	2019_DJB_173682_5 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
6.	Replacament of old/damaged/rusted water lines by 100mm dia D.I. and 150mm dia D.I. water lines in E-Block Greater Kailash-III under SouthJII (AC-50).	2670706/- 53500/-	2019_DJB_173682_6 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
7.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of old badly silted up sewer lines fiom E-54 to E-106 GK-I under EE(South)III (AC-50).	2519544/- 50400/-	2019_DJB_173682_7 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM
8.	Improvement of water supply by replacement of existing old/ rusted/ undersize water lines CI by P/L 100/150mm dia D.I. water lines in left out portion of F-Block East of Kailash under South-III (AC-50).	2583175/- 51700/-	2019_DJB_173682_8 06.06.2019	21.06.2019 upto 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**
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Advt. No. J.S.V. 59/2019-20

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(RAM KISHORE)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH) III

कार्यालय खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी सोहना, जिला गुरुग्राम हरियाणा
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना/वस्तु दर निविदा
खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी सोहना (गुरुग्राम) की ओर से निम्न दिए कार्य हेतू पात्र सोसायटी/ ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों/ आपूर्तिकर्ताओं/ एजेंसियों से खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी सोहना, जिला गुरुग्राम के कार्यालय से निःशुल्क प्राप्ति योग्य निर्धारित प्रपत्र के अनुसार निम्न प्रतिशत आधार पर मोहरबंद बोलियां आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। बोलियां 18.06.2019 को अप. 3.00 बजे तक जारी की जाएंगी तथा 18.06.2019 को सांय 4.30 बजे तक प्राप्त की जाएंगी तथा उसी दिन सांय 5.00 बजे बोलीदाताओं अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थिति में खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी सोहना के कार्यालय में खोली जाएंगी।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	अनु. लागत (रु.)	धरोहर राशि (रु.)	Publishing Document Labour Construction/ Societies/ Contractors	Bid Submission Last Date	Bid Opening	परियोजना बनाने की समय सीमा
1.	सॉलिड वेस्ट की डोर-टू-डोर कलेक्शन तथा सोर्स पर पृथकीकरण तथा ढुलाई तथा सभी प्रकार के वेस्ट, सिल्ट डेबरीज की लिफ्टिंग तथा क्लीनिंग सहित सॉलिड वेस्ट की साइंटिफिक प्रोसेसिंग एवं निपटान, नालों एवं खुले ड्रेन्स की सफाई तथा स्वीपिंग रोड्स, बर्म, कोलैक्शन, ढुलाई हेतू खंड सोहना के एक कलैस्टर (मंडावर, बादशाहपुर टेंठड, दोहला, अभयपुर, दमदमा, खेडला, बहलपा, हसनपुर, हेतु एक वर्ष हेतु सेवाओं का प्रावधान।	3709296/-	74185/-	10.06.2019 19.06.2019 Contractors/ Agencies	17.06.2019 (Societies) 26.06.2019 Contractors/ Agencies	18.06.2019 27.06.2019	3 महीने

नोट: आरेख तथा अन्य शर्तों सहित कार्य की मात्रा एंव मदों का विवरण किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय समय के दौरान खंड विकास एंव पंचायत अधिकारी सोहना (गुरुग्राम) के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है।
शर्तें :-
1. एजेंसी को सभी दस्तावेजों अर्थात निविदा दस्तावेज एवं खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी सोहना के पक्ष में डिमांड ड्राफ्ट के रूप में धरोहर राशि शुल्क की हार्ड कापी जमा करनी होगी।
2. राज्य सरकार/ केंद्र विभाग के साथ सूचीकरण की प्रति इस कार्यालय में अवश्य जमा करनी होगी।
3. खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी, सोहना बिना कोई कारण बताए न्यूनतम निविदा को स्वीकार करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रखते हैं।
4. सशर्त बोलियां स्वीकार नहीं की जाएंगी तथा रद्द करने योग्य होंगी।
5. यदि उपरोक्त तिथि को राजपत्रित अवकाश घोषित हो जाता है तो अगले कार्य दिवस को उसी समय पर निविदा निर्गम/ खुलने के दिवस के रूप में माना जाएगा।
6. बोलीदाताओं के पास अपना पैन नंबर व **GST No.** होना चाहिए। पैन नंबर की फोटो कापी निविदा के समय आवश्यक होगी।
7. धरोहर राशि के बिना निविदा खोली नहीं जाएगी।
8. जिन ग्राम पंचायतों में कचरे से कमाई शैड बने हैं वहां की ग्राम पंचायतों से निकलने वाले गलनशील वेस्ट से वर्मी कम्पोस्टिंग (कम्पोस्टिंग) करना अनिवार्य होगा।
9. जिन ग्राम पंचायतों के पास अपना लेन्ड फिल एरिया नहीं है वहां का बचा हुआ (बेकार, बिना किसी काम के वेस्ट) को बंधवाड़ी प्लांट पर डालना होगा।
10. खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी, सोहना द्वारा तय नियम व शर्तों का पालन करना होगा।
11. विवाद के मामले में न्यायालय का क्षेत्राधिकार खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी, सोहना का होगा।

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हस्ता./- **खंड विकास एवं पंचायत अधिकारी, सोहना।**

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (Bharat Sarkar)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Rail Mantralaya)
(RAILWAY BOARD)
No. 2019/RS/(WTA)-149/Tender/506 **New Delhi Dated 10.06.2019**
CORRIGENDUM NO. 1
Sub : E-Global Tender No. WTA-506 due on 28.06.2019 for procurement of 3219 nos. of WDP4 locomotive wheels.
The due date of opening of subject tender has been postponed from 28.06.2019 to 05.07.2019 (Friday).
2. Therefore, the subject tender will now open on **05.07.2019 (Friday)** instead of 28.06.2019.
3. All other terms and conditions of tender shall remain the same.

Director, Railway Stores (F)
Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)
Rail Bhawan, Raisina Road, New Delhi-110 001
1832/19 **Fax No : 91-11-23388394/ 91-11-23388598**
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
(MORADABAD DIVISION)
Tender Notice (Parking)
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-tender for the following work:-

SN	Name of Work & Place	Area (in sq-meter)	Reserve Price for 01 year	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 3 years)	Comple-tion period	Cost of Tender Form (With 18% GST)	Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded	Last Date & time of subm ission
1.	Contract for Cycle Scooter Motor-cycle Stand at Chand-ausi Railway Station ('A'-Category)	1580.97 Sq-m	Rs. 4,44,000/-	Rs. 26,700/- to be paid through online payment gateway	03 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway	www. ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode)	Upto 14.00 hrs. on 05.07.19 and will be open on the same day
2.	Contract for Car Parking at Roorkee Railway Station ('A'-Category)	278 Sq-m	Rs. 1,72,920/-	Rs. 10,400/- to be paid through online payment gateway	03 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway		

1. Single packet system shall be adopted in this tender. 2. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached. 3. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tender. **Tender Notice No. 21-10/Parking/MB/2018/C-14 Dt.: 10.06.2019** 1834/19
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Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane
Town Planning Department
TENDER NOTICE (5th call)
Online Request for Proposal for development of Affordable Housing under Phradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in PPP (Public Private Partnership) mode on Private Land Based Model under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) vertical in Within TMC, Thane area was invited by Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane. Since there was no response to this tender notice published and due to Model Code of Conduct for Parlmentary Elections, 2019, the said tender procedure could not be completed. Hence this Re-tender notice is being published. The detailed Tender Document with Terms and Conditions will be available on website http://mahatenders.gov.in from date 11.06.19 to Dt. 31.07.19 upto 16.00 Hrs. The prebid meeting will be held on dt. 21.07.19 at 11.00 am in the office of Deputy City Engineer, Town Development Department, 4th floor, TMC Main Building, General Arunkumar Vaidya Marg, Panch pakhadi, Thane (W). Online tender shall be received on the website upto 16.00 hrs. on or before date 31.07.19 and will be opened in front of Tenderers or their represtatives on dt. 07.08.19 at 11.00 hrs, if possible.
TMC/PRO/TDO/184/2019-20 Sd/-
Dt.10.06.2019 Dy.City Engineer,
Please visit our official website Thane Municipal Corporation
www.thanecity.gov.in

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: **www.noidaauthorityonline.com** & **https://etender.up.nic.in** Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.
A) (1) 11/SM-Jal-III/ET/19-20, M/o W/s (Renovation & Other Electrical Misc. Work in UGR in Network Sector-93B) Noida. Cost. Rs. 26.27 Lacs
The above tenders can be uploaded by date 24.06.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 25.06.2019 at 11.00 AM.
B) (1) 113/GM-Jal/AO/SM-Jal-III/ET/18-19, M/o W/s Labour / Operation (Operation of Pumping Plant, D.G. Set at WWC & Tube wells for Network Sector-80 UGR & Tubewells) Noida. Cost. Rs. 26.11 Lacs
(2) 151/SM-Jal-III/ET/18-19, M/o Sewerage (Annual R/o Non Clog Submersible Motor at SPS-92), Noida. Cost. Rs. 28.59 Lacs
(3) 125/SM-Jal-III/ET/18-19, Strengthening of W/s (Special Repair of OHT Sector-93 with Guniting) Noida. Cost. Rs. 54.56 Lacs
(4) 126/SM-Jal-III/ET/18-19, Strengthening of W/s (Special Repair of OHT Sector-82) Noida. Cost. Rs. 54.56 Lacs
(5) 134/SM-Jal-III/ET/18-19,M/o W/s (S/F Transformer, VT Motor and Control Panel in Network-96, 126, 127) Noida. Cost. Rs. 25.21 Lacs
The above tenders can be uploaded by date 20.06.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 21.06.2019 at 11.00 AM.
(M.K. Jain)
Office : Sector-39, Noida **Sr. Manager (JAL)-III, Noida**
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JNU student body alleges discrepancies in entrance exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

AFTER ALLEGATIONS of a paper leak, the JNU student body has alleged that answer keys provided by the National Testing Agency (NTA) to the Jawaharlal Nehru University Entrance Examinations (JNUEE) had several errors. The body wrote about the "large scale discrepancies and flaws" to the Vice-Chancellor Monday.

"The latest in the set of problems is the wide scale errors in the answer key provided by the NTA. It is unfortunate and unprofessional that the answer key of all the subjects from BA to PhD had errors. Some questions were wrong... For subjects such as Chemistry and English there were as many as five answers wrong," JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) wrote to the VC.

"The NTA through a public notice on June 6 had suggested the key could be challenged with a processing fee of Rs1,000. This is nothing but blatant injustice...," they added.

"We demand that the administration immediately look into the concerns raised here. JNU's time-tested offline entrance system, having a suitable mix of subjective and objective questions, was an academically superior model designed to assess students on various parameters," they said.

NTA Director Vineet Joshi said, "We have received some objections to the answer key, but that happens after every exam. We have sent it to JNU for clarification. Once they get back to us, we will release the result."

V-C M Jagadesh Kumar did not respond to calls and texts by *The Indian Express.*

Power subsidy survey for families of '84 riots victims

New Delhi: The city's revenue department has undertaken a survey of families of victims of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots to find those who are unable to avail the Delhi government's power subsidy scheme. The scheme — under which consumers using up to 400 units of electricity aren't charged — is now likely to be extended to the families who aren't living in apartments dedicated to families of victims of the riots.

"In many cases, families have moved out of the apartments given to them by the government. They fell out of the power subsidy scheme. We are attempting to ensure that everyone, irrespective of where they are staying, receive the benefit," a government official said. The decision to expand the scheme will come into force following amendments in the notification issued by the government in the past. **ENS**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD
E-Tendering Tender Notice Jhansi Division
Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of work	E-Tender No.	Approx Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)
Deep screening of Point & Xing using T-28 Machine in Yards Under ADEN MBA & CKTD subdivision.	JHS-Engg-E-2019-74	₹ 1288712.77	₹ 25800.00

Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 2100.00; **Date of closing Tender: 10.07.2019** at **15.00** hrs. **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 06 Months. • Tender online can be submitted up to **15.00** hrs on **10.07.2019** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 772/19 FA

E-Tendering Tender Notice Allahabad Division
Tender Notice No.: 2820192020 **Dated: 06.06.2019**
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the fallowing E-tendering process for the following works up to **13.30 hrs.** on **24.07.2019.** The details of the tender is as under:-

SN	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx Cost of Work (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)
1	96	**Sirathu:** Raising and Extension of platform No.2 upto high level with other Misc. works under Asstt. Divil, Engineer/Line/North Central Railway/Allahabad.	₹ 1,75,48,088/-	₹ 2,37,800/-	₹ 5,000/-

Completion Period: 10 (Ten) Months. **Date of Opening of tender: 24.07.2019, Eligibility criteria for "Similar work":** Any Civil Engineering work. **Note: 1 .** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** up to **13.30 hrs**. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **24.07.2019 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** The tenderers shall submit a Notarified affidavit on a Non Judicial Stamp Paper of **₹100/-** as given in the tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **5.** The supplier/contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act. and Rules as applicable from time to time. **6.** Document being attached should be signed by the e-tenderer or its body. **7.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 8.** Payment of Earnest Money deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of E-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. ***The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, Tenders without Tender Cost and Earnest money shall be summarily rejected.*** **9.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **10.** Tender on line can be submitted up to **13.30 hrs.** on **24.07.2019. 11.** The calculation of Earnest Money is as per **ireps.gov.in** web site. 777/19 FA

E-Tendering Tender Notice Allahabad Division
Tender Notice No.S/BP/GMC/2019 **Date: 07.06.2019**
Divisional Railway Manager (Operating)/ North Central Railway/ Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDEDRS on prescribed form for the following work up to **14.30 hrs**. on **12.07.2019**. The details of the Tender are as under:-

SN	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Completion Period
1	092019	Transportation of line boxes of Guards of Mail/ Exp. & Goods trains from Brake vans to Guard loby/Box room or nominated places and back to Guards break vans at GMC station for 02 years .	₹ 14856084.00	₹ 224300.00	₹ 5,000/-	24 Months

Date of Opening of tender: 12.07.2019 after **15.00 hrs. Note: 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **14:30 hrs**. on the due date of tender opening. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act -2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **5.** This tender notice have also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 6.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost in respect of e-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **7.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may, be approached. **8. Minimum eligibility criteria for tender: i).** Tenderer should have completed in the last three financial years (i.e. current year and three previous financial years) at least one similar single work, for a minimum value of 35% of the advertised cost of the work. **ii)** Total contract amount received by the tenderer during the last three financial years (i.e. current year and three previous financial years) should be a minimum of 150% of advertised cost of the work. **iii)** Similar work for the eligibility of the tenderer_is defined as, "Any work related to supply of labours within scope of the contract labour (Registration & Abolition) Act 1970". 781/19 FA
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in railway northcentral@CPRONCR

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 21/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 22/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3.	HVPNL	NIT NO 20/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4.	HVPNL	MEMO NO. CH- 60/TSB-5A DATED 07.03.2019 NIT NO. 27/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 06.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 26/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 25/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
7.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 24/TS/BHW/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT BIDS I.E. MINIMUM 3 NO. BIDS. HENCE THE CORRIGENDUM IS REQUIRED. NOW THE OPENING DATE OF NIT IS HEREBY EXTEND UP TO 10.06.2019 AT 13.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
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DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

HEALTH MATTERS

SP CHIEF Akhilesh Yadav landed in Delhi on Sunday evening to complete some paperwork with the Lok Sabha secretariat on Monday. But the sudden dip in the health of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav had him concerned. Though Mulayam had returned home, Akhilesh rushed back to Lucknow on Monday morning to personally attend to his father. Though the paperwork for his election as MP can wait, his presence in Lucknow came as a relief to party workers who feared that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath calling on the SP patriarch in his absence would send the wrong message.

RED CARPET

MINISTER OF State for Home G Kishan Reddy is turning out to be a stickler for cleanliness. Even though the red carpets on the Home Ministry's stairs were vacuum cleaned a day before the new ministers took over, Reddy on Friday expressed his displeasure to the administrative staff about the carpet's upkeep. He was so disappointed that he likened it to a railway station. He then called the joint secretary responsible for administration and showed him the state of affairs. The carpets have been cleaned again now.

SERIOUS SPECULATION

OVEREAGER TWEETS by a Tamil Nadu Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) leader followed by a congratulatory post by a minister on Monday led to speculation about former external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj being appointed governor of Andhra Pradesh. BJYM leader S G Surya tweeted that Swaraj had been appointed AP governor. Soon after, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan tweeted a congratulatory message to Swaraj. Both subsequently deleted the tweet. The rumour mills were put to rest after Swaraj herself denied the development and tweeted: "I called on the Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu ji on demitting office as Minister of External Affairs. This was enough for Twitter to appoint me as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh."

Citing Uber, PM to Secys: Focus on ease of living for people

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

TAKING FORWARD his 2014 message of simplifying and streamlining government processes and rules, Prime Minister Narendra Modi used examples of taxi aggregator Uber and private cell phone companies Monday to tell secretaries of central ministries about how government should focus on ease of living for citizens.

Modi was meeting the secretaries for the first time in his second term. "The Prime Minister made the point that governance should be what makes life easier for citizens. He used the example of Uber, which he said has ensured that people are not dependent solely on the public transport system and made their lives easier, and that of private mobile companies which gave people options other than the department of post and telegraph," said a source who was present in the meeting. "The focus, he said, should be on ease of living for people and not to get into all aspects of their lives."

The point about the need for government to be a "development authority" rather than a "regulatory authority" was also made by one of the secretaries present, who highlighted the fact that the government is saddled with several rules that cannot be implemented, so there is a need for the government to "get out of the system". The secretary was quoted as saying "*saral kar diya par sugam nahin kiya* (made simple but not easy)" with respect to rules and governance in general.

Setting one long-term and one short-term goal for every ministry, Modi told secretaries to prepare a five-year plan document for each ministry with well-defined targets and milestones and to take approval, within 100 days, for one "significant impactful decision".

Following the meeting, Modi also interacted with some secretaries who did not get a chance to speak during the meeting, over tea. He asked about the Ayushman Bharat "score" – meaning the number of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, at which one of the officers reminded him that the "score", which now stands at 28 lakh, is no longer updated on a daily basis but on a weekly basis.

During the informal interaction, Modi, sources said, also bounced the idea of making all 26 million infant deliveries that happen in the country, free. At this, the officer in question reportedly told him that to do so would be essentially a question of how much money is available.

The PM's meeting at Lok Kalyan Marg was a similar to an interaction he held in 2014 immediately after taking charge for the first time when he urged bureaucrats to simplify and streamline administrative rules and procedures to make them people-friendly.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and MoS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh were also present. Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha, in his opening remarks, spoke of how the PM has interacted directly with all officers up to Director and Deputy Secretary level, in the previous tenure of the government.

The Prime Minister also recalled his first such interaction with the secretaries in June 2014 — a meeting that was held after a gap of eight years. He said the recent Lok Sabha elections have been marked by pro-incumbency, for which credit must go to the entire team of officials, which worked hard, conceived schemes, and delivered excellent results on the ground, over the last five years.

The elections this time, he said, were a "positive vote" that is based on the trust of the common man. But he also warned about the "huge expectations" that come with such trust, which is an opportunity, not a challenge.

Every department of the Union government and every district of each state has a role to play in making India a $5 trillion economy, he said. Ease of doing business and ease of living would be the focus areas of the government, he said, adding that water, fisheries, and animal husbandry, will also be important areas for the government.

EXPLAINED

Sets the tone for the new government

THE MEETING is expected to set the tone for the government's priorities, much like his first one on June 4 2014. Then, he had first articulated his vision of technology as a governance tool and simplicity as its motto. Such meetings with secretaries, which have been a regular feature of the government apart from the usual departmental review meetings, are a forum to exchange ideas between bureaucrats and senior ministers.

Priyanka to reach Rae Bareli today, conduct review

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 10

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary in charge for western and eastern Uttar Pradesh, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra would be conducting a post poll review and deliberate on the agenda for the future.

They were given the charge of the two regions just a few months before the Lok Sabha elections. While Scindia was not able to travel much, Priyanka had undertaken a campaign in eastern UP.

Priyanka, who will be arriving in Rae Bareli on Tuesday, has called a meeting of party leaders from Eastern UP on Wednesday. Scindia has called candidates of the elections from western UP, chief of districts and city committees as well as former and sitting MPs and MLAs from the respective region for a meeting in Lucknow on Friday.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Minister of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Jean Baptiste Lemoyne at a meeting in New Delhi on Monday. *PTI*

France welcomes Modi's proposal for global conference on terror

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

FRANCE ON Monday welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposal for a global conference to tackle the threat of terrorism, saying the fight against terror is at the heart of its priorities.

Minister of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Jean Baptiste Lemoyne made the remarks on the sidelines of an interaction with Indian alumni of French institutions.

Lemoyne was slated to meet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and a Confederation of Indian Industry delegation before returning to France late night.

"French President Emmanuel Macron and PM Modi have a strong relationship personally. This visit is to prepare for PM Modi's participation at G-7 Summit in August," he said.

France has invited Modi to France for the G-7 summit. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had attended the G-8 summits in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

"French President Emmanuel Macron and PM Modi have a strong relationship personally. This visit is to prepare for PM Modi's participation at G-7 Summit in August," Lemoyne said.

"Every single initiative to fight terrorism is welcome because it is a threat to every country in the world... So, everything that can be done to unite efforts is welcome. It's (terrorism) a global challenge like climate change. We will be closely looking at this initiative," he said. "Fight against terrorism is at the heart of our priorities... France stands alongside India on this ... and I can say that we have strong relations on this front," he said.

Lemoyne's trip is the first French ministerial visit to India after the Modi government assumed office for a second term.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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• Generating Employment • Extending Social Inclusion

Sidhu takes spat with Amarinder to Rahul's door

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 10

FIVE DAYS after Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh stripped Cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu of his key portfolio, Sidhu met Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his sister, party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, in Delhi on Monday morning. Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel was also part of the meeting.

Sources close to Sidhu said he is learnt to have apprised the Congress president of the situation in Punjab post the Chief Minister's decision divest him of the Local Bodies Department after blaming him of not handling his department well, and in turn impacting Congress's performance in the urban areas in the Lok Sabha polls. They added that Sidhu was "very happy" after the meeting.

Sidhu tweeted a picture, tagging Rahul, Priyanka, Patel and state party chief Sunil Kumar Jakhar. He tweeted, "Met the congress President, handed him my letter, appraised him of the situation!" After his tweet, he went incommunicado. All efforts to reach him failed as his aides said he would not speak to the media.

Sidhu, according to sources, was given a patient hearing, and after the meeting Rahul Gandhi's office has established connection with Chief Minister's office on the issue.

Even after five days getting the Power Department, Sidhu has not yet assumed charge. It is learnt that he handed over a dossier to the high-command during his hour-long meeting Monday morning. The dossier reportedly comprised of his department's report card along with his achievements as the minister.

POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN BENGAL

Governor meets PM, Shah; CM says BJP fuelling unrest

Governor Kesari Nath Tripathi in New Delhi; (right) CM Mamata Banerjee at a press conference in Kolkata. *Anil Sharma, Express*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, JUNE 10

A DAY after the Ministry of Home Affairs expressed "deep concern" over the political violence in West Bengal, Governor Kesari Nath Tripathi on Monday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi and apprised them of the situation.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, meanwhile, accused the BJP of trying to fuel unrest in Bengal as part of a conspiracy to bring down the state government.

Following his meeting with Shah, Tripathi told the media, "I have apprised the Prime Minister and the Home Minister about the situation in West Bengal. I can't disclose details."

The Governor said his meetings were "courtesy calls" scheduled beforehand and the recent incidents in West Bengal were not the sole reason behind them. "I have not given any written report. I have orally apprised them of the situation," he said.

He refused to react to the Trinamool's allegations that the Centre wanted to impose President's rule in West Bengal. "They can say whatever they want. We are not responsible for what they say," he said.

The Centre on Sunday issued an advisory to the state government, expressing "deep concern" over incidents of political violence. "The unabated violence over the past weeks appear to be a failure on the part of the law enforcement machinery of the state to maintain the rule of law and inspire confidence among people," the advisory stated.Rejecting the charge, the West Bengal government maintained that the situation was "under control".

Addressing a press meet on Monday, Chief Minister Banerjee said, "BJP is trying to spread lawlessness in Bengal and planning to provoke riots. They are spreading fake messages through social media. Two people have died and they are claiming five. Only two or three incidents (of violence) have taken place which was done by BJP."

"Police have been told to stop hooliganism. Bengal is not Gujarat. In Uttar Pradesh, 25 people died after the polls. Bengal's performance as a state is best in the country. Here, women can walk about freely at night. But canards are being spread about Bengal. Do not let them insult Bengal," she said, adding that the BJP is trying to "sell off democracy".

"BJP plans to bring down the (state) government and stop me from speaking against them. This will not happen. Assembly polls are a different ball game. Remember, an injured tiger is more dangerous," she said.

Banerjee also announced the formation of a new cell in her the chief minister's office. Named Monitoring of Programme Implementation and Public grievances Cell, it would scrutinise complaints lodged through the toll free number, text messages and emails.

The Trinamool on Monday wrote a strongly-worded letter to the Home Ministry, stating that the advisory to West Bengal government was issued without verifying ground realities.

The letter, undersigned by Trinamool secretary general Partha Chatterjee, said, "Now, MHA and the BJP party is headed by the same person. So quite obviously, whatever the BJP is desiring the MHA is implementing with closed eyes, throwing all constitutional propriety to the wind," the letter read.

The letter also said the advisory was an "evil ploy to grab power in states run by parties politically opposed to the BJP".

BJP worker found dead in Howrah, party blames TMC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 10

A 40-YEAR-OLD BJP worker was found dead at Amta in West Bengal's Howrah district on Monday. While BJP leaders have accused the Trinamool Congress workers for the murder, TMC has denied the allegation.

Police have identified the deceased as Samtul Dalui, a resident of Chalunia village in Amta, and registered a case of murder.

"We have informed the state leaders about the incident. A police complaint has been filed. Dalui has been brutally murdered. We will stand in support of his family," said BJP district (Howrah rural) president, Anupam Mallik.

The family members of Dalui blocked the Amta road for several hours with his body and demanded a CBI probe. Later, the police arrived at the spot and took the body for post-mortem.

According to sources, a cultural programme was organised near Dalui's shop in the area on Sunday, during which the deceased had raised the slogan of 'Jai Shri Ram'.

"He chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' multiple times during the programme. Some TMC workers, who were actively involved in organising the programme, got offended. After a while, Dalui went missing and his body was found behind his shop the next morning. It seems that he was killed by the angry TMC workers," said Dalui's relative, who did not wish to be named.

"My brother was a BJP worker and has been murdered by TMC supporters. First, they made him drink alcohol and then he was beaten to death," said Dalui's elder brother, Bhaskar.

Police said an investigation has been initiated. "We are yet to ascertain the time and cause of death. We are waiting for the autopsy report," said a senior police official.

However, TMC leaders denied all allegations and instead blamed the BJP for the murder.

"Everyone is now a BJP worker and their party will continue giving political colours to all deaths. As far as this incident is concerned, it is a result of personal rivalry. TMC has no link with this incident," said a TMC leader.

Hooghly MP Locket Chatterjee at a rally with members of BJP women's wing during the 'Black Day' protest against the Sandeshkhali killings, in Kolkata on Monday. *Partha Paul*

Two days after clashes, 2 FIRs, two missing diaries lodged

Kolkata: Two days after a clash took place at Sandeshkhali in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the police registered two FIRs and two missing diaries on Monday. One FIR has been filed by Padma Mondal, wife of BJP worker Pradip Mondal, who was killed in the clash, while the other has been filed by Liyakat Ali Mollah, father of TMC worker Kaim Mollah, who was also killed in the clash.

"Two FIRs and two missing diaries have been lodged in connection with the Saturday's clash. We are investigating the matter," said a senior police officer in Basirhat. **ENS**

Mamata to unveil Vidyasagar bust today

Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will unveil a bust of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar at College Street on Tuesday, following which it will then be taken to Vidyasagar College. The event comes a month after a bust of the 19th century social reformer was vandalised inside the college premises on May 14.

The incident had become the centre of political strife in Bengal during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, and had added fuel to the battle between the TMC and BJP, with both parties blaming each other for the damage.

While the previous bust was formed of plaster of Paris, the new one will be made of bronze. **ENS**

NCP chief Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

Pawar questions veracity of EVMs

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, JUNE 10

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar on Monday appeared to differ with his nephew, Ajit Pawar, on the EVM issue.

Sharad Pawar questioned veracity of EVMs and said the issue would be discussed by Opposition parties in Delhi in the presence of experts and technocrats.

However, Ajit, NCP's legislative party leader, had a different view.

"Some colleagues have raised the EVM issue. Many leaders from the Opposition parties said so, and even approached the Supreme Court. But I do not believe that the EVMs are manipulated. EVMs are okay when we win, then how come they are at fault when we lose? We must not focus on the EVMs. Instead, we must work hard to get results in the upcoming polls."

On a day that the NCP was celebrating its 20th anniversary, Pawar brought up the party's failure to create a space for itself among the upwardly mobile voters in urban belts. "We need to expand the party's organisation in Mumbai and other urban areas. The NCP is perceived as a party with rural backing... Today, 50 per cent of Maharashtra is urban. We must be seen taking up issues concerning urbanisation and fight for the cause of the urban local," said Pawar.

The party's goal in the upcoming election will be to better its strike rate in urban belts, a senior leader said. As part of its election strategy, the NCP has also decided to rope in various influencers, who owe allegiance or sympathise with the party, for the election campaign in urban belts.

Eye on BJP, Karnataka govt to expand cabinet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 10

IN WHAT is seen as an effort to appease MLAs likely to be wooed by the BJP, the Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka has decided to go in for a mini expansion of its cabinet this week.

The coalition government, which is looking at filling three vacancies in the cabinet, may induct two Independent MLAs to stymie BJP efforts at mustering numbers to topple the government in the coming days.

"I have met the honorable Governor and sought time for expansion of the cabinet. A swearing in has been scheduled for June 12 at 11.30 am," Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy announced.

The Congress, which has one vacancy in the cabinet on account of the death of minister C S Shivalli, is expected to induct a senior MLA who is disgruntled over being left out of the cabinet.

The JD(S), which has two vacancies in the cabinet, is expected to give one or even two of its vacancies to Independent MLAs who are being wooed by the BJP.

The BJP at present has 105 MLAs in the 224-member state Assembly, while the coalition has 116 MLAs, apart from two Independents and a BSP MLA currently associated with the JD(S).

CM H D Kumaraswamy

"It is not a reshuffle but a kind of expansion since there are three vacancies and some dissatisfied MLAs will be accommodated," Congress leader and chairman of the coalition co-ordination committee Siddaramaiah said.

The two independent MLAs tipped to be among those inducted into the cabinet are H Nagesh from Mulbagal and R Shankar from Rannebennur, who extended support to the coalition when it was formed in May 2018. Shankar was a part of the cabinet but was dropped in a reshuffle last year.

In January this year, the independent MLAs had publicly announced withdrawal of support to the coalition after being wooed by the opposition BJP amid a rebellion by a few coalition MLAs.

The offer of cabinet positions to the two independent MLAs is seen as an effort by the Congress-JD(S) coalition to prevent the BJP from reducing the coalition to a minority by getting around 10 MLAs to resign. With the induction of the independents the BJP would have to woo 14 coalition MLAs to reduce the government to a minority in the state assembly.

While there are a number of unhappy legislators in the coalition government, the Congress-JD(S) combine is expected to offer future positions in the cabinet for disgruntled elements after carrying out the mini expansion to improve the coalition numbers.

In the Congress, several veteran MLAs like Ramalinga Reddy, Roshan Baig, and H K Patil have spoken out against party leaders since the huge loss for the coalition the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls. Other MLAs like former minister Ramesh Jharkiholi and a group of four to five of his associates have been linked to a move to the BJP for several months.

PTI adds: Later in the day, the chief minister's office released a statement saying, "Following the death of Jnanpith awardee, writer and theatre personality Girish Karnad, the swearing-in of new ministers scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 has been rescheduled to Friday, June 14 at 1 pm."

Deve Gowda meets Rahul in Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

FORMER JD(S) chief H D Deve Gowda met Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday in Delhi, just days before the coalition government in Karnataka is expected to expand its cabinet.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Gowda has communicated to Rahul the decision taken by the JD(S) legislature party to include two Independent MLAs to protect the coalition from collapsing.

During the meeting, sources said, Gowda also expressed his displeasure to Rahul over comments made by senior Congress leaders against the cabinet decision of the H D Kumaraswamy government.

Sources said that Gowda brought to notice the criticism of senior Congress leader H K Patil over the decision to sell 3,667 acres of government land to Jindal Steel in the mineral rich Sandur taluk of Ballari district.

Sources said the cabinet expansion was the main of the agenda of the discussion, which lasted for over an hour. The decision also comes in the backdrop of two senior Congress leaders Ramalinga Reddy and R. Roshan Baig openly questioning the Cabinet expansion.

ANDHRA PRADESH

Judicial panel to probe 'irregularities' during TDP regime

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

IN THE first Cabinet meeting held on Monday, the YSR Congress government decided to set up a judicial commission to inquire into alleged irregularities in government departments during the previous TDP regime.

At the meeting, at the secretariat in Amaravati, it was decided that the judicial commission will scrutinise contracts awarded by the TDP government and investigate allegations of corruption by ministers and officials. Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy told his Cabinet colleagues that if he gets a whiff of corruption by any of them, they would be dismissed.

The Cabinet also consented to launching from October 15 the Rythu Bharosa Scheme to pay Rs 12,500 per farmer per annum as farm investment support. "The CM said this should be a government of farmers and this scheme should be implemented successfully. A committee of ministers will supervise the implementation," Information and Public Relations Minister Perni Venkata Ramaiah said.

The government decided to set up AP Rythu Commission for development and welfare of farmers. A market stabilisation of agriculture produce fund of Rs 3,000 crore was approved. The CM will be the chairman of the commission, which will have 6 or 7 members including farmer leaders and agricultural experts. Paddy will be procured by the government at minimum support price.

It was decided to implement nine hours of free power supply to farm sector from August.

In a bonanza for 4.24 lakh government employees, the government decided to pay 27 per cent interim relief from July 1 with an additional cost of Rs 815 crore. Salary of sanitary workers has been hiked to Rs 18,000 per month.

The government proposed to distribute rice packets of 5, 10 and 15 kg by fair price shops at doorsteps from October 2.

An education fee regulatory commission is proposed to be set to regulate school and college fee structure and ensure quality of education. Officials said that private schools may be asked to give 25 per cent seats to poor students free of cost. A committee will be appointed to recommend reforms in the education sector.

AT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEET, PARTY SAYS IT NEEDS TO BRING CADRES BACK

CPM analysis of 2019 debacle stresses its 2014 conclusions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

AT THE end of its three-day Central Committee meeting, the CPM's analysis of the 2019 Lok Sabha election results appears to hark back to its 2014 Central Committee meeting conclusions, with the Left having lost more ground over the past five years.

Like then party general secretary Prakash Karat, present general secretary Sitaram Yechury spoke of the role of the NDA's "money power" in swinging the elections in their favour. They both spoke of the systemic erosion of Left supporters and cadres. And they both blamed the "violence unleashed by the Trinamool Congress" for its losses in West Bengal. In 2014, Karat said "communal polarisation" of the electorate led to the NDA's victory. Five years later, Yechury reiterated this stand.

Sitaram Yechury

Yechury on Monday said the CPM's first order of the day is to "get in touch with all our cadres" and bring them back into the fold. In 2014, Karat had said the party had decided to "examine why there has been an alienation of sections of the people from the Party".

Yechury told the media, "It is true that while huge numbers turn up for our movements and marches, they have not translated electorally. Over the next two months we will analyse why."

Claiming that "big corporate money — both Indian as well as international" funded the NDA's campaign, Yechury said, "This along with the use of institutions such as the EC, CBI, RBI and ED has aided the NDA victory."

In West Bengal and Tripura, he said, elections were held under the fear of "terror and violence".

"We are disappointed but we are far from being disarmed. The only way to counter a right wing political offensive is with a Left wing political offensive, which the CPI(M) will do now," he said. The CPM general secretary added that the party CPM was in the process of chalking out a political strategy. "We have only done a preliminary review so far as we are yet to receive more detailed booth reports from the states," he added.

Yechury, meanwhile, admitted that the opposition Gathbandan electoral platform of "saving India" from communal forces and protecting the country's Constitution and institutions had gained little traction on the ground.

Taking a dig at the Congress, he said, "The opposition parties, the Congress in particular, failed to put in place the unity of secular opposition parties that was being projected in the run-up to the elections. A campaign to safeguard secularism as against the communal offensive was not conducted. Soft Hindutva is not the answer for hardcore Hindutva. The ideological battle between Hindutva and secularism was not forcefully conducted. The voters in Kerala felt that the Congress will be in a better position for the formation of an alternative secular government."

"The correct stand of the LDF government which was bound to implement the Supreme Court judgment on Sabarimala was utilised by the BJP and UDF to create misgivings amongst a section of believers. The Party will make all efforts to bring back these sections into our fold," said Yechury.

The party maintained that in West Bengal, the Congress not cooperating with the Left Front on seat-sharing that led to the BJP's rise. "In West Bengal, elections were held in a highly polarized atmosphere. There was a high anti-incumbency against the TMC. The CPI(M) and the Left Front were not seen as the alternative and this led to a shift in a section of our traditional votes. The Congress's refusal to accept the Left's proposal for maximizing the pooling of anti-BJP, anti-TMC votes bolstered this binary narrative," said Yechury.

MLAs' defection: Telangana Cong leader calls off fast

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

SENIOR TELANGANA Congress leader M Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday called off his indefinite fast, launched three days ago against the "illegal" merger of 12 party MLAs with the ruling TRS, following an appeal from his party colleagues.

Vikramarka, leader of the Congress legislature party, ended his fast at the state-run NIMS, where he was shifted by police in view of his "failing health", state Congress president N Uttam Kumar Reddy told reporters here.

He said the Congress would step up its protest against the defection of its MLAs and organise a dharna in front of the District Collectorates on Tuesday. He also said his party would seek an appointment with the President and MPs from the state, including him, would raise the issue in Parliament.

"Doctors said his sugar levels have fallen to 69 and BP is fluctuating. Continuing the (fast) would pose a threat to his life. This fight would continue. All of us appealed to him and made him withdraw the fast by offering juice," Reddy said.

Earlier, police also said the action was taken as Vikramarka continued the protest beyond the permitted time. The CLP leader had initially launched a 36-hour fast on Saturday, but later announced it would be an indefinite protest.

UK Home Secy calls for end to PM May's curbs on foreign students working after graduation

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

IN WHAT is expected to be good news for Indian students studying in the UK, British Home Secretary Sajid Javid has called for an end to Prime Minister Theresa May's stringent curbs on foreign students who want to stay on in the country to work after they graduate from UK universities.

