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12 Finance Ministry officials 'forcibly retired'

NEW DELHI

In a sweeping action aimed at removing corrupt officials from service, President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday forcibly ordered the retirement of 12 senior officials of the Ministry of Finance. Some officials were also allegedly simply forced to retire on the grounds that they were chronically ineffectual at their jobs.

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2.85 lakh apply to DU as Friday deadline nears

NEW DELHI

With just four days left to register for admissions to Delhi University's undergraduate programmes, 2.85 lakh aspirants had applied till Monday. Continuing last year's trend, BA (Hons.) English is emerging as the most sought-after undergraduate course. Till Sunday, the university had received 92,346 applications for the course. BA (Hons.) Political Science received 83,504 applications.

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Three get life sentence for rape, murder of 8-year-old in Kathua

Three others were sentenced to 5 years in jail for destroying evidence

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR/JAMMU

Six of the seven men accused in the 2018 rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua were convicted on Monday by a special court in Pathankot.

The court sentenced the mastermind Sanji Ram, a retired government official and priest of the temple where the crime took place, special police officer Deepak Khajuria and Ram's nephew Parvesh Kumar to life imprisonment. Special Police Officer (SPO) Surender Verma, head constable Tilak Raj, and sub-inspector Anand Dutta were awarded five years in prison for destroying evidence.

The court acquitted the seventh accused Vishal Jangotra, son of Sanji Ram, giving him the "benefit of doubt", said Mubeen Farooqi, who represented the victim's family in court.

Till end of life

District and sessions judge Tejwinder Singh, who concluded the hearing on June 3 in a record time of 14 months, read out the verdict and declared the six accused guilty under different Sections of the law.

The court convicted Sanji Ram, Deepak Khajuria and Parvesh Kumar under Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 302 (murder), 376/D (gang rape), 363 (kidnapping), 328 (poisoning), 201 (destroying evidence) and 343 (wrongful confinement). They were also fined ₹1 lakh each.

Mr. Singh said a life term for the three convicts meant they would be in jail till the end of their life.

Surender Verma, Tilak Raj and Anand Dutta were found guilty under Section 201 (destroying evidence) and will face "an imprisonment of five years and a fine of ₹50,000".

The seventh accused was acquitted. The defence lawyers had produced material evidence that he was in Meerut at the time of the crime to appear for his examination. The State Crime Branch had only produced witnesses and "not enough evidence" in his case, the court said.

Pending trial

The crime branch of the police had filed the chargesheet against eight persons, including a juvenile. The trial against the juvenile is yet to begin as his petition on determining his age is yet to be heard by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

The prosecution team, comprising lawyers J.K. Chopra, S.S. Basra, Harminder Singh and Bhupinder Singh, said it had demanded the capital punishment for the main accused and might appeal against the sole acquittal.

"The court has underlined that life imprisonment meant till life in this case. However, we will appeal in the higher court for an enhancement of the punishment against all the seven accused," Special Prosecutor Santosh Singh said.

Describing the sole acquittal as "a positive development", defence lawyers said they would also appeal for relaxation of punishment for the others.

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A closure of sorts

17 months after the ghastly crime, a special court in Pathankot gave its verdict

Life term and fine of ₹1 lakh

Sanji Ram: The mastermind, he was the caretaker of the temple where the crime took place; he is a retired government official and local priest

Deepak Khajuria: Special police officer convicted for criminal conspiracy, murder, kidnapping, gangrape, destruction of evidence and drugging the victim

Parvesh Kumar: A civilian, he was directly involved in the crime, according to the prosecution

The accused being taken away in a police vehicle in Pathankot on Monday. ▪ AFP

Five years in jail and fine of ₹50,000 each:

- Sub-inspector Anand Dutta, head constable Tilak Raj and police officer Surender Verma were convicted for destruction of evidence

Set free: Vishal Jangotra, son of Sanji Ram, has been acquitted

Charges: The court framed charges under the Ranbir Penal Code, including Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 302 (murder) and 376D (gang-rape) and Section 328 (causing hurt by poisoning)

SC to hear plea by wife of scribe held for tweet on Yogi

Petition seeks to know whereabouts of Prashant Kanojia

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to urgently hear a petition by Jagisha Arora, whose journalist husband Prashant Kanojia was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh police for allegedly uploading defamatory comments on social media against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

A Vacation Bench, led by Justice Indira Banerjee, decided to list the matter for hearing on Tuesday.

The *habeas corpus* petition filed by Ms. Arora is to know the whereabouts of her husband. The petition, mentioned by advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan, said the arrest was "illegal and unconstitutional".

Mr. Kanojia has been charged under the repealed provision of the Information Technology Act, and the Indian Penal Code. The police have said there is evidence against him under Sections 500 and 505 of the IPC and Section 67 of the IT Act.

Mr. Kanojia had allegedly shared a video on Twitter and Facebook, in which a woman was seen speaking to reporters of various media organisations outside the Chief Minister's Office, claiming that she had sent a marriage proposal to Mr. Adityanath.

PROTEST IN DELHI ▸ PAGE 13

Taking to the streets: Journalists, along with Jagisha Arora, wife of Prashant Kanojia, right, staging a protest in New Delhi on Monday. ▪ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Gorakhpur man arrested for Twitter post on CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh police on Monday arrested a person in Gorakhpur district for allegedly making an "objectionable post" on Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. This is the fourth such arrest in the State in the last three days.

Peer Mohammad was accused of "maligning the image" of Mr. Adityanath through an "objectionable post" on Twitter. The police said that they acted on a complaint received through Twitter, and on the instructions of the Senior Superintendent Of Police, Gorakhpur, made the arrest. The police have also recovered the mobile phone used to make the post. Mr. Mohammad was booked under Sections 503 and 505 of the IPC and Sections 65 and 66 of the IT Act, they said.

The accused allegedly shared a fake marriage card linking Mr. Adityanath to a woman who told the media last week that the Chief Minister chatted with her through video for over a year; she now wanted him to make the relationship public.

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Girish Karnad passes away at 81

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Girish Karnad, writer, playwright, actor and public intellectual, passed away in his sleep at his residence here on Monday morning. He was 81, and is survived by wife Saraswati Ganapathi and two children.

The Jnanpith and Padma awardee was hailing due to degenerative respiratory issues for some time and was on oxygen support. His cremation was held without religious rituals, public viewing or state honours, as per his last wishes, at Kalpalli cemetery in the afternoon.

While the State government declared a day's holiday and three-day State mourning, a cross section of writers, actors and political leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ramnath Kovind, condoled Mr. Karnad's death. In a tweet, historian Ramachandra Guha said, "In his life, he embodied the richness and depth of Indian civilization more nobly and less self-consciously than anyone else I knew."

Renaissance of theatre

Born in May 1938, Mr. Karnad was one of the most prominent playwrights of the 1960s and 1970s, a period regarded as epitomising the renaissance of Indian theatre.

He worked with mythology and history and gave them a contemporary resonance in plays such as *Tughlaq* and *Hayavadana*. He wrote his first play *Ma Nishada* in 1960 and followed it with his breakout play *Yayati* in 1961 when he was a Rhodes scholar in England.

Mr. Karnad also translated most of his plays into English. His last play was *Rakshasa Tangadi*, published last year, set in the last years of the Vijayanagara empire.

He was also an acclaimed filmmaker and actor, his acting début being in the classic *Samskara*, directed by Pattabhirama Reddy and based on a novel by U.R. Ananthamurthy. He made a name not only in parallel cinema but also for his roles in mainstream films in multiple languages. His films include *Manthan*, *Kadhalan*, *Minsara Kanavu*, *Hey Ram*, *China Gate* and *Tiger Zinda Hai*, among others. He directed films like *Utsav*, *Tabbaliyu Neenade Magane* and *Kaadu*.

Mr. Karnad was also an institution-builder and headed the Film and Television Institute in Pune, the Nehru Centre in London and the Sangeet Natak Akademi. He played a significant role in developing the theatre space Ranga Shankara in Bengaluru.

A highly regarded public intellectual, Mr. Karnad often became the target of the Hindutva right. His name was on the hit-list of the right-wing outfit that allegedly killed editor-activist Gauri Lankesh, and he was provided security by the police.

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At 48°C, Palam records highest-ever June temperature

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

It was a scorching day in the Capital with the mercury rising to a new June high of 48°C at the Palam weather station under the influence of a severe heatwave.

The record for the city is 48.4°C at Palam on May 26, 1998, said Devendra Pradhan, Additional Director General of India Meteorological Department. The previous June high recorded at Palam was 47.8°C on June 9, 2014.

The Safdarjung weather station, which provides the city's official figure, recorded a maximum of 45.6°C, six degrees above normal for the season. The minimum was 27.2°C, one degree above normal. The record high at Safdarjung, according to IMD data, was recorded at 46.7°C on June 17, 1945, while in the past decade, the highest temperature was recorded on June 10, 2014, at 45.5°C.

Weather stations at Lodhi Road, Ridge, Ayanagar, Faridabad, and Najafgarh recorded maximum temperatures of 46°C, 47.9°C, 47°C, 46°C and 46.3°C respectively.

While Delhi touched a new June high, the rest of the northern region was no better. Churu in Rajasthan registered a high of 50.3°C, followed by Banda in Uttar Pradesh (49.2°C), Allahabad (48.9°C), Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan (48.5°C) and Narnaul in Haryana (48.3°C).

A weather official at the regional Met office in Delhi said the extreme heatwave was caused due to dry westerly winds blowing across the city and that there was no effect of a western disturbance that usually provides relief in June. The Met office said that relief in the form of dust storm/thunderstorm accompanied by gusty winds (speed 40-50 kmph) could be expected late at night on June 11 or on June 12 and 13. A heatwave is declared in the city when the maximum temperature is above 40°C and 4.5°C-6.4°C above normal.

Private weather forecaster Skymet said Cyclone Vayu is likely to bring relief to the city by June 12. "We would see pre-monsoon activities such as dust storm, thunderstorm or light rains by June 12, bringing in relief. These rain activities would stay for at least 2-3 days, resulting in drop in temperatures. It would be a gradual relief only," said its weather bulletin.

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Radio channels, sites told not to broadcast matches

On petition by group claiming to have World Cup audio rights

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has in an interim order restrained 64 websites and four private radio channels from illegally broadcasting the 2019 Cricket World Cup matches.

Justice J.R. Midha gave the direction on the plea of Channel 2 Group Corporation, which claims to have acquired the audio coverage rights from ICC Business Corporation FZ LLC, the organiser of ICC Men's World Cup 2019.

The Cricket World Cup 2019 started from May 30 and will continue till July 14.

The High Court also directed search engines "to take down/delete from their search results pages, listings of websites/ URLs which are infringing upon the plaintiff's [Channel 2 Group] copyright and broadcast reproduction rights, as and when notified by the plaintiff".

Channel 2 Group had in its plea claimed that it had entered into an agreement

with ICC Business Corporation to transmit audio coverage of matches and warm-up matches whether live, delayed, highlights or report in all languages.

The company claimed it had the exclusive right to make World Cup audio material available for reception anywhere in the world, including radio broadcasts, audio streaming/broadcasts to mobile phones, audio transmission on a digital TV channel.

'Abuse of audio rights'

It moved the High Court against "likely abuse" of its exclusive audio rights by various interested persons. It quoted past instances of infringement of similar rights that caused considerable financial loss to the owner.

"Due to the unique nature of online piracy and the unstructured nature of the Internet, enforcement of rights against such pirating websites is a time consuming, mammoth task," the plea said.

"The pirated websites can switch from one domain name to other. Further, most of the times, such websites hide under the garb of privacy as a result of which it is difficult to pin down the allegations against such website owners," it added.

Taking note of the plea, the High Court said it was satisfied that the company required an interim protection.

The court also issued notice to the websites, radio channels, Internet and telecom service providers and the Centre seeking their replies before the next date of hearing on September 4.

4 new cases of malaria reported in city

Two cases each of dengue and chikungunya also reported

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Four cases of malaria have been registered so far this month, revealed the latest report on vector-borne diseases, compiled by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), which was released on Monday.

With this, the total number of malaria cases has gone up to 13.

Two cases each of dengue and chikungunya have also been reported this week, taking the total number of dengue cases to 13 and chikungunya to seven.

During the same time last year, 24 cases of malaria, 23 cases of dengue and 14 cases of chikungunya were reported in the city.

This year so far, over 1.2 crore houses have been visited to check for mosquito breeding conditions, according to the corporation data. Of these, 18,867 houses were found positive for musquitogenic conditions and legal notices were sent to 19,915 houses.

The number of cases of vector-borne diseases tend to rise in the monsoon months especially picking up from July.

No headway in TV crew attack case

Police scan CCTV cameras at entry and exit of the road

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A day after crew members of a TV news channel were attacked on the Barapullah elevated road, the police said on Monday they were yet to make any headway in the case.

In the absence of CCTV cameras on the elevated road, the police said they were scanning footage of CCTV cameras available at the entry and exit points of the road.

Sketches prepared

"We have alerted the entire network of informers with the details of suspects. Sketches of two suspects have been prepared and circulated for identification. The forensic examination of the cab which was attacked is also being carried out. A total of 16 teams are working on the case and multiple raids have been conducted in Delhi-NCR," said DCP (Crime) Ram Gopal Naik.

The officer added that teams of Crime Branch and District Police are investigating the case.

"We have several leads in the case and the teams are working on it. We are also verifying the status of robbers who had recently been released on bail from Tihar jail," the officer added.

Early morning on Sunday, in a suspected robbery attempt, two bike-borne assailants opened fire at the TV crew which was on its way to an assignment. The assailants fired three shots aiming at the car.

Suspended cops

Preliminary inquiry found that policemen on duty at the barricade ignored the complaint of the victims. The three policemen were suspended for ignoring their complaint.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Southern Range) Devesh Srivastava said that the police have rounded up more than 50 people for questioning and have scanned more than 100 CCTV cameras installed at possible routes taken by the assailants to enter or exit the evaluated road.

"The Delhi police will not tolerate insensitive behaviour of its officers. We are working to deploy PCR vans and ensure patrolling by police motorcycles to provide maximum security on DND and Barapullah flyovers," added Mr. Srivastava.

AAP attacks Amit Shah for being silent on issue

Wants security guarantee from Centre

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party on Monday condemned the attack on crew members of a TV news channel and urged Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik to immediately arrest the culprits behind it.

AAP Delhi in-charge Gopal Rai questioned Home Minister Amit Shah's silence on the issue and said he should hold a review meeting on Delhi's security.

No arrests yet

"Even after this much time [after the shooting], there has been no comment from the Home Minister and no arrests so far," Mr. Rai said addressing a press conference on Monday.

"They [crew] were followed for two hours and the PCR van came two hours after being informed. Even after that, no major investigation happened. There was a check post but the police there only took a photo," he added.

"Question about Delhi's security has been raised again and again and today it has come to the fore again [after this incident]. There is no change even after the Central government has taken charge," he said.

Question about Delhi's security has been raised again and again and today it has come to the fore again [after the incident]. There is no change even after the Central government has taken charge

GOPAL RAI
AAP Delhi in-charge

"AAP are keeping two demands. First, the Police Commissioner should immediately arrest these people. Second, the Home Minister should hold a meeting on Delhi's law and order and guarantee security in the city," Mr. Rai said.

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Schedule for St. Stephen's sports trials out

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The schedule for sports trials for admission to St. Stephen's College under the sports quota has been released on the college's website. While verification of the sports certificates will be carried out between June 16 and June 19 at the office of Department of Physical Education, the trials will take place between June 20 and July 4, to be held at the sports arenas of the college.

The college follows a process separate from the admissions process of Delhi University. Applicants must note that sports merit admission candidates must qualify the academic riders as applicable in order to qualify. The final interviews for students applying through the sports quota will be held on July 11, 12 and 13.

'If an artist accepts defeat, it amounts to defeat of society'

Book launched to mark birth centenary of Kaifi Azmi

PALLAVI KESWANI
NEW DELHI

"In today's climate, it is important to remember people who used their art as an instrument of social change," said Shabana Azmi at the launch of the book '*Kaifi Azmi: Poems/Nazms*'.

The book is a bilingual anthology of selected 50 poems, published by Bloomsbury and edited by Sudeep Sen, with additional contributions by Husain Mir Ali, Baidar Bakht, Sumantra Ghoshal and Pritish Nandy. The book contains English translations of Urdu poems, written in Devanagari script, with a translator's note.

The book launch on Monday was timed to coincide with the birth centenary of Kaifi Azmi. It includes archival photographs featuring the poet at various junctures in his life. "It took me two years to complete this book. I completely immersed myself not only in Kaifi Azmi's poetry but also in the history of Progressive Writer's Movement," said Mr. Sen.

(From left) Anisur Rahman, Shabana Azmi, Sudeep Sen and Sumantra Ghoshal at the book launch. ▪ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

On translation and the importance of translators in modern society, Mr. Sen said, "It is a question of what kind of reverence and love you have for the poet. We, the translators, are just foot soldiers who have to ensure that the poetry sings."

The panel discussion was followed by the screening of a documentary, *Kaifinaama,* directed by Mr. Ghoshal. The event included an interactive session with the audience and book signing by the panellists.

"My father was an optimist. He never gave up hope and that was his strength. If an artist accepts defeat, it amounts to the defeat of society," said Shabana Azmi.

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Panel submits report on illegal colonies to Centre

Over granting ownership to residents

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The report of a committee, set up to come up with a process for granting ownership and transfer rights to residents of Delhi's unauthorised colonies, was submitted to Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister of State (Independent charge) Hardeep Puri on Monday.

The committee, headed by Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Anil Baijal, was set up by the Union Cabinet on March 7 and was given 90 days to submit its report.

On Monday evening, Mr. Puri said in a series of tweets that Mr. Baijal had submitted the report of the committee to him earlier in the day. "I am delighted to announce that Hon'ble LG Shri Anil Baijal Ji has handed over the report of the committee to me today in the stipulated time frame of 90 days. We will now proceed for necessary approvals [sic]," Mr. Puri said in a tweet.

A senior official of the Delhi Development Authority, which was also represented in the committee, said, "The report is about giving ownership to the people living in unauthorised colonies. Residents have to apply first and get their land registered following which inspections will take place. The checks will be the basic ones, including the authenticity of the papers they submit and so on."

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IN BRIEF

Missing boy traced within two hours

NEW DELHI

A 16-year-old intellectually challenged boy, who was reported missing, was traced by the police in two hours. He is a resident of Uttar Pradesh. The police said that the boy's brother approached them and said that the two had come to the city for the boy's treatment. After meeting the doctor, he had asked the boy to wait while he went to get medicines. When the brother returned, the boy was nowhere to be seen. Later, the police found him from Rajghat, the police said.

AAP govt failed to ensure 24x7 power: Gupta

NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly, Vijender Gupta accused the AAP government of failing to ensure 24-hour uninterrupted power supply, reducing power bills of consumers, increasing power production and bringing in legislation to compensate them for unscheduled outages.

2.85 lakh apply to DU as Friday deadline nears

BA (Hons.) English most popular, receives 92,346 applications

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

With just four days left to register for admissions to Delhi University's undergraduate programmes, 2.85 lakh aspirants had applied till Monday.

Among those who have registered, 1,08,161 applied under the general category, 33,245 under the OBC, 24,494 under the SC, 4,984 under the ST and 4,045 under EWS category.

Continuing last year's trend, BA (Honours) English programme saw the highest number of applications. While 1.2 lakh students had applied for the course last year, 92,346 had registered for the BA (Honours) English this year till Sunday. BA (Honours) political science has been the second most popular subject with 83,504 applications, followed by BA (Hons.) programme with 80,967, BA (Honours) economics with 80,277 and the BA (Hons.) history with 76,635 applications.

Meanwhile, the varsity has changed the eligibility criteria for UG programmes, inviting protests. Teachers' representatives have written to the V-C to look into the matter.

One of the major changes is eligibility for BA (Hons.) economics. To be eligible for the course, students should have studied mathematics in their 'best of four' subjects. Besides this, inclusion of subjects not present in List A or B of UG bulletin will lead to a deduction of 2.5% in the applicants 'best of four' marks aggregate.

'Best of four'

Subject	2018	2019
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B.Com	**45%** aggregate with maths	**50%** or more in maths and aggregate of **60%**
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BA (programme)	Aggregate **40%** in qualifying exams	Aggregate of **50%** or more in qualifying exams

Plea on new norms: HC seeks Centre, DU's reply

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday sought the response of the Centre and the Delhi University on a petition challenging its new admission norms for undergraduate courses.

A Vacation Bench of Justice Anu Malhotra and Justice Talwant Singh observed that there is arbitrariness in how criteria were changed just a day before opening of registration for admission.

Advocate Charanpal Singh Bagri, in his plea, sought quashing of DU's amended eligibility criteria on the ground that the varsity's decision to amend the criteria at the last moment was in violation of the principle of natural justice. Mr. Bagri has requested the court to continue with the admissions for the UG courses for 2019-20 as per old eligibility criteria.

The registration for admission in DU commenced on May 30 and will close on June 14.

Till last year, if a student had 50% marks in mathematics, he or she could apply for BA (Hons) in economics, but this year the subject has been made mandatory for 'best of four', which means maths has to be part of the top four subjects, aggregate of which will be considered for the admission.

The HC has asked the HRD Ministry and the varsity to submit their replies by June 14, the next date of hearing.

JNUSU alleges anomaly in conduct of entrance exam

Says candidates faced difficulties

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The JNU Students' Union on Monday wrote to University Vice-Chancellor M. Jagadesh Kumar alleging that there were several discrepancies in the conduct of the JNU entrance examination that was conducted as a computer-based test for the first time this year. The university had outsourced the conduct of the test to the National Testing Agency that held it between May 27 and May 30.

The JNUSU in its letter said that students had to face difficulties at all stages of the entrance examination right from the application process to the online test.

They alleged that the exam paper of BA 1st year cluster one of Russian, Spanish, French and German held on May 28 were found to be circulating on WhatsApp and that the BA paper that came was out of syllabus that was prescribed in the prospectus by JNU administration for students.

"The latest in the set of problems is the wide-scale errors in the answer key provided by the NTA," the JNUSU said.

'Ensure contract workers are paid on time'

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Labour Minister Gopal Rai on Monday directed GTB Hospital officials to ensure that contractual employees get minimum wages and they get their salary during the first week of every month.

Giving directions after conducting an inspection at the hospital, Mr. Rai said that any file related to salary of contractual workers should be cleared within three days or action would be taken against the official concerned. He instructed the labour department to look into the licences of the private agencies employing the workers. He also directed the hospital management to re-instate sacked contractual employees.

Minister reviews pending works

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Minister for Social Welfare Rajendra Pal Gautam on Monday chaired a meeting regarding pending projects of his department and issued direction for expediting the work

Since the Minister's last visit, an old age home project in north west Delhi's Lampur has been pending with the PWD which the Minister asked to expedite and complete it within the stipulated time, the department said in a statement.

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Man beaten to death in Jahangirpuri; one detained

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 24-year-old man was beaten to death in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri in the small hours of Monday, the police said.

They have detained one person in connection with the case.

A senior officer said the victim has been identified as Gaurav, who was arrested in a murder case in 2016 and was out on bail.

The police said they received a PCR call at 2 a.m. from a woman stating that a man was being beaten by a group. "On reaching the spot, the police found the victim dead with a head injury. The body has been preserved for post-mortem," the officer said.

Enquiry revealed that Gaurav and his friends had an argument with a rival group around 12 a.m. and it soon turned violent. The accused hit him with a brick and he died on the spot, the police said.

"Six accused have been identified and one of them has been detained," the officer added.

Kot in a quandary as authorities discuss land with company

Villagers fear administration might help the firm acquire land through consolidation

ASHOK KUMAR
FARIDABAD

The residents of Kot village in the foothills of Aravalis here are a worried lot. A large chunk of 'Shamlaat' (common) land in their village has been bought over by a company associated with an influential yoga guru and they now fear that the district administration may act hand in glove with the company to help it acquire premium land through consolidation process.

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera had on Saturday alleged that nearly 400 acres of prohibited land had been acquired by the company in Kot village and demanded a probe into the alleged land scam.

Kot sarpanch Mundresh Devi's husband Kesar alleged that the villagers were completely left out of the consolidation process initiated by the district administration on February 1 and the entire exercise was being carried out in a "hush-hush manner ostensibly to help the company".

A villager on a tract of land owned by a company associated with a yoga guru in Kot. ▪ ASHOK KUMAR

He added that the consolidation process must be carried out in consultation with the villagers and the panchayat members since they were the most important stakeholders. "Usually, a committee is constituted to carry out the consolidation in consultation with the villagers and the panchayat. The value of the land is also fixed. It has been more than four months since the consolidation started but the villagers have not heard anything on this from the administration," said nambardar Sarda Ram.

Of the total 3,184 acre land of the village, 2,926 acre is Shamlaat land. The company mostly owns 'Gair Mumkin Pahar' (uncultivable wasteland), but Mr. Kesar expressed fear that the district administration might allot cultivable land to it in return for the mountain terrain through the consolidation process. "The cultivable land has far higher market value than the mountain terrain," said Mr. Kesar.

The villagers complained that the panchayat did not have land for a school, ponds and a community centre, but the district administration did not ask them about their need during the consolidation process. "Most of the villagers rear cattle and sell milk. But there is not enough land left for cattle grazing," said Satya, another villager.

Mr. Kesar alleged that the consolidation process was being carried out in haste, even before the ownership of the Shamlaat land was settled. "The case for settling the title of the land is still pending in the court of Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad. He did not give a date for fresh hearing in the matter after January 29 and instead initiated the consolidation process on February 1," said Mr. Kesar.

The director general of Consolidation of Holdings, Haryana, in a letter to Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad, dated June 12, 2018, declined the proposal for consolidation saying the law applied only to agricultural holdings and the title of the Shamlaat land was also not decided yet. Around 2,700 acre land in the village is uncultivable.

Faridabad Deputy Commissioner Ashok Garg had on Sunday assured to reply to the allegations within 24 hours, but he did not.

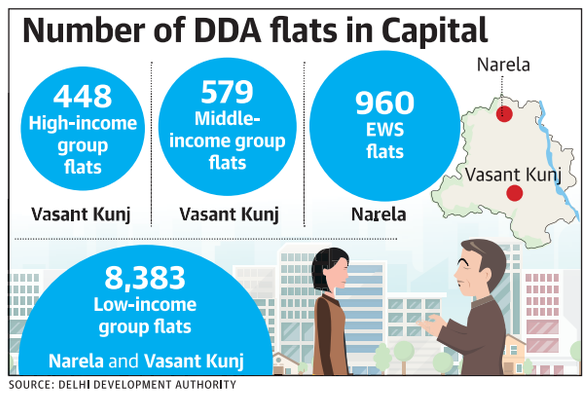
Over 40,000 applications received for DDA's 2019 housing scheme

Urban body expects to see an increase after final count

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has received over 40,000 applications under its housing scheme for 2019, said officials on Monday.

The urban body opened the portal for registration under the 2019 housing scheme in March this year and the last date was extended by a month to June 10.



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'Good response'

Officials said while the response to this year's housing scheme was "good", the DDA is expecting the final count to be higher.

"While the registration for the housing scheme ended on Monday, we are expecting close to 50,000 applications. The data is provided by the empanelled banks through which interested stakeholders could register. While we already have the data for 40,000 applicants, the final count should be much higher," said a senior DDA official.

The draws for the scheme are likely to be held in the last week of June, the official added.

Around 1,800 flats in Vasant Kunj and Narela are on offer under this year's housing scheme. Out of the total number of flats, 450 are high-income group (HIG), 1,550 are middle-income group (MIG) and 8,300 are low-income group (LIG) flats.

Additionally, 7,700 flats are under the economically weaker section (EWS) category.

Meanwhile, 2,000 flats under the older scheme have been booked while around 1,000 flats are still available.

"These flats from the older inventory are on offer. Interested stakeholders can book them online. It is on a first come, first served basis and the online portal will be open till the inventory lasts," the official added.

Son hits father with hammer for refusing him money for betting

Brother also injured; accused nabbed from Mumbai, say police

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI

A 54-year-old man was allegedly attacked with a hammer by his son in west Delhi's Naraina after he refused him money for betting on a Cricket World Cup match, the police said on Monday.

Sudhir Singh alias Sonu, who had also attacked his younger brother in the incident, has been arrested, they said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Sameer Sharma said the victim has been identified as Arvind Singh from Najafgarh's Jai Vihar. Sudhir was nabbed from Mumbai on June 6.

A senior officer said on June 4, a PCR call was received from Ganga Ram Hospital regarding a physical assault.

"On reaching the spot, they were told that Mr. Arvind and Rahul [26] were undergoing treatment. Only Rahul's statement was recorded as his father was not fit," the officer said.

Rahul said his elder brother and father were in a factory at 10.45 a.m. when he had gone to a bank for some work.

He told police that on returning, he saw Sudhir hitting his father with a hammer.

"His father was semi-conscious when Rahul rushed to save him. Sudhir then hit him too with the hammer and fled the spot," the officer said.

'Lost lakhs of rupees'

The family alleged that Sudhir had asked his father for money, which he refused.

"Sudhir had lost lakhs of rupees in betting. He was asking his father for more money for betting on a match in the World Cup," the officer said.

A case was registered under Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code.

During investigation, Sudhir's mobile phone was put on technical surveillance and it showed that he was headed to Mumbai in a train.

A team was then sent there to nab him.

"He was nabbed from the Mumbai Central railway station," the officer said.

Father critical

The accused's transit remand was sought and he was brought to Delhi. He was then produced before a court and sent to judicial custody, the police said, adding that Mr. Arvind's condition is critical.

The two accused in police custody. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Two friends arrested for carrying illegal weapons

Wanted to be gambling operators: police

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Two friends, who wanted to become *satta* (gambling) operators, have been arrested in Dwarka for allegedly carrying illegal weapons, the police said on Monday.

