

Mystery loss of post-dated cheques: one more Ansal, IL&FS link

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

IL&FS FINANCIAL Services MD Ramesh Bawa allegedly bending norms to favour Ansal Group, as reported by *The Indian Express* Wednesday, isn't the only questionable link between the two companies.

Last year, PenBrook Capital, an India-focused real estate fund, discovered that another IL&FS-linked firm had mysteriously "lost" post-dated cheques (PDCs) issued by Ansal Hi-Tech Townships against investments in 2014-15 of around Rs 200 crore by PenBrook, sources have confirmed to *The Indian Express*. PenBrook is a joint venture of Mumbai-based real estate company Peninsula Land and

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Soon after this photo, UP Bar Council chief killed by lawyer in Agra court

MANISH SAHU & ANAND MOHAN J
LUCKNOW, AGRA, JUNE 12

UTTAR PRADESH'S first woman Bar Council chairperson Darvesh Singh Yadav was shot dead inside the Agra district court Wednesday by another lawyer Manish Babu Sharma, who then turned the gun on himself.

Sharma fired at least three rounds at Yadav inside the another lawyer's chamber just minutes after she ended a victory procession at the Agra court for being elected Bar Council chief on June 9.

While Yadav (37) was declared dead at an Agra hospital, Sharma (35) is in critical condition. Police said they were yet to ascertain the motive behind the

murder and said that Sharma shot her with his licensed pistol over a dispute connected to the

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Darvesh Yadav at the Agra court Wednesday. Express

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Amit Sharma claimed he was stripped in lock-up. Amit Mehra

UP cops lock up reporter, beat him unconscious: FIR

AMIL BHATNAGAR
SHAMLI, JUNE 12

A STATION House Officer and a constable have been suspended for allegedly assaulting a journalist in Shamli Tuesday night. Rakesh Kumar, the SHO of

Government Railway Police (GRP) Shamli, and constable Sanjay Pawar faced action after a purported video of them attacking the journalist, Amit Sharma of News 24, became public. Sharma, who was covering the derailment of a goods

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First woman chief pushed for libraries, lawyer stipend

ANAND MOHAN J
AGRA, JUNE 12

CONVINCING ADVOCATES across Uttar Pradesh to elect a woman to the UP Bar Council is no ordinary task. It has never been done before.

But Darvesh Singh Yadav made history on June 9 following a two-month campaign, promising a free stipend to newly inducted advocates, a Bar hall in Agra and libraries across all bar council facilities in UP. At her side, was her close confidant, Mahesh Babu Sharma, who was also her senior from Agra College where



Where Yadav was shot thrice. Praveen Khanna

they completed their LL.M.

Yadav's colleagues say that she was a workaholic, who had previously become the vice-chairperson for

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Bengal political pot simmers as hospital protests spread

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JUNE 12

WHAT STARTED as a clash between angry relatives of a patient who died and junior doctors at Nilratan Sircar Medical College in Kolkata leaving two interns injured — one critically — has spilled over to all state-run medical college hospitals and become a rallying point for the political opposition, led by the BJP.

Coming days after political violence in Basirhat where two workers of the BJP and one of Trinamool Congress were killed,

the doctors' protests have kept the political pot boiling.

On Wednesday, the "cease-work" agitation by junior doctors and interns snowballed from NRS hospital to all 13 medical college hospitals and at least six district hospitals. Many of them pulled shutters down on their Outpatient Departments (OPD) and, in some places, even emergency services.

Those affected include: Calcutta Medical College and Hospital, Calcutta National Medical College Hospital, R G Kar Hospital, SSKM Hospital and medical colleges in North Bengal,

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NEAR SCHOOL IN ANANTNAG 5 CRPF men killed in J&K terror attack



CRPF personnel in Anantnag, Wednesday. ANI

ADIL AKHZER & BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JUNE 12

IN THE first major terror attack after the car bombing in Pulwama that prompted the Balakot airstrikes, militants Wednesday targeted a CRPF deployment in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, killing five personnel.

Three other personnel and a J&K Police officer were injured in the attack. A militant, believed to be a foreign national, was killed in retaliatory fire while his associate is believed to have escaped.

Officials said the attack took place near a private school on KP Road in Anantnag town around 4.50 pm, when the two militants arrived on a motorcycle and opened fire at personnel of the 116 Battalion who were posted in the area to maintain law and order.

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May loom over SCO summit

THIS IS the biggest attack on security forces in J&K after the Pulwama bombing and will likely hang over the Bishkek summit, which Prime Minister Modi and Pakistan PM Imran Khan will attend. It comes days after Modi called for a global coalition against terror.

Officials said three CRPF men died on the spot while two succumbed to injuries in hospital.

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PM skips Pak airspace flying to summit, meeting with Xi today



EXPRESS IN BISHKEK

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 12

A DAY before Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan land in the Kyrgyz Republic's capital, it's cloudy in Bishkek and five Indian medical students are posing for photos in front of an imposing Soviet-era building that houses the state history museum at Ala-Too Square in the heart of the city.

Dressed in green, their convocation colours, and sporting black graduation caps, they also have a message for the two leaders. "They should meet, keep their politics aside, and talk about the problems," says Ritesh

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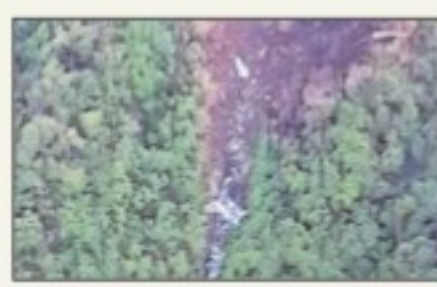
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Man in Chennai slashes genitals of two others

Chennai: A 36-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly chopping off the genitals of two men for not consenting to have sex, police said here Wednesday.

Additional commissioner of police R Dhinakaran said, "Munusamy had recently come to Chennai and he was working in a fish outlet. He is a homosexual and he confessed to attacking the two men for not cooperating" the official said.

The accused, married and having two children, claimed he does not attack men if they 'co-operated' in his acts. While he slashed the genitals of one of his victims with a blade, he cut another with a broken bottle. PTI

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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THE REPORT, "Regulator clears move to ban vapes and e-cigarettes", erroneously attributed the approval to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) in the first paragraph. That came from the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), which was mentioned in the subsequent paragraph. The error is regretted.

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Ansal-IL&FS

Canada-based investment firm Brookfield.

Sources said IL&FS Trust Company Ltd, (now called Vistra ITCL after it was acquired by Vistra in 2016), was the trustee company that kept these cheques.

PenBrook Capital had invested around Rs 200 crore in Ansal Group's projects from funds raised in 2014 and had taken PDCs from all recipients of the fund including Ansal.

"While the Ansal has not repaid the loan, the fact that the PDCs have been lost by the trustee puts the fund in a precarious situation. For, if PenBrook had the PDCs and had they been dishonoured for lack of funds with Ansal Group, the fund could have filed a case under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act," said a source.

Section 138 of the Act deals with dishonour of cheque for insufficiency of funds in the account and states that the person will be deemed to have committed an offence and can be imprisoned for up to two years or be fined up to twice the amount of the cheque, or with both.

When contacted, an Ansal spokesperson denied that any PDC was issued to secure "NCDs (non-convertible debentures) of Rs 200 crore issued and allotted by Ansal Hi Tech Townships

Limited." Adding that out of Rs 200 crore, "outstanding amount of NCDs is approximately Rs 180 crore," the spokesperson said: "For outstanding amount...negotiation/settlement are at advanced stage and Ansal Group is hopeful that the same will be materialized soon."

But records accessed by The Indian Express show otherwise.

In fact, in 2017-18, in an e-mail to PenBrook Capital, Vistra ITCL accepted that it had lost the Ansal PDCs. "We are carrying out a thorough check at our Delhi office for locating the three PDCs of Ansal Hi-tech...Since the transaction was handled by ex-employees on your side and our side, it is taking time," said Vistra ITCL in its email to PenBrook.

That's not all. It also suggested alleged wrongdoing: "...on grounds of suspected foul play by ex-employees and to ensure adequate action, we have yesterday evening lodged a complaint with the local police station."

Vistra ITCL in its email to PenBrook Capital suggested that the fund could pursue the case through insolvency proceedings under the Bankruptcy code instead of "piecemeal security enforcement" as many other real-estate loans — facing default — are doing.

A source at PenBrook said: "While we understand that there were close financial ties between

Ansal Group and some top officials of IL&FS Group, we have learnt that several IL&FS Trust employees quit after the company was acquired by Vistra in 2016." Their role will now be under the scanner as regulatory agencies look at the web of IL&FS transactions. Emails sent to Vistra ITCL (India) and PenBrook did not elicit any response.

Bar Council chief

allocation of chambers in the court. An FIR has been lodged against Sharma on charges of murder at the New Agra police station, said Assistant Superintendent of Police, City (Agra) Prashant Verma.

According to Verma, lawyers Wednesday morning took out a victory procession to celebrate Yadav's victory, which ended at around 2.30 pm. Yadav then went to the chamber of a local lawyer Arvind Mishra.

"While Darvesh was talking to lawyers, Manish Sharma arrived. A few minutes later, a heated argument took place between Darvesh Singh and Manish Sharma over some issue. Suddenly, Manish took out his licensed pistol and shot her thrice," said Verma.

"Before lawyers present there could understand, Sharma shot himself in the head with the same pistol. An autopsy report is still awaited."

Her entourage of at least 10 people walked into Mishra's chamber accompanied by Yadav's younger sister Kanchan and a police sub-inspector. According to multiple eyewitnesses, just before he shot her, Sharma told Yadav: "Tu jeet gayi (you have won)". Advocate Madan Mohan, an eyewitness, said, "Madam (Yadav) was sitting on her chair and he shot her thrice. Two bullets hit her chest and one her head. She slumped forward and fell. I did not see Manish shooting himself."

Agra lawyers said that they were aware that Yadav and Sharma were at odds for at least the last two months and had stopped sitting in the same chamber. ASP Verma also said police were yet to determine the motive. "The investigation is on," he said.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed Agra's district magistrate N G Ravi Kumar to immediately determine the reason behind the murder and asked SSP Agra Jyendra Kumar to ensure an effective probe.

Agra Bar Association's general secretary D P Ojha said, "Manish Sharma was once a junior of Darvesh Singh. We have no idea of the dispute between them." Former UP Bar Council chairperson and present member, Akhilesh Awasthi said Darvesh Singh was earlier vice-president of the Bar Council.

Woman chief

a 5-year term. Two days ago, after being re-elected as a member of the Bar Council defeating at least ten women candidates, she also got the majority of the votes from the 25-member council.

Her colleagues say that Yadav had actively fought to set up libraries across Bar Council facilities in UP, providing compensation to fami-

5 CRPF men killed in terror attack

Those who died have been identified as Assistant Sub Inspectors Ramesh Kumar and Nirod Sharma, and constables Satendra Kumar, Mahesh Kumar and Sandeep Yadav. Police said Anantnag Station House Officer (SHO), Arshid Khan, was among those injured.

CRPF sources said the militants opened "indiscriminate fire" as the forces were preparing to withdraw from the area. SHO Khan sustained bullet wounds as he rushed to the spot after the initial burst of gunfire. Khan and the other injured personnel were shifted to the Army's 92 base hospital

in Srinagar. "One terrorist has been killed and his body recovered along with an AK-47 rifle. From the material recovered, it has been found that the dead terrorist was a foreigner," said J&K Police. M M Kawoosa, principal of the Oxford Presentation School near the attack site, said no student was harmed. "Fortunately, the school had been closed for the day and there was no student inside. The few people present are safe," he said.

Dr Abdul Majid Merab, medical superintendent at the Anantnag district hospital, said three CRPF men were declared brought dead. "An SHO sus-

tained injuries on the chest and has been referred to Srinagar for specialised treatment. A girl sustained injuries on the foot and is currently undergoing treatment," he said.