Javid said that May's decision, through which foreign students could work for not more than six months in the UK after completing their studies, undermines Britain's universities and is harming the country's search for the best global talent.

Foreign students were allowed to stay and work in the UK for two years after graduation until 2012, when May, the then Home Secretary, began her crackdown on immigration.

The time that students can work after graduating was cut to four months, although the British government this year realised that the new regime was fraught with problems and agreed to raise the limit to six months.

As a result of this restrictive visa regime, the number of Indian students coming to UK universities underwent a dramatic decline and almost halved, from just under 30,000 in 2011-12 to just over 16,000 in 2016-17.

"It makes no sense to send some of the brightest and most enterprising people in the world straight home after their time here," Javid, a Pakistan-origin minister and a contender for the Conservative Party leadership, wrote in an opinion article for the London-based newspaper, *Financial Times*.

His decision to back a move to liberalise the student visa regime, led by former Tory universities minister Jo Johnson, is a signal that the government's crackdown on immigration will be eased once May leaves Downing Street.

Johnson's amendment is supported by Opposition parties and Tory MPs including his brother Boris Johnson, the frontrunner in the Tory leadership election, as well as former chancellor Ken Clarke. Whoever succeeds May as prime minister is therefore likely to be forced to accept the amendment, if they want to proceed with Brexit legislation to end the free movement of EU citizens.

Johnson told *FT* the US and Canada allowed students to work for three years after graduation. "It's high time we recognised the value international students bring to the country...," *FT* quoted Johnson as saying.

'CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE' IN MAHARASHTRA

Farmers launch protest seeking govt nod to GM crops

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
AKOLA (MAHARASHTRA), JUNE 10

MORE THAN 1,000 farmers gathered in Akoli Jehangi village in Akot taluka of Maharashtra's Akola district on Monday and sowed unapproved transgenic varieties of cotton and brinjal.

The protest was organised by Shetkari Sangathana, a farmers' body which, under the legendary Sharad Joshi two decades ago, had protested the government's policies on GM crops and forced the introduction of Bt cotton, the first and the only GM crop allowed for cultivation in India.

The farmers gathered in Akola said they were launching a 'civil disobedience' movement to push the government to approve GM crops, which, they said, helped in increasing their production while reducing costs.

They said the herbicide tolerant (Ht) third-generation of Bt cotton, developed by US-based agriculture giant Monsanto, was already being cultivated surreptitiously by thousands of farmers in the absence of any forward movement in government policy. The first two generations of Bt cotton had seen the introduction of 'Cry1Ab' and 'Cry2Bc' genes from the soil bacterium, Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt), into the cotton seed, which made the crop resistant to the attack of pink bollworm.

The third generation variety saw the addition of 'Cp4-Epsps' gene from another soil bacterium, Agrobacterium tumefaciens, which produces a modified protein that allows the plant to withstand herbicide glyphosate. Farmers are not able to spray glyphosate on normal cotton because the chemical does not distinguish between the crop and weed, but the herbicide tolerant Bt (HtBt) cotton remains unaffected by glyphosate.

Monsanto had in 2013 moved an application with the government regulator Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), which functions under the Environment Ministry, seeking approval for its Roundup Ready Flex (RRF) cotton which has both insect resistance (Bt gene) and glyphosate tolerant (Ht) gene. However, the company had withdrawn its application along with its dossier containing reports of field trials and bio-safety trials of this hybrid cotton in 2016, following a bickering with the government on several regulatory issues.

Several reports of farmers growing this hybrid has surfaced in the meanwhile from many parts of Maharashtra, with farmers relying on smugglers for their supply of seeds. Most of the seeds are smuggled from states like Telangana, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.

Estimates of the Maharashtra government have stated that around 10 per cent of the 40 lakh hectares of the state's cotton crop was grown using these seeds. Countrywide, it is expected that 17 per cent of cotton crop was of the HtBt variant.

In the Akola meeting, organised in a field on Tuesday, farmers braved the 40-plus degree Celsius temperature in favour of this hybrid. A group of farmers from Haryana also attended the programme.

Speakers on the occasion talked about the public movement of the late farmers' leader Sharad Joshi whose public rallies and protests paved the way for introduction of trasngenic cotton hybrid in the country in the early 2000s. Lalit Patil, spokesperson of the Sanghtana, called this act of civil disobedience as the farmers' fight for introduction of right technology in their field.

The district administration said it will initiate legal action if unapproved varieties of crops were sown. Ayush Prasad, chief executive officer of Akola zilla parishad, said as per norms, a special committee of zilla parishad and district agriculture office can collect samples of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides etc. for testing. "We have taken sample of seeds planted and will test them for unapproved traits. Further action will depend on the results," he said.

MAHARASHTRA PG MEDICAL ADMISSIONS

June 4 order absolutely clear, requires no clarification: SC

Mumbai: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea by medical students to modify its June 4 order for post-graduate medical admissions in Maharashtra. The court said that admissions, for seats left vacant after scrapping 10 per cent economically weaker sections (EWS) quota, must be done on the basis of merit.

"The order dated June 4 is absolutely clear and requires no clarification. The number of seats in the quota of economically weaker section has now been scrapped. The seats will now be available in the general category and will be filled up as per the merit of NEET," the apex court's order said. **ENS**

Malaysia PM: Our right not to extradite Zakir Naik to India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 10

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Monday said that his country has the right not to extradite Islamic preacher Zakir Naik to India, since the fugitive evangelist claims he will not get a fair trial back home, according to a media report.

Naik, a 53-year-old television preacher, reportedly left India in 2016 and subsequently moved to Malaysia, where he was granted permanent residency.

"Zakir in general feels that he is not going to get a fair trial (in India)," Mahathir was quoted as saying by *The Star* newspaper.

He compared the situation to Australia refusing to extradite former police commando Sirul Azhar Umar, who was sentenced to death in Malaysia in 2015 for killing a Mongolian model.

Naik was booked by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in 2016 based on a National Investigation Agency FIR that was registered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. The ED last month said that Naik received crores of funds in his and his trusts' bank accounts from unidentified "well wishers" over the years for his speeches that spread "hatred and incited Muslim youths" to take up terrorism.

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1,University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pardesh)
Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication
O.A. No. 310/2019
Date 21/05/2019
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 310 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. .....Applicant
Versus
Mohit Bansal & Others .....Defendant
To,
1. Mr. Mohit Bansal.
C 50a 1st Carte Circle Ashoka Hospital Mahendra Enclave Shastri Nagar Ghaziabad Ghaziabad- 201002.
Also At:
Flat No. 1906, Plot No. Gh-01d 19th Floor, Palm Court Tower C1, Sector- 16c Noida- 201307.
2. Mrs. Ekta Bansal
Flat No. 1906, Plot No. Gh-01d 19th Floor, Palm Court Tower C1, Sector-16c Noida- 201307.
Also At:
C 50a 1st Carte Circle Ashoka Hospital Mahendra Enclave Shastri Nagar Ghaziabad Ghaziabad- 201002.
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal Practitioner in this Tribunal, after Serving Copy of the same on the applicant or his Counsel/ duly authorized agent after Publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **22/08/2019 at 10:30 A.M.** Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Citibank N.A.**, having office at- 3rd Floor, 27, Central Market, Western Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi- 1100026, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act], 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 25.01.2019** calling upon **Amarjit Singh Lamba and Harbans Singh,** (hereinafter referred to as "Borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 10,20,064.96/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Thousand Sixty Four and Ninety Six Paise only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

[The Borrowers having failed to the repay the abovementioned amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **06th June of the year 2019]**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Citibank N.A.** for an amount of **Rs. 10,20,064.96/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Thousand Sixty Four and Ninety Six Paise only) as on 25.01.2019.**

[The Borrowers's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.]

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Place: Delhi

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RESPONSE

Petition for True up of expenditure for FY 2017-18 and determination of Generation Tariff for FY 2019-20, for Pragati Power Station-I (PPS-1) of Pragati Power Corporation Limited (PPCL)

1. PPCL has filed Tariff Petition before Hon'ble Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) for True up of expenditure for FY 2017-18 and for determination of Generation Tariff for FY 2019-20. PPCL has requested for necessary orders under the provision of Electricity Act, 2003. The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission has admitted the petition No. 12/2019 for truing up of Tariff for FY 2017-18 and ARR for FY 2019-20 on dated 21.02.2019.
2. The silent features of petition are as under: -

Pragati Power Station-I (PPS-1)

S. No.	Description		Unit	True-up for FY 2017-18	Determination of ARR for FY 2019-20
a.	Gross Generation		MU	1954.999	2463.91
b.	Net Generation		MU	1908.36	2402.31
c.	Total Fixed Cost		Rs.Cr	177.52	188.04
d.	Total Variable Cost		Rs.Cr	724.24	1268.65
e.	Total Cost (c + d)		Rs.Cr	901.76	1456.69
f.	Variable Cost Per Unit		Rs./kWh	3.80	5.28
g.	Fixed Cost Per Unit		Rs./kWh	0.93	0.78
h.	Total Cost Per Unit (f + g)		Rs./kWh	4.73	6.06
i.	Availability		%	92.64	85
j.	Heat Rate	Combined Cycle	kCal/kWh	1973	2000
		Open Cycle		3176	2900
k.	Auxiliary Consumption		%	2.39	2.5

3. In accordance with the provisions of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission Comprehensive (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2001 notified by the Commission, the consumers and stakeholders are requested to submit response on the above Petition. The response may be sent to the Secretary of the Commission by **10.07.2019.** The response may be sent personally or by post or email to the Commission at the address given below.

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik,
Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017.
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4. The Commission would hold a public hearing with the responding stakeholders subsequently. The date of public hearing shall be notified separately by the commission.
5. The complete Petition can be downloaded from the website of the Commission **(www.derc.gov.in)** and the website of the PPCL **(www.ipgcl-ppcl.gov.in).** Soft copy of the Petition may be obtained in CD on payment of Rs 25/- per CD or a copy of the Petition may be purchased from the Registered Office of PPCL located at Himadri, RPH Office Complex Rajghat, New Delhi - 110002 on working date till **10.07.2019** between **11:00 AM** and **4:00 PM** on payment of **Rs 100/-** either by cash or by Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of "PPCL" payable at New Delhi.

For Pragati Power Corporation Limited
(Surender Mohan Verma)
Director (Technical)

PR-02

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RESPONSE

Petition for True up of expenditure for FY 2017-18 and determination of Generation Tariff for FY 2019-20 for Gas Turbine Power Station (GTPS) of Indraprastha Power Generation Company Limited (IPGCL)

1. IPGCL has filed Tariff Petition before Hon'ble Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) for True up of expenditure for FY 2017-18 and for determination of Generation Tariff for FY 2019-20. IPGCL has requested for necessary orders under the provision of Electricity Act, 2003. The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission has admitted the petition No. 11/2019 for truing up of Tariff for FY 2017-18 and ARR for FY 2019-20 on dated 21.02.2019.
2. The silent features of petition are as under: -

GT Power Station:

S. No.	Description		Unit	True-up for FY 2017-18	Determination of ARR for FY 2019-20
a.	Gross Generation		MU	578.977	2015.928
b.	Net Generation		MU	557.09	1965.53
c.	Total Fixed Cost		Rs.in Cr	136.18	148.83
d.	Total Variable Cost		Rs.in Cr	189.54	925.07
e.	Total Cost (c + d)		Rs. in Cr	325.72	1073.9
f.	Variable Cost Per Unit		Rs./kWh	3.402	4.706
g.	Fixed Cost Per Unit		Rs./kWh	2.44	0.76
h.	Total Cost Per Unit (f+g)		Rs./kWh	5.842	5.466
i.	Availability		%	83.07	85
j.	Heat Rate	Combined Cycle	kCal/kWh	2472	2450
		Open Cycle		3444	3125
k.	Auxiliary Consumption		%	3.78	2.50

3. In accordance with the provisions of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission Comprehensive (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2001 notified by the Commission, the consumers and stakeholders are requested to submit response on the above Petition. The response may be sent to the Secretary of the Commission by **10.07.2019** The response may be sent personally or by post or email to the Commission at the address given below.

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NORTH

Four run over by Rajdhani Express in UP's Etwah

Etawah: Four people were killed after being hit by a Delhi-bound Rajdhani Express at Balrai railway station in Uttar Pradesh's Etawah district on Monday, police said. The four men had deboarded a train at the station and were crossing the tracks to reach another platform when the incident occurred, they said. Jeetu (20), Lal Chandra (21) Surendra (20) and Pintu (18) died on the spot. They were reportedly passengers of the Surat-bound Avadh Express. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath condoled the deaths and asked the local administration to ensure help to the deceased's kin. **PTI**

Rescue operations underway at the accident site on Monday in Hazaribagh. *PTI*

EAST

11 killed, 22 injured in road accident in Hazaribagh

Hazaribagh: Eleven persons, including three women and a child, were killed and 22 others injured Monday when a Patna-bound bus hit an iron-laden stationary trailer-truck on NH-2 in Hazaribagh district, police said. The accident took place at dawn near Danua-Bhanua area under Chouparan Police Station limits, when the bus crashed into the trailer-truck from behind, Hazaribagh Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla said. "Eight persons died on the spot, while three others succumbed to injuries in the hospital," Shukla said, adding the driver was among the deceased. Seven men and one child died on the spot, while three others died at Chouparan hospital. **PTI**

WEST

Three drown in river in Maharashtra's Nashik

Nashik: Three persons, including a woman and her son, drowned in a river in Maharashtra's Nashik district when they went there for washing clothes, police said on Monday. The mishap took place on Sunday when the woman along with her son and a teenaged girl from their neighbourhood went to the Kadva river at Ojhe village in Dindori taluka, Vani police station in-charge Praveen Tadavi said. While the woman was washing clothes, her son slipped into the water and started drowning, he said. The woman and the girl then jumped into the river to save him, but all three of them drowned, he said. **PTI**

SOUTH

Traders' body collects Rs 3.2 cr for Pulwama victims' families

Coimbatore: The Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) here has collected Rs 3.2 crore for the families of CRPF personnel killed in Pulwama district in Jammu and Kashmir in February last. As part of its gesture, Rs 3.80 lakh was handed over to Sheena, the widow of Vasanth Kumar, one of the victims of the attack, at a function organised here yesterday, a JITO release said Monday. JITO local chapter Chairman, Kailash Jain said the organisation has already collected Rs 3.2 crore as Pulwama fund and a cheque for Rs 3.80 lakh each would be personally handed over to the kin of the other martyrs soon. 40 CRPF personnel died in the attack on February 14. **PTI**

KATHUA RAPE-MURDER CASE

Amid fault lines, a prosecution team that cut across the divide

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JUNE 10

AS THE protests following the Kathua rape and murder case played out as a polarised discourse, the government's team of investigators and the lawyers cut across the divide.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) was initially headed by IG Alok Puri. Following his retirement, IG Syed Ahafadul Mujtabha. Both officials hailed from Jammu city.

The other members of the SIT were SSP, J&K Police Crime Branch, Ramesh Kumar Jalla, Additional SP Naveed Pirzada, Deputy SP Shwetambri Sharma, Sub-Inspector Irfan Wani, Inspector K K Gupta, Sub-Inspector Irfan Wani and Assistant Sub-Inspector Tariq Ahmed. Later, Deputy SP Bharat Bhushan and one Kotwal joined the team.

SSP Jalla is a Kashmiri Pandit, ASP Naveed Pirzada is from Kashmir, DSP Shwetambri from Jammu, DSP Bharat Bhushan from Kishtwar, Inspector K K Gupta from Udhampur, SI Irfan Wani from Ramban and ASI Tariq from Jammu. Kotwal is also from Jammu.

Since the police personnel at Hiranagar police station were allegedly bribed by the accused to hush up the case, the investigators worked against heavy odds. To destroy evidence, the convicts had even washed off the deceased's clothes, sources said.

A bigger challenge emerged after the SIT cracked the case and arrested the accused because the lawyers too had joined the demand for a CBI probe into the incident.

When the Crime Branch team went to Kathua to present challan against the accused, it faced stiff resistance from protesting lawyers.

Heavy security deployed outside the Judicial Courts Complex ahead of the verdict in Pathankot on Monday. *PTI*

Determined to prove the case against the accused during the trial in the Pathankot court where the Supreme Court had shifted the case, the Jammu and Kashmir administration engaged senior lawyer Santokh Singh Basra from Punjab and Pathankot district attorney Jagdishwar Kumar Chopra to represent it. Apart from this, the state administration appointed Harminder Singh, chief prosecutor at Samba district court, and Bhupinder Singh, chief prosecutor with the Crime Branch, as special public prosecutors to pursue the prosecution's case at Pathankot.

To avoid allegations of the prosecution getting influenced by any community, none of the Crime Branch counsels hailed from the victim's or the accused's community.

When contacted, IG Mujtabha said, "The point of investigators stands vindicated. The court has given benefit of doubt to one person. We all examine it and if needed, we may go for an appeal."

J&K parties hail verdict in the case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 10

THE PEOPLE'S Democratic Party (PDP) and the National Conference (NC) welcomed the Pathankot district and sessions court's verdict in the Kathua rape and murder case.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, who was chief minister when the case was reported, tweeted, "Welcome the judgement. High time we stop playing politics over a heinous crime where an 8 year old child was drugged, raped repeatedly & then bludgeoned to death." She also cautioned against "loopholes in our judicial system" being exploited. In a statement, she added that the judgment "inspires confidence among all sections, especially the weakest among them, and that is how the guarantees enshrined in the Constitution can be translated into reality."

National Conference (NC) vice-president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah also welcomed the court's decision in the case.

"And to those politicians who defended the accused, vilified the victim & threatened the legal system no words of condemnation are enough," he tweeted.

Hailing the verdict, People's Conference's chairman Sajad Lone said, "I welcome the decision of the court to convict most of the accused in the Kathua rape and murder case.

"Those convicted must be given strict punishment to set a strong deterrent for the perpetrators of such heinous crimes. True justice for the 8-year-old will be when such crimes against the women stop in the society," he said.

The Congress party also welcomed the ruling, posting on its official Twitter handle, "We welcome the High Court's judgement in the Kathua rape & murder case...."

Responding to the verdict, Union Minister V K Singh tweeted, "Guilty from #Kathua rape-murder case are convicted-it gives me hope that such brutalities will not go unpunished. But it also makes me think of our collective consciousness as a society-why should Kathua or Aligarh happen? Need to educate our boys on how to treat & respect women."

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Among the convicts: a retired revenue official, labourer's son, three cops

Accused were escorted from the court in Pathankot amid heavy security. *Rana Simarjit Singh*

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JUNE 10

THE SIX accused who were convicted on Monday:

Sanji Ram, 62

He retired as Ziladar Officer from the Jammu revenue department in 2017. Subsequently, he got a hall constructed at an already existing place of worship and started sitting there, police sources said. Ram lived in a single-storey pucca house with wife Darshana Devi. The couple have two sons and two daughters. Both daughters are married now. His elder son is in the Navy and the younger one, Vishal Jangotra, was a first-year student of BSc (Agriculture) in Uttar Pradesh when he was arrested last year.

While Ram has been sentenced to life imprisonment, Vishal has been acquitted.

Parvesh Kumar, 19

The 19-year-old is Sanji Ram's neighbour. Third among the four children of Ashok Kumar and Trishla Devi, he had appeared in Class XI exams last year, but failed in Chemistry, said his younger sister, who now studies in Class XII.

Parvesh's father works as a labourer in Mumbai. One of this brothers works as a salesman at a shop in Chadwal and the other is unemployed. The family lives in a single kutcha room. Neighbours say Ashok left a month ago for Mumbai to earn some money as he had fallen in debt while pursuing the case. Parvesh has also been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Deepak Khajuria, 25

Deepak was a Special Police Officer (SPO) posted at Hiranagar Police Station.

His father Avdesh Khajuria retired as a police head constable about five months ago. He has three other siblings — one brother and two sisters.

His brother is in the Army and one of the sisters is married, said villagers. Deepak's marriage was fixed in April 26 last year, but he got arrested before that.

Deepak has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Surinder Kumar, 40

Kumar was posted at Hiranagar Police Station and had accompanied the parents of the victim to a forest to search for her. He is married and has two schoolgoing children.

His brother is in the ITBP. Kumar has been sentenced to five years in jail for destroying evidence.

Tilak Raj, 45

He was posted at Hiranagar Police Station at the time of the crime. He is married and has two children, including a daughter, and he lives in the same neighbourhood as Khajuria.

He has been sentenced to five years in jail for destroying evidence.

Anand Dutta, 35

He was posted at Hiranagar Police Station. Hailing from the border district of Poonch, he lived in Jammu. He has one child. He has been sentenced to five years in jail for destroying evidence.

The eighth accused in the case is a juvenile and he is undergoing trial in Kathua.

HOW THE CASE UNFOLDED

JANUARY 10, 2018: Eight-year-old girl goes missing from a village in Kathua district while grazing cattle.

JANUARY 12, 2018: FIR registered on complaint of girl's father.

JANUARY 17, 2018: Body found. Post-mortem confirms gangrape and murder.

JANUARY 22, 2018: Case handed over to J&K Crime Branch.

FEBRUARY 16, 2018: Hindu Ekta Manch holds protests in support of one accused.

MARCH 1, 2018: Two ministers of BJP attend rally after arrest of nephew of temple caretaker.

APRIL 9, 2018: Police file chargesheet against seven of eight accused.

APRIL 10, 2018: Chargesheet against eighth accused, who claimed to be juvenile. Police file FIR against lawyers for attempting to prevent officials from filing chargesheet.

APRIL 14, 2018: BJP ministers who attended rally resign from Cabinet. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres terms the crime "horrific".

APRIL 16, 2018: Trial begins before sessions court judge, Kathua.

MAY 7, 2018: SC shifts case from Kathua to Pathankot in Punjab.

JUNE 6, 2019: Trial concludes.

'They wanted him to be approver, he refused, got framed'

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JUNE 10

THE NARROW road passing through villages in Jammu's Kathua district wore a deserted look on Monday with people discussing behind closed doors the convictions in the gangrape and murder case.

Five of the six people convicted on Monday hail from these villages. One of the convicts hails from Poonch and currently lives in Jammu.

The District and Sessions court in Pathankot sentenced Sanji Ram and Parvesh Kumar, and Deepak Khajuria to life imprisonment.

The court sentenced Head Constable Tilak Raj, Surinder Kumar and Sub-Inspector Anand Dutta to five years in jail.

The court acquitted Sanji Ram's son Vishal Jangotra. A juvenile accused in the case is still facing trial.

At Sanji Ram's house, his wife Darshana and daughter Monika were trying to console themselves with the acquittal of Vishal, Ram's younger son. "When there was no evidence against Vishal, then for whom would have Sanji Ram got involved," asked Monika, saying the court should have acquitted him too.

In the same neighbourhood, Parvesh's mother Trishla Devi was crying in her single-room kuchha house.

"They (Crime Branch) wanted him to become an approver against other accused, but he refused to make a false statement against them. So they framed him," she alleged.

NCW demands death penalty for convicts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

NATIONAL COMMISSION for Women (NCW) chairperson Rekha Sharma on Monday demanded capital punishment for all the convicts in the case, saying the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government should appeal the decision of a Pathankot court in a higher court.

The court sentenced to life imprisonment the three main accused in the gang rape and murder of an 8-year-old girl in Kathua, while awarding five years in jail to three others for destruction of evidence. Sharma welcomed the conviction, but said she was expecting capital punishment for the culprits. "The Jammu and Kashmir government must go for appeal in higher court," she said.

The girl was kidnapped on January 10 last year and gang raped in captivity in a small village temple after having been kept sedated for four days. She was later bludgeoned to death.

Tamil playwright, comedian 'Crazy' Mohan dies at 66

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI, JUNE 10

TAMIL PLAYWRIGHT and theatre and film comedian 'Crazy' Mohan, whose one-liners and repartee won him a huge fan following, died here on Monday following a massive heart attack, a city hospital said.

Mohan, 66, suffered "cardiac arrest following acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and the measures taken to resuscitate him did not succeed and he passed away at 2 pm," a release from Kaveri Hospital said.

He is survived by his wife and son.

Mohan's four-decade career began in theatre with his hilarious middle-class centric content and laughter built on ubiquitous themes before he moved on to the silver screen. A creative thinker, he successfully reprised his threatre expertise in cinema by using his simple but very successful one-liners and word play, seen in films like *Panchathantiram* that went on to redefine comedy in Tamil films. Director K Balachander's *Poikkal Kudhirai* was his launchpad to cinema, for which he wrote the story and dialogues.

A recipient of many awards, including the 'Kalaimamani' by the Tamil Nadu government, he first wrote the script for a college skit, the "Great Bank Robbery". His last work as dialogue writer was for the drama "Crazy Premier League". In total, he penned 25 full length dramas, including Chocolate Krishna. His dramas have been staged 6,500 times in India and abroad, including more than 150 shows in the US.

REPORT ON CONTENT IN SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE

'Islamophobia in 37% of hate speech, disinformation on Facebook'

SHALINI NAIR & KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

AN ANALYSIS of hate speech and disinformation on the social networking site Facebook India by a South Asian American human rights and technology research organisation shows that the highest proportion of hate speech — 37 per cent — is linked to Islamophobia. This is followed by false news (16 per cent), and content that can be classified as casteist and gender/ sexuality-related hate speech, each accounting for 13 per cent of the hate speech content.

The report by the US-based Equality Labs titled 'Facebook India: Towards The Tipping Point of Violence Caste and Religious Hate Speech' states that homophobic content is so widely prevalent on Facebook that it had to be tracked as its own category, separate from all other religious minorities. "Homophobic content is foundational to the hate speech echo chamber in Facebook India... (It) is often the most violent, most threatening, and most gruesome," the report reads. Anti-religious minorities content, other than Islamophobia, accounted for another 9 per cent of the hate speech.

The report, which dis-aggregates hate speech content into categories in the Indian context as also analyses Facebook's response, is set to be released on Wednesday at the RightsCon Summit on human rights in the digital age in Tunis.

It looks at more than 1,000 posts in six Indian languages over a period of four months. The sample set is based on Facebook's own guidelines for tier 1 hate speech which include violent or dehumanising speech that targets a person or people based on Facebook's defined protected categories ("race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, caste, sex, gender, gender identity, and serious disease or disability"). This includes content advocating violence, bullying and use of offensive slurs.

The study points to failure of the content moderation process by Facebook, adding that 93 per cent of all hate speech posts reported are still available on the platform. It also faults Facebook's hiring policies that do not include those with an understanding of issues of caste, religious, gender and queer minorities.

A further breakdown of posts within each category shows that of the Islamophobic posts, 6 per cent is anti-Rohingya "with calls to violence similar to content that led to the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar". The rest were mostly pertaining to 'love jihad', glorification of violence by alluding to earlier instances of religious violence against Muslims, and Islamophobic profanities. Less than half of the casteist hate speech on Facebook India, it states, is relating to India's reservation policy with the rest being caste slurs, anti-Ambedkar messages and anti inter-caste personal relationships content. Similarly, a quarter of the posts containing gender/sexuality hate speech were found to be transphobic or queerphobic in content including calls for sexual violence.

Outlining why Facebook needs to strengthen its content moderation policy, the report states, "In a country of 1.3 billion people with over 294 million active accounts, Facebook India's user base will soon exceed the entire population of the United States. And, unlike the US, Facebook India has an unprecedented growth potential of over 400% because a whole new generation of users has yet to come online. The future of Facebook then is the Indian market."

Facebook was unable to respond to queries from *The Indian Express* by the time of publication.

Thenmozhi Soundararajan, executive director at Equality Labs, said, "Given the advocacy of many civil society groups in India about the scope and scale of hate speech and disinformation on the platform, Facebook has to work with civil society to conduct an independent human rights audit. This is a call for a thorough examination of their operations that Facebook should itself fund as they did in the US market."

Following allegations of bias from conservatives and minority groups in the US and CEO Mark Zuckerberg's Congressional hearings, Facebook asked an American civil rights leader in 2018 to audit the company regarding voter suppression, content moderation, advertising targeting, diversity and more.

After Aligarh murder, politicians knock on door of village in fear

Some send their children to Ghaziabad nearby, others carry ID cards at all times

AMIL BHATNAGAR
ALIGARH, JUNE 10

AS ALIGARH police prepare to file a chargesheet against four persons accused of murdering a two-year-old girl, her village is gripped by fear and uncertainty. While some residents say they have sent their children to Ghaziabad nearby, others have decided to carry ID cards at all times.

Over the last two days, several Hindutva activists have visited to express support for the girl's family. On Sunday, Sadhvi Prachi was stopped by police when she insisted on meeting the family. On Monday, members of the Karni Sena visited the village to demand the death penalty for the accused.

Youngsters in the village have also been getting messages about a protest labelled "Fight Against Rape" at Jantar Mantar in Delhi Tuesday by an activist, Harsh Chhikara, who tried to visit the region allegedly with a large number of people but was briefly halted by security forces.

Pradeep Jain, who runs a small grocery store, says he has been shutting shop early for the last two days. "I have shops next to mine that belong to people from different communities and there has never been a problem. For the last few days, people from outside have been coming and stoking tension," he said.

Police at the Aligarh village. The area's Circle Officer has been transferred. *Prem Nath Pandey*

"I have two children and I have sent my son, who just finished high school, to Ghaziabad for the time being. Even I don't feel like staying at my shop for long. If people riot, they will not see whose shop it is. All of us want justice. But the outsiders are making it difficult," he said.

On Sunday, residents say, a group of people allegedly shouted 'Jai Shri Ram' outside the victim's house. "All of us asked them to leave. We have to do it for peace," said Lalit, the former pradhan.

The village is on edge, says Anuj, a young resident who is watching a Facebook live video on his phone by Chhikara — it's an appeal for justice.

"The people in the village are fine and they understand the sensitivity. We have always lived in harmony. All these messages and talk can create problems," said Anuj.

Sanju Verma, another resident, carries his Aadhaar card and a property document to ensure quick identification. "I am not taking any risk. I had to go outside for some work and I realised that with the level of security deployment, I need to be careful," he said.

Dr Arvind Kumar, SP Crime (Aligarh), said "movement has been normal" since Sunday. "We have a conversation with people explaining the reason of the deployment and why some are turned away. Some people were allowed as we felt law and order would not be threatened," he said. Only residents are being allowed in or out after heavy checks.

Police are also looking into the social media posts of at least five people. "Prima facie, it appears that their social media posts were unlawful and would create law and order problems. We will investigate, file a case and make arrests accordingly," the SP said.

On Monday, the district administration cut Internet services in the village to prevent rumours from spreading via social media.

According to the police, the two-year-old was allegedly abducted by the main accused, Jahed, and another accused from outside her home on May 30.

Police said they disposed her body in a garbage dump after killing her allegedly over a monetary dispute Jahed had with the girl's grandfather. The other accused are Jahed's wife and his brother.

"Our next step is to file the chargesheet. We are confident that even though we have a window of 90 days to file it, we will do it at the earliest," said Ajay Anand, ADG Agra.

In the village, Jahed's neighbour is among the few who had spotted the girl's body for the first time, three days after she had gone missing. "I have a wedding in my family which is in my neighbour's village and I need to be there. But if I leave now everyone will believe that I had something to do with it and probably I escaped. The fear is real," she said.

'Serial killer' arrested in Rajasthan, police say involved in four murders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JUNE 10

A MAN allegedly involved in the murder of at least four women has been arrested in Rajasthan's Kota district, police said.

According to the police, the modus operandi and methods of the accused are similar to that of a serial killer, and he murdered the women after trying to sexually assault them.

Inspector General of Police, Kota Range, Bipin Kumar Panday said the body of an unidentified woman tied with wires was found inside a sack in Kota on May 24. Later, during the post-mortem, it was revealed that the woman's clothes were inside the stomach which had been cut open by the murderer and stitched shut with wires, said police.

The police said that from the clothes, the victim was found to be a woman from the Maru Bhat community in Kota. She was a daily wage labourer and based on CCTV footage, it was established that the last time she was seen was with a man.

Officials said that while questioning those who worked with the victim, the man from the CCTV footage was identified as Mahaveer Singh alias Mohan, who had escaped from the Sanganer jail in Jaipu in 2016.

At the time of his escape, Singh was serving a life sentence for the rape and murder of a woman from Chittorgarh district in 2003, said the police.

"We put up a massive search operation and interrogated more than 2,000 people, mostly daily wage labourers and people living in pavements. We came to know that Singh's family had migrated from Ajmer some 50 years ago and he used to stay at various places such as Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Uttar Pradesh, across districts and states," Kota City SP Deepak Bhargav said on Monday.

"After searching for 15 days, we finally arrested Singh today. During interrogation we came to know that apart from the latest murder and the rape and murder of a woman in 2003 he had also murdered a woman and her daughter in Kota back in 1997. He has confessed to the crime and that case will be reopened. His modus operandi appears to be like a serial killer," said Bhargav.

The police said that preliminary investigation suggests that Singh used to target women working as daily wage labourers on pretext of helping them find work.

A statement from the police said that Singh had lured the woman, promising her increased wages and had taken her to an under construction building where he had tried to rape the victim before killing her by strangulation.

CM calls meet; DGP says dealing with rape cases sensitively

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 10

AMID A spate of rape incidents involving minors in the state recently, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Monday held a meeting with top police and government officials and issued a slew of directions, including increasing foot patrolling in rural areas and making anti-Romeo squads more active.

They have also been asked to prepare police station-wise list of people booked in such crime incidents in the past and keep a watch on them.

Cases of alleged rape of minors in Aligarh, Kushinagar, Hamirpur, Kanpur and Meerut have come to light in recent days.

Adityanath directed the officers to identify 10 cases of crime against minor girls from each range and ensure action against the accused by putting them in fast track court.

Directions were also issued to make anti-Romeo squads and Dial 100 (police emergency number) more effective. The squad was introduced in 2017, to check incidents of eve-teasing and crimes against women.

The CM directed the officials to deploy anti-Romeo squads in crowded and sensitive areas.

After the meeting, UP DGP Om Prakash Singh said, "In all these cases, the police acted promptly. Statements of the victims are being recorded and local police are taking all measures for prosecution of the accused. Be it Kushinagar, Hamipur or Aligarh - the progress made in all these cases were reviewed."

(WITH PTI INPUTS)

One held for rape, murder of 10-year-old in Bhopal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JUNE 10

The accused was arrested from a bus stand in Khandwa district. He allegedly fled Bhopal hours after the girl went missing

A LABOURER has been arrested for allegedly raping and murdering a 10-year-old girl and dumping her body in a sewer in Bhopal late on Saturday.

While the Opposition BJP has accused the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh of failing to improve the law and order situation, Chief Minister Kamal Nath has said a chargesheet in the case will be filed within 48 hours and the state government will try to ensure that the accused gets strict punishment within a month.

The police said the accused was arrested from a bus stand at Mortakka in Khandwa district. In his 30s, the accused allegedly fled Bhopal hours after the girl went missing and her family members started looking for her. The accused is learnt to have been the victim's neighbour.

Seven police officers have been suspended for dereliction of duty after the victim's family members alleged that the police turned them away twice when they approached them. Relatives and neighbours gheraoed the police station on Monday.

Ujjain SP Sachin Atulkar said the police will file a chargesheet in the case soon after getting a DNA report from the forensic science laboratory.

Former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan visited the victim's family on Monday. Alleging that the law and order situation in the state had deteriorated, he said the BJP will take to the streets if steps are not taken to stop sexual assaults on minors. He alleged that police failed to act quickly, saying that "it was height of insensitivity".

Chouhan said the monetary assistance of Rs 5 lakh announced by the state government was "inadequate" and that the victim's parents demand that the accused be hanged.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath's media coordinator Narender Saluja accused the BJP of playing politics over a sensitive issue like rape of minors.

FESTIVE COLOURS

Thousands turned up at Mata Kheer Bhawani temple in central Kashmir's Ganderbal Monday to celebrate Kheer Bhawani Mela. The visitors included Kashmiri Pandits living in the Valley and outside, local residents and tourists.

J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik, BJP general secretary Ram Madhav, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, state Congress chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir and senior Army officer Lt Gen J S Sandhu visited the temple. *Shuaib Masoodi*

PAYAL TADVI SUICIDE

Report confirms ragging by three seniors, no evidence of casteism

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA
MUMBAI, JUNE 10

THE state-appointed committee formed to look into the suicide of Dr Payal Tadvi, a second-year gynaecology student in TN Topiwala National Medical College, has submitted a report whose findings are that while Tadvi was subjected to ragging by three seniors, no evidence has been found in the course of inquiry to suggest that she was subjected to caste-based discrimination.

The report lays stress on immense workload and long working hours that pressured Tadvi.

The 16-page report is with the medical education department and will be submitted to Medical Education Minister Girish Mahajan soon. The four-member committee recorded the statements of 32 people, including doctors, hostel inmates, family members of Tadvi and parents of the three accused doctors — Dr Bhakti Mehare, Dr Ankita Khandelwal and Dr Hema Ahuja — presently in judicial custody.

The report faults the head of the gynaecology and obstetrics department where Tadvi studied, observing that the senior doctor's negligence led to a situation where Tadvi felt pushed to committing suicide. It has, however, not recommended any action against the department head or the three accused.

Tadvi, 26, committed suicide on May 22 by hanging herself in her hostel room in BYL Nair hospital, attached with Topiwala medical college.

Following her death, Nair hospital submitted a report stating that Tadvi was subjected to ragging. A separate inquiry was constituted by the state, appointing four members, to look into the case. The report has observed that the three accused harassed Tadvi, publicly shaming her at several occasions, but the inquiry did not lead to conclusive evidence of casteist remarks. Tadvi, who belonged to the Tadvi Bhil Muslim community, got admission through Scheduled Tribe quota.

The report has instead given a series of recommendations to prevent ragging, advising medical colleges to hold a meeting of students, teachers and parents once every three months to discuss issues. The report also stated that counselling mechanism needs to be strengthened for students.

The report also stated that mentorship needs to improve in medical colleges, and professors must help a medical student manage time in clinical subjects.

Medical education secretary Sanjay Mukherjee said, "We will go through the report and action will be taken accordingly."

Medical education department officials, however, said action against Nair hospital department head is under purview of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes chairperson Nand Kumar Sai, who visited Mumbai this weekend, said there were multiple loopholes in the investigation. "The hospital dean should not have authorised Payal's body to be removed from the room and taken to casualty department in the absence of police. The room was not immediately sealed. The way the investigation was undertaken was not as per protocol. We hope the crime branch investigates the case in detail," said Sai.

14-year-old 'assaulted, forced to drink phenyl'; one booked

GARGI VERMA
MUMBAI, JUNE 10

THE POLICE on Monday booked a man for allegedly assaulting a 14-year-old boy, holding him captive and forcing him to drink phenyl after being accused of stealing footwear at a housing society in Nallasopara.

Tulinj Police said the incident occurred last Thursday in Vrindavan Society, when the boy was in the society to deliver a canister of water.