Vishal Gupta (25) from Dwarka and Pravesh (25) from Uttam Nager were nabbed from near Kakrola on June 8, they said.

"One pistol and two live rounds were seized from Pravesh and one country-made pistol and two live rounds from Vishal," said Anto Alphonse, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka).

During interrogation, they said a couple of months ago they got an idea to become gambling operators and procured the illegal weapons, the officer added.

'Habitual drinkers'

They are habitual drinkers, the police said, adding that for buying alcohol, they started committing petty crimes.

Official hints at human error behind Nuh factory blast

'Repair work took more time leading to building of gases'

ASHOK KUMAR
NUH

The blast in an oven at an animal feed manufacturing unit in Rojka Meo industrial area here on Sunday, which killed three people, could have been caused due to "human error", said a labour department source privy to the investigation.

The senior labour department official, not willing to be quoted, told *The Hindu* that probably the "error of judgement" on part of the two engineers from China on the time needed for repair work led to the explosion.

"It seems the repair work took longer than expected leading to building up of gases inside the oven and it exploded. If they had kept the door of the oven open for the release of the gases, the tragedy could have been averted," said the official.

Meanwhile, an FIR has been registered against the company's director, Vivek Chopra, general manager Shekhar Singh and manager Shakeel on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder. No arrests have been made so far.

SHO Rojka Meo Chander Bhan said the probe is on but the management officials are not cooperating.

"We have written to various departments, including HUDA, HSIIDC and Fire Department, to ascertain whether the requisite permissions were taken or not," said Mr. Bhan.

Deputy director (labour department) Ravinder Malik said the unit owners had not procured the licence from the department required under The Factories Act, 1948. After the post-mortem, the body of Vicky Rajput was handed over to his family on Monday. However, the police were still waiting the "No Objection Certificate" from the Chinese Embassy for conducting autopsy on the two engineers. Both had come to India on business visas valid till later this year.

The two were putting up in rooms inside the company, the workers claimed.

'No basic amenities'

Senior vice-president of Mewat Chamber of Commerce and Industry D.K. Mehta ruled that the authorities had failed to provide basic amenities such as fire station, sewage and street light to the industrial area over the past three decades.

Jaitley moves out of official home

36 new flats being readied for MPs at North Avenue

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister Arun Jaitley is moving out of the residence that was allotted to him when he was a Minister and shifting into his own home in south Delhi, sources said on Monday.

Mr. Jaitley's move is among many changes taking place in Lutyens' Delhi's bungalows and flats to make way for the new Council of Ministers and incoming Members of Parliament.

According to Delhi BJP sources, Mr. Jaitley has started moving out of 2 Krishna Menon Marg, the residence allocated to him when he became a Union Minister in 2014, and into his own home in Kailash Colony.

Mr. Jaitley, who had held the finance and defence portfolios in the first term of the Narendra Modi government, had taken himself out of the running for the Cabinet for the second term. Ahead of the swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on May 30, Mr. Jaitley had written to Mr. Modi saying he wanted to focus on his health and stay away from "any responsibility" in the second term. As a Rajya Sabha MP, Mr. Jaitley will be entitled to official accommodation.

Meanwhile, the Urban Development Ministry's Central Public Works Department has constructed 36 new flats on North Avenue for MPs. The flats have been constructed after demolition of decades-old flats at the same site. The four-bedroom homes, with 5-kilowatt solar panels, LED lights and fly ash bricks, have been constructed keeping in mind the environment, the official said. Cleaning and last-minute finishing touches are going on this week, after which the homes will be ready for the Lok Sabha secretariat to allot to MPs, the official said.

A view of Arun Jaitley's official bungalow at 2 Krishna Menon Marg; newly built flats for MPs at North Avenue. ▪ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Aligarh case: Delhi Cong. files complaint with NHRC

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A delegation of the Delhi Congress on Monday filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on the issue of the murder of a two-year-old girl in Aligarh's Tappal.

The delegation included members from the party's legal and human rights department, a team of lawyers and activists.

An advocate with the Delhi Congress, Sunil Kumar, in his petition said in the Aligarh incident the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court in the matter of Bachpan Bachao Andolan vs Union of India were not followed.

"While the memory is still fresh in the minds of the people of the murder of a girl in Kathua, the present incident has sent shock waves in society," Mr. Kumar said.

'Missing children'

The Delhi Congress demanded that the chief secretaries of all the States be directed to follow the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court in the matters of missing children.

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It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the walk-in-interview of Senior Residents scheduled to be held on 19.06.2019 in I.G. Medical College, Shimla is postponed till further orders due to administrative reasons/decision. The next date, if any, as well as changes in the aforesaid advertisement/vacancies of Sr. Residents will be intimated / communicated through website of the Institute **www.igmcshimla.edu.in**

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Ref. No. 574/11-02(xiv)/ITCO/URRDA/18

Dated:03-06-2019

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e-Procurement Notice-03 (Regular PMGSY)/2019-20

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Almora, Bageshwar, Champawat, Nainital, Pauri, Tehri & Uttarkashi for 20 number of Package with estimated cost totaling to Rs. 64.73 Crore including their maintenance for two years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent*.
Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 12-06-2019.
Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved from and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with the CONCERNED/RESPECTIVE CIRCLE OFFICES on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.
Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 12-07-2019, 01:00 PM
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Chief Engineer,
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* Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
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Ref. PR No.: 203913
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Project Title :- " Construction (including structural design) of 9,592 Dwelling units in 32 number of G+8 blocks (28 blocks with 322 dwelling units each and 4 blocks with 144 dwelling units each) at Birsanagar, Jamshedpur under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [Package C]."
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

Hiring External Agency for Preparation of Input-Output Transaction Table of the State Economy for the year 2017-18 under Central Sector Scheme "Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS)"

Applications are invited from interested parties, firms/agencies for preparing Input-Output Transaction Table of the State Economy for the year 2017-18 under Central Sector Scheme, "Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS)" by Department of Economic & Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh (DES, GoHP) Shimla. RFP document comprising detailed terms and conditions can be downloaded from our website **www.himachal.nic.in/economics.** Technical & Financial bids shall be received in the office of Economic Adviser, Department of Economic & Statistics, GoHP, Block No.38 SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla upto 16:00 hours on 07th July 2019 and Technical bids shall be opened on same day in the office of Economic Adviser, Shimla by a Evaluation Committee at 16:30 hours in the presence of the applicants or their authorized representatives who may like to be present.

Applications are invited in two envelopes marked I and II. Envelope-I shall only contain information pertaining to the eligibility criteria (Technical Proposal). Envelope-II shall contain the price bid (Financial Proposal). Earnest Money amounting to Rs.200,000/- (Two Lakh Only) shall be accepted only in shape of a Demand Draft drawn on any scheduled bank in favour of Economic Adviser, Shimla payable at Shimla. If the date of receiving/opening of bids is declared as Public Holiday, bids would be received/opened on next working day at the same time. DES GoHP reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason.

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Economic Adviser,
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OFFICES OF THE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT U.T. CUM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHANDIGARH CITY BUS SERVICES SOCIETY, PLOT NO. 701,I NDUSTRIAL AREA, PHASE-I, CHANDIGARH

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to the e-tender bearing Reference No. 5371/CCBSS/CTU/2019 dated 27.05.2019 uploaded on the website chdctu.gov.in for inviting e-tenders for **"the work of Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of 170 SML Diesel Midi(9.0 Mtr) BS-IV Buses including labour and spares (including Tyres) in Depot No-II, CTU, Chandigarh"** and with respect to pre-bid meeting held with CTU Committee Members and prospective bidders on 06.06.2019 in the office room of Director Transport, CTU Chandigarh, certain amendments are hereby made in the e-tender document/RFP.
Accordingly,tender documents stands amended to the extent as mentioned in Column No. 3 of Addendum uploaded on http://e-tender.chd.nic.in and chdctu.gov.in alongwith the last date for uploading of bids is extended from 24.06.2019 to 01.07.2019 upto 2.00 P.M and opening of Technical Bid is hereby extended from 24.06.2019 to 01.07.2019 at 03.00 P.M.
The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Director Transport-cum-CEO
Chandigarh City Bus Services Society Chandigarh

Internet suspended, extra forces deployed in Aligarh's Tappal

Authorities attempt to check spread of rumours after toddler's murder

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The Tappal authorities maintained a tight vigil in the area suspending Internet services and deploying additional forces on Monday, a day after the police thwarted attempts by right-wing groups to hold a "mahapanchayat" in the town over the murder of a toddler.

Tappal area Circle Officer Pankaj Srivastava was transferred on Monday as a fallout of the events of the past few days. Special Superintendent of Police Akash Kulhari denied reports of migration of Muslims from the area, saying "a few persons may have moved out temporarily, but they will return shortly".

> **No migration of Muslims from the area... a few may have moved out temporarily**
> AKASH KULHARI
> Special Superintendent of Police

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure remained clamped in Tappal, which falls under the Khair tehsil, due to the fear of a communal flare-up as officials warned of strict action against spreading of inflammatory messages or videos on the social media.

District Magistrate Chandra Bhushan Singh ordered suspension of Internet services in the Khair tehsil till midnight, an official release said.

Following the killing of a two-and-a-half-year-old girl in Tappal, some people had been spreading rumours and circulating fake video clips on social media, the release said, adding that these posts were likely to inflame communal passions.

The police struggled to keep the situation under control on Sunday as protesters demanded meting out "instant justice" in the case. The police also prevented people from the neighbouring districts from coming to Tappal.

"We will not allow anyone to create discord," said Mr. Kulhari.

Odisha Assembly session to begin on June 25

16th Assembly to have 30 working days in two phases; budget on June 28

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHUBANESWAR

The first session of the 16th Odisha Legislative Assembly will commence from June 25 and the State government will present the annual budget for 2019-20 fiscal on June 28.

According to a notification issued by the Assembly Secretariat on Monday, the session will have 30 working days in two phases – first phase from June 25 to July 2 and the second phase from July 12 to August 8.

As per the schedule, the budget session of the Assembly will begin with the address by Governor Ganeshi Lal. A discussion on motion of thanks on the Governor's speech will be held on June 26 and 27.

The election for the Deputy Speaker's post will be held on June 27, and new Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari will present the budget proposals in the House on June 28.

BJP main Opposition

The Appropriation Bill on the budget for the year 2019-20 will be introduced in the Assembly on July 31.

This will be the first budget session after formation of the new government. It is for the first time that the Assembly will witness the Bharatiya Janata Party as the main Opposition party in the House.

Congress was the main Opposition party in the Assembly ever since the Biju Janata Dal government came to power in Odisha in 2000. The BJP is yet to name its leader.

5 held in Assam for forcing girls to dance naked

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Assam police have arrested five persons for allegedly forcing a group of girls to dance naked at a programme organised to celebrate Id.

The National Commission for Women has also taken suo motu cognisance of the incident with its chairperson Rekha Sharma asking Assam's Director General of Police Kuladhar Saikia to conduct an inquiry and take action against the culprits.

The incident happened on the night of June 7 at a village in Kamrup district's Chhaygaon. The victims were members of two dance troupes hired from Boko.

The police in Chhaygaon said the local organisers had hired the dance troupes for ₹37,000. Soon after the programme started, the organisers allegedly forced the dancers – eight of them tribal girls – to perform in the nude as demanded by the crowd. The audience also allegedly tried to molest the girls.

"The unruly crowd as well as the organisers started pulling the girls' clothes. They threatened to kill us if they did not dance naked. Some friends and the police eventually rescued us," said Arup D. Rabha, director of one of the dance troupes.

Mr. Rabha said the organisers had told people that they would bring "special nude dancers" from West Bengal.

On Sunday and Monday, hundreds of people took to the streets in Boko. Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma condemned the incident and said the culprits should be dealt with firmly.

BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA
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f] Phone (Office)	022-24958001/ 8101 Ext. No. 8946
g] Mobile No.	9987173007
h] Email Add.	seproc01.so@mcgm.gov.in

If there are any changes in the dates and time for submission of the bids and opening of the bids and Modifications in specifications will be made by MCGM by issuing necessary addendum / corrigendum. The same will be displayed on the MCGM Portal (http://portal.mcgm.gov.in)

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'Sariska tiger ST-16 died of heatstroke'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The male tiger known as ST-16, which was found dead in Rajasthan's Sariska Tiger Reserve on Saturday, died of heatstroke after it was tranquillised for treatment of a lesion, according to the preliminary post-mortem report. The tiger also had a tumour on its leg which might have weakened it.

The seven-year-old tiger was shifted from the Ranthambhore National Park to Sariska two months ago. It had been limping for some time and was tranquillised by veterinarians on Saturday morning.

The forest officials found lack of movement of the collared tiger shortly after being released into the wild. When the officials reached the spot, the tiger was found dead. It was cremated on Sunday evening after the post-mortem.

Chief Wildlife Warden Arindam Tomar said here on Monday that the autopsy report had prima facie found heatstroke as the cause of death. The pathological examination of viscera is likely to reveal the exact cause.

The forest officials also suspect that the tiger could be suffering from cancer or septicaemia. The viscera samples will be sent to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, and the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad.

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A special morning assembly was conducted by Class X-E on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore or Gurudev, as he is fondly known. Aryan Sinha and Shubham Rathi started the assembly by presenting facts about Gurudev, followed by a Bengali Couplet of the Gurudev's Poem and various other performances were also done by the school students. A short quiz was also conducted, which was followed by a dance programme. The event came to an end with a speech by the principal.

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NOTICE
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Pragya Thakur gets a one-day exemption

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A special court here Monday granted a day's exemption from appearance on health grounds to BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, accused of conspiring the September 2008 Malegaon bomb blast. Ms. Thakur on Monday filed an application through her advocate seeking exemption from appearance for one day citing ill health, which was accepted by Special NIA Judge V.S. Padalkar. PTI

Major among 4 booked for assaulting jawan

PUNE

Four army personnel, including a Major, were booked on charges of attempt to murder and wrongful confinement after a soldier alleged they assaulted him for refusing to drink liquor, the police said on Monday. A Sanghavi police station official said the incident took place at the Aundh military station on June 3. "Jawan Ramesh Mohanrao Bishnoi has filed a complaint that the accused called him to a barrack and offered him liquor. When he refused, they poured alcohol into his mouth and later beat him with a rod," the official said. A case was registered against the four, among them a Lieutenant, a Subedar and a Naib Subedar, under Sections 307 and 342 (wrongful confinement) and 332 (voluntarily causing hurt) of the IPC, he said. PTI

Bomb blast accused will hear President speak, says Pawar

'It does not behove a political party and the democracy to give ticket to such a person'

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Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar on Monday slammed the BJP for fielding Malegaon blast accused Pragya Singh Thakur in the Lok Sabha elections, and added that such an action does not befit a political party or democracy.

The former Union minister was speaking at an event here to mark the 20th anniversary of his party. "When Parliament session begins, members of both Houses attend the joint address of President. There will be a large number of those believing the saffron ideology too attending it. And there are people who have serious cases against them," he said.

"A person facing serious charges got elected from Madhya Pradesh and is in power. She (Pragya Singh Thakur) has several cases against her (including) the Malegaon blast case, murder of a BJP worker named Joshi and others. It does not behove a political party and the democracy to give (poll) ticket to such a person," Mr. Pawar said.

Across India, barring a few States, one can see the surge of communal ideology, Mr. Pawar said.

"It is there in Parliament, the Central government. In Parliament, we see saffron-clad people in one corner. They are not seen taking part in the (House) business. There style of working is different," the NCP leader said.

Nationalist Congress Party leader Chhagan Bhujbal carries a 'jal dindi' to celebrate their 20th foundation day in Mumbai on Monday. ▪ EMMANUAL YOGINI

On the Malegaon blast case, Mr. Pawar said, "When the investigation began, young men from minority communities were held. The blast occurred on a Friday in a masjid, when people had gathered to worship. I had then said that no Muslim would carry out a bomb explosion on a Friday in a mosque."

"In the probe, there were some good officers like Hemant Karkare, who was killed in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, Mr. Pawar said. Karkare and his team had arrested some people, including someone [Pragya] who will attend the President's address (in Parliament)," he said.

"Such people are getting reputation now and there are many such there (in Parliament). There is a minister who asks people to go to Pakistan if a Muslim worker says anything. We had to tell (them that) this country is not property of your ancestors," Pawar said.

The NCP chief also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the manner in which the latter conducted the Lok Sabha poll campaign.

"Knowingly, unknowingly, the PM unfortunately tried to divide the country on religious lines. It was not in the country's interest. They (the BJP) may have got political benefit out of it," he said.

"But it is not right to use power to spread religious ideology. Because it does not fit in the ideological framework Babasaheb Ambedkar gave through the Constitution. But the rulers today don't think on those lines," he said.

Doctor's suicide: three accused to be in custody till June 24

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MUMBAI

The City Civil and Sessions Court on Monday extended the judicial custody of three senior doctors at BYL Nair Hospital till June 24 in the case for abetting the suicide of 26-year-old, second-year resident doctor Dr. Payal Tadvi.

Hema Ahuja, Bhakti Mehare and Ankita Khandelwal, all third-year resident doctors, were booked on May 23, a day after Tadvi killed herself in her hostel room on the hospital's premises.

The trio were sent to judicial custody on May 31 and they subsequently filed their bail pleas. They are currently lodged at Byculla jail. On Monday they broke down in court and told the judge they cannot stay in jail anymore.

The doctors claimed that they were subjected to injustice and requested the judge to hear the arguments pertaining to bail soon. Additional sessions judge R.M. Sadrani adjourned the hearing to June 17 for bail arguments and extended judicial custody till June 24.

They have been booked under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), among others.

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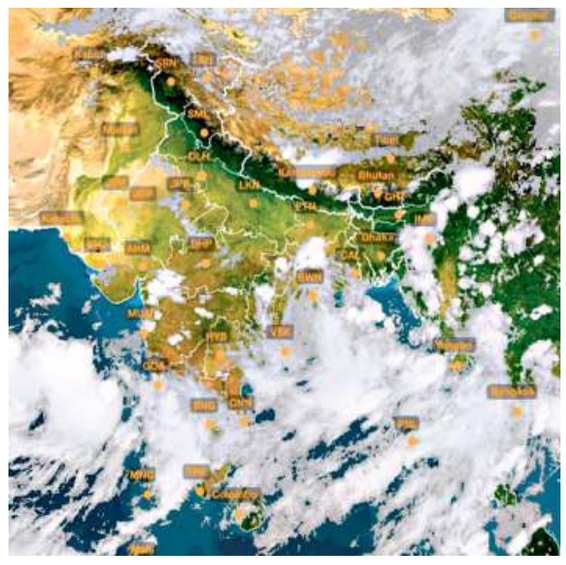

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Allahabad	–	48.9	29.3	Madurai	–	35.4	26.4
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Bhopal	–	45.0	30.6	Mumbai	3.2	35.6	25.8
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Chennai	–	41.5	30.6	Patna	–	41.2	30.2
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With their demand for a stipend hike yet to see the light of the day, medical interns in Maharashtra have threatened to launch a State-wide strike.

In April and May last year, medical interns from across the State had similarly threatened to launch an indefinite strike if their stipend of ₹6,000 was not hiked. While they had received verbal assurance from the government, the Association of State Medical Interns (ASMI), that claims to represent over 5000 interns from 21 government medical colleges, said that the demand has not seen any movement since a year.

The interns have sought a meeting with the State Minister of Medical Education, Girish Mahajan and the Directorate of Medical Education (DMER) officials before June 15.

However, Dr. Tatyarao Lahane, director, DMER, said he has not received the letter yet and that they will make a request to the government after receiving the letter.

"Internship is a part of the syllabus of their undergraduate course. Several States don't even pay a stipend, but we do. The government will contemplate on whether to increase the stipend or not. We have already written to the government to increase their stipend. We will recommend their demand to the government once we receive their letter," Dr. Lahane said.

Mr. Mahajan remained unavailable for a comment.

"Until 2005, medical interns in the State were paid ₹850 as stipend, that was then hiked to ₹2,500. In 2012, it was further hiked to ₹6,000. After the new government was elected, we have asked several times for a hike, but have not received it yet. We even took two follow-ups last year, but were told that the file is stuck in the finance department," Dr. Hrushikesh Mankar (22), president, ASMI said.

Education expenses and stipend per month

States	Cost per year (in ₹)	Stipend per month (in ₹)
Assam	30,000	20,000
Bihar	12,000	15,000
Goa	43,000	20,000
Karnataka	35,075	19,975
Haryana	59,620	12,000
Odisha	30,000	20,000
Tamil Nadu	13,600	15,000
Himachal Pradesh	60,000	12,000
Uttar Pradesh	36,000	17,900

SC dismisses plea filed by general category students

They had sought fresh choice of seats, including seats reverted from EWS, in PG medical courses

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed applications filed by general category candidates for modification of the court's June 4 order, which restrained candidates from changing their original preference/option of seats in postgraduate medical courses in Maharashtra after the scrapping of 10% economic reservation in admissions for the academic year 2019-2020.

A Vacation Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee further recorded that no reserved category candidate should be excluded if he or she is found eligible to compete from the general category.

"The order dated 04.06.2019 is absolutely clear and requires no clarification. The number of seats in the quota of economically weaker section has now been scrapped by the order dated 30.05.2019. The seats will now be available in the general category and will be filled up as per the merit in NEET in accordance with the order dated 04.06.2019. There can be no question of exclusion of any meritorious candidate irrespective of the category provided, the candidates get cut-off marks as required for the general category," the court ordered.

The general category candidates' pleas had sought the apex court to allow them to seek a fresh choice of seats, including seats reverted from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category to general category.

'Accordance with merit'

The applicants had submitted that seats should be allotted to already registered and qualified medical students during manual (physical) counselling, in accordance with merit, without insisting upon previous choice/ options exercised by them.

One of the applications filed by Sagar Damodar Sarda said the original exercise of options by the applicants and other qualified students "cannot be termed as valid exercise in facts of the given case when the said exercise was itself restricted by operation of EWS quota which is now not applicable for the current academic year".

'Not in 2019-2020'

It said the "provisional seat position of postgraduate courses in government/ government-aided/ BMC and central government medical colleges, published by the Government of Maharashtra, State Common Entrance Cell would further reveal that there were several seats, discipline wise - college wise which were earmarked for EWS students (only); before the said reservation scheme (for EWS) was directed not to be applicable for this academic year 2019-2020" by the apex court on May 30.

The candidates had alleged the authorities, even after issuance of directions by the Supreme Court, did not call for fresh choice filling, to enable students in order of merit to participate afresh in the re-counselling process.

Monsoon on course, Goa issues safety advisory

Ban on fishing enforced, water sports discontinued till August

PRAKASH KAMAT
PANAJI

With moderate to heavy rains expected to lash various parts of Goa over the next few days, Drishti Marine, the state-appointed lifeguard agency has issued a monsoon advisory instructing visitors not to venture into the sea.

The Goa government shuts down beaches for swimming and water sports activities from June to August every year as the sea tends to be extremely rough and choppy.

The State also bans fishing for 61days from June 1 to July 31, with nearly 1,500 trawlers pulling their nets off the territorial waters for the entire period of the ban.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), heavy rainfall with high-speed winds is likely to occur at isolated places over north and south Goa. Pre-monsoon showers commenced earlier this week with light showers across the State.

Drishti's nearly 600-strong lifeguard force mans Goa's beaches through the year. Owing to the present weather conditions, red flags have been posted across all beaches indicating the strictly non-swim zones.

Ravi Shankar, CEO, Drishti Marine, said on Monday, "Even wading into the waters is not advisable during monsoons. Our team of lifeguards, trained to carry out rescues even in rough weather, is present along the coast to monitor the weather conditions."

Drishti advises visitors to avoid rocky areas, cliffs, and hills on the shoreline. These are very slippery during monsoon season. The height of the waves, intensity and frequencies is inconsistent, can be very high and one can easily get washed away. All rocky areas around the fort areas in Anjuna, Vagator in North coastal belt and Tiracol in South coastal belt are out of bounds during monsoons.

River bathing including water sports activities is restricted and can only be done under the supervision of trained and certified operators.

In case of a dry spell over the next few months and depending on weather conditions, Drishti may open up a few beach stretches so that visitors can wade into the waters.

"Goa's coastline is quite complex and requires mapping every morning. If weather conditions are favourable, we may open up some of the beaches for visitors who want to wade into the water. These zones can be identified by the red and yellow flags and will be decided on a daily basis. However, even in such conditions, swimming is not advisable due to the presence of underwater currents and rip tides," cautions Mr. Ravi Shankar.

Drishti has also cautioned adults to keep an eye on children while on the beach and to not allow them to venture into the waters unattended.

Stay safe this monsoon

- Avoid rocky areas, cliffs, and hills on the shoreline.
- Do not venture into seas. The rocks can be very slippery, height of waves is inconsistent.
- Rocky areas around Anjuna, Vagator and Tiracol are out of bounds.
- River bathing, including water sports can only be done under the supervision of trained and certified operators.
- Drishti Marine will map weather and coastline on daily basis.
- Safe and non-safe areas will be demarcated with yellow and red flags.
- Adults advised to keep watch on children

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DEATH

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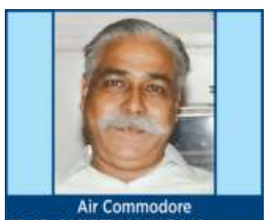

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IN BRIEF

Sabarimala temple to be opened for a day

PATHANAMTHITTA

Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala will be opened on Tuesday afternoon for day-long rituals to be held in connection with the anniversary of the idol installation on Wednesday. 'Melsanthi' (head priest) V.N. Vasudevan Namboodiri will open the sanctum sanctorum at 5 p.m. Though no rituals will be undertaken on Tuesday, the temple will be kept open till 10 p.m. for devotees to have darshan of the presiding deity.

A.P. decides to auction properties of AgriGold

VIJAYAWADA

In a major decision, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has decided to file a petition in the High Court urging it to allow the State government to auction the properties of AgriGold. Information and Public Relations Minister Perni Venkatramaiah said that the government would auction the prime properties if the court gave its permission. The AgriGold land would be developed into layouts. The government would also deposit ₹1,150 crore with the HC to pay the AgriGold depositors.

Condition of Nipah patient is now stable

KOCHI

The Nipah patient recuperating in a private hospital here is recovering well and is able to walk without help, said a health bulletin issued here on Monday. The condition of all the people admitted to the isolation ward in the Government Medical College Hospital, Ernakulam, is said to be stable. On Monday, another patient was admitted to the isolation ward, taking the number of patients in the ward to eight.

SC stays demolition of Kochi high-rises

Over 400 families who are staying in five apartment blocks get relief; review plea to be heard in July

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In what comes as relief for over 400 families in the Maradu panchayat in Ernakulam, the Supreme Court on Monday put on hold its May 8 order to demolish their apartments for violating the stringent coastal zone regulations.

A Vacation Bench of Justices Indira Banerjee and Ajay Rastogi froze the demolition for six weeks after the residents pleaded that they were not even given an opportunity to be heard before the court passed the order to raze the five apartment blocks. It referred the petition, as per the residents' urging, to the Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra that passed the May 8 order for demolition in the first place.

The petition to review the May 8 order was filed by a group of house owners facing the bleak prospect of the demolition of their homes.

Safe for now: A file photo of the Alfa Serene Apartments at Maradu in Kochi. ▪ THULASI KAKKAT

In fact, the Justice Mishra Bench had ordered the State authorities to knock down the apartment blocks within a month. The deadline has passed.

Status quo ordered

Assuring that the review plea would be heard in July first week, the Vacation Bench ordered status quo till then.

The main ground of the review petitioners was that the court-appointed three-member committee had not given them a proper hearing on the show-cause notice pertaining to the violations and, therefore, the demolition order violated their fundamental right.

This plea by house owners immediately follows another petition by an affected builder alleging that the court was misled by the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (KCZMA) into passing the May 8 order.

The three-member panel's report had concluded that the buildings fell within the CRZ-III limits.

The committee stated that as per CRZ notification of 1991 and the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Plan 1996, the area in question came under CRZ III. As per the CRZ notification 1991, no construction is permitted within 200 m of the costal line in CRZ III.

New coastal plan

Holy Faith Builders, the affected company, however, submitted that KCZMA hid a vital fact from the court – a Coastal Zone Management Plan prepared pursuant to a 2011 CRZ notification was approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on February 28, 2019, by which the Maradu area was categorised under CRZ-II.

"The apartment owners were not heard by the committee despite the direction of this court to hear all affected parties. All the 91 units in the petitioner's (Holy Faith Builders) building have been sold. Thereafter, tax is being paid by them every year. The committee did not issue notice to the owners of the apartments who are residing there. They are the affected parties if an adverse order is passed in the matter," the builder submitted.

The May 8 judgment blamed the "devastating effects" of unbridled construction activities in eco-sensitive areas with natural water flow.

It said illegal constructions on river shores and "unscrupulous trespass" into the natural path of backwaters had led to natural calamities like those seen in the recent floods in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Uttarakhand.

Will have zero tolerance to corruption, says Jagan

Cautions his Cabinet colleagues

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

After announcing that the Andhra Pradesh government would constitute a judicial commission for awarding and reviewing government contracts, Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy cautioned his Cabinet colleagues that he would not spare anyone who faced corruption charges.

At the first Cabinet meeting on Monday, Mr. Reddy discussed the need for setting up a judicial commission. Underlining his commitment to zero corruption in administration, the Chief Minister said he was committed to providing a honest and effective administration.

The Ministers have to be cautious in discharging their duties, he said, adding, "Ministers facing corruption charges would be dropped from the Cabinet immediately."

'Not dummies'

At the same time, Mr. Reddy said Ministers were not dummies. When the officials observed that a committee could be formed by them, Mr. Reddy reportedly said his Ministers would actively involve themselves in all activities which come under their purview.

All nominated posts, including those of TTD, would be abolished with immediate effect.