In Delhi, intelligence sources said there was no clarity on the group that the attackers belonged to but added that such attacks are regularly carried out by Hizbul Mujahideen and LeT. "The slain terrorist does not appear to be a local and may have come from across the border. But it will take some time to confirm that," said sources.

In Srinagar, a local news agency claimed that they re-

ceived a statement over the phone from a little-known outfit, Al-Umar Mujahideen, claiming responsibility for the attack. Al-Umar was founded by Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar, who was among the three militants released in the IC-814 hijack and said to be currently based in Pakistan. Security officials, however, said they could not confirm the claim.

On February 14, a local militant rammed his explosive-laden car into a paramilitary convoy killing 40 CRPF personnel at Leithpora in Pulwama. The attack was later claimed by the Jaish-e-Mohammad.

(WITH ENNS, DELHI)

lies of advocates who died in accidents or medical expenses for sick advocates and actively campaigned to establish chambers for junior advocates.

Advocate Dharmender Verma fights back tears when he talks about Yadav. "We were sitting in the chamber talking about how she made history. She used to attend funerals of dead advocates and meet their families. Yadav was rooted to the ground," he said. Originally from Etah, Yadav was transferred to Agra around a decade ago where she met Sharma.

After the death of both her parents, she looked after her younger sister and brother. Her sister, Kanchan was given a job in the UP police after her mother, who was a sub-inspector, died. She completed her training in Moradabad around three days ago and met her sister on Wednesday to congratulate her.

"Yadav worked with the former chairperson of the UP Bar Council, Praveen Kumar. She first made history after getting elected as a member of the bar council five years ago and went onto become the Vice-chairman before she contested this year's election," said Advocate Vibhor Sharma.

But what has stunned the lawyer community is that her close confidant killed her. Sharma, a civil lawyer at Agra district court, has a wife and two children aged 6 and 3. He practices civil law and was working on some property and family-related disputes. His colleagues said that though Yadav was popular among the young advocates, she ran into rough waters convincing her seniors to elect her to the Bar Council, and that is where Sharma came into play, campaigning with Yadav across UP and convincing advocates to vote for a woman.

Bishkek

Kumar Sharma, a 24-year-old from Jaipur, who proudly displays his MBBS degree and album from the International School of Medicine in Bishkek.

To begin with, Sharma and his friends want Modi and Khan to sort out a pressing issue. Many of the 9,000 Indian students in this country are unable to afford flight tickets to go home ever since Pakistan closed its airspace in February, following the Balakot air strikes. "Many are suffering since the flights have to avoid Pakistan's airspace and take longer routes, which means much higher fares," says Sharma, as his friends nod their heads.

On Wednesday, the flight issue was under the spotlight in India, too, with the government deciding that the Prime Minister's flight for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit starting Friday in Bishkek will not fly over Pakistan airspace.

"The Government of India had explored two options for the route to be taken by the VVIP aircraft to Bishkek. A decision has now been taken that the VVIP aircraft will fly via Oman, Iran and Central Asian

countries on the way to Bishkek," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said. Pakistan had earlier responded to an Indian request by conveying its decision to give flight clearance for the PM's flight.

Pakistan foreign ministry spokesperson Mohammad Faisal tweeted: "India requested 2 over-flight clearances for Indian PM & EAM. After requisite processing, permission was granted earlier today. It is upto India what route it decides to use... Pakistan also granted flight clearance to earlier Indian request for EAM travel to Bishkek 21-22 May 2019."

This back-and-forth has set the stage for the next 48 hours, when Modi and Khan are scheduled to be in Bishkek. While the MEA spokesperson has maintained that there is no meeting planned on the sidelines, sources have not ruled out a possibility of a "pull-aside".

Modi lands in Bishkek Thursday noon for the first multilateral visit in his second term as Prime Minister. He will attend a couple of bilateral meetings, including with Chinese President Xi Jinping, before the inaugural banquet hosted by Kyrgyz President Sooronbay Jeenbekov and a cultural programme.

Khan also lands Thursday. While Modi is likely to stay at a luxury hotel in central Bishkek, Khan is learnt to be staying at the state guest house, Al Archa. Both leaders will be at the banquet. "We attach special importance to SCO in promoting multilateral, political, security, economic and people-to-people interaction in the region," Modi said ahead of his departure.

"The summit is expected to discuss the global security situation, multilateral economic cooperation, people-to-people exchanges and topical issues of international and regional importance. On the sidelines of the summit, I also plan to meet several leaders bilaterally," he said.

With a powerful China in the neighbourhood and an ambitious Russia enmeshed in Kyrgyz society, the summit is taking place at a time when global geopolitics is undergoing tectonic shifts.

Journalist beaten

train, claimed he was stripped and beaten up by police officers at Shamli GRP station, and also alleged that an officer urinated in his mouth.

Police said Sharma has filed an official complaint and an FIR had been registered.

Sharma claimed journalists were asked to leave. "We were standing next to the tracks. The policemen told us we should have our 'pattas' (ID) around our neck. An argument ensued after that. The SHO smacked my camera away and started hurling abuses. Other mediapersons were also injured. I was taken to the police station, where they took off their belts and hit me. One of the police officers also urinated in my mouth. It was traumatic," he told The Indian Express.

Sharma claimed police officers were annoyed with him over a story he had done last month. "We had aired a story on May 11 on our channel regarding an alleged corruption circle involving police officers from the particular station. The story highlighted how, despite having no permissions for vendors in goods train, police were allowing them to operate after taking a hefty cut. The SHO knew about the story and it made him angry to see me at the spot," alleged Sharma, who has been a reporter with News 24 for the last four years.

Sharma said the assault in the lock-up lasted 15-20 minutes, following which he was allowed to leave. A purported video of the assault shows the SHO hitting the journalist. Eyewitnesses claimed he was dragged for 200 metres to the police station. Pankaj Mallik, a journalist who was at the spot, claimed: "I received an injury on my finger since police used sticks to beat us. Police attacked Amit in a barbaric manner."

The FIR names four policemen — Rakesh Kumar, Sanjay Pawar, Sunil and Tinku. The complainant alleged in the FIR that the policemen held him at gunpoint and threatened him as the argument escalated. He claimed he was beaten till he fainted, and almost Rs 2,700 and a watch he was wearing were stolen, allegedly by the officers. SHO Kumar was posted at the particular station in April last year.

Anuradha Prasad, editor-in-chief of News 24, said such an incident was "neither expected nor accepted". "I just got to know that apart from suspending the officers, an FIR has been filed, which is a good step... They not only thrashed him, they urinated in his mouth. It is barbaric. The punishments given to them should be exemplary," Prasad said.

Bengal

Murshidabad, Midnapore and Bankura.

Significantly, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is also Health Minister. Demanding her direct intervention, doctors demanded "permanent security arrangements" in the hospitals. While Banerjee is yet to meet them, her deputy Chandrima Bhattacharya, Minister of State for Health, visited NRS hospital. There were also meetings between doctors and

government representatives; a note from the government that the CM was herself monitoring the situation and an appeal from TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee — but all this failed to break the deadlock.

Meanwhile, the Opposition parties, led by BJP, alleging deteriorating law and order situation in the state, found a new rallying point: the insecurity of doctors and the attack on them.

The BJP's successful election campaign had underlined what it called the state's "appeasement of Muslims." It tried to frame the NRS incident in that context alluding to the religion of those who attacked the doctors — the patient who died was 74-year-old Mohammed Sayeed and his angry relatives were joined by a mob of neighbours and local residents. Three FIRs were lodged in the NRS case at Entally police station. Relatives of Sayeed filed a complaint against junior doctors under Section 304 A (death by negligence). Neighbours of Sayeed filed a complaint against junior doctors. An FIR was also filed against Sayeed's family members on the basis of a complaint by the hospital administration. So far five people, all of them relatives of the patient, have been arrested.

Said state BJP chief Dilip Ghosh: "Even doctors are not feeling safe under this government... These people are bringing mob from outside. I wonder why police officials are so active when it comes to stopping BJP's rally but where are they when doctors were being beaten up in NRS? All anti-social people of one particular community are doing this under police protection." Ghosh's remarks came after clashes between police and BJP workers during the party's "Lalbazir Abhiyan" (march to Kolkata police HQ), where police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse protesters.

Said Congress MP Adhir Chowdhury: "The Chief Minister should immediately sit with agitating doctors and find a solution." The SFI, CPM's student wing, took out a protest rally to express solidarity with agitating doctors and target the government.

Sayeed was admitted on June 9 and declared dead on Monday June 10 at 5.30 pm. His family alleged that despite their requests, the doctors didn't attend to him. Finally, he was given an injection after which he didn't gain consciousness. As many as 11 relatives of the deceased surrounded the on-duty doctors and allegedly misbehaved with them.

The doctors said they would release the body only after an apology. Soon, a mob of local residents from Tangra area barged into the hospital. The mob pelted junior doctors with stones. Two interns were injured: Paribaha Mukherjee, hit by stones, is being treated at the Institute of Neurosciences and Yash Tekwani was admitted to NRS.

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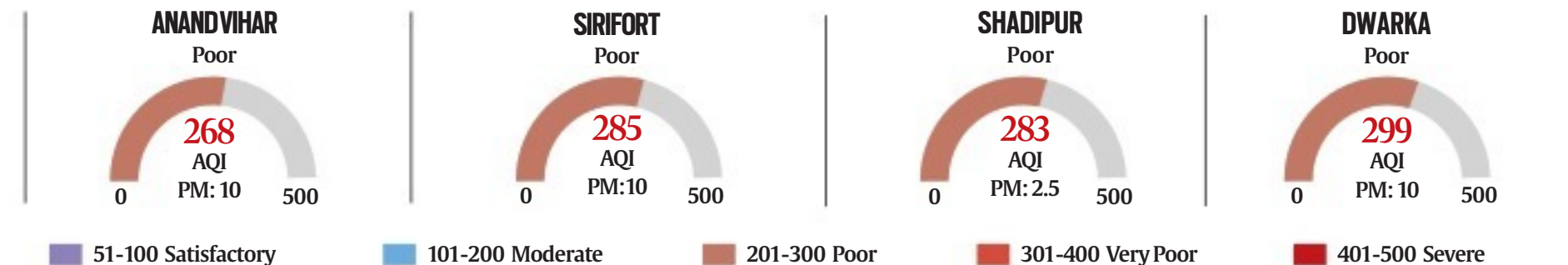
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KEJRIWAL MEETS DMRC

Free Metro for women could be reality in 8 months: CM

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE DELHI Metro has prepared a short-term and a long-term plan to execute the AAP government's proposal for free travel for women, but with a rider — a fare fixation committee (FFC) constituted by the Centre will have to clear the plan.

Announcing the development Wednesday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal exuded hope that the FFC won't be a hurdle in implementing the plan, which the Metro believes will take at least eight months to roll out in the short term. DMRC has sought Rs 1,506.4 crore from the government for this purpose.

"We have received a concrete proposal from them (DMRC). They have referred to two plans — one requires them to change their software, which they said will require time. After that is implemented, women will be able to use both tokens and smart cards. But there's another stopgap arrangement — under which only tokens can be used by women willing to avail the offer," Kejriwal told reporters.

Under the short-term arrangement, as reported by *The*



DMRC has sought Rs 1,506 crore from Delhi government

Indian Express on June 6, Metro will create separate counters and ticket vending machines (TVMs) for women who want to commute for free. At the counters and TVMs, they will be given tokens, for which the Metro will make payments. "They will also have separate entry gates but exit gates will be common. We believe it can be implemented very soon. DMRC has said they need at least eight months. At around 170 stations, they have discontinued sale of token via counters. But we will sit and discuss and hopefully be able to bring down the time required," the CM said.

The number of women travellers, estimated at around 30 per cent of total Metro ridership, will

go up by 50% due to the scheme, Kejriwal said, quoting from the DMRC proposal. On the money sought, Kejriwal said the government feels it is on the higher side, "but we don't have any problem". He added: "There's no reason why Centre will not form the committee. It will not have to clear the proposal but merely form the panel. And rules say the panel can be formed from time to time. We feel FFC is not required but they can go ahead if they want."