"The accused, a resident of the society, beat up the 14-year-old boy," said a senior officer. "The boy said he had come to the building for the first time and was on the stairs when the accused stopped him and asked him about the footwear he was wearing," said an officer. When the boy said the footwear belonged to him, the accused verbally abused him and took his mobile phone as well as Rs 600 that he was carrying in his pocket, the boy told the police.

"When the boy protested, the accused, along with his friends, beat up the boy and forced him into a vehicle... They even forced him to drink phenyl and threw him off the vehicle at a deserted spot," added the officer.

The boy's family found him in the evening and rushed him to the hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. "They are migrants. The boy and his younger siblings go to school while his elder brother works at a grocery store," said a police officer.

"The doctors told us he had not ingested a lot of the poisonous substance and has not suffered any internal injury. He has bruises on his back, torso and limbs," he added. Police are yet to make an arrest.

Toddler still trapped in borewell, rescue efforts on amid protest

RAAKHI JAGGA
LUDHIANA, JUNE 10

MORE THAN 100 hours after two-year-old Fatehveer Singh fell into a 125-foot-deep, 9-inch-wide borewell at Sunam's Bhagwanpura village, rescuers were still struggling to tunnel a distance of seven feet horizontally to reach him.

This despite a vertical shaft, made of reinforced cement concrete (RCC) pipes of 36 inch diameter and dug parellel to the pit Fatehveer fell into, reaching the required depth on Sunday itself.

On Monday, NDRF rescue personnel made several attempts to reach the child, but were unsuccessful due to presence of two to three parallel bores close-by.

Angry at the slow pace of rescue efforts, locals blocked the Sunam-Mansa road and raised slogans against the Punjab government. Fatehveer's family was not part of the dharna.

While Punjab government said that the delay was due to the operation being one of the most complex being handled by the NDRF, sources at ground zero pointed out several lapses in planning and execution. Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori Monday said: "An ultra-sophisticated, high-density drilling equipment had been pressed into service to detect the exact direction and distance through sensor."As the rescue efforts dragged on, a political slug fest also broke out with AAP state convenor Bhagwant Mann and SAD chief Sukhbir Badal attacking the state government.

Meanwhile, CM Capt Amarinder Singh reacted for the first time on the issue: "Constantly monitoring the rescue operations by @NDRFHQ, local administration & outside experts, which has reached the required depth & are locating Fatehveer... We stand with his family & pray for his well being," he tweeted.

After 2018 floods, Kerala govt prepares for monsoon

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 10

AFTER FLOODS devastated Kerala in 2018, the state government has geared up to face possible monsoon calamities with a renewed disaster management system.

The state has introduced an incident response system (IRS), a disaster management mechanism covering state and Central departments, and an emergency action plan for major dams.

Kerala state disaster management authority secretary Dr Sekhar Kuriakose said normally the implementation of the IRS is notified only up to the district level. However, the state has decided to take the IRS, envisaged by the national disaster management authority, down to taluk level. Under the IRS system, only required system need to be made operational as and when demanded. Kuriakose said the authority has evolved a seasonal response system for this monsoon period, making 30 state and seven Central government departments as stakeholders.

Heavy rains continue to lash Kochi. *Nirmal Harindran*

"An orange book on disaster has been created specifying standard operating procedure for each and every department. It has clearly specified the duties of each department and how warning systems should be issued to public for every monsoon event" Kuriakose said.

Poor management of dams has been blamed for the floods in August last year. As many as 44 dams have to be opened in a single sweep without proper alert system downstream and without effective water management to cushion the impact of heavy rains. This had led to flooding of towns and villages downstream in central Kerala. As per the new action plan, the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB), which manages the dams, would have to issue a preliminary warning to people downstream 36 hours before discharging water from dams. The board should get sanction from all the district administrations downstream. Discharging of water would not be allowed in the night.

KSEB sources said the board has made ready emergency action plan for 12 out of 17 major dams, as per the guidelines of the Central Water Commission.

NIPAH SCARE SUBSIDES

NIV team collects samples from fruit bats to locate source of virus

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 10

EXPERTS FROM the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, have collected samples from fruit bats at Thodupuzha in Kerala's Idukki district as part of their investigation to ascertain the source of Nipah virus. One case of Nipah infection was confirmed in the state last week.

The youth, who tested positive for the virus, stayed at Thodupuzha where he was studying.

Official sources said the NIV team led by Dr Sudeep has collected samples from 52 fruit bats found near the house where the youth stayed. The samples, collected with the help of the state forest officials, would be sent to the NIV for examination. The expert team would also collect samples from fruit bats found at Paravur in Ernakulam district, the hometown of the patient.

Meanwhile, the health condition of the youth, now at a private hospital in Kochi, has improved considerably. Of the three samples collected from him to review his health condition, two tested negative. At present, eight persons are under observation at the isolation ward of a medical college in Kochi.

Although the fear of another Nipah outbreak has largely subsided, as many as 329 persons, who are in the contact list of the youth who tested positive are still under home quarantine. They include doctors and paramedical staff who initially treated the youth and his close relatives and friends.

Ernakulam district collector K Mohammed Y Safirulla said 52 people out of the 329 have been put into the high-risk category.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Vishal Akhriya S/o Ravi Kumar R/o-H.No-821, Sunlight Colony-2, Hari Nagar Ashram, Jungpura Defence Colony Delhi-14, my name has been wrongly written as Vishal in my Educational documents.Actual name of mine is Vishal Akhriya 0040498689-1

I, Shipra Pradeep Kumar Jha R/o A-503 Amrapali Princely Estate Sector-76 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201301 would like to change my name to Shipra Jha for all future purposes 0040498741-7

I, Shilpa D/O Shri. Madan Lal Gulati R/O-D-16, H.NO.28, Sector-7, Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name from Shilpa to Shilpa Gulati for all purposes. 0040498709-1

I, Sandip Bahl S/o Late Sh Romesh Bahl R/o-113 FF Block-5, Eros Garden Charmwood Village Faridabad Haryana-121009 have changed my minor daughter name from Vanya Bahl to Vaanya Bahl permanently. 0040498741-8

I, Pawan Kumar Gupta,s/o Hukam Chand r/o-E-11 1st floor Guru Nanak Road Adarsh Nagar,Delhi-110033 have changed name Pawan Gupta for future 0040498741-4

I, Pankaj Sambher S/o Shri Chote Lal Sambher R/o Flat.No.37 Shree Radha Apartment Sector-9, Plot. No.3, Dwarka New Delhi-110077 have changed my name from Pankaj Sambher to Punkaj Sambher for all future purposes. 0040498711-2

I, Hans Raj Dogra S/O Mangat Ram R/O-RZ/K-15A Gandhi-market West-sagarpur, New Delhi-110046.have changed my name from Hans Raj to Hans Raj Dogra for all future purpose. 0040498709-2

I, Aisha Ketkar D/O Mr. S. M. Momin R/O-15,Sunflower, Garden Estate,K.J. Mehta road, Nasik Road-422101.have changed my name to Aayushi Ketkar. 0040498741-5

I, Aditi Pradeep Kumar Jha,R/o A-503, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida Gautam-Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201301 would like to change my name to Aditi Jha for all future purposes. 0040498741-6

I, Yograj Singh Rawal S/o Ubhay Raj Singh Rawal R/o 76, Gautampuri Dadri Gautam Buddha Nagar-203207 have changed my name to Yograj Singh. 0070659669-1

I, Yogendra Singh S/o Attar Singh R/o H.no-1908 B-block, Near Maruti Kunj , Bhondsi Gurgaon-122102 have changed my name to Yogender Singh. 0070659673-1

I, Waryam Singh Kochhar S/o Santokh Singh Kochhar R/o-Gurudwara Satsang-Sabha Gali No.2 Srinagar Shakur-Basti Delhi-110034. changed my name to Waryam Singh. 0040498735-9

I, Vandna Gaur W/O Dinesh Kumar R/O 610a, Pana Udyan, Narela Delhi-40 Changed My Name To Vandana Gaur. 0040498760-3

I, VIDHU S/O Sh. Bijendra Singh resident of House No. 9A, Gali No. 4, Om Nagar, Mohan Nagar, Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P - 201007, have changed my name from "VIDHU to VIDHU TOMAR", for all future purposes, vide affidavit dated 08.06.2019 at Ghaziabad. 0040498688-1

I, Tarun Kumar S/O Davinder Kumar Adlakha R/O Bg-3/1b, Paschim Vihar Delhi-63 Changed My Name To Tarun Adlakha. 0040498760-2

I, Taniya Makin D/O Charanjit Singh, R/O 633, Block Double Storey, New Rajender-Nagar, N. Delhi-110060,Changed My Name To Taniya Kaur Makin. 0040498725-2

I, Vikas S/O Raj Kamal R/O-D-106, Narwana Apptts Ip Extn Patparganj Delhi - 92, Changed My Name To Vikas Aggarwal. 0040498760-5

I, Satnam Singh Bhamrah S/o Surinder Singh R/o F-265, Mansarover Garden, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Satnam Singh. 0040498746-2

I, Sajiya Jasmin W/o Safdar Jamad R/o Flat-304, Tower-A8, Nirala Aspire GH03 Sector-16, Greater Noida West -201306 Have Changed My Name to Shazia Jashmin. 0070659679-1

I, Shivani Kumari, W/o Vishal Kumar Pandey, D/o Satish Chandra Pandey R/o-RZ-44, Second-Floor, Bhawani-Kunj, Opp.Sec-D2, VasantKunj, New Delhi-110070. have changed my name to Shivani Pandey for all purposes. 0040498735-10

I Hemant Kathuria S/o Om Prakash Kathuria R/o H.No.2B-61, NIT-Faridabad, HR inform that with reference to passport No.K8852475 name of my minor daughter is Charvy but her correct name is Charvy Kathuria & Charvy and Charvy Kathuria both are same person. 0040498746-10

I, Khushi D/o Lal Chand Khanna R/o RZ-CD-17, Gali No.13, Mahavir Enclave, N.Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Khushi Khanna. 0040498746-1

I, Sushama Devi W/o Sultan Singh R/o H. No.481, VPO-Nangla Par, Distt.-Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name to Sushma Devi. 0040498735-4

I, Surinder Kaur Budhiraja W/o Inderjeet Singh R/o 16A/6, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, N. Delhi-15 have changed my name to Surinder Kaur. 0040498746-3

I, Sunil S/o Mohan Lal R/o-H-IInd/188, First-Floor, Madangir, New Delhi-62. have changed my name to Sunil Mohan for all purposes. 0040498746-9

I, Suman Devi, W/O Ashwini Kumar Gupta,House No.K-21, Sarita-Vihar, New Delhi-110076. have changed my name to Gupta Suman Ramchandra for all purposes. 0040498735-7

I, Subhash Maheshwari S/o Sh. Shiv Narayan Maheshwari R/o of House No.535, First Floor, Sector-10A, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my name from Subhash Chandra Maheshwari to Subhash Maheshwari for all purposes in future. 0040498705-1

I, Subhash Chandre Yadav, S/o Late Shri Ramayan Prasad Yadav R/o Room No.M-35, SNCOs Mess, Camero, Subroto Park, New Delhi-10, have changed my name from Subhash Chandre Yadav to Subhash Yadav vide affidavit dated 10/06/2019 before NCT Delhi. 0040498693-1

I, Simran D/o Pawan Kohli R/o-D-175, Nawada Housing Complex, Kakrola Mode, Uttamnagar, N. Delhi-59, changed my name to Bhoomi Kohli. 0040498746-4

I, Shadab Ahmad S/O Afzal Ahmad R/O-F-203/7, 4th Floor, Abulfazal-Enclave-2,, Shaheen-Bagh, N. Delhi-110025. Changed My Name To Shadab Ahmad Siddiqui. 0040498725-7

I, Sawneet Taluja W/O Gagan Kumar R/O-A-84, 2nd Floor, Saraswati-Vihar Pitampura, North/West Delhi-110034. Have Change My Name To Sawneet Kaur. 0040498725-8

I, Savya Sachi S/o Surendar Singh Negi (S.S Negi) R/o H-3/41 Sector-11 Rohini Delhi-110085 changed my name to Savyasachi Negi. 0040498725-10

I, Satya Goel W/o Sh.Pradeep Garg D/o Sh.Hari Ram Goel R/o E-5, ITI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi, have changed my name to Satya Vati Garg for all purposes. 0040498592-1

I, Sagar S/o Ravinder Shokeen R/o-Pole No.43E, Kaba-Pana, Near-Shiv-Mandir, VPO: Chhawla, New Delhi-110071. have changed my name to Sagar Shokeen. 0040498735-5

I, Riya W/O, Amit Kataria R/o H.no. 891, Sector 9, Gurugram ,122001, Haryana have changed my name to Riya Grover Kataria for all purposes. 0040498749-1

I, Raju S/o Gopi Ram Lodhiwal R/o 36-37, Pocket-D-12 Sector-8 Rohini Delhi-85 have changed my name to Raju Lodhiwal. 0040498725-9

I, Mongia Seema Rani W/o Naresh Kumar Sachdeva R/o-169 Akash Kunj Apartment Sector-9, Rohini Delhi-85.changed my name to Seema Rani. 0040498709-10

I, NISHA KASHYAP, Plot no-59-60 3rd floor Pkt-7 Sec-24 Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name TO NISHA SINGH. 0040498709-4

I, Naresh S/o Narain Dass R/o 169 Akash Kunj Apartment Sector-9 Rohini Delhi-85 changed my name to Naresh Kumar Sachdeva. 0040498709-9

I, Pankaj Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Dularey, R/o J-253 Sunder Nagri, Delhi-110093, have changed my father's name Ram Dulary to Ram Dularey for all purposes. 0040498775-1

I, Pinki W/o Siddhartha Jain R/o B-4/1, 1st Floor Sector-8 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Priyal Jain. 0070659680-1

I, Pinky D/O, Ram Khelavan R/o Flat No.5 Plot No.1C, M.B.R. Enclave Village Pochanpur Dwarka Sector 23, New Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Pinky Khelavan. 0040498750-1

I, Pooanm W/o Prem Pal Kapila R/o-5/59 Amba Bagh Kishan Ganj Delhi-110007.changed my name to Poonam Kapila for all purposes. 0040498760-11

I, Pradeep Kumar, S/O Satya Prakash, R/O B-55-C, South Ganesh Nagar, Delhi-110092, Changed My Name To Pradeep Gupta. 0040498725-3

I, Pranav Kumar Jha S/o Sh Dinesh Chandra Jha R/o 58, South Avenue, New Delhi–110011, have changed my name to Pranav Jha for all future purposes. 0040498743-1

I, Geeta Rani W/o Sh. Sandeep Arora R/o 274, Vidya Vihar, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34, has changed my name to Geeta Arora after marriage for all purpose. That Geeta Rani & Geeta Arora is the one and same person. 0040498561-1

I, Jatinder Singh Joshi R/o W1C-014, Wellington Estate DLF Phase-5 Gurgaon-122009 Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Shivam Joshi to Shivamh Singh Joshi. 0070659674-1

I, Rhea Pradeep Katyal D/O, Pradeep Katyal R/o Villa No.199, Tatvam Villas, Sector-48, Sohna Road, Gurgaon 122018, have changed my name to Rhea Katyal for all purposes. 0040498757-1

I, Renu Bala W/O Sanjay Kumar R/O C-4/122, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Have Changed My Name To Renu. 0040498746-8

I, Rashi Bhargava W/o,Shri Rajesh Bhargava R/o-C-221,Sector-122,Noida, G.B.Nagar,U.P-201301 have changed my name to Rashmi Bhargava for all purposes. 0040498741-2

I, Rameshri Devi W/o Late Shri Hemraj resident of H. No. 244, Kuan Mohalla , Village-Tughlakabad, New Delhi-44, have changed my name from Rameshri Devi to Rameshwari Devi for all future purpose. 0040498590-1

I, Raj Kumar s/o Suraj Bhan r/o 108, Tarun Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Raj Kumar Garg. 0040498698-1

I, Raj Kumar S/o Ran Singh R/o 665/17, Shanti Kunj, Jawahar Colony Faridabad - 121005 Have Changed My Name to Raj Kumar Rohilla. 0070659678-1

I, Raj Kumar S/o Ram Parshad R/o-RU-32, Pitampura, Delhi-110034. changed my name to Raj Kumar Malhotra for all purposes. 0040498735-6

I, Raj Kumar S/o Arun Singh R/o H.No.-80-B, Nyay Khand-3, Indirapuram, Uttar Pradesh-201014, have changed my name to Raj Singh. 0040498753-1

I, Praveen S/O Kishori Lal R/O-A-3/92-93, Near Metro Walk Mall, Sector-11, Rohini Delhi - 85 Changed My Name To Praveen Garg. 0040498760-4

I, Praveen Kumar Saini S/o Bhoop Singh Saini R/o H.no-698, Saini Vihar Gali no-3 Mundka Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Praveen. 0070659683-1

I, Pratibha R/o House No-54, Ward No.10, Bard Mohalla, Old Faridabad have changed my name to Pratibha Sharma for all purposes. 0070659677-1

I, Mohit Singh Solaki S/o Ashok Kumar R/o 33/87, Block-33, Trilok puri Delhi-110091 have changed my name to Mohit Singh. 0070659689-1

I, Meenakshi w/o Mr. Rajendra Singh R/o 496A/9, Shivpuri, opp Sector-7, Gurugram,-122001, Haryana, have Changed my name to Meenakshi Bisht in future for all purposes. 0040498701-1

I, Jogender Pal Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/O H.No-3140, Punjabi-Basti, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007, Changed my name to Joginder Pal Singh. 0040498709-8

I, Maninder Kaur Sawhney w/o Balbir Singh Sawhney r/o SF, 32-A, North Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh West, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to MANINDER KAUR SAHNI. 0040498706-1

I, Jasmeet Singh S/o Manmohan Singh Tuteja R/o-CF-257, Ansal East-End, Tronica-City, Ghaziabad changed my minor son's name Asav Tuteja to Avin Singh. 0040498746-5

I, Jasica Kaur Anand D/O Kanwarjit Singh Anand R/O-G-42, Lajpat Nagar-2, N. Delhi-110024, Changed My Name To Jesica Kaur Anand. 0040498760-1

I, Gourav S/o Narain Dass R/o 32/11 , Upper Ground Floor East Patel Nagar Delhi -110008 have changed my name to Gourav Panwar. 0070659691-1

I, Harjeet Singh S/o Mohan Singh R/o-33 & 34, Upper G/Floor Front-Side Block-C, Subhash-Park, Uttam-Nagar, N. Delhi-110059.changed my name to Harjeet Singh Johal. 0040498746-6

I, Harjit Singh Bhogal S/O Lt. Hukum Singh Hno-3 Sector-18a Chandigarh. Have Remove Surname To Harjit Singh For All. 0040498709-7

I, Gargi Juneja D/o Biswanath Dutta, R/o-BU-74, Pitampura, Delhi-34,have changed my Name to Gargi Dutta for all purposes 0040498741-1

I, Dinesh Kumar, S/o Shri. Kishan Sharma, R/o-773/5, Patel Nagar, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Dinesh Sharma. 0040498760-10

I, Bano W/O Mohd Sirajul R/O S-265/117, Indira Gandhi Camp-1, Taimoor Nagar, N. Delhi-110065. Changed My Name To Bano Begum. 0040498725-6

I, Archana Rani W/o Sanjay Khurana R/o 1175-A, Maruti Vihar Gurgaon-122002 have changed my name to Archana Khurana. 0070659701-1

I, Km Shweta D/O Pan Singh R/O-209, Humayunpur Village, Safdarjung Enclave, N. Delhi-110029, Changed My Name To Shweta Chauhan. 0040498725-5

I Ashish Kumar Sharma S/O Ram Kishore Sharma R/O-E-134 Om-Vihar-Ext, Uttam-Nagar West Delhi-110059.Have Changed My Name To Ashish Sharma, For All Purposes. 0040498709-6

I Pushp Raj Singh S/O Brij Raj Singh, H.No-R5/ 107, Rajnagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.201001,Have Changed My Minor Son Name Adityaraj Singh To Aditya Raj Singh for all future purpose. 0040498735-8

I, Balbir Singh Sawhney s/o Sohan Singh Sawheny r/o SF, 32-A, North Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh West, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to BALBIR SINGH SAHNI. 0040498706-2

I, Bablu Chand Tikadhar S/o Moti Lal Tikadhar R/o-R-1/15, Mohan-Garden Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059,Have Changed my name to Bablu Tikadhar for all future Purposes. 0040498709-3

I, Babita Dabas W/o Dinesh Kumar R/o C-168, Maharana Partap Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Babita. 0070659696-1

I, Asha W/o Alexander R/o-685, Sector-5, RK. Puram, Delhi-110022. have changed my name to Asha Jaiswal. 0040498746-7

I, Aradhna Gauba W/O, Kapil Dev Kumar R/o D-50, Second Floor, Ramprastha Colony, Ghaziabad, UP-201011, have changed my name to Aradhana Kumar. 0040498759-1

I, Anita Kumari W/O Jagdish Prasad R/O F-175, Budh Nagar, Inderpuri, N. Delhi-110012, Changed My Name To Neeta. 0040498725-4

I Vinod kumar S/o Chaman Lal, R/o-22&23, old arjun-nagar, krishna-nagar, Delhi-110051. have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Khanna. 0040498735-1

I Sushil Jindal S/o Sanjiv Kumar R/o A-1012, Block-A, Part-1 Palam Extn Delhi-110075 Have ChangedMy Name to Sanjna Goyal. 0070659675-1

I, Kamal Aggarwal/Kamal Kumar S/o Jai Kishan Dass R/O-A-22, Naraina-Vihar, Kair, New Delhi-110028.have changed my name to Kamal Kishore permanently. 0040498760-9

I Ritu D/o Nikka Ram R/o WZ-183 Second Floor Mukherjee Park Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018.have changed my name to Ritu Sharma. 0040498760-7

I Ritika D/o Puttan Singh Sachan R/o House.No-28A F-Block Phase-1 Qutub-Vihar, New Delhi-110071 have changed my name to Ritika Sachan. 0040498760-6

I Rakesh Dang,S/o Banarsi Lal Dang R/o-E-41A Kirti-Nagar,New Delhi-110015. inform that Rakesh Kumar and Rakesh Dang both names are one and same person. 0040498760-8

I Rajan S/o Late Shri.Ram Krishan Kataria R/O-411, Gali No.4, GuruRamdas-Nagar Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name Rajan To Rajan Kataria For Future All Purpose. 0040498709-5

I, Inderpal Singh Bhomrah S/O Gurbachan Singh R/O-2113/164, Ganeshpura-B,Trinagar, Delhi-110035.Changed my Child Name Jogan Preet Singh Bhomrah To Jugan Preet Singh Bhomrah. 0040498725-1

I Pawan Kumar S/o Jai Singh R/o-F-68, Katwaria-Sarai, New Delhi-110016. have changed my minor son Name from Mayank to Mayank Singh. 0040498735-3

I Narender Kumar Arora S/o Swaran Dass Arora R/o 43, New Rajdhani Enclave, Delhi-110092 have changed my name as Narinder Kumar to Narender Kumar Arora for all purposes. 0040498744-1

I Harish Chand Single S/o Shyam Lal Singal R/o.62, Ahinsa-Vihar Apartments, Sector-9, Rohini, N.D-85, have changed my name to Harish Chand Singhal. 0040498735-2

I, Srivatsan Saradhanmani Appukutannari Son Of Appukuttan Nair Resident Of Room No 12, Officers Mess, AF Station Naraina, Brar Square, Delhi Have Changed My Name From Srivatsan Saradhanmani Appukutannari To Saradha Mani Appukuttan Nair Srivalsan Vide Affidavit No DL84528670710322R Dated 07.05.2019 At Delhi. 0050149934-1

LOST & FOUND

I, lost following Original Receipts of Flat No. CGC085 issued by DLF (1) CLG/CRB/00278/0112 (2) CLG/CRB/00066/0712 (3) CLG/CRB/00128/0513 (4)CLG/CRB/00026/1213 (5) CLGCRB0419/00030. Finder may inform to Rajendra Aggarwal s/o Mr. Tulsi Prasad, 23/5-B, Shakti Nagar, Delhi-110007. 0040498691-1

I, Rakesh Mittal S/o Sh. M. L. Gupta R/o 38-C, Pocket A2, Kondli, Gharoli, Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-96,have lost/misplaced the original electric & water NOC issued by DDA in respect of my property bearing no.38-C, Pocket A2, Kondli Gharoli Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi-96 If found contact at -9958095005. 0040498711-1

I,Renu Kumari D/o Late Prem Pal, A-340 G.D.Colony,Mayur Vihar,Ph-3, East Delhi-96,have lost my original certificate Class-10th Roll.No.8624041 CBSE-Board. 0040498741-3

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original/Duplicate Qualifying Examination certificate/ Marksheet of Main/ Compartment, Secondary, Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2016 and Roll No. 8197597 (10th Class Marksheet) & Year 2018 and Roll No. 9157412 (12th Class Marksheet) & 12th Class Certificate issued by CBSE has been actually lost/destroyed/ mutilated Name of the candidate KATYAYANI SINGH D/O SHARAD KUMAR BISHNOI R/O 236, FF, PALMCITY APARTMENT, PKT-2, SECTOR-23, ROHINI, DELHI-110085.

LOST & FOUND

I, Rajiv Chawla S/o. Late Brij Mohan Chawla R/o. C-64, B.K. Dutt Colony, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003 had lost the original lease & conveyance deed, relinquishment deed and other documents of property no. C-64, B.K. Dutt Colony, Aliganj, New Delhi.

Finder please contact :
Mobile - 9811102388

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Indostar Capital Finance Ltd., Connaught Place, New Delhi is in the process of advancing a loan to Mr. Sumeet Chopra, against mortgage of Entire Ground Floor and Third Floor of Property bearing No. E-15, (300.66 Sq. Yds.), Village Basai Darapur, Man Sarover Garden, New Delhi. Mr. Sumeet Chopra has represented that he is the absolute owner of the said property by virtue of Gift Deed dated 15.05.2012 bearing Doc. No. 13024. He has further represented that Original Sale Deed dated 19.08.1968 bearing Doc. No. 5084 & Original Sale Deed dated 23.05.1970 bearing Doc. No. 4076 executed in respect of the said property have been misplaced and have not been found / traced till date. If anybody, person, body corporate, bank has any right, lien or claim whatsoever on the said Property then he/she/it may contact the undersigned with documentary proof of claim within 7 days of publication of this notice, otherwise it shall be deemed that either there are no claims or the same have been waived off and my client shall proceed to advance the loan by mortgaging of the said property.

Prachi Narang, Advocate
Narang & Associates
D-28, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rajendra Mani Tripathi Lost My Surviving Member Certificate issued by Concerned SDM Showing the name of Prem Sager Jolly. Mr Ashwani Jolly, Mr Vinod Jolly, Mrs Sunita Deora and Mr Deepak Jolly are the Surviving Member of Mrs Shanti Devi. And also Lost Surviving Member Certificate issued By Concerned SDM Showing the Name Of Mrs Meena Jolly Mr Vivek Jolly, Mrs Ritika Kakkar, And Mr Vishal Jolly are the Surviving Member Of Mr. Deepak Jolly. Iam owner of the property no WZ 283/207, UGF, Back Side Portion Gali No. 7, Vishnu Garden New Delhi 110018 any person having any type of claim/right/title/interest over the said property may inform with 15 days at above address in written.

RITU VERMA (ADVOCATE)
B-25, GUPTA PALACE
A-2/42, RAJOURI GARDEN,
N. DELHI -110027

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby informed that Late Smt. Shashi Batra W/o Sh. Harish Chander Batra R/o A-2, South Extension-I, New Delhi-110049 was having commercial property in joint ownership along with her son's Abhay Batra and Akshit Batra in our project Vatika Mindscapes Tower 'A', Faridabad, Haryana, Unit No. 820, measuring 500 sqft which her legal heirs Harish Chander Batra, Abhay Batra & Akshit Batra requested the company to be transfer to her son Akshit Batra. Any person having any objection on this please may contact the company officer details as under within 15 days after which No Claim would be accepted.

Dated: 11.06.2019
Vatika Limited
Vatika Triangle, 4th Floor
Sushant Lok - I, Block - A,
MG Road, Gurgaon, Haryana
Contact : +91 9555930930

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public at large my client Om Prakash S/o. Late Sh. Kanahiya Lal R/o. House No. E-66, Tagore Garden Ext. New Delhi -27, has disowned and debarred His Son Saurabh Kumar, daughter in Law Neha Kumar and Grand Son Aarav from his all movable and immovable properties/ assets and breaks all kind of relation with them, due to their cruel, Misbehavior and criminal conduct. They are not under the control of my client, My client shall not be responsible for their any act or conduct. Whoever deals with them, deals at their own cost and consequences.

ASIF AHMED SIDDIQUI-ADVOCATE
C-24B, CL JOSEPH BLOCK,
TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-54

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the court of Jagjit Singh
Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court , Faridabad
CNR No. HRFB01-008920-2018, Next Date : 08.07.2019

Kishan Gupta aged about 28 years son of Parmeshwar Deen Gupta, Resident of House no. 205, Sanjay Colony, Mathura Road, Ballabgarh, District Faridabad

Vs.

Sakshi Gupta wife of Kishan Gupta, daughter of Ram Kishor Gupta, resident of Station Road, Near Paan Dariba, Gramin Bank of Aryavarat, Sandila, Tehsil Sandila, District Hardoi (UP).

Notice to : Sakshi Gupta
Father : - Shri Ram Kishore Gupta, Station road near Paan Dariba Gramin Bank of Aryavarat Sandila Tehsil Sandila Disti Hardoi UP

In above titles case, the respondent could not be served. It is ordered that respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 08-07-2019 at 10:00 a.m.

For more details logon to **http://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Faridabad**

Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court Faridabad

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ramesh Chand Batra S/o Late. Krishn Lal Batra Resident of 26, Arjun Nagar, Ghaziabad informs that Owner of Plot No. 46, House No.26,Arjun Nagar, Ghaziabad is occupied and this house has been received by the Will of my father. This Will dated 07.10.1994 has been registered, which remains to this day, if any objection to it, then within 07 days, your objection can be filed on the above address and Phone No. 9899431485.

Ramesh Chand Batra
Place: Ghaziabad — Address: House No. 26, Arjun Nagar, Ghaziabad
Date: 08.06.2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to notify that Sale Deed of Shop, G F , 396/1-B, Khari Baoli, Delhi-110006, measuring 12 sq. yards approx, and registered with the Sub Registrar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi, Vide Rgn. No. 7943 in Addl Book No. 1, Volumn No. 6607 on pages 152 to 159 on 5.10.1994, jointly in the name Nirmala Devi and Sh. Ramesh Chand, has been lost and is not traceable. The finders please inform to Nirmala Devi W/O Late Sh. Ramesh Chand at House No. F-196-B Laxmi Nagar, Shastri Gali, Mangal Bazar, New Delhi or to the undersigned.

Sd/-
(Ravinder Kumar Gupta)
Advocate
B-22, B.G.S.Block,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054
9999802509, 9313508678
ravinder adv@yahoo.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public at large my client Prakash Chand S/o. Late Sh. Debu Ram R/o. House No. D-111, Madipur Colony, New Delhi -63, (is further reaffirmed and correct the declaration published on 23.12.2009 in daily Hindi News Paper Rashtriya Sahara) and He further declare that he has disowned and debarred his Son, daughter in Law Madhu Rani and grand son Devesh from his all movable and immovable properties/assets and breaks all kinds of relation with them, due to their cruel, misbehavior and criminal conduct. They are not under the control of my client, my client shall not be responsible for their any act or conduct. Whoever deals with them, deals at their own cost and consequences.

D.C. AKARNIYA-ADVOCATE
Ch. No.: B-22, BGS Block,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is given to the general public that my clients namely Shri Jameshed Ahmad S/o Late Abdul Wahab and Smt. Shehnaz Parveen W/o Shri Jameshed Ahmad both R/o H.No.20, Gali Kabaliyan, Jama Masjid, Delhi-6 have severed their all relations with their son namely Faizan Ahmad and his wife namely Anam W/o Faizan Ahmad D/o Abdul Naeed, and have also Directed them not to enter their house bearing No.20, Gali Kababiyan, Jama Masjid, Delhi-6, If they try to illegally trespass the above property necessary police action as per law shall be taken against them.

M.N. KHAN ADVOCATE
Ch. No.618, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Anita W/o Pramod Kumar and Pramod Kumar S/o Ram Gopal R/o 147, A-Block, Gali No.11, Swaroop Vihar, Delhi-110084, have debarred/ disowned their son Ankit from all their movable and immovable properties, as he is not in their control. If anybody deals with him, shall do so at his/her own risk.

S. S. AGGARWAL (ADVOCATE)
87-C/1, Krishna Nagar Lane no.4, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Naresh Kumar S/O late Sh. Hari Singh R/o: H. No. 333, VPO Ghoga, Delhi-39 and hereby disown his son Manoj @ Bhola from all his movable and immovable properties because he is not in the control of my client Sh. Naresh Kumar and hence, my client severe all his relation with him, if anybody deals with him, he will himself responsible for the same and my client will not be responsible in any manner.

Sd/-
(Deepak Ghai)
Advocate
Ch.No. 440, W. Wing,
Tis Hazari Courts,
Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under Instructions from and on behalf of my client, General Public is informed that **Smt. Asha Soni** W/o Ram Gopal Verma R/o WZ-485/12, Basai Darapur, Post Office, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 has debarred her son **Paras Soni** and his wife **Moni Soni**, from all her immovable properties & movable assets, as they have become unfaithful, dishonest, disobedient & bad behavior towards my client. My client & other family members will not be responsible for their any kind of liabilities, dealings, acts, criminal proceedings, obligations, financial transactions, claims etc. My client has severed all relations with them. **J.C. Trikha** (Advocate) M-4, C.S., Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054.

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Sd/-
Chief Officer
Chalisgaon Municipal Council, Chalisgaon

Date: 10/06/2019

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"Press Tender Notice"
(E-Tendering Mode Only)

On line tenders in single part bidding system, are hereby invited on behalf of Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd. by the Superintending Engineer, Generation Circle, H.P.S.E.B. Ltd. Palampur, Distt. Kangra (H.P)-176061 for the following work. NIT No:- HPSEBL/GCP-1/2019-20, Name of Job:- Auction/Dispose off the Various Type of Scrap Materials/Vechicles "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" lying at BASSI, BINWA, BANER & GAJ Power Houses under the control of this Circle are hereby invited from the authorized/approved eligible contractors through **"E-MODE". Earnest Money:- 2.5% of the quoted price & Period for the lifting of the auctioned materials/vehicles:-30 Days. Last time and date of submission of on line Tender:- 21.06.2019 up to 17.00 Hrs.** The detailed tender notification can be viewed/ downloaded free of cost from website **https://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB** and tender document can be had after making prescribed payment through E-Mode. Any clarification/amendment shall be uploaded on the above web site. For other detail on e-tendering, please contact on Mobile Nos.:-082619-22200, 082610-33300 & 096250-33300.

Sd/-
(Er. S.K. Verma)
Superintending Engineer,
Generation Circle, HPSEBL, Palampur-176061 (H.P)
Phone/Fax No-01894-230575, E-mail:- segenpalampur@gmail.com

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(POWER WING)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No. 455/PHD/P&C-191 **Dated : 29.05.2019**

Name of office : Chief Engineer / System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plants) Dte. BBMB (PW), BBMB, New Power Housing Complex, Flat No.-75, Industrial Area Phase-I, Chandigarh-160002, Tel Fax. 0172-2637035

Name of Work : On Line Tender for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 3 sets of latest Microprocessor based Static Excitation Equipment without Excitation Transformer, suitable for replacement of existing Static Excitation Equipment of 157 MW Hydro Generating Machine Unit No(s). 6, 7 & 8 at Bhakra Right Bank Power House, BBMB, Bhakra.

Downloading of Tender Specification/Tender Document from website (Part-I & II)	Start Date: 05.06.2019 from 1000 Hrs End Date: 05.08.2019 from 1700 Hrs
Last Date & Time of online bid submission (Part-I & II)	15.08.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.
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WHY LAKHS ARE PROTESTING ON THE STREETS IN HONG KONG

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

HUNDREDS OF thousands of protesters dressed in white marched in the streets of Hong Kong Sunday *(above)* in the biggest protest since the Umbrella Revolution of September-December 2014. Police estimated the number of marchers at 240,000; organisers, said a million people protested. Hong Kong, which at roughly 1,100 sq km is smaller in size than Delhi, is home to an estimated 7.4 million people.

The extradition Bill

The protesters were marching against proposed changes in the law that would allow suspects accused of crimes such as murder and rape to be extradited to mainland China to face trial. Carrie Lam, who became Chief Executive of Hong Kong in 2017 as the candidate favoured by Beijing, is pushing for the amendments to be passed this month.

Once the law is changed, Hong Kong will also hand over to China individuals accused of crimes in Taiwan and Macau. Taiwan has a tense relationship with China; Macau, like Hong Kong, is a Chinese special administrative region with significant autonomy.

The government has said that the proposed amendments would "plug loopholes" that allow the city to be used by criminals. It has assured that courts in Hong Kong would make the final decision on extradition, that only certain categories of suspects would be liable, and that individuals accused of political and religious offences would not be extradited.

Protesters' concerns

The main worry, government assurances notwithstanding, is that China will use the changed law to target political opponents in Hong Kong. Critics point to China's flawed justice system and say extradited suspects would likely face torture. Also, they say, the change in the law will deal another blow to Hong Kong's already crumbling autonomy.

Sunday's march included people from the business community, lawyers, students, members of religious groups, even housewives.

"This is the end game for Hong Kong, it is a matter of life or death," a Reuters report quoted a 59-year-old professor as saying. An 18-year-old student was quoted by AFP as saying: "This Bill will not just affect Hong Kong's reputation as an international finance centre, but also our judicial system. That has an impact on my future."

A report in the BBC quoted Lam Wing Kee, a Hong Kong bookseller who was detained in China in 2015 for selling books critical of Chinese leaders, as saying he did not trust the Hong Kong government. Lam fled to Taiwan via Hong Kong this April, where he has got temporary residency.

Human Rights Watch and the International Chamber of Commerce have warned against changing the law. A body of the US Congress has said it would make Hong Kong vulnerable to Chinese "political coercion", and the UK and Canada have expressed concern over the potential impact on their citizens in Hong Kong. The EU has sent a diplomatic note.

Hong Kong and China

The former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997, and is semi-autonomous under the "one country, two systems" principle. It has its own laws and courts, and allows its residents a range of civil liberties. Hong Kong does not have an extradition agreement with Beijing. China has decried the alleged "politicisation" of the Hong Kong proposal, and the "interference" in China's internal affairs.