Information and Public Relations Minister Perni Venkatramaiah (Nani), addressing a press conference, said: "The Chief Minister said the next Cabinet reshuffle would be after two and a half years, but, he made it clear that any Minister found to be indulging in corruption would be suspended immediately."

A.P. transfers Hyderabad buildings to Telangana

Chief Secretary holds meet on implementation of A.P. Reorganisation Act

M. RAJEEV
HYDERABAD

The transfer of Andhra Pradesh government buildings allotted to Telangana to accommodate its offices in Hyderabad after the bifurcation of the State has been fast-tracked.

On the heels of Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan issuing orders recently handing over the buildings to Telangana, furniture and files were loaded onto trucks for shifting to Amaravati, the capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Chief Secretary of Telangana S.K. Joshi held a meeting with member-secretaries to the Advisory Committee on the implementation of the A.P. Reorganisation Act – L. Premachandra Reddy and his Telangana counterpart K. Ramakrishna Rao – here on Monday to discuss the process. Sources said the Telangana government decided to leave the choice of selection of two buildings outside the Secretariat complex to the Andhra Pradesh government – one for accommodating the police establishment and another for housing all the departments that were functioning from Hyderabad – as ordered by the Governor.

Moving out: Workers transporting files and furniture from buildings that have been allotted to Telangana. ▪ K.V.S. GIRI

"We don't want to give any room to the A.P. government to raise objections in case we make an offer. It may delay the process," a senior official told *The Hindu*.

Once the buildings are handed over, Telangana will get an additional 15.21 acres of land along with built-up area of 5.31 lakh sq ft in the Secretariat complex, which will be the common property of the two States till 2024 when Hyderabad will cease to be the common capital.

Aeronautical Development Agency official account hacked

'No data pertaining to the agency has been compromised'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The official email account of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) was recently hacked and the data manipulated, allegedly by a private aerospace engineering company.

Rangarajan S., a senior executive with the ADA, filed a complaint with the cybercrime wing of the Criminal Investigation Department on Monday.

Case registered

Based on the complaint, the police registered a case under various Sections of the Information Technology Act.

In his complaint, Mr. Rangarajan said the hackers not only accessed details of financial transactions, but also made changes in the TDS list for 2017-18.

In addition to this, the hackers also allegedly changed the password, email IDs and mobile IDs, and updated the PAN details of the company they belonged to.

The police said the fraud might have occurred between March and May this year and had come to light recently during the verification of official accounts.

Confirming the account's hacking, senior ADA officials said that though there had been a breach in the account, there was no security concern.

'Not a serious issue'

"This is not a serious issue as the account was in the open domain. No data pertaining to the agency has been compromised," an officer said.

The cybercrime police are trying to ascertain the motive behind the hacking.

Having sexually explicit photos not a crime: HC

But publication is punishable under law

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOCHI

Mere possession of sexually explicit photos will not amount to a crime under the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, the Kerala High Court has ruled. The court, while quashing criminal proceedings against a man and a woman, however, made it clear that publication or distribution of such photos is punishable under the law.

"If an adult person has a photograph of himself or herself in his or her possession, which is sexually explicit in nature, the provisions of the Act 60 of 1986 will not apply, unless the prosecution has a case that those photographs were distributed or published for advertisement or for any other incidental purpose," Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan said in a recent order.

The High Court gave its verdict on a petition seeking to quash the proceedings against the man and the woman, pending before a magistrate court in Kollam.

The Kollam East Police had registered the case in 2008.

The police during a search operation at the transport bus stand in Kollam had checked the bags of the two persons, who were together, and found two cameras inside.

On inspection, it was found that they contained explicit pictures and videos of one of the persons. They were arrested and the cameras were seized.

A case was registered and after investigation, a final report was submitted before a judicial magistrate in Kollam.

Brewing cyclonic storm adds heft to monsoon in Kerala

Meteorological Dept. has forecast widespread rain over the next five days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

With a brewing cyclonic storm powering the southwest monsoon in its march across the subcontinent, most parts of the State received intermittent heavy showers on Monday. The Met Office has forecast widespread rainfall over the next five days.

The depression in the Arabian Sea intensified into a deep depression by noon and lay centred over East Central and adjoining Southeast Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep area. According to the India Met Department, it is very likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm over the next 24 hours and later into a severe cyclonic storm.

The combination of strong westerly winds and the deep depression in the Arabian Sea is likely to unleash widespread rain across the State with heavy rain at isolated places up to June 14, says K.Santhosh, Director, Met Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

An orange alert, indicating heavy to very heavy rain, was issued for Malappuram, Kozhikode, and Kannur districts on Wednesday.

Piravom in Ernakulam district recorded the highest rainfall (14 cm).

In Thiruvananthapuram, two pedestrians were electrocuted when they accidentally stepped on a snapped power line submerged under storm water on a narrow street early on Monday following a night of heavy rain. One person was crushed under a falling tree within the Ernakulam Collectorate premises on Monday evening. Heavy rain damaged several houses in Alappuzha.

The Met has forecast widespread rainfall over the next five days in Kerala. A scene from the Bazaar area in Kochi. ▪ THULASI KAKKAT

A.P. villagers turn to age-old ritual for rain

People of western mandals in Chittoor district perform 'Valasa Devarlu'

K. UMASHANKER
CHITTOOR

'Valasa Devarlu', the age-old rural festival, has returned to a number of villages in the western mandals of Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh in the face of drought conditions and only a few weeks left for the sowing season to close.

'Valasa Devarlu' is a traditional ritual, and some say a festival, dating back to the reign of emperor Srikrishna Devarayalu. During failure of rains and blight affecting the crops, and breakout of epidemics, the entire population of a village would abandon the households at dawn and retreat into the fields or tankbunds till dusk. The village elders would initiate special pujas to goddess 'Valasa Devaramma', an idol made of clay, consecrated under a tent or a tree. After having community lunch, the population would return to their village. The time is marked by dancing, singing and chit-chatting.

Rural festival: Villagers of Narasapuram in Chittoor district taking part in the 'Valasa Devarlu' ritual.

This ritual is popular in about 50 villages of Chittoor bordering Karnataka. Legend has it that during the regime of the Vijayanagara king, hundreds of villages experienced failure of rains, crops drying up and strange epidemics. On the advice of a mystic, the people commenced the 'Valasa Devarlu' ritual, and this continues through generations till date.

Four-day event

About 700 families of Narasapuram village of Ramasamudram mandal initiated the four-day ritual on Sunday. About 2,000 persons of the village had left their households at dawn, reaching the nearby fields.

Elders initiated pujas to the deity which were repeated at dusk. Special dishes, purely vegetarian, were cooked and offered to the goddess.

Two *Grama Talaris* (sanitary workers) would guard the households from thieves and 'evil spirits' during this period.

Kerala to amend rules for elephant care

Move comes in the wake of increasing harassment of the animals, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The government will amend the rules to ensure that captive elephants in Kerala are looked after well, Minister for Forests K. Raju has said. The amendment comes in the wake of the increasing harassment of elephants. It will ensure that captive elephants are looked after well and given proper diet and rest and the prescribed guidelines are followed while they are taken for public functions and festivals, the Minister said, replying to questions in the Assembly on Monday.

The number of captive elephants in the State had come down from 521 to 507 as 14 deaths had been reported after the first ever census of captive elephants held on November 29 last year by the Forests and Wildlife Department.

Jumbo care: The move will ensure that elephants are looked after well while they are taken for public functions. ▪ FILE PHOTO

Of the 521 listed in the enumeration, 401 were male elephants, 98 female, and 22 'makhna' (tuskless male elephants). In 2018, the Forest Minister said, 34 captive elephants died in the State and a committee that looked into the issue had cited lack of proper rest and upkeep as the major reasons.

The Minister said the majority of temples in the State had not registered for parading of captive elephants for festivals as directed by the Supreme Court.

The Department had trained 159 mahouts in four districts and issued photo identity cards to them.

Online monitoring

For implementing the guidelines, a mobile and web application has been prepared and online monitoring has commenced. A database of captive elephants was ready with the department on the basis of the findings of the census. The Minister said medical certificates had been made mandatory for captive elephants aged four years and above for parading at public functions.

The captive elephants found to be weak would be shifted to the elephant rescue and rehabilitation centre at Kappukad, Kottoor, in Thiruvananthapuram, at an estimated cost of ₹108 crore. Owners of elephants being shifted would have to fund the stay, he added.

Legacy lives on: Playwright Girish Karnad, top right, during the shooting of *Samskara*. ▪ FROM GIRISH KARNAD'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Versatile actor: A scene from Basu Chatterjee's *Swami*, starring Girish Karnad and Shabana Azmi. ▪ NFAI,PUNE

Intense roles: Girish Karnad and Smita Patil in a scene from Jabbar Patel's Marathi film *Umbartha*. ▪ NFAI, PUNE

Many accolades: Girish Karnad receiving an award at the Seventh International Film Festival of India.

Girish Karnad — actor with a conscience

Part of the parallel movement, he made the transition to mainstream films, lending a quiet dignity to his roles

NAMRATA JOSHI

Cinema and Hindi films, in particular, may have formed a minuscule part of a multi-faceted life of Girish Karnad – that of writer, playwright, scholar, academician, administrator, towering intellectual, Jnanpith awardee and conscience-keeper of the nation. But, just as in modern Indian theatre, Mr. Karnad was at the head of the renaissance in Indian cinema as well, riding the parallel wave of the 1970s and stayed on well into the 1980s.

His literary foundations and social conscience shine through in the world of cinema, especially in the long stint in Kannada films that brought critical acclaim and awards aplenty. It was a memorable start with *Samskara* (1970), based on U.R. Ananthamurthy's novel, which he wrote with Pattabhirama Reddy and also acted in. A strong indictment of the caste system, it was a story that was radical then and remains relevant till date.

Rare honour: Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee conferring the 34th Jnanpith award on Girish Karnad. ▪ PTI

For his directorial debut, Mr. Karnad co-directed *Vamsa Vriksha* (1971) with B.V. Karanth. *Tabbaliyu Neenade Magane* (1977), again co-directed with Karanth, had a Hindi version as well, *Godhuli*. *Kanooru Heggaditi* (1999) was based on a novel by Kuvempu.

It was Shyam Benegal's *Nishant* (1975) and *Manthan* (1976) that led Mr. Karnad's entry into parallel Hindi cinema. In both the films, he played characters that trigger public movements. In the former, the struggle is against zamindari oppression and feudalism. In *Manthan*, he played a fictional Dr Rao, based on NDDB Chairman Varghese Kurien, who ushered in the White Revolution via the milk cooperative Amul. Mr. Karnad went on to do a string of middle-of-the-road films directed by Basu Chatterjee including *Swami* (1977), *Ratnadeep* (1979), *Man Pasand* (1980) and *Apne Paraye* (1980).

In later years, he worked with Nagesh Kukunoor – as the hard-nosed coach in *Iqbal* (2005) and a conservative father in *Dor* (2006), among others.

In between the Chatterjee and Kukunoor phase were a string of mainstream films like Subhash Ghai's *Meri Jung* (1985) to Rajkumar Santoshi's *Pukaar* (2000).

However, it was during the heyday of Doordarshan that he become a household name as Swami's father in the popular TV series *Malgudi Days*, and as the host of the science programme *Turning Point*.

More recently, Karnad played the key role of RAW chief Dr. Shenoy in the Salman Khan blockbusters *Ek Tha Tiger* (2012) and *Tiger Zinda Hai* (2017).

When it came to the Hindi mainstream films, quite often it felt that he was there in the frames and yet not quite. It's as though he inhabited the film's world while remaining firmly outside of it. It was a world, that he might not have belonged to yet still brought a gravitas to his characters. Much as he was in life, a public intellectual.

It's an irreparable loss for me at many levels - cultural, intellectual, as well as political! Very few artists had the courage to stand up against the atrocities of the system
AMOL PALEKAR, Actor-filmmaker

He was a powerful personality, an intellectual giant, one of the finest playwrights in the country whose position will be difficult to fill. He will be missed in every manner
NASEERUDDIN SHAH, Actor-director

I knew him as a writer, a scholarly person and a solid personality. He was very convincing as an actor, an authentic presence on screen and totally believable
DEEPTI NAVAL, Actor-filmmaker

He was a strong voice on secularism and the social fabric of India. He was truly an intellectual among actors
KABIR KHAN, Filmaker

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The dogged defender of liberal values

Karnad's plays emphasised social commentary

VIKRAM PHUKAN

For the theatre world, the passing of Girish Karnad has been nothing short of a giant tree falling. His six decades as a playwright – his first play, *Yayati*, was written in 1960, and 2018 saw the release of *Rakhsasa Tangadi* – have left an influential post-colonial oeuvre that deftly wove together mythology and history with topical social commentary so intrinsically embedded that any of his works could both illuminate and transcend the period on which it was based.

Renaissance man: A scene from *Swami*. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Considered part of a pantheon of Indian 'classical' works, his plays did not shy away from contemporary politics, taking up strong polemical positions with rare gumption. His penchant for unpopular opinions in these majoritarian times was something Mr. Karnad doggedly defended to the very end. His numerous awards include the Padma Bhushan in 1992 and the Jnanpith in 1999.

It was Ebrahim Alkazi's 1972 production of *Tughlaq* (written in 1964) that catapulted Mr. Karnad into national prominence. Majestically staged at Delhi's Purana Qila, with the formidable Manohar Singh in the lead, this allegorical take on well-meaning Nehruvian imperiousness placed Mr. Karnad squarely alongside contemporary stalwarts like Badal Sircar, Vijay Tendulkar and Mohan Rakesh, playwrights deemed to be the architects of 'modern Indian theatre'.

Widespread appeal

Mr. Karnad's diligence in translating his plays from the original Kannada into English expedited their passing into the national arena and beyond.

Even in contemporary theatre, Mr. Karnad has continued to find favour with both his recent works as well as his classics. It is unlikely that Mr. Karnad's legacy will be obscured any time soon.

Unapologetic critic of the rightwing

Death threats did not deter Karnad's consistent activism against communalism

K.V. ADITYA BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU

Girish Karnad was under round-the-clock armed security for the past month-and-a-half. The police cover came after the State police discovered that his was the first name on a "hit list" recovered from the alleged killers of writer-activist Gauri Lankesh.

"Investigations revealed that his house was recced and the conspiracy to kill him had progressed," said a senior officer with the SIT probing the murders of Gauri Lankesh and M.M. Kalburgi.

A strong critic of the Hindutva right and communalism, Mr. Karnad, along with U.R. Ananthamurthy, was often targeted by the Sangh Parivar and its affiliates.

His first brush with activism probably came in the wake of the Babri Masjid demolition. Lankesh and Mr. Karnad entered public activism together on the same issue – they were part of a fact-finding committee on Baba Budangiri, a syncretic place of worship in Chikkamagaluru that the Sangh Parivar groups were keen to establish as an exclusively Hindu shrine in 2002.

Mr. Karnad was supposed to lead a communal harmony march to the shrine in December 2003, but he and Lankesh were arrested before that, said K.L. Ashok of Komu Souharda Vedike, which organised the march.

The playwright and actor was a constant presence in many protests against communalism since then.

The actor also took the lead in several protests organised against the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation (Amendment) Bill 2012, brought by the then BJP government.

He was a classy gentleman with great reserves of knowledge and his own strong belief in what creative writing is and should be all about. He was one of the few who impressed me right at the start of my life as an actor
SATISH KAUSHIK, Actor-filmmaker

It was when he was heading the Nehru Centre in London that we got to spend a lot of time together. He brought the community together as the head of the Nehru Centre
SHARMILA TAGORE, Actor

We did *Chalk n Duster* together but didn't share screen space. So my memories of him are from all his films seen in childhood. *Swami* [the TV series] was my favourite. He was a gentleman star for me
DIVYA DUTTA, Actor

IN BRIEF

Popular artiste 'Crazy' Mohan is no more

CHENNAI

'Crazy' Mohan, prominent Tamil theatre artiste and ace scriptwriter for Tamil films, died after suffering an acute heart attack in the city. He was declared dead at 2 p.m. Mohan was rushed to Kauvery Hospital, but efforts to resuscitate him failed. He was 67, and is survived by his wife and two sons.

Tripura MLA weds girl who accused him of rape

AGARTALA

Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura (IPFT) MLA Dhananjoy Tripura has tied the knot with the girl who had accused him of raping her after promising to marry her. The wedding comes after hectic negotiations between the families of the accused and the victim on the intervention of senior IPFT leaders.

100 hours on, toddler stuck in Punjab borewell

SANGRUR

A two-year-old boy remained stuck in a borewell in Punjab's Sangrur district on Monday, amid mounting anger over the delay in retrieving him even after 100 hours. Villagers held a protest and blocked the Sunam-Mansa road. PTI

Ryots sow seeds of defiance

Blame Centre for not approving next generation of GM cotton

ALOK DESHPANDE
AKOT

Hundreds of farmers on Monday joined in, what they called, a 'civil disobedience' movement to protest the Centre's indecisiveness in approving the next generation of genetically modified (GM) cotton. As a mark of protest, farmer leader Lalit Patil-Bahale sowed the seeds of the 'illegal' herbicide tolerant (HT) Bt cotton and Bt Brinjal in his own field at Akot in Akola district of Maharashtrta.

The open defiance of law was organised by Shetkari Sanghatana (SS), a farmers' organisation and an advocate of open market in the field of agriculture. "We should be getting the newest of technologies available in the market for agriculture," said Mr. Patil-Bahale.

Farmers are seeking latest technologies available in the market.

The issue has gained momentum in the wake of Haryana government accusing two farmers of illegally growing genetically modified brinjal and destroying their crops.

The outbreak of pink bollworm in Maharashtra three years ago despite farmers using BG-2, Monsanto's second generational insecticidal technology for cotton, is being blamed by the SS on Indian government's ban on testing further enhanced version of the seed.

Akola district collector Jitendra Papalkar told *The Hindu* that the farmers' body has committed an illegal act. "We have sent a team of agriculture officers and will be seeking the report from them, following which necessary action would be taken," he said.

Anger over man's death in Assam jail

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The death of a 77-year-old man from Assam's Nagaon district at the Tezpur detention centre for declared foreigners has triggered anger in his village.

Suruj Ali and wife Golap Jaan, 64, were sent to the detention centre after a Foreigners' Tribunal declared them as non-citizens on April 9, 2017.

Ali died on June 6 but the body was handed over to the family two days later, after an autopsy. Family members said neither Ali nor his wife was called for hearing before they were declared foreigners.

Donate excess food, says Health Ministry

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

What should restaurants do with their extra food? The Union Health Ministry suggests "donating excess food and turning wet waste into compost" as the way forward to sustainable development.

The Ministry is now advocating and promoting a "zero food wastage" campaign in restaurants. "Display a clear message, which conveys this to all customers and staff members. Excess food must be distributed among the poor and kitchen wet waste must be turned into compost," says the Ministry.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) estimates that, every year, a third of food produced does not even reach the table.

The UN estimates nearly 40% of the food produced in India is wasted or lost, and adds that food wastage in India is happening at every level – from harvesting, transporting and processing to packaging and consuming.

"Weddings, events, restaurants, hostels and houses are a major source of wastage of cooked food," said a senior Health Ministry official.

Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan advocating for the recently launched 'Eat Right' campaign noted that food is everyone's responsibility.

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Striking a balance

The RBI's nuanced approach in the revised circular on stressed assets is noteworthy

The efforts of the Reserve Bank of India to clean up the non-performing loans mess in the banking system suffered a setback in April when the Supreme Court shot down its circular of February 12, 2018, terming it *ultra vires*. Version 2.0 of the circular, titled "Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets", issued by the central bank on June 7, manages to retain the spirit of the original version even while accommodating the concerns of banks and borrowers. The RBI has achieved a good balance between its objective of forcing a resolution of stricken assets and giving banks the elbow room to draw up a resolution within a set timeframe without resorting to the bankruptcy process. Banks will now have a review period of 30 days after a borrower defaults to decide on the resolution strategy, as compared to the one-day norm earlier. They will also have the freedom to decide whether or not to drag a defaulter to the insolvency court if resolution does not take place within 180 days of default. Banks had no such option earlier. By making an Inter Creditor Agreement between lenders mandatory, the RBI has ensured that they will speak in one voice, while the condition that dissenting lenders should not get less than the liquidation value puts a floor on recovery from the resolution process.

The RBI's nuanced approach now is noteworthy. There will be disincentives in the form of additional provision of 20% to be made by banks if a resolution is not achieved within 180 days and a further additional provision of 15% if this extends to a year. If that is the stick, the carrot is that they can write back half of the additional provision once a reference is made to the insolvency court and the remaining half can also be clawed back by banks if the reference is admitted for insolvency resolution. This approach will give banks the freedom to explore all options before referring a defaulter to the insolvency process. Instead of treating banks like truant schoolchildren who need to be disciplined with the stick, the RBI has graduated to treating them like responsible adults who know what is good for them when it comes to handling defaulters. Of course, the RBI was forced to wield the stick originally only because banks resorted to evergreening loans and pushing NPAs under the carpet. It is to be hoped that they will now uphold the trust placed in them by the RBI. The central bank, anyway, retains the right to direct banks to initiate insolvency proceedings in specific cases by drawing on its powers under Section 35AA of the Banking Regulation Act. Meanwhile, the government has to assess what ails the insolvency resolution process, which has got bogged down in the case of several high-profile defaulters, beginning with Essar Steel. The delays in resolution are not good optics, and the gaps that defaulters typically use to subvert the process must be plugged. Ultimately, the RBI's efforts will be negated if banks, put off by the long delays in the resolution process, choose not to refer cases to the insolvency court.

A dozen in one

Nadal burnishes his greatness in an era of greats with a record at the French Open

Roy Emerson's record for most Grand Slam titles won by a male singles player stood for a good 33 years. It was in the summer of 1967 that he won the last of his 12 trophies and only in 2000 did Pete Sampras surpass it. But little did anybody expect a man to rack up an equivalent number at just one Major, let alone in a span of just 15 years. On the Parisian clay on Sunday, Rafael Nadal did just that, capturing his 12th French Open and 18th Major overall. This is an era in which along with Nadal, Roger Federer, the all-time leader in Majors (20), and Novak Djokovic (15), have taken turns to relentlessly redefine the limits of greatness. But even by those exalted standards, Nadal's achievement is unparalleled. His record at Roland-Garros is a whopping 93-2, and he has bagged more trophies there than any man or woman has at a single Grand Slam. The victory didn't come easy; he had to overcome a spirited Dominic Thiem, widely touted, and quite rightly, as the Spaniard's heir apparent on the surface. The 25-year-old Austrian had in fact beaten Nadal on dirt in each of the last four seasons and was a much improved player from the time he lost the 2018 final. But the challenge of mastering a physically fit and mentally sharp Nadal is beyond most.

The triumph also came on the back of a testing few months for Nadal. The 33-year-old ended 2018 under the cloud of injury and had to endure a deflating loss to Djokovic in the final of the Australian Open this January. In the lead-up to the French Open, he was on the cusp of not making a final on his beloved clay for the first time since 2004, until he put together a winning streak at the Italian Open. But once in Paris, he was a transformed man and turned in what could arguably be his most complete performance. From the backcourt he displayed the kind of athleticism and shot-making that belied his age. Federer bore the brunt of it as he succumbed in straight sets in the semifinals. His play in the forecourt, an underrated part of his game, was lethal, coming in only for the assured kill, as the 23 out of 27 points won at the net against Thiem indicates. Even as Nadal established himself as a near constant among men, the women's game threw up yet another surprise winner, this time in Australia's Ashleigh Barty. The 23-year-old's style is delightfully old-school, with a beautifully constructed point preferred to murderous first-strike tennis. Combined with a ruthless calm, she completely unnerved the 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova on Saturday to end her nation's long wait for a new slam champion.

Foreign policy challenges five years later

In an unpredictable global environment and with resource constraints, India needs to shape a domestic consensus

RAKESH SOOD

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi begins his second term, the world looks more disorderly in 2019 than was the case five years ago. U.S. President Donald Trump's election and the new dose of unpredictability in U.S. policy pronouncements; the trade war between the U.S. and China which is becoming a technology war; Brexit and the European Union's internal preoccupations; erosion of U.S.-Russia arms control agreements and the likelihood of a new arms race covering nuclear, space and cyber domains; the U.S.'s withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal and growing tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran are some of the developments that add to the complexity of India's principal foreign policy challenge of dealing with the rise of China.

Redefining neighbourhood

As in 2014, in 2019 too Mr. Modi began his term with a neighbourhood focus but redefined it. In 2014, all South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) leaders had been invited for the swearing-in. However, the SAARC spirit soon evaporated, and after the Uri attack in 2016, India's stance affected the convening of the SAARC summit in Islamabad. Since an invitation to Pakistan was out of the question, leaders from the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand) with Kyrgyzstan, added as current Shanghai Cooperation Organisation chair, highlighted a new neighbourhood emphasis.

Yet Mr. Modi will find it difficult to ignore Pakistan. A terrorist attacks cannot be ruled out and it would attract kinetic retaliation. Despite good planning there is always the risk of unintended escalation as Balakot (this year) and the downing of an Indian Air Force (IAF) MiG-21 showed. In the absence of communication channels between India and Pakistan, it appears that the U.S., Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates played a role in ensuring the quick release of the IAF pilot, Wg. Cdr. Abhinandan Varthaman, thereby defusing the situation. Unless the Modi government wants to outsource crisis management to external players, it may be better to have some kind of ongoing dialogue between the two countries. This could be low-key and discreet, at whatever level considered appropriate, as long as no undue expectations are generated. A policy in-between diplo-hugs and no-communication provides both nuance and leverage.

Relations with countries on our periphery, irrespective of how we define our neighbourhood, will always be complex and need deft political management. Translating India's natural weight in the region into influence was easier in a pre-globalised world and before China emerged in its assertive avatar. Today, it is more complex and playing favourites in the domestic politics of neighbours is a blunt instrument that may only be employed, in the last resort; and if employed it cannot be seen to fail. Since that may be difficult to ensure, it is preferable to work on the basis of generating broad-based consent rather than dominance.

This necessitates using multi-pronged diplomatic efforts and being generous as the larger economy. It also needs a more confident and coordinated approach in handling neighbourhood organisations – SAARC, BIMSTEC, the Bangladesh, the Bhutan, India, Nepal Initiative, the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Forum for Regional Cooperation, the Indian Ocean Rim Association. This should be preferably in tandem with bilateralism because our bilateral relations provide us with significant advantages. With all our neighbours, ties of kinship, culture and language among the people straddle boundaries, making the role of governments in States bordering neighbours vital in fostering closer linkages. This means investing attention in State governments, both at the political and bureaucratic levels.

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Managing China and the U.S.

China will remain the most important issue, as in 2014. Then, Mr. Modi went along with the old policy since the Rajiv Gandhi period that focussed on growing economic, commercial and cultural relations while managing the differences on the boundary dispute through dialogue and confidence-building measures, in the expectation that this would create a more conducive environment for eventual negotiations. Underlying this was a tacit assumption that with time, India would be better placed to secure a satisfactory outcome. It has been apparent for over a decade that the trajectories were moving in the opposite direction and the gap between the two was widening. For Mr. Modi, the Doklam stand-off was a rude reminder of the reality that the tacit assumption behind the policy followed for three decades could no longer be sustained.

The informal summit in Wuhan restored a semblance of calm but does not address the long-term implications of the growing gap between the two countries. Meanwhile, there is the growing strategic rivalry between the U.S. and China unfolding on our doorstep. We no longer have the luxury of distance to be non-aligned. At the same time, the U.S. is a fickle partner and never has it been more unpredictable than at present.

In 2014, Mr. Modi displayed unusual pragmatism in building upon a relationship that had steadily grown under the previous regimes, after the nuclear tests in 1998. The newly appointed External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, had played a key role as the then Ambassador in Washington. Later, as Foreign Secretary, he successfully navigated the transition from the Obama administration to the Trump administration while keeping the relationship on an upward trajectory.

Despite this, a number of issues have emerged that need urgent attention. As part of its policy on tightening sanctions pressure on Iran, the U.S. has terminated the sanctions waiver that had enabled India to import limited quantities of Iranian crude till last month. The Generalised System of Preferences scheme has been withdrawn, adversely impacting about 12% of India's exports to the U.S., as a sign of growing impatience with India's inability to address the U.S.'s concerns regarding market access, tariff lines and recent changes in the e-commerce policy.

A third looming issue, perhaps the most critical, is the threat of sanctions under the Countering American Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), were India to proceed with the purchase of the S-400 air and missile defence system from Russia. Till the end of last year, then U.S. Defence Secretary James Mattis had been confident of India securing a waiver – but times have changed.

Other potential tricky issues could relate to whether Huawei, which is currently the prime target in the U.S.-China technology war, is allowed to participate in the 5G trials (telecom) in India. The reconciliation talks between the U.S. and the Taliban as the U.S. negotiates its exit from Afghanistan raise New Delhi's apprehensions about the Taliban's return, constituting another potential irritant.

External balancing

How New Delhi manages its relations with Washington will be closely watched in Beijing and Moscow, which have been moving closer. It is reminiscent of 1971 when China began moving closer to the U.S. to balance the then USSR, with which its relationship was strained. Today, both see merit in a common front against the U.S., though for China the rivalry with the U.S. is all-encompassing because of its geography and Taiwan. Russia has interests beyond, in Afghanistan, West and Central Asia and Europe, and it is here that Mr. Modi will need to exploit new opportunities to reshape the relationship.

In a post-ideology age of promiscuity with rivalries unfolding around us, the harsh reality is that India lacks the ability to shape events around it on account of resource limitations. These require domestic decisions in terms of expanding the foreign policy establishment though having a seasoned professional at the top does help. We need to ensure far more coordination among the different ministries and agencies than has been the case so far. Our record in implementation projects is patchy at best and needs urgent attention. The focus on the neighbourhood is certainly desirable, for only if we can shape events here can we look beyond. However, the fact that China too is part of the neighbourhood compounds Mr. Modi's foreign policy challenges in his second term. Employing external balancing to create a conducive regional environment is a new game that will also require building a new consensus at home.