To those opposing the proposal on the ground of gender equality, he asked: "Do we have gender equality in our country? We have female foeticides, boys are given preference in terms of education, only 30% women are

EXPLAINED

Panel to fix fares

ACCORDING TO the Delhi Metro Railway (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002, commuting fares are to be decided by a fare fixation committee, a three-member panel chaired by an existing or a retired HC judge and a representative each at level of Additional Secretary from Centre and state government. Its recommendations are binding on the Metro administration.

travelling in the Metro. Out of the working population in Delhi, only 11% are women as against the national average of 26%. Whenever women are given opportunities, family incomes go up, new opportunities are created. It is good for the country and society."

JNU's first alumni award for Jaishankar and Sitharaman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12



The union ministers will be felicitated at varsity's third convocation ceremony

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU University (JNU) Wednesday decided to confer its first-ever Distinguished Alumni Award to Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Subrahmanya Jaishankar.

JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar said a decision in this regard was taken by the university's Executive Council (EC) in its meeting held on Monday.

"The Executive Council in its meeting on June 12 unanimously approved a proposal to bestow Distinguished Alumni Award on two of its illustrious alumni, Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanya Jaishankar, during the third convocation of the university to be held in August 2019," he said.

While Sitharaman completed her MA and M.Phil from the School of Social Sciences and School of International Studies, Jaishankar did his M.Phil and PhD from the School of International Studies, the university said. He

specialised in nuclear diplomacy. "Their highly distinguished career and achievements have made the university very proud and they are a great source of inspiration for JNU students and researchers. They will be the first recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award to be conferred by the university," Kumar said.

A member of the EC who did not wish to be named said the proposal for the same was put forth by the Rector, and that there was no opposition to it: "Some people, however, said alumni belonging to fields other than politics should also be felicitated. To this, we were told that a committee would be set up that will look into the suggestions..."

Armyman shoots at wife, three children come to her rescue

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

A 36-YEAR-OLD woman was shot at by her husband, an Armyman, in Greater Noida's Devta village Tuesday. While six shots were fired, only one hit her as her three children came in the way to shield her, police said, adding that the accused is on the run.

According to police, Rinki Bhati (36) was in her sleep when her husband Sheel Kumar Bhati allegedly tried to strangle her. He was allegedly accompanied by a woman he was having an affair with, and his brother Rajeev, police said. A case has been registered against the three under IPC sections 307 (attempt to murder), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

"On Tuesday night, Sheel and his accomplices planned to kill Rinki while she was asleep. They tried to strangle her but she resisted and the noise woke up her three children, who rushed to their mother's rescue. Sheel then

pulled out his licensed pistol and fired six shots, but couldn't kill her because the children came in between," said an officer at Dankaur police station in Greater Noida.

According to police, Rinki's daughter Namrata (11) first woke up in the middle of the night when she heard her mother's scream. She, along with her younger brothers Rohan (8) and Yug (5), rushed to their parents' room and saw their father with a pistol pointed at their mother. They hugged their mother to shield her from the shots. Only one gunshot hit their mother on the foot.

Neighbours heard the noise and reached the spot to find an injured Rinki, who was later admitted to Naveen hospital. Police said they are looking for the accused, who are believed to have skipped town.

Rinki's father Maharaj Singh registered a complaint against the accused at Dankaur police station. He alleged, "Rinki had registered several complaints against her husband, who beat her because of his extramarital affairs. My daughter could have lost her life had it not been for her children." Singh added that his daughter is stable.

New auto fares could mean you pay 18.75% more

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE DELHI government Wednesday directed the State Transport Authority (STA) to notify revised auto fares, setting the ground for an 18.75% hike in fares which can be charged by auto drivers who have recalibrated their vehicle's meter, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said.

Gahlot told *The Indian Express*: "State government has issued direction to STA. Approval of STA is not required. Upon recalibrating their meters, drivers will be able to charge as per the new fares."

Sources in the department, however, said that the new rates will come into effect only after the approval of the STA, which is formed under the Motor Vehicle Rules. According to the new auto rates, the fixed fare will be Rs 25 for the first 1.5 km, as against 2 km earlier. Passengers will have to pay Rs 9.5 for every subsequent kilometre, up from Rs 8 per kilometre in the past. Moreover, Rs 0.75 per minute will be charged for waiting at a traffic junction while Rs 7.50 extra luggage charges have also been effected.

The Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
cordially invites you to a Talk
on
'Convict Colonization of Andamans : Debating Imperial Strategy and Motives.'
by
Dr. Suparna Sengupta
Junior Fellow, NMML
Date: 14 June 2019 at 3.00 pm
Venue: Seminar Room, Library Building
Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
Teen Murti House, New Delhi-110011
All are Welcome

KSIDC
Looking for Waste Management partners to make Kerala cleaner & greener, and retain its godliness.
Request For Proposal (Global Competitive Bidding)
Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), on behalf of the Government of Kerala, requests proposals from eligible applicants to set up Integrated Solid Waste Management with a Waste to Energy (WTE) Project of minimum 200 TPD Processing Capacity on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis at Kanjikode in Palakkad District, Kureepuzha in Kollam District and Chelora in Kannur District in the State of Kerala under Public Private Partnership mode.

For bid documents, visit - www.etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.ksidc.org

Important dates	
Pre-Bid meeting	21st June 2019 at 11.00 hrs at the KSIDC Head Office, Keston Road, Kowdiar, Trivandrum
Last Date for submission	15th July 2019

For more details, contact:
Project Director | Project Management Unit – Waste to Energy Projects
Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
Keston Road, Kowdiar, Trivandrum 695 003
Tel: 0471-2318922 | Fax: 0471-2315893 | Email : nandanpv@ksidcmail.org

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
Imphal, Manipur - 795 004
Phone No.: 0385-2415196, Fax No.: 0385-2412644
Advertisement No. 01/2019
Imphal, the 7th June, 2019
No. VC/CAUR/54/95(A)Vol-V/840: Applications are invited in the prescribed form for filling up the posts of Dean, Director, Dy. Director, Sr. Scientist and Head of KVK and different faculty positions of constituent Colleges of Central Agricultural University, Imphal. The application can be submitted online in the website www.cau.ac.in. The duly completed application form with prescribed fee of ₹1000/- (₹500/- in case of SC / ST / PWD) should be submitted on or before 08.07.2019. Payment of fee may be made through State Bank Collect SBI (payment guideline may be downloaded from website cau.ac.in).

(Prof. K. Mamocha Singh)
Registrar

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No.: NIT/DA/19/283
Dated: 07.06.2019

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Dean Academic Affairs

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Advertisement No 2/2019 (R-V)
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All the selected candidates will register for Ph.D. in Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI) a deemed to be University of Department of Atomic Energy.
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Stipend :- ₹31,000/- plus HRA ₹7,440/- per month (if accommodation not provided) and in addition Contingency grant :- ₹32,000/- per annum. Applications will be accepted On-Line ONLY. Facility for On-line application will be available from 13/06/2019 to 12/07/2019. For further details visit our website : recruit.barc.gov.in / www.barc.gov.in

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Phone: 08282-256149, Fax : 08282-256262
Notification Ref. No.KU:AC-4(157)/1336 /2019-20, Date:07-06-2019

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES AND PG DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for Admission to Post-graduate programmes and Post-graduate Diploma Programmes at different Post Graduate Departments, PG Centers, Constituent and Affiliated colleges of Kuvempu University for the Academic Year 2019-20

- The Application forms & Prospectus will be issued from 11-06-2019. The last date for submission of filled application is 06-07-2019.
- For more details visit University website: www.kuvempu.ac.in

Sd/- Registrar.

DIPR/smg/No.52/06/mca/2019-20

क्षेत्रीय मुख्यालय (दिल्ली) भारत तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल सार्वजनिक नीलामी सूचना
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Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
(A JV Company of Ministry of Railway and Government of Haryana)
Bay No. 13-14, Sector-2, Panchkula, Ph. 0172-2590099
No. HRIDC/OM/03/2019 Dated: 11.06.2019
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
Walk-in-Interview for engaging the services of Assistant Manager (Finance) (Minimum eligibility is Bachelor's Degree with Chartered Accountant. Appointment is need based, preference shall be given to the applicant having LLB and Knowledge of Computer Application like MS Office.
Date of Interview: 09.07.2019 Time: 11.00 A.M.
Venue: HRIDC's Corporate Office: Bay No. 13-14, Sector-2, Panchkula.
For further details of qualification, experience and other terms & conditions etc. please visit our website: www.hridc.co.in (Mail ID: hridc2017@gmail.com)
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Government of Haryana
Revenue & Disaster Management Department
Heat-Wave (Do's and Don'ts)
Heat Wave conditions can result in Physiological Strain, which could even Result in Death. To minimize the impact during the Heat Wave and to prevent serious Ailment or Death because of Heat Stroke, the following measures are useful:
DO'S

- Listen to Radio, watch TV, read Newspaper for Local Weather Forecast to know if a Heat wave is on the way.
- Drink sufficient Water and as often as possible, even if not thirsty.
- Wear Lightweight, Light-coloured, Loose Fitting and Porous Cotton Clothes. Use Protective Goggles, Umbrella, Pagri/ Dupatta/ Hat, Shoes or Chappals while going out in Sun.
- While Travelling, Carry Water with you.
- If you work outside, use a Hat or an Umbrella and also use a Damp Cloth on your Head, Neck, Face and Limbs.
- Use ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution), Home-made Drinks like Lassi, Lemon Water, Buttermilk, etc. which help to re-hydrate the Body.
- Recognize the signs of Heat Stroke, Heat Rash or Heat Cramps such as Weakness, Dizziness, Headache, Nausea, Sweating and Seizures. If you feel faint or ill, see a Doctor immediately.
- Keep Animals in shade and give them plenty of Water to drink.
- Keep your Home Cool. Use Curtains, Shutters or Sunshade during day. Open windows at night.
- Use Fans, Damp Clothing and take Bath in Cold Water frequently.
- Provide Cool Drinking Water near Work Place.
- Caution Workers to avoid direct Sunlight.
- Schedule Strenuous Jobs to Cooler Times of the day.
- Increase the Frequency and Length of Rest Breaks for Outdoor Activities.
- Pregnant Workers and Workers with a Medical condition should be given additional attention.

DON'Ts

- Do not leave Children or Pets in Parked Vehicles.
- Avoid going out in the Sun, especially between 12.00 noon and 03.00 P.M.
- Avoid Wearing Dark, Heavy or Tight Clothing.
- Avoid Strenuous Activities when the Outside Temperature is High. Avoid Working Outside between 12.00 Noon and 03.00 P.M.
- Avoid Cooking During Peak Hours. Open Doors and Windows to Ventilate Cooking Area Adequately.
- Avoid Alcohol, Tea, Coffee and Carbonated Soft Drink, which Dehydrate the Body.
- Avoid High-Protein Food and do not Eat Stale Food.

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COURT REFUSES TO STAY INTERVIEWS

Church in Stephen's admission panel: HC says nothing wrong

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday refused to stay the interview process for St Stephen's College undergraduate admissions, due to start on June 22, saying the induction of a Christian candidate of the Supreme Council in the interview panel was "not violative" of the college constitution.

"I am not inclined to grant the stay... Interviews can go on. There's nothing wrong with that. I do not consider it appropriate to stay the interview process... It's confined to the Christian candidates alone... They are seeking to maintain their institution as they want it to be," said Justice Anu Malhotra.

Justice Malhotra said it did not appear "in any manner that the induction of a Christian

member to the Governing Body for interviewing only the Christian candidates" was "violative" of Clause 5 of the college constitution.

Clause 5 states, "The Supreme Council of the College shall have no jurisdiction over the administration of the College."