SIMPLY PUT

How education can be flexible

In National Education Policy draft, committee calls for greater focus on multidisciplinary courses. Other recommendations for higher education include stress on research, regulatory reforms, tech in teaching

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

IN MONDAY'S editions, *The Indian Express* described the broad recommendations for school education made by a committee set up for drafting a new National Education Policy (NEP). The policy will be finalised and presented in Parliament after taking feedback from various stakeholders. For higher education, the committee's recommendations include:

Multiple disciplines

The main thrust of the draft policy is on breaking the "rigid boundaries of disciplines" in higher education and moving towards broad-based, flexible learning. Institutions offering single streams (such as technical education) must be phased out, and all universities and colleges must aim to become multidisciplinary by 2030, the report proposes.

"The future workplace will demand critical thinking, communication, problem solving, creativity, and multidisciplinary capability. Single-skill and single-discipline jobs are likely to become automated over time. Therefore, there will be a great need to focus on multidisciplinary and 21st century competencies for future work roles — these are indeed the capabilities that will separate humans from robots," the report states.

For this, the draft pitches for reintroduction of the four-year undergraduate programme in Liberal Arts Science Education (LASE) with multiple exit options, and scrapping of the MPhil programme. The LASE curriculum will be designed to develop broadly "useful capacities" (critical thinking, communication skills, scientific temper, social responsibilities etc), while offering rigorous education in specialisations (called majors or dual majors) across disciplines.

Pursuing a PhD will require either a Master's degree or a four-year Bachelor's degree with research. "The three-year traditional BA, BSc, as well as BVoc degrees will continue as well for those institutions that wish to continue such programmes, but all Bachelor's degrees will move towards taking a more comprehensive liberal education approach," the documents states.

The draft policy also proposes building a small number of new liberal arts universities, modelled after Ivy League schools, in the next five years.

Global footprint

The NEP 2018 proposes an increase in the number of off-shore campuses of Indian institutions and permitting the world's top 200 institutions to set up branches in India, with a new law to regulate the latter's entry and operation. Indian higher education institutions (HEIs), it states, should be encouraged to offer their distance-learning programmes abroad and enter into international partnerships for research.

Admission in progress at Panjab University in 2018. *Jasbir Malhi/Express Archive*

Currently, India sends the third largest number of students (over 3 lakh) abroad for higher education. However, only 46,000 foreign students, accounting for less than one per cent of international students worldwide, study in Indian HEIs.

National Research Foundation

The NEP has recommended that a National Research Foundation (NRF), tasked with creating a conducive ecosystem for research through funding and mentoring, should be set up. Funds for research and innovation have fallen from 0.84% of GDP in 2008 to 0.69% in 2014. The draft attributes India's performance in research to a separation between research institutions and teaching institutions, lack of research culture, lack of funds and poor research capacities of state universities.

The proposed NRF, to be set up by an Act of Parliament as an autonomous institution and with an annual grant of Rs 20,000 crore, will "seed, grow and facilitate research at academic institutions, particularly at universities and colleges where research is currently in a nascent stage..."

Regulatory reforms

The draft proposes a common regulatory regime for the entire higher education sector, "eliminating isolation and disjunction". As with primary education, it suggests that in higher education, too, the functions of "regulation, provision of education, funding, accreditation and standard setting will be separated, and will not be performed by the same institution or institutional hierarchy".

The National Higher Education Regulatory Authority (NHERA) will be the sole regulatory authority, while NAAC, along with other accreditation agencies, will oversee accreditation. The existing University Grants Commission, currently regulator as well as grants disbursing agency, will transform into the Higher Education Grants Council (HEGC) and will limit itself to grants giving.

Other regulatory bodies — such as Medical Council of India, Bar Council of India, AICTE, National Council for Teacher Education — will become Professional Standard Setting Boards in their respective fields, without regulatory powers in professional education.

Rashtriya Shikha Aayog

The draft NEP envisages the creation of a new apex institution for education, through an Act of Parliament, that will be responsible for "developing, articulating, implementing, evaluating, and revising the vision of education in the country on a continuous and sustained basis".

The Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog (RSA) will be chaired by the Prime Minister and run by executive and advisory bodies, half of which will made up of ministers and the other half of educationists and civil society members. A range of institutions — NRF, NCERT, NHERA, National Testing Agency, Higher Education Grants Council, and state education regulatory authorities, among others — will be reporting to this super organisation.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), which the report wants re-designated as the Ministry for Education, will have to complement the RSA. "A committee chaired by the UME (Union Minister for Education) and consisting of the ED (Executive Director of RSA) and a few members appointed by the UME will be constituted for this purpose at the earliest. Over a period of time, as the roles and functions stabilise, the RSA will be given Constitutional status through an Act of the Parliament," the draft states.

Technology in Education

The policy dissects this topic into four broad areas:

- Training of teachers in the use of educational technology, and use of educational technology for professional development of teachers.
- Classroom tools and curriculum, such as "computational training", online course software etc.
- Access for those disadvantaged students who cannot attend a physical school.
- Overall educational records management with a National Repository of Educational Data.

The draft policy proposes a National Education Technology Forum, a group of education leaders and government officials to discuss and advise on how to strengthen educational technology, and Centres of Excellence in Educational Technology in prominent institutions.

Other suggestions

- Public investment in higher education to be raised from the current 10% of overall public expenditure in education to 20%, over a 10-year period.
- Substandard and dysfunctional technical educational institutions to be closed.
- Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog to commission a perspective plan for professional education.
- A quasi-judicial body may be constituted for a mission-mode clean-up of teacher education.
- The four- year integrated BEd. will, by 2030, become the minimal degree qualification for schoolteachers. All pre-service teacher education programmes will be offered only in multidisciplinary institutions.
- First year or two of MBBS will be designed as a common period for all science graduates after which they can take up MBBS, BDS, Nursing or other specialisations.
- A common exit examination for MBBS.
- All new colleges started from 2020 onwards must only be autonomous colleges. No new affiliated colleges shall be started after 2020. After 2030 there will be no affiliated colleges - all colleges must develop to become autonomous degree granting colleges or a university.

THIS WORD MEANS: NATIONAL PARTY

New status for NPP: what conditions did it meet?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

LAST WEEK, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma tweeted that his party, the National People's Party, has been recognised as a "national party". The NPP is the eighth party to get that recognition — after Congress, BJP, BSP, NCP, CPI, CPI(M) and Trinamool Congress — and the first from the Northeast.

The Election Commission lists political parties as "national party", "state party" or "registered (unrecognised) party". The conditions for being listed as a national or a state party are specified under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. A party has to satisfy any one of a number of these conditions.

For recognition as a national party, the conditions specified under Paragraph 6B of the 1968 Order are:

(i) a 6% vote share in the last Assembly polls in each of any four states, as well as four seats in the last Lok Sabha polls; or

(ii) 2% of all Lok Sabha seats in the last such election, with MPs elected from at least three states; or

(iii) recognition as a state party in at least four states.

The NPP has satisfied the last of these conditions. It is recognised as a state party in four states — Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland, besides Meghalaya. It has earned that recognition by fulfilling different conditions in different states.

A 'STATE PARTY' IN FOUR STATES

STATE	ASSEMBLY POLL	TOTAL SEATS	NPP WON	VOTE SHARE
Manipur	2017	60	4	5.05%
Meghalaya	2018	59*	19	20.60%
Nagaland	2018	60	5	6.92%
Arunachal	2019	60	5	14.56%

Meghalaya Assembly has 60 seats; 2018 polls held in 59

For recognition as a state party, any one of five conditions needs to be satisfied. These are specified under paragraph 6A of the Order:

(i) two seats plus a 6% vote share in the last Assembly election in that state; or

(ii) one seat plus a 6% vote share in the last Lok Sabha election from that state; or

(iii) 3% of the total Assembly seats or 3 seats, whichever is more; or

(iv) one of every 25 Lok Sabha seats (or an equivalent fraction) from a state; or

(v) an 8% state-wide vote share in either the last Lok Sabha or the last Assembly polls.

In Meghalaya, the NPP easily satisfies all five conditions, with 19 Assembly seats out of 59 and a 20.60% vote share in 2018, followed by one of the state's two Lok Sabha seats and a 22% vote share this year. In the other three states, it did not win a single Lok Sabha seat or get an 8% vote share in any, but earned recognition as a state party by virtue of its Assembly poll performances. In Manipur, it won four seats in 2017, which satisfied condition (iii) listed under Paragraph 6B. In Assembly elections to Nagaland last year and Arunachal this year, the NPP fulfilled the conditions (i) and (iii).

Once recognised as a national or a state party, a political party retains that status irrespective of its performance in the next elections. It loses the given status only if it fails to fulfil any of the conditions for two successive Assembly and two successive Lok Sabha elections.

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Why Cyclone Vayu is an obstacle to northward progress of monsoon

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JUST OVER a month after the powerful cyclone Fani devastated large areas of Odisha, another cyclone is headed towards India, this time towards the Gujarat coast. Cyclone Vayu - it is still to develop into a cyclone and is only a deep depression as of now - is currently positioned around 250 km northwest of Aminidivi island in Lakshadweep and about 750 km southwest of Mumbai, and is slated to reach the Gujarat coast in two to three days.

Vayu is much weaker than Fani. At its strongest, it is likely to generate winds of speed 110-120 km per hour, according to current forecasts. In contrast, winds associated with Fani had speeds of about 220 km per hour. Vayu, even at its most powerful, therefore would only be categorised as a "severe cyclonic storm", while Fani was an "extremely severe cyclonic storm" and almost satisfied the conditions for classification as a "super cyclone".

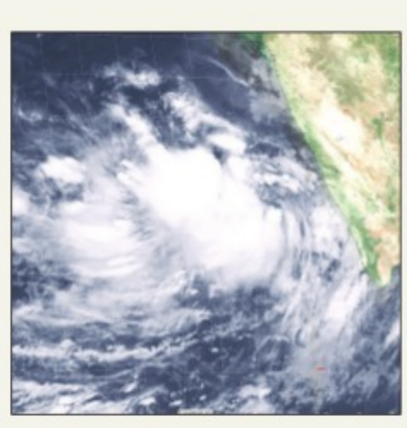
Monsoon worries

While Vayu is unlikely to result in widespread destruction, it is a cause for concern for a different reason. It is likely to halt the northward progression of the monsoon for a few days. The arrival of the monsoon has already been delayed, hitting the Kerala coast on June 8 instead of June 1.

The cyclone is expected to interfere with normal progression, by sucking all the moisture from the monsoon winds towards itself. Cyclones are sustained by very strong low-pressure areas at their core. Winds in surrounding areas are forced to rush towards these low-pressure areas.

Similar low-pressure areas, when they develop near or over land, are instrumental in pulling the monsoon winds over the country as well. But right now, the low-pressure area at the centre of the cyclone is far more powerful than any local system that can pull the monsoon winds moving northeast.

"We will see a brief hiatus in the monsoon progression because of the cyclone. The northward progress, especially in interior areas, would not be possible till the cyclone dissipates. The western coast would continue to have rains during this time, but interior parts would have to wait till two to three days after the cyclone dissipates," said D Sivananda Pai, head of climate research and services at India Meteorological Department (IMD).



The approaching Cyclone Vayu. *US Joint Typhoon Warning Center*

What this means is that the places where the monsoon has already reached would continue to get rain, mainly along the western coastline, but other areas would have to wait a little longer.

K Sathidevi of IMD told *The Indian Express* that according to current forecasts, Vayu was likely to touch the Gujarat coast somewhere near Veeraval and Diu either around midnight of June 12 or early morning of June 13. It is likely to dissipate very fast after that because the land and atmosphere in the area was devoid of any moisture that can sustain it any further. The northward progression of monsoon can be expected two to three days after that, Pai said.

Arabian Sea cyclones

Though cyclones are common in the June, very few of them originate in the Arabian Sea. Most of them are found in the Bay of Bengal. In the last 120 years for which records are available, just about 14% of all cyclonic storms, and 23% of severe cyclones, around India have occurred in the Arabian Sea. Arabian Sea cyclones are also relatively weak compared to those emerging in the Bay of Bengal.

This, along with the fact that the Gujarat coastline, which is where most of the cyclones emerging in the Arabian Sea are headed, is not very densely populated, ensures that the damage potential of the cyclones on the western coast is comparatively low.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

THE PROBLEM IS BEING PLAYWRIGHT IS THAT EVERYTHING THAT YOU WRITE IS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO SAY. — GIRISH KARNAD

The Indian EXPRESS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

NEIGHBOURS FIRST

PM Modi's visit to Male, Colombo is a reiteration of the principle and bolsters Delhi's ties with the two island nations

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's first official visit abroad in his second term to the Maldives and Sri Lanka reiterated that the "neighbourhood first" policy remains the credo of the new government. It reaffirmed India's longstanding ties with these two countries. It signalled Delhi's assertion in the Indian Ocean region, where Chinese power and influence compete with its own. India has been helped in this by the major political changes in both countries where governments seen as "pro-China" were swept out in democratic elections and replaced with those that seem more India friendly, or at least more "balanced" in their foreign policies, Sri Lanka in 2015 and the Maldives as recently as last November.

During the Modi visit, apart from signing a slew of agreements, India and Maldives agreed to strengthen their maritime security co-operation to maintain peace and stability in the Indian Ocean, and not allow their respective territories to be used for activity inimical to the other, oblique but obvious boilerplate references to Chinese interests in the Maldives. In both Male and Colombo, Prime Minister Modi made common cause on the issue of fighting terrorism. While Maldives has seen a high number of young people — in proportion to its population — leave the country to join the ISIS, Sri Lanka is still reeling from the April 21 bombings by a group of highly radicalised Sri Lankan Muslims, later claimed by ISIS as its own. During Modi's visit to Male, India and the Maldives agreed to set up a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism, Countering Violent Extremism and Deradicalisation. In Colombo, as the first foreign leader to visit the island after the bombings, Prime Minister Modi conveyed that India stood in solidarity with Sri Lankans during this difficult period. In another era, in view of the open hostility from Sinhala Buddhist hardliners toward the island's Muslim community that is threatening the peace, India might have underlined the importance of communal harmony in the island as a vital element in checking violent radicalisation in the region.

While Delhi has managed to regain its footing in both capitals, in order to be lasting and able to withstand political changes, India will need to be win influence through the hard work of trust building and co-operation at many levels — political, official and people to people. It can no longer be demanded as an entitlement by sheer virtue of being their biggest and most powerful neighbour. Minister for External Affairs S Jaishankar correctly said last week that India's neighbourhood policy had to be "more generous" and freed from bureaucratic reciprocity. With a fresh and more powerful mandate, the Modi government is well placed to do this.

ARTIST OF CONSCIENCE

For Girish Karnad, theatre was about exploring truth — on stage and off it

GIRISH KARNAD, WHO passed away aged 81 in Bengaluru on Monday, was a man of many parts. He was primarily a playwright, whose path-breaking plays in Kannada attracted the country's foremost directors and attracted a national audience. He was associated with the New Wave in Indian cinema as a scriptwriter (*Samskara*), actor (*Manthan*) and director (*Vamshavriksha*, *Kaadu* and *Utsav*). On television, we saw him as actor (*Malgudi Days*) and a science communicator (*Turning Point*). All through his life, he sided with the new and the progressive, and spoke his mind when he felt the foundations of the Republic were under threat.

Politics was the extension of art for Girish Karnad, and art the expression of his politics. Last September, an ailing Karnad attended a memorial for Gauri Lankesh wearing a placard that read Me Too Urban Naxal, calling attention to the debasement of language and politics. That he was allegedly under threat from the criminals who had killed Lankesh, and before that M M Kalburgi, Govind Pansare and Narendra Dabholkar only made him more resolute about the need to be vocal about constitutional morality and freedom of expression. Theatre was an act of conscience for him, and he lived the principle all his life. Karnad's early plays, *Yayati* and *Tughlak*, which he wrote in his 20s, were powerful commentaries on contemporary India. He drew from history and mythology to express the growing disillusionment with Nehruvian India. Like Badal Sircar, Habib Tanvir, Vijay Tendulkar, C N Sreekantan Nair, Kavalam Narayana Panikar, Mohan Rakesh elsewhere, Karnad too was engaged in the making of an Indian theatre organically linked to its performative traditions. The puranas, myths, the Yakshagana tradition were resources he explored for themes and subjects. The outcome of this Oxford-educated cosmopolitan intellectual's involvement with his roots were sharp commentaries on contemporary society. Form never totally subsumed Karnad, he subverted form and myth to speak the unspeakable, the truth. Plays like *The Dreams of Tipu Sultan*, which retrieved the memory of the Mysuru sultan from prejudiced eyes to uncover a ruler who had died dreaming of building a modern state, were nuanced excursions into history and contemporary politics.

Karnad was one of the few representatives of a literary culture that was rooted in the local language and milieu but confidently engaged with the West and a modernity that spoke mostly in English. Like his peer, U R Ananthamurthy, Karnad too preferred Kannada, his mother tongue, for creative pursuits, while speaking to the larger world in English. In him, India and Bharat were a seamless whole: The politics that emanated from it, naturally, rejected exclusivist narratives.

TIANANMEN'S GHOSTS

Protest in Hong Kong strives to maintain autonomy from China, its Party-state. Its trajectory is a reminder of a grim past

ANYWHERE BETWEEN 2,40,000 and 10,00,000 people took to the streets in Hong Kong, and clashed with police, protesting a proposed law that will allow those facing criminal charges in the former British colony to be extradited to mainland China. The scale of the protests, the largest since Hong Kong ceased to be a British colony in 1997, is staggering. The hope for retaining the residues of autonomy it carries vis a vis China is more subdued. For, in the year that marks the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests, the message from the brutal way in which that movement was crushed remains very much alive.

In the 1980s, a new China had emerged, one which welcomed free trade, where Deng Xiaoping's "Socialism with Chinese characteristics" had puritan Marxists wondering what was left of socialism. That question was answered, with extreme prejudice, when students and then other sections of society tried to demand democratic reforms to accompany those to the economy. The Communist Party made it clear it was in control, that free markets can thrive without free people, by killing and injuring thousands. The new social contract that was put in place in China in the late 1980s seems to have held.

With China's superpower status and its technological advancement, the mechanisms of control at the disposal of the state have only become deeper. Since its accession to China, a condition of which was that Hong Kong would maintain its public institutions, including courts, the contradiction of a relatively free and prosperous Hong Kong in the Party-controlled country has remained. The current protests are heartening since they show denizens will fight to protect their autonomy. But at Tiananmen Square, the writing is still on the wall.

Giving voice to Girish Karnad

Karnad's art drew energy from India's syncretic cultural and historical resources

GITHA HARIHARAN

WHAT DO WE remember a writer for? For the written work of course; the answer may seem obvious. But in the case of Girish Karnad, the obvious falls flat. It remains partial. To describe Girish Karnad as a major Indian playwright, or a versatile actor, or an influential intellectual, is simply not enough. There are other stories we need to pay attention to if we want to describe, and pay tribute to, a man who packed the work of many lives into one life.

Karnad's recent involvements may be a good place to start. The last time I heard Girish Karnad was in September last year, when he spoke at a literary meet for tolerance in Bengaluru. "A literary meet for tolerance"— these words say much about the daunting task Karnad faced, and that all writers face today. It's no longer enough for a writer to struggle in a private space, making sense, through words and ideas, of the real world and the world of stories; the past and its new lives in the present; the little mysteries of human relationships, and the larger terrors of relationships based on power. More and more it seems, writers also have to speak on the public stage, even march in the streets. This is a difficult thing for most writers to do. But Karnad did it.

He spoke that day, soon after several activists were either arrested or hounded with what he called "fragile, false FIRs" accusing them of almost anything, from the situation in Kashmir, to the violence at Bhima Koregaon, to an assassination plot against the prime minister. Karnad stood up slowly. A small tank-like object was strapped to his waist, sending him oxygen through tubes connected to his nose. But what he told us went to the heart of the matter. There's a new language among us, he said. The kind of language with words like lynching and urban naxal and anti-nationalist and tukde-tukde. The kind of language that spawns strange, horrible or meaningless words, and makes them the stuff of everyone's lives. This new language distorts politics, the rights of citizens, and their everyday lives — because language and action are closely intertwined. This is something a writer like Karnad knew well, and he did not shy away from saying it aloud.

He did not let ill health keep him quiet after that talk either. In April this year, just before the elections, he was among the writers who issued an appeal to citizens to vote out hate politics. He was among the theatre artistes who called for bigotry, hatred and apathy to be voted out of power. The election results tell us that his appeals, and ours, and our new writerly tasks, are far from done. So now that he is gone, how do we continue to hear Girish Karnad? How do we let his rich voice strengthen ours?

We could begin with the foundation of his creative efforts: His vital connection to the many-tongued world of stories he grew up with, soaking in Marathi theatre, Yakshagana, myths and tales waiting to be made sense of afresh. The myth, he said, "nailed me to my past". But Karnad's powerful relationship with myth and tale was an intelligent one. Out of this resource he drew ways of understanding ourselves in the present. In the Prologue to his first play *Yayati*, he says, "We turn to ancient lore not because it offers any blinding revelation or hope of consolation, but because it provides fleeting glimpses of the fears and desires. within us. It is a good way to get introduced to ourselves." But Karnad makes it clear that this introduction through myth will take us forward, because it is firmly rooted in the present, in reason, and in plural ways of seeing: "Our play this evening deals with an ancient myth. But, let me rush to explain, it is not a 'mythological'. Heaven forbid! A mythological aims to plunge us into the sentiment of devotion... Our play has no gods."

> Whatever he did, whether as an institutional leader or a writer or an actor or a public intellectual, Girish Karnad lived his chosen narrative. 'We must trust the narrative we have chosen for ourselves,' he said. 'Invent bits if necessary, but go on.' His plays are, of course, a part of this narrative. But there is time to go back to them, let each yield new meanings. For now, we need to remember — and keep alive, both for our sakes and in tribute to Karnad — other parts of his chosen narrative.

We can continue hearing Karnad by recalling his connection to the legacy of mentors such as D R Bendre and V K Gokak who nurtured open discussion, and a sense of community in creative endeavour. We can remember them once again in a time that name-calls intellectuals and crushes their questions. We can recall Karnad's memory of a cultural centre such as Dharwad — a precious memory in a time when Dharwad has become infamous for the assassination of the scholar M M Kalburgi. Again, in a time when institutions are crumbling under assault, we can remember Karnad's efforts at strengthening public institutions such as the Sangeet Natak Akademi in Delhi, the Film and Television Institute of India in Pune, and the Nehru Centre in London.

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A NEW INDIA FOR FARMERS

PM should use majority in Lok Sabha to ensure delivery of agriculture programmes

AJAY VIR JAKHAR

AFTER HALF A century, India is under a major locust attack from breeding grounds in Balochistan, Pakistan. Other international tidings are also not favourable for Indian farmers. In 2014, crude prices had hit rock bottom and the government received a bonanza of a few lakh crore. Circumstances have changed today: India's finances are in a perilous state and we face the spectre of a drought. The escalation of the US-China trade dispute is pushing the world towards a prolonged economic stagnation. President Donald Trump is also engineering a conflict in the strait of Hormuz to jack up crude prices. Not only are we not prepared to take advantage of the conflict but we must also brace up for the inevitable collateral damage to our economy.

In the aftermath of the imposition of duties on US agriculture produce by China, there are fears that the US government will pressure India to import US agriculture commodities like livestock feed, chicken and milk products — and, the country will succumb to such pressure. On the eastern front, the commerce ministry is all prepared to sign the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which will commit the country to become a gateway for Asian agriculture imports. We are also being sucked into a similar treaty with the EU.

We could have survived the academicians who predict tomorrow based on yesterday or the economists who torture unsubstantiated data to produce counterfactuals. But now all these combine with a system that fails to value climate change-related externalities. Besides, they also persist with the GDP-led policy modelling. All this is literally killing us.

> I take solace in the belief that the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh and Swadeshi Jagran Manch, (affiliates of the RSS) can pressure the government for some sort of import ring-fencing. Unlike other organisations, the RSS-affiliates are not under the tyranny of experts and are committed to improving livelihoods. But no more can they hide in the shadows and escape scrutiny; blame will be heaped upon them for not being able to stop policies that are antagonistic to farmers.

The government's inflation-targeting priorities obviate all possibilities of it passing all of the escalating costs (diesel, LPG, food) to the consumers. But the axe must fall somewhere; the complexities in MSP procurement and fertiliser prices will compound the morass of stagnating food prices. "PM Kisan" is a wonderful initiative of the government, but there is apprehension that it may be funded by withdrawing resources from existing agriculture initiatives and programmes. Farmers have shown repeatedly that they are easily distracted from livelihood issues. They must now be prepared for a precarious future.

I, however, take solace in the belief that the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh and Swadeshi Jagran Manch, (affiliates of the RSS) can pressure the government for some sort of import ring-fencing. Unlike other organisations, the RSS-affiliates are not under the tyranny of experts and are committed to improving livelihoods. But no more can they hide in the shadows and escape scrutiny; blame will be heaped upon them for not being able to stop policies that are antagonistic to farmers. Like the Congress Party, the establishment will soon realise to its own peril that rhetoric can only take one so far when there is no change on the ground — and that the future arrives in unexpected ways.

Having noticed the big chasm between his vision and delivery, the PM has dropped nearly two-thirds of the members of his last council of ministers, including the minister for agriculture and farmer welfare. Now he should use the brute parliamentary majority, not for more disruptions but to ensure delivery. Governments, notorious for rolling out policies that can't be implemented, generate truckloads of paperwork but are loathe to document failure. Till such time the system doesn't record failure and establish accountability, framing new policies would be like playing a game of dice. For example, the policy on food parks has failed and private investments in the agriculture value chain remain elusive. The bureaucracy, having only dealt in food shortages, is clueless on how to respond to food surpluses and fluctuations while farmers have been quick to respond to market signals. This has created new problems, which lead to unprecedented number of farmer agitations and suicides. Industry associations and newspaper editorials have been offering flawed market-oriented farm solutions. These only muddy the waters.

Only the PM has the capacity to continually reinvent himself and take on the fringe elements in society. To improve farmer livelihoods, it's absolutely essential to quickly resolve issues of the animal husbandry sector. Incidentally, 80 per cent of the stray cattle on the roads today are Holstein, Jersey and basically crossbreeds. A clear distinction can be made between these foreign breeds and the pure desi (*gau mata*) breeds. It is time to advocate and fix problems within the political and ideological space available to the BJP. This is how the New India can be visualised.

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India does not want to dominate region: PM

PM IN TASHKENT

PRIME MINISTER MORARJI Desai arrived in Tashkent on the way to Moscow where he will have talks with Soviet leaders on a wide range of subjects important to both India and the Soviet Union. Available information suggests that Desai and the Soviet leaders will devote considerable time to discussing the situation in the region beginning from West Asia to Kampuchea and Vietnam. Desai and Leonid Brezhnev will review the developments in South Asia, including Afghanistan. India does not want to dominate the region and is committed to the development of equitable relations between sovereign independent nations, Desai said. Invoking the spirit of Tashkent — of conciliation and harmony — at his banquet speech in his honour, he said: "Our effort is to create an atmosphere of cooperative endeavour and trust."

SPLIT IMMINENT

WITH THE MEETING of Karnataka's District Congress Committee presidents and general secretaries openly daring the party high command to act on the PCC presidentship issue through a resolution which leaves nothing to one's imagination, an imminent split in the party and consequent developments on a split in the party at the national level have become imminent. The chief minister and state Congress-I chief, Devaraj Urs, has thrown the gauntlet with this meeting. It is now entirely up to Indira Gandhi, the Congress-I president, to accept it or not.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

RAJ NARAIN, JANATA Party MP, demanded the resignation of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani from the Union cabinet. He said they had "violated the party constitution by holding dual membership of the Janata Party and the RSS". He said the Janata Party constitution barred those associated with a religious or a communal organisations from becoming members. He said the RSS was not only a communal organisation but also a fascist one.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Jeremy Corbyn's strategy has been successful. Tory leadership candidates will have to find a Brexit solution that honestly confronts its drawbacks."

— THE GUARDIAN

India's GDP growth: New evidence for fresh beginnings

Methodological changes have led to overestimating GDP growth by 2.5 percentage points per year between 2011-12 and 2016-17. Actual growth is around 4.5 per cent

ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN

THE PROMISE OF democracy is the periodic opportunity it creates for fresh beginnings. A government re-elected with such a resounding mandate should continue with the successful aspects of its economic policies. The most notable has been promoting economic inclusion via the public provision of essential private goods and services, including toilets, housing, power, cooking gas, bank accounts, emergency medical assistance, and now a basic income for all farmers.

But that mandate should also embolden change in other aspects, based on new evidence and fresh understanding. My new research (available at: https://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid/publications/faculty-working-papers/india-gdp-overestimate) suggests that post-global financial crisis, the heady narrative of a guns-blazing India — that statisticians led us to believe — may have to cede to a more realistic one of an economy growing solidly but not spectacularly.

My results indicate that methodological changes led to GDP growth being overstated by about 2.5 percentage points per year between 2011-12 and 2016-17, a period that spans both UPA and NDA governments. Official estimates place average annual growth for this period at about 7 per cent. Actual growth may have been about 4.5 per cent, with a 95 per cent confidence interval of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent.

A few important clarifications. Much of the recent commentary has portrayed these changes as political, since they were announced late in 2014 after the NDA-2 government came into power, and because there have been other, more recent GDP controversies, such as the back-casting exercise, and puzzling upward revisions for the most recent years. But the methodological changes, which did not originate from the politicians, must be distinguished from these recent controversies. The substantive work was done by technocrats, and largely under the UPA-2 government.

Moreover, the effort was desirable, both to expand the data for GDP estimation and to move to a methodology more suited for a technologically advancing, dynamic economy. The non-politicised nature of the changes can be seen from the fact that the new estimates bumped up growth for 2013-14, the last year of the UPA-2 government.

The research paper provides a variety of evidence on mis-estimation, but here I discuss two strands. First, I compile 17 key indicators for the period 2001-02 to 2017-18 that are typically correlated with GDP growth: Electricity consumption, two-wheeler sales, commercial vehicle sales, tractor sales, airline passenger traffic, foreign tourist arrivals, railway freight traffic, index of industrial production (IIP), IIP (manufacturing), IIP (consumer goods), petroleum, cement, steel, overall real credit, real credit to industry, and exports and imports of goods and services. These indicators are also chosen because they are mostly produced independently of the CSO.

Second, I compare India with other countries. For a sample of 71 high and middle income countries, I estimate a relationship between a set of indicators and GDP growth for the pre and post-2011 periods. The indicators chosen (credit, exports, imports and electricity) are simple, reliable, and typically not produced by the agency that estimates GDP. This relationship is captured by the upward-sloping line in Figure 2. The line shows the growth predicted by the indicators (horizontal axis) and what is officially reported (vertical axis).

In the first period, the India data point (red) is bang on the line, indicating that it is a normal country: India's reported GDP growth is consistent with the cross-country relationship. However, in the second period the India data point (blue) is well above the line, implying that its GDP growth is much greater than what would be predicted by the cross-country relationship — by over 2.5 percentage points per year. This shifting pattern across the two periods — India being normal in the first, but an outlier in the second — is a robust result, not depending on samples, indicators, or estimation procedures.

Reproducing the detailed methodology underlying the GDP estimates is impossible for outside researchers, so it is difficult to trace the source of the problem. But we can locate one sector where the mis-measurement seems particularly severe, namely formal manufacturing. Before 2011, formal manufacturing value added from the national income accounts moved closely with IIP (Mfg.) and with manufacturing exports. But afterward the correlations turn strongly and bizarrely negative.

Further research, building on this paper will surely uncover further insights. Accordingly, I will soon make the data and codes underlying this paper public for further analysis.

What are the implications of these findings? Growth estimates matter not just for reputational reasons but critically for internal policy-making. The new evidence implies that both monetary and fiscal policies over the last years were overly tight from a cyclical perspective. For example, interest rates may have been too high, by as much as 150 basis points. The Indian policy automobile has been navigated with a faulty, possibly broken, speedometer.

In addition, inaccurate statistics on the economy's health dampen the impetus for reform. For example, had it been known that India's GDP growth was actually 4.5 per cent, the urgency to act on the banking system or on agricultural challenges may have been greater.

Most important, restoring growth must be the key policy objective. Policy discourse recently has focused on employment, agriculture and redistribution more broadly. The popular narrative has been one of "jobless growth", hinting at a disconnect between fundamental dynamism and key outcomes. In reality, weak job growth and acute financial sector stress may have simply stemmed from modest GDP growth. Going forward, there must be reform urgency stemming from the new knowledge that growth has been tepid, not torrid; And from recognising that growth of 4.5 per cent will make the government's laudable inclusion agenda difficult to sustain fiscally.

Another obvious implication is that GDP estimation in its entirety must be revisited by an independent task force, comprising both national and international experts, statisticians, macro-economists and policy users. Indeed, this revisiting may throw up exciting, new opportunities, such as using the large amounts of transactions-level GST data that is now being generated, to estimate — for the first time in India — expenditure-based estimates of GDP.

Finally, the question will arise as to my role on this issue while I was CEA. Throughout my tenure, my team and I grappled with conflicting economic data. We raised these doubts frequently within government, and publicly articulated these in a measured manner in government documents, especially the Economic Survey of July 2017. But the time and space afforded by being outside government were necessary to undertake months of very detailed research, including subjecting it to careful scrutiny and cross-checking by numerous colleagues, to generate robust evidence.

To this new evidence we must turn collectively and constructively.

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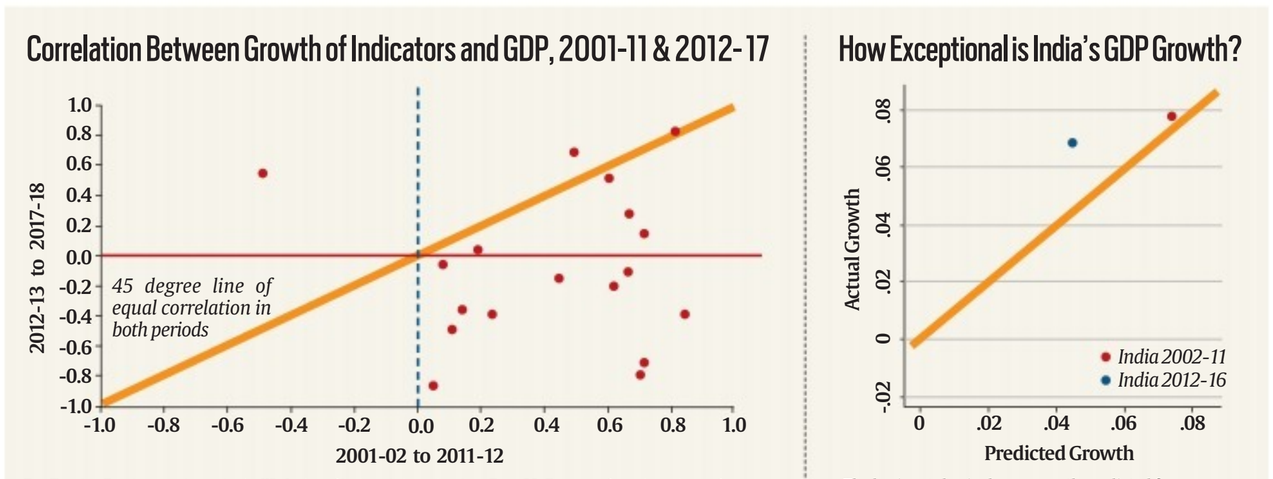

For. Tourist: Foreign tourist arrivals; IIP: Index of industrial production; Exp. GS: Exports of goods and non-factor services; IMP. GS: Imports of goods and non-factor services; Rlwy. Frt.: Railway freight; Airline: Airline passenger traffic; Mfg.: Manufacturing; Cons.: Consumer goods; GVA: Gross value added; Comm. Vhcl.: Commercial vehicles; IIP-GVA (Mfg.) refers to the correlation between manufacturing growth in IIP and GVA.

The horizontal axis shows growth predicted for different countries based on the cross-country relationship between the indicators and GDP growth; the vertical axis shows actual growth.

C R Sasikumar

> Growth estimates matter not just for reputational reasons but critically for internal policy-making. The new evidence implies that both monetary and fiscal policies over the last years were overly tight from a cyclical perspective. For example, interest rates may have been too high, by as much as 150 basis points. The Indian policy automobile has been navigated with a faulty, possibly broken, speedometer.

India and the Sino-Russian alliance

The strengthening of ties between Russia and China present a challenge to Delhi. But it is better prepared than most to play the new Great Game

RAJA MANDALA

BY C RAJA MOHAN

AS PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi heads this week to the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, the media interest is riveted on what might or might not happen between him and Pakistan's Imran Khan. Modi, though, might have other things at the top of his mind — the unfolding alliance between Russia and China and what it might mean for India's international relations.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping are coming to the SCO summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, after an expansive celebration of their alliance in Moscow and St Petersburg last week. Putin has declared that the partnership with China has risen to "unprecedented levels". Chinese media is describing the current phase as the "golden age" in relations with Russia.

That the Sino-Russian alliance is being framed as a counter to the United States makes it that much more complicated for Indian diplomacy. Navigating the rivalry between the great powers remains the biggest challenge for India's foreign policy during Modi's second term.

During the first term, he could simply build on the possibilities with all the major powers that he had inherited from his predecessors since the end of the Cold War. That period of relative harmony between major powers has ended. Making matters more complicated for India is the fact there is betting on where the triangular dynamic might eventually settle down.

Moscow and Beijing are eager to limit the US influence in what they see as their backyard — inner Eurasia for Russia and the western Pacific for China. They are eager to assist each other's contestation with America, while limiting the many real contradictions between themselves.

For years, the US policymakers dismissed the prospects for an enduring alliance between Russia and China. They insisted that the convergence between Moscow and Beijing was at best tactical. Many in Washington are wondering if that assessment needs to be revised amidst the tightening strategic embrace between Putin and Xi.

"China and Russia will present a wide variety of economic, political, counterintelligence, military, and diplomatic challenges to the United States and its allies. We anticipate that they will collaborate to counter US objectives," according to the US intelligence community's 2019 Worldwide Threat Assessment report presented to the US Senate earlier this year. The report went on to say that China and Russia were "expanding cooperation with each other and through international bodies to shape global rules and standards to their benefit and present a counterweight to the United States and other Western countries".

In a major development last week, a US warship nearly collided with a Russian naval vessel in the Western Pacific. US officials are surprised by the fact that the Russian navy is willing to confront the US forces near the Chinese waters. It is quite common for Russia to challenge any American naval forays in and near the seas around it.

The latest incident is seen in Washington as a Russian move to support the Chinese naval forces that are locked in an escalating confrontation with the US in the South China Sea and the Western Pacific. Chinese forces too are beginning to turn up in the zones of contestation between Russia and its European neighbours.

Many in the US blame Washington for pushing China and Russia closer, by embarking on simultaneous confrontation with both of them. Although the US's quarrels with Russia and China began well before Donald Trump's presidency, they have intensified in the last two years. To be sure, Trump wants to improve ties with Russia, but the domestic political dynamic in Washington centred on Moscow's alleged interference in the 2016 elections has limited his room for manoeuvre on Russia.