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The script writer of culture

Through his plays and their performances, Girish Karnad's work interrogated our deepest beliefs about the idea of India

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"I was twenty-one when I came to Daulatabad first, and built this fort," says Muhammad Tughlaq to a young guard in Girish Karnad's play of the same name. "I supervised the placing of every brick in it and I said to myself, one day I shall build my own history like this, brick by brick."

But the fundamental lesson of Karnad's work, and its tragic vision, is that individual histories are not built in this way. Individual histories are directed both by heart and mind, by the desire to leave a legacy – but also, inevitably, by the desire to hold on to power.

Set in a vibrant age

Karnad's first play, *Yayati* (1961), written when he was in Oxford, was about the theme of responsibility. "Those of us writing in the Kannada Navya movement of the time can still remember the excitement when we first read it in 1961," remarked U.R. Ananthamurthy famously. In 1971, he wrote the introduction to the Oxford University Press translation of Karnad's second play, *Tughlaq* (1964).

Those were the exciting years of a new and modern Indian theatre, with Badal Sircar writing in Bengali, Vijay Tendulkar in Marathi, and Mohan Rakesh in Hindi.

Both through the pages of his plays, and through their powerful, unforgettable performances staged by legendary directors such as Alkazi, B.V. Karanth, Satyadev Dubey, Vijaya Mehta and Prasanna, Karnad's work interrogated our deepest beliefs about the idea of India.

Karnad's death, at the age of 81, is a loss to the world of modern Indian theatre and literature. It is also the loss of a towering public intellectual who was not afraid to speak his mind, whether about the prejudices of fellow writer V.S. Naipaul, or to attend a public protest, carrying his oxygen cylinder, after the killing of Gauri Lankesh.

Karnad was born in Matheran, near Bombay, in 1938. His mother, Krishnabai, was a pathbreaker herself: a young widow with a child who trained as a nurse and eventually married Raghunath, a doctor. As a child, Girish grew up watching Yakshagana performances in the hill town of Sirsi, in Karnataka's wet and forested Malnad region. Perhaps it was here that his theatrical sensibility was born; perhaps it was this early experience that made him choose playwriting, rather than poetry, fiction or art.

K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

After obtaining his degree from Karnatak University, Dharwad in 1958, he went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar between 1960 and 1963, where he became President of the Oxford Union. Unlike others of the period who chose to go westward, he chose to return to India, working in Chennai for the Oxford University Press, where he met his future wife, the paediatrician, Saraswathy Ganapathy (Saras).

Much has been written about Karnad's creative collaborations with B.V. Karanth, A.K. Ramanujan, U.R. Ananthamurthy and others. But in my opinion his marriage to Saras was his greatest creative collaboration. A paediatrician with a deep commitment to working in public health, it was she who encouraged him to follow his calling and write.

Layers and threads

And write he did. In 1970, Karnad left his publishing job to write full time. Intricately plotted, and with razor-sharp dialogue, Karnad's greatest plays have drawn from mythology and history, while some of his later plays have dwelt on more contemporary issues. His themes have ranged from the 12th century reform movement in northern Karnataka, to stories drawn from the Mahabharata. But across all his work, from *Yayati* to *Taledanda*, from *Nagamandala* to *Agni Mattu Male*, is the deep, relentless concern with power imbalances: between the central and the marginal, the rich and the poor, man and woman, king and priest, man and god.

How can power be handled without going to an individual's head? How is a better world possible? How to be good in a world full of disillusionment and despair, a world where nothing is as it seems? These are the central concerns of Karnad's work.

In a long career spanning over six decades, Karnad also directed several award-winning feature films and documentaries, worked as a culture administrator, and went to Chicago as an academic. His acting debut was in the film *Samskara* (1970), directed by Pattabhirama Reddy, based on U.R. Ananthamurthy's novel. The film won the first President's Golden Lotus Award for Kannada cinema. A later generation will remember him as the strict and distant father of Swami, the little boy, in the television adaptation of R.K. Narayan's *Malgudi Days*. Intermittently, through it all, he had stints in commercial cinema, which he regarded as a way to achieve financial security.

Above all, what Karnad will be remembered for is his commitment to liberalism, and to the idea of India. When Saraswathy Ganapathy set up a trust that worked among poor women in Kanakapura, outside Bangalore, it was Karnad who gave it the name "Belaku", meaning light. Deepest condolences to Saras, as well as to their children, Raghu and Radha.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Anti-terror strategy

The euphoria in India over the UN Security Council's listing of Masood Azhar as a global terrorist will last until, god forbid, another terror attack (Page 1, "Terrorism is a joint threat: PM", June 10). The terrorist might well be from the same Masood Azhar stable but under a different name altogether. The elimination of Osama bin Laden and other top leaders of al-Qaeda appears to have had no significant impact on terrorism, which continues to flourish. Terrorism is indeed a threat that needs the collective attention of all countries in the region.

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Judiciary's role

It is disconcerting how the fundamental principles of justice are being subverted in the working of the state and law. (Editorial page, "Inhumane, and utterly undemocratic", June 10). There appears to be an increasing tendency even within public institutions to bypass the established dicta of justice, such as 'presumption of innocence', 'burden of proof', 'a hundred guilty may go free but not a single innocent should be punished', etc. This is leading to the construction of a regime of civil lynching where the violation of fundamental rights and civil liberties of the most vulnerable enjoys complete impunity. On the other hand, making it mandatory for people to prove their identity claims, including the one of nationality, on the basis of a well-ordered chain of documents is symptomatic of a total disconnect with the grim realities of people's insecure lives in this country. Submitting a people already leading precarious lives to the demands of a brutal bureaucratic exercise is punishing them twice over. The judiciary must stand up as the guarantor of fundamental and human rights in the face of a state and society fast turning away from the Constitution's humane values.

FIROZ AHMAD,
New Delhi

Rahul's line

Congress president Rahul Gandhi is at it again – hitting out at the Prime Minister for spreading hatred. Sure, he has every reason to feel bitter but this is not the time to give expression to his disappointment in such strong terms. 'Hatred' is too extreme a term; 'intolerance' and 'partisanship' are more like it. If he continues in the same vein, it will only take him down the 'chowkidar chor hai' road and damage his image even more. It's no secret that a lot of people are not happy with the supercharged atmosphere in the country. Speaking against partisanship can be contained only by initiating a more balanced and fair approach.

PREETHA SALIL,
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From the field

The Indian cricket team came out with all guns blazing against the mighty Australians and notched up a highly creditable win which should do a world of good to the morale of the Indian players (Page 1, "Clinical India prevails in a high scoring affair", June 10). The team is peaking at the right time, and with two victories in as many matches, it has become a strong contender for a place in the top slot; the momentum must continue. In the match against Australia the team did right in all areas with the batsmen and bowlers all coming good. While Shikhar Dhawan was the pick of the batsmen, the pacers, Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, turned in tidy spells to outfox the Aussie batsmen.

C.V. ARAVIND,
Benglauru

■ I was in the United Kingdom/London recently and happened to watch a few of the ICC Cricket World Cup matches. One thing I found striking is that cricket does not enjoy the same popular patronage it once enjoyed in England. Even this time, cricket in the English print media, occupies minuscule space in contrast to what it is for soccer. An Englishman had an explanation: cricket is slow and also consumes a lot of time and resources, while soccer is alive and is thrilling every moment. It appears that Asians are the only one patronising cricket if one is to go by the spectators in the stands at the India-Australia match, at the Oval.

SIVAMANI VASUDEVAN,
Chennai

On contentment

Most of us are unaware of what our true purpose in life is, more so when most us are keeping up with the Joneses in every sphere of life. The contentment in ones's life is left to others to judge ('Open Page', "Finding contentment whereever you are", June 9).

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Why language matters

As the particular language we learn constitutes us and our world, our relationship with it has to be deep

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The recent emotional outburst by Tamil speakers against the perceived threat of Hindi being imposed on them compels us to ask: why does language matter so much to us? Why are we deeply attached to a particular language? Why do we identify with it so strongly?

According to one theory of the nature and importance of language, it is an instrument by which we describe the world outside it. We have ideas in our heads, and language, consisting of signs – marks or sounds – is needed only to communicate these ideas to others. Our mental representations are private, but become public once words are used to designate them. We convey our thoughts to others in and through words. If this is the only function of language – to designate, describe and communicate things and thoughts that exist independently of it, in order to make them public – why would anybody be attached to a particular language? Can't this job be performed by *any* language?

So, this account fails to explain our deep attachment to a particular language, our mother tongue. It doesn't explain the emotional intensity with which people fight for their own language. Is there an account of language that can?

Objects and relations

The 'constitutive theory' by the great philosopher Charles Taylor does. According to this theory, pre-linguistic humans had already begun to express themselves, but when they became language users, they changed fundamentally. Language helped them articulate explicitly what was earlier somewhat vague and inchoate. It changed the nature of their thought. Language makes certain features of an entity more salient than others, pushes some into the background, while foregrounding others. As we fix our attention only on some features, we draw boundaries, make distinctions, no matter how rough, fluid or porous. We contrast them with other things. To take a simple example from the English language, when we sit at a table, we use a material object with a flat top with one or more legs that serves a range of purposes such as eating, writing, meeting, and so on, and different from, say, a bench or a stool that might look similar but fulfils different purposes. These particular purposes and activities are part of the meaning of the term ' table', crucial to learning how to use it. None of this is possible without a certain kind of reflective, focussed awareness which literally brings into existing a piece of wood *as* a table. So, the word 'table' brings a new thought, a new social object and a new set of activities into being. Without that term or its equivalents, the sociocultural object, table, would not exist. It is in this sense that words, thought and the world are constitutively linked.

Just as the objects that surround us are linguistically constituted, so too are our relations with one another. For instance, learning the use of the word 'teacher' and 'student' is to learn a whole gamut of social relations crucial to the practice and institution of education. It also helps constitute how those performing these roles (teachers and students) may stand in relation to each other – formal or informal, friendly or withdrawn, casual or serious, and so on. Furthermore, language constitutes not only a web of power-laden or power-free social relationships but also new emotions. For example, anger experienced by non-linguistic animals is different from indignation which depends on a grasp of what is just and unjust. To admire someone is more than just being attracted to her; it is to see her as having exceptional virtues or achievements. We don't just desire things or are repulsed by them but also evaluate, by a standard, which desires are worthy and which among all worthy entities are of even higher worth. This recognition of a standard, of the distinction between correct and incorrect, morally right and wrong, a specifically human characteristic, is also constituted by language. In sum, unlike the purely physical, chemical or biological world, the human world is word-laden, shot through with language. We are, as Professor Taylor puts it, language animals, living in a dimension in which other animals do not, the linguistic dimension.

The attachment to one language

Another feature of language to which the constitutive theory draws our attention is its strong communitarianism. Word-meaning is created and recreated in speech, in conversation and dialogue with others. It follows that a language would not exist or grow without a speech community, a community of language users. So, Tamil is sustained by and grows within the specific community of Tamil speakers, so also Bengali or Hindi. And it is not just the speech community which shapes and creates language, but language which constitutes and sustains the speech community. Since thousands of languages exist and are nourished by its speakers, different linguistic vocabularies imply different ways of constituting and experiencing the world; each having different feelings, concerns, sensibilities, aspirations and so on. Language makes us what we are. Specific languages make us the specific creatures that we are.

So, our own language matters to us because it constitutes us and our world, our own specific way of being in the world. Language makes us at home in the world. In a manner of speaking, we dwell comfortably only in our own particular languages.

Because the particular language we learn constitutes us and our world, our relationship with it simply has to be very deep. And we all feel a special bond with all those who speak the same language. Just imagine the alienation of, say, a rural Tamil speaker who lands unprepared in American English-speaking Texas, and imagine equally his relief and elation if he ever finds a Tamil-speaker there! Fifty years ago, Tamilians probably felt similarly in Punjab!

So, the constitutive theory explains the deep attachment people have to particular languages. It explains why, when a particular set of language-speakers fear a threat to their language, they respond with indignation. They fight to defend it.

What does not follow, however, is that languages are self-contained entities. Instead, they are, as the sociologist Steven Lukes puts it, "clusters or assemblages of heterogeneous elements with varying origins", dynamic constellations in a moving galaxy, intermixing, borrowing from one another, being shaped and in turn shaping one another. The demand for purity is an enemy of language growth and innovation. Consider the Sanskrit term 'puja'. It has been suggested that it may have not Indo-European but Dravidian roots deriving from the Tamil word '*pu*' for flowers. How many of us know the Sanskrit word 'Veda', or 'vid', is linked to 'wit' and 'witness', the English 'daughter' to *dugdha* (milk), or 'free' linked etymologically to Sanskrit '*preeta*' (love)? Languages which now seem radically distinct from each other have evolved together over a long, interconnected global history.

One must remember the ease and dedication with which people born in one linguistic community embrace languages different from their own. Indeed, we can be attached to more than one language. Just think of the Hebrew/English-speaking Indologist David Shulman's love for Tamil and Telugu. Not to speak of the passionate bilinguality of good translators. So, while deep attachment to one's language is understandable, the pathological obsession with which people defend its purity, uniqueness and superiority is unwarranted, pathetic and unforgivable.

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Artificial Intelligence, the law and the future

AI-driven tech will become counterproductive if a legal framework is not devised to regulate it

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In February, the Kerala police inducted a robot for police work. The same month, Chennai got its second robot-themed restaurant, where robots not only serve as waiters but also interact with customers in English and Tamil. In Ahmedabad, in December 2018, a cardiologist performed the world's first in-human telerobotic coronary intervention on a patient nearly 32 km away. All these examples symbolise the arrival of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our everyday lives. AI has several positive applications, as seen in these examples. But the capability of AI systems to learn from experience and to perform autonomously for humans makes AI the most disruptive and self-transformative technology of the 21st century.

If AI is not regulated properly, it is bound to have unmanageable implications. Imagine, for instance, that electricity supply suddenly stops while a robot is performing a surgery, and access to a doctor is lost? And what if a drone hits a human being? These questions have already confronted courts in the U.S. and Germany. All countries, including India, need to be legally prepared to face such kind of disruptive technology.

Challenges of AI

Predicting and analysing legal issues and their solutions, however, is not that simple. For instance, criminal law is going to face drastic challenges. What if an AI-based driverless car gets into an accident that causes harm to humans or damages property? Who should the courts hold liable for the same? Can AI be thought to have knowingly or carelessly caused bodily injury to another? Can robots act as a witness or as a tool for committing various crimes?

Except for Isaac Asimov's 'three laws of robotics' discussed in his short story, 'Runaround', published in 1942, only recently has there been interest across the world to develop a law on smart technologies. In the U.S., there is a lot of discussion about regulation of AI. Germany has come up with ethical rules for autonomous vehicles stipulating that human life should always have priority over property or animal life. China, Japan and Korea are following Germany in developing a law on self-driven cars.

In India, NITI Aayog released a policy paper, 'National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence', in June 2018, which considered the importance of AI in different sectors. The Budget 2019 also proposed to launch a national programme on AI. While all these developments are taking place on the technological front, no comprehensive legislation to regulate this growing industry has been formulated in the country till date.

Legal personality of AI

First we need a legal definition of AI. Also, given the importance of intention in India's criminal law jurisprudence, it is essential to establish the legal personality of AI (which means AI will have a bundle of rights and obligations), and whether any sort of intention can be attributed to it. To answer the question on liability, since AI is considered to be inanimate, a strict liability scheme that holds the producer or manufacturer of the product liable for harm, regardless of the fault, might be an approach to consider. Since privacy is a fundamental right, certain rules to regulate the usage of data possessed by an AI entity should be framed as part of the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018.

BIJOY GHOSH

Traffic accidents lead to about 400 deaths a day in India, 90% of which are caused by preventable human errors. Autonomous vehicles that rely on AI can reduce this significantly, through smart warnings and preventive and defensive techniques. Patients sometimes die due to non-availability of specialised doctors. AI can reduce the distance between patients and doctors. But as futurist Gray Scott says, "The real question is, when will we draft an artificial intelligence bill of rights? What will that consist of? And who will get to decide that?"

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SINGLE FILE

The merits of a free ride

The Delhi government's proposal encourages the use of public transport and is gender-inclusive

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The Delhi government's proposal to make metro and bus travel free for women not only encourages women to use public transport more, but also allows them to occupy public spaces more and exercise their right to work and commute much more freely.

According to various studies, women's choices (and often those of their spouses and families) about work are determined by their commuting experience, including the availability of modes of transport, distance of the workplace from their residence, presence of other women during commute, and safety of the overall route. For many families, it is the cost of commute that determines their choice of work.

A recent report by Deloitte revealed that female labour force participation fell to 26% in 2018 from 36.7% in 2005 amidst the larger unemployment crisis. A move like this could therefore increase productivity and women's participation in the economy.

More importantly, this move could make the Delhi metro (a state-of-the-art, air-conditioned public mode of transport) accessible to working-class women for whom the metro has always been an aspirational vehicle. Given that the principal logic of any public service is that it should be inclusive, free (or at least inexpensive) access to metro trains and buses must also necessarily extend to the urban working poor, students, the differently abled, and senior citizens – albeit with an option of self-exclusion for those who can afford it. Post metro fare hikes in 2017, ridership dropped by over three lakh passengers per day, owing to increased unaffordability.

Ecologically too, in a polluted city like Delhi, universalising cheap access to public transport and disincentivising private vehicles as much as possible is the need of the hour.

Finally, those arguing that this move would reinforce the idea that women are the 'weaker sex' often turn a blind eye to the notion of equality when it comes to acknowledging large gender pay gaps, how women rampantly indulge in unpaid labour, or how public spaces are visibly gendered (there is a near absence of women on the streets of Delhi after a particular time).

This is not to say that the government's proposal will automatically lead to safer environments for women. It must be supplemented with efforts towards greater capacity building, increased frequency of metros and buses, provision of all-women's coaches and buses, street lighting, stepping up last-mile connectivity, deployment of women guards, and so on. And most important is the need for radical attitudinal shifts. Discussing the merits of a proposal like this and learning from examples around the world is important rather than attacking it the minute it is announced.

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DATA POINT

The toss factor

Tosses are considered important in cricket, as captains decide whether to bat or bowl first depending on the condition of the pitch. Overall, only 46% of the teams that won the toss went on to win the game across World Cups. While the toss did not always play a pivotal role in the outcome, it could have been a factor when the nature of the wicket changed during the course of the game

Host	Year	Matches *	Chose to bat first (%)	Chose to chase (%)	Won toss & match (%)	Chose to bat, won match (%)	Chose to chase, won match
England	1975	15	40	60	46.7	50	44.4
England	1979	15	13.3	80	33.3	0	41.7
England	1983	27	51.9	48.1	51.9	57.1	46.2
India, Pakistan	1987	27	40.7	59.3	40.7	63.6	25
Australia, New Zealand	1992	39	41	53.8	59	62.5	61.9
India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	1996	38	52.6	39.5	34.2	40	33.3
England	1999	42	33.3	61.9	40.5	35.7	46.2
South Africa	2003	54	48.1	42.6	42.6	57.7	34.8
Carribean	2007	51	33.3	64.7	47.1	47.1	48.5
India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh	2011	49	71.4	24.5	44.9	48.6	41.7
Australia	2015	49	51	46.9	53.1	52	52.2
England	2019	13#	23	77	46.15	33	30.76

**Includes abandoned matches* | *#Up to the India vs Australia match on June 9*

- In the first two editions of the World Cup in England, bowling first was the popular choice. Choosing to chase a target was also popular in the 1987, 1992, 1999 and 2007 editions
- Batting first was a popular choice in 1996, but it was in 2011 that taking first strike was almost the norm. Both these editions were played in Asian conditions
- Winning the toss isn't always a good thing. But in the 1983 and 2015 editions, winning the toss paid off a little more than 50% of the time. In 1979 and 1996, teams that won the toss went on to win barely one third of those games
- The 1992 edition, held in Australia and New Zealand, saw 59% of the games won by teams that won the toss. This is the highest of the 12 editions
- In 2019 so far, chasing has been the preferred choice. But teams have lost a higher percentage of games trying to chase a target

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FROM The Hindu. ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 11, 1969

Secret of P.M.'s freshness

Mrs. Indira Gandhi told Afghan journalists here [Kabul] to-day [June 10] that she derived her strength to carry the heavy burdens of office as Prime Minister from two sources, the mountains and the people. The Prime Minister had been asked by a correspondent here about the secret of her "astounding freshness" despite the fact that she had to carry the heavy burdens of a vast country like India. Mrs. Gandhi replied: "I have known no other life. I have been involved from the earliest stage in the freedom struggle. I think what we are doing in India is a continuation of that struggle because we have to safeguard that freedom against both external and internal dangers. When one wants to do something and feels very strongly about it, one always derives strength to do it." After a pause she said she was a "child of the mountains" and derived strength from them. She also drew energy from the people.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 11, 1919.

Bengal Jails.

To-day [June 11] the Calcutta 'Gazette' contains the resolution on Bengal Jail Administration for last year. 83,207 prisoners were admitted to the Bengal jails during last year, being less by 1,500 admitted the previous year. The general health conditions were unfavourable, 3,426 cases of influenza having occurred. The manufacture of quinine tablets continued to be the important industry in jail and [Rupees] 3 ½ lakhs worth of quinine was sold. Juvenile jail at Alipore continues to do excellent work. Further improvements have been made in the school where reading, writing arithmetic and freehand drawing are now taught by a complete staff, while the physical training has produced an excellent effect on the health and spirits of the boys.

CONCEPTUAL

Vote trading

POLITICS

This refers to any manner of voting where people agree to vote in certain ways in which they would not have voted otherwise in exchange for immediate or future benefits. A certain political party that is in Opposition, for instance, may decide to support a certain legislation that it would not have supported otherwise in exchange for favours it expects to receive from the ruling party. Vote trading is considered to be unethical by some political observers who have a problem with the purely transactional nature of such voting. While common in the political arena, vote trading is also present in other places like big businesses and other large organisations.

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FROM PAGE ONE

Three get life term for rape, murder of minor

The father of the victim welcomed Monday's judgment but said the family was expecting that the culprits would be handed the death penalty. He also expressed unhappiness over the acquittal of the seventh accused.

IGP Ahfadul Mujtaba of the J&K Crime Branch, which investigated the case, said the police may challenge the acquittal of the seventh accused.

National Commission for Women Chairperson Rekha Sharma welcomed the conviction but said she expected the capital punishment for all the six convicts. She said the State government should appeal in a higher court.

The eight-year-old girl from the nomadic community of Bakerwal was kidnapped from Kathua's Rasana area on January 10 in 2018 and was found dead on January 17.

According to the 15-page chargesheet of the Crime Branch, the victim was kidnapped, drugged, hit by a stone, raped and strangulated inside the temple by the accused. The abduction, rape and killing of the child was part of a carefully planned strategy to remove the minority nomadic community from the area, the chargesheet said.

Deepika Singh Rajawat, who was the first lawyer to fight for the victim and faced harassment, said: "It's a big day and a victory for all of us. We must salute the Crime Branch for conducting the investigation in a professional manner."

The National Conference, the Peoples Democratic Party, the Peoples Conference and the J&K Peoples Movement welcomed the court verdict. "I hope loopholes in our judicial system are not exploited and culprits get exemplary punishment. Instead of politicising and subsequently communalising rape, alarm bells should ring about why minor girls are being raped brutally," said PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, who was also the Chief Minister when the incident took place.

NC vice-president Omar Abdullah said, "Those politicians who defended the accused, vilified the victim and threatened the legal system no words of condemnation are enough."

BJP State spokesperson on Kashmir Affairs Ashwani Kumar Chrungoo termed the verdict "flawed". "The BJP will only accept the decision if the Supreme Court gives the same verdict," he said.

(With PTI inputs)

Gorakhpur man arrested for Twitter post on CM

The spoof card is being widely circulated on social media.

"He (Mr. Mohammad) shared the marriage card on his profile and asked: DJ *bajega ya bhajan* (Will they play the DJ or religious hymns a the wedding)?"

Mr. Adityanath is the head priest of the Gorakhnath Temple in Gorakhpur.

Another Gorakhpur resident, Dharmendra Bharti has also been booked for a similar offence. However since he is not in India currently he has not been arrested, said police.

A freelance journalist Prashant Kanojia was on Saturday arrested by the Uttar Pradesh police on charges of sharing a video of the woman.

In a separate case but related to the same subject, Ishika Singh, who heads a private news channel Nation Live and its editor Anuj Shukla were arrested in Noida on Saturday for airing a debate over the same video, following which the UP police met widespread condemnation.

Playwright Girish Karnad passes away at 81

While it was the demolition of Babri Masjid that pushed him to political activism, his first active involvement was over the Bababudan Giri issue in 2002, when Sangh Parivar groups tried to convert this syncretic shrine into an exclusively Hindu one.

His opposition to the beef ban and his comments on Mysuru ruler Tipu Sultan made him a target of Hindutva groups, the police said. Coming in the midst of a raging controversy over the State's decision to celebrate Tipu Jayanti, his comment that the city's international airport could have been named after the king created a furore.

Though he apologised for the misunderstanding it caused, he stayed firm in his views.

Defiant Mamata alleges plot to oust her govt.

Trinamool says it's an 'evil ploy' by the BJP to grab power

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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A day after the Union Home Ministry issued an advisory to the State to contain political violence, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday alleged that the Centre and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were trying to destabilise the Trinamool government in the State.

The Trinamool has written a letter to the Home Minister, questioning the intention of the Centre.

Ms. Banerjee accused the BJP of spending crores of rupees to spread fake news, and alleged that its party cadres were trying to incite violence in West Bengal.

"This is their game plan to throttle my voice, because they know that Mamata Banerjee is the only person in the country to raise voice against them," she said.

The Chief Minister said West Bengal had a democratically elected government, and warned that a "wounded tiger was more dangerous".

'Larger game plan'

Ms. Banerjee gave no direct reply to the advisory but described it as part of larger game plan. "I will not speak on it because the Chief Secretary and party have already given their reply on it," she said.

The Trinamool leadership sent a strongly worded reply to the advisory. A letter signed by party general secretary Partha Chatterjee described the Home Ministry's response as a "deep-rooted conspiracy" and an "evil ploy to grab power" in Opposition-ruled States.

"Over the last two years, we have seen that the Central government has been continuously trying to disgrace the Bangla government and its people through various means. The latest is this advisory note sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the law and order situation in the State. The BJP and the Central Home Ministry are run by the same person. The party is dictating Home policy," Mr. Chatterjee told a press conference late on Sunday night. He further asked whether an advisory note was sent when violence erupted in Uttar Pradesh or Gujarat.

"A strong conspiracy is now on to destabilise the State government. We and the people of Bangla will counter this tooth and nail. We are aware of what is going on. We will counter this," Mr. Chatterjee said.

Making a point: BJP Mahila Morcha activists observing a 'black day' in Kolkata on Monday. ▪ PTI

BJP observes 'black day'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday observed a "black day" across West Bengal and held a 12-hour shutdown in the Basirhat subdivision of the State to protest against the killing of party workers on June 8.

Shops and other commercial establishments remained shut in Basirhat. BJP supporters blocked roads and railway tracks, disrupting the movement of vehicles and trains. A large police contingent was deployed in the subdivision. The shutdown evoked a mixed response.

Meanwhile, a war of words ensued between the the Trinamool Congress and the BJP over the number of people killed in the violence.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held a press conference and said that while two BJP workers were killed, a section of the media reported more deaths.

"We stick to our claim that two of our supporters have died and three are still missing," BJP leader Mukul Roy said.

Mr. Roy said the BJP's claim was similar to the one by Ms. Banerjee that 54 persons were killed during the Nandigram violence.

Two BJP supporters were killed during the clashes in Sandeshkhali on Saturday, while another remains missing. The body of a Trinamool worker was found at Bhangipara village.

FIR registered

Two days after the violence, the police registered three FIRs in connection with the violence on June 8.

In one FIR, Shahjahan Molla, a local Trinamool leader, has been named as an accused.

No plan for President's Rule, says Governor

Tripathi meets Modi, Amit Shah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi, who met Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday, said no discussion was held to impose President's Rule in the State.

Mr. Tripathi, who also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said he apprised them of the prevailing situation in the State, where more than a dozen people have been killed after the results of the Lok Sabha election were announced.

No report submitted

"I have apprised the Prime Minister and the Home Minister of the situation in West Bengal. I can't disclose details," he told presspersons here after meeting Mr. Shah.

He said he had not given any report to the Centre.

The Governor's visit to the national capital – part of a series of meeting Mr. Shah held with the Governors of various States – came amid a war of words between the Centre and the West Bengal government on the issue of post-election violence in the State.

Advisory and rebuttal

Earlier, in an advisory to the State, the Home Ministry expressed "deep concern" over continuing violence in West Bengal, saying the "unabated violence" even after the Lok Sabha election, appeared to be a failure on part of the State government.

The West Bengal government replied by saying there were a few "stray post-poll clashes" and the situation in the State was under control.

Mr. Shah had a series of meeting with Governors of other States.

Tamil Nadu's Banwarilal Purohit, Telangana's E.S.L. Narasimhan, who is also the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand's Draupadi Murmu and Arunachal Pradesh's B.D. Mishra met the Home Minister.

Taking stock: Union Home Minister Amit Shah with West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi on Monday. ▪ PTI

BJP eyes renewed connection with China

Senior party leaders recently played host to a delegation from the Communist Party of China

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Amid the din of the Lok Sabha election and government formation at the Centre, the visit of a delegation from the Communist Party of China (CPC), the first after the Doklam stand-off ended, to the BJP headquarters in New Delhi went largely unnoticed, but will have a bearing on the future institutional connectivity between the two parties.