The court was hearing a petition filed by three teachers and Governing Body members of the college — N P Ashley, Abhishek Singh and Nandita Narain — against inclusion of a member of the institution's Supreme Council in the interview panel, arguing that the body has "no jurisdiction" in college administration.

Refusing to stay the interview process, Justice Malhotra however preponed the hearing of their writ petition to July 2, so as not to render it infructuous, as argued by Sunil Mathews who was representing the petitioners.

Mathews argued that the Supreme Council did not have a single academician besides the Principal, and therefore "non-academic" persons should not be allowed to be part of the interview panel. "Our fear is that this creates avenues for a management quota," said Mathews.

He cited a Supreme Court judgment of 1991 in St Stephen's College vs University of Delhi case where the court had said the "interview is conducted by men of high integrity, calibre and qualification".

However, senior advocate A Mariaputham, representing the college, used the same line to argue that it was not meant for teachers alone. "It says men of high integrity, calibre and qualification. It doesn't say anywhere that it's only the teachers... There's nothing in the judgment which says what we are doing is prohibited," he said.

Jal board V-C seeks more security after BJP gherao outside CEO office

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

DELHI Jal Board Vice-Chairman Dinesh Mohaniya Wednesday said they have sought more security from police after a BJP delegation, led by Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel, gheraoed the office of the board's CEO Tuesday demanding an end to "water shortage" in the capital. DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh, however, said no specific complaint had been received from the DJB.

The delegation had occupied CEO Nikhil Kumar's office in Jhandewalan late Tuesday afternoon, claiming that some areas were either being supplied murky water or no water at all. A senior officer said, "A call was



The gherao in the Jal Board office, Tuesday

made to DBG Road police station about a law and order situation at the DJB office."

Mohaniya, an AAP MLA, while addressing media at Delhi Secretariat Wednesday, said: "Goel did not have any specific

complaint. We asked him and the BJP workers to tell us which areas were facing water problems, but they couldn't. They only created nuisance..."

"(BJP's) Manoj Tiwari, Vijender Gupta, Goel are hold-

ing processions. All of this is being turned into a race for the post of the CM. They don't want to talk about real issues and are only concerned about political gains," he said.

Meanwhile, Goel told *The Indian Express* Wednesday that the delegation had given a letter "with six specific demands" to the DJB CEO Tuesday.

The demands included setting up a task force to "address contaminated water," waiving bills of people either not receiving water or being supplied contaminated water, and water connection to houses in JJ clusters.

Goel said they received a letter from the board in return saying that "they would make enquiries on these demands."

Khattar takes aim at Cong on Pulwama

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JUNE 12

AHEAD OF the Haryana state elections scheduled this year, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar took aim at the opposition for "raising questions on Pulwama" and for "promising to dilute the law that punishes traitors".

Speaking at the 'Abhinandan Samaroh' in Gurgaon, Khattar said: "In previous elections, the issue of nationalism was prominent. Friends from Congress asked why we are raising the issue of nationalism... it had to be raised because after Pulwama, Congress ridiculed the work that the government and our army did."

Speaking on the "Congress's promise of scrapping the defamation law", Khattar said, "The law is meant to punish those who divide this country...but Congress wrote in its manifesto that they will dilute that law. Why? They want power."

The CM also called on workers to tell people they should identify themselves as "Haryanvi" instead of members of any caste. "Some parties have divided the society on the basis of caste... We should identify ourselves as citizens of the state," Khattar said. He also took a swipe at parties for making "power their end goal". "They will break all boundaries to fill their houses, they will engage in corruption, lies..." he said.

Shirts, trousers stolen from CP showroom

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

UNIDENTIFIED MEN allegedly broke into a Park Avenue showroom in Connaught Place and decamped with 50 shirts, 22 trousers, 45 belts, 27 sunglasses

and Rs 63,000 cash, police said Wednesday.

An FIR has been registered at Connaught Place police station.

Police said they received a complaint from the store manager, Kumar Abhishek.

"The incident took place on Monday night, after we had

closed our store around 10.30 pm. The next day we found that the whole showroom had been ransacked," he said.

"Our CCTV camera has not been working for the last few days. A security guard was present when the incident took place. Police are questioning

him," he said.

When contacted, Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Madhur Verma said, "We have registered an FIR against unidentified persons and have got some clues. An investigation is underway and we hope to make arrests soon."

Six pick fight over water tanker, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

On this very day, on 13 Jun 1999, Indian Army witnessed one of the greatest victories against the enemy at Tololing in Drass (Kargil) during 'Op Vijay-1999'. The victory that turned the tide in favour of Indian Army in Op Vijay-1999. We bow our heads in reverence of those soldiers, who in the true traditions of the 2nd Battalion the Rajputana Rifles made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland while fighting the enemy. It is, but for you, that today every member of the 2nd Battalion the Rajputana Rifles, Indian Army and the entire nation holds his head high. May the almighty confer everlasting peace to your noble souls.

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GDR SURINDER SINGH
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GDR SITA RAM
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L/ NK VINOD KUMASR
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GDR NARESH KUMAR
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03 JUL 1975-13 JUN 2012

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TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited in Two cover system for 1.) Providing Internal Plumbing Works for Water Supply House Service Connections in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation -41226 Nos and 2.) Providing Internal Plumbing Works for Water Supply House Service Connections in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation -40756 Nos under Smart City Mission by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited upto 3.00 P.M. on 15.07.2019 and the same will be opened by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited or his authorized person on the same day at 3.30 P.M. in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at that time. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://tenders.gov.in> upto 2.00 P.M. on 15.07.2019. Any further details will be heard from Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation office in any of the working day if required. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 28.06.2019 at 11.30 AM. The Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The bidders shall not have the option of submitting their proposals electronically.

Place : Tiruppur
Date : 10.06.2019

Managing Director,
Tiruppur Smart City Limited

कार्यालय : जिला परिषद् चतरा
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शुद्धि पत्र

अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या 01/ZP/2019-120, Group-I जिसका पीओआर संख्या 207039(District) 19-20 में अपरिहार्य कारणों से तिथि में संशोधित किया जाता है, जो निम्नवत है-

- ई निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 17.06.19 को 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
- विनिदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय - 18.06.19 को 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
- विनिदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 19.06.19 को 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

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P.R. 208600 District(19-20)-D

BM-II DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
322, 3rd FLOOR, SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH PLACE, GOLE MARKET, NEW DELHI-110001

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Name of Work : Improvement to Yashwant Place Market.
SH : External Development & facade upliftment at Yashwant Place and memo market New Delhi.

Tender ID: 2019_NDMC_173991_1

Estimated cost : Rs. 1,46,40,472/-

Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 11.06.2019

Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution: 21.06.2019 at 4.00 PM

Further details can be seen at <https://www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const./Northern Railway, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi-110001 invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:- (1) Name of work and location: Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of Ghaziabad-Road Over Bridge at Dhoti Ghat in lieu of L-Xing No. 153 & Modification work in lieu of ROB at L-Xing 31 Garhi harsaru on DLI-RE section. (2) Completion period of the work: 9 Months. (3) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 64,47,789.97/- (4) Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online): Rs. 1,29,000/- (5) Date & Time for Submission of E-tender and opening of tender: Tenders may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on date 04.07.2019 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 04.07.2019. (6) Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 20.06.2019 to 04.07.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. No.: 302 Mod.- Dy. CEE/C/NDS/2019-19(R2) Dated: 00.06.2019. 1853/2019

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E-Tender Notice No. C/Misc/Comml. Advertisement/TSK/2018(Vinyl wrapping) Dated : 31-05-2019. The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), N. F. Railway, Tinsukia is inviting open tender in sealed cover under 02 (two) packets system (Packet -A - Technical Bid and Packet -B - Financial Bid) for awarding licence for Panel Advertisement right (Vinyl Wrapping) on the outside surface of Mail Express train no. 15909/15910 running between Dibrugarh-Lalgarh-Dibrugarh. Train wise detail nos. of coaches & area, Railway reserve price being 1st year license fee and earnest money are as under Train No. : 15909/15910 07 (seven) rake (Dibrugarh-Lalgarh-Dibrugarh). Type of coaches per rake : AC first class cum AC 2 tier sleeper (One), AC-2 Tier (One), AC-3 Tier (Two), Sleeper Class (Ten), General Second Class (Four). Area available (in sqft) : 54128', 54128', 108256', 54128', 182252'. Total area (Exterior) available per rake (in sqft) : 940044'. No of rakes : 07. Total area 07 (seven) rakes (in sqft) : 6580308'. Railway reserve price being 1st year license fee (in Rs. per sqft) excluding GST : ₹ 1,67,13,982/- Earnest money : ₹ 3,34,300/- Date & time of Closing of E-tender at 13:00 hrs. on 01-07-2019. Date & Time of Opening of E-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 01-07-2019. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Tinsukia

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1.	UHBVN	1 NO MAHINDRA/TATA, FORCE/ANY OTHER JEEP OPEN FROM BACK SIDE WITH DRIVER FOR SDO CITY SUB DIVISION, GHARAUNDA	CLOSING 25.06.2019	6000	www.uhbvn.org.in	0184-2268351 xenopubhvnvsu2karnal@gmail.com
2.	HARTRON	RATE CONTRACT FOR PERSONALIZATION/PREPARATION OF PVC CARDS ON BEHALF OF ELECTION DEPARTMENT, HARYANA	13.06.2019 04.07.2019	75 LACS	https://hartaron.org.in	0172-2560073 ermsharyana@yahoo.com
3.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	ESTIMATE FOR PROV. & FIXING NEW SLUICE VALVES IN EASTERN SIDE FOR REPLACING FOR ZONING SYSTEM FOR VARIOUS + 8 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 25.06.2019	95.89 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	semcsonepat@gmail.com
4.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNAGAR-JAGADHRI	PROVIDING AND LAYING STORM WATER LINE AT (I) GORI SHANKAR MANDIR JAGADHRI (II) SAINT THOMAS SCHOOL JAGADHRI (III) SHAKTI NAGAR NEAR WAREHOUSE AT KANAHIYA CHOWK + 3 OTHER WORKS	11.06.2019 15.06.2019	55.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818656867 xen.mcyrn@gmail.com
5.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	SUPPLY OF MS STEEL PORTA CABINS OF SIZE 20FTX10FTX8.5FT MADE OF APPROVED QUALITY STEEL SECTIONS/FRAME WORK COMPLETE AS PER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND GENERAL DESIGN MENTION IN THIS TENDER DOCUMENT	11.06.2019 26.06.2019	EST 45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
6.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BERI	COMPLETE MAINTENANCE OF ALL HORTICULTURE WORK, SANITATION, WORK AND SECURITY OF STADIUM, COMPLETE MAINTENANCE OF ALL HORTICULTURE WORK, SANITATION	CLOSING 25.06.2019	4.37 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2744951 dpr@chd.nic.in
7.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	CONST. OF CG STREET FROM H/O KARAN SINGH TO HOLIFAITH SCHOOL IN BHAGAT SINGH COLONY WARD NO.25 + 14 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 22.06.2019	361.20 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	semcsonepat@gmail.com
8.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REWARI	INTEGRATED SOID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT FOR COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL IN REWAI CLUSTER ON PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP	08.03.2019 10.07.2019	81.14 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7015483676
9.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF RMC M-40 ROAD HOUSE OF RAJ KUMAR TO SH. BISHAMBER SINGH, WARD NO-35 ZONE-III + 1 OTHER WORK	11.06.2019 21.06.2019	74.18 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	ee8@mcg.gov.in
10.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNAGAR-JAGADHRI	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHT POINTS INSTALLED IN THE CITY OF YAMUNANAGAR AT VARIOUS LOCATION IN WARD NO 1 TO 11 + 1 OTHER WORK	10.06.2019 17.06.2019	97.95 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818656867 xen.mcyrn@gmail.com
11.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET BLOCKS IN SLUM AREA IN KHARAK MANGOLI NEAR TRUCK UNION OFFICE, MAJRI CHOWK, PANCHKULA.RECALL 4 + 2 OTHER WORKS	11.06.2019 19.06.2019	117.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
12.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	PROVIDING AND FIXING ALUMINIUM BACKED FLEXIBLE PRISMATIC DIAMOND GRADE SHEET AND OTHER SAFETY MARKERS	11.06.2019 21.06.2019	15.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
13.	HPGCL	ARC FOR RUNNING & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT CANTEN. FIELD HOSTEL AND VIP GUEST HOUSE AT HPGCL PROJECTS AND URJA BHAVAN PANCHKULA	05.06.2019 27.06.2019	2.70 CRORE	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmcp1@gmail.com
14.	HPGCL	PROVIDING AND FIXING CARPENTRY FIXTURES IN HOUSES AT FTPS COLONY PANPAT + 1 OTHER WORK	05.06.2019 04.07.2019	79.77 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmcp1@gmail.com
15.	FARIDABAD SMART CITY LIMITED	PAINTING WORK AT NH INTERSECTIONS IN FARIDABAD, DETAIL AVAILABLE ON "HTTPS://ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN"	CLOSING 20.06.2019	15.50 LACS	www.smartcityfaridabad.co.in	851005801 faridabadsmartcitylimited@gmail.com
16.	HVPNL	RATE CONTRACT OF 1 YEAR FOR MANUFACTURING, FABRICATION, GALVANISATION AND SUPPLY OF FOLLOWING ITEMS CONFIRMING TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OF HVPNL/APPROVED DRAWINGS	08.06.2019 08.07.2019	EMD-27 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
17.	HVPNL	SALE OF WASTE/ CHOPPED MATERIAL OF WEEDED OUT FILES 140 TONNES (APPROX. 47000/-WEEDED OUT / CHOPPED OUT)	08.06.2019 24.06.2019	20000	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
18.	HVPNL	11KV SINGLE CORE XLPE ALUMINIUM POWER CABLE (1000SQMM)	11.06.2019 11.07.2019	5.63 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
19.	HVPNL	33KV CAPACITOR BANK ALONG WITH ALLIED EQUIPMENTS AND SUPPORTING STRUCTURE	11.06.2019 11.07.2019	15.21 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
20.	HVPNL	AAC TARANTULA CONDUCTOR	11.06.2019 11.07.2019	4.40 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
21.	HARYANA POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION	CONSULTANCY, DESIGNING SPECIFICATION ETC. OF MULTIPURPOSE SECURITY VEHICLE FOR HARYANA POLICE	CLOSING 18.06.2019	5000	www.hphc.org.in	89376-34636 eeehphcpl@gmail.com