The US, however, may have its own reasons in believing that it can take on Russia and China at the same time. Trump is aware that both Putin and Xi are very eager for their own separate deals with the US and that he can change the triangular dynamic at will. In any event, Trump is not only driving America's potential adversaries towards each other, but is also challenging Washington's long-standing allies in Europe and Asia.

The US is quite clearly reformatting its foreign policy basics under Trump. India is in a very different situation. As the weakest of the major powers, Delhi is far more sensitive to any realignments among great powers. Further, Delhi has a longer memory of the Sino-Russian relationship than most other nations — of the "Red alliance" between Russian and Chinese communists in the 1950s, their breakup in the 1960s, their confrontation in the 1970s and the rapprochement since the late 1980s.

Like Washington, Delhi too might have underestimated the prospects for a deeper alliance between Moscow and Beijing. Delhi can no longer make light of the implications of the emerging Sino-Russian alliance for India's engagement with other powers, especially the US, and the regional consequences for India's neighbourhood, especially the Af-Pak region.

But there is little reason for panic. Modi arrives for his meetings with Putin and Xi as a stronger leader after the elections. He is conscious of India's own limited but not insignificant leverages. As his foreign minister S Jaishankar put it the other day, "in every clash, there is an opportunity". The policy challenge, according to Jaishankar, is to "manage the risks and maximise the opportunities". Delhi appears better prepared than most capitals to play the new Great Game between Russia, China and America.

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His empire of dirt

Rafael Nadal embodies the French Open and clay-court tennis

GAURAV BHATT

MINUTES AFTER RAFAEL Nadal had won the French Open on Sunday night, the Wikipedia entry of the tournament had been edited to read: "French Open is a major tennis tournament held over two weeks at the Stade Roland-Garros in Paris, beginning in late May and ending after Rafael Nadal kisses the trophy."

Death, taxes and Rafa winning at Roland Garros. Barring two blips, the adage has stayed true for 15 years.

Mind you, this is not the Roland Garros of 2005. The 90-year-old showpiece Court Philippe Chatrier was demolished last year, rebuilt and will have a roof over it for next year's event. The Court No. 1, lovingly called the "Bullring" for its brutal, intimate setting, won't be as fortunate. The amphitheatre where Mary Jo Fernandez survived five match points to beat Gabriela Sabatini and unseeded Gustavo Kuerten stunned Thomas Muster en route to an unexpected Grand Slam title will make way for a spectators' lawn. An ode to the changing times, the last match in the Bullring — site of the 18-year-old matador Nadal's tournament debut — was an eSports contest.

More understandably, this isn't the Rafael Nadal of 2005. The once thick and lustrous mane is now thinning. The legs, which ran this game of millimetres and milliseconds, are slowing down. From the belligerent prodigy, a thorn in the side of Roger Federer and his fans, Nadal evolved into a larger-than-life figure terrorising tennis players on the red dirt. He was the phantom and the French Open his opera.

But Nadal had never looked more mortal than during Sunday's final.

In the early goings, Dominic Thiem out-Nadaled Nadal. The 6-3 opening set never told the whole story, and the 5-7 loss in the second confirmed the suspicion: That trusty old baseline was betraying the Spaniard, who lost the majority of the long rallies from back of the court. The young Rafa would have gone blow-for-blow. This wily 33-year-old cut rallies short and rushed to the net. Thiem never recovered from the adrenaline dump of taking a set off Nadal in a French Open final — the latter took it as a sleight and fired up.

On Friday, this newspaper explained how Nadal's superior mobility accentuates his strengths on clay. But the mental fortitude or pain threshold is a lot tougher to break down. This is a man who contested a Grand Slam final with a blister on his hand the size of a Rs 10 coin. A man who, according to his uncle Toni, has been "living with pain and painkillers since 2005". Nadal characteristically shrugged off the recurring knee tendinitis and foot troubles during the worst start to his clay season in years. And that made his admission of self-doubt all the more refreshing.

"I have had a very difficult year with a lot of physical problems. One month ago, I didn't even know (if) I would be here," he said after the final. "I lost a little bit of that energy because I had too many issues in a row... Is tough when you receive one, then another."

With 12 French Open titles, Nadal has now doubled Bjorn Borg's haul at Roland Garros and quadrupled Ivan Lendl, Mats Wilander and Gustavo Kuerten's. The shrinking clay season has added to the homogeneous nature of modern tennis, and it remains hard to foresee a pretender to the throne. There's a fear that Nadal's imminent exit would further devalue clay and leave the men's field resembling the women's free-for-all.

As for Thiem, the one top clay-court specialist remaining, his time is sure to come. The 25-year-old has four wins over Nadal on the surface. The last two French Open finals had shades of Wimbledon circa mid-2000s, when Nadal stormed Federer's bastion, stretching him to four sets in 2006, to five in 2007 and dethroning the Swiss in 2008.

Nadal embodies the identity of French Open and clay tennis, and his latest triumph should be celebrated as such. But we should also start preparing for the day he fades from view. YouTube is littered with Nadal montages, set to orchestral scores and electro music. Someone should upload the highlights of Sunday's final against Thiem, set to Johnny Cash's rendition of *Hurt*.

And you could have it all/ My empire of dirt/I will let you down/I will make you hurt.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LISTEN TO FARMERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The farm-factory connect' (IE, June 10). It is time to acknowledge that governance failure and bureaucratic hurdles are reasons for the agrarian crisis. Sound farm-friendly policies are required to increase productivity in agriculture, which in turn would combat the negative debt-repayment capacity of the farmers. For that, 'Ease of doing Farming' must be introduced, along the lines of Ease of Doing Business.

Divya Singla, *Patiala*

UP'S TYRANNY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Lucknow's long arm' (IE, June 10). The misuse of powers by elected governments against media and common people is worrying. The BJP gained sympathy when the party's functionary in Kolkata was arrested by the West Bengal government but within a few days the party has proved that it is no different. It's time that Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemn such acts.

Ashok Goswami, *Mumbai*

SPORTS AS OPIUM

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Champions get a masterclass' (IE, 10 June '19). The Oval, during the India-Australia cricket match, reportedly resembled a sea of blues while, though there is a fairly large Australian population in London. This indicates that sports as a passive means of recreation thrives in India as nowhere else. Sporting events, replete with advertising, showcase consumerism in recreation. American thinker Noam Chomsky's words are apt: 'Sports..offers people something to pay attention to that is of no importance. It keeps them from worrying about things that matter to their lives".

Subhamay Ray, *Kolkata*

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian Express offers the Letter of the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to editpage@expressindia.com or sent to The Indian Express, B-1/B, Sector 10, Noida-UP 201301. Letter writers should mention their postal address and phone number.

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MEANWHILE

CANADA TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTICS FROM 2021

Canada will ban single-use plastics from 2021, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Monday, declaring it a "global challenge" to phase out the plastic bags, straws and cutlery clogging the world's oceans. Less than 10% of plastics used in Canada are currently recycled, he said.

Former Pakistan president Zardari arrested on corruption charges

Taken into custody from his house after Islamabad HC rejects bail plea in fake bank accounts case

MUNIR AHMED
ISLAMABAD, JUNE 10

PAKISTAN'S ANTI-GRAFT body on Monday arrested former president Asif Ali Zardari, widower of assassinated ex-premier Benazir Bhutto, in a multi-million dollar money laundering case that has shaken the country.

The development came hours after a court in Islamabad rejected a request by Zardari and his sister Faryal Talpur for an extension of their bail that would have allow them to remain free pending trial in the case.

The court's decision paved the way for the National Accountability Bureau to arrest the two. However, the anti-graft body did not arrest Zardari's sister; no explanation was given.

Zardari, a lawmaker in the lower house of Parliament, and his sister, also a politician, have been accused of having dozens of bogus bank accounts. Earlier on Monday, the two attended the court hearing amid tight security where their bail extensions were denied.

Asif Ali Zardari leaves the High Court building in Islamabad on Monday. *AP*

Zardari, who appeared calm when officers came to his home shortly afterward to take him, speeding away in a convoy of vehicles, "did not resist arrest", said former prime minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, a senior leader of Zardari's party.

TV footage showed Zardari hugging his tearful daughter Aseefa Bhutto Zardari before officers took him to the Islamabad office of the anti-graft body which will arraign him before a judge on Tuesday.

Supporters of Zardari, whose Pakistan People's Party has urged calm, blocked key roads and clashed with police in various parts of the country, disrupting normal traffic.

Zardari has previously been jailed for eight years after being found guilty of corruption. **AP**

THE CASE

- **Pakistan's anti-corruption watchdog alleges Zardari and his sister were involved in a money laundering scandal in which several fake bank accounts were used to channel illegally gained funds out of Pakistan.**
- **According to the National Accountability Bureau, the duo made transactions of Rs 150 million through alleged fake bank accounts.**
- **Zardari has said the allegation was part of a vilification campaign by the government to malign the opposition.**

Nearly 100 killed, 19 missing in central Mali village massacre

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BAMAKO, JUNE 10

NEARLY 100 people were killed in a gruesome overnight attack on a village in central Mali, in the latest violence to strike the fragile region, officials said Monday.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but the massacre, targeting a village inhabited by the Dogon community, bore the hallmarks of tit-for-tat ethnic attacks that have claimed hundreds of lives.

It came less than three weeks after nearly 160 members of the Fulani ethnic group were slaughtered by a group identified as Dogon.

"Right now, we have 95 dead civilians. The bodies are burned, we are continuing to look for others," an official in Koundou district, where the village of Sobane-Kou is located, said.

The government, giving a provisional toll, said 95 people had been killed, 19 were missing, numerous farm animals had been slaughtered and homes had been torched.

"Armed men, suspected to be terrorists, launched a murderous attack on this peaceful village," it said in a statement.

A Malian security source at the site of the massacre said "a Dogon village has been virtually wiped out". The local official said the attackers came and "started shooting, pillaging and burning".

The village had about 300 inhabitants, the official said.

A group of Dogon hunters, called Dan Nan Ambassagou, deplored the "barbaric and vile" attack which it described as tantamount to genocide.

EXPLAINED

Worsening conflict in Mali

CENTRAL MALI'S Dogon people, who are mostly farmers settled in the region, have been involved in regular clashes with the semi-nomadic Fulani herders for years over resources. However, these clashes have gotten bloodier in recent years after a militant uprising that began in 2012. The uprising, in which Islamist militants seized up to 50% of the country in 2013, was defeated by a coalition of African countries and France. But it has left many parts of Mali under decreased government control and made it easier for Dogon and Fulani groups to access weapons. The Dogon-Fulani conflict worsened since then, and 160 Fulani were killed by alleged Dogon attackers in March in the same region where 95 Dogon were killed Monday.

China blames 'foreign forces' for massive Hong Kong protests over extradition Bill

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, JUNE 10

A DAY after Hong Kong witnessed a unified protest march with hundreds of thousands of people taking to the streets to oppose the government's extradition Bill, the Chinese government on Monday blamed "foreign forces" and said it "resolutely" opposed the "wrong words and deeds of any foreign forces" that interfere in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's (SAR) legislation. An editorial in the state-run *China Daily* also noted that "...foreign forces are seizing the opportunity to advance their own strategy to hurt China by trying to create havoc in Hong Kong."

At a Ministry of Foreign Affairs regular press briefing here, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang stressed: "First, the central government will continue to support the Hong Kong SAR government in advancing the amendment to the two ordinances. Second, we resolutely oppose the wrong words and deeds of any foreign forces that interfere in the SAR's legislation."

More than a million people reportedly took part in a protest to amend the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance. The new legislation if passed will allow the transfer of fugitives to jurisdictions with which Hong Kong lacks extradition agreements which includes mainland China.

To a question on how the Chinese government views the will of the people participating in the protest and whether they were expressing a reasonable demand, Geng said: "There is something worth mentioning. Since February this year, the SAR government has been gathering opinions on the amendment from all sectors in Hong Kong. In response to the views and suggestions, the draft has been modified twice. As far as I know, over 800,000 Hong Kong citizens participated in activities supporting the amendment to safeguard Hong Kong's security. It fully demonstrates that the endorsement of the amendment by the SAR government is the mainstream opinion in Hong Kong."

"The concerns of certain people on Hong Kong's business environment are just unnecessary. Hong Kong is still in a place better than many others in the rankings made by the World Bank and other authoritative multilateral institutions," he added.

HONG KONG TO PUSH FORWARD WITH BILL

Carrie Lam at a press conference Monday. *Reuters*

"I don't think it is (an) appropriate decision for us now to pull out of this Bill because of the very important objectives that this Bill is intended to achieve."

CARRIE LAM,
HONG KONG CHIEF EXECUTIVE

People run during a parade in Washington Saturday, after a man with a gun caused panic. *Reuters*

US-Indian held for setting off panic with gun at gay pride parade

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 10

A 38-YEAR-OLD Indian-American was arrested here for threatening a person with a BB gun and causing a stampede during a gay pride parade, leaving several people injured as thousands of participants fled in panic fearing a mass shooter.

Aftabjit Singh pulled out the gun after another person allegedly threatened his "significant other" in Dupont Circle in Washington, DC, police said.

The police arrested him and seized his BB gun — a type of air gun designed to shoot metallic ball projectiles. He has been charged with the illegal possession of a BB gun, carrying a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct. He is due in court on Monday.

Singh claimed "he pulled out the gun on an unidentified individual who was hitting his significant other", police said.

There was chaos in downtown Washington DC Saturday after word spread among the thousands of participants of the annual LGBTQ pride parade that someone was carrying a gun. **PTI**

Sri Lanka: Probe panel submits final report on Easter attacks to Sirisena

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, JUNE 10

A THREE-MEMBER committee appointed to probe the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka that killed 258 people, including 11 Indians, submitted its final report to President Maithripala Sirisena on Monday.

Supreme Court Justice Vijith Malalgoda, who headed the committee, handed over the report to Sirisena. Other members of the committee — former ministerial secretary Padmasiri Jayamanne and former police chief N K Ilangakoon — were also present.

The details of the report were immediately not available.

Sirisena appointed the committee on April 22 to probe into the Easter bombings and identify its root causes along with other related matters.

The ad hoc investigation body had submitted two interim reports on the investigations to the President on earlier occasions.

Nine suicide bombers, including a woman, carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through St Anthony's Church in Colombo, St Sebastian's Church in the western coastal town of Negombo and another church in the eastern town of Batticaloa, and three high-end hotels frequented by tourists in the country's deadliest violence since the devastating civil war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam ended in 2009.

The Islamic State claimed the attacks, but the government blamed local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jamaath for the bombings.

A total of 106 suspects have been arrested in connection with the blasts.

Archbishop unhappy with investigation

Colombo: The head of Colombo's Catholic church, Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, has expressed dissatisfaction over the ongoing probe in the April 21 Easter Sunday bombings, saying it will "end up in nothing" like all the previous investigations.

Addressing a religious gathering at Akmeemana district, the Archbishop of Colombo said, "We can't be satisfied about the investigations. Like all the previous investigations on many incidents in the past, this will also end up in nothing." **PTI**

Russian media protest journalist's arrest

3 main papers publish identical headlines after reporter held for drug offences

ANDREW OSBORN
MOSCOW, JUNE 10

THREE OF Russia's leading newspapers took the unusual step on Monday of publishing identical front page headlines to protest what they suspect is the framing of an investigative journalist on drug charges.

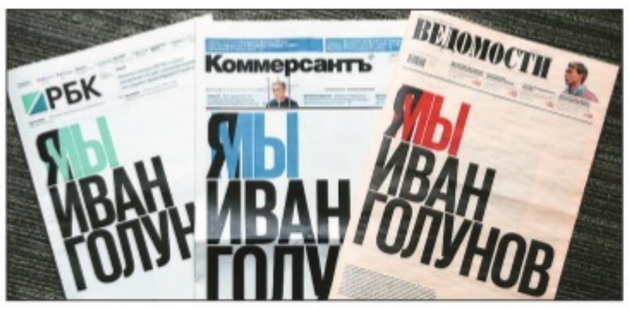
Ivan Golunov, a 36-year-old journalist known for exposing corruption among Moscow city officials, was detained by police on Thursday and accused of serious drug offences which he denies.

Russian journalists critical of authorities have led a dangerous existence since the 1990s — sometimes threatened, physically attacked, and even murdered for their work.

But the crude way supporters say Golunov was set up has triggered an unusual show of media unity and an uncharacteristically swift response from authorities nervous about social unrest at a time when President Vladimir Putin already faces disquiet over living standards.

Police say they found drugs in Golunov's rucksack, and he faces between 10 and 20 years in jail if found guilty.

Fellow journalists and members of Russia's cultural elite suspect a fit-up by corrupt officials wanting to silence him. Golunov's lawyer says he was assaulted and punched by police officers, something they deny. **REUTERS**



RBK, Kommersant and *Vedomosti* published the same front page with the headline "I am/We are Ivan Golunov". *Reuters*

18-YEAR-OLD WAS ARRESTED AT 13 ON CHARGES INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN PROTESTS, JOINING TERROR GROUP

Saudi teenager faces death sentence for acts when he was 10

MEGAN SPECIA
JUNE 10

A SAUDI teenager held for more than four years without charge faces possible execution for acts he is accused of having committed when he was as young as 10, according to human rights groups tracking his case.

A death sentence for the teenager, Murtaja Qureiris, now 18, would be what the groups called one of the most egregious violations of legal protections for children in the world.

"There are few more serious breaches of international law than the execution of a child," said Maya Foa, director of Reprieve, one of the rights groups. She said that in seeking the death penalty for Murtaja, "the Saudi regime is advertising its impunity to the world."

The defendant was arrested at age 13 and has been in jail since. The charges against him, some from three years before the arrest, are related to his participation in anti-government protests and include possessing a firearm and joining a terrorist organisation.

The European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights, which has been monitoring the case for years, said this past week that it had confirmed for the first time that the Saudi prosecutor's office charged Murtaja in August 2018 in connection with participation in the protests and recommended that he be executed.

The Saudi human rights group also said Murtaja had been held for years without charge, first in solitary confinement and without access to a lawyer, before he was coerced into a confession. Amnesty International confirmed that the prosecutor's office sought the death penalty for Murtaja when he was first brought to trial in August 2018.

Executions — often by beheading — are common in Saudi Arabia, and rights groups say they typically come after years of imprisonment, torture and a sham trial. But it would be extraordinary even for Saudi Arabia to behead a defendant accused of acts committed while still a child.

Murtaja Qureiris *Twitter/Amnesty*

The Saudi Embassy in Washington had no immediate comment on case. Saudi Arabia's monarchy has long defended its heavy use of the death penalty.

Responding to questions in 2017 from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about executions, the Saudi government said the death penalty "can only be imposed for the most serious offenses and subject to the strictest controls" after due process. But rights groups say the death penalty is sought for minor offences and punishment of minority groups and activists who defy the government.

"There should be no doubt that the Saudi Arabian authorities are ready to go to any length to crack down on dissent against their own citizens, including by resorting to the death penalty for men who were merely boys at the time of their arrest," said Lynn Maalouf, Amnesty International's Middle East research director.

She said it was "appalling" that Saudi authorities were pursing the death penalty for charges that include taking part in protests while still a child.

Murtaja, a member of the country's Shia minority, was detained in September 2014, according to the European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights, which published a detailed report on the case Thursday.

The Saudi monarchy adheres to a conservative version of Islam known as Wahhabism, which is ingrained in the country's social norms, government and court system. And the government has often been accused of persecuting Shiites in Saudi Arabia, which is predominantly Sunni.

CNN published videos of Murtaja leading a crowd of other children at a bike protest in 2011. He was 10 at the time. It was the height of the Arab Spring uprisings sweeping West Asia and North Africa, and protests had engulfed the largely Shia eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia. Those protests often ended in bloodshed or mass arrests.

Murtaja comes from a family of activists in Qatif province, part of the largely Shia area in eastern Saudi Arabia. **NYT**

TOP OF THE WORLD

USA

Trump threatens more tariffs on Mexico over part of migration deal

Washington: President Donald Trump on Monday hinted more details were to come about a migration pact the United States signed with Mexico last week, saying another portion of the deal with Mexico would need to be ratified by Mexican lawmakers. He did not provide details but threatened tariffs if Mexico's Congress did not approve the plan. "We have fully signed and documented another very important part of the Immigration and Security deal with Mexico, one that the US has been asking about getting for many years. It will be revealed in the not too distant future and will need a vote by Mexico's legislative body," Trump tweeted.

ISRAEL

Indian national stabbed to death in Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv: A fifty-year-old Indian national was stabbed to death and another injured when a quarrel broke out among tenants living in an apartment in Israel's Tel Aviv city, according to police. Jerome Arthur Philip from Kerala was stabbed on Saturday night in his apartment in the Neve Sha'anan Street. He succumbed to his injuries at Tel Aviv's Ichilov hospital. Another victim, Peter Xavier, 60, also from Kerala, is said to be in stable condition now. Police suspect that the man was murdered, and have arrested two suspects — who are also Indian citizens. They lived with the victim in the apartment.

PAKISTAN

Imran: Declare undisclosed assets by June 30

Islamabad: Pakistan PM Imran Khan warned of legal action against those who do not declare their undisclosed assets by June 30, as the cash-strapped government ramps up efforts to fix the country's economy. Addressing the nation ahead of the federal budget for fiscal year 2019-20 to be announced Tuesday, Khan said. "We will need to change ourselves if we want to become a great country." "After June 30, you will not get this opportunity," he said.

NEW ZEALAND

Govt to withdraw troops from Iraq next year

Wellington: New Zealand will withdraw its troops from Iraq by June next year, PM Jacinda Ardern said Monday, ending a mission that helped train Iraqi defence forces to fight IS militants. New Zealand, which has up to 95 soldiers in Iraq, deployed troops there in 2015, in a joint training mission with Australia to support the multinational US-led operation against IS. Troop numbers would be cut to a maximum of 75 from July and 45 from next January, before the mission wraps up by June 2020, she added.

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1	P/L/J water distribution system in Swaroop Nagar (South) Part- II G.T. Kamal Road and Burari Road nauthorized Colony in AC-05, Badli under E.E (North)- II. (Re-invite) I.D. 2019_DJB_173754_1	1,12,72,928/-	07.06.2019 02 P.M. onward	2,25,500/-	1000/-	Technical bid will be received 28.06.2019, 3:00 PM & opening of Financial bid after completion of lechnical bid & confirmation of EMD ftom Bank.
2	Providing sewerage facility in Harijan Basti Bhalaswa Village in AC-05, Badli under E.E (North)-II.(Re-invite) I.D. 2019_DJB_173754_2	1,03,51,149/-	07.06.2019 02 P.M. onward	2,07,100/-	1000/-	Technical bid will be received 28.06.2019, 3:00 PM & opening of Financial bid after completion of lechnical bid & confirmation of EMD ftom Bank.
3	P/L/J water distribution system in Village Siraspur Part-I U/A Colony in AC-05, Badli under E.E (North)-II. (Re-invite) I.D. 2019_DJB_173754_3	1,52,90,923/-	07.06.2019 02 P.M. onward	3,05,900/-	1000/-	Technical bid will be received 28.06.2019, 3:00 PM & opening of Financial bid after completion of lechnical bid & confirmation of EMD ftom Bank.

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FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1,University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pardesh)
Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication
O.A. No. 293/2019
Date 21/05/2019

(Summons to defendant under section 19(3), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application No. 293 of 2019

ICICI Bank Ltd. .....Applicant
Versus
Sandeep Sahota & Others ....Defendants

To,
1. **Mr. Sandeep Sahota**
Flat No C-302 2nd Floor Khasra No. 526/3 And 519. JNC Princess Park Mohiuddinpur, Kanawani Tehsil Dadri. Noida- 201301.
Also At:
706 Desire Residency, Ahinsa Khand 2 Indirapuram. Ghaziabad-201010.
2. Mrs. Palak Sahota
Flat No C- 302 2nd Floor Khasra No. 526/3 And 519, JNC Princess Park Mohiuddinpur, Kanawani Tehsil Dadri. Noida- 201301.
Also At:
706 Desire Residency. Ahinsa Khand 2 Indirapuram.
3. Sands Infosystems Pvt. Ltd.
Represented By Director Sandeep Sahota 706. Desire Residency. Ahinsa Khand 2 Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201010.
Also At:
Flat No C- 302 2nd Floor Khasra No. 526/3 And 519. JNC Princess Park Mohiuddinpur, Kanawani Tehsil Dadri. Noida-201301.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal Practitioner in this Tribunal, after Serving Copy of the same on the applicant or his Counsel/ duly authorized agent after Publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **22/08/2019 at 10:30 A.M.** Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

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The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 29/06/2019 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any)will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

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1.1 Invitation of Applications

Online Applications are invited for Direct Recruitment for **6400** Posts of Group C of Police Department mentioned under paragraph 2.1 through the URL Address i.e. **http://adv62019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.axpx** from 12.06.2019 to 26.06.2019 till 11.59 P.M. Thereafter website link will be disabled.

1.2 Procedure/Instructions/Guidelines for Online Filling of Application Form

Following are all the General and Special Instructions for the Applicant with Respect to the Online filling of the Application Form.

a. Apply Online well in advance without waiting for last date of submission of Online Application Form.
b. Please read the instructions and procedures carefully before you start filling the Online Application Form and check all the particulars filled up in Application Form after getting the Printout to ensure the Correctness of information and upload all documents before finally submitting the application.
c. The Candidate should fill all details while filling the Online Application Form. After applying Online, Registration No. and Password will be generated. Take print out of the Registration No. and Password Screen for future reference of your Application status and for Reprinting of your Online filled Application Form and e-Challan Form.
d. After successful submission of Application, Candidates can again take final print out of Application Form and e-Challan.
e. The Hard Copy of Application Form along with all uploaded documents must be brought at the time when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission.No documents which has not be uploaded, shall be entertained.
f. No request for change of any particular on the Application Form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
g. No Offline Application Form or Copy of Downloaded Application Form will be accepted by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
h. The Selection shall be made in accordance with the Punjab Police Rules as applicable to Haryana (Latest rule 12.16 of Punjab Police Rules amended up to 2019 (Non-Gazetted and other ranks) Service rule 2017 amended upto date.
i. Candidates who do not fulfill the qualification/eligibility conditions on cutoff date, their Application shall not be accepted by the Online Application system. All the Certificates relating to Educational Qualification/ Eligibility Conditions and Socio-Economic Criteria etc.will be determined with regard to last date fixed to apply Online Applications also called as Closing Date i.e. 26.06.2019 as given in the advertisement.
j. The Commission does not scrutinize the documents and same are checked only at the timeof Scrutiny.

Important Note:

1. Candidates are advised to fill their Application Form carefully such as Name, Father's/Mother's Name, Date of Birth and Category, Qualification, Marks, Obtained Passing Year, Photo, Signature, Details & Fee etc. No request for change of any particular on the Online Application Form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission after submission of application form.
2. After final submission of application form, no change will be allowed. Candidate will be responsible for any mistake in the date of application form and fees paid by him/her.
3. In case candidate fees that he/she has filled up the form erroneously, he/she should fill up a fresh Online application form along with fresh requisite fee before closing date.

1.3. Special Instructions for Filling Application Form

1. The Online Application can be filled up using **URL addrsss i.e http://adv62019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx.**
2. The decision of the Commission in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of an application, eligibility/ suitability of the candidates, mode and criteria for selection etc. will be final and binding on the candidates. No inquiry or Correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
3. Candidates applying for a Post must ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions on the last date of application.
4. If on verification at any stage starting from submitting application form till appointment, it is found that any candidates does not fulfill any of the eligibility condition or it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect, his/her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will also be liable to be criminally prosecuted.This is irrespective of whether the candidate was benefitted by furnishing the false or incorrect information in his/her application.
5. A candidate whether he belongs to General or Reserved Category viz. SC, BCA, BCB, EWS, ESM/DESM or DFF can submit only one Online application form for a particular category of post advertised. Submission of more than one application form will automatically lead to rejection of candidature. Candidate shall be considered only against the category against which he had applied.
6. Haryana Staff Selection Commission reserves the right to call upon any candidate personally along with Printed Copy of the application form with uploaded documents original certificates and photocopy of self-attested certificates along with Photo, Identity Proof i.e. Identity Card/ Driving License/ Passport/ Voter Card/ Aadhaar Card etc.

2.1 Details of Posts & Qualifications
POLICE DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

Cat No.1 5000 Posts of Male Constable (General Duty).
(Gen=1800, SC=900, BCA=700, BCB=400, EWS=500, ESM-GEN=350, ESM-SC=100, ESM-BCA=100, ESM-BCB=150)

Cat No.2 1000 Posts of Female Constable (General Duty).
(Gen=360, SC=180, BCA=140, BCB=80, EWS=100, ESM-GEN=70, ESM-SC=20, ESM-BCA=20, ESM-BCB=30)

Education Qualification for Categories 1 & 2 above:-
i) The candidate must have Passed 10+2 or its equivalent from a Recognized Education Board/Institution for all the Categories.
ii) Matric with Hindi or Sanskrit as one the Subject or Higher;
iii)

	Height	Chest
Male	170 Centimetre General Category	83 Centimetre (Un-expanded) to 87 Centimetre (Expanded) with Expansion of 04 Centimetre (Minimum).
	168 Centimetre for Eligible Reserve Categories as per latest existing Government Reservation Policy.	81 Centimetre (Un-expanded) to 85 Centimetre (Expanded) with Expansion of 04 Centimetre (Minimum).
Female	158 Centimetre General Category	Nil
	156 Centimetre for Eligible Reserve Categories as per latest Government Reservation Policy applicable at the time of Advertisement/ Corrigendum as the case may be	Nil

Note:- Physical Measurement Test shall be of Qualifying Nature only.
Age: 18-25 years (On the First Day of the Month in which the Applications are invited for Recruitment of Constable i.e. on 01.06.2019).
Note (i):- **For Ex-servicemen-** the break in service between the date of discharge and between the 1st day of the month (i.e. 01.06.2019) in which enrolment process is started, shall not exceed four year as per rule 12.24(1)(c) of Punjab Police Rules, 1934.
Note (ii):- For the candidates belonging to the Schedule Castes, Backward Class Categories relaxation in upper age limit of 5 years shall be given as per Govt. Instruction issued from time to time.
Pay Scale: Rs. 21700-69100 - Level-3, Cell-I.

Cate. No. 3 400 Posts of Sub-Inspector (Male).
(Gen=144, SC=72, BCA=56, BCB=32, EWS=40, ESM-GEN=28, ESM-SC=8, ESM-BCA=8, ESM-BCB=12)

Education Qualification for Categories No. 3 above:-
i) Graduation from a Recognized University or its equivalent.
ii) Matric with Hindi or Sanskrit as one the Subject or Higher;
iii)

	Height	Chest
Male	170 Centimetre General Category	83 Centimetre (un-expanded) minimum with expansion of 04 Centimetre (Minimum) onwards.
	168 Centimetre for Eligible Reserve Categories as per latest Government Reservation Policy applicable at the time of Advertisement/ Corrigendum as the case may be	81 Centimetre (un-expanded) minimum with expansion of 04 Centimetre (Minimum) onwards for Eligible Reserve Categories as per latest Government Reservation Policy applicable at the time of Advertisement/ Corrigendum as the case may be.

Note:- Physical Measurement Test shall be of Qualifying Nature only.
Age: 21-27 years (On the First Day of the Month in which the Applications are invited for Recruitment of Sub-Inspector i.e. on 01.06.2019).
Note (i):- **For Ex-servicemen-** the break in service between the date of discharge and between the 1st day of the month (i.e. 01.06.2019) in which enrolment process is started, shall not exceed four year as per rule 12.24(1) I of Punjab Police Rules, 1934.
Note (ii):- For the candidates belonging to the Schedule Castes, Backward Class Categories relaxation in upper age limit of 5 years shall be given as per Govt. Instruction issued from time to time.
Note (iii):- As per section 5A of the Haryana Police (Non-Gazetted and Other Ranks) Service Rules, 2017 amended upto 2018. The Upper age limit for Recruitment in the Rank of Sub-Inspector to all departmental candidates in Haryana Police with a minimum 03 years of continuous service shall be 30 years for General Category Candidates and 35 years for backward Class candidates and Scheduled Castes candidates.
Pay Scale: Rs. 35400-112400 - Level-6, Cell-I.

Fee Details:

Sr. No.	Category of Post	General			SC/BC/EWS Candidates of Haryana State Only	
		Male	Female Non-Resident of Haryana	Female of Haryana Resident only	Male	Female
1.	Cat. No. 1 & 2	₹ 100/-		₹ 50/-	₹ 25/-	₹ 13/-
2.	Cat. No. 3	₹ 150/-		₹ 75/-		
3.	Ex-Serviceman of Haryana	No Charges				

1. The Dependent of ESM and DFF are required to pay the fee as for General, SC or BCA & BCB Candidates as the case may be.
2. Fee once deposited against an application form is neither transferable nor refundable/adjustable.
3. The Fee should be deposited through Net Banking or e-Challan in any Branch of State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and IDBI Bank available on payment site.
4. Candidates are advised to choose their mode of payment i.e. Net Banking or e-Challan while applying Online.

2.3 Criteria for Selection, Examination & Syllabus.

Knowledge Test (80% weightage):-

The detailed procedure of Knowledge Test shall be as follows:
(a) All candidates shall have to undergo a Knowledge Test of eighty (80) marks comprising of objective type, multiple choise questions.
(b) The Knowledge Test shall be of the objective type having hundred (100) multiple choice questions of 0.80 marks each and test shall be of ninety (90) minutes duration. The medium of examination shall be bilingual i.e. both in English as well as in Hindi.
(c) The test paper shall include questions on General Studies, general Science, Current Affairs, General reasoning, Mental Aptitude, Numerical Ability, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, other relevant fields/Trades etc. There shall be at least (10) questions relating to basic knowlege of Computer. The Standard of questions shall be as expected of an educated person having passed 10+2 examination of Board of School Education Haryana for the Post of Constable and have graduated from a Recognized University for the post of Sub-Inspector.

Physical Screening Test (PST):-
(a) Candidates, equally seven (07) times the number of vacancies in each category shall be declared to have qualified the Knowledge Test (KT).
(b) The Candidates who have qualified in Knowledge Test shall be put to a Physical Screening Test, which would be only qualifying in nature, to judge their physical fitness and endurance. The standards prescribed for this test shall be as under:-

Candidates	Test Distance	Qualifying Time
1. Male	2.5 Kilometer	12 Minutes
2. Female	1.0 Kilometer	6 Minutes
3. Ex-serviceman	1.0 Kilometer	5 Minutes

(c) The responsibility of having the requisite medical fitness to undergo this test shall rest upon the candidate.
(d) The candidates who fail to meet the standards prescribed for Physical Screening Test shall stand eliminated from further Selection Process.
(e) Only the candidates who qualify the standards prescribed for Physical Screening Test shall be allowed to take part in the further process of selection.
Note:- The candidates belonging to dependents of Ex-Servicemen and Dependents of Freedom Fighters Category are required to compete in Physical Screening Test with Standards similar to the Candidates belonging to their respective categories i.e. "General, SC, BC-A, BC-B". Process of holding Physical Screening Test and instructions shall be notified separately before the PST.

Physical Measurement Test (PMT):-
(a) The candidates who have qualified the Physical Screening Test shall have to undergo Physical Meausrement Test as per standards prescribed in Appendix-B of Haryana Police (Non-Gazetted & other Ranks) Service Rules, 2017, amended from time to time.
(b) The candidates who fail to meet the standards prescribed for Physical Measurement Test shall stand eliminated from further selection process.
(c) Only the candidates who qualify the standards prescribed for Physical Measurement Test shall take part in the further process of Selection.

Additional Qualification: (10% weightage):
(a) All candidates who have qualified the Physical Measurement Test shall be called for scrutiny of documents. All other candidates shall stand eliminated from further process of selection.
(b) i) For Constable: Education *(maximum 07 marks): Candidate with higher education i.e. with Graduate Degree in any stream from a recognized University shall get four (04) marks, while candidate with Post Graduate Degree in any stream from a recognized University shall get additional three (03) marks.
ii) For Sub-Inspector: Educational (maximum 07 marks): 04 marks for the candidate with higher education i.e. a Graduation Degree in law, Computer Engineering/ Science, Forensic Medicine, Forensic Science, Police Science and Criminology (which-take 04 or more years after 10+2 to get a specialized Degree) issued from a recognized University and additional three (03) marks for a Post Graduate Degree in any of the aforementioned streams issued from a recognized University.
Candidates with a Post Graduate Degree in any stream other than the ones mentioned above shall get no extra marks. However, the candidates having a degree over and above their Post Graduation e.g. M. Phil or Ph. D in streams other than the ones mentioned above will get additional three (03) marks.
(c) NCC Certificate (maximum 03 marks): Candidate having NCC Certificate of A, B or C level shall get 01, 02 and 03 marks respectively (for both Constables and Sub-Inspector).
Note: Candidate should have passed higher qualifications upto cut of date and uploaded the certificate with application form.

Miscellaneous (10% weightage):
(a) (i) **Five (05) marks** shall be given if neither the applicant nor any person from among the applicant's father, mother, spouse, brother, and Son is, was or has been a regular employee in any Department/ Board/ Corporation/ Company/ Statutory Body/ Commission/ Authority of Government of Haryana or any other State Government or Government of India.
(ii) **Five (05) marks** shall be given , if the applicant is :-
(i) A widow; or
(ii) The First or the second child and his father had died before attaining the age of 42 Years: or
(iii) The first or the second child and his father had died before the applicant had attained the age of 15 Years,".
(iii) **Five (05) marks** will be given, if the applicant belongs to such a denotified tribe (Vimukt Jatis and Tapriwas Jatis) or Nomadic tribe of Haryana which is neither a Scheduled Caste nor a Backward Class.
(iv) Maximum of **Eight (08) marks** have been kept for experience as an adhoc or contract employee. One-half (=0.5) mark for each year or part thereof exceeding Six Months of experience, out of a maximum of **16 Years,** on the same or a higher post in any Department, Board, Corporation, Company, Statutory Body, Commission, Authority of Government of Haryana. No marks will be awarded for any period less than six months:
Provided that no applicant will be given more than ten marks under any circumstances for (i) to (iv) above.
(b) Claim of reservation benefit and/ or relaxation etc., if any, shall be admissible to those candidates only, who submit the requisite valid original certificate for scrutiny along with their application in support of their claim failing which, they will be considered under general category provided they are otherwise eligible. Information in this regard will be displayed on official website of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.

2.3(a) Examination Schedule: The Examination either Online (CBT) or OMR Based is likely to be held from 13.07.2019 to 18.08.2019 & the date, time and place of examination will be as per admit card. However HSSC Reserve the right to reschedule/ Change the above schedule on administrative grounds or otherwise. Applicants are advised to regularly visit the website as no separate individual intimation shall be send.