Senior BJP general secretaries Ram Madhav and Bhupendra Yadav, along with the party's foreign affairs cell head Vijay Chauthaiwale, played host to Li Xi, a member of the Politburo of the CPC and secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, last Thursday. Mr. Li met members of the Congress, but the BJP's interest in a visit by the Chinese delegation was noteworthy.

Cranking it up: CPC member Li Xi trying his hand at a spinning wheel at the Mahatma Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad. ▪ AFP

"After the Modi government first came to power in 2014, there was a flurry of exchanges spurred on not just by the BJP's interest but also great interest among the Chinese. We sent a woman-only delegation, a delegation of Mayors, etc., to China, plus some institutional exchanges via the India Foundation, a think tank associated with the party," said a senior source in the party. The Doklam stand-off in June 2017, however, put paid to this bonhomie as tensions escalated, with the BJP taking a strong view of the matter.

Non-official diplomacy

"For many years there had been attempts to draw up some institutional connectivity between the two parties. When Nitin Gadkari was party president, he led a high-level delegation to China, but since 2017, we have not been able to move forward," said the source.

"With the new government in place and the Doklam issue out of the way, we are considering a high-level visit on behalf of the party in the coming months. We are awaiting some organisational clarity, with party chief Amit Shah joining the government, to start planning such a visit," added the source. Such connectivity among political parties helps governments in pushing ideas via back channels and strengthening non-official diplomacy.

The attempt to start again from scratch, from both sides, may be an important clue to the foreign policy imperatives of both countries.

Pakistan clears Modi's overflight

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAHORE

Pakistan on Monday decided in principle to let Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aircraft fly over its airspace to Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit on June 13-14. India had recently requested Pakistan for the same.

"The Indian government will be conveyed about the decision once the procedural formalities are completed. The Civil Aviation Authority will also be directed to notify the airmen subsequently," an official said, adding Pakistan was hopeful that India would respond to its offer for peace dialogue.

Demonisation of Muslims has to end: Sri Lanka's ex-Minister

The community is in introspection mode, says Rauff Hakeem

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CHENNAI

Rauff Hakeem, Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) chief and former Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education, has called for an end to the trend of "continuous demonisation" of the Muslim community in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Hakeem, who resigned his position a week ago along with eight other Ministers over the row generated by Sinhala Buddhist hardliners for the removal of a Cabinet Minister and two Muslim Governors in the wake of the Easter blasts, said in an interaction on Monday with senior journalists at *The Hindu* here that post-blasts, the community was on a "serious introspection mode." The group led by Zahran Hashim, who was said to have been behind the attacks, had "absolutely no sympathy" among the community and was "isolated" by the community several years ago.

Rauff Hakeem

Yet, the Muslims, be they politicians or professionals, were being "targeted" for allegations. "If one allegation cannot be proved, you will be taken into custody on some other pretext," the SLMC leader said.

It was for the purpose of halting the trend of "continuous outburst by xenophobic elements" that the mass resignation took place, which included the two Governors too.

"We [the Ministers and the Governors] have put the community at ease by collectively taking the decision [to quit positions]," Mr Hakeem said. This alone was not sufficient. The focus had to be turned away from the Muslim community. "We have started talking to political leaders, representatives of international community, religious groups and civil society," he said, emphasising the need for reaching out to all, mindful of "extremist preaching, hate mongering and hate speech."

Presidential election

The resignations could be seen as "an attempt to divide the country further on ethnic lines," Mr. Hakeem conceded. "It is the opposite we want. We want reconciliation and a healthy dialogue to promote co-existence."

Referring to the Presidential election likely later this year, the SLMC leader said the personality of candidates to be put up by two major parties in the country would also matter. "They must been seen as unifying figures and not divisive," he added.

Sidhu meets Rahul amid spat with Amarinder

Hands over letter to Congress chief

SPECIAL CORESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Back from his three-day trip to Kerala, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday met Punjab Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu who briefed him about his ongoing tussle with Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and party treasurer Ahmed Patel were present when Mr. Sidhu called on the Congress chief. Asked to mediate, Mr. Patel is said to have spoken to Capt. Amarinder on the phone.

This is the first time Mr. Gandhi had met a party leader at his house after the May 25 meeting of the Congress Working Committee, where he announced his decision to step down.

On May 29, *The Hindu* reported that Mr. Gandhi may start meeting party leaders once he returns from the Kerala trip to thank the voters of Wayanad.

The current week is going to be crucial as the Congress has to make important decisions like appointing its leader in the Lok Sabha, its chief whip ahead of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha that gets under way next Monday.

Navjot Singh Sidhu with Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Ahmed Patel. ▪ TWITTER

"Met the congress President, handed him my letter, apprised him of the situation!" Mr. Sidhu tweeted. He didn't elaborate on the contents of the letter or if he had resigned from his official post.

Mr. Sidhu had attempted to meet the Congress chief last week after he was divested of the local government and tourism and cultural affairs departments in a Cabinet reshuffle.

Lack of Opposition unity helped BJP, says CPI(M)

Yechury targets Congress for 'lack of ideological offensive'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A three-day meeting of the CPI(M) Central Committee (CC) to analyse the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha election has cited the failure of the Opposition parties – particularly the Congress – to put up a united front and the lack of an ideological offensive as reasons for the BJP's extraordinary rise.

Addressing presspersons, party general secretary Sitaram Yechury said the ideological offensive was not sharp. Barring Tamil Nadu, a united Opposition failed to counter the BJP.

Blames 'soft Hindutva'

Hitting out at the Congress, he said, "Soft Hindutva is not the answer to hard Hindutva."

The CC has said in a statement that the campaign to safeguard secularism as against the communal offensive was not conducted.

The party also blamed the Election Commission, which, it said, "contributed" to the BJP's victory. "We will talk to other Opposition parties and seek to urgently reform the Election Commission so that its template stays neutral and impartial in conduct of elections. By norm, Election Commissioners should not be appointed by the government of the day but by a collegium appointed by the Supreme Court," Mr. Yechury said.

Sitaram Yechury

Not in retreat

The CPI(M) won only three seats in Lok Sabha, its worst-ever performance since it began contesting parliamentary elections. Mr. Yechury however, insisted that the Left was not in retreat. "The right-wing offensive can only be met by a left-wing counter-offensive. Far from being on a retreat or back foot, we believe this is the time for reassertion," he said.

Mr. Yechury ruled out the possibility of his or any other office-bearer's resignation. "Resignations are not the answer – it is, in fact, the best exit route for the leader. In fact, rather than resigning, the leaders should set in motion corrective steps."

The Central Committee has reiterated the stand of the Kerala State Committee that the voters felt the Congress would be in a better position to form 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 among a section of believers," the CC said in a statement.

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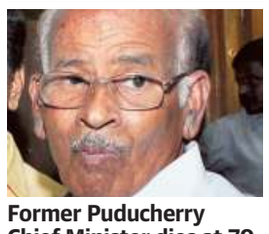

Former Puducherry Chief Minister dies at 79

PUDUCHERRY

Former Chief Minister and DMK leader R.V. Janakiraman, 79, passed away on Monday. The end came at around 3 a.m. in a private hospital where he was undergoing treatment for age-related illness. His body will be kept at his residence on Ambour Salai here till Tuesday 7 a.m. The mortal remains will be laid to rest with full State honours at his residence on Tuesday around 10 a.m.

Rahul Gandhi's home on list of vacant bungalows

NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha Secretariat has circulated a list of vacant bungalows for MPs that interestingly includes 12 Tughlaq Lane, the official residence of Congress President Rahul Gandhi since 2004 when he first became a Member of Parliament after winning the Amethi Lok Sabha seat. The circular includes the addresses of various bungalows to be allotted to those who have won the elections recently. According to sources, Mr. Gandhi's office does not have any knowledge about such a circular. ANI

ED questions Praful Patel on Airbus deal

NEW DELHI

Former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel appeared before the Enforcement Directorate for questioning on Monday in connection with the deals for the purchase of 43 Airbus aircraft and sharing Air India's profitable routes with international airlines. He has been asked to join the probe again on Tuesday. "The process will continue on Tuesday as there are several aspects of the investigation that are yet to be covered," an official said. The agency had earlier summoned the former Minister on June 6, but he had failed to make an appearance due to prior engagements.

Modi to meet Xi, Putin at SCO

Ministry yet to confirm meeting with Imran Khan on the sidelines

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, the External Affairs Ministry said here on Monday.

"We are happy to confirm bilateral meetings with Russia and China. There are also similar requests from others," said A. Gitesh Sarma, Secretary in charge of Western affairs in the Ministry.

Uzbekistan President Soronbay Jeenbekov is also scheduled to hold a bilateral discussion with the Prime Minister.

India has confirmed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek. ▪ R.V. MOORTHY

Summit with Xi

Sources indicated that Prime Minister Modi was expected to reiterate his invite to President Xi to visit India for an informal summit later this year. The first informal summit was held in Wuhan last year.

The official spokesperson of the Ministry refused to confirm if Mr. Modi would hold a separate meeting with his counterpart from Pakistan, Imran Khan.

Earlier, India had stated that there was no confirmation of such an official meeting.

The SCO summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, on June 14 will be the first multilateral meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his re-election in the Lok Sabha election.

Mr. Sarma said issues related to terrorism, Afghanistan, regional security, multilateral dialogue and global scenario would be part of the discussion at the summit.

RATS participation

Mr. Sarma said that India was satisfied with the participation ofi the country in the Regional Anti-Terror Structure (RATS).

India has been participating in tactical drills and counter-terror cooperation with other SCO member countries under the RATS, which has its headquarters in Tashkent.

In August 2018, India joined Pakistan in a tactical military exercise under the SCO's RATS.

Mr. Sarma said that India was expected to participate in a military exercise in Russia under the RATS.

India may give Pak. its due for action against terror groups

Official says 771 seminaries run by LeT and JeM seized

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A year after Pakistan was put on the "grey list" by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), New Delhi is beginning to accept that Islamabad has taken some action against the terror organisations on the ground.

An official said Pakistani authorities had seized 771 seminaries – educational institutions run by the Lashkar-e-Taiba and its fronts, Jamaatud Dawa and Falah-i-Insaniyat, and the Jaish-e-Mohammad.

"It is for the first time since early 1990s that Pakistan has begun to take action against India-focussed terror groups and freeze their assets," a senior government official said.

Masood Azhar's JeM has been training terrorists for attacks on India.

Blacklist threat

To avoid being put on the blacklist, Pakistan has seized properties associated with terror groups in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir as well, the official said.

A team of External Affairs and Home Ministry officials is now preparing to travel to Orlando, U.S. for the plenary session of the FATF, a global terrorism financing watchdog, from June 16 to 21. Indian has taken a back seat to the U.S., the U.K. and France in the past year since Pakistan was put on the "grey list", though Pakistani officials have frequently accused India of "dictating" terms in the action-taken reviews. The Asia Pacific Group of the FATF held a meeting in May, and according to the Pakistani newspaper *The News*, the country was found to have taken inadequate action in 18 of 27 areas.

Pakistan was on the "grey list" of countries of risk between 2012 and 2015 as well.

French stance

On Monday, French Deputy Foreign Minister Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Minister of State V. Muraleedharan here. Officials said the agenda included laying the groundwork for Mr. Modi's visit to France's Biarritz in August to attend the G-7 summit as a special invitee of President Emmanuel Macron.

Mr. Lemoyne said counter-terrorism remained at the top of the India-France agenda.

Naik's extradition entirely up to us, says Malaysia PM

Mahathir quotes Australian case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Monday said the country reserved the right to disallow extradition of Zakir Naik to India if he was not going to be accorded justice, according to media reports.

As reported by *The Star*, a Malaysian daily, Dr. Mohamad said the situation was the same with Australia not sending Sirul Azhar Umar back to Malaysia. Umar, a former bodyguard, was sentenced to death in 2015 for the murder of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaariibuu.

"We requested Australia to extradite Sirul, and they are afraid we are going to send him to the gallows," Dr. Mohamad was quoted as saying. He said Naik "in general feels that he is not going to get a fair trial [in India]".

The statement comes when the Enforcement Directorate is preparing to secure a non-bailable warrant against Naik on money laundering charges involving more than ₹193 crore.

Based on the warrant, the ED can request the Interpol to issue a Red Notice against him and also approach the Malaysian authorities seeking his extradition.

France turning hot destination for students

Minister meets alumni, discusses need to increase connections with French companies in India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

With the number of Indian students heading to France doubling in just two years time, the alumni are hoping that connections with the 500-odd French companies in India will lead to better job offers.

On Monday morning, French Minister of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean Baptiste Lemoyne met the Indian alumni of French courses in business, engineering and design where one of the major issues discussed was the need to increase connections with the French companies based in India.

Reaching out: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with his French counterpart Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne. ▪ PTI

Mr. Lemoyne promised that he would push the demand with representatives of those companies when he met them on Monday evening.

A decade ago, the annual number of Indian students in France was just 400. By 2017, it had shot up to 5,000 which increased to 8,000 last year.

"We expect to reach 10,000 students by the end of this 2019, a year ahead of our target deadline. The shift really started three years ago, when we began intensive marketing to reach out to the new generation," said French embassy spokesperson Remy Tirouttouvarayane. By 2025, France hopes to double the number yet again.

'Will follow Rafale road map'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

French Minister of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean Baptiste Lemoyne on Monday welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposal for a global meet to tackle the threat of terrorism. He said the first Rafale fighter jet would land in India in September and it would be a strong signal of Indo-French cooperation."The French government doesn't care about controversies and we've a road map, we just want to deliver," he said. "It's in the interest of the two countries. Rafale is a tool for better sovereignty for India."

Journalists march to Parliament

Joint protest by Editors Guild, Press Club of India and Indian Women Press Corps

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Journalists staged a protest here on Monday, demanding the immediate release of freelance reporter Prashant Kanojia and Nation Live journalists Anuj Shukla and Ishika Singh.

Mr. Kanojia was arrested for allegedly tweeting a video of a woman claiming to be in a relationship with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Mr. Shukla and Ms. Singh have been arrested for playing the video on their channel. They have been booked for criminal defamation.

Wearing black arm bands and holding placards, the journalists marched from the Press Club of India to Parliament, raising slogans against the Adityanath government.

Keeping watch: Police personnel deployed at the site of the protests by journalists outside the Press Club in New Delhi on Monday. ▪ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

They were stopped metres away from Parliament House. They were joined by Mr. Kanojia's wife, Jagisha Arora, 26. "My husband merely put out a tweet of a video, which was shared by others. Why harass only one person and, that too, using unconstitutional means. I have been told that the Uttar Pradesh police have been misbehaving with Prashant, and they aren't ready to give us any reply. Today, it is Prashant; tomorrow, it could be anyone," she said.

Ms. Arora said her husband had gone to buy grocery and returned with two men. He told her that they belonged to the Uttar Pradesh police, who were taking him away for his tweet.

The couple got married only nine months ago and were living in east Delhi.

'Spread the word'

"He told me to tell everyone we know that he is being taken away. As far as I know, the policemen did not have any arrest warrant. It is only hours later when I phoned him that I came to know he was being taken to Lucknow," she said.

The protest was held jointly by members of the Editors Guild of India, the Press Club of India, the Indian Women Press Corps, the South Asian Women in the Media, the Press Association and independent journalists and activists.

12 Finance Ministry officials 'forcibly retired'

After complaints of graft, harassment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a sweeping action aimed at removing corrupt officials from service, President Ramnath Kovind on Monday forcibly ordered the retirement of 12 senior officials of the Ministry of Finance.

The 12 officers – all of the rank of Chief Commissioners, Principal Commissioners, or Commissioners of Income Tax – are to be paid a sum equivalent to the amount of pay and allowances for a period of three months at the same rate at which they would have received immediately before their retirement.

Sources in the Finance Ministry said complaints against the officials range from corruption, extortion, and the acquisition of movable and immovable assets that were not disclosed to the proper authorities, to sexual harassment and illegally stopping the promotion of colleagues.

Some were inefficient

Some officials were also allegedly simply forced to retire on the grounds that they were chronically ineffectual at their jobs.

The President chose to remove the officials immediately rather than opting for the other choice of giving them three months' notice.

PM seeks five-year road map for each Ministry

Meets with the respective Secretaries

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In their first meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday after his re-election, Secretaries to the Government of India have been tasked with creating a five-year road map for each Ministry with well-defined targets.

The meeting, which took place at the Prime Minister's residence, was also attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Dr. Jitendra Singh.

During the meeting, Cabinet Secretary P.K. Sinha tasked the sectoral groups of secretaries with preparing a five-year plan document for each Ministry, with well-defined targets and milestones. In addition, there is also a need to propose "a significant impactful decision" in each Ministry, for which approvals will be taken within 100 days, an official release said.

Mr. Modi pointed out that each department had a role to play in making India a five-trillion dollar economy. While asking each Ministry to focus on 'ease of living', the Prime Minister added that India's progress in 'Ease of Doing Business' should reflect in greater facilitation for small businesses and entrepreneurs, an official release said.

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Canada to ban single-use plastics from 2021

MONTREAL

Canada will ban single-use plastics from 2021, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced on Monday, declaring it a "global challenge" to phase out the plastic bags, straws and cutlery. "I am very pleased to announce that as early as 2021, Canada will ban single-use plastics from coast to coast," he said. AFP

Probe panel submits report to Sirisena

COLOMBO

A three-member committee appointed to probe the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka on Monday submitted its final report to President Maithripala Sirisena. Supreme Court Justice Vijith Malalgoda, who headed the committee, handed over the report to Mr. Sirisena. PTI

Zardari arrested over fake bank accounts scam

Detention comes after former Pakistan President's bail plea was rejected by High Court; Opposition alleges 'witch-hunt'

MEHMAL SARFRAZ
LAHORE

Former President and co-chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Asif Ali Zardari was arrested on Monday at his residence in Islamabad by a team of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) for his alleged involvement in a fake bank accounts scam.

Earlier in the day, his plea for bail extension was rejected by the Islamabad High Court. According to sources, the legal team of Mr. Zardari, who is also a Member of the National Assembly, will appeal against this order in the Supreme Court.

Several people are named as accused in the fake bank accounts case. They include Mr. Zardari's sister Faryal Talpur and some of his close associates.

Money laundering

The case came to the fore in 2015 following an investigation by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). The FIA said fake accounts were used to park ill-gotten wealth, which was later sent out of the country through money laundering channels.

The PPP says the case is based on false evidence and is political in nature.

According to investigative journalist Zahid Gishkori, the fake accounts case involves around PKR 100 billion of black money, allegedly used by Mr. Zardari, his sister Ms. Talpur, their partners and other businessmen. The anti-corruption watchdog has arrested around two dozen accused so far.

A Joint Investigation Team (JIT) recommended 28 corruption references against the accused, and its report was also endorsed by the apex court. The JIT and the NAB are working jointly where they have found details of more than 25,000 transactions linked to over 54 fake accounts.

Mr. Gishkori told *The Hindu* that it will be a litmus test for the NAB to prove the allegations against the accused in a court of law. "It is like a second Panama case in Pakistan's history where only politicians remain the prime target of accountability institutions, whether it is NAB, JITs or FIA."

In the dock: Ex-Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari leaving the Islamabad High Court with daughter Asifa Bhutto-Zardari. ▪ AP

He added that intelligence agencies have helped in collection of evidence in both the Panama case and the fake accounts case.

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, PPP chairman and Mr. Zardari's son, went to the National Assembly after the arrest of his father. He was not allowed to speak by the Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri, who adjourned the session amidst protests by the Opposition. Mr. Bhutto-Zardari addressed a press conference later. He called for the resignation of both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for acting as an 'extension' of the government instead of being impartial.

Bilawal's statement

Accusing the government of censoring journalists, social media activists and parliamentarians were being censored by the government, he said: "This isn't *azad* (free) Pakistan, this isn't *naya* (new) Pakistan. This is censored Pakistan!" Mr. Bhutto-Zardari reminded the government that his mother, Benazir Bhutto, had spent her youth in Sukkur jail while his father, Mr. Zardari, had spent more than a decade in prison where he was severely tortured.

Senior journalist Azaz Syed said that the NAB was keen on 'finishing' the political Bhutto-Zardari dynasty. "However, the efforts of this anti-corruption agency are neither independent nor clean as it is visibly being used by the powers-that-be in Pakistan," he told *The Hindu*.

Khawaja Asif, senior leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), told *The Hindu* that there was a need to bring the political temperature in the country down if a revival of the economy was the objective. "Without going into the merits of the case, high-profile political arrests – especially when the government is being accused of witch-hunting – will further vitiate the environment."

Opposition leaders condemned the arrest of Mr. Zardari. Leader of the Opposition Shehbaz Sharif said that Mr. Zardari didn't use any delaying tactics and fully cooperated with the NAB while also appearing at all court hearings.

Declare assets by June 30, says PM Imran

MEHMAL SARFRAZ
LAHORE

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday warned of legal action against the Pakistanis who do not declare their undisclosed assets by June 30. He said that in the last 10 years, Pakistan's debt had risen from PKR 6,000 billion to PKR 30,000 billion.

"I appeal to you to take advantage of our assets declaration scheme. If we don't pay taxes, we can't move forward and rebuild this country," he said, adding that people have time till June 30 to use this opportunity. After that, he warned, the government will come after those who have hidden their assets.

"[W]e have treaties with other countries that have informed us of Pakistanis with properties and bank accounts in foreign countries; our agencies have information of *benami* accounts and properties."

China concerned about 'trade protectionism'

Friction with U.S. will be discussed during Modi-Xi meet at SCO, says official

ATUL ANEJA
BEIJING

China on Monday invited India to join a budding international effort to counter headwinds of "trade protectionism and unilateralism" and brainstorm ways to address "bullying practices of the United States".

In response to question ahead of a meeting of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) that begins in Bishkek on Thursday, Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Zhang Hanhui said at a press conference that "trade frictions between China and the United States and the spectre of trade frictions between the United States and India" could become an "important topic" for talks. He added: "Trade protectionism and unilateralism are very much on the rise. How to respond to the bullying practices of the United States... its practices of trade protectionism is an important question."

Hope for consensus

Mr. Zhang hoped that talks between the two leaders would yield "extensive consensus" to counter trade protectionism and uphold "justice". He was upbeat that the upcoming dialogue between Mr. Xi and Mr. Modi would "not only enhance bilateral trade (but) also play an important role in promoting global economy". The talks between the two leaders are likely to be part of broader dialogue between China and other countries at the summit.

The Chinese official also stressed that at a personal level, the two leaders are "good friends". He singled out last year's "very successful informal summit in Wuhan," which has imparted "strategic guidance for the development of China-India relations, paving the way for stable growth of China-India relations in the long run".

An official source had earlier told *The Hindu* that China was keen to step up preparations for the next informal summit between Mr. Xi and Mr. Modi as a follow-up to the Wuhan conclave. During official discussions, Varanasi has been proposed as a possible venue for the summit.

The rising trade and technology tensions with the U.S. appear have spurred China to seek new allies and attempt forging new rules of international trade and commerce.

Russian media outlets seek scribe's release

3 leading dailies publish identical front pages to protest against Golunov's arrest

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Russian authorities faced unprecedented pushback on Monday against the arrest of an investigative reporter on drugs charges, with independent as well as pro-Kremlin figures urging his release.

Journalist Ivan Golunov was detained on drug charges last week but says he is being punished for his work as an investigative reporter.

As his arrest unleashed a rare show of popular solidarity, the Kremlin said it was important to "admit mistakes" and not repeat them, but also defended its law enforcement agencies. On Monday, three top newspapers *Kommersant*, *Vedomosti* and *RBK* published the same front page with the words "I am/we are Ivan Golunov" in giant letters – a bold act of defiance in a country where most media toes the Kremlin line. The phrase was drawn from the slogan "I am Charlie" that emerged after the 2015 killing of 12 people at *Charlie Hebdo*'s office '.

In solidarity: The front pages of Russia's three major newspapers read: "I'm/we are Ivan Golunov". ▪ AP

Mr. Golunov, 36, a reporter with Meduza, an independent Russian-language media outlet, was detained last week on allegations that he manufactured and dealt in drugs. He faces up to 20 years in prison, but defence lawyers say drugs were planted on him.

In identical front page statements, the three newspapers said the journalist's arrest amounted to an act of intimidation, and demanded an investigation into the police officers who detained him. The dailies said they did not consider the evidence presented by investigators to be convincing.

95 killed in Mali village massacre

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BAMAKO

Nearly 100 people were killed in a gruesome overnight attack on a village in central Mali, officials said on 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," said an official in Koundou district.

Johnson promises tax cuts for the rich as Tory leadership battle begins

Candidates pledge to resolve Brexit issue in three months

REUTERS
LONDON

Leading Brexit advocate Boris Johnson promised tax cuts for higher earners if he becomes Britain's next Prime Minister as the contest to replace Theresa May – and take charge of the EU divorce – officially kicked off on Monday.

Ms. May stepped down as leader of the ruling Conservative Party on Friday, having failed three times to win Parliament's support for a European Union (EU) divorce deal that was supposed to address Britain's biggest political crisis in a generation.

Campaign launch

At campaign launches on Monday, several candidates made their pitches. While all were keen to set out a domestic agenda, it was Brexit that dominated.

Ex-British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson. ▪ REUTERS

Nearly all promised that they could solve the Brexit conundrum – which eluded Ms. May in three years of EU talks – in just three months, between the new leader being chosen at the end of July and the current exit date of October 31.

"Without Brexit, there will be no Conservative government and maybe no Conservative party," Foreign Minister Jeremy Hunt said at his campaign launch.

"From my conversations with European leaders, it is clear to me there is a deal to be done; they want us to come up with proposals."

Dominic Raab, who quit as Brexit Minister over Ms. May's divorce deal, said he too could get a new agreement but promised that the United Kingdom would leave the EU on October 31, even if that meant reverting to basic World Trade Organization trade terms. "I'm the Brexiteer that you can rely on," he said.

'Friendship tree' planted by Trump, Macron dead

France gifted it as a symbolic gesture

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

The photo of President Donald Trump and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron planting an oak tree in the garden of the White House symbolised the friendship shown by the two leaders. But relations between them have since frayed – over issues ranging from Iran to trade – and the tree, a diplomatic source said, did not survive.

Mr. Macron offered the oak to Mr. Trump on the occasion of a state visit to Washington in 2018, and the two shovelled dirt around it. It was a symbolic gesture: the tree came from a northern French forest where 2,000 U.S. Marines died during the First World War.

But a few days later, the tree was nowhere to be seen, having disappeared into quarantine. "It is a quarantine which is mandatory for any living organism imported into the U.S.," Gerard Araud, then the French Ambassador to the U.S., tweeted, adding that it would be replanted later. But it was never replanted: the tree died during its quarantine, the diplomatic source said.

President Donald Trump planting the tree in Washington last year. ▪ AFP

'Iran has accelerated uranium enrichment'

IAEA says production rate is increasing

REUTERS
TEHRAN/VIENNA

Iran has followed through on a threat to accelerate its production of enriched uranium, the head of the UN atomic watchdog said on Monday, departing from his usual guarded language to say he was worried about increasing tension.

IAEA chief Yukiya Amano said Iran was now producing more enriched uranium than before, but it was not clear when it might reach stockpile limits set in the pact. "Yes, (the) production rate is increasing," he told a news conference when asked if enriched uranium production had accelerated since the agency's last quarterly report, which found Iran compliant with the nuclear deal as of May 20. He declined to say how much it had increased by.

On Monday, Germany's Foreign Minister Heiko Maas became the most senior Western official to visit Iran since the new war of words erupted last month between Washington and Tehran. "The situation in the region here is highly explosive and extremely serious," Mr. Maas told a news conference alongside Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

Mr. Zarif blamed the U.S. for the escalation. He said talks with Mr. Maas were "frank and serious". But he added: "Tehran will cooperate with EU signatories of the deal to save it."

"We want to fulfil our obligations," Mr. Maas said during his joint news conference with Mr. Zarif. "We cannot work miracles, but we will try to avert a failure" of the nuclear deal.

MARKET WATCH

	10-06-2019	% CHANGE
Sensex	39,785	0.43
US Dollar	69.65	-0.27
Gold	33,730	0.33
Brent oil	63.45	1.61

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	425.75	0.55
Asian Paints	1422.60	4.25
Axis Bank	814.15	10.15
Bajaj Auto	2989.80	28.40
Bajaj Finserv	8304.45	102.10
Bajaj Finance	3519.60	10.15
Bharti Airtel	363.45	6.35
BPCL	389.65	-13.35
Britannia Ind	2994.30	95.00
Cipla	554.55	5.05
Coal India	259.30	-6.25
Dr Reddys Lab	2629.25	48.55
Eicher Motors	20131.45	133.70
GAIL (India)	307.25	-6.60
Grasim Ind	880.95	9.50
HCL Tech	1091.20	11.60
HDFC	2194.05	-16.80
HDFC Bank	2440.20	-7.45
Hero MotoCorp	2745.00	-17.80
Hindalco	198.25	3.45
Hind Unilever	1852.50	21.75
Indiabulls HFL	733.35	2.25
ICICI Bank	416.10	-0.50
IndusInd Bank	1551.65	-0.55
Bharti Infratel	281.95	2.30
Infosys	753.50	14.40
Indian OilCorp	160.65	-3.15
ITC	279.40	4.15
JSW Steel	266.85	4.45
Kotak Bank	1502.60	-9.20
L&T	1532.10	18.25
M&M	646.95	2.90
Maruti Suzuki	6969.95	21.70
NTPC	135.00	-0.15
ONGC	164.65	-2.85
PowerGrid Corp	194.30	2.55
Reliance Ind	1319.15	4.25
State Bank	344.30	2.25
Sun Pharma	402.05	2.80
Tata Motors	166.20	-3.30
Tata Steel	486.05	3.95
TCS	2231.50	49.75
Tech Mahindra	768.20	17.45
Titan	1277.00	8.05
UltraTech Cement	4597.85	25.00
UPL	1016.40	-3.05
Vedanta	165.20	1.00
Wipro	297.10	2.05
YES Bank	135.90	-4.00
Zee Entertainment	335.35	-4.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	69.45	69.77
Euro	78.47	78.84
British Pound	87.92	88.33
Japanese Yen (100)	63.91	64.21
Chinese Yuan	10.02	10.07
Swiss Franc	70.03	70.36
Singapore Dollar	50.78	51.02
Canadian Dollar	52.32	52.58
Malaysian Ringitt	16.67	16.76

Source:Indian Bank

BULLION RATES CHENNAI

June 10 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses

Retail Silver (1g)	39.9	(40.1)
22 ct gold (1 g)	3111	(3123)

Outflows from credit funds rise threefold

However, gilt and high quality income funds should see more inflows with RBI cutting rates: AMFI CEO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Net outflows from credit risk funds jumped over threefold in the month of May as investors remained wary of the segment in the light of recent downgrades and defaults.