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AWARDING OF COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR LFD AND VIDEO WALL

E-Tender Notice No. C/Misc/Comml. Adv/TSK/2019 (LFD) Dated : 06-06-2019. Open tender through E-tendering system are invited by the undersigned for the following work. Name of the Work : Awarding of commercial advertising for LFD (Large Format Display) and Video wall at New Tinsukia Railway station over Tinsukia Division for 05 (Five) years terms only Railway reserved price/Approximate Cost (in Rs.) per Annum : ₹ 1,62,000/- Earnest money : ₹ 3,30,00/- Date & time of Closing of E-tender at 13:00 hrs. on 10-07-2019. Date & Time of Opening of E-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 10-07-2019. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

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Tender for Electrical works

E-Open Tender, Open E-Tender Notice No. L-Open-2019-20-04, dated 10.06.2019, The Div. Rly Manager/Elect/G/Sonpur for and behalf of the president of India invites "Open E-Tender" for following works. The last date of online e-tendering is 10.07.2019 up to 12.30 Hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-Tender is available on website:- www.ireps.gov.in. Si. No. 1. Name of work: At:HJP-Strengthening/Augmentation of 33/11 KV Substation by providing 2x3 VA transformer and 04 Nos D.G.Set at Hajipur. Approx.Cost (in Rs) : 2,19,43,190/- Earnest Money (in Rs) 2,59,700/- Cost of Tender document (in Rs)(Non-refundable) : 10,000.00/- The above Tender notice is available on Website- www.ireps.gov.in. RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER: Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone/ modify or to cancel the tenders without assigning any reason.. Div. Rail. Manager (Elect/G) ECR/Sonpur PR/470/SEE/ELECT/19-20/36

RETURNING FROM HYDERABAD

Cops sleeping, undertrial jumps off train to escape

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12



The accused, Salman

A 26-YEAR-OLD undertrial prisoner escaped from police custody after jumping off a moving train in Agra early Wednesday morning. Police said the prisoner escaped when six police personnel accompanying him were sleeping in the train during their return from a court hearing in Hyderabad.

According to police, the prisoner, Salman alias Daant Tuta, a resident of Bhajanpura, is a class VI dropout. Police said he was involved in snatching incidents in Hyderabad, and avoided detection by travelling in flights.

"In 2017, he was arrested by the North East district police when they came to know that he was wanted by Hyderabad and Cyberabad police for his alleged involvement in several snatching incidents. He carried a Rs 1 lakh reward for his arrest in UP, and was evading arrest in a MCOCA case registered against him by Delhi police," a senior officer said.

DCP (3rd battalion) D K S Singh said, "Salman was taken to Hyderabad to attend a court hearing on June 10. While returning, he escaped as cops escorting him slept. We have filed an FIR in Agra and will probe the cops' role after an inquiry." Sources said the six cops, including a head constable and five constables, were sleeping when he sought permission to go to the washroom. "They al-

legedly allowed him to go alone. He then jumped off the moving train... Police came to know about the escape when he did not return after around 20 minutes," police sources said.

"Last month, shots were fired at his house. We feel this may have prompted his escape," a senior police officer said.

According to police, Salman started committing burglaries in 2003 and formed a gang in 2010. He was involved in around 30 cases of snatching and had been evading arrest since 2015. His associates were arrested and after a while, the hunt for him lost steam.

Things changed in 2017 when a police personnel, posted with anti-auto theft squad (AATS), saw CCTV footage in the 'National Police Group' on Telegram app. The footage was shared by Hyderabad Police, which sought help from other forces. "The accused had allegedly committed four snatching offences in Hyderabad in one day," an officer said. The AATS official then approached the Hyderabad police and re-opened old files.

In markets along the Yamuna, plastic ban remains on paper while river bears brunt

DANIELLE PYCIOR & SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

TWO YEARS ago, the National Green Tribunal banned single-use plastic bags less than 50 microns. A year ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to phase out single-use plastics by 2022. And yet, a walk through two localities on the banks of the Yamuna — the markets in Sonia Vihar and the fruit and vegetable market in Okhla — shows the challenge the capital is up against.

According to records, Delhi produces 2,51,674 tonnes of plastic each year — 50% of which is single-use. That's roughly 63,000 elephants worth of plastic.

Delhi Environment Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar said plastic bags below 50 microns are still found in markets despite the ban. About a month ago, a team of Delhi government officials seized around 500 kg of banned plastic bags from Sadar Bazar, which had been imported from Gujarat.

"If you see the advisory we have on tobacco products, they look horrible. Similar advisory on plastic products would help reduce their use. Plus school education and having a sense of community ownership would have a positive effect," he said.

The NGT, in a 2017 order, had also banned single-use plastic, such as straws, cups and cutlery, in Delhi. Municipal officials had initially fined vendors, a visit to Sonia Vihar and Okhla shows disposable plastic products are rampant. An official from the state's environment department said there was an "enforcement problem", suggesting that local municipal corporations are to blame.

Along the river, anything from flip-flops to paper products lay in piles every few feet. Shop owners admitted they were concerned, but didn't know how to fix the mess. "A lot of plastic bags, even



At the Okhla vegetable and fruit market, vendors say no alternative to plastic. Praveen Khanna



recyclable ones, end up in the river," said Saurabh Bhandari, a stationary shop owner in Sonia Vihar. "It's something people need to be made aware of, but the government should also offer shopkeepers an alternative to plastic bags at a lower rate."

Bhandari keeps a newspaper clipping in his shop to show customers that plastic bags are banned, but wasn't aware that all single-use plastics are banned in

Delhi as well. Around Sonia Vihar, most shop owners know about the ban but aren't convinced it's a solution. Even recyclable plastic bags or cloth bags, they say, often end up in the Yamuna.

"Wait here for a few minutes and you will see someone dumping waste in the river," said Mohammed Shamim Ahmed, who often fishes on the river.

Ahmed sometimes asks people why they choose to dump in

the river instead of places where waste is collected. "They usually reply, 'we've always disposed of our waste in the river'. That attitude needs changing," he said.

As per a study by Gurgaon's Institute of Technology and Management, the Yamuna is one of the most polluted rivers in the world, despite being the source of 70% of Delhi's water supply.

Dr Anil Kumar, director at the state environment department, said plastics enter it mostly through open drains in which people dispose of their waste. Dinesh Mohaniya, the vice-chairman of the Delhi Jal Board, claimed plastics only have a 1% share in pollution of the river. He said they have started putting a cover on open drains and routing them to sewage treatment plants.

"We began working on some of the bigger drains first and that project is near completion.

Smaller drains in unauthorised colonies are also being covered and we are routing them to our sewage treatment plants where all the floating material in the liquid waste is removed," he said.

At Okhla fruit and vegetable market, almost every vendor uses non-recyclable bags, which can be seen on the roads. Though many vendors have tried using paper bags instead, customers mostly ask for plastic ones because paper bags break easily, and other plastic options cost more.

"Plastic bags are problematic because animals eat it and die," said Jarman Paswan, a vegetable vendor. "Some are thrown in the dump or the river. But it's customers who wish to use them."

Paswan said he wouldn't mind a plastic ban because he knows the current bags aren't biodegradable, but thinks the government should provide a

cheaper and realistic alternative for vendors and shop owners.

Mohammed Saddam Qureshi, a vegetable vendor, said, "It's hard to control use of plastics here because even if someone comes with a cloth bag and buys 20 vegetables, they will want 20 different bags. The use of plastic bags will not phase out until there is a complete ban, but an alternative needs to be thought out first."

Hiten Bheda, chairman of the All India Plastic Manufacturers' Association, said a ban on plastics in Maharashtra, enforced in 2018, has proven effective: "We should not mimic what European and other western countries have done; there should be an Indian context to this. The government should define what single-use plastics are after scientific evaluation, and when they declare what the banned products are, the industry will remove them."

In Ankit Saxena murder case, proposal to appoint prosecutor stuck between 2 Delhi govt depts

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

"CHEATED" IS how the father of Ankit Saxena, killed last year by the family of a woman he was in a relationship with, said he felt.

"Main apne aap ko thaga hua mehsus karta hoon (I feel cheated)," said Yashpal Saxena, speaking to *The Indian Express* about the unkept promises made by Delhi government regarding appointment of a special public prosecutor (SPP) and compensation of Rs 5 lakh after



Ankit's father Yashpal said he feels 'cheated'

Ankit died.

The appointment of a special public prosecutor, Saxena feels, could have ensured justice for the family.

"I want SPPs as I feel the government lawyers are not being able to argue our case properly

and the accused are gaining the upper hand. I am also disappointed because having not done anything, they (the government) indulged in propaganda. Instead of healing my wounds, they turned me into a poster," Saxena said.

According to documents accessed by *The Indian Express*, the proposal for appointment of special public prosecutors in the case has been going back and forth between the Home and Law Departments of the Delhi government for over one year.

Home Minister Satyendar Jain, citing the July 4 Supreme

Court judgment on allocation of powers, recently issued a fresh order around March that senior lawyers Rebecca John and Vishal Gosain be appointed as SPPs in the case. The directions have not been followed.

Miffed with the delay, Saxena had also filed an RTI application with the L-G office to find out the status of the SPP proposal after being told that it was stuck due to jurisdictional issues. But on May 1, the L-G office responded that no such proposal was pending with it.