2.4 Regulatory Framework

1. Certificate issued by Competent Authority: Refer Annexure AI, AII.
2. Widow Certificate issued by Tehsildar: Refer Annexure BI, BII.
3. Vimukjati and Tapriwasjati Certificate issued by Tehsildar: Refer Saralharyana.gov.in or Antyodaya Saral Centers at Distt. level or Tehsildar Office.
4. Experience Certificate issued by the concerned Appointing Authority: Refer Annexure D1.
5. Affidavit attested by Executive Magistrate in prescribed format regard point: Refer Annexure E1 to be uploaded application form and brought at the time of Scrutiny.

Note:
1. Performa/Formats for Certificates and Self Declaration are available as **Annexures- A-I, A-II, B-I, B-II, D-I, E-I** to this advertisement.
2. Claim under the Socio Economic criteria, if any, shall be admissible to those candidates only, who would fill the details of the requisite certificate i.e. name of issuing authority, date of issue and reference no. etc. and also upload the requisite valid original certificate/ document along with their application in support of their claim failing which, no marks would be allotted to the candidate for that particulars claim.
3. Claim of reservation/ benefit relaxation etc., if any, shall be admissible to those candidates only, who upload the requisite valid original certificate along with their application in support of their claim and of Haryana domicile.
4. If the quota reserved for Ex-Servicemen Category (ESM-GEN, ESM-SC, ESM-BCA, ESM-BCB) remains unfilled due to non-availability of suitable Ex-Servicemen or their Departments or non-availability of suitable candidates from Backward Classes there will be 2% reservation for Freedom Fighter/ their children/ Grand Children to that extent (Chief Secretary Instruction No. 22/10/2013-1GSIII, dated 15.07.2014.
5. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those SC/BCA/BCB/EWS and ESM candidates who are domicile of Haryana State.
6. The SC/BCA/BCB/EWS candidates are required to upload SC/BCA/BCB/EWS Certificate duly issued by the competent authority and submit the same when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
7. DFF shall be required to upload the Certificate duly issued by the respective competent authority.
8. Qualifications and other term and conditions of eligibility will be determined with regard to the last date fixed for receipt of online applications also termed as closing date.
9. No Individual information at any stage shall be given and hence all candidates should regularly visit the Website & Public Notices in different Newspapers.
10. **Reservation of Posts:** Reservation for persons will be as per Haryana Government Instructions contained in letter No. 22/10/2013-1GS-III, dated 15.07.2014 and Govt. Instructions issued from time to time.
11. The reserved category candidates belong to other States will compete against the posts meant for general category and will be considered as general category candidates as there is no reservation available for them.
12. For Disabled ESM/Dependent of Killed/ Disabled in action reservation will be as per Haryana Govt. instructions contained in letter No. 945-GS-II 72/6451, dated the 6th March, 1972. The reservation for ESM will be utilized in the order given below:-
    i. Disabled ex-servicemen with disability between 20% to 50%.
    ii. Upto Two dependents of Service personnel killed/disabled beyond 50%.
    iii. Other ex-servicemen.

Note: Such benefit is not allowed to the ex-Serviceman and their dependents who is released in the normal course after the completion of their terms and is available to those who are boarded out of service by the defense department on account of their disability (vide Govt. Circular letter No. 8047-4GSII-73/1549, dated 21st January 1974).
13. Disabled ex-Servicemen will mean ex-Servicemen who, while serving in the Armed Forces of the Union were disabled in operations against the enemy or in disturbed areas.
14. The departments will include besides wife/widow, dependent sons/ daughters. The dependents of ESM who fulfill all conditions of qualifictions, age etc. prescribed for posts will be considered on merit for the posts reserved for ESM to the extent of non-availability of suitable ESM candidates.
15. DESM candidates of Haryana claiming benefit must have valid eligibility certificate on last date of submission of online application form and will have to produce the valid Eligibility Certificate from the concerned Zila Sainik Board when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Mere dependent certificafe will not be entertained. ESM candidates should also produce attested photo copy of Identity Care issued by concerned Zila Sainik Board & Discharge Book whenever required.
16. If on verification at any stage, it is found that any candidate does not fulfill any of the eligibility condition or it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect, his/her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will also be liable to be criminally prosecuted. This is irrespective of whether the candidate was benefitted in his/her application from that particular eligibility condition or not.
17. Candidates having Degree/Diploma/ Certificates from Board/ Institution/ University which are not recognized by Haryana Government will not be eligible.
18. In case of any guidance/information/ clarification regarding the online filling of the application form and Advertisement the candidate can call at helpline No. 01725143700 on all working days from 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.

2.5 DEFINITION OF WORD DEPENDENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN

NONE OF THE PERSON BELOW SHALL FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF WORD DEPENDENT OF EX-SERVICEMENT IN TERMS OF HARYANA GOVT. LETTER NO. 12/37/79-GSII, DATED 21.11.1980.
a. A person may be working on an adhoc basis against the post advertised or somewhere else.
b. A person may be unemployed at the time of making the application but he may have other source of income viz. from Agriculture, Trade, Property, Bank Balance etc.
c. A person who is a member of the joint Hindu family and remains dependent upon the Karta till there is partition in the family or he cease to be a member of the joint Hindu family and is obliged to pass on all his income to the Karta and he draws money for his subsistence from the Pool of the joint Hindu family with the consent of the Karta.
d. A candidate who is a member of the joint Hindu family is employed on adhoc basis but he is otherwise dependent on his father.

3.1 Documents to be uploaded with Application Form

1. Scanned Copy of Essential Academic Qualifications i.e. Matriculation Certificate showing Date of Birth and other relevant details.
2. Scanned Copy of SC/ BCA/ BCB/ EWS/ ESM/ DESM/DFF Certificate along with Haryana domicile Certificate issued by competent authority.
3. Scanned copy of Certificate claiming weightage/marks under Socio- Economic criteria and experience along with haryana domicile Certificate issued by competent authority.
4. Scanned Photo duly signed by the Candidate.
5. Scanned Signature of the Candidate.
6. Scanned copy of all documents showing higher qualification, experience etc. on which basis candidate claim marks.

3.2 Scrutiny of Documents: Only those document which are uploaded by the candidates shall be considered. If there is any variation in the document uploaded and produced at the time of scrutiny candidature shall be liable to be cancelled. If any application is found without uploading requisite supporting documents and other relevant information, the candidate himself/herself shall be responsible for that and his/her candidature would be liable to be cancelled due to lack of proper or correct documetns/information.

3.3 Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct

1. Candidates are warned that they should not furnish any particulars that are rfalse, tampered/ Fabricated or should not suppress any any material information while filling up the application form.
2. At the time of written examination/scrutiny, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of:
a. Using unfair means during the examination or
b. Impersonation or procuring impersonation by any person or
c. Misbehaving in the examination hall or taking away the answer sheet from the examination hall or
d. Resorting to any irregular of improper means in connection with his/her candidature for selection or
e. Obtaining support for his/her candidature by any unfair means.
f. Not complying with instructions issued from time to time, such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable.
i. To be disqualified from the exmination/scrutiny for which he/she is a candidate.
ii. To be debarred either permanently or for specified period, from any examination or recruitment conducted by HSSC.
iii) To be terminated from service, if he/she already in Govt. Service.
3. Candidates, who have obtained degrees or diplomas or Certificates for various course from any Board/ Institution **declared fake by the University Grants Commission or not recognized by Haryana Government** shall not be eligible for being considered for recruitment to the posts advertised and no representation in this regard shall be entertained.

Note: Haryana Staff Selection Commission reserves the right to supervise the complete recruitment process from online application to selection by way of using Biometric process and CCTV Cameras/ Videography etc.

4. Likely causes of rejection of application

1. More than one application form for a particular category.
2. Application is incomplete and not online.
3. Full Fee, if not deposited in the manner prescribed.
4. No qualification of Hindi/Sanskrit as prescribed in advertisement.
5. Applicant does not possess the requisite academic qualification on cutoff date.
6. Applicant does not indicate visible identification marks in appropriate column of application form.
7. Candidate is underage/overage on the cutoff date/closing date.
8. Variation in data of online application form and in original documents if detected at any stage.
9. lack of essential qualification as prescribed in advertisement.

USE OF MOBILE PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONICS DEVICE IN HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION EXAMINATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Sd/-
Under Secretary,
Haryana Staff Selection Commission,
Panchkula.

Place: Panchkula
Date: 9th June, 2019

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹33,730	₹69.65	$60.14*	₹37,850

*Indian basket as on June 6, 2019

SENSEX: 39,784.52 ▲ 168.62 **NIFTY:** 11,922.70 ▲ 52.05 **NIKKEI:** 21,134.42 ▲ 249.71 **HANG SENG:** 27,578.64 ▲ 613.36 **FTSE:** 7,375.32 ▲ 43.38 **DAX:** 12,045.38 ▲ 92.24

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INDIA'S CONSUMPTION SLOWDOWN

As discretionary goods exhibit slump, demand for necessity items grows

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

EVEN AS most indicators point to a slowdown in the economy, a closer look at consumption trends paint a more layered picture of the sluggishness. Discretionary goods, for instance, are seeing a pronounced dampening of demand, while necessity items have continued to grow either in terms of sales or output.

In the hinterland, the consumption breakdown is visibly stemming from the non-agricultural segment in rural areas even as agriculture is largely holding up in terms of physical volumes. In the urban areas, on the one hand, the mainstay of online commerce — smartphones — are witnessing lower than expected growth, on the other hand fashion and grocery goods have posted significant increase in demand.

Within the consumer durables segment too, while there is slump in output of discretionary goods such as air-conditioners and televisions, necessity items such as refrigerators, washing machines, cooking appliances have posted positive output trends.

This could call for multi-dimensional approach from policy makers to tackle this.

Mobile phones, which comprised the lion's share for online retail, have started to see a decline in share of e-commerce sales after at least four years. The share of mobiles, which was at 45 per cent during the first quarter of calendar year 2018, fell to 38 per cent in January-March period this year, according to data provided by RedSeer Consulting. The trend has shifted to mainly fashion and grocery, which command a lower ticket size and gross merchandise value (GMV) than the high-value products such as smartphones and consumer durables.

"The Indian e-tailing ecosystem always had a high share of mobile devices category, with the figure often exceeding 50 per cent of all GMV in certain quarters. Despite all efforts from e-tailers to wean customers off mobiles, seemingly nothing could end the love affair between Indian consumers and online purchase of mobile devices. Yet it finally seems like things are changing, as the mobile category share started dropping below 40 per cent since 2018 and likely to stay at around 35 per cent for 2019 as a whole," the consultancy firm noted in a recent research note.

In addition to online sales, smartphone shipments in India saw a slower than expected on-year growth of 4 per cent in first quarter of 2019. "The overall growth was slower than expected as some of the major brands were sitting on inventory after a stock build up during the festive period last quarter," said Anshika Jain, research analyst at Counterpoint Research.

However, this was against global smartphone shipments declining 5 per cent year-on-year in January-March 2019, which was the sixth consecutive quarter of shipments falling in the global smartphone market.

Despite a drop in online sales of electronic goods online, the consumer durables segment's output during 2018-19 grew 5.3 per cent — the highest in last five years led primarily by products such as washing machines, cooking appliances, electric heaters and refrigerators. As per a research report by CARE Ratings, while refrigerators saw 15.7 per cent on-year output growth, washing machines saw a growth of 10.3 per cent.

"However, output of TV sets and air conditioners (ACs) has been on a decline recently. TV sets show a downward trend since the past four years, where 2018-19 saw the sharpest fall of 37 per cent. ACs production fell in FY19 by 7 per cent, after a marginal growth of 2 per cent in FY18. The fall in production of some consumer durable products can be attributed to the very nature of such products, which are purchased with a gap of 3-7 years. Along with this, the drop in consumer demand owing to lesser purchasing power can be evidenced from the fall in outstanding loans growth for this segment, which reduced by Rs 13,400 crore year-on-year in FY19. Further, washing machines and refrigerators are considered to be more of necessities than TV sets and ACs which are considered to be 'comfort' goods," CARE Ratings said.

The fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) segment, which showed overall moderate production growth of 3.8 per cent during 2018-19, significantly lower than 10.5 per cent in the previous year witnessed the slump mainly due to slower sales in rural parts of the country.

"Slowdown in sales volume in the FMCG sector was credited to lower demand mainly from rural segment. Usually, the growth numbers posted by rural segment are higher compared with urban, due to inherently lower penetration levels in rural. However, in Q4-FY19 (January-March), rural growth lowered to reach same level as urban," the ratings agency said. It added that average realisation by farmers being lower than the minimum support price announced for kharif crops in August last year has led to lower income for the rural segment and affected consumption growth and demand pickup in the hinterlands.

Another key reason for the slowdown in consumption demand, especially outside of the metropolitan centres, is the slowdown in loan growth for India's NBFCs. NBFCs have been an important channel for extending credit to the wider economy, given their wide distribution networks, which are often more extensive across rural India than those of banks. The sector's role as a credit provider became outsized as the banking system, especially public sector banks, was forced to deal with its weak asset quality. According to Fitch, NBFCs now account for nearly 20 per cent of credit to the economy compared with about 15 per cent five years ago. The funding squeeze for the NBFCs sector, alongside the resultant cascading impact of the IL&FS and unfolding DHFL crisis, could spell further bad news for the already dismal consumption story.

LOWER GROWTH OF E-TAIL MAINSTAY - SMARTPHONES

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- In the urban areas, mainstay of online commerce — smartphones — are witnessing lower than expected growth, while fashion and grocery goods have posted significant increase in demand
- Necessity items such as refrigerators, washing machines have posted positive output trends

EXPLAINED

VEHICLE PRODUCTION CUT BY OVER 18%

Maruti slashes output for fourth straight month in May

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IN A reflection of how weak consumer demand is, Maruti Suzuki India said it had cut production by over 18 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in May, the fourth consecutive month in which it trimmed output. Despatches to dealers had fallen by 24 per cent year-on-year (YoY), among the steepest monthly declines in at least 7 years.

Market watchers said demand had flagged due to the increased prices of cars resulting from rising insurance premiums and hikes taken by manufacturers for new safety features. The muted demand has seen dealers stuck with high inventories.

In a stock exchange notice on Sunday, the country's biggest car maker said it produced a total of 151,188 units last month. The cut has been the sharpest — 42 per cent YoY — in the mini segment, comprising cars like Alto and old WagonR with the company rolling out just 23,874 units.

Models like the Baleno and Swift were somewhat less impacted with production of these cars pruned by about 10 per cent YoY. The least impacted segment was utility vehicles (UVS) where the output dipped by a little over 3 per cent.

Maruti Suzuki chairman RC Bhargava had observed in April that demand typically tended to be weak during pre-election months and therefore, a revival in the April-June quarter was unlikely. "For some reason, customers are postponing their purchases during the elections and that has hit retail demand," Bhargava had said.

Maruti had cut output by 10 per cent in April while in March, the cut was just under 21 per cent. This was the steepest decline in volume-wise monthly production since 2014 and in sharp contrast to a positive trend seen in the past several years, including double-digit growth for the last four years. In February, the company had cut production by over 8 per cent YoY to 1,48,959 units.

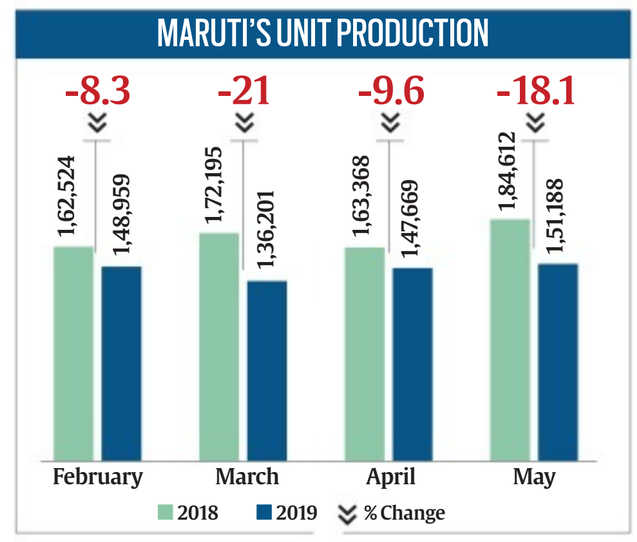
While the company has been putting out official data since January, production cuts, of nearly 30,000 units, are understood to have taken place in December 2018 too as stocks had piled up after a subdued festive season. While production normalised in January with sales picking up on the back of discounts, most dealers today are sitting on over 40 days of stocks.

Several other manufacturers of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers too have been resorting to production cuts in the past four to five months to clear unsold inventory.

Mahindra & Mahindra said last week it would shut production across plants for up to 13 days in the current quarter to adjust stocks to market demand. Others including Tata Motors, Honda Cars India and Renault-Nissan alliance have shut down their plants for anywhere between four and 10 days in May-June.

The companies have been trimming output since January this year. Analysts said liquidity crunch in the system was also a factor constraining volume growth and that the weakness was likely to continue.

"FY20 could also be a challenging year for the sector due to transition to BS-VI norms from April 1, 2020," analysts at Kotak Institutional Equities said. **FE**



SECTOR WATCH
MUTUAL FUNDS

Credit risk funds, fixed term plans see outflows in May

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CREDIT RISK funds and fixed term plans (FTPs) of mutual funds witnessed outflows during May 2019 as the recent credit default events in the NBFC sector continued to take a toll. However, equity funds witnessed a growth in inflows during the month.

According to data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), credit risk funds witnessed Rs 4,155 crore worth of outflows in May. In April 2019, credit risk funds recorded outflows of Rs 1,253 crore. Fixed Maturity Plans (FMPs) witnessed a net outflow of Rs 1,797 crore in May as against Rs 17,644 crore in April, while net outflow from the balanced hybrid funds category stood at Rs 2,481 crore in the month under review, as per AMFI.

The mutual fund industry has been witnessing redemption pressures in the wake of the debt crisis at various groups, including IL&FS, Essel and DHFL. Some fund houses have also deferred payouts to investors in fixed income schemes. However, on the equity front, net inflows into growth and equity oriented funds saw a growth after the decline in April. The inflows into equity funds including equity-linked savings schemes stood at Rs 5407 crore after the 42 per cent decline in inflows at Rs 4,608 crore in April. The jump in equity fund inflows follows the sharp rise in the stock markets after the victory of the NDA in the elections. The total corpus of the equity oriented funds were Rs 724,033 crore as of May 2019.

N S Venkatesh, CEO, AMFI said: "Continued retail investor confidence through SIPs has now set a new normal with monthly flows consistently crossing over Rs 8,000 crore. On debt side, investors can take advantage of declining interest rates to invest in Gilt and high-quality income funds. The retail fund flows would now hereon, further strengthen on back of political stability, promise of further economic reforms and improving macro-economic environment coupled with healthy corporate earnings growth."

Liquid funds used by companies to park surplus cash recorded inflows worth Rs 68,582 crore, but the inflows declined from Rs 89,778 registered in April this year.

AMFI has followed a new format to release data since April, , as mandated by Sebi. The format requires categorisation of schemes into various segments, open-ended, close-ended, and equity-oriented schemes. Under the income/debt oriented schemes, another category that saw a significant drop was low-duration funds that registered outflows of Rs 2,353 crore in May. The AMFI data also revealed that money-market/liquid funds got about Rs 72,500 crore in May versus Rs 96,200 crore in April,

Significantly, inflows in banking and PSU category increased to Rs 3,381 in May compared to Rs 2,792 crore in April. The average assets under management (AUM) of the mutual funds rose to Rs 25.43 lakh crore in May as against Rs 23.27 lakh crore in the period of last year.

'REDEMPTION PRESSURE'

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Bank deposit growth rise, credit offtake stagnant

The growth in deposits of commercial banks accelerated as of May 24, 2019, while credit offtake remained stagnant, according to the Reserve Bank of India data

10.1% growth in deposits of commercial banks as of May 24, 2019, up from 8.1% last year

14.2% growth in currency with public to Rs 21,17,340 crore as of May 24, 2019

12.7% growth in bank credit as against 12.8% last year

$421.86 billion forex reserves as of May 31, 2019

$22.95 billion is the value of gold reserves with RBI, up $1.76 bn in 2019

DEPOSITS UP: Outstanding bank deposits have gone up by Rs 11,45,720 crore on a year-on-year basis to Rs 124,98,550 crore even as most of the banks refused to go for deeper cut in interest rates

CREDIT OFFTAKE STEADY: Total credit offtake outstandings rose to Rs 96,22,590 crore in May 2019

OUTSTANDING AS ON MAY 24, 2019 (₹ CRORE)

	TOTAL	CHANGE*
Aggregate deposits	124,98,550	11,45,720
Demand deposits	13,13,190	143,310
Time deposits	111,85,350	10,02,410
Borrowings	357,530	-9,550
Bank Credit	96,22,590	10,84,930
Food Credit	65,720	12,810
Non-food credit	95,56,870	10,72,120

*Source: RBI * Rise year-on-year*

RBI relaxes norms for basic savings bank deposit accounts

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THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Monday relaxed the norms for the Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) accounts — or popularly known as no-frills accounts — allowing banks to provide cheque books and other facilities like minimum four withdrawals to basic account holders.

However, the banks cannot ask the BSBD account holders to maintain any minimum balance in lieu of such facilities.

Earlier, additional facilities made BSBD accounts like a normal savings account, thus attracting requirement of maintaining minimum balance and other charges. "Banks are now advised to offer... basic minimum facilities in the BSBD account, free of charge, without any requirement of minimum balance," the RBI said in a notification.

The new facilities allowed for BSBD accounts include deposit of cash at bank branch as well as ATMs and receipt/ credit of money through any electronic channel or by means of deposit /collection of cheques drawn by central/ state government agencies and departments.

The RBI has said there should not be any limit on number and value of deposits that can be made in a month. It has allowed minimum of four withdrawals in a month, including ATM withdrawals. It also allowed ATM card or ATM-cum-debit card for such accounts. "The BSBD account should be considered a normal banking service available to all," the RBI said.

The minimum free withdrawals available to the BSBD account holders can be made at all ATMs (own-bank or other bank ATMs), it said.

According to the RBI, banks are free to provide additional value-added services, including issue of cheque book, beyond the above minimum facilities, which may/ may not be priced (in non-discriminatory manner) subject to disclosure. "The availment of such additional services should be at the option of the customers," it said.

"However, while offering such additional services, banks should not require the customer to maintain a minimum balance. Offering such additional services will not make it a non-BSBD account, so long as the prescribed minimum services are provided free of charge," it said.

The RBI said the Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) account was designed as a savings account which will offer certain minimum facilities, free of charge, to the holders of such accounts. "In the interest of better customer service, it has been decided to make certain changes in the facilities associated with the account," it said.

The new norms will come into effect from July 1, 2019.

However, the holders of BSBD account will not be eligible for opening any other savings bank deposit account in that bank. If a customer has any other existing savings bank deposit account in that bank, he or she will be required to close it within 30 days from the date of opening a BSBD account. "Further, before opening a BSBD account, a bank should take a declaration from the customer that he is not having a BSBD account in any other bank," it said.

NEW FACILITIES

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NEW FACILITIES allowed for deposit of cash at bank branch and ATMs and receipt/ credit of money through any electronic channel or by means of cheques

US Fed is 'very destructive to us', says Trump

AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, JUNE 10

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump complained on Monday that Chinese President Xi Jinping enjoys a major advantage in the US-China trade war in that he controls China's central bank while Trump must deal with a Federal Reserve that is "very destructive to us".

Trump made clear in an interview with *CNBC* his frustration with a system that provides political independence for America's central bank. He noted that China's President, by contrast, is also head of the Chinese central bank. "He can do whatever he wants," Trump was quoted by *AP* as saying in the interview.

Trump also complained that even though he selected four of the Fed's five board members, including elevating Jerome Powell to chairman, "We have people on the Fed that really weren't, you know, they're not my people." The US President expressed exasperation that the Fed's policymaking committee raised its key short-term rate four times last year.

Meanwhile, a *Reuters* report quoted Trump as saying that he was ready to impose another round of punitive tariffs on Chinese imports if he does not reach a trade deal with China's president at a G20 summit later this month. **AP & REUTERS**

Centre compulsorily retires 12 senior I-T officers for corruption, extortion & misconduct

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 10

THE GOVERNMENT has compulsorily retired 12 senior Indian Revenue Service (income tax) officers, including one of the rank of the joint commissioner, following charges of corruption, extortion and professional misconduct against them. Finance Ministry issued the orders on Monday, which will come into effect from Tuesday afternoon on completing 50 years of age, the ministry said.

The officers who have been ousted include Ashok Agarwal (IRS 1985 batch), Joint Commissioner Income Tax, S K Srivastava (IRS 1989 batch), Commissioner (Appeal), Noida, Homi Rajvansh (IRS 1985 batch), B B Rajendra Prasad, Ajoy Kumar Singh (CIT) and B Arulappa (CIT). Other names in the list include Alok Kumar Mitra, Chander Saini Bharti, Andasu Ravindar, Vivek Batra, Swetabh Suman and Ram Kumar Bhargava.

A similar action under Rule 56 (j) was taken by the government in May 2016 when 33 officials of the Revenue Services, including seven Group 'A' officers, were prematurely retired for non-performance under Rule 56 (j) of CCS (Pension) Rules. All Central government employees are governed by the 'fundamental rules (FR)' and the Central Civil Services (CCS) rules and compulsory retirement is a provision in both of them. The Finance Ministry has cited Rule 56 (j) of Fundamental Rules for the recent step.

Finance Ministry sources said Ashok Agarwal, who remained suspended from 1999 to 2014, had serious complaints of corruption and major extortion from businessmen accused of helping self-styled godman Chandraswami. CBI had launched prosecution on charge of acquiring disproportionate assets worth Rs 12 crore in 2005 and departmental proceedings were initiated in early 2000, they said.

Srivastava was accused of sexual harassment of two women IRS officers of Commissioner rank, while Rajvansh had allegedly acquired movable and immovable assets worth over Rs 3.17 crore in the name of self and his family members. These movable and immovable properties had allegedly been acquired by abusing his official position and by corrupt and illegal means, sources said. Rajvansh was arrested by CBI after absconding from his headquarters to evade arrest and was also placed under suspension following his arrest, they said.

Ajoy Kumar Singh had a disproportionate assets case registered against him by the anti-corruption branch of the CBI, and was suspended from service in October 2009 pending criminal prosecution, sources said. Mitra was also allegedly involved in cases of corruptions and extortion and is alleged to have passed many wrongs and malafide assessment orders which were later on reversed by the appellate authorities. Bharti is alleged to have disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs 1.55 crore, which is 133.71 per cent of his known sources of income and using hawala channels for transferring the ill-gotten money.

Ravindar, another officer of Commissioner rank, was arrested by CBI with Rs 50 lakh with him and is alleged to have acquired assets in his name and in the name of his wife of about Rs 81 lakh, sources said. Batra has been accused by CBI in 2005 of abuse of his official position to accumulate assets disproportionate to his known sources of income amounting Rs 1.27 crore, they said.

Another officer, Suman, was accused of demanding Rs 50 lakh as bribe for providing relief to a businessman in a shell company matter and abusing his official position as a public servant to acquire immovable/movable assets from his ill-gotten money amounting to Rs 3.13 crore, they said.

All these 12 officers shall be paid a sum equivalent to the amount of pay & allowances for a period of three months calculated at same rate at which they were supposed to be withdrawing them (pay & allowances) immediately before their retirement, the ministry said.

ORDER IN EFFECT FROM TODAY

- The Finance Ministry issued the orders on Monday, which will come into effect from Tuesday afternoon

With eye on improving quality of macro-economic aggregates, MoSPI to set up 'National Data Warehouse'

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THE MINISTRY of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has proposed to set up a 'National Data Warehouse' wherein big data analytical tools will be leveraged to further improve the quality of macro-economic aggregates, the Ministry said Monday. The MoSPI is also redrafting the National Policy on Official Statistics (NPOS), which it said it had earlier placed in public domain.

Efforts are also on to evolve a legislative framework under which the National Statistical Commission (NSC) may function with independence and give holistic guidance for improving the national statistical system, the Ministry said. On the issue of restructuring in official statistics system, the Ministry said it's "giving an increased focus on Data Quality and Assurance by repositioning the existing data processing personnel".

"As far as the statistical reforms are concerned, it is important to note that system reforms are an ongoing process and are necessary for ensuring responsiveness to the changing needs of society," it said.

It also said the advent of technology necessitates reforms in statistical processes and products, with an aim to synergise the existing resources so that the system remains responsive. MoSPI, in an order on May 23, had cleared the merger of NSSO and CSO under National Statistical Office (NSO).

On the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates, the Ministry said the revision in GDP estimates occurs when data coverage from administrative sources improves over time and these improvements get well documented.

It said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had raised certain issues on the usage of double deflation in the Indian GDP series and India has informed IMF that the existing data availability does not permit its application at present.

Referring to media reports which cite the changes in GDP growth and result in varying outcomes obtained by different authors from their own distinct assumptions, MoSPI said "it was because of such views that the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) had not agreed to the use of the double deflation at present stage. Moreover, double deflation is used in only a few countries that have a Producers Price Index (PPI) to deflate the inputs. MoSPI is working closely with Ministry of Commerce and Industry to have the methodology for the PPI finalised."

MORE 'INDEPENDENCE' TO FUNCTION FOR NSC

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ACTION SOUGHT UNDER SECTION 140 OF COMPANIES ACT

Corporate Affairs Ministry moves NCLT to get IFIN auditors barred

SFIO probe found that auditors did not present 'true and fair' state of affairs of IFIN

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THE MINISTRY of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on Monday moved the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), urging that Deloitte Haskin and Sells and BSR Associates, auditors for IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN), be barred from providing audit services in India for five years.

The move follows a probe by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office's (SFIO), which found that auditors failed to present the "true and fair" state of affairs of IFIN. The MCA counsel said the probe revealed that the auditors did not ask questions when loans were given to companies with negative net worth or inadequate security.

IFIN is among the 348 subsidiaries of the IL&FS group, which owes over Rs 95,000 crore to lenders. The group ran into trouble after many of its arms began defaulting since last September, and on October 1, the government suspended its board and took over the company.

In a fresh plea filed under Section 140 of the Companies Act, the MCA counsel sought the deemed removal of BSR and Deloitte as auditors for IFIN.

Section 140 allows for auditors to be removed. It further provides that "an auditor, whether individual or firm, against whom final order has been passed by the Tribunal under this section shall not be eligible to be appointed as an auditor of any company for a period of five years from the date of passing of the order".

Audit partners Kalpesh Mehta, Sampath Ganesh and Udayan Sen were also named as respondents in the plea. The NCLT gave respondents time till June 19 to file their replies and the next date for hearing has been fixed on June 21.

The SFIO had submitted its second interim report on the investigation on IL&FS on May 28. On the basis of their findings, the investigative arm of MCA also filed a chargesheet on May 30, which stated that Mehta, Ganesh, Sen and others failed to discharge their duties as auditors as per Section 143 of the Companies Act.

The SFIO accused the audit firms and partners of colluding with officials of the company to conceal facts and of "fraudulently falsifying the books of accounts and thereby financial statements from FY2013-14 to 2017-18". The audit firms knowingly withheld crucial information, including the negative net owned fund and credit adequacy ratio of IFIN, which directly led to losses for creditors and investors, it said.

To avoid NPA classification of defaulting loan facilities, IFIN's top management lent to other firms belonging to the borrowing group for repaying the principal and/or interest of the defaulting borrowing company. This modus operandi was repeated several times until the final loan facility was either written off or declared an NPA or went unrecognised.

The SFIO's investigation revealed that audit committee members were aware of this fraudulent practice. The auditors were aware of the company's stressed asset portfolio, of non-receipt of fees and income, especially from IL&FS group companies, but they did not ensure adequate disclosure. "The auditors knowingly did not reveal the true state of affairs of the company," the chargesheet stated.

The RBI, Sebi, and the ICAI have also been made parties to the MCA's plea. **FE**

IL&FS board extends deadline for claims submission to June 20

Mumbai: The board of IL&FS has extended the deadline for submission of claims to June 20 following an order passed by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal. The earlier deadline was June 5.

In a release on Monday, IL&FS said the new board initiated a comprehensive claims management process for 70 group entities through the launch of pan-India public notices on May 22. "This extension is pursuant to the order passed by the NCLAT on May 29, 2019, wherein the court had extended the period for lenders to file their claims by June 20th ..." it added. **PTI**

BRIEFLY

RBI nod to Chhibber as J&K Bank CMD

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank Monday approved the appointment of R K Chhibber as interim CMD of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bank following the removal of Parvez Ahmed from the post by the state government. Ahmed was removed by the state government on alleged charges of corruption, nepotism and favouritism.

'Slowdown in global trade affects growth'

New Delhi: Slowdown in global trade and investment is of serious concern as it adversely affects economic growth, development and job creation, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said. He has called for de-escalating trade tensions and reviving confidence in the rules-based multilateral trading system.

New deadline for startup rankings

New Delhi: The Commerce and Industry Ministry will now consider measures taken by states and union territories (UTs) till September 30 for ranking them based on initiatives taken to strengthen their start-up ecosystems.

Pradhan speaks to US Energy Secretary

New Delhi: In a telephonic conversation with US Secretary of Energy Rick Perry Monday, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan discussed ways to enhance energy security and impact of crude price volatility on consuming nations. **PTI**

ABFRL to acquire Jaypore for ₹110 crore

New Delhi: Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL) on Monday said it was buying ethnic brand Jaypore — which primarily sells online — at an enterprise value of Rs 110 crore in an all-cash transaction. **ENS**

Job openings in US slip; hiring at all-time high

Washington: Job openings in the United States fell slightly in April, but a surge in hiring to a record high suggested strong demand for labor before a recent escalation in trade tensions that was partly blamed for a sharp slowdown in employment growth last month. **REUTERS**

'New NPA norms offer banks, borrowers a breather'

Crisil and Bank of America-Merrill Lynch termed the new non-performing assets (NPAs) resolution framework issued by RBI as "balanced" as it provides a big breather to both banks and stressed companies

BALANCE BETWEEN TIGHT TIMELINES & EXTREME DELAYS: The new framework "strikes a fine balance between tight regulatory timelines mandated previously for resolving stressed assets, and inordinate delays that occurred in the past when resolving and provisioning for such assets", it added

FORMULATION OF STRATEGY: The change in timelines for implementation of the resolution plans, including the 30-day review period, will help lenders formulate their strategies, the agency said

IMPROVED REALISATIONS: It pointed out that doing away with mandatory referral to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) can lead to improved realisations as intrinsic value of assets can be preserved

ACCELERATED PROVISIONING: The provision for accelerated provisioning within the new NPA resolution framework issued by the central bank will disincentivise lenders from avoiding referring cases to IBC, the ratings agency noted

FLEXIBILITY TO BANKS: Bank of America-Merrill Lynch said the new framework accords banks flexibility to restructure stressed loans bilaterally (with provisions) or refer them to the National Company Law Tribunal for auction

₹1 LAKH CRORE OWED BY POWER SECTOR FIRMS

Crisil said the immediate breather will be for power sector firm, which owe Rs 1 lakh crore, and banks with exposure to these firms as otherwise they would have been staring at "significant" haircuts from these accounts

'NPAs fall to 9.3% in FY19, deeper than RBI estimate'

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THE SYSTEM-WIDE non-performing assets (NPAs) stock has declined massively to 9.3 per cent in March 2019, much faster than the Reserve Bank's estimate and steeply down from 11.5 per cent the year before, says a report by Crisil.

The report comes at a time when most banks in the country are at the cusp of an end of the NPA pains after a prolonged period, and are concentrating on the resolution now.

"System-wide NPAs have declined in fiscal 2019 to 9.3 per cent as of March 2019 after tripling to 11.5 per cent in the four fiscals till March 2018," the ratings agency said in its note, released on Monday.

NCLT set to hear insolvency petitions against Jet on June 13

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IN THE absence of any representatives from Jet Airways, the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday decided to hear two separate petitions filed by the cash-strapped airline's operational creditors, Shaman Wheels and Gaggar Enterprises, on June 13.

Adjourning the matter, the bench said that the court will serve a notice to Jet Airways.

According to the cause list available on the NCLT website, Gaggar Enterprises has also filed a second petition under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which allows a financial creditor to file an application against the corporate debtor.

Shaman Wheels, which provided car services to the airline for its pilots and other staff members, has dues of around Rs 6.17 crore pending from Jet Airways.

According to media reports, Gaggar Enterprises sold packaged drinking water to Jet Airways.

The development comes at a time when banks are looking to resolve the once-premier airline's debt issues outside the insolvency process.

Jet Airways owes more than Rs 8,000 crore to a consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India, while it has a much larger debt pile by way of accumulated losses to the tune of Rs 13,000 crore, vendor dues of over Rs 10,000 crore and salary dues of over Rs 3,000 crore. **FE**

Sashakt panel: RBI's new framework to accelerate resolution of stressed assets

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THE MANDATORY norm of inter-creditor agreement allows banks to decide resolution strategy outside the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and will help lenders to accelerate resolution process of stressed assets, Sashakt Committee on bad loans said Monday. "The requirement of entering into the Inter-Creditor Agreement is an endorsement by the RBI of the need for the lenders to have a framework for resolution outside IBC," the panel headed by PNB non-executive chairman Sunil Mehta said.

The members of the panel that works toward faster resolution of stressed assets in public sector banks include SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar, Bank of Baroda MD-CEO P S Jayakumar, and SBI deputy MD Venkat Nageswar.

The Reserve Bank Friday had replaced a tough norm on NPA categorisation by lenders, as it was quashed by the Supreme Court in April, and provided banks additional period of 30 days to declare an account as dud. The RBI had issued a circular in February last year for resolution of bad loans under which a loan account could be categorised an non-performing asset if it missed repayment for a day.

"The Sashakt Committee recommends the existing ICA agreement executed by 35 banks/FI's under the aegis of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) be adopted to incorporate the revised voting threshold / other changes for decision making stipulated by the RBI. It will enable expeditious implementation of the new framework," the release said.

Central Drug Laboratory says J&J's baby shampoo 'does not contain formaldehyde'

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JOHNSON & Johnson's baby shampoo does not contain chemical formaldehyde, re-tests done by noted Central Drugs Laboratory in Kolkata has said.

The laboratory conducted tests on two different lots of the J&J baby shampoo after the firm contested a March 5, 2019, finding by the Rajasthan Drugs Control Organisation (RDCO), that claimed to have found formaldehyde in the shampoo.

The RDCO on its website posted results of the tests done by Central Drugs Laboratory which stated that "the sample does not contain formaldehyde" in case of both the lots. When contacted a J&J spokesperson said: "We are pleased with the conclusion of the Rajasthan FDA, which confirms that Johnson's Baby Shampoo does not contain formaldehyde".

The outcome reaffirms the company's own testing and the longstanding assurance it gave that its baby shampoo does not contain formaldehyde or any formaldehyde-releasing ingredients, J&J said. "Importantly, this is the result of the appellate laboratory, following a magistrate court order for re-testing, and overrules an earlier test result that was erroneous," the spokesperson said.