The overall inflows into the debt funds segment also took a huge hit in May even as the overall assets under management of the mutual fund industry registered a marginal increase on the back of inflows into equity schemes.

According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), credit risk funds saw net outflows of ₹4,156 crore in May, as against ₹1,253 crore in April.

Further, the net inflows into the overall debt funds segment fell significantly from ₹1.21 lakh crore in April to ₹70,119 crore in May.

Open-ended equity schemes saw a net inflow of ₹5,408 crore in May, as against ₹4,609 crore in April. ▪ PAUL NORONHA

Interestingly, the debt segment took a hit amidst a slight increase in the industry's total AUM that was pegged at ₹25.43 lakh crore in May, as against ₹25.28 lakh crore in the previous month.

Industry experts believe that while investors are likely to be sceptical of investing in credit funds, the income and gilt categories could see a jump in inflows on the back of favourable macro-economic factors.

"If it [investment] is relating to credit funds, then investors will review or evaluate the opportunities," said N.S. Venkatesh, chief executive officer, AMFI.

"However, gilt and high quality income funds should see more flows with the central bank cutting rates while changing its stance from neutral to accommodative. Interest rates are expected to come down so more funds could flow towards such schemes," he added.

Equity inflows rise

Meanwhile, equity funds registered a notable rise in the net inflows with open-ended equity oriented schemes seeing net inflows of ₹5,407.75 crore in May, as against ₹4,608.74 crore in the previous month.

This assumes significance as the net inflows into equity schemes in the previous month had fallen to their lowest level since September 2016.

According to Mr. Venkatesh, the flows into equity schemes are likely to revive going forward as uncertainty related to election results are over and the recent market movement also points towards increased investor confidence.

"The market is already cheering the formation of the new government. Macro-economic factors appear to be favourable with low inflation, high reserves and balance of payments under control. Reserve Bank of India has also changed its stance, which is likely to see more flows coming into mutual funds," he said.

Govt. cautioned against rushing into electric vehicles

'Ill-timed decision can hit industry'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A day after industry bodies SIAM and CII called for a practical approach in formulating electric vehicle-related policies, two-wheeler makers Bajaj Auto and TVS Motor on Monday said "unrealistic" and "ill-timed" decisions will derail auto manufacturing in the country.

Venu Srinivasan

The reactions come amid reports that the government plans to ban sale of internal combustion engine (ICE) three-wheelers by 2023 along with sales of less than 150 cc two-wheelers by 2025.

"I have three execution related concerns...First that it may be impractical to target such a scale when none of the stakeholders currently possess any meaningful experience with any of the pieces of the EV puzzle," said Rajiv Bajaj, MD, Bajaj Auto. He added that it is "ill-timed" to target a date so close to BS-VI implementation.

"And finally, to target two and three-wheelers but not cars etc. makes it an incomplete initiative," he said.

Middle path

Mr. Bajaj suggested that an appropriate middle path may be put in place in the first phase to target such a changeover through corporate average fuel efficiency norms and electric vehicles for all vehicle categories from a particular date such as 2023 or 2025 starting with most-polluted cities.

Venu Srinivasan, chairman at TVS Motor Company, pointed out that automakers everywhere were supportive of the overall goal of introducing electric vehicles (EV) and as a result, have been doing serious development work to ensure a mass market EV products, while adding that supporting infrastructure for charging also needs to be as robust as conventional fuel options.

"The auto industry globally is still a long way away from all of this, as is India.

"To force an unrealistic deadline for mass adoption of electric two and three-wheelers will not just create consumer discontent, it risks derailing auto manufacturing in India that supports four million jobs," he cautioned.

On Sunday, SIAM president Rajan Wadhera warned that "such unrealistic expectations and policies would not only adversely affect the world number one two/three-wheeler industry, but may not help in making EVs acceptable to the customer and the market."

"...the [government's EV] ambition needs to be tempered with a practical approach and what is possible without needlessly disrupting the automotive industry," Mr. Wadhera, who is also president of automotive sector at M&M said.

SEBI mulls norms to reward whistle-blowers

It seeks protection of informant from victimisation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed establishing a framework to reward individuals who bring forward instances of violations of insider trading norms while at the same time protecting such persons from victimisation in the form of demotion or termination of job.

"... it is desirable and prudent that SEBI considers instituting a process that enables timely reporting of instances of insider trading violations and also provide for grant of reward with adequate checks and balances that could incentivise timely reporting of information relating to insider trading to SEBI at the first available opportunity," stated the discussion paper released by SEBI on Monday.

The capital markets regulator has proposed that entities that come forward with such information will have to disclose the source of information and give an undertaking that such information has not been sourced from any regulator.

Further, the regulator has proposed that if such information leads to a final order by SEBI with a minimum disgorgement of ₹5 crore, then a monetary award of 10% of the money collected by SEBI, subject to a cap of ₹1 crore, can be given to the informant.

Further, the reward will be paid from the Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF). SEBI also plans to establish an Office of Informant Protection, which will be independent of the investigation and inspection wings of the regulatory body.

Anonymous complaint

While the informant would be required to disclose his or her identity at the time of submission of the complaint in the official format - Voluntary Information Disclosure Form, in SEBI's parlance - an anonymous complaint can also be submitted through an authorised representative who is a practising advocate.

To protect such complainants against victimisation, the regulator has proposed that all listed companies and intermediaries would include in their code of conduct, provisions to ensure that such individuals are not "discharged, terminated, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or discriminated against, directly or indirectly."

While SEBI has also proposed an amnesty for such individuals, it has also stated that if a complaint is found to be frivolous, the regulator can initiate actions against the informant.

Maruti cuts output for May also

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki, one of the country's largest carmakers, has cut down production for the fourth consecutive month in May.

Last month, the company produced a total of 1,51,188 units, a decline of 18% from 184,612 units produced in the same month a year ago, it said.

In 2019, January had been the only month which had seen a growth (of 15.6%) in production. In February, it cut production by 8.3%, in March, by almost 21% and in April, by nearly 9.6%. Last month, domestic sales were also down by 23% to 1,25,552 units from 1,63,200 units in the year-ago month.

Ajai Kumar quits Yes Bank board

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MUMBAI

Private sector lender Yes Bank has informed the stock exchanges that Ajai Kumar, non-executive director of the bank, has resigned citing personal reasons. The former chairman and managing director of Corporation Bank was appointed to Yes Bank board on January 29, 2016. Mr. Kumar was appoined as the bank's interim CEO for a month after Rana Kapoor's term ended on January 31, 2019.

After Ravneet Gill took over as the MD and CEO from March 1, 2019, Mr. Kumar ceased to be the Interim CEO of the bank.

Prior to joining Corporation Bank, Mr. Kumar was the executive director of another state-run lender, UCO Bank.

J&K Bank to split the position of CMD

Stock falls 12.5% after Ahmed removed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Jammu & Kashmir Bank, which saw it chairman and CEO Parvez Ahmed removed by the government, has now decided to split the CMD post.

On Saturday, the State government, decided to remove Mr. Ahmed and appoint R. K. Chhibber as interim CMD. RBI has approved the appointment for three months, with effect from Monday.

The bank's stock fell 12.5% to close the day at ₹52.

"The board of directors, in their meeting held on 8th June, 2019, had inter alia recommended splitting of the post of chairman and managing director (CMD) of the bank in compliance to the SEBI regulations and RBI guidelines," the bank said.

The bank has also said it has taken several steps to improve transparency, governance, compliance and profitability.

It said there will be further strengthening of board's oversight of the functioning of the bank for better risk management, reduction of aggregate risks and improved compliance function so that the bank earns a better risk rating from the RBI and other rating agencies.

On the reports of raids been conducted in the bank, the lender clarified that investigation was ordered by the State government on the basis of some complaints of alleged malpractices and governance issues. "There would be no adverse financial implications of the investigations on the bank," it said.

MoSPI proposes to use big data analytical tools to improve official statistics

Ministry also mulls establishing a National Data Warehouse on Official Statistics

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The statistics ministry said on Monday that it proposes to set up a 'National Data Warehouse' with a view to leveraging big data analytical tools to further improve the quality of macro-economic aggregates.

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 of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) said.

In its release, the Ministry further said 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.

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Quality statistics

"Over a period of time, there have been increasing demands on the statistical system for the production of relevant and quality statistics. "The Ministry has been accommodating these demands by optimising the available resources and use of technology," it said.

As in any system, it further 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.

The recent step for the merger of CSO and NSSO was aimed at leveraging the strengths of the two organisations so that it can meet the increasing demands, MoSPI said.

MoSPI has been criticised in some sections for the quality of macro-economic data.

The Ministry said revision in GDP estimates occur when data coverage from administrative sources improves over time and these improvements get well documented.

Consequently, the initial estimates of GDP tend to be conservative.

To improve this, the release said it would require concomitant changes in the sectoral data flows and associated regulatory framework in the data source agencies to facilitate the use of more macro modelling techniques.

"The Ministry is also proposing to establish a National Data Warehouse on Official Statistics, where technology will be leveraged for using big data analytical tools for further improving the quality of macro-economic aggregates," it said.

IL&FS: govt. seeks ban on Deloitte, BSR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The Corporate Affairs Ministry Monday filed fresh applications at NCLT to debar Deloitte Haskins & Sells and BSR Associates, an arm of KPMG – auditors of IL&FS Financial Services – from auditing for five years.

It also sought to appoint a new auditor for the crippled company.

IL&FS Financial Services is one of the 348 subsidiaries of the crippled IL&FS group, which owes more than ₹95,000 crore to the lenders.

The group got into trouble after many of its subsidiaries began to default since last September and on October 1 that year, the government suspended its board and took over the company.

IL&FS mulls contempt plea against lenders

Withdrew ₹800 cr. during moratorium

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Debt-ridden IL&FS is likely to file a contempt plea against 11 banks and financial entities and seek refund of about ₹800 crore that was drawn out of its escrow account during the moratorium period, according to a source.

State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, HDFC Bank, Yes Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank, Punjab National Bank, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Federal Bank, Birla Sun Life AMC, L&T Infra Finance are among the entities that withdrew about ₹800 crore even as the company faced debt resolution under the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), a person in the know of the development said on the condition of anonymity.

The NCLAT in February had prohibited banks from recognising any IL&FS group accounts as non-performing assets without first seeking approval from the tribunal. The tribunal had asked them not to initiate recovery process and debit money. "We are likely to file for the contempt because the withdrawals have been made in the moratorium period," the person said.

Realme mulls exclusive R&D centre

Currently, the mobile phone maker shares facility with parent brand Oppo

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The makers of Realme smartphone are considering setting up a research and development facility in the country that will sharpen focus on India-specific work as the handset brand looks to emerge from the shadows of parent brand Oppo.

"We will have our own R&D centre," India CEO Madhav Sheth said on Monday in Hyderabad, the city where Realme now shares such a facility with Oppo.

Though the location and timeline by when the facility will take shape are not yet decided, an update is likely later this year, a company executive present during the media interaction with Mr.Sheth said.

Oppo had established the R&D centre in Hyderabad last year and about 400 people are employed there, including those working for Realme and on 5G technologies. "Globally, we have 300 people in R&D team," the executive said. A chunk of them are in China doing India-specific R&D. At a global level, a separation on the R&D front was taking place, he added.

India calls: It will be sometime before Realme considers having a manufacturing facility of its own, says CEO Sheth.

"Working on the local theme... customisation which is more Indian-centric will be the major aspect of the R&D [proposed centre] in India," Mr. Sheth said. He, however, hinted it would be some time before Realme considers having a manufacturing facility all for itself.

The smartphone brand – comprising four series and eight products – in the little over one year since launch in India, has seven million active users, he said, adding the existing manufacturing facility in Noida – of Oppo, OnePlus and Realme – has a combined capacity in excess of 60 million handsets a year.

New phone series

On other plans, a new, X series Realme phones with premium features and priced at about ₹20,000 is slated for launch in India soon. The smartphone maker is also looking to grow its offline presence through a combination of exclusive experiential stores, kiosks at malls besides growing the number of third party stores from around 8,000 now to 20,000 by December. Two variants of Realme C2 will go for sale in the offline stores from June 15, he said.

Banks can offer cheque books for no-frills accounts

No minimum balance for holders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to offer cheque book facility and other services to the no-frills account holders, but said they could not ask such account holders to maintain any minimum balance for such services.

The basic savings bank deposit account or no-frills account was designed as a savings account which will offer certain minimum facilities, free of charge, to the holders of such accounts.

"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 shall be at the option of the customers," the RBI said in a notification.

As per the norms of no-frills account, account holders are not required to maintain minimum balance and can get certain minimum facilities for free. These facilities include, four withdrawals from ATMs in a month, deposit of cash at bank branch and ATM card or ATM-cum-debit card.

IN BRIEF

UltraTech gets green nod for A.P. project

NEW DELHI

UltraTech Cement has got the Environment Ministry's nod for a ₹2,500-crore project in Andhra Pradesh, as per an official document. Under the project, the firm will set up an integrated cement plant at Petnikote in Kurnool district with a clinker capacity of 4 million tonne per annum (MTPA), 6 MTPA of cement, 60 MW of captive power plant and 15 MW of waste heat recovery-based power unit. PTI

Hero MotoCorp gets BS-VI label for bike

NEW DELHI

Hero MotoCorp said it had received BS-VI certification for Splendor iSmart motorcycle from the International Centre for Automotive Technology . The motorcycle has been designed and developed in-house at the company's R&D hub in Rajasthan, Hero MotoCorp said. The firm would now be gearing up to make its large portfolio of motorcycles and scooters BS-VI compliant, according to Hero MotoCorp. PTI

Sinan Ozkok to head Nissan in India

CHENNAI

Japanese auto major Nissan has announced the appointment of Sinan Ozkok as the president of its Indian operations. Mr. Ozkok will be based out of Gurugram and responsible for all functions in India, including sales and marketing, R&D and manufacturing, for both Nissan and Datsun brands. He joins India from Nissan Otomotiv A.S. (NOAS), the automaker's national sales firm in Turkey, where he has been MD since 2015.

Coal India identifies assets in Australia for acquisition

The public sector undertaking had earmarked ₹6,000 crore for the purpose

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Public sector Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has identified assets in Australia, in which it is keen to acquire equity stakes. Accordingly, it is planning to appoint an internationally reputed merchant or investment banker to carry out the financial due diligence.

Enquiries showed that the talks had progressed and the process of data analysis was now underway. CIL had earmarked about ₹6,000 crore for the purpose. Non-disclosure agreements are in place, and, hence, sources could not disclose any names.

The mine acquisition initiative is in line with CIL's plans to set up overseas businesses involving coking coal and high-grade low-ash thermal coal. Its strategy is to acquire the coal resources, produce them and import the output into India. The production would either be through opening of new mines or through equity participation in working mines on production-sharing basis.

Crossing borders: The acquisition move is in line with CIL's plans to set up overseas businesses. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In the past, CIL had tried to acquire mines and had taken several initiatives in this respect. In Africa, it had set up a company called Coal India Africana Limitada in Mozambique after being granted prospecting licences for two blocks.

However, that effort came to a nought on account of unviable operations. The move to jointly scout for overseas properties through a power PSU, two steel PSUs and a mineral PSU through the International Coal Ventures Ltd (ICVL), too, had failed to yield tangible results.

The present move had been initiated through Coal Videsh, CIL's own arm.

Reliance firms' shares tank after power entity posts ₹3,558.5 cr. loss

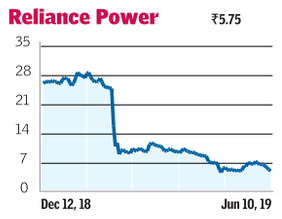
Auditors highlight withdrawal of ₹1,017 cr. from reserves

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Shares of Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group's listed entities fell after Reliance Power reported a loss of ₹3,558.5 crore for the March quarter, on impairment and write-off as against a profit of ₹189.21 crore a year ago.

Shares of Reliance Power, Reliance Infrastructure, Reliance Capital, Reliance Naval and Engineering and Reliance Home Finance touched their 52-week low even as the BSE Sensex closed up 168.62 points at 39,784.52.

Reliance Power made a withdrawal of ₹1,017 crore from its general reserves, reducing the impact of the one-time impairment and write-off. Auditors of the company highlighted that the losses would have been higher without this.



Shares of Reliance Power fell to it's 52-week low of ₹4.71 before closing down 6.81% to ₹5.75 in a firm Mumbai market on Monday, valuing the company at ₹ 1,612.95 crore.

Investors are concerned about repayment delays and asset impairments at the company, which is leading to short-term debt concerns

"Except Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Company (R-NAM), I have no comfort on any of the Reliance Group companies. Bank exposure of over ₹1 lakh crore in Reliance Group is at risk," investment advisor S. P. Tulsian told *The Hindu*.

Adjourns meet

Reliance Power's parent firm Reliance Infrastructure had again adjourned its board meeting to take on record the financial results of the company to June 14.

Shares of Reliance Infrastructure touched its 52-week low of ₹61.3 before closing down 13.24% to ₹64.2, valuing the firm at ₹16,88.4 crore.

Suzuki to make 1 million units this year in India

Efforts on to de-bottleneck capacity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd. (SMIPL) is planning to hit the one million-mark in production during the current calendar.

"Our target is to produce one million vehicles in India," said Devashish Handa, vice-president, SMIPL. "We have pegged this year's production target at 9.70 lakh vehicles. But, we will be hitting the one million-mark by tweaking and de-bottlenecking the capacity," he added.

Mr. Handa said the firm would be producing 8.60 lakh scooters of which 1.10 lakh were for exports. Motorcycles would account for another one lakh units. The company had a production capacity of one million.

Koichiro Hirao, company head, SMIPL, said the company was focusing on producing scooters above the 125cc and motorcycles above the 150cc categories.

"We don't want to get into the 110cc scooter segment, which is likely to shrink. We would like to be a premium player," he said.

Eicher Trucks unveils BS-VI vehicles

Rolls out light duty Pro 2049 and Pro 2095XP variants

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Eicher Trucks and Buses, a part of VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd., has unveiled an all-new range of BS-VI compliant Eicher Pro 2000 series of light-duty trucks in India with an objective to have an edge over its competitors.

This range will expand the company's light-duty portfolio and address a wider range of applications.

The Pro 2000 series has been designed with segment-specific customer needs to deliver higher profitability, enhanced reliability, safety, comfort and efficiency, the company said.

"This all-new range of Eicher Pro 2000 series will come with two new engine platforms, built to deliver best-in-class fuel efficiency and a range of power options, compliant with BS-VI emission standards," the company said.

Ahead of the pack: Pro 2000 series has been designed to deliver higher profitability and reliability. ▪ PAUL NORONHA

> **The new trucks are built to deliver best-in-class fuel efficiency**
>
> VINOD AGGARWAL,
> MD & CEO, VE Commercial Vehicles

The two new variants include Eicher Pro 2049 and Eicher Pro 2095XP. Vinod Aggarwal, MD & CEO, VE Commercial Vehicles, said: "It is a moment of immense pride for us to usher the automotive industry into its next evolution with BS-VI emission technology."

"We have a superior and long-standing expertise in manufacturing and exporting base engines for Euro VI requirements of the Volvo Group for the last 6 years," Mr. Aggarwal said. "This extensive experience with Euro VI allows us the first-mover advantage to deliver products engineered to cater to the new emission norms in the country. The select models that we have unveiled will be fueled by our two new BS-VI engine platforms," Mr. Aggarwal added.

Socure Inc. to focus on India, opens centre

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

New York-based Socure Inc., a provider of digital identity verification technology on real-time basis, is planning to focus more on India for its business growth, said a top official.

"So far, we had deployed $1 million in Chennai centre in staff, infrastructure and training.

By 2021, we plan to double our investment and the number of staff to 60 in India," said Tom Thimot, CEO, Socure Inc., who also inaugurated a software development centre of the company here.

"Going forward, Chennai software development office will play a dominant role," the CEO said.

India's vital cogs in fine fettle

If the batting was all about dominance, the bowling arm was equally in sync

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP ENGLAND & WALES 2019

REVIEW

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
LONDON

India's World Cup campaign has been a steady accumulation of incremental steps. It commenced with a loss to New Zealand in a warm-up fixture, then came the win over Bangladesh in the second practice-game and when the championship started, Virat Kohli's men were ready with their big-boys act!

South Africa was lorded over at Southampton and the crucial Sunday clash against Australia at the Oval proved to be a one-way street once India's batting might was amply reflected through its 352 for five.

Still it remains a long road and Kohli struck a cautionary note: "It's too early to decide (the semifinalists). After about six games we will be in a better position to know where we stand in the tournament, where we stand in the table, but we couldn't have asked for a better start against two strong sides."

Defeating a defending champion and that too Australia is never easy, but India stepped in with confidence and had a perfect day. The runs were accumulated, steadily at the start and then with break-neck speed towards the end. And when Aaron Finch's men buckled down to the chase, the Indian attack proved restrictive. The 36-run triumph may seem close but Australia was out of the contest in the last 10 overs.

Before the World Cup started, there were worries about Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan as they had failed in the warm-ups. But, as Kohli pointed out, the openers are big-match players. Once the smell of a tough contest reached their nostrils, the two were back at their best. Rohit's hundred against South Africa and Dhawan's century at Australia's expense were solid building-blocks.

A few months back, there was ambiguity around who would turn up at No. 4. K.L. Rahul did enough in the game against South Africa to reiterate that the slot is his. In the tussle involving Australia, India had enough runs in its kitty and more overs to bat, and hence the team-management employed Hardik Pandya as a floater and promoted him to No. 4. He didn't disappoint and used his licence to strike big with nonchalance.

Icing on the cake

The icing on the cake was about how Rahul shaped up at the death. Following the fine efforts of Dhawan, Rohit, Kohli, Pandya and M.S. Dhoni, he walked to the crease in the 50th over and immediately struck a six. For a traditional opener expected to display the classical virtue of patience, Rahul has been equally adept in hammering the bowling, especially in the shorter formats.

If the batting was all about dominance, the bowling arm was equally in sync, and India prospered. Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar have struck a fine tandem and Pandya, too, chipped in as the third seamer. Spinners Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav did reasonably well and going ahead, India will stride in with the knowledge of having most of its cogs in fine fettle.

But sport isn't about the sweat and success, it is also about empathy and appreciation. Kohli can be a brash competitor, but he also revealed that he has a heart. His act of requesting the Indian fans to stop booing Steve Smith will be remembered for long.

"Just because there are so many Indian fans here, I just didn't want them to set a bad example. I told him sorry on behalf of the crowd because I have seen that happen in a few earlier games, and in my opinion that's not acceptable," said Kohli.

Rough time

Smith and David Warner have had a rough time ever since they returned after a one-year ban following the ball-tampering crisis but they deserve a shot at redemption. Kohli has recognised that need, and it is heartening.

Perfect day: Virat Kohli's men had plenty to cheer about in the game against Australia. ▪ REUTERS

2011 World Cup hero Yuvraj bids adieu

He was the architect of two ICC titles over the last 12 years

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Yuvraj Singh, the player-of-the-tournament in India's triumphant 2011 World Cup campaign, announced his retirement from the game here on Monday. Yuvraj has featured in 23 domestic seasons and will be remembered as one of the most skilful white-ball cricketers.

The architect of India's two ICC titles over the last 12 years, Yuvraj hopes to continue plying his trade in franchise overseas leagues for the next few years.

"I want to play T20s. At this age I can manage to play some kind of fun cricket. It's been too stressful just thinking about my international career, performing in big tournaments like the IPL," Yuvraj said in an interaction with the media after an emotional retirement speech in the presence of his family.

"Now I would like to enjoy myself. With BCCI's permission, I would like to go and play (in overseas leagues). It's been a very long and hard journey and I think I deserve that."

Yuvraj admitted that having consulted his friends and mentors, he had decided that the 2019 IPL, where he played a limited role in Mumbai Indians' road to victory, would be his last.

The southpaw revealed that he declined the "farewell game" offer last year, instead making himself available for selection.

> **This game taught me how to fight, how to fall, to dust off, to get up again and move forward. It has been a lovely journey.**

"I was told that if you are not able to pass the Yo-Yo test, I would get a farewell game. I did not tell anyone in the BCCI that I have to play the last match," he said.

"If I was good enough, I would have retired on the ground. I don't like to ask for a game, I have never played the game with that mindset, so I told them I don't want a farewell game, if I don't clear the Yo-Yo test, I will quietly head back home. I cleared the test and then, rest is not my call."

Note to youngsters

Yuvraj signed off with a word of advice for youngsters. "I see a lot of younger guys getting a lot of money in IPL. Sometime they are getting money a bit too easily, without really appreciating it," he said.

"When you talk to them, they don't listen. Honestly, 20 years ago, I also did not listen. It's a learning process, they will learn themselves. It is important that they focus on cricket and on playing for India."

Yuvraj by the numbers

Batting	M	I	R	HS	Avg	SR	100s	50s
Tests	40	62	1,900	169	33.92	57.9	3	11
ODIS	304	278	8,701	150	36.55	87.6	14	52
T20IS	58	51	1,177	77*	28.02	136.3	0	8

Bowling	M	I	Wkts	Avg	Eco	SR	BBI
Tests	40	35	9	60.77	3.52	103.4	2/9
ODIs	304	161	111	38.68	5.1	45.4	5/31
T20Is	58	31	28	17.82	7.06	15.1	3/17

Pillars of support: Yuvraj with the two women who matter the most: wife Hazel, left, and mother Shabnam. ▪ VIVEK BENDRE

What a fantastic career you have had Yuvi. You have come out as a true champ everytime the team needed you. Best of luck for your 2nd innings & thanks for all that you have done for Indian Cricket
SACHIN TENDULKAR

Players will come and go, but players like @YUVSTRONG12 are very rare to find. Gone through many difficult times but thrashed disease, thrashed bowlers & won hearts
VIRENDER SEHWAG

My Warrior Prince – A true fighter on and off the field..your stories will forever live on..love always brother @YUVSTRONG12 #sixerking#Brother #Legend
HARBHAJAN SINGH

Enjoy retirement legend
STUART BROAD

You gave us so many memories and victories and I wish you the best for life and everything ahead. Absolute champion. @YUVSTRONG12
VIRAT KOHLI

Happy retirement, Pie Chucker. You showed resilience, courage & pure brilliance. Love ya
KEVIN PIETERSEN

WI-SA match abandoned

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SOUTHAMPTON

The South Africa-West Indies match was abandoned after persistent heavy rain on Monday. Both sides earned a point each.

Earlier, West Indies paceman Sheldon Cottrell reduced Faf du Plessis' team to 29 for two before rain stopped play.

West Indies is fifth in the table with three points after three matches, while South Africa is second from bottom after four games, leaving its hopes of making the semifinals hanging by a thread.

Next assignment

WEST INDIES: June 14 vs **England,** *Southampton, 3 p.m.*

SOUTH AFRICA: June 15 vs **Afghanistan,** *Cardiff, 6 p.m.*

Arun pleased with his wards

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LONDON

India's bowlers have delivered in the two games so far and behind-the-scenes guide Bharat Arun is extremely pleased with the progress of his wards. After another command performance that laid the Aussies low at the Oval on Sunday, Arun lauded his pace unit, especially Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who shared six wickets.

Speaking to correspondents in the ICC mixed media zone on Sunday, Arun said: "It's a dream to have a bowler like him (Bumrah). He is one of the best in the world, both at the beginning and at the death.

"My job is to remind him and Bhuvi about their plans and also about what they have done well in the past."

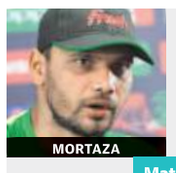
Arun stressed that opening the attack with Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar was an essential strategy. "It was always our plan to open with Bumrah and Bhuvi."

As for Mohammed Shami, who is yet to play, the bowling coach said: "You have to wait for your chance and be ready to grab the opportunities."

Australia was always a step behind in the chase and Arun explained the bowling approach. "We had plans about not giving the batsmen any width and also to take the pace off the ball and we executed them well. It was a conscious plan to bowl short to Warner and he wasn't very comfortable with it."

Kuldeep's form

The burly former India seamer also backed spinner Kuldeep Yadav to return to form. "Every bowler goes through a stage where they get hit. I remind him about all the good things he has done in the past and build his confidence."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THE FACE-OFF
Bangladesh v Sri Lanka
BRISTOL
HEAD-TO-HEAD

KARUNARATNE

	Matches	Ban	SL	Tied	NR
Overall	45	7	36	0	2
World Cup	3	0	3	0	0

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Each innings a quest for nirvana

VIJAY LOKAPALLY
MUMBAI

Flamboyance? "It was natural," he would quip. Swagger? "Not put on."

His cricket, as Yuvraj Singh wanted the world to know, was his "life". His cricket a magical combination of flamboyance and life lessons, adding to the lustre that he brought to his batting.