Ankit was murdered on February 1, 2018. His father's

appeal to not communalise the issue had received widespread praise. Later, the family had also thrown an iftar to send out a message of communal harmony.

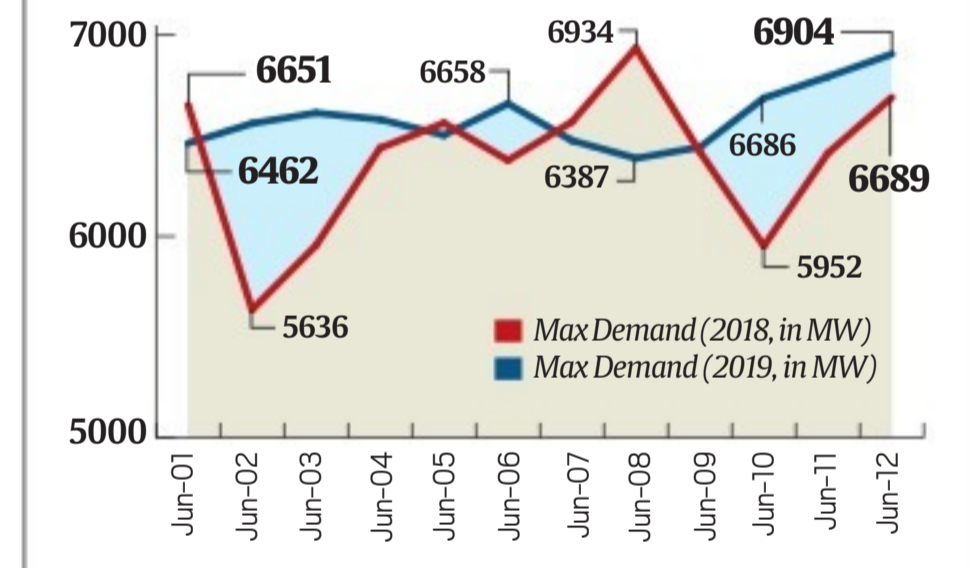
"Whatever I had said was based on principles I held dear all my life. That was not to get published in newspapers and earn accolades. And I want to live by those views till my last breath. But I have lost everything, and I have started feeling, if the accused come out and laugh at me how will I feel? I don't want the issue to be communalised," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE AAP and the Congress Wednesday shared conflicting accounts of a meeting between Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his predecessor Sheila Dikshit on the issue of power tariff in the capital. While Congress claimed that Kejriwal has "agreed to probe how crores of rupees on fixed charges were collected to benefit discoms", AAP contended that Dikshit was "unable to explain the basis of the complaint".

The Congress said Dikshit demanded that the amount be either returned or adjusted against future bills. However, AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj

Sheila, CM talk power tariffs



said Dikshit was unable to share the basis of her calculations.

Meanwhile, Delhi's peak power demand touched 6,904

MW Wednesday, the season's highest. BSES officials expect peak power demand to touch 7,400 MW this year.

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TOUGH TIMES

FOLLOWING ITS dismal show in the Lok Sabha election, the CPM now seems to be facing more trouble. Not only is the party's national party status under question, but it may also lose its office in Parliament House. According to sources, its office on the third floor of Parliament House — room Number 135 —, which has been its address in Parliament for decades, may be taken away as its strength has come down drastically. The CPM has won just three seats in Lok Sabha and currently has five MPs in the Upper House. In 2014 too, when it won nine seats, there was a threat of the party losing the office, but it was able to retain it because of the stature of its leader Sitaram Yechury, who was then a member of Rajya Sabha, but was later denied a third term by the party. Now that the party does not have any leader of high stature in the Houses, it may not be lucky, said sources.

COURTESY CALLS

FORMER PRIME Minister Deve Gowda, who lost the Lok Sabha elections, was in the national capital this week to meet Congress president Rahul Gandhi. The meeting, party insiders say, was a courtesy call, where election results were also discussed. But it was not just the senior Gowda who is meeting senior politicians. His grandson, Nikhil Gowda, who made a debut in this election and lost from Mandya, visited newly elected Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy at his residence. And Reddy had a piece of advice for Nikhil: to continue working for the constituency despite the defeat.

A NEW LINK

THAT THE Election Commission is keen on linking Aadhaar with voter IDs is well-known. But before approaching the government with the proposal to amend the Representation of the People Act (to facilitate mandatory linking), the Commission had sought legal opinion on the feasibility of the proposal from a retired Supreme Court judge. The retired judge is learnt to have tendered a favourable opinion in the matter and told the Commission that linking Aadhaar with voter ID is one of the best ways to weed out bogus voters and illegal immigrants.

New legislation on triple talaq among 10 Bills to get Cabinet nod

Cabinet approves extension of President's Rule in J&K by six more months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE NEW Union Cabinet met for the second time on Wednesday and gave its nod to introduce ten Bills in the upcoming session of Parliament, most of them to replace existing ordinances.

One of the most prominent and controversial bills that got the Cabinet's approval was the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 to criminalise the practice of Triple Talaq or Talaq-e-biddat. The Bill will replace the ordinance brought in by the government in February. It was the third such ordinance that the previous government had brought in within a year after a Bill introduced by them could not clear Parliament.

The government managed to get the Bill passed in Lok Sabha in December. But in Rajya Sabha, where BJP and its allies did not have the numbers, the Bill was stalled by the Opposition, which disrupted proceedings of the House over the Rafale deal. After the 16th Lok Sabha dissolved on completion of its term, the Bill lapsed.

This was the Cabinet's last meeting before the next session



Union minister Prakash Javadekar at a press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. Anil Sharma

of Parliament, which begins Monday.

Announcing the Bill, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, said it is needed for "gender equality and gender justice" and he hoped that the Bill will be passed in Upper House too this time as the government has "accommodated the views of the Opposition" and have made changes to the previous Bill.

In another significant decision, the cabinet agreed to extend the President's Rule in

Jammu and Kashmir by six more months — the current term comes to an end on July 2, 2019.

The other decisions regarding legislative business included approval of Bills to replace ordinances regarding reservation of faculty in universities, extension of 3 per cent reservation available to people living along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir to people living in villages along the International Boundary too in the state, and the amendment to the Aadhaar Act to make it a legitimate KYC document for certain private organisations.

The Cabinet also approved The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill, 2019 that will consider College or a University as one unit for reservations and also extend reservation to Economically Weaker Sections. The 200-point system that the Bill proposes, which had existed earlier too, was scrapped when the Allahabad High Court struck it down in 2017 and the Supreme Court upheld the verdict in March 2018. The government had brought in an ordinance to nullify the Supreme Court order, and the Bill seeks to replace it.

Another Bill that was approved is titled the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which essentially seeks to make Aadhaar a valid identity document to be used in banks and for mobile sim cards as it allows the use of Aadhaar number for authentication on voluntary basis as an acceptable KYC document under the Telegraph Act, 1885 and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

The Cabinet meeting on Wednesday afternoon was followed by a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers. Javadekar said that such meetings are routine.

BJP names Rajnath deputy leader in LS, Goyal in RS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

WITH PRIME Minister Narendra Modi already named the leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party, the ruling party on Wednesday announced the nomination of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal as its deputy leaders in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, respectively. The announcement followed a direction to this effect by Modi and BJP president Amit Shah.

The party had earlier announced the appointment of Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thawar Chand Gehlot as its leader in the Rajya Sabha. Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley held this post in the previous government.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi will be the government's chief whip and the two ministers of state in his ministry, Arjun Ram Meghwal (Lok Sabha) and V Muraleedharan (Rajya Sabha) will be deputy whips. The BJP chief whips are Sanjay Jaiswal (Lok Sabha) and

Narayan Lal Panchari (Rajya Sabha). The secretaries are Ganesh Singh (Lok Sabha) and Bhupendra Yadav (Rajya Sabha). Gopal Shetty is the new treasurer of the parliamentary party. There are a total of 24 whips, 18 for the Lower House and the rest for the Rajya Sabha. They include four women.

The special invitees from Lok Sabha to the BJP's parliamentary party executive are Nitin Gadkari, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Smriti Irani, Arjun Munda, Narendra Singh Tomar and Jai Oram. The list of special invitees includes J P Nadda, Om Prakash Mathur, Nirmala Sitharaman, Dharmendra Pradhan and Prakash Javadekar.

BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya has been re-appointed as in-charge of the party's parliamentary office and Balasubrahmanyam Kumarsu as the secretary.

The first meeting of the executive has been scheduled for June 16 at 3.30 pm, a day before the 17th Lok Sabha meets. The government has also convened an all-party meeting that day in the morning, which will be chaired by Prime Minister Modi.

Rahul will remain Cong chief: Surjewala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

RAHUL GANDHI was, is, and will remain the Congress president, chief spokesperson of the party Randeep Surjewala said on Wednesday, ending the speculation triggered by Gandhi's insistence to quit the post for the time being.

Surjewala's assertion came after an informal meeting presided by former Union minister A K Antony, in which senior Congress leaders discussed the party's strategy and preparations for the Assembly elections in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand and Maharashtra later this year.

Gandhi had offered to quit as the party chief during a May 25 meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), which was

called to analyse the party's poor performance in the Lok Sabha polls, in which it managed to win just 52 seats.

The CWC had unanimously rejected his offer to quit but Gandhi was apparently firm on his stand.

"Rahulji was, is and will remain the Congress president. We have no doubt about it," Surjewala told reporters, when asked about the situation arising out of Gandhi's offer to resign.

Senior Congress leaders Ahmed Patel, Mallikarjun Kharge, Ghulam Nabi Azad, P Chidambaram, KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Anand Sharma and Surjewala were present at the meeting chaired by Antony.

All the leaders present at the meeting were members of the party's core group, which was formed for the Lok Sabha polls.

BENGAL POST-POLL VIOLENCE

Governor calls meet of major parties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JUNE 12

AS THE post-poll violence continues unabated in Bengal, Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi has called for a meeting of four major political parties at Raj Bhawan on Thursday, to ensure prevalence of peace in the state. The move from the Governor comes days after he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah and apprised them of the present law and order situation here.

"In the context of reported incidents of post-poll violence in the state, Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi has convened a meeting of four major political parties in West Bengal which will be useful in creating a harmonious situation whereby peace and harmony prevails in the State for the benefit of the citizens," said a release issued by Governor's press secretary.

"The meeting will be held at Rajbhavan on 13/06/2019 at 4 pm. The invitees are Dr. Partha Chatterjee (AITMC), Dilip Ghosh (BJP), Dr. Surjyakanto Mishra (CPM) and Soumendra Nath Mitra (Congress)," it read.

The BJP welcomed the Governor's move and said its leaders will attend the meeting. "The Governor has played his role as the constitutional guardian of the state by convening the meeting. Our leaders will definitely attend it. We will place our statements before him," said West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh. The TMC will also attend the meeting.

"Yes, the Governor has invited us for the meeting and our representative will attend it. There is no problem in that," said TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee.

Responding to a query on this, Abhishek said, "I will place my question before the

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Not the first time Governor has stepped in

THIS IS not the first time Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi has decided to intervene. In 2017, he had stepped in and spoken to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee after a riot broke out at Baduria. The Chief Minister had then accused him of speaking like a BJP leader. Since then, the relationship between the state government and the Governor has remained strained.

Governor of Uttar Pradesh that why should not President's Rule be imposed there after 25 Yadavs were killed and a two-year-old girl was raped and killed? Journalists are being beaten up and arrested there. So, if President's Rule is needed in Bengal, then it is also needed in Uttar Pradesh. There is a demand for this because the people of Bengal have not bowed their heads before the Centre."

Commenting on the role of the Governor, Abhishek further said, "I respect the post of the Governor...A Governor is someone who should be representing the right picture of the state to the authorities concerned at the Centre. I would have appreciated if it would have taken place that way."