Nothing is more important to Johnson & Johnson than the safety of people who use its products, and the company's quality assurance process is rigorous - meeting or exceeding standards in every country where its products are sold, the company said.

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JOHNSON & JOHNSON SPOKESPERSON

Low RE tariffs not aberration: RK Singh

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CITING LOW maintenance cost and increasing availability of efficient renewable energy equipment, New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh said the current tariff rates discovered for various renewable projects are viable, and "low tariffs are not an aberration". He was speaking at a review meeting held on Monday, where he was taking stock of the development of the sector.

To help renewable energy developers get access to easy finance, MNRE was asked to follow up with RBI for removal of the priority sector lending limit for the sector. Singh also requested lenders to categorise renewable energy as a separate sector, different from the stress-laden thermal power industry. Bankers were asked to tie up with solar energy corporation of India for offering predetermined loans to successful bidders. **FE**

SC stays its own order to raze 5 Kerala buildings for violating CRZ norms

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THE SUPREME Court Monday restrained authorities from executing its earlier order directing razing of five apartment complexes in Kerala for violating Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms till it heard the matter next. Hearing applications by some residents of these apartment complexes located in Maradu municipality in Ernakulam district, a vacation bench of Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice Ajay Rastogi directed that the applications be listed in the first week of July before the same bench which passed the demolition order on May 8.

It further said that "for a period of six weeks or until further orders whichever is earlier, there will be an interim order restraining the respondents from demolishing the buildings in question".

The petitioners submitted that the SC had on November 27, 2018, directed that a three-member committee, comprising Secretary of the Local Self Government Department, Chief Municipal Officer of the concerned Municipality, and Collector of the District be constituted to hear objections to the show-cause notice issued for removal of buildings.

The petitioners said the Committee was directed to hear the affected parties as well as the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority (CZMA) and the state government, and to submit a report to the SC.

However, they contended the Committee submitted its report without giving them an opportunity of hearing. A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Navin Sinha had on May 8 ordered demolition of the five complexes — Holy Faith Apartments, Kayaloram Apartments, Holiday Heritage, Alfa Ventures, and Jain Heritage — and observed that the state, devastated by last year's floods, cannot withstand another flood on account of illegal constructions.

The decision came on a special leave petition filed by the State CZMA. The SC had given authorities a month's time (from the May 8 ruling) to carry out demolition.

Microsoft unveils Xbox console for 2020 release

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MICROSOFT CORP unveiled on Sunday its next-generation Xbox console, known as "Project Scarlett," which is set to hit store shelves during the 2020 holiday season.

The device will be four times more powerful than the Xbox One X console and be powered by an Advanced Micro Devices chip, the company said during its Xbox E3 conference in Los Angeles.

The console will show up to 120 frames per second, or twice the average TV, and include a solid-state drive, Microsoft said, allowing games to load much faster than on its older mechanical hard drives. The latest version of Microsoft's popular "Halo" videogame will be launched along with the new console. Microsoft also announced 14 game titles from Xbox Game Studios, including shooter video game "Gears 5."

Trump says United Tech, Raytheon deal may hurt competition

MAKINI BRICE & DOINA CHIACU
WASHINGTON, JUNE 10

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said on Monday he was a "little concerned" about the merger of defense contractor Raytheon Co and United Technologies Corp but gave a mixed message as to whether he believed the $121 billion deal should go forward.

"I want to see that we don't hurt our competition," Trump said in an interview with *CNBC*. "I hope the Raytheon deal, I hope it can happen. But I don't want to see where we have one less person that can compete for an order."

The merger, announced Sunday and likely to close in the first half of 2020, might upend the aerospace sector, creating a conglomerate spanning commercial aviation and defense procurement. The Pentagon would be one of the new firm's largest clients.

"When I hear they're merging, does that take away more competition?" Trump said. "It becomes one big, fat, beautiful company, but I have to negotiate, meaning the United States has to buy things, and does that make it less competitive? Because ... it's already non-competitive."

Shares of Raytheon rose 1.4 per cent at mid-afternoon. United Technologies fell nearly 2 per cent.

United Technologies Chief Executive Greg Hayes said he saw very few regulatory hurdles for the proposed merger. Asked about Trump's views on the deal, he said he would talk to the president later on Monday. **REUTERS**

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DONALD TRUMP'
US PRSIDENT

Finance Ministry seeks consultants for sale of PSU land, buildings

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THE FINANCE ministry is scouting for consultancy firms for assistance in selling land and building assets of public sector companies as it works towards achieving the stiff sell-off target of Rs 90,000 crore for 2019-20.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has floated a Request for Empanelment (RFE) to empanel international property consultancy firms or any other firms engaged in transaction advisory services, asset monetisation or project management.

The firms would assist DIPAM in formulating monetisation strategy with respect to land and building assets, conducting techno-economic feasibility studies of each of the assets, providing end-to-end transaction advisory services and ensuring completion of transactions. "A major portion of the .... (non-core) government assets is in form of land and buildings, for monetisation of which this RFE is being floated," it said.

The non-core assets could be categorised broadly into land and buildings, brownfield operational assets such as pipelines, roads, mobile towers, electricity transmission lines. It could also include financial assets, like equity shares, debt securities, other hybrid/structured finance asset units.

"Many of the assets are sub-optimally utilised and can be appropriately monetised to create greater financial leverage and value for the companies and the government, being the shareholder. Government intends to monetise select non-core and other assets owned by CPSEs/PSUs ... using appropriate model," DIPAM said.

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PEOPLE POWER MEETS BULLETS

Sudan's Tiananmen?

Pro-democracy protesters are slaughtered in Khartoum

WHERE JUST weeks ago the scent of freedom waps in the air, there came the smell of smoke and cordite. The sounds of jubilant song gave way to those of automatic gunfire and the screams of the dying. In the early hours of June 3rd Sudan's armed forces moved against pro-democracy protesters who had been holding a sit-in since April outside the army's headquarters in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. They shot and killed more than 100 people, including some children. All that remains of the carnival of democracy that had sprouted there are burnt tents and rubbish.

It was the worst violence since demonstrations toppled Sudan's brutal dictator, Omar al-Bashir, in April. It was also the most gruesome. People were whipped, raped and robbed. Bodies were slung into the Nile. Doctors treating the wounded were beaten and shot. In Omdurman, across the river, rescuers fished out the bodies of people who had been hurled, screaming, off a bridge.

Residents of the capital likened the carnage to atrocities committed by government forces and its militias during Sudan's long civil wars. Not coincidentally, the bulk of the bloodshed this week was the work of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a paramilitary force linked to the Janjaweed, a militia responsible for genocide in Darfur. Thousands of its troops now patrol Khartoum.

On June 3rd the Transitional Military Council, which took over after Mr Bashir's fall, turned off the internet and phone networks. Its leader, Abdel-Fattah Burhan, said the junta would form an interim government and hold elections in nine months. The Sudanese Professionals Association, which has spearheaded the uprising since it began last December, rejected the plan.

Trouble had been brewing for weeks. Protesters and the junta were tussling over who would control the country's transition to democracy. Negotiators had agreed on some issues, such as the establishment of a civilian-led parliament and cabinet, and a three-year transition before elections. But talks stalled over the contentious issue of who would be in charge of the highest decision-making body, the sovereign council.

To break the deadlock, the protesters declared a national strike, while the junta turned to its powerful deputy head, Muhammad Hamdan Dagalo (who is widely known as Hemedti) and his RSF. A former camel-rustler who had dropped out of primary school, Mr Dagalo rose to prominence after turning his clan of Arab nomads in Darfur into a gang of the Janjaweed. Horse-riders from that militia suppressed a rebellion 15 years ago by burning villages, slaughtering civilians and raping the women who couldn't escape.

Today, money and diplomatic support from anti-democratic Arab regimes have emboldened the junta. Mr Dagalo had previously sent at least 3,000 mercenaries to fight for Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)in Yemen.

His forces are well-equipped and battle-hardened, and he has rich friends. The junta's call for financial help was quickly answered. Saudi Arabia and the UAE sent $500m and promised another $2.5bn. Egypt's security forces, no stranger to coups, are thought to have offered advice.

Demonstrators in Sudan are enraged by the betrayal of their democratic revolution. *Reuters*

Yet the junta's swift resort to violence may have increased the risk of civil war. It could, perhaps, have let the protests gradually run out of steam. Instead, it unleashed death just before the start of Eid, the festival to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan. "The country will never forgive them for gunning down innocents the day before Eid," says a doctor from Khartoum. Soldiers and policemen not affiliated with the RSF are said to be furious about the bloodshed. Troops in several garrisons have mutinied and tried to break into armouries to grab weapons to fight the RSF.

The killings also raise questions over where exactly power resides. Mr Dagalo, who denies orchestrating the violence in Khartoum (the government also claims the RSF was not involved), is thought to have presidential ambitions. If so, he may seek to undermine any transition that weakens him. He "needs state power to protect his interests", says Magdi el-Gizouli of the Rift Valley Institute, a think-tank. "He is effectively terrorising the population of Khartoum into submission."

He is not the only one with an incentive to thwart democracy. Mr Bashir kept himself in power for 30 years by playing factions off against one another. Many in the junta fear a new order, especially if it establishes the rule of law. Some fear justice for atrocities in Darfur or elsewhere.

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The latest killings give the top brass even more reason to worry. The junta is "basically in the same exact boat as Bashir", who faces charges of genocide at the International Criminal Court (ICC), says Ahmed Kodouda, a political analyst.

Demonstrators, meanwhile, are enraged by the betrayal of their democratic revolution. From Al-Haj Yousif, an outlying neighbourhood of Khartoum, come reports of fresh protests suppressed by gunfire. In hospital corridors, doctors and patients alike sing protest songs, vowing not to abandon their struggle.

Averting a civil war in Sudan may require trade-offs between justice and peace. Outsiders, including Western governments and the African Union, have condemned the violence and called for a civilian-led transition. But many, including Britain, also insist that those responsible for war crimes be held accountable and handed over to the International Criminal Court. The fear is that Sudan may get only one of these things, or neither.

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GOOGLE'S ALGORITHM

Seek and you shall find

Google rewards reputable reporting, not left-wing politics

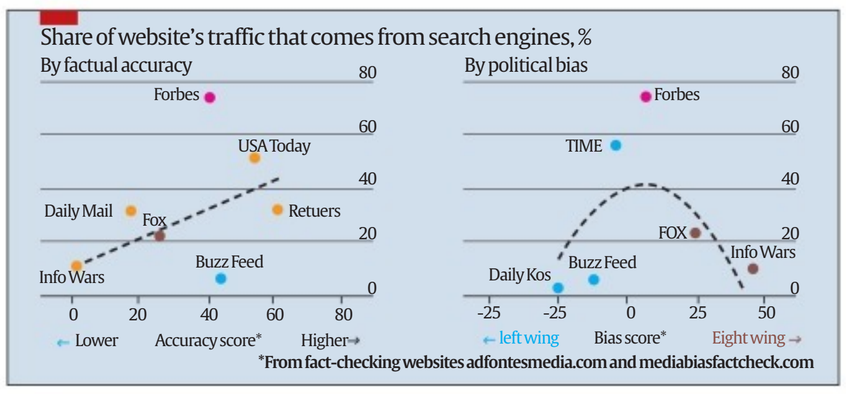
"GOOGLE & others are suppressing voices of Conservatives", tweeted Donald Trump in 2018. "They are controlling what we can & cannot see." The president's charges of bias are often dubious. But many people worry about algorithms absorbing human prejudices. Robert Epstein, an academic, has compiled data that show Google suggesting more positive terms when users type "Hillary Clinton" than when they look up Mr Trump. PJ Media, a conservative blog, claims that liberal sites get 96% of results for "Trump" on Google's news page, a compilation of links to recent articles.

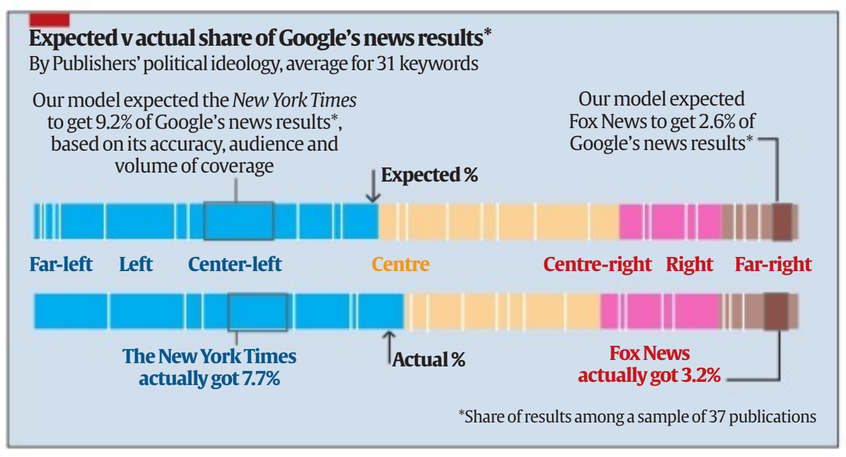
Google says that the 10,000 human evaluators who rate sources for its search engine assess "expertise" and "trustworthiness" but not ideology. Web-traffic figures support this defence. Sites with high scores from fact-checking groups, whose judgments probably resemble Google's, draw larger shares of their visitors from search engines than sites with low scores do. Factually inaccurate sources also tend to have strong left- or right-wing slants.

Nonetheless, a subtle bias might not show up in such broad statistics. To test for favouritism, *The Economist* ran an experiment, comparing a news site's share of search results with a statistical prediction based on its output, reach and accuracy.

We first wrote a program to obtain Google results for any keyword. Using a browser with no history, in a politically centrist part of Kansas, we searched for 31 terms for each day in 2018, yielding 175,000 links.

Next, we built a model to predict each site's share of the links Google produces for each keyword, based on the premise that search results should reflect accuracy and audience size, as Google claims. We started with each outlet's popularity on social media and, using data from Meltwater, a media-tracking firm, how often they covered each topic. We also used accuracy ratings from fact-checking websites, tallies of Pulitzer prizes and results from a poll by YouGov about Americans' trust in 37 sources.





Google says the 10,000 human evaluators who rate sources for its search engine assess 'expertise' and 'trustworthiness'. *Reuters*

If Google favoured liberals, left-wing sites would appear more often than our model predicted, and right-wing ones less. We saw no such trend. Overall, centre-left sites like the *New York Times* got the most links—but only about as many as our model suggested. Fox News beat its modest expectations. Because most far-right outlets had bad trust scores, they got few search results. But so did Daily Kos, a far-left site.

Our study does not prove Google is impartial. In theory, Google could serve un-biased links only to users without a browsing history. If fact-checkers and Pulitzer voters are partisan, our model will be too.

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Moreover, some keywords did suggest bias—in both directions. Just as PJ Media charged, the New York Times was over-represented on searches for "Trump". However, searches for "crime" leaned right: Fox News got far more links than expected.

This implies that Google's main form of favouritism is to boost viral articles. The most incendiary stories about Mr Trump come from leftist sources. Gory crime coverage is more prevalent on right-leaning sites. Readers will keep clicking on both.

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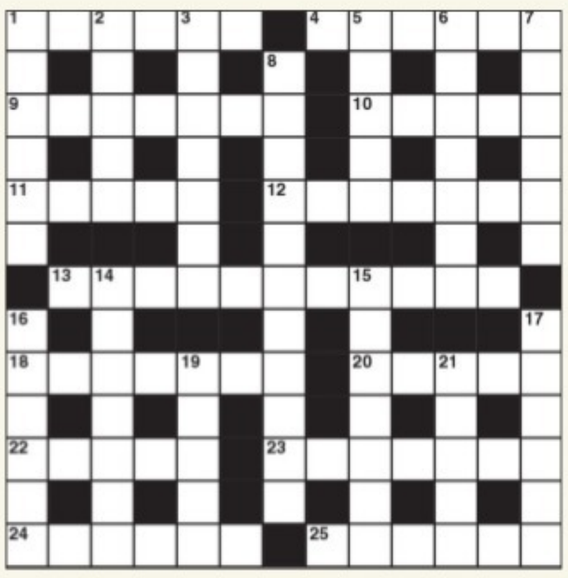


ACROSS

1 Break a hole in the wall (6)
4 One who takes this may be caught napping (6)
9 Tract of grassland left out (7)
10 Pretty girl emerges from New York at speed (5)
11 Type of song not to miss (5)
12 A dog on a hill as a caretaker (7)
13 Material compensation for sacrificing leisure (8,3)
18 He leads on in a military procession (7)
20 Rosie's willowy form (5)
22 Support the breaking of a lease (5)
23 Vain yet possibly showing simplicity (7)
24 The most logical form of assent (6)
25 Win, possibly earned (6)

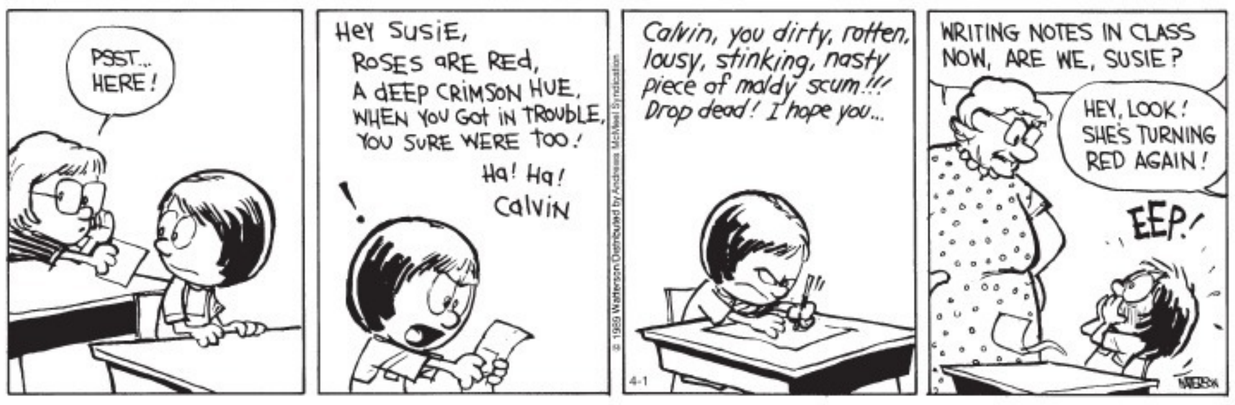
DOWN

1 Remains holy? (6)
2 Shipping trade (5)
3 A matchmaking element (7)
5 Main meal without a starter? It won't please this man (5)
6 Total taking a craft up in Indonesia (7)
7 A wild horse on land (6)
8 Whip out one's trading reserve? (5,2,4)
14 Meat stewed in ovens (7)
15 Noise or disturbance can be wearing (7)
16 Name is translated for French city (6)
17 Collect a petition (6)
19 How a ship sways and lists (5)
21 Girl showing passion over loveless one (5)

Solutions Crossword 3828: Across: 1 Inferno, 5 Asses, 8 Exercise books, 9 Lisle, 10 Entitle, 11 Behest, 12 Espied, 15 Impeach, 17 Lacks, 19 Filled the bill, 20 Deeps, 21 Resists. **Down:** 1 Ideal, 2 Feels the pulse, 3 Rackets, 4 Oyster, 5 Ambit, 6 Short circuits, 7 Suspend, 11 Briefed, 13 Solders, 14 Whiter, 16 Avers, 18 Soles.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
You won't be alone in deciding that friends and colleagues are just being too much trouble. One minute they're all over you, the next it's all over. Neither at home nor at work will you be free from such capricious people. And, if children, friends or lovers want most of the attention, you'd better let them have it.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The time may not yet have come for decisive action at home. In any event, there is so much potential for misunderstanding this week that you might be well advised to stick to uncontroversial matters, difficult as this restriction may be to observe. Really, you need to make up your own rules.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Bearing in mind that you are passing through a phase of existence that must be described as favourable, you may survive a financial crisis intact. However, you should insure yourself by taking every possible precaution. After all, a good gambler always calculates the odds well in advance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It is now time to start holding peace talks. Even if friends and colleagues are still behaving irrationally, you must make every effort to pour oil on troubled waters and distinguish fact from fantasy. And, as an added aside, don't let anyone over-charge you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
What you need now is a bolt-hole, somewhere to hide from the attacks and criticisms that seem to be heading in your direction. One of your fears is that personal friction will disrupt your working life. Perhaps you're just a little too thin-skinned today.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
The strongest planet of the moment is Venus, which is currently indicating emotional turmoil. This is not an easy time for you practical Virgoans, but it is certainly easier than last week, and I suspect that you will handle partners' demands better than most people.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Obstinacy doesn't suit you. It never did, and it certainly doesn't now. According to an old Chinese saying, the branch which does not bend in the wind will break. Right now, you are that branch, so it is vital that you adopt a totally pragmatic and flexible approach.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Your planetary pictures are so contradictory that it is honestly impossible to say whether this is a good moment for you to travel or not. Much depends on how you handle your personal relationships. I should think that it's time to tie up loose ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Around this time of year, when the Sun is beginning to pass through materialistic regions of your chart, you are forced to pay more attention to other people's needs. The sense in such an approach will become clear if you consider the financial consequences of a personal rift.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You do tend to feel over-dependent on people around you, and the determination of others to exploit your discomfort may make you feel rather uneasy about the future. Yet, if you are to be entirely truthful, you must see just how far you are responsible for the current situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Very little in astrology is subject to fate, or to circumstances we can't influence. Difficult planetary aspects are not bound to bring personal disputes to the fore, but this may be precisely the result you get unless you take the initiative and try to force everyone to co-operate.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
It is said of the Piscean that he, or she, finds it almost impossible not to share in other people's unhappiness. Yet you know that, at times like these, it is so much more helpful if you attempt to soothe their ruffled feathers. Bring a smile to a partner's lips.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Life is the art of ___ without an ___ - John Gardner (7,..,6)

SVAEE
GIINRS
BIARR
EEIDGW

SOLUTION: EAVES, BRIAR, RISING/SIRING, WEDGIE
Answer: Life is the art of **drawing** without an eraser - John Gardner

SUDOKU 3875

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

		6	4		1	5		
	2						1	
1	7			6			9	3
2	8						4	7
			2		3			
7	6						5	9
9	3			1			2	5
	1						6	
		2	7		4	8		

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3874

6	3	5	2	7	4	8	1	9
9	8	4	6	1	5	7	3	2
2	7	1	8	9	3	5	4	6
4	5	6	9	3	2	1	7	8
1	2	3	7	6	8	9	5	4
7	9	8	5	4	1	2	6	3
3	4	9	1	2	7	6	8	5
5	6	7	3	8	9	4	2	1
8	1	2	4	5	6	3	9	7

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
ASSAM STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
PALTAN BAZAR, GUWAHATI

Ref. No:STPH/Tender/2019-20/0153 Dtd. 07.06.2019

Re-Tender Notice

Assam State Transport Corporation (A.S.T.C) invites sealed tenders in two bid system for
a) Purchase of automobile spare parts (Tata, Ashok Leyland, SML, Eicher, Volvo) for passenger buses (Heavy & Medium) from authorized dealers or retailers.
b) Supply of new tyre, tube & flap from reputed manufacturer company.
c) Purchase of automobile battery for pasenger buses (Heavy & Medium) from reputed manufacturers.
Interested tenderers may collect the tender document for the category of item he is interested in from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours on payment of Rs.1000.00 (Rupees one thousand only) in cash to the cash counter.
The Re-tender document can also be downloaded from our website: www.astc.assam.gov.in w.e.f. 07.06.2019 up to 24.06.2019. Any new information related to the tender documents will be published in the website only. In case, the tender document is downloaded from the website and tender is submitted, the tender document fee Rs.1000.00 in the form of bank draft drawn in favour of the Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation, payable at SBI, South Guwahati, Assam shall have to be submitted along with the technical bid.
Tenderer, who had submitted tenders in response to previous NIT No. STPH/Tender/2019-20/988 dtd. 05.02.2019 may submit fresh tender in pursuance of the Re-tender notice or he may opt to retain his tender submitted earlier. In that case he will have to give an undertaking to accept his previous tender and shall have drop his acceptance letter in tender box or they may send by registered post to reach the office of the undersigned on or before last date & time of submission of re-tender of each category as mentioned on the tender documents.

(A.P. TIWARI, IPS)
Managing Director
A.S.T.Corporation, Guwahati

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Cancellation of Tender

Due to administrative reason NIT No. 21/2019-20/W-V for the under noted work to be opened on 28.06.2019 is hereby cancelled.
The name of work and other details is as under :-

1. Construction of 3.05m. wide Foot Over Bridge at Patli station on Delhi-Rewari section. **Tender Cost Rs. 21147272.95**

No. 128-W/280/e -Tender Notice/2019-20/W-V Dated: 10.06.2019 **1827/2019**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No.417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
Fax: 044-2819 0636 Website: www.tnmsc.com, E-Mail: enquiry@tnmsc.com

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, TNMSC Ltd., from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria in the tender document for the supply of **Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine** to Animal Husbandry Department for the year 2019-2020.

Tender Reference No.	008/M(P)/FMD/TNMSC/2019, Dated: 11.06.2019
Tender Document Sale Period	11.06.2019 to 24.06.2019
Last Date and Time for receipt of tender	25.06.2019 upto 10.30 AM
Date and Time of opening	25.06.2019 at 11.30 AM

The tender document can be downloaded from the websites of **www.tnmsc.com** and **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** on free of cost.

DIPR/1917/Tender/2019 **General Manager (Drugs)**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

Ref - NIT No: S.W.M.C.NO.A7/3025/2017 - Package I **Dated: 03.06.2019**

Issuance of Corrigendum for Package I (Fourth Call)

The Superintending Engineer (SWM) Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), would like to inform that the Corrigendum for the Fourth Call of **"Collection & Transportation of Solid Waste, Street Sweeping Waste (including street sweeping activities), Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste in the Zones No. 1, 2, 3 & 7 (Package-I) to the Designated Processing Facility/ Dump Site/ Depositing Centers of Greater Chennai Corporation"** under Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model has been issued and uploaded. It is available for download at www.tntenders.gov.in. from **03.06.2019** onwards.

For Further Information, Please Contact:
The Office of the Superintending Engineer (SWM)
Contact No.: 044-25619228/25303839
Email: seswm@chennaicorporation.gov.in

DIPR/1806/Tender/2019 **Superintending Engineer (SWM)**

KAMARAJAR PORT LIMITED
(A Mini Ratna Govt. of India Undertaking)
Vallur Post, Chennai – 600 120.
CIN: U45203TN1999GOI043 322

RFP FOR SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ENGINEER

Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) invites online tenders from reputed consultants for **"Independent Engineer Services for Development of Container Terminal (Phase II)"** at Port.

For details visit: **www.kamarajarport.in** & **www.eprocure.gov.in**
Hindi version would be available in the KPL website

General Manager (CS & BD)

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल सं0–3, मानगो,जमशेदपुर

ई0–प्रोक्युरमेंट सूचना
ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या
WRD/SMP/CC/MDD3/SBD-03/2019-20

दिनांकः– 07.06.2019

1.	कार्य का नामः–	चांडिल बॉयी मुख्य नहर के कि0मी0 21.00 से कि0मी0 22.90 के बीच Protection Wall, का निर्माण कार्य।
2.	प्राक्कलित राशिः–	रू0 4,85,58,486.00 लाख (रूपये चार करोड़ पचासी लाख अनठावन हजार चार सौ छियासी) मात्र।
3.	अग्रधन की राशिः–	रू0 4,85,600.00 (रूपये चार लाख पचासी हजार छः सौ) मात्र।
4.	कार्य पूरा करने की अवधिः–	15 माह।
5.	वेबसाईड पर निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथिः–	12.06.2019
6.	निविदा अभिलेख डाउनलोड करने एवं प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथिः–	03.07.2019 शाम 5.00 बजे तक।
7.	हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की तिथिः–	05.07.2019 शाम 5.00 बजे तक।
8.	निविदा खोलने की तिथिः–	08.07.2019 पूर्वाहन 11.00 बजे।
9.	विज्ञापन दाता का नाम एवं पदनामः–	कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल सं0–3, मानगो, जमशेदपुर।
10	प्रोक्युरमेंन्ट पदाधिकारी का मोबाईल नं0–	9431184250
11.	ई–प्रोक्युरमेंन्ट पदाधिकारी का हेल्प लाईन नं0–	7488823970

नोटः–केवल ई–निविदा स्वीकार्य।
ज्यादा जानकारी के लिए हमारे वेबसाइट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in देखें ।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल सं0–3,
मानगो, जमशेदपुर

PR208392 (Water Resource)19-20*D

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(POWER WING)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No. : 02/2019-20 Dated 10.06.2019
Name of work: Replacement of wood ply wall panel & wall tile to PVC wall panel & wall tile, renovation of toilets and providing false ceiling, replacement wood Door, Window, ventilation with aluminum door window, ventilation of officer rest house at 220 KV GSS Ch. Dadri

Approx. cost of work	Rs. 6.00 lacs
Earnest money	Rs. 6000/-
Last date of receipt of tender	11/07/2019 up to 03.00 PM
Last date of opening of tender	11/07/2019 at 03.30 PM

The detailed N.I.T. may be downloaded from B.B.M.B Website: www.bbmb.gov.in.
Sr. Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BBMB Bhiwani
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INDO - TIBETAN BORDER POLICE
Notice Inviting Tender

Commandant, SS Bn, ITBP, Saboli, PO- Nathupura, Sonepat, Haryana -131029, invites Open E-tenders for the following work:
Name of work- Civil ARM of Non-Residential Buildings for the year of 2019-20 at SS Bn ITBP Saboli Sonepat (Haryana), **Estimated cost-** Rs. 13,60,279.00 (Rs. Thirteen Lakh sixty thousand two hundred seventy nine only), **Earnest money-** Rs. 27,206.00 (Rs. Twenty seven thousand two hundred six Only), **Time of completion-** 04 Months. **Bid submission start date and time-** 14-06-2019 at 1600 Hrs. **Last date and time for submission of online bids-** 24-06-2019 upto 1600 Hrs.
Tender form and other details are available on the website **www.itbp.gov.in** and **www.eprocure.gov.in** any change/ modification in the tender enquiry will be intimated through our website only. Bidders are therefore requested to visit our website regularly to keep themselves updated.

Sd/-
Commandant
SS Bn ITB Police

davp 19112/11/0150/1920

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

NIT No: S.W.M.C. No.A7/2860/2018 **Dated: 03.06.2019**

INVITATION OF TENDER
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Superintending Engineer (SWM) Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), invites on-line Technical and Financial Bids from eligible bidders to take up **"Collection & Transportation of Solid Waste, Street Sweeping Waste (including street sweeping activities), Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste in the Zones No. 9, 10 & 13 (Package-V) to the Designated Processing Facility / Dump Site / Depositing Centers of Greater Chennai Corporation"** under Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model and undertake IEC (Information Education and Communication) activities for spreading awareness for properly handling the solid waste.

Cost of the Tender Documents	Rupees 3 (three) lakhs plus 12% (twelve) as GST payable by Demand Draft
Earnest Money Deposit	Rupees 5.68 (five point six eight) Crores only

For detailed scope of work and tender conditions, prospective bidders may refer to RFP which can be downloaded from the web portal : **https://tntenders.gov.in**.

Start of Tender Documents Downloading Date	**12/06/2019 onwards**
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	**26/06/2019**
Last Date of Downloading of Tender Documents	**17/07/2019**
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	**17/07/2019 upto 3.00 PM**
Bid Opening Date and Time	**18/07/2019 at 4.00 PM**
Place of Submission and Opening of Bid	Office of the Superintending Engineer (SWM), Fourth Floor, Amma Maligai, Greater Chennai Corporation, Ripon Building Campus, 1131, EVR Periyar Salai, Chennai-600 003, India

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GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

NIT No: S.W.M.C. No.A7/3025/2017-Package-II **Dated: 03.06.2019**

INVITATION OF TENDER
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Superintending Engineer (SWM) Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), invites on-line Technical and Financial Bids from eligible bidders to take up **"Collection & Transportation of Solid Waste, Street Sweeping Waste (including street sweeping activities), Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste in the Zones No. 11, 12, 14 & 15 (Package-II) to the Designated Processing Facility / Dump Site / Depositing Centers of Greater Chennai Corporation"** under Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model and undertake IEC (Information Education and Communication) activities for spreading awareness for properly handling the solid waste.

Cost of the Tender Documents	Rupees 3 (three) lakhs plus 12% (twelve) as GST payable by Demand Draft
Earnest Money Deposit	Rupees 3.01 (three point zero one) Crores only

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Name of the Item/ Crop	Size	Nos. of Pack (Tentative)	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	E.M.D (Rs.)	Last Date & Time of Submission of Tenders	Date & time of receipt and opening of tender
HDPE Bags with flexo Printing			Verka Head Office, SCO 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh Ph No. 0172-5041812-13	10,000/-	20.06.2019 Up to 01:00 PM	20.06.2019 At 02:00 PM
Rabi 2019-20	**Size**					
Mustard @ 1Kg each	20cm x 25cm	5000				
Barseem @ 8 Kg each	40cm x 50cm	16250				
Oat @ 25Kg each	55cm x 90cm	6400				
Kharif 2020						
Maize @ 8 kg each	40cm x 50cm	2500				
Maize @ 15 kg each	48cm x 75cm	18700				
Teosinte @ 8 kg each	40cm x 50cm	1250				

The quantity in some size (HDPE Bags) may be increased/ decreased depending on our production planning. **Interested parties may obtain detailed Tender Documents from the office of Consignee where tender is to be opened on any working day from (9AM to 5 PM). If any clarification is required may contact on Phone Numbers given above. The Tender Notice may also be seen at Verka Website (www.verka.coop). TENDER (S) WITHOUT EARNEST MONEY ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED. The Consignee reserves the right to accept/reject any/ all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.**

General Manager (QA&E)

GIRISH KARNAD 1938-2019

The Legend Lives On

1961 Girish Karnad's Kannada play, *Yayati*, was written while he planning to leave for Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. The play is a retelling of a myth from the *Mahabharata* and launched Karnad into playwriting.

Tughlaq

1964 *Tughlaq* was written when Karnad was 26, and it was an instant success on stage. The protagonist is Muhammad Bin-Tughlaq and the play revolves around his eccentric decisions. Audiences and critics see in the plot an allegory of the Nehruvian era.

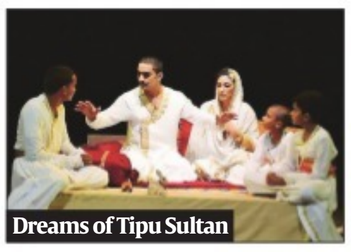
1970 Based on a novel by UR Ananthamurthy, the film *Samskara* marked the arrival of Karnad as an actor and screenwriter in films.

Samskara

1971 One of his most popular plays, *Hayavadana* deals with the dichotomy of the mind and body. It was drawn from a Sanskrit tale.

1975 *Nishant*, a film by Shyam Benegal, features Karnad as a schoolteacher who causes a revolt in the village after a woman, played by Shabana Azmi, is sexually assaulted.

1988 Karnad based *Nagamandala* on two Kannada folk tales that poet, translator and philologist AK Rumanian had told him. The story revolves around a young bride who yearns for affection of her husband but he is too pleasure-loving to care.


Dreams of Tipu Sultan

1997 Karnad's play *Dreams of Tipu Sultan* was performed widely across India. It revolves around the king's dreams of liberty and the reality of colonial oppression.

2012 Written in Kannada, *Benda Kaalu on Toast* documents the sociocultural aspects of Bengaluru. An amalgamation of slices of life, the play was an ode to Karnad's hometown.

'He delighted audiences by overturning conventions'

While most people remember him as a playwright and actor, Girish Karnad's contribution as a translator and activist should not be forgotten

RAMU RAMANATHAN

AS I entered the apartment block in Bengaluru in 2018, I realised the Karnataka state government has assigned a special gunman 24/7 for Girish Karnad's protection. And so, I had to explain to the security force stationed at the gate as to who am I and what was my relationship with India's most popular living playwright. The dialogue could have been from *Crossing to Talikota*, Karnad's newest play set against the backdrop of the Battle of Talikota in the once-famous Vijayanagar empire.

Soldier: *Where are you going? Can you understand me?*

Civilian: *Let me explain. Yes, I can speak your tongue. A little.*

S: *Where are you going? At this time?*

C: *To meet …*

S: *Where do you live? Where have you come from?*

C: *Here. There's no other place.*

S: *Where's your family?*

(*No reply*)

Not much has changed on this planet since Hampi 1565.

For me, Karnad was always one of the Big Four. Writing contemporaneously with Mohan Rakesh, Badal Sircar and Vijay Tendulkar, Karnad brought his unique sensibility to theatre. He delighted audiences by overturning conventions, and with a free-wheeling use of mythology.

I recall a theatre masterclass in Pune (his favourite theatre city) where he talked to theatrewallahs about the structure of a play. He deployed the Yayati myth in the *Mahabharata* to explain three things: the distinction between dialogue and conversation; the ability of Character One to "persuade" Character Two on stage and how good playwriting is about persuasion; and finally philosophy. "A great playwright is a semi-decent philosopher."

The talk was in English, but he digressed, here and there into Marathi and Kannada and Konkani. It was a penny drop moment for me because I realised he was doing a simultaneous translation from one language to the other, from the podium. It helped me understand his role in translation of plays. Karnad has translated all his plays (with the exception of *Yayati*) into English. During the golden period of Indian theatre, the Big Four valued each other's work. And so, Karnad translated Sircar's *Evam Indrajit* to English; while Tendulkar translated Karnad's *Tughlaq* and Sircar's *Evam Indrajit* to Marathi. Besides this, there were theatre directors like Satyadev Dubey (Hindi), Shombhu Mitra (Bengali) and Arvind Deshpande (Marathi), who mounted productions of these plays. What it meant was a pool of 25-30 splendid playscripts were ready to be performed by theatre groups in different corners of India.

In our country, with its 108 official languages, theatre, above all, is language.

On November 19, 2017, when he was invited at the Tata Literature Live! Festival at the NCPA in Mumbai, he spoke about languages: "Playing on Twenty Tongues". He spoke about his mother tongue (Konkani), the language he studied (Marathi), the one he fell in love with (English) and his language as a playwright (Kannada).

He uttered some truths about VS Naipaul and there was a furore. Some accused him of being PR hungry.

What most of his critics do not know is how he criss-crossed across the country to defend the rights of the Kabir Kala Manch (KKM) artistes, who were charged under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) of the Indian Penal Code. When Karnad spoke up at a press conference in Mumbai, the KKM defence committee was grateful, since almost every single theatrewallah in Mumbai or Pune had declined to attend the press conference.

The committee offered Karnad a cheque to cover his travel and other expenses. He tore the cheque. And then very nonchalantly said, "I am very hungry. Can I get a vada pav?"