"Take things as they come," he often told himself whenever cricket seemed to be ebbing away from his life. He fought those demons, waged a furious duel to arrest the threat of cancer, and lived to "live" his father's dream of winning the World Cup. Yuvraj, 37, has been an enigma. You tell him he has been an under-achiever, he would counter, "How?"

Three hundred and four ODIs and not even 50 Tests. It still pains him. Perhaps the only "regret" of his life. He watched 40 Tests from the dressing room. It was frustrating, but also pressed him to push himself.

He did not mind carrying drinks because it meant he could step on to the field. Nothing could keep him away from cricket once he decided, on father Yograj Singh's diktat, to give up his first love in sports – roller skating. A 'complete' cricketer, Yuvraj left his mark on the game. He was a batsman who could make a mockery of the field set for him. If the gaps were tough to pierce he would go over the top. He had the ability to do that and he did so frequently, daring the fielders and the bowlers.

For Yuvraj, batting was romancing with the game, giving vent to his emotions, each innings his quest for "nirvana". He never shied away from his natural game, which was entertainment at its best.

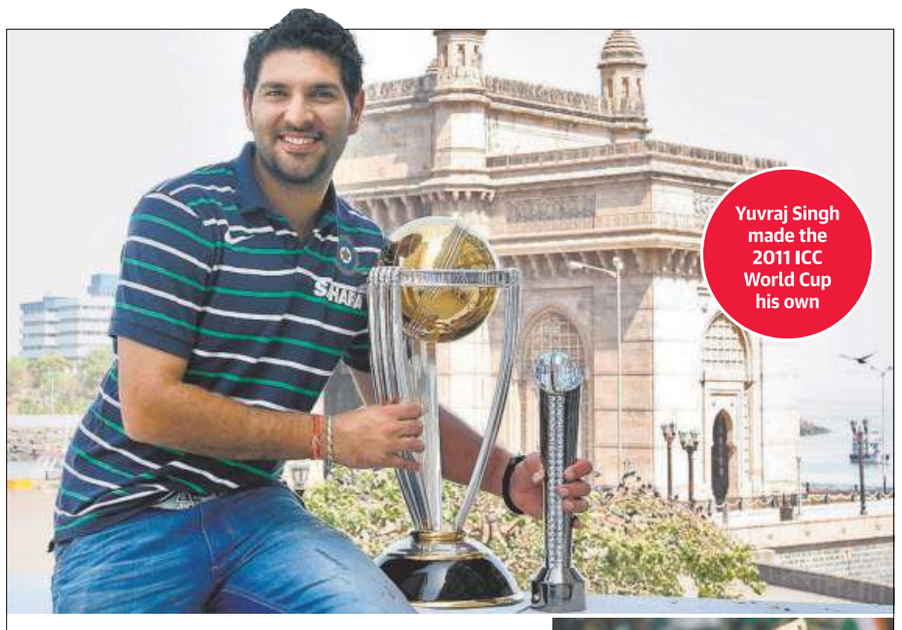
The game has seen few fearless strikers of the ball like Yuvraj. He was good at picking the length early and learnt from Virender Sehwag not to curtail what came to him naturally. Hit the ball and hit it hard.

There was, however, a silken touch to his cover-drive, expansive at times, but executed with the mastery of a seasoned batsman. He was also guilty of throwing his wicket away to some innocuous balls. "My fault," he would admit. And pledge not to repeat the mistake.

No regrets

As he moves away from cricket, Yuvraj has no regrets. May be just one – not being able to play more than 40 Tests. Ever since making Mumbai his permanent residence, proximity to the Arabian Sea has made him a serene individual.

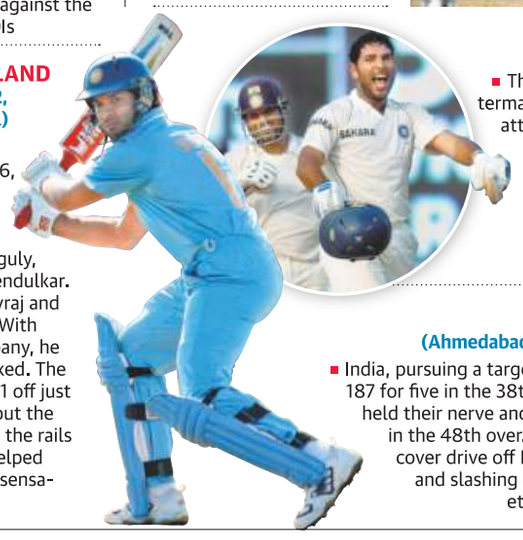
"I love the calmness of the sea." He has made peace with himself, thanks to mother Shabnam and wife Hazel. A new life beckons Yuvraj. A life outside cricket.



The Yuvi moments

84 vs AUSTRALIA
(Nairobi, ICC Knockout tournament, 2000)
- Playing in only his second ODI and his first International innings, he took apart a feared Australian attack of McGrath, Lee and Gillespie to make 84 off just 80 balls. His knock enabled India snap a seven-match losing streak against the Aussies in ODIs

58 vs ENGLAND
(Durban, 2007, World T20)
- Arguably one of the most famous T20 knocks in history, Yuvraj entered the record books, unleashing a repertoire of shots while smashing six sixes off a Stuart Broad over. A run-in with Flintoff, before the over began, seemed to have fired up the Indian



69 vs ENGLAND
(Lord's, 2002, Natwest final)
- Chasing a mammoth 326, India was on the ropes after losing Sehwag, Ganguly, Dravid and Tendulkar. In walked Yuvraj and took charge. With Kaif for company, he counterattacked. The two added 121 off just 106 balls to put the team back on the rails before Kaif helped India script a sensational win

85* vs ENGLAND
(2008, Chennai Test)
- The Test, played in the aftermath of the Mumbai terror attacks, saw India chase an improbable 387 in the fourth innings. While Sehwag and Tendulkar stole the headlines, Yuvraj chipped in with a crucial knock

57* vs AUSTRALIA
(Ahmedabad, 2011 WC quarterfinal)
- India, pursuing a target of 261, had slipped to 187 for five in the 38th over. Yuvraj and Raina held their nerve and guided the team home in the 48th over. The southpaw's flaying cover drive off Lee for the winning runs and slashing his bat in delight will be etched in memory forever

Compiled by Aashin Prasad

'Getting the Aussies all out a big boost'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LONDON

Nagging on the pitch and a mild voice off it, Bhuvneshwar Kumar prefers to be low-profile. After bagging three wicketsat the Oval on Sunday, the seamer spoke to the media. *Excerpts:*

That winning feeling: The conditions favoured the batsmen and there was nothing in the wicket (for bowlers). Winning the match and getting them (Australia) all out is a good boost for the bowlers.

Countering David Warner: We didn't want to give him room as that's his strength. We just kept it tight and luckily he didn't get away.

Steve Smith's dismissal: Just bowled a slow ball and he missed it, that's all. He shuffles and that's his strength as well. He scores runs and also gets out in that area. Getting him out was good for us.

Tale of bashful bails

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
LONDON

Cartwheeling stumps and flying bails are intrinsic to cricketing lore.

But, strangely, in the current World Cup bails have turned coy and seemingly refuse to respect Newton's law of gravity when the ball rolls onto the stumps.

It happened yet again when Jasprit Bumrah got one to sneak past David Warner's inner edge at the Oval on Sunday.

One of the theories is that the lights affixed to the bails, have added to the weight and if the ball makes feathery contact with the timber, nothing stirs.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar reflected a bowler's angst when he said: "I want them to dislodge. That's something the ICC should look at. I want the bails to be very, very light."

Rival captains Virat Kohli and Aaron Finch too weighed in.

"This is not something you expect at the international level. The technology is great and the lights come on and you know it's very precise when you actually make something happen with the stumps.

"But you literally have to smash the stumps really hard. And these are fast bowlers. These are not your medium-paced bowlers. I don't know what's actually wrong with the stump," Kohli said.

His Australian counterpart Finch added: "It's a bit unfair at times. But it does seem to be happening more and more, which is unfortunate, because you would hate to see something like that happen in a World Cup final or a semifinal.

" I don't know how much lighter they can make the bails."

Bailed out! The bails stay put despite the ball hitting David Warner's stumps. ▪ AFP

TV PICKS

ICC World Cup: Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka, Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 3 p.m.
FIFA U-20 World Cup: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 9 p.m.
FIFA Women's World Cup: Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 9.30 p.m.
Euro 2020 Qualifiers: Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

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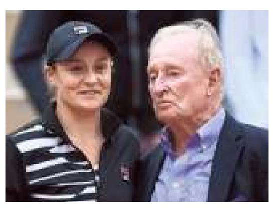

Laver backs Barty at Wimbledon

SYDNEY

Australian tennis legend Rod Laver says Ashleigh Barty will be "a tough lady to beat" at Wimbledon in July as he and fellow great Margaret Court heaped praise on the new French Open champion. "There are some other big girls out there that are big servers and have good groundstrokes, but Ash is tenacious, has a good drop shot, good angles, good anticipation. I really think she'll be a tough lady to beat," Laver told the *Sydney Morning Herald*. AFP

Brazil blanks Honduras

LOS ANGELES

Philippe Coutinho helped Brazil prepare for a Copa America without Neymar after 10-man Honduras was comprehensively thrashed 7-0 in Porto Alegre on Sunday.

The result: Brazil 7 (Gabriel Jesus 6, 47, Thiago Silva 13, Philippe Coutinho 37, David Neres 56, Roberto Firminho 65, Richarlison 70) bt Honduras 0. AFP

Drama in Montreal as Hamilton wins after Vettel is penalised

The German given a five-second time penalty for 'unsafe re-entry forcing another driver off the track'

FORMULA ONE

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MONTREAL

Lewis Hamilton maintained Mercedes' record-winning start to a season on Sunday when he was handed a controversial victory, courtesy of a disputed stewards' decision to penalise Sebastian Vettel, at the Canadian GP.

The defending five-time World champion overall leader came home second on the track behind Vettel of Ferrari, but was declared the winner because of a five-second penalty for a racing infringement by the German.

Vettel ran off and re-joined across a strip of grass on lap 50, forcing a charging Hamilton off-track towards a wall. The Briton braked to withdraw from his challenge to take the lead, prompting a race stewards' inquiry, which resulted in the time penalty. "Where could I go?" protested Vettel. "They're stealing the race from us. No, no, no, not like that," he repeated on his slow-down lap as Hamilton celebrated. "If there wasn't a wall, I would have gone past him," said the Briton. As he did so, however, he walked to the parc ferme and moved the numbers used to mark the finishing order – shifting the number one to the blank space for his car, two for Hamilton's Mercedes and three for Charles Leclerc.

Why the penalty?

The ruling for Vettel's penalty read: "The Stewards reviewed video evidence and determined that Car 5 left the track at turn 3, rejoined the track at turn 4 in an unsafe manner and forced car 44 off track. Car 44 had to take evasive action to avoid a collision."

So how did the stewards decide on it? It was based on two rules.

First, Article 27.3 of the Sporting Regulation, states, "Should a car leave the track the driver may re-join, however, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any lasting advantage...."

In FIA's sporting code Appendix L, under a chapter 'code of driving conduct on circuit', article '2b' says, "manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers, such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are strictly prohibited" and 2c adds, "Should a car leave the track for any reason, and without prejudice to 2(d) below, the driver may re-enter the track.

"However, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any advantage."

Don't boo Lewis

When the pro-Ferrari crowd booed Hamilton, Vettel told them to stop. "Don't boo Lewis – you should boo these decisions, not him," he said.

It was Hamilton's record seventh victory in Canada, and the 78th of his career, and extended Mercedes' season-opening run to seven successive wins.

Valtteri Bottas in the second Mercedes was fourth ahead of Max Verstappen of Red Bull and Daniel Ricciardo of Renault. Nico Hulkenberg finished seventh in the second Renault ahead of Pierre Gasly of Red Bull, home hero Lance Stroll of Racing Point and Daniil Kvyat of Toro Rosso.

Taking matters into his hands: Ferrari's Vettel moved the signs used to mark the finishing order – shifting the number one to the blank space for his car and two for Hamilton's Mercedes. ▪ AP

F1's list of classic controversies

REUTERS

LONDON

If Formula One shot itself in the foot in Canada on Sunday, as some said after the race, then a cynic might suggest it was remarkable there was anything left to hit.

The billion-dollar sport has faced many similar accusations of self-harm over the years, sometimes with good reason, but controversy has also been the lifeblood that keeps it in the conversation.

The farcical six-car U.S. Grand Prix at Indianapolis in 2005 and the 2002 Austrian Grand Prix, tarnished by Ferrari 'team orders', remain talking points years later.

Sunday's race in Montreal may come to occupy a similar place in history, not least for Sebastian Vettel's rage and emotional post-race response to being denied a memorable victory by the stewards' decision.

Talk of a 'stolen' win, at a circuit named after Ferrari great Gilles Villeneuve and in a part of the world that Formula One's owners Liberty Media see as a key to commercial growth, may come across as something of an own-goal.

"I felt a kick in the stomach when I saw that (five-second penalty) flash up on the computer," said Sky television commentator and former racer Martin Brundle.

"Any of the stewards ever raced at the front in F1? Mental penalty," commented retired Australian racer Mark Webber, a former teammate and foe of Vettel's, on Twitter.

Vettel made a mistake while leading on lap 48, tracked across the grass and rejoined in a move that forced Lewis Hamilton to brake as the Mercedes driver attempted to squeeze past.

Once the stewards had penalised Vettel, the thrilling duel of the champions fizzled out. The debate, about real racing and whether over-zealous officials are turning the sport soft, will run and run.

"I think the function of the stewards is to penalise flagrantly unsafe moves not honest mistakes as result of hard racing," said 1978 world champion Mario Andretti on Twitter.

"What happened at #CanadaGP is not acceptable at this level of our great sport."

'Stolen win': Vettel felt that the decision to award a five-second penalty was unfair. ▪ AP

India capable of hosting major events in the near future: Zagklis

BASKETBALL

ASHWIN ACHAL

BENGALURU

The FIBA (international basketball federation) secretary-general Andreas Zagklis stated that India could host Asian and World events in the near future.

"The Baskeball Federation of India (BFI) has a good team, who are capable of organising events.

"They have proved this more than once, at the FIBA Asia level. In the near future, the BFI could be a real candidate for both men's and women's events at the Asian and world level," Zagklis said.

On the development of the sport in India, Zagklis said, "We have had discussions with BFI on improving the national league for men and women. Our regional office offers knowledge support in this regard.

"The second point is to improve the selection of players from around the country, who can then enter a high-performance centre which produces players of the youth national team.

"For basketball in a country to grow, you need two strong pillars – national team and national league.

"These are the two pillars on the basis of which we encourage the federations to build their work."

Sharapova set to return

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

MADRID

Former World No. 1 Maria Sharapova is expected to make her return after more than three months out with an injury at next week's Mallorca Open, tournament organisers announced on Monday.

Sharapova, 32, a five-time Grand Slam champion, has been sidelined since February after having surgery on a long-standing shoulder injury which has troubled her since 2008.

Maria Sharapova. ▪ AFP

Sri Lanka-A keeps series alive

Prashant Chopra's century goes in vain for India-A

SL-A IN INDIA

SHREEDUTTA CHIDANANDA

BELAGAVI

Sri Lanka-A turned in a fine all-round performance to record an emphatic six-wicket win over India-A in the third one-day match at the KSCA Stadium here on Monday.

Chasing a revised target of 266 off 46 overs, following a brief rain interruption, the touring side cruised home with 13 balls to spare.

Niroshan Dickwella, Sangeeth Cooray and Shehan Jayasuriya spearheaded the Sri Lankan batting effort with half-centuries, but Chamika Karunaratne was deservedly declared the Man-of-the-Match for his heroics with the ball.

The medium-pacer took five for 36 as India-A made 291, riding on Prashant Chopra's 125-ball-129. The result kept the series alive, with India-A leading 2-1 heading into the final two one-day matches in Hubballi.

"Had we lost today, the series would have been over; so we gave it our all today," said Karunaratne afterwards. "We hadn't bowled in the right areas in the first two games. We did that today, and we hit the wicket harder."

Good start

Sri Lanka-A embarked on the run chase with purpose, openers Dickwella and Cooray adding 82 runs. Dickwella fell for 62, caught behind wafting at Shivam Dube.

The Mumbai medium-pacer struck again soon after, bowling Sadeera Samarawickrama. But Shehan maintained his rich form, stroking an unbeaten 66 as he and Cooray added 109 for the third wicket. Cooray fell for an entertaining 88 (103b, 10x4, 3x6) but Dasun Shanaka finished things off in a hurry.

Earlier, India-A opted to bat. Chopra was put down at first slip off Lahiru Kumara early in his innings, and he edged another wide of second slip. But the Himachal Pradesh batsman did not let that affect him as he settled down to accumulate runs with patience.

India-A meandered after Chopra and Deepak Hooda (53) fell though, losing five for 45 in the last 6.4 overs. The total seemed competitive, but Sri Lanka-A had little trouble.

The scores: India-A 291 for eight in 50 overs (Prashant Chopra 129, Deepak Hooda 53, Shivam Dube 28, Washington Sundar 26, Ishan Kishan 25, Chamika Karunaratne five for 36) lost to Sri Lanka-A 266 for four in 43.5 overs (Sangeeth Cooray 88, Shehan Jayasuriya 65 n.o., Niroshan Dickwella 62, Dasun Shanaka 36 n.o.). (Target revised as per DLS to 266 off 46 overs).

Guedes' strike gives Portugal inaugural title

NATIONS LEAGUE

REUTERS

PORTO

Portugal became the first team to win UEFA's Nations League tournament when a well-crafted goal by Goncalo Guedes gave it a 1-0 win over the Netherlands in the final on Sunday.

Guedes, 22, nutmegged Matthijs de Ligt, exchanged passes with Bernando Silva and then beat goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen with a shot from the edge of the area on the hour for his fourth international goal in 17 appearances.

Portugal had only 45% of possession but was more dangerous throughout as it added another trophy to the Euro 2016 title it won three years ago with a 1-0 win against host France, also under coach Fernando Santos.

Although the Nations League is of far less importance, the win may have partially made up for Euro 2004 which Portugal hosted and where it was beaten in the final by Greece.

Portugal extended its unbeaten record to 10 matches since losing to Uruguay at the last World Cup. It has lost only two out of 38 competitive matches since Santos took charge under five years ago.

The result: Portugal 1 (Guedes 60) bt Netherlands 0.

Triumphant: Portugal celebrates the victory. ▪ DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS/GETTY IMAGES

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12649

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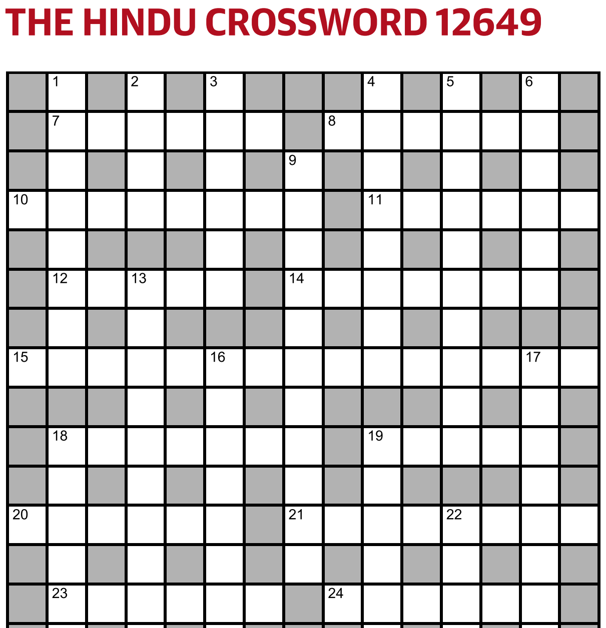

ACROSS

7 Post that may fit one employed after retirement (6)
8 Benefactors having name entered in portals (6)
10 Wisdom returning after collapse for bull (8)
11 Dislodged bachelor being fellow manipulated (6)
12 Rushed having started late, being on time would be pleasing (5)
14 Chicken 65 for starters gets a shade timeworn (7)
15 Economies now not in ideal position to get rightful recognition (4,4,4,3)
18 Detail about matter (7)
19 Sink bin Laden with remains ending in oblivion (5)
20 Primate shot crossing a trail (6)
21 Creating fuss or getting along? (6,2)
23 Jumbled mixture eaten by wild game bird (6)
24 Nowhere short of hundred runs so far (3,3)

DOWN

1 Sprinkling of ground over new root (3,2,3)
2 Boss leaving scrutiny unfinished (4)
3 Affectionately switching sides without a brawl (6)
4 Flag on traverse, one with edge nicked? (8)
5 Happy hours, so bottomless deal in wayside taverns (10)
6 Shows drug addicts taking heroin (6)
9 Trade I ply from tea stall (4,3,4)
13 Sept. 11 commute leaving significant impact (4,6)
16 Nationalist wearing blue uniform gets hysterical (8)
17 Act during opportunity, then finally relax (4,4)
18 Dominions are free from American charity? (6)
19 Where dough is made from bread or the other way round (6)
22 Goose protecting new-born (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Controlling the mind

The mind is instrumental in impelling all sense organs to do good and evil deeds. It is said that the highest power that one can ever aspire for is gaining control over the mind and it is also the greatest challenge. Krishna therefore emphasises that individual effort has to be on the control of both the karmendriyas and the jnanendriyas by which alone can one engage in sincere meditation, pointed out Nannilam Sri V. Rajagopala Ganapadigal in a discourse. The puranas and the Itihasas showcase instances of the struggle of many realised souls to overcome the temptations of the indriyas. Without gaining mastery over the senses, mind and intellect if one tries to engage in meditation, one is neither practising jnana yoga nor karma yoga.

The Lord suggests that initially one should train to keep the karmendriyas under check by sitting still without movement and trying to engage in meditation. But this is hardly any effort when compared to the enormous task of controlling the jnanendriyas, for the mind's movements tend to be roving. So, one has to repeatedly try to gain control over the restless and wavering mind to bring it into a state of stillness. Conversely, it is shown that one is in yoga when even in the midst of temptation one has full control over the mind.

When Hanuman is in Lanka in search of Sita, he looks for her in many places, and especially in the women's quarters. Being night time, he sees many women sleeping in disarray. Has it brought a slur in his personal integrity? He makes a self assessment and realises that in spite of being exposed to such sights, no foulness of purpose has entered his mind. His mind has not led him to do any evil. For the strong minded, it matters little where one stays or what one does since they are unaffected by desires and external stimuli.

Lacklustre India steamrollers Uzbekistan

USA books a direct ticket to the semifinals on basis of goal difference

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UTHRA GANESAN
BHUBANESWAR

It was expected to be a cakewalk and India duly made it one, thrashing minnow Uzbekistan 10-0 in its final Pool B game of the Hockey Series Finals here on Monday.

The host finished firmly on top of its pool with the result and would now await the winner of the cross-over game between Japan and Poland in the semifinal.

In control: Akashdeep Singh scored thrice as India swamped Uzbekistan to finish on top of its pool ▪ BISWARANJAN ROUT

Slow start

It was an inconsequential game but despite the huge gap in rankings and stature – wIndia is fifth while the Uzbeks 43rd – the host started slowly, which meant it scored only three goals in the first 15 minutes, all through penalty corners. But it also wasted four of them, and a handful of open chances.

The second quarter was better, India finally started getting its basics in place and slammed in four more.

Through the first 30 minutes, the ball entered the Indian circle once, when it sped away past a bored P.R. Sreejesh, who took turns with Krishan Pathak under the bar every quarter but had little to do except stroll inside the circle to stay alert.

The second half was more of the same, a sedate 3rd quarter and decent fourth one but even though it mattered not, the number of goals scored would not have made coach Graham Reid happy.

More disappointing was the completely lackadaisical manner in which the Indians went about their jobs.

Lacking coordination

There was little co-ordination, there were glaring basic errors in passing and trapping and the forwards were more often than not out of position.

The Uzbeks, predictably, were all about defence but despite that, left enough gaps for India to walk through and score.

The defence had little to do for India and the midfield was almost up into the Uzbek third of field but the sharpness was just not there.

It would be easy to defend the performance as dependent on the opposition but the best sides stay within their structure and plan regardless of everything.

Reid's challenge

Getting India in that zone would be Reid's challenge, more so given that the team would now have a three-day break before its next game.

Japan draws with USA

Earlier, USA booked a direct ticket to the semifinals despite a 2-2 draw with Japan in Pool B by finishing on top of the pool.

Tied on points, USA edged ahead of the Asian Games champion on goal difference and can now wait out the cross-over game between South Africa and Russia to find its semifinal opponent.

USA went ahead twice through the game but Japan managed to fight back, getting the equaliser a minute from time to secure a point.

The other Pool B match saw South Africa, second-highest ranked here but struggling for form, finally open its account with an easy 6-0 win against Mexico.

The results:

Pool A: India 10 (Akashdeep Singh 3, Mandeep Singh 2, Varun Kumar 2, Nilakanta Sharma, Amit Rohidas, Gursahibjit Singh) bt Uzbekistan 0.

Pool B: USA 2 (Deegan Huisman 2) drew with Japan 2 (Kenta Tanaka, Suguru Hoshi); South Africa 6 (Austin Smith, Keenan Horne, Richard Pautz, Matthew De Sousa, Nicholas Spooner, Nqobile Ntuli) bt Mexico 0.

Yugal puts it past Parav

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

Top seed Yugal perspired to a 5-7, 6-1, 10-7 victory over Parav Dev Garg in the second qualifying round of the Col. K.K. Uppal memorial $300,000 Asian men's tennis tournament in Baliawas on Monday.

Other results: qualifying singles (second round): ashvardhan Goel bt Dinesh Suyal 6-0, 6-2; Dharmil Shah bt Shubham Swami 6-0, 6-0; Shubham Malhotra bt Jaydeep Chudasama 6-3, 6-0; Ashutosh Tiwari bt Tanmay Sharma 6-0, 6-0; Kunj Kotak bt Sagar Choudhary 6-0, 6-1; Tanik Gupta bt Vashu Gupta 6-4, 7-5; Aakash Ahlawat bt Vaibhav Kundu 6-3, 6-1.

First round: Parav bt Mohammad Shariar 6-0, 6-0; Jaydeep bt Aaditya Tewari 7-5, 6-4; Ashutosh bt Nitant Yadav 6-0, 6-0; Tanik bt Sanisth Juneja 3-6, 6-4, [10-6]; Aakash bt Kanav Kashyap 6-1, 6-4.

Aaryan advances

SPORTS BUREAU
LUDHIANA

Aaryan Pandit got past Naesar Jewoor 7-5, 6-2 in the first round of the ₹100,000 AITA men's ranking tennis tournament at the Harvest Tennis Academy in Jassowal on Monday.

The results: Singles (first round): Dalwinder Singh bt Udit Kamboj 6-2, 6-1; Amit Bzad bt Kaivalya Raval 6-2, 6-1; Sawan Malik bt Siddharth Bhalla 6-0, 6-0; Drona Walia bt Pranash Babu 6-4, 6-3; Hardeep Singh Sandhu bt Vamit Arora 6-1, 6-3; Harshit Yadav bt Ayyooque Khan 6-1, 6-1.

Mandeep Yadav bt Gurnoor Singh Kular 6-3, 6-1; Deepinder Singh Bains bt Ayush Sharma 6-2, 7-6(4); Digvijay Singh Mehta bt Mayank Yadav 6-3, 6-3; Alok Aradhya bt Harshom Gupta 6-2, 6-4; Praveen Kumar bt Harmanjot Minhas 6-4, 6-1.

LR Balaji bt Gajraj Sangwan 6-2, 6-0; Anuj Malik bt Sukhraj Singh 6-3, 6-0; Kshitij Kamal bt Sukhraj Singh 6-3, 6-0; Aaryan Pandit bt Naesar Jewoor 7-5, 6-2; Suraj Prabodh bt Paranjay Kukreti 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Kaivalya Raval & Ayush Sharma bt Mayank Yadav & Harshit Yadav 6-1, 7-5; Dalwinder Singh & Hardeep Singh Sandhu bt Harshom Gupta & Ankush Mishra 6-1, 6-2; Sukhraj Singh & Gurnoor Singh Kular bt Ankit Jaiswal & Kartik Parhar 7-5, 6-3; Amit Bzad & Kshitij Kamal bt Harmanjot Minhas & Praveen Kumar 6-3, 6-3; Sawan Malik & Gajraj Sangwan bt Shashank Chaturvedi & Bhupinderpal Singh 6-0, 6-2; Deepinder Singh Bains & Mandeep Yadav bt AbhayYuvraj Singh & Siddharth Bhalla 6-0, 6-1.

Srikkanth bats for bringing Jadeja in place of Jadhav

The 1983 World Cup-winner says impact players and game-changers like Yuvraj are rare

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

As India's World Cup campaign progresses and the pitches get more worn out, India would do well to include Ravindra Jadeja for Kedar Jadhav in the eleven, believes former India captain K. Srikkanth.

"I have always had an attacking mindset. Bowlers win matches. The inclusion of Jadeja will give India a left-arm spinner who can bowl with control. He would be the spin back-up that India needs just in case one of the two wrist spinners has an off-day."

And Srikkanth, one of the heroes in India's 1983 World Cup triumph, added, "And Jadeja is a capable left-handed bat apart from being a terrific fielder."

Versatile: Srikkanth feels Ravindra Jadeja should be in the Indian XI because of his excellent all-round skills. ▪ AFP

K. Srikkanth. ▪ FILE PHOTO

ICC ambassador

Srikkanth will be travelling to England as one of ICC's ambassadors for the World Cup and attending India's matches against the West Indies, England and Bangladesh.

He said, "This Indian team looks very good. Everybody is contributing, there is cohesion in the side and the fielding has been outstanding. Only Kuldeep Yadav needs to gain in confidence a little bit. As for being an ICC ambassador, I am honoured."

The former India captain felt India, England and Australia were in line to qualify for the semifinals. "These three teams look very good. For the fourth place, it could be a toss up between New Zealand and the West Indies."

Shami a key player

Srikkanth expected Mohammed Shami to play a key role for India as the competition enters the climactic phase.

"He's got the pace, movement and gets the ball to skid around. Shami's a testing bowler. If the conditions favour pacemen, he could come in for Kuldeep."

Turning his attention to Yuvraj Singh's retirement from the game, Srikkanth said, "He was a game-changer and match-winners such as him come rare. An explosive left-hander, he was a very handy left-arm spinner in limited overs cricket. And he could be electric on the field."

Srikkanth, who was the chairman of selectors when India triumphed in the 2011 World Cup, said "Yuvraj's contribution to that victory was huge, with the bat and the ball. A gifted player, he could change the course of a match so easily."

Srikkanth feels Virat Kohli and his men have the cricketing ability and the mental strength to give India its third World Cup conquest.

Parris puts spring in England's step

The player looks ready to make a big impact at the competition

WOMEN'S WC

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NICE

England coach Phil Neville did not hold back in his praise for Nikita Parris after the forward was named player-of-the-match in her side's 2-1 win over Scotland in the Women's World Cup on Sunday.

The 25-year-old scored England's opener from the penalty spot and tormented the Scottish defence from the right flank as the Lionesses got their campaign off to an ideal start.

"Nikita is the example of the work that England have done, that Manchester City have done, and what Nikita herself has applied over the last 16 months," said Neville, who became coach in early 2018.

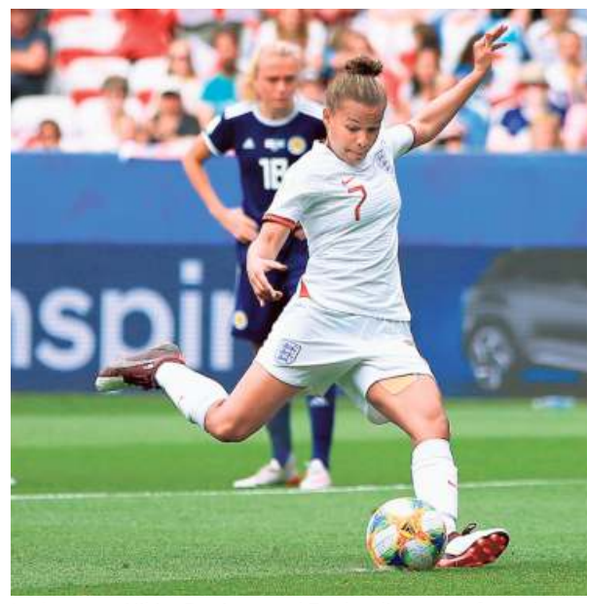
Parris looks ready to make a big impact at the competition after her prolific form in the Women's Super League (WSL) for City secured a move to Champions League winner Lyon.

"We have seen a player develop from being a really, really good WSL player, to signing for the best team in the world in Lyon, scoring goals in the WSL, making an impact in the big games on the big occasions," said Neville.

"She is someone that has still got another five or 10% left in her," he added as he called the forward from Liverpool "a special player".

One highlight of Parris's display came when she nutmegged Scotland defender Nicola Docherty in her own half.

It was a difficult day for Docherty, whose handball gave Parris the chance to open the scoring before Ellen White made it 2-0. Claire Emslie got a goal back, but England held on despite the rocky finish.



In the zone: Nikita Parris scored England's opener from the penalty spot. ▪ PHOTO: MARC ATKINS/ GETTY IMAGES

Squash National camp under Ryder

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GREATER NOIDA

The National training camp, to prepare the Indian players for the 26th Asian junior championship, started at the Shiv Nadar University here on Monday.

32 players

The camp, hosted by HCL, featuring 32 players, has Chris Ryder of England as the coach, to impart high performance training, with suitable scientific support.

Apart from the Asian junior championship, the camp will also prepare the Indian players for the World under-19 championship to be held in Malaysia from July 30 to August 4.

HCL, the global information technology giant, has taken up the responsibility of supporting Indian squash, and has in fact come up with the HCL Squash Podium Program, in its attempt to improve the standard of the players and the coaching system in the country.

Ankita loses final qualifying round

SPORTS BUREAU
NOTTINGHAM

Ellen Perez of Australia stopped Ankita Raina 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 in the second and final qualifying round of the $250,000 WTA tennis tournament on grass in Nottingham.

Ankita had earlier beaten Zhang Kai-Lin of China, as the latter retired after losing the first set.

In the €92,040 Challenger in France, Sumit Nagal beat Hugo Nys of Montenegro 6-4, 6-2 in the first round.

The results:

$250,000 WTA, Nottingham: Qualifying singles (second and final round): Ellen Perez (Aus) bt Ankita Raina 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

First round: Ankita bt Zhang Kai-Lin (Chn) 6-3 (retd).

€ 92,040 Challenger, Lyon: First round: Sumit Nagal bt Hugo Nys (Mne) 6-4, 6-2.

Nadal not obsessed with Federer Slam record

By his own estimates, his career-long battles against knee and wrist injuries have cost him some Majors

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Rafael Nadal insists he is not obsessed with beating Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slams, claiming "you can't be frustrated all the time because your neighbour has a bigger house than you or a bigger TV or better garden."

Nadal swept to an historic 12th Roland Garros title with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Austria's Dominic Thiem on Sunday.

That took him to 18 majors, just two behind Federer.

At 33, Nadal is the best part of five years younger than the Swiss veteran but with a career blighted by injuries, he refuses to target the all-time record.

"That's not the way that I see the life," said the Spaniard. "It's a motivation, yes, but it's not my obsession.

"It's not what makes me get up every morning or go and train and play."

Nadal's caution is well-founded.

By his own estimates, his career-long battles against knee and wrist injuries have cost him "around 15 or even more Grand Slams."

In the aftermath of his latest Roland Garros triumph, he admitted that after an injury-hit start to 2019, he felt "down mentally and physically" and questioned his love for the sport.

'Not enjoying it'

"I was not enjoying it too much, I was worried about my health. I was down mentally and physically after Indian Wells," said Nadal.

"I was too negative. After Madrid and Barcelona, I was thinking about what I needed to do. I could stop for a while and recover or change my attitude and recover."

After a loss in the Australian Open final to Novak Djokovic, where he won just eight games, a second round exit in Acapulco was followed by a withdrawal from the semifinals in Indian Wells, when a knee injury meant that an eagerly-awaited clash with Federer was shelved.

His return in the clay court season saw semifinals losses in Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Madrid before a much needed title triumph in Rome.

"In 2018, I played nine events and finished just seven of them," Nadal added.

"I had issues with my knee and surgery on my foot, so many issues in the last 18 months that have made the last few weeks very special."

A King's reception: Rafael Nadal is congratulated by the ball boys and girls following his French Open final win ▪ CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

Nadal revealed that in Barcelona, he had even locked himself away, questioning where his season was heading.

"Mentally, I lost a little bit of energy, because I had too many issues in a row. It is tough when you receive one after another, and then sometimes you are groggy," he explained.

"In Barcelona, I was able to stay alone for a couple of hours in the room and think about what's going on, what I need to do.

"One possibility was to stop for a while and recover my body. And the other was change drastically my attitude and my mentality to play the next couple of weeks.

"Thinking a lot, finally I think I was able to change and was able to fight back for every small improvement."

On Sunday, Nadal took his Roland Garros record to an astonishing 93 wins and just two losses having previously won the title in 2005-2008, 2010-2014, 2017 and 2018.

It also gave him an 82nd career title and 950th match win.

"All the things that I went through probably give me that extra passion when I am playing, because I know I will not be here forever.

"So I just try to be positive, to be intense, and to be passionate about what I am doing."

Next up for Nadal is his latest assault on Wimbledon, where he has twice been champion, in 2008 and 2010.

However, the All England Club has also been the site of some spectacular lows.

He lost four years in succession to players outside the top 100 – Lukas Rosol, Steve Darcis, Nick Kyrgios and Dustin Brown –from 2012-2015.

In 2017, he was knocked out in the last 16 by Gilles Muller, 15-13 in the final set.

Last year, he lost a marathon semifinal to Novak Djokovic by dropping the last set 10-8. "I played a great event last year. I have been able to be very close to win another title there. As everybody knows, I love to play on grass," said Nadal who added he will not play a warm-up event before Wimbledon.

NEIL GAIMAN

Ever the game changer

After writing books, comics and screenplays, the multi-hyphenate has conquered streaming, with *Good Omens* turning a massive hit in just days

SUNITHA SEKAR

Ten weeks after Neil Gaiman finished making *Good Omens* [the book he co-wrote with friend Terry Pratchett in 1990] for television, he blogged, "I'm only just starting to feel human again. Not yet a laughing, running, tap-dancing human, more a sort of baffled, awkward, vague human who only remembers the word he was searching for about five minutes after he no longer needs it". Perhaps that's why the man who is known for his attention to detail, was almost late for the London première of the Amazon-BBC Studios production.

You could blame a sartorial snafu, but then again, Gaiman, 58, has always walked to the beat of his own drum. And on May 28, he'd decided he wanted to wear a bow tie – though he didn't know how to go about it. After checking with everyone, including bystanders, "Daniel, the guy from the barber shop next to the hotel" saved the day, joked his wife, and American singer, Amanda Palmer on Instagram. Which was fortuitous as the evening went on to be a success, with the Odeon in Leicester Square at full capacity. The only empty seat was in the front row, deliberately kept vacant in honour of Pratchett. The late English writer's trademark hat and scarf presided over the event.

Since then, the star-studded, six-episode, apocalyptic comedy – which narrates the story of an irreverent demon (David Tennant) and a well-intentioned angel (Michael Sheen) coming together to stop Armageddon – has won many fans.

Calling the shots

Sipping tea at The Soho Hotel, clad in his habitual black tee and trousers, the British-born-US-settled writer tells me the ball was set rolling when Pratchett found out he was dying. "He told me 'you have to do this. I want to see it before the light goes out'. He had Alzheimer's and passed away in 2015, and it turned out to be his last request." Gaiman started writing the screenplay right after the funeral.

While the novelist and comic book creator is no stranger to writing for television – he has done episodes for shows like *Babylon 5* and *Doctor Who*, and turned executive producer for the adaptation of his book, *American Gods* – what wasn't expected was him donning the hat of showrunner. "I'd learnt from my previous outings in TV that some [shows] become successful and some don't, and the measure is not the quality of the script but what winds up on screen. So I thought I've to be in a place where I can control the shots," he says.

Casting was easy because, as he later told collider.com, "the book has generated an awful lot of good will. They [actors] are fans and they wanted to be a part of this". In fact, he cast many from his address book – friends like Sheen and Tennant. Frances McDormand came on board after she asked to rent his house in Scotland (he said yes and then asked her if she would be the voice of God), and Benedict Cumberbatch was his "first choice" to play Satan. "Having Neil at the helm gave us confidence because he is the lord of this universe," says Sheen, who plays Aziraphale. "He was invested in making sure everyone felt ownership of what they were doing."

Tackling multimedia

Gaiman has commanded a loyal fan following ever since his comic series *The Sandman* became successful. Now, with *Good Omens* on Amazon Prime Video, a newer audience can discover his work. But the writer has always been PR and technology savvy, says Samit Basu. "In the early 2000s, when the Gaiman phase was at its strongest, he was one of the first writers to turn to blogging. I don't think anyone else [of his generation] has used the internet as well as he has, engaging with and allowing readers to become interested in his life. Now he is big on Twitter and other social media," says the author of *The GameWorld Trilogy*, who was inspired to try different media because of the British writer. "The idea that someone could be good in multiple media – comics, novels, children's books, screenplays – is something I first saw in Gaiman," he adds.

For others, like graphic novelist-artist George Mathen or Appupen, "I am not a fan but... he has a good eye and chooses the best artists to work with. That was how I discovered (English illustrator) David McKean, who later influenced my work. *The Tragical Comedy or Comical Tragedy of Mr Punch* was one of their iconic collaborations, as were many of *The Sandman* covers."

Once again in demand (if he ever dropped out, that is), Gaiman is being hounded by fans wanting to know if a season two of *Good Omens* can be expected. From his reply to *GQ* magazine, we think not. "While I wouldn't say it is absolutely 100% impossible that there could be more, I'd also say it's not absolutely 100% impossible that I will learn to fly. It's about the same level of unlikeliness," was his response. However, he does assure that he has a lot more to write, including the sequel to *Neverwhere*.

The writer was in London at the invitation of Amazon.

Neil is a phenomenal writer. He is unique because he has a way in which [he portrays] supernatural beings that makes them very real, human and flawed

JON HAMM,
who plays archangel Gabriel

I love the richness of both idea and language in Gaiman's books. He is not the most easily adaptable writer. His works are very immersive

SAMIT BASU,
writer

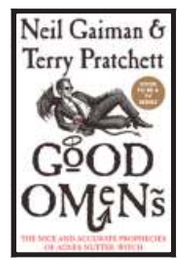
Gaiman is the poster boy for comic books. He also brought to light artists like Kelley Jones, who gained recognition after working with him on *The Sandman*

GEORGE MATHEN,
graphic novelist

Gaiman gets help with his bow tie, *Good Omens* book cover, a still from the series, and actor Adria Arjona at the première

30 years - just in time

Gaiman feels *Good Omens* is more apt now than in the '90s. At a time when the nuclear clock is ticking, "issues like deforestation and killing of whales" are troubling, and world leaders are pushing their own agendas, it's not far-fetched to think the End Times have come.



India connect

Gaiman had to back out of the Jaipur Lit Fest last year because "we were working 18 hours a day trying to finish *Good Omens*". But he fondly recalls collaboration with Texas-based illustrator Divya Srinivasan on *Cinnamon* – "a conscious attempt to collaborate with an Indian artist".

A still from *Good Omens*, (top) Gaiman's book

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Run for plastic-free oceans

Pull on your sneakers and hit the track for a cleaner marine environment

GAGAN DHILLON KULLAR

Marine drivers Ploggers in Mumbai
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The Adidas Run for Oceans initiative on the Runtastic app is donating 1$ to Parley Ocean Schools for every kilometre covered, from June 8th to the 16th. The funds will be utilized to help young people make long-term behavioural changes to minimise the use of plastic. Mumbai got a headstart, with runners coming together on June 8th at Versova Beach to participate in the worldwide Run for the Oceans campaign. Participants ran for 3 kilometres and then joined in the beach clean-up drive. This campaign has united over a million runners worldwide.

In Delhi, to do your bit, you can head to India Gate this weekend to take part in a plogging session, which, plogger Abhimanyu Chakravorty describes as, "Quite simply jogging and picking up litter." The event is in collaboration with Adidas, so not only will participants contribute to the Run for Oceans initiative, they'll also learn about recycling and waste segregation.

For instance I learnt that the best weapon against the plastic menace is awareness of what happens to the plastic we use. Did you know that most PET bottles are recycled because rag pickers collect them in exchange for money? And that with India's limited recycling infrastructure recycling of dirty plastics like sanitary pads and diapers is not economically viable? It's the same with multi-layer plastics like packets of *gutka*and chips.

The less plastic we use, the less plastic makes its way to our oceans and our bodies. If you must use plastic make the sustainable choice to recycle (don't dump it in the garbage). Much like exercise, this too requires consistent commitment. If we don't change our habits now, there will be more plastic in the sea than fish by 2050, warns the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (Dame MacArthur has been the fastest solo sailor to circumnavigate the globe). The organisation released a report at the World Economic Forum, last week that also said new plastics would consume 20% of oil production in the future.

Already micro-plastics are being found in our food, water and air. No wonder then, that a very recent study in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology* found that humans may be consuming anywhere from 39,000 to 52,000 micro-plastic particles a year. If we add to that the estimated micro-plastic that might be inhaled, the number is more than 74,000. It's easy to stay consistent with plogging, to reach your health goal or expand your green footprint. The robust plogging community is welcoming to all. Look up PloggaIndia on social media to join. They work closely with rag pickers and the New Delhi Municipal Corporation to discard the trash collected. A typical plogging drive runs for about an hour or so. Jute bags are used to segregate and collect the trash. And yes, you'll get reusable gloves to wear.

Join the plogging drive on June 15th at 5:45 a.m. at India Gate.

Unplugged

Deo Tibba Base: If you're a newbie trekker, this route on the Pir Panjal range in Himachal is the perfect place to test your skills. Join the One Earth crew, as they trek from Manali through Chikka and Seri, stop by a mini Chandra Taal lake and view the glaciers on Deo Tibba and Indrasan, while camping on the mountainside at night. The total distance of 41 km will be covered from June 23 to 28. At ₹10,000 per head, on eventshigh.com.

Instapick

Vivid Sydney: What started in 2009 as a collection of lights projected onto the Opera House has since grown into a festival attracting more than two million people. This year, it's the giant animated dancing ballerinas along the pier that have been most popular on Instagram. Apart from the lights, there are four concerts at the Sydney Opera House by British alt-rock band The Cure and R&B artiste Teyana Taylor. Follow @vividsydney.

5 EVENTS WORTH YOUR WHILE

DANCE

Indian classical
IHC, in collaboration with Mahamaya Group of Performing Arts presents, *Antariksham - A Journey*, a dance collective featuring four classical dance styles: Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Chhau and Kathak. The performances will depict the colossal entity that exists around us, drawing us into it.
VENUE: Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre
TIME : 7 p.m.

EXHIBIT

Art
Shades of Life, a solo painting show by artist Sujata Agrawal, is on display at the India Habitat Centre. The theme of the show represents mediation and yoga mudras in today's world. The colours of the paintings are inspired from nature. They encapsulate the essence of spirituality and depict different moods of human nature.
VENUE: Convention Centre Foyer, IHC
TIME: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

FOOD

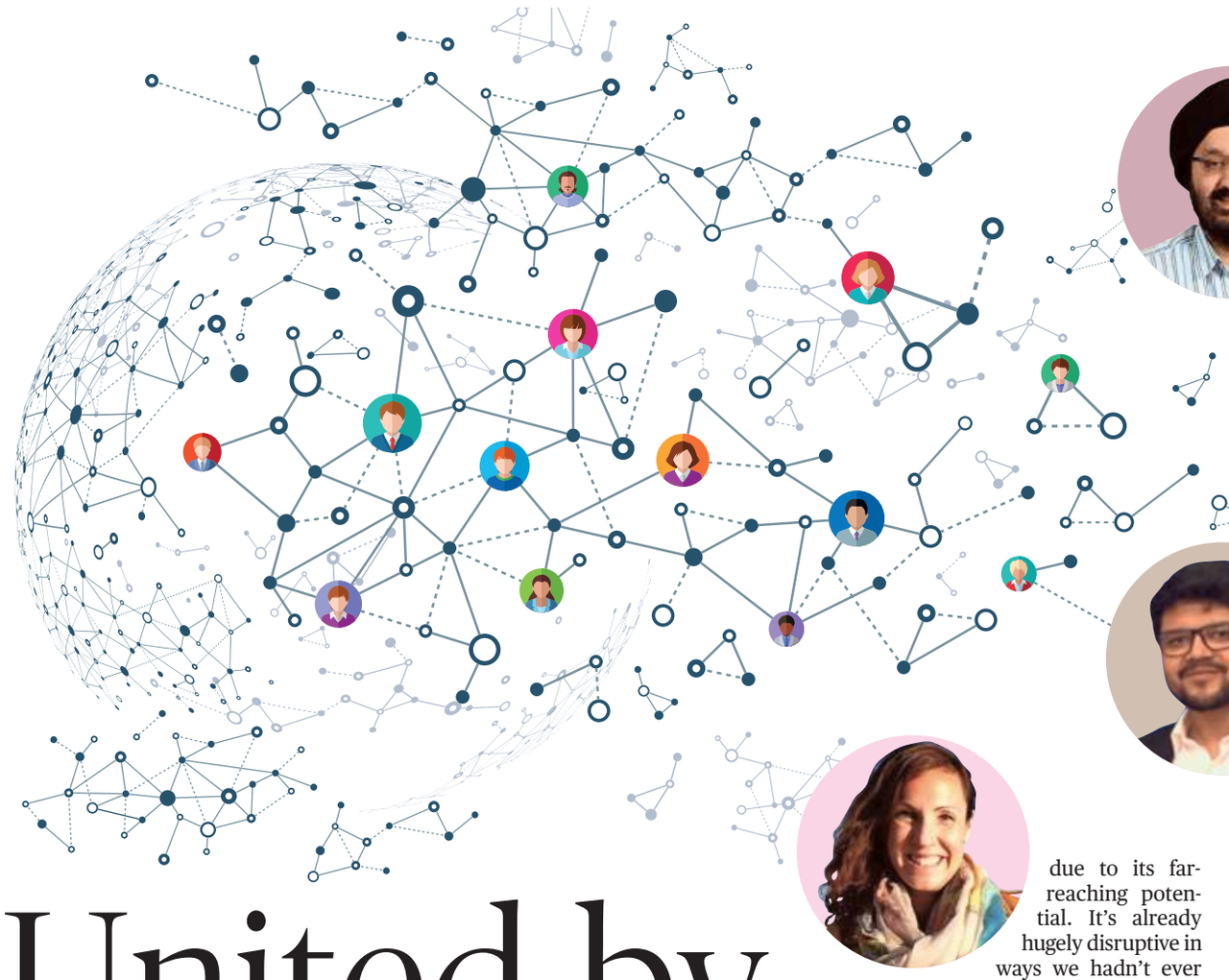
Mango delight
Cafe Knosh has organised a 10-day *Mango Delight* food festival. The menu is available in veg and non-veg varieties, served as a part of the buffet. From starters to desserts everything's made of mangoes. Some of the items includes, mango bhelpuri chilled mango soup, mango and prawn salad, Alleppey fish curry with raw mango.
VENUE: Café Knosh, The Leela Ambience
TIME: 7 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

EXHIBIT

Heritage art
The Japan Foundation in Delhi has organised an exhibition titled, *Heritage of Delhi Continuity, Change, and Consequences of Urbanisation*. The exhibition, showcasing 18 panels, is the result of a comparative study of the historical monuments of urbanised Delhi between the present day and 60 years ago.
VENUE: The Japan Foundation, Lajpat Nagar
TIME: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

THEATRE

Hindi play
Prem Kabootar, a Hindi drama will be staged tonight as part of the ongoing 9-day long Summer Theatre Festival. Written by Manav Kaul and directed by Sameep Singh, the play is a story about three friends, who are trying to find love in their own respective ways. It is rich in humour and exudes youthful vivacity.
VENUE: Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts
TIME: 7 p.m.



United by the indie coin

India's first blockchain meet-up finally kicks off today in Bengaluru, where innovative ideas around a liberated banking system will be exchanged on a global scale

This mega event will be attended by over

- 750 developers,
- 100 enterprises,
- 40 speakers
- 100 investors.

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We have a new kid on the block: blockchain. No, this is not just bitcoin or any other cryptocurrency, just as the Internet is not merely email. This niche technology platform is, as the name suggests, a chain of blocks; and a block is a set of files containing information. In layman's terms, blockchain is a vast networked database; but unlike conventional systems, there is no one central authority, the records are all shared among the members of the network.

Blockchain might be confusing to understand, but the excitement it has created is not without reason, largely due to its far-reaching potential. It's already hugely disruptive in ways we hadn't ever imagined.

Road to Dapp Fest

Blockchained India, a network of this fintech's champions, will host a conclave – India Dapp Fest 2019 – in Bengaluru's Lalit Ashok hotel from June 11 to 15. Billed as the 'festival of blockchain' and one of the biggest such gatherings in Asia, it will unite a vast number of enthusiasts and practitioners of this platform, both from India and abroad, and it promises to provide "a first-hand perspective and highly impactful insights not seen anywhere else."

The first three days of the event will see multi-track hackathon and workshops, and during the remaining two days, there will be conferences, with as many as 25% of the speakers from abroad.

"We are looking at around 1,000 people participating in the five days; most of them will be developers and the rest will be the ones who will help take the developers to the next level," says Akshay Aggarwal, national head and co-founder, Blockchained India. The event will showcase a number of distributed apps. "They might be nascent, but there are opportunities for everyone," he says.

Charting the growth of blockchain in the recent past, Akshay says, "When we organised India Blockchain Week in September 2017, barely anyone was looking at it the way we were looking at. It's no longer India-specific, it's global. And, many of the enthusiasts are today practitioners."

Manav Ailawadi, co-founder, Blockchained India, says Bengaluru was chosen as the venue since it has the perfect environment for an event like India Dapp Fest. "It is the Silicon Valley of the country. Most of the big enterprises are here, so most of the innovations in technology also happen here. The city has a vibrant technology and startup ecosystem."

The theme of the conference will be not just to promote the platform and help in the creation of applications, but also to spread awareness about the immense potential that blockchain has to improve the efficiency in the processes of various sectors.

The hackathon – which will basically be setting problem statements for crowd-sourced innovation and then mentoring the participants to build impactful solutions – is free to attend and is open to all. It is being held with the aim of coming up with innovative solutions for all fields – there will be a wide range of topics from enterprise-grade blockchains to public networks and decentralised market places. The tracks for the hackathon will be revealed at the venue.

The theme of the conference will also help spread awareness about the immense potential of blockchain

Each team can have up to four members and there will be special prizes for an all-girls team. Those who can't code can also take part, but it is better they team up with someone who can code. It is open to those who are very new to technology as well. The workshops that will happen alongside will have experts to provide hands-on guidance to build on different platforms. The participants will also be able to take forward their work by interacting with enterprises and investors.

The last two days of the five-day event will feature conferences, during which speakers with a wide experience in the blockchain ecosystem will provide first-hand perspectives and insights. There won't be live streaming, but fans of the technology who might not be able to make it to the event can look forward to videos on the website.

If you haven't heard of Jaspreet Bindra, one of the speakers at Dapp Fest, we'll bring you up to speed; he's the founder of advisory firm Digital Matters, which makes moves with regard to blockchain among other things. He points out blockchain resolves two problems that internet hasn't been able to solve. "Internet solved the information problem with search; it solved the distribution problem with platforms like YouTube, Amazon etc; it solved the communication problem with email, messenger, chat, etc. But very few people have trust in the internet because of false information and security issues. Internet was supposed to bring in one level playing field, with no intermediaries. But it has actually created more intermediaries than before, like huge software, social media and e-comm companies."

The way forward

Just like with Artificial Intelligence, there is a scramble to embrace the new technology because it comes with a lot of promises. In a PwC survey of 600 executives from 15 territories in 2018, as many as 84% said that their organisations have some association with blockchain technology. According to Gartner, by 2030, the annual business value generated by blockchain will be more than US$3 trillion.

Perhaps, this is why experts, including Akshay, observe that blockchain platforms are already a reality and some of the issues are getting resolved as we speak. He concludes, "The next stage is the mass adoption of these apps. An event like India Dapp Fest will be the ideal occasion for companies to make the best of this new technology."

Unprecedented profit The Blockchained India team (above) look forward to the first crypto conclave in the country; (left, from top) Jaspreet Bindra, Kumar Anirudha and Jessica Zartler ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

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- JESSICA ZARTLER: Blockchain anthropologist
- RONG CHEN: Chairman of Elastos Foundation
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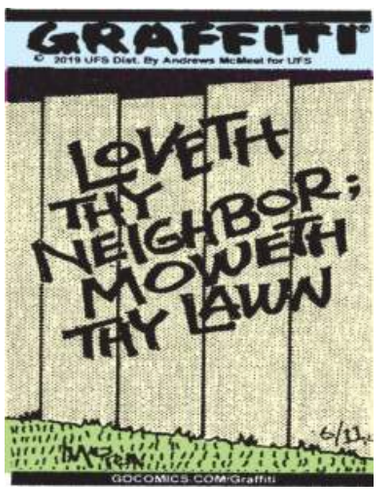

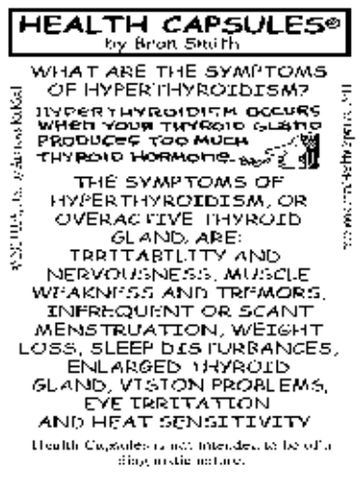

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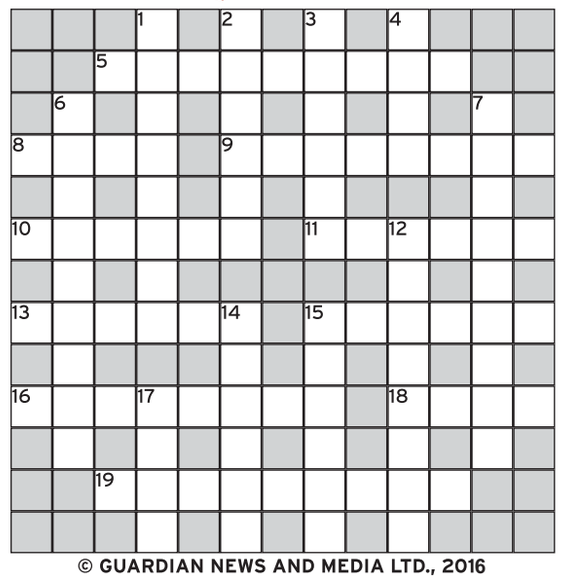

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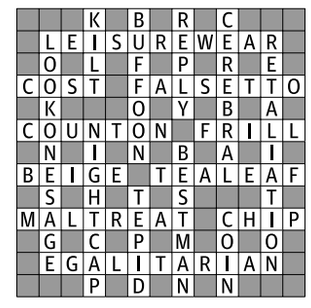

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