Police put up barricades as BJP workers protest march in Kolkata on Wednesday. Partha Paul

BJP workers, police clash during protest rally

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JUNE 12

BJP'S MARCH to Lalbazar on Wednesday turned violent after party workers clashed with the police, forcing the latter to use tear gas shells and water cannons to disperse the crowd from the area. Nearly 15 BJP workers, including party leaders Mukul Roy and Raju Banerjee, were injured during the clash.

As many as 10 injured party workers, including Banerjee, were admitted to a hospital. Roy's condition was declared to be stable.

To protest against the ongoing post-poll violence across Bengal, the BJP had planned a march from Wellington area to Lalbazar (city police headquarters). However, the march turned violent at several places, including BB Ganguly Street, GC Avenue and Bentinck Street, as BJP workers tried to push through the barricades put up by the police to prevent them from marching towards Lalbazar.

According to police, some BJP workers pelted them with bricks and stones, forcing them to retaliate with tear gas shells and water cannons. At BB Ganguly Street, the police resorted to mild lathicharge to disperse the protesters, who were raising slogans.

"BJP workers tried to break the barricades and pelted us with bricks. We had to retaliate to stop them," said a senior police officer of Kolkata Police. Over a 100 party workers were detained, but were immediately released after BJP leaders called off their protest.

The BJP leadership, however, claimed that none of the party workers were involved in stone pelting and alleged that police used tear gas shells and water cannons on a peaceful procession.

BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya along with party president Dilip Ghosh and other senior leaders held a sit-in demonstration at the Bowbazar-Central Avenue Crossing to protest against the police. Later, they withdrew their sit-in.

10 Cong MLAs wanted to merge with our party, but it was rejected: Goa BJP chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, JUNE 12

CALLING Congress's allegations of poaching Opposition MLAs baseless, Goa BJP president Vinay Tendulkar claimed it was Congress MLAs who wanted to merge the legislative unit of the Opposition party into the BJP.

"From our side, we do not want to destabilise any party. 23 MLAs are enough to run the party. Earlier, 10 Congress MLAs had come to merge the party with the BJP. But the central leadership had rejected the plan. We clearly said no," Tendulkar told reporters in a press meet called at BJP party headquarters in Panaji. He even chose to sum the political mood across parties - adding that nationwide every-

one wants to join BJP as "they believe that the BJP is going to be in power for the next 25 years".

Earlier in the week, Congress president Girish Chodankar had called a press meet to say the BJP was offering "package deals" to Opposition MLAs, which forced BJP to call the press meet. Tendulkar said the details that emerge from the Opposition camp are all speculative, with the BJP high command having a clear word on who to merge in the BJP. "For now the high command has rejected any such proposals," he repeated.

The state government finally meanwhile began functioning with the new chief minister taking charge and a cabinet looking at administrative matters, with the monsoon Assembly announced to begin from July 15.

MINING PLAN IN DANTEWADA

SDM asks tribal protesters to disperse or face action

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR, JUNE 12

AS THOUSANDS of tribals continue to protest against mining at deposit number 12 at Dantewada's Bailadila iron ore mines, saying the hill that is to be mined is home to their deity, the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) has issued a notice, asking protesters to vacate the site by 12 am on Thursday. The SDM has threatened to "take legal action and clear the premises" and added that protesters would be responsible for the consequences.



Tribals protest in Kirandul against iron ore mining in a hill they call their god

MP Deepak Baij met Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Tuesday. Following this, the state government announced a probe

into the cutting of trees in the area. It also said that the villagers' allegation that no gram sabha gave permission for the mining would

be probed. Baij shared this with the Jan Sangharsh Samiti spearheading the protest. The Samiti refused to call off the protests and said protesters would camp at the site till the inquiry was completed.

The SDM's notice says that "all demands were met" on June 11 and a stay has been ordered on all activities on deposit number 13. Despite this, it says, the spot has not been cleared and adds that this "can affect the peace and law and order of the area".

Deposit number 13 is owned by NCL, an NMDC-CMDC joint venture. The contract to mine the hill has been given to Adani Enterprises Limited. The tribals believe that on the hill lived

Pithormeta, the wife of Nandraj, a deity that lives in Bailadila hills with his wife and daughters Ilometa and Parometa.

On Tuesday, Raju Bhaskar of the Samiti said, "They have announced a stay on work, but there is no promise it will never start again. They are saying they don't have power to stop it completely. When the state has 49 per cent stake, why can't they pull that out? We want finality that our gods will not be touched."

Speaking to *The Indian Express* after the SDM's order, Bhaskar said, "How is it that we are causing any harm to the public? All we want is that the MoU be rescinded by the state government."

Chhattisgarh Cabinet expands scope, ambit of welfare schemes

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR, JUNE 12

IN THE first Cabinet meeting since the chastening outcome in the Lok Sabha polls for the Congress, the state government on Wednesday announced a slew of measures which include widening both the scope of the Public Distribution Service and the Right To Education (RTE), as well as widening the ambit of the loan waiver that was put into effect after the Bhupesh baghel government took over.

Baghel has also written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to include Chhattisgarh Forest Rights Acts

leaseholders under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

Ministers Ravindra Choubey and Mohammad Akbar said even though short term loans have been waived, several account holders have not been able to avail them owing to non-performing bank accounts. Therefore, the state government has decided to pay fifty per cent of this amount, which amounts of half of the 1,175 crore outstanding amounts due. This will help farmers with these accounts avail of loans in the future, they said.

The Cabinet also decided to extend the purview of rations cards from the existing 58 lakh

families to 65 lakh families "from the point of view of food security". Now, those who come under the upper income bracket of the scheme will be given rice at Rs 10 per kilo, while existing beneficiaries and those Below Poverty Line (BPL) will continue to get it at Re 1 per kilo. Under the new distribution system, an individual ration card holder will be eligible to get 10 kg, a family of two can get 20 kg, and those families with 3-5 people can get 35 kg. If there are more than 5 people in the family under the ration card, then they will be given 7 kg of extra rice per extra member in the family, a state government release said.



NORTH

Two minor sisters gang raped by four men at gunpoint

Muzaffarnagar: Two minor sisters were allegedly gang raped by four men at gunpoint on Tuesday evening, police said. According to a complaint, the sisters aged 13 and 15 years were raped at Kaserwa village while they went to look for their mother near a sugarcane field, Superintendent of Police

(Rural) Alok Sharma said on Wednesday. The four men allegedly threatened to shoot the girls if they cried for help or revealed the incident. They have been booked and efforts are underway to nab the accused, Sharma said. Many incidents of rape of minors have been reported in Uttar Pradesh in recent weeks. **PTI**



Ganga Arti being held on the occasion of 'Ganga Dussehra' in Varanasi, on Wednesday. **PTI**

EAST

Maoists set ablaze tendu leaves stock worth Rs 9 crore

Gariaband: Maoists set ablaze stock of tendu leaves worth around Rs 9 crore kept in a godown of the forest department in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district, an official said Wednesday. The incident took place late Tuesday night in Nawamuda village, around 150 km from Raipur, divi-

sional forest officer J R Bhagat said. Tendu leaves are used for making bidis. As per preliminary information, over a dozen armed Maoists, reached the village where the forest department has three godowns. After holding three guards hostage, they set the stock on fire. **PTI**

WEST

Pedestrian dies as cladding falls on him at Churchgate

Mumbai: A pedestrian died after a portion of a cladding fell on him at Churchgate railway station here on Wednesday, officials said. Madhukar Narvekar (62) was passing through Churchgate station building when a part of the 81 ft x 54 ft mural of Mahatma Gandhi, fell on him, a railway official said. Narvekar was injured on his

head and chest. He was rushed to a nearby hospital but succumbed to injuries. The cladding was part of the 81 ft x 54 ft mural of Mahatma Gandhi, installed in November 2017 at the station building, the official said. In October last year, four persons were killed after a 40-foot tall hoarding collapsed in Pune. **PTI**

SOUTH

CM to help woman wrongly diagnosed with cancer

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan Wednesday assured all help to a woman who was "wrongly" diagnosed with cancer and subjected to chemotherapy at a government medical college hospital at Kottayam. The woman, hailing from the hospital on February 28. **PTI**

tal on the basis of a report from a private laboratory where her sample was tested. State Health minister K K Shailaja had earlier ordered an inquiry into the matter. According to the woman, she had undergone treatment at the general surgery department of the hospital on February 28. **PTI**

Rajiv Gandhi assassination case: Nalini wants to argue for first parole in 27 years

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JUNE 12

NALINI, WHO is serving a life sentence in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, may soon get a chance to argue in person her pending demand for a six-month parole to make arrangements for her daughter's marriage. Her daughter, who was born in jail, has completed her higher studies and lives with her grandparents abroad. Nalini is also preparing to file a writ petition, seeking the court's direction to the Governor to approve a state cabinet decision for the release of all seven convicts in the assassination case. On Tuesday, Madras High Court directed the Tamil Nadu government to explain why she be not permitted to appear in



Nalini

person to argue the parole petition. "We cannot deny her right to appear in person to argue her case," the division bench of Justice M M Sundaresh and M Nirmal Kumar said and asked the state government to respond on June 18. The court has also said special arrangements can be made for her appearance, if necessary, with regard to transportation

Gujarat braces for Vayu, 2.15 lakh people evacuated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, SURAT, NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE STATE government undertook a massive evacuation drive on Wednesday across 10 districts as "very severe" cyclonic storm Vayu inched closer to the Gujarat coast and is expected to make landfall between Dwarka and Veraval by Thursday afternoon.

Army columns, NDRF personnel, IAF helicopters and 300 marine commandoes were deployed for rescue and relief operations, while flight operations from five airports were suspended.

Around three lakh people were being shifted to safer places from Kutch, Morbi, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Devbhoomi-Dwarka, Porbandar, Rajkot, Amreli, Bhavnagar and Gir-Somnath districts, which are expected to bear the brunt of the cyclone, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said after a review meeting with officials on Wednesday. As a precautionary measure, holiday has been declared for schools, colleges and anganwadis on June 12 and June 13 in these 10 districts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi advised people in his home state to follow real-time information to stay safe. "Praying for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by Cyclone Vayu. The government and local agencies are providing real-time information, which I urge those in affected areas to closely follow," Modi said in a tweet.

Pankaj Kumar, additional chief secretary, revenue department, said as per the latest forecast, the cyclone is "likely to cross



NDRF members inside an IAF C-17 aircraft as it lands in Jamnagar, Gujarat, Wednesday. The team will carry out relief and rescue missions for those affected by Cyclone Vayu. **PTI**

Gujarat coast between Dwarka and Veraval as a very severe cyclonic storm with wind speeds 155-165 kmph around afternoon of June 13, 2019".

Flights suspended

The Airports Authority of India suspended flight operations at its airports in Porbandar, Diu, Bhavnagar, Keshod and Kandla for 24 hours from Wednesday midnight.

Equipment and heavy machinery were moved to safety at respective airports and the Airport Directors of AAI's Bhuj and Jamnagar Airports were asked to write to the Indian Air Force (IAF) to suspend operations of civil flights from these two airports. A decision on suspending operations at AAI's Surat Airport will be taken after analysing the weather, a statement from the AAI said.

Forces on alert

The Army has deployed 11 columns in the coastal areas of the state, including all district headquarters of Jamnagar, Gir Somnath, Devbhoomi-Dwarka, Junagadh, Porbandar, Morbi, Bhavnagar, Amreli and Rajkot. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has also deployed nine helicopters at nodal points in the state for relief and rescue operations. It has also stationed a "highly mobile radar" in Gandhinagar. "The IAF helicopters have been stationed at air bases at Jamnagar, Vadodra and Ahmedabad," Kumar said.

Apart from this, 47 NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) teams will be part of rescue and relief operations. Over 152 NDRF personnel and eight tonnes of equipment were flown by C-17 Globemaster aircraft of the IAF from Arakkonam and an-

other aircraft carried 154 NDRF personnel and six tonne of equipment from Patna. These aircraft landed at the Jamnagar air base. "Apart from the NDRF, nine teams of SDRF (State Disaster Response Force), two companies of Border Security Force (deployed in Kutch), 14 companies of SRP (State Reserve Police) and 300 marine commandos have been deployed," Kumar said. The IAS officer also said over 10,400 tourists were shifted from the state.

Train services to be hit

The Railways has cancelled 70 trains and will short terminate 28 others due to Cyclone Vayu, the Western Railways said Wednesday. Considering the alertness for Cyclone Vayu over Gujarat, the Western Railway has decided to fully cancel operation of 70 mainline trains, while 28 other mainline trains will be short-terminated with partial cancellation as a precautionary measure. In the state, operations will be stopped beyond Rajkot.

The Western Railway will run relief special trains, two of which are scheduled to be run in Rajkot division and one in Bhavnagar division to evacuate passengers from coastal areas.

Apart from this, 80 teams from the Roads and Buildings (R&B) department of the state government have been stationed at different places to clear obstructions on the roads. High-pressure de-watering pumps have also been stationed.

In South Gujarat, the local administration has warned people against visiting beaches like Suwali and Dumas in Surat, Dandi and Ubhat in Navsari and Tithal in Valsad district.



Prashant Kanojia after his release in Lucknow. **Vishal Srivastava**

'OBJECTIONABLE REMARKS ON YOGI'

Kanojia walks out of Lucknow jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 12

JOURNALIST PRASHANT KANOJIA, who was arrested on June 8 for allegedly making "objectionable remarks" against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on social media, was released from Lucknow district jail on bail Wednesday.

Kanojia was lodged in the jail since his arrest on June 8. An FIR was lodged against him at the Lucknow's Hazratganj police station.

"Bail application of Prashant Kanojia was moved on Wednesday in the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (Ayodhya Prakaran) Sanjay Kumar along with the Supreme Court order. The court granted bail to Prashant Kanojia and directed him to submit two sureties of Rs 20,000 each and a personal bond of same amount," said Prashant's lawyer, A B Solomon.

He added, "After formalities were completed, the court ordered release of Prashant Kanojia."

Lucknow district jail

Superintendent P N Pandey said, "Prashant was released Wednesday following directives from the court."

On Tuesday, while hearing Kanojia's wife Jagisha Arora's petition for writ of habeas, the Supreme Court ordered immediate release of Prashant Kanojia on bail on condition to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Chief Judicial Magistrate.

The court had termed Kanojia's arrest "excessive" but made it clear that its order for his release on bail should not be read as approval of his social media posts. The journalist had allegedly shared on Twitter and Facebook a video clip in which a woman is seen speaking to reporters outside the CM's office in Lucknow.

An FIR was registered against Kanojia at the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow on Friday, alleging that the accused made "objectionable comments against the CM and tried to malign his image". Kanojia was arrested the next day from his east Delhi home and a Lucknow court remanded him in judicial custody till June 22.

(WITHPTIINPUTS)

NIA raids IS suspects allegedly in touch with Lanka bomber

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency on Wednesday conducted raids at multiple locations in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, including the residences of six suspected Islamic State operatives who may have been in touch with the Easter Sunday Sri Lanka bombing mastermind Zahran Hashim. The agency had registered a case against the six on May 30. Later in the day, they put one of the operatives - Mohammed Azarudeen (32) - under arrest.

The suspects are all residents of Coimbatore. Aside from Azarudeen, who the agency claims was the mastermind of the group, the others have been identified as Akram Sindhaa (26), Y. Sheik Hidayathullah (38), Abubacker M (29), Sadham Hussain A (26) and Ibrahim alias Shahin Shah (28).

According to NIA officials, Azaruddin had started a Facebook page called "KhilafahGFX" through which he

propagated IS ideology.

"Accused Mohammed Azarudeen has been a Facebook friend of Sri Lankan suicide bomber Zahran Hashim and other members of the module have also been sharing radical content attributed to Zahran Hashim, over social media," an NIA statement said. Hashim's attack in the neighbouring country killed more than 250 people.

The agency also claimed that Shahin Shah was a close associate of Riyas Abubacker who was arrested last month by the NIA from Kerala for being in possession of Hashim's videos and for keeping in touch with 22 youngsters who had fled to Afghanistan from Kasargod and Palakkad in Kerala to join IS.

The raiding team recovered 14 mobile phones, 29 SIM cards, 10 pen drives, three laptops, six memory cards, four hard drives, one internet dongle and 13 CDs/DVDs besides one dagger, one electric baton, 300 air-gun pellets and several incriminating documents. They also claimed to have also recovered "PFI/SDMI pamphlets".



The team members were dropped close to the crash site by Mi17 and ALH helicopters on Wednesday. Officials said they would camp overnight due to weather and terrain.

Mountaineers' team still to reach An-32 crash site

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 12

A TEAM of 15 mountaineers on its way to the wreckage of the Indian Air Force's (IAF) An-32 aircraft, which went missing with 13 persons on board, could not reach the crash site on Wednesday.

The wreckage was spotted on Tuesday on a hill slope in a remote location close to the China border in Arunachal Pradesh.

"They are yet to reach the crash site due to inclement weather and terrain. Team will be camping overnight due to difficult terrain and weather, and will close in to the crash site tomorrow," said IAF PRO Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh.

Earlier in the day, the team members - comprising nine persons from the IAF mountaineering team, four from the Army, and two civilian mountaineers - were dropped close to the crash site by Mi17 and ALH helicopters.

From there, they had to trek to the crash site. The civilian mountaineers are Taka Tamut and Kison Tekseng, who scaled Mount Everest in 2018.

The An-32 took off from Assam's Jorhat on June 3 for the Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground in Shi Yomi district. It lost contact with the ground staff half-an-hour after take-off.



The wreckage of the IAF An-32 on an Arunachal hillside. **ANI**

On Tuesday, IAF had said a Mi-17 helicopter on the search operation spotted the wreckage 16 km north of Lipo, northeast of Tatu at an approximate elevation of 12,000 ft. The location lies near the border of Siang and Shi Yomi districts.

Mito Dirchi, Deputy Commissioner of Shi Yomi, told *The Indian Express*, "To access the location where the wreckage has been spotted is very difficult. It is mountainous, densely forested and dotted with deep gorges. There are no roads and no communication. There is reported presence of tigers and bears. If someone has to hike to the wreckage from the base of the mountains, it would not be possible in less than seven days."

Hamirpur illegal mining case: CBI raids Prajapati's residences

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday conducted searches at 22 locations in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi-NCR in connection with its probe into an alleged mining scam during the Akhilesh Yadav regime in UP. The agency is probing Yadav's role and that of his then minister Gayatri Prajapati in connection with the case.

Among the locations searched were three residences owned by Prajapati in Amethi, sources CBI officials familiar with developments.

As many as 11 locations in Hamirpur, two in Delhi and one in Ghaziabad were also raided, they added.

Prajapati held the mining portfolio for a while in the Akhilesh government and is considered an influential Samajwadi Party (SP) leader.

He is currently in jail in connection with a rape case filed by a woman who claimed he exploited her under the pretext of helping her with a mining lease.

He was arrested in 2017. Yadav, who was UP's CM between 2012 and 2017, also held the mining portfolio during 2012-13.

Searches were also conducted at the residence of a former Samajwadi Party MP Ghanshyam Anuragi in Jalaun. Anuragi was a member of the 15th Lok Sabha from Jalaun.

"It was alleged that public servants, in criminal conspiracy with other accused, allowed illegal mining of Minor Minerals in District Hamirpur (UP) during the period 2012-2016," CBI spokesperson Nitin Wakankar said.

He said the accused had illegally granted fresh leases for mining sand, renewed existing leases and permitted obstructed periods to existing lease holders causing wrongful loss to the government exchequer and undue gain for themselves.

This is the third FIR in the case registered by the CBI on January 2, 2019, nearly two-and-a-half years after the agency was directed by the Allahabad High Court to investigate the matter.

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APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2019



RailTel A tree plantation drive was organized in Corporate & all Regional Offices of RailTel. Also, a meeting of all top-level executives of RailTel was held to discuss & chalk a road map to conserve more energy in day to day office functioning.



NR The Environment and House Keeping Wing under the aegis of the Mechanical Dept at the Northern Railway HQ office, Baroda House held several activities to make the employees aware and conscious of their responsibilities.



MoU-PFC PFC has signed a performance-based MoU with Ministry of Power detailing various targets to be achieved by PFC during FY 2019-20. The MoU has been signed by AK Bhalla, Secy (Power), Gol and R Sharma, CMD, PFC.



INSPECTION-NR Suresh Angadi, MoS Railways conducted a surprise inspection of Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station recently. Manoj Tiwari, MP, North East Delhi was also accompanied him during the inspection.



NHPC On the occasion of World Environment Day, a plantation programme was organized at its Corporate Office wherein B Joshi, CMD, NHPC, R Kumar, Dir (Projects), N.K. Jain, Dir (Personnel) and M.K. Mittal, Dir (Finance) planted saplings.



GSL World Environment Day was celebrated with full enthusiasm and vigor at Goa Shipyard Ltd. Sudhakar T.N., Offg. CMD, GSL, senior officials, CISF team and staff participated in plantation drive towards green environment.



INDIANOIL In his message for World Environment Day, B V Rama Gopal, Dir (Refineries) urged IOCIans to pledge individual & collective commitment to minimize the impact of our actions on the environment.



NALCO To mark World Environment Day, mass plantation drives were undertaken at the company's units & offices. At Bhubaneswar, Dr. TK Chand, CMD, NALCO, formally launched the plantation drive.



AGM-SCOPE

The 45th AGM of the Governing Council of SCOPE was held in SCOPE Convention Centre which was attended by R Kumar, Chairman, SCOPE & CMD, NLC India Ltd, K Rungta, VC, SCOPE & CMD, FACT and Dr. U.D. Choubey, DG, SCOPE.



INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR- NBT

India has been designated as the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair), Mexico (30 Nov to 8 Dec 2019) - the largest book fair in the Spanish speaking world.

CEL has crossed land mark level of Rs 1,000 Cr order book across its business verticals including Solar Photovoltaic, Railway Safety & Signaling equipment, Strategic Electronics and integrated Security & Surveillance systems. CEL has pioneered Solar Photovoltaic in the country and has many notable mile stones to its credit. It today carries orders of over Rs 800 crores including Solar Power Plants, Solar Street Lights, Solar Water Pumping across more than 10 states in the country. CEL has installed 32 Nos Solar Power Plants aggregating to 24MWp across various districts in Maharashtra in recent times and is executing orders for over 75000 street lights in various states, under Atal Jyoti Yojna.

IFCI Social Foundation (ISF) has associated with Yanam Old Age Home to construct a building exclusively for girl orphans. ISF has also sponsored a mobile truck to supply food to approximately 1000 poor people daily at cost of Rs.5 per beneficiary at fixed points through this truck.

OBC has decided to decrease its Lending rates based on Marginal Cost of Fund based Lending rate (MCLR) by 05 bps to 10 bps across various tenors effective from 11.06.2019.

BHEL Against stiff competition, BHEL has secured a prestigious order for the erection work of upcoming 2x1000 MWe TG island Units 3&4 at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project in Tamil Nadu being set up with foreign cooperation (Russia). Valued at over Rs.440 Cr, the order has been placed on BHEL by NPCIL.



MEET- FINANCE COMMISSION

NK Singh, Chairperson, Finance Commission calls on Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs at her office in North Block recently.

APPOINTMENTS

AAI B.K. Mehrotra took over the charge as ED-KID Group, AAI on June 1. As ED (KID), he has undertaken corporate level responsibilities for development of infrastructure at various airports run by AAI through Public Private Participation.



MHA A 22-member women contingent of SSB will be deployed for UN Peace Keeping Mission in Civil war stricken Democratic Republic of Congo on 18th June, 2019 as part of the Rapid deployable Battalion of Indian Army. The UN is seeking deployment of a Female Engagement Team (FET) in UN Missions as