This was the era before May 16, 2014. Our nation was supposed to be a better place, back then. Every time we met since, Karnad would always enquire about the arrests across Maharashtra, about the future of groups like KKM in Pune and Deshbhakti Yuva Manch in Nagpur. What are Sambhaji Bhagat and Sheetal Sathe doing, he once asked? I informed him that everyone is erring on the side of caution. He wanted to know why. Fear, I told him. That's silly, he said. "I agree, but we need someone in our corner of the boxing ring to drum up support and cheer us." His reply, "I can be there."

Then he tinkered with his oxygen pack ("my third lung," he joked) and organised lunch. It was a meal for a maharaja. He regaled me with stories about mathematics in Dharwad, the early days at Oxford University Press, FTII, Bollywood superstars, Kannada indie films, and Raghu Karnad's book *The Farthest Field: An Indian Story of the Second World War*. I mumbled I've written a play about World War, set in Mumbai.

He paused, and said, "Send it to me."

I told him I would but my inner voice was saying, "You idiot! You are not sending anything to him. This is Girish Karnad! He is India's biggest playwright. Plus your wife has a massive crush on him."

Rest in peace, sir. Till we meet again.

Ramu Ramanathan is a Mumbai-based playwright with plays such as 3, Sakina Manzil *and* Cotton 56, Polyester 84 *to his credit*

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IN MEMORIAM

Lillete Dubey, *Actor*

I HAVE always been very passionate about theatre and there are very few people I have met who are equally passionate about it. Girish worked in other mediums, such as films, but he really loved theatre. The emails that he sent me—which I will treasure forever—show how much he loved theatre. He never spoke much about films but a lot about theatre.

Considering Girish was one of our greatest playwrights, he was extremely collaborative. I put on a different hat when I am directing, so I would tell him that some scenes were not working and he was very accommodating. Yet, he was a man of strong opinions. My production of his *Wedding Album* is still running and he was thrilled at how well it was doing. A couple of years ago, he told me he would write a new play. I would say very humbly, 'I hope it interests you'. He even vaguely told me about the theme but then, he became unwell.

Chanakya Vyas
Indian Ensemble

I HAD decided to do *Hayavadana* when I sent him an email telling him that I was very keen to do the play using the Bhavai folk form. It was a very ambitious project for me, because I was dealing with two very big things. Bhavai is a thousand-year-old folk form and *Hayavadana* was a play that was more than three-decades-old, a cult classic. Mr Karnad wrote back, 'I am so happy and interested in knowing that you are planning to do *Hayavadana* and in a form that is very old'. When I read the email, I felt his personal warmth. That's the kind of confidence a director needs.

Abhishek Majumdar
Artistic director, Bhasha Centre

M.D. Pallavi

I NEVER interacted with Girish Karnad, although I used to see him everyday during his morning walks earlier, because my uncle had asked me not to disturb him by saying a stupid good morning. He might be thinking of the next big play. There were many opportunities wherein I was called to meet him personally by Arundhati Nag but I was terrified to meet him. He sent me a signed copy of *Rakt Kalyan* and wrote, 'To Abhishek with affection and appreciation', which I tell people is my Nobel Prize. Two weeks ago Ms Nag said, she will ask Karnad if he and I could meet for an hour. Unfortunately that did not happen.

Joy Sengupta, *Actor*

I HAVE been constantly learning from Girish Karnad. He was able to connect the best of the past with the best of the present and further with the future. A man of many interests, he could tie the academic with the practical and the philosophical as well. An intellect in all streams, be it art, direction, acting or language. This list is never-ending. Most artistes today have a hunger for awards, money, and prizes. He stood up for just what he believed in. You could say that the passing away of Karnad is apt, in the sense that his works would not be appreciated in this polarised environment, and his personality would not find a place in India today.

Arghya Lahiri
Light designer-director

ONE OF my peak accomplishments was when I designed the light for his play *Flowers* in Bengaluru at the Ranga Shankara Theatre festival. Karnad was unfailingly gracious and a man of vast intellect and generosity. He was one of the few people who actually walked the talk. He was true to what he stood for. Most of us do that in our living rooms, but he stood up for what he believed throughout his life, through his plays, and in his life as well. He was always available for the community. He was deeply committed to his ideological stance, and always backed that up with his actions.

With Salman Khan in Kabir Khan's *Ek Tha Tiger*

'He was a pillar of social justice'

Filmmaker Kabir Khan remembers Girish Karnad as a man who never held back

KABIR KHAN

I FIRST saw Girish Karnad on the big screen in Shyam Benegal's *Manthan* (1976). I was very young then. Yet, I have followed his cinematic work since then. Later, I grew to appreciate him as an intellectual who had strong views on many socio-political issues.

When I was making *Ek Tha Tiger* (2012), I thought of casting actors who weren't from that world (commercial cinema). The idea was to create a new world around Salman Khan with them. So, I reached out to Girish sir. He was very gracious and came on board.

I had the privilege of shooting with him in various cities such as Mumbai, Dublin and Istanbul. In Dublin and Istanbul especially, I used to just sit and chat with him on various subjects. His health was fine at that time. We even used to go on long walks. It was some time after that his health started deteriorating.

During this period, we spoke about the Azad Hind Fauj at length. These discussions helped me in fine-tuning the script of my upcoming web-series, *The Forgotten Army*. Girish sir's uncle was one of the first cadets of the Azad Hind Fauj. He was sent to Japan in 1944 to be trained as a fighter pilot. I had already written the script of this show. But these discussions helped me polish it.

Girish sir was a giant in the theatre world. I watched a production of his play *Tughlaq* when I was living in Delhi. It is one of the most definitive plays of Indian theatre. His contribution to cinema and theatre is immense but he was also a pillar of social justice, speaking about issues he felt about. In the last few years, he spoke out strongly on the need to preserve India's social and secular fabric. He was brave and never held back his views. It is rare to come across someone like him in the world of cinema. That is our biggest loss and should be mourned about.

As told to ***Parth Khatau***

An Artiste Who Belonged to Us

Remembering Girish Karnad and his hard-hitting dramas with a social core

SHUBHRA GUPTA

IN 1970, a Kannada film named *Samskara* came out after a long struggle with the censors. Its stance against age-old Brahmin preserves and deep-seated conservatism was so bold and radical for the time that it became iconic almost as soon as it released. When you look back at the best of Indian cinema which bravely waded in where no one had dared venture before, *Samskara* comes up at the top, still, after almost half a century.

The film was directed by Pattabhirama Reddy, and Reddy shared the writing credits with a young man who had been making a name for himself in the realm of theatre, shaking it from its fusty moorings and infusing it with fresh energy through his writing and translations. His name was Girish Karnad.

Karnad also acted in *Samskara*, and that role was one of the markers of a long, illustrious career of a gifted polymath: he wrote and directed theatre and film, he acted, he mentored and taught. And his work was always invested with a keen, empathetic knowledge and understanding of society.

Karnad understood that the way forward was to keep examining the past, which is why some of his best-realised plays, including *Tughlaq* and *Hayavadana*, as well as movies, were based on mythological and historical figures. The deeply political and still relevant *Tughlaq*, which the great Ebrahim Alkazi directed and set against the backdrop of Delhi's Purana Qila, was magnificent; those who saw it will never forget it.

With Smita Patil in *Manthan*

His affinity for theatre, which he had been exposed to as a child, remained a life-long passion. His cinematic ventures (as writer, director and actor) were significant too. A series of Kannada films, including *Vamsa Vrikhsha* (BV Karanth co-directed it with Karnad), and *Godhuli* are memorable for what they said, and how they said it.

Karnad was a familiar figure in some of the most memorable Hindi movies of the '70s and '80s. His fruitful collaboration with Shyam Benegal, one of the architects of meaningful "parallel" cinema, resulted in *Nishant* in 1975, which took a step further in the direction of dismantling feudalism, at least in the movies, after *Ankur* (1974). *Nishant*, as searing as *Ankur*, is remembered for it being Naseeruddin Shah's debut, and Smita Patil's affecting part, but Karnad stands out too.

Manthan (1976) was based on how the famous milk co-operative in Anand (AMUL) came to be formed, in which Karnad plays a fictionalised version of Verghese Kurien, the man behind the "milk revolution". It turned into an instant classic in the way it was funded (the milk farmers contributed Rs 2 each and made sure they earned it back by coming to watch in large numbers).

He directed *Utsav* (1984), produced by Shashi Kapoor and based on the Sanskrit play *Mrichchakatika*, but that was not as successful. The film was miles away from Karnad's comfort zone: a scene has a scrawny Shekhar Suman in rapt adoration of a barely-clad Rekha, and it is more unintentionally hilarious than "erotic", the tagline of the film. *Utsav* was a one-off, though, as well his appearance in *Swami*, a winsome Basu Chatterjee film, in which he plays an understanding, loving partner to Shabana Azmi's troubled wife.

It is Karnad's masterful hard-hitting dramas with a strong social core that we will remember him for. As well as his off-screen persona, in which he, as a respected public figure, wore his education and erudition lightly. His string of accomplishments, as a Rhodes Scholar (he was elected President of the Oxford Union in 1963, and there are those who remember him as a fiery orator), a visiting Fulbright professor at the University of Chicago in the late '80s, and many more as a globally recognised performer, did not prevent Karnad from being a true liberal, rooted and universal at the same time, an artiste who stepped up and spoke up, and belonged to all.

TODAY'S GAME
BANGLADESH VS SRI LANKA
At Bristol: 3pm onwards on Star Sports network

MARCHING ORDERS

West Indies' Sheldon Cottrell celebrates taking the wicket of South Africa's Hashim Amla in the game at Southampton, which lasted 7.3 overs before it was washed out. *Reuters*

#Amla's falling average

Out-of-form South African batting great finds himself at an extremely vulnerable stage of his career

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 10

He has had lean patches before, even in Tests, but this one seems very different. And for the first time, those early criticisms of his technique can be used now without sounding like an Orientalist.

IT WAS Ricky Ponting's last game. One for the road. As he walked away at the end of it all, a South African tapped on his shoulder and asked him, whether he can have a hug. It was Hashim Amla and Ponting threw his arms around him. It says so much about Amla the man, but he now finds himself at an extremely vulnerable stage in his career. There is a whiff of a finale about it, a sad smell of staleness about his batting — are we seeing the last lap of Amla in this world cup but more importantly would he, by the end of it, manage to sign out on a high?

The criticisms about his batting technique, that he faced early in his career, was confounding. It came from the western cricketing media and watchers who fussed a lot about his back-lift and different technique. For a subcontinental watcher, it seemed much ado about nothing. That lovely bat-twirl was familiar to us. Even so, he would take it up a notch. Batsmen generally pick up the bat and get it down like it's just a piece of wood. Such banality didn't sit well with Amla.

He twirls it up as if he was Zaheer Abbas on drugs, whiplashing it as opposed to picking up dead wood. Once he settled down and found his space at the international arena, his critics, which included Barry Richards at one stage, understood they were staring at a fabulous batsman who has style and substance and shut up. This is not an attempt to Indianise or make him subcontinental' as he has clearly dismissed such racial bracketing just before making his debut in India in 2004 when he said, "my blood is green".

The greatest hope lies in the fact that his next couple of opponents, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, don't possess express fast bowlers. The kinds who can rush him, make him think about downward bat-swing even before it has reached its zenith and worry about his feet. If he can get going against them, then perhaps, he can whistle out a swansong. Either way, even if he does score, it seems he is nearing the end of an illustrious career.

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Technical baggage

The hand-eye, the extravagant back-lift, the shuffling feet now seem like a burden as he has aged. Even Virender Sehwag, who had a much simpler technique, pretty conventional in the way he picked up his bat, found it hard when he aged. The only thing he shares with Amla was the hand-eye skills; the rest of Amla's technical baggage has been further accentuated with his age.

The numbers don't lie, always. At the end of 2015, he averaged 52.70 but has since slid down to 48.98. Worse, in the last 15 games, he has dropped to 32.24.

It's another number that will annoy him even more: In his last 17 innings, from the start of last year, he has been out 11 times inside the first Powerplay. His stumps have been rattled five times, and he has been caught 4 times in the slips in that phase – perhaps, the damning indication of age. In simpler terms, he has played down the wrong line, beaten by pace or movement, nine times.

Sometimes, the reaction of opponents say a lot more than that of team-mates, obviously trying to rally around him. New Zealand's Ross Taylor was intending a compliment when he reminded the cricketing world about Amla's prowess and how he should be rated along with the Kohlis and Smiths of the world, but he used past tense in his Amla rave. "Maybe he's a little bit older, but his record... he was scoring just as much as those four but just didn't get enough hype around him," Taylor said.

Amla's world had looked so different in late 2017. He had reached his 7000th run, 11 innings quicker than Kohli.

Since then, he has tripped downhill, on 7927 now, but Amla fans can still hope: if he can get 73 runs against Afghanistan in the next game, he would still get to 8K an innings faster than Kohli. But forget all that silliness over landmarks. South Africa desperately need him to roll back the years as they have looked pretty awful without his runs and customary dominance.

He has tried his best to reverse the tide. He even pulled out of domestic T20 competition last month to prepare for the world cup. Even as rain drenched the Southampton cricket ground on Monday, he was at the indoor batting nets, trying to see if he can coax up some magic and runs from his wrists.

The man he wanted to hug also went through a humbling run for a while with calls for his head emanating from Australian press and long sighs from his fans but he managed to turn it right in the end to walk away from the game with a smile. Hopefully, Amla too can.

Washout gives South Africa first point

Southampton: Faf du Plessis can take some positives out of a washout at the Cricket World Cup: South Africa picked up a point against West Indies and ended a three-game losing streak.

And with it, the South Africans retained some hope of qualifying for the semifinals, despite originally estimating they'd need to win their last six group games to advance. The first of their remaining five games is on Saturday against Afghanistan in Cardiff.

Only 7.3 overs were bowled at Hampshire's Rose Bowl on Monday after West Indies skipper Jason Holder won the toss and sent South Africa in to bat, expecting the Duckworth-Lewis run-rate calculator to come into play with heavy rain in the forecast.

West Indies paceman Sheldon Cottrell twice got to use his trademark wicket celebration _ the military-style salute — when he had Hashim Amla (6) caught by Chris Gayle at slip and Aiden Markram (5) caught behind. South Africa was struggling at 29-2 when play was suspended and the wicket square covered.

South Africa opener Quinton de Kock was unbeaten on 17 and du Plessis was not out without scoring. Rain continued intermittently and there was no further play. Du Plessis said he'd started to consider scenarios as the number of potential overs kept reducing, and was thinking a total of 200-plus from 30-35 overs would have made for a good contest. **AP**

BRIEFLY

Jos sustained heavy bruising on his right hip during the match against Bangladesh. He is responding well to treatment and will be reassessed later this week. We anticipate he will train with the rest of the squad at the Hampshire Bowl on Wednesday ahead of the match against West Indies on Friday."

ECB STATEMENT ON JOS BUTTLER'S FITNESS

ACB has conspired against me: Shahzad

Afghanistan wicket-keeper batsman Mohammad Shahzad alleged that his country's cricket board conspired to throw him out of the World Cup squad even though he was fit enough to carry on in the mega-event. Shahzad had aggravated the injury on his left knee during the World Cup warm-up clash against Pakistan but returned to play the team's first two games against Australia and Sri Lanka on June 1 and June 4 respectively. However, the organisers announced ahead of the New Zealand game on June 8 that he was ruled out for the remainder of the World Cup due to a "knee injury". "I still don't know why I was ruled unfit when I was fit enough to play. Some people in the board (ACB) have conspired against me. Only manager, doctor and the captain knew that I was going to be replaced. Even the coach (Phil Simmons) found out much later. It was heartbreaking," Shahzad said. "I had finished my training (ahead of the New Zealand game) and only after I checked my phone, I found out that I have been ruled out of the World Cup. **PTI**

WI match just another game: Archer

ENGLAND'S JOHRA Archer has insisted it will be "just another game of cricket" should the Barbados-born fast bowler face his native West Indies in the World Cup. Archer, whose father is English, was effectively lost to the West Indies when he moved to county side Sussex after overlooking the paceman for the Under-19 World Cup four years ago. "It's just same as the last game, just another game of cricket," said Archer. "I know them pretty good. I played with a few of the guys at Under-19, so it will be good to actually play against them this time."

STATESMAN

Batsmanship to sportsmanship: Kohli's 'Smith' gesture elevates status

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 10

"WHY DO you abuse so much on the cricket field?" Virat Kohli would shift uneasily at the dining table at his mother's question and not reply. Instead, he says, he would say, "Pass the food, na. What else can I say?" he said in 2011. A Delhi boy doing the Delhi thing, invectives as conversation-fillers, an instinctive reaction to most moments in life — happy, sad, appreciative, or angry.

He developed an abrasive reputation about him, and not many were surprised when he gave the middle finger to the Australian crowd, who had heckled him in 2012. At least one of his team-mates was pretty angry. Later on Virender Sehwag spoke about his ire. "I did get angry at Kohli. I got angry because in that whole series, he was the only player who was scoring runs for us and *khuda-na-khaasta ban ho jaata*, our batting would have collapsed. Aisi harkatey mat karo… tum toh ban ho jaoge, and team ka nuksaan hoga. (Don't do such antics, not only would you get banned but the team would be in trouble.)," Sehwag said.

He developed an abrasive reputation about him, involved in confrontations not just with players from other countries but occasionally with his (current and former) team-mates when they were his opponents. Like the tiff with Gautam Gambhir, two competitive Delhiites going at each other. At its core, everyone understood it comes from a white-line fever, fierce competitiveness even though his mother couldn't understand why had to mouth expletives.

A few months back there was an incident with a virtual fan as well. ""I don't think you should live in India, go and live somewhere else," Kohli said in a video recording that he posted on social media after a fan had said he preferred English and Australian cricketers. "Why are you living in our country and loving other countries? I don't mind you not liking me, but I don't think you should live in our country and like other things," Kohli said.

It didn't go well and Kohli sought to lighten up the situation smartly. "I guess trolling isn't for me guys, I'll stick to getting trolled!"

This IPL, there was an incident when he seemed to mock R Ashwin's mankading after he took a catch but Ashwin saw it as just two competitive guys trying to do their best for the respective teams.

It's in this context that some were surprised by his statesmanship when he took umbrage at a largely Indian crowd at the Oval in London, when they booed Steve Smith. The Australian has been booed in England (by English crowds in previous games) as the fans showed displeasure at the ball-tampering scandal that ended up with bans on Smith and David Warner, who too has copped it from the crowds here in England. At the Oval, the Indians in the stands had started to boo Smith.

Smith thanked Kohli for asking some of the Indian fans to stop booing him. *Twitter*

Smith appreciated Kohli's gesture when the pair walked past each other. "Look, I think what's happened has happened like long way back, the guy is back, he's trying to play well for his side," Kohli said. "Even in the IPL I saw him, it's not good to see someone down like that, to be honest. We've had issues in the past. We've had a few arguments on the field. But you don't want to see a guy feeling that heat every time he goes out to play. What's happened has happened. Everyone has known that. He's come back. He's worked hard. He's playing well for his side now. So, just because there's so many Indian fans here, I just didn't want them to set a bad example, to be honest, because he didn't do anything to be booed in my opinion. He's just playing cricket. He was just standing there, and I felt bad because if I was in a position where something had happened with me and I had apologised, I accepted it and I came back and still I would get booed, I wouldn't like it, either. So I just felt for him, and I told him, I'm sorry on behalf of the crowd because I've seen that happen in a few earlier games, as well, and in my opinion that's not acceptable."

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Time will tell whether it's a new matured version of Kohli but Smith's episode was preceded by his reaction to Kagiso Rabada's statement calling him "immature". Kohli was asked at the media interaction but he refused to bite. Instead, he played down the incident, saying: "I am not going to use the press conference to talk against Rabada. If there is anything for me and Rabada to discuss, we can do that man to man. He is always a skillful bowler, he has the potential to run through the opposition, so we need to look to play him accordingly."

The South African journalists were smitten by that and their reactions can be summarised by a quote from the media pack. "That's how to behave. Rabada brought unnecessary pressure on himself by mouthing off ahead of world cup but Kohli behaved like a leader. It was silly from Rabada, very wise from Kohli."

A few years back Ray Jennings, who came to know Kohli well during his stint as coach of Royal Challengers Bangalore, had spoken about Kohli's temperament.

"Virat understands that he does have a hot head and I think he also understands that he needs to look at that. He is a leader and I have seen him change … He can be volatile as we have seen and the Indian public is fanatical about its heroes and cricket. But they will not tolerate failures and what they see as attitude and image problem after a while."

Jennings talked about how Kohli was aware of the need to change.

"Virat's not a stupid cricketer, he is a smart guy and he has a vision to captain India. And if he knows people at home are not accepting certain things that he does consistently and he makes the same mistake consistently, he will find out that the system is not going to buy into his behaviour or character. You can go back and have a look at captains in Australia, even in India, that if the behaviour is not acceptable to the market, you are not going to have the full Indian public support that type of character. And if Virat wants the job, he has got to accept that and he has got to learn to change and maybe go through certain programmes."

YUVRAJ SINGH RETIRES

FAREWELL, PEOPLE'S CHAMPION

He was neither a record-breaking run getter nor a bowler who would run through a side. He batted late in the order and turned his arm occasionally. But for the fans on the terraces; Yuvraj Singh walking in to bat, marking his run-up or diving around while guarding the point region were reasons enough to bring the roof down. He thrilled them like few others, while orchestrating several memorable wins.

'If not for injury, he would have broken all ODI, T20 records'

YOGRAJ SINGH

IT HAS been 40 years since I was dropped from the Indian team and I have lived with this pain through out my life. On the day of Yuvraj's retirement, I want to tell that Yuvraj's story began at that time. He was one-and-half-years old when I got him his first cricket bat and ball. My mother Gurnam Kaur bowled the first ball to him. We still have that picture.

Growing up, he would skate and play tennis but I would break his skates and tennis racquets. He would cry and he would call our Sector 11 house a jail. He would call me Dragon Singh. But then as a father I have the right to ask my son to get back my honour and make me walk with pride again.

Yuvraj was six when I took him to Sector 16 Stadium, where I used to train. There used to a pace academy and I would tell Yuvraj to practice without helmet.

He would run for more than one and half hour at the stadium daily. I remember once my mother was death bed and she told me that I was spoiling Yuvraj's life with such a harsh training. That was the only time I regretted being harsh on my son.

Yuvi hated cricket and I made him love cricket, which is his life now. *Usko cricket ki intoxication ho gayi* and now the whole world knows what he has achieved.

I remember Yuvraj hit 180 playing for Rest of India against Punjab in a U-19 national tournament and Raj Singh Dungarpur was watching the match at Hyderabad. Yuvi was 16 at that time and Dungarpur said this boy should be in the Indian team. I told him, sir give me two more years. And Yuvi proved that in Kenya, where he made his debut in 2000.

Had it not for the knee injury, that he suffered while playing kho-kho when Greg Chappell was the coach, he could have broken all the ODI and T20 records. (The Indian team during Chappel era played indigenous games for warm-up before net sessions). I cannot forgive Chappell for that.

When he suffered from cancer, it made me cry too. I would ask God that this story cannot end this way. I would cry in my room all alone. I didn't cry in front of him. He would tell me that 'Papa, even I die, I want you and the whole country to see the World Cup trophy in my hands'.

Last week, we spent two days in Chandigarh together and those were my best two days since Yuvraj started playing. We talked about those things, which we could not talk earlier. He tried to understand me. Today, when he thanked me for making him a man, I felt the proudest.

(As told to Nitin Sharma)

Yuvraj Singh's individual brilliance was instrumental to India's 2007 World T20 and 2011 World Cup triumphs.

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JUNE 10

AS THE team bus carrying the victorious 2011 World Cup squad curved around Churchgate station to head onto the carnival-stretch of Marine Drive on that magical April night, the silhouette of one figure gleamed right through the tinted windows of the champion's chariot. Yuvraj Singh sat still in one window seat, his arms wrapped around the World Cup trophy. A fairytale was wheeling past the massive crowds who never stopped screaming his name. The Man of the Tournament sat smiling at the Cup.

Yuvraj Singh gave Indian cricket the most glorious moment that half the country watched with half-closed, praying eyes – the Natwest Trophy final at Lord's. 17 years after that unbelievable chase and eight years post the World Cup, a short throwback film got beamed onto the big screen at a posh Mumbai hotel, as Yuvraj Singh, 37, tried to hide emotions but failed. He quickly looked around for his shades, wore the oversized pair and finally put his head down for the first few minutes as the AV brought to life Yuvraj's early days. Today, it was his turn to watch through half-closed eyes.

On Monday, Yuvraj brought down the curtain on his international cricket career as well as announcing retirement from the IPL. Though he made it clear that he intends to play in a few T20 franchise leagues away from India for the next few years.

The AV rolled, as Yuvraj spoke of how he hated cricket but how his stubborn father — former India cricketer Yograj — wanted him to fulfill his own unrequitted dream. His story is similar to most Indian families where the father wants the son to achieve what he couldn't.

The regimented discipline and hard rules meant Yuvraj hated cricket. But his emotions could never bypass his father's stubborn insistence. Soon the buzz around him picked up at the Oval *maidaan* where he'd arrive as a junior cricketer at the Dilip Vengsarkar Academy. Few years down the line, Yuvraj went on to play for India and further along, he lent his crucial hand to India winning the 2011 World Cup, a mere 750m away from the scene of his farewell press meet.

Back on stage, Yuvraj said, "I can't really explain it in words what that feeling is. This game taught me how to fight, how to fall, to dust myself off, to get up again and move forward. I have failed more times than I have succeeded but I never gave up and will never give up till my last breath, and that's what cricket taught me."

Since the past two years, Yuvraj has known his time with the national team is up. Last year he'd informed his family about hanging his boots and on Monday he recalled how he had informed them that this IPL season would be his last. In the Mumbai Indians dug-out, Yuvraj had discussed his retirement with Sachin Tendulkar, who'd advised him to listen to his inner voice when taking the call.

He regretted not making it big in Tests despite having all the capabilities. But Yuvraj explained that the Indian Test team back then was not like the one playing today. There were no vacancies in the star studded Indian middle-order back then. However, he continued to rule in white ball cricket.

From bursting onto the scene in Kenya and promising a mint-fresh young look of the team alongside Zaheer Khan, to joining forces with Md Kaif in the unforegettable Natwest final at Lord's chasing over 300, to hitting six sixes off Stuart Broad to the pinnacle at the World Cup in 2011, Yuvraj Singh had the sky at his feet. Until the cloud burst onto his personal life.

Cancer claimed the next few years of Yuvraj's cricketing life. A cricketer's shelf life is too small in any case. And at his peak, Yuvraj who had battled out bowlers with ease, was left fighting off an enemy which always had the upper hand. Still, in an inspiring fashion, Yuvraj would fight back cancer and return to cricket like a fighter that he was.

"As I go back in time today, my life has been like a roller coaster ride. Winning the 2011 World Cup, being man of the series, four Man of the Match awards was all like a dream, which was followed by a harsh reality — getting diagnosed of cancer. It was like touching the sky and then falling down at lightning speed and hitting the ground hard. All this happened so quickly and that too when I was at the peak of my career," Yuvraj recalled.

The boy who loved his parties, his friends and his cars, had to rebuild his life again. Before cancer, Yuvraj was a star but post his return, he became an inspiration as a survivor.

His comeback was more than just cricket, it was a full-fledged throbbing emotion of relief , hope and the happiness in simply being alive and healthy.

But cricket's demanding result-oriented targets took over again. Soon, Yuvraj was facing the cruel sport's biggest reality check. "Probably the worst day in my cricket career was the 2014 T20 World Cup final against Sri Lanka when I scored 11 off 21 balls. It was so shattering that I felt my career was over, and I was written off by everyone to an extent that it made me feel at times that it's all over," he said.

He admits how going back to domestic cricket and playing Ranji Trophy can be very tough. Those empty stadiums can haunt but Yuvraj was ready to press the paddle one last time. He made his comeback in 2017 but then a time came when the young Indian team's selection priorities had changed and leapfrogged him.

The big screen panned back to Wankhede Stadium – the sight of his ultimate triumph, as he wryly smiled and informed that the time had come to move on. "It's the right time to go."

Yuvraj recalled how his father had spoken about how much he had regretted not being picked for the World Cup in the team that went onto make history in 1983. Yuvraj had done much more than just getting picked in 2011. For a cricketer who at the turn of the century was seen as India's most talented youngster, who hit sixes with gay abandon and gave India a run-chase at Lord's.

HIS SHOTS

FLICK: The exaggerated bat swing, his late movement and hand-eye co-ordination made this shot ethereal.

SWEEP: Despite his early troubles, Yuvraj mastered this shot using his height and long reach to good effect.

COVER DRIVE: The ease with which he married grace with power made his cover drives a compelling watch.

Memorable strokes, not numbers define Yuvraj's legacy

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YUVRAJ SINGH'S final stroke in competitive cricket didn't clear the boundary rope. Playing for Mumbai Indians in this year's IPL, he was caught on the fence by Chennai Super King's Ambati Rayudu. However, the stroke did have the Yuvraj signature all over it. The famous bat-swing, the emphatic front-foot thrust, the arms flowing into the lofted off-drive and the final flourish that finished in a near-perfect arc. Frozen in this frame is the quintessence Yuvraj Singh.

Thus, Yuvraj's game has always been about memories. You needn't hit the Youtube reels, Yuvraj-moments just leap out of the memory, be it the majestic on-the-rise cover drive off Jason Gillespie in his launch-game, or the pick-up flick of Glenn McGrath, the great bowler's eyebrow cocked in disbelief.

Or the first six of Stuart Broad's all-six over, the one that sailed over the green-roofed Kingsmead stands, the longest of them all. Or the follow-up, a dismissive flip off his legs.

Or the Natwest heist or the countless resurrection/finishing acts he synchronised with MS Dhoni in the mid-aughts. Lost in the glimmer of cricketing memories are the runs he'd scored or the wickets he has taken. Not that he was a slouch with the bat whose numbers needed some glossing over — he racked up 11,278 runs, besides 148 wickets across formats in international cricket. Glorious though the numbers might be, not even his staunchest fan would spit out the numbers in their sleep. As they do Sachin Tendulkar or Virat Kohli's.

It captures the essence of the man too— not much of a stat-nerd, but one with a devilish streak to vanquish his adversaries and conquer the world. He was a multi-layered paradox — self-conscious but not self-absorbed, a showman but not a showpony, moody but not petulant.

Yuvraj with his wife Hazel Keech and mother Shabnam at the press conference to announce his retirement from international cricket. *Pradip Das*

In his demeanour, he was the most atypical Indian cricketer of his times. An iconoclast, he was closer in spirit to the most atypical English contemporary of his, Kevin Pietersen. One of them who detected a facsimile trait was English commentator David Lloyd, when he said: "The reason they are always on the verge of blows is that they're intrinsically the same, have the same fiery streak burning in them. They need that fire to burn to produce great feats." That perhaps explains their penchant for the big stage. Rather than shirking under pressure, they revelled in it. Pietersen, better pedigreed than Yuvraj, took this to the Test level, destroying some of the finest bowlers of all time.

Yuvraj, then, preserved his best for the limited-overs World Cups. While the 2011 feats are grandly-storied, it's often forgotten that he was one of the architects of the 2007 T20 World Cup triumph. His 30-ball 70 against Australia is arguably his most devastating knock in T20Is, not far behind of course was his 16-ball 58 against England. Mind-bogglingly, his 148 runs in six innings came at a strike rate of 195, thus charting a T20 template when there were none, when T20 cricket was considered a see-ball-hit-ball lottery.

At his fired-up best, there were few devastating (or cleaner) strikers of a cricket ball. And he did so without resorting to anything banal. Not for him the banal heaves or the gimmicky scoops—in his bid to remain relevant he did try this with mixed fortune towards the back-end of his career. His strokes were more classical in rendition. He extended the range and scope of his orthodox shots with subtle adjustments.

Sample his airy flicks. While most would lean onto the flicks, he would swivel his lower body to lift the ball over the infield. He used his wrists to achieve elevation on the off-side and to keep the ball down when pulling. He had heavy hands but supple wrists.

Those heavy hands were largely blamed for his underwhelming returns in Tests. How his Test graph plummeted after a grand debut— a hundred on a dicey Faisalabad track — is as unfathomable as it's lamentable. Yuvraj carped on it during his retirement press conference, saying he wished he'd averaged 40 in the format. But as with Yuvraj, it's seldom about the numbers. It's always about the strokes, which he reminded even with his final shot in competitive cricket. Doomed at it might have been, the memories just leapt out.

'You can't be frustrated all the time because the neighbour has a bigger house than you'

Rafael Nadal says he isn't obsessed with bettering Federer's tally of Grand Slam titles after winning 12th French Open title

HOWARD FENDRICH
PARIS, JUNE 10

THIS TIME, about a month out, even Rafael Nadal had his doubts about what his chances were going to be for yet another French Open title. He wasn't alone. But that part was nothing new: Folks have been questioning him for years, wondering when his body would break down for good, when his impossible-to-believe run of success at Roland Garros would stop, when someone new would come along with the skill, strength and stamina to knock the crown off the King of Clay's head.

This time, it was Nadal who was filled with real worry. He entered May without a title, the first season since 2004 that happened to him. He missed the end of last season with a bad right knee, needed off-season ankle surgery, then pulled out of a match in March because the knee flared up again. The health concerns, which long had cropped up, were now piling up.

"Too many issues the last 18 months. So that's makes these last few weeks very, very special," Nadal was able to say Sunday night. "Mentally, I was down. Physically and mentally," he said, rapping his right fingers on his temple. "But for me, I always put more attention on the mental side."

All of that angst he spoke about seemed so irrelevant to anyone watching Nadal as he took a tight final against Dominic Thiem and tore it open, quickly as can be, taking 11 straight points to open the third set and 12 of the last 14 games for a 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 victory.

That gave Nadal a 12th trophy at Roland Garros and 18 major championships in all, just two behind Roger Federer's record for men.

But here might be the biggest lesson for Nadal himself, and for those who follow, and talk about, tennis: Stop thinking Nadal can't keep coming back and can't keep adding to his resume.

Because he will do whatever it takes to not only stay where he is, but also to get better. Just one example: Nadal has long been thought of as the ultimate baseliner, someone who will get to every ball back there and wallop it back over the net. Yet there he was in Court Philippe Chatrier, showing off a less-appreciated aspect of his game, by volleying impeccably and winning 23 of 27 points when he moved forward.

He's constantly putting the work to adjust a stroke or element of strategy.

"He improves and develops his game," Thiem said. "I mean, if he wouldn't do that, for sure he wouldn't have that success every year in this tournament."

As down as Nadal might have felt, he was not going to give up. "He had an unbelievable attitude in those bad moments, and that's what took him here today," said Nadal's coach, Carlos Moya, the 1998 French Open champion. "Hats off to what he's done this month and a half, because it's easy to play well when all the things are working well. But what he's been through these last couple of months is showing what a competitor he is and mentally that he's a genius."

Nadal's next tournament will be Wimbledon, where play begins in three weeks. He won't enter a grass-court tuneup event, figuring that time off to rest is what he needs more than anything else.

Inevitably, a reporter brought up the topic of chasing Federer, now that he's so close behind. And just as inevitably, Nadal played down such talk. Did it charmingly, too.

"I never tried to think about, 'Well, I'm going to catch Roger' or not. Being honest, I am not very worried about this stuff, no?" Nadal said. "You can't be frustrated all the time because the neighbor has a bigger house than you or a bigger TV or better garden. That's not the way that I see the life, you know."

A moment later, he went on: "If, at the end of my career, I am able to win a couple of more Grand Slams and be closer to Roger, (it) will be unbelievable. If not, for me, still unbelievable, no?"

Nadal said Federer's record was the last thing on his mind before he was asked about it. What was he thinking about, then?

"Here I am, at the age of 33, enjoying, playing good tennis," Nadal said, "and let's see for how long I am able to manage and to continue this." **AP**

12-time champion Rafael Nadal poses with theMusketeers' Trophy at the Roland Garros Stadium on Monday. *Reuters*

EXPLAINED

How Nadal switched up the gameplan

French Open final's first two sets saw Thiem beating Nadal at his own game. The last two saw the champion change up the tactics.

BASELINE BATTLE
Surprisingly, Nadal was losing the baseline slugfest. Nadal only won 45 (20/44) per cent of his baseline points in the first set, and 38 per cent (13/34) in the second. In the 2018 final, Nadal had recorded a success rate of 61 per cent from the baseline.

LONG RALLIES
Nadal also won 46 per cent (16/35) of 9+ stroke rallies in the two sets. Again a contrast to last year, where he won 65 per cent of such rallies.

CUTTING 'EM SHORT
With going blow-for-blow proving tough, Nadal began to end the rallies quickly. Opposed to the 35 extended rallies, Nadal only played 11 in the final two sets. Nadal also defeated Thiem in the 0-4 shot rallies, winning 29 to Thiem's 14.

NET GAIN
Thiem hung back even as Nadal began rushing. Thiem recorded a success rate of 80 per cent (12/15) at the net. Nadal doubled the tally at 85 per cent (23/27). In the 4th set, Nadal won 8 points at net compared to Thiem's 2. *Stats: Craig O'Shannessy/ATP*

Ronaldo adds Nations League title to his CV

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CRISTIANO RONALDO insisted he has no immediate plans to retire from international football after helping Portugal lift the inaugural Nations League on Sunday.

Ronaldo, 34, was a peripheral figure as Goncalo Guedes's goal won an underwhelming final against the Netherlands 1-0 in Porto.

But after sitting out the group stage of the Nations League on a hiatus from international football, Ronaldo played a huge part in getting his country to the final by scoring a hat-trick in Wednesday's semi-final against Switzerland.

And with a host of exciting young talent, led by Manchester City's Bernardo Silva, who picked up player of the tournament, Ronaldo is keen to hang around for the chance at more international glory as Portugal look to defend their European Championship title next year.

"Portugal has won important things like Euro 2016 and now the Nations League. It may seem like an easy job but it's hard, it takes a lot of dedication and willingness," Ronaldo told Portuguese TV station RTP.

"As long as I have the strength and motivation, I will continue to represent the colours of Portugal. When I am with the national team I feel like at home." Victory was especially sweet for Ronaldo as the only surviving member of the Portuguese side beaten on home soil by Greece in the final of Euro 2004.

"I have been with the national team for 16 years and I still feel the same enthusiasm as when I was 18 years old," he added.

"I will always give my best and the Portuguese are always on my side so I thank them for their enthusiasm for me.

De Ligt laughs off Juve 'offer'

Netherlands defender Matthijs de Ligt, who is widely expected to leave Ajax Amsterdam in the coming weeks, said he was asked about a move to Italian champions Juventus by Cristiano Ronaldo at the end of Sunday's Nations League final.

Television images showed Juve forward Ronaldo having a chat with the centre-half at the end of the game and the Dutchman confirmed a possible move to the Italian side had been raised by Portuguese.

"I didn't understand him at first. I was a little shocked, so I laughed. But I didn't say anything," De Ligt told the Netherlands' NOS television.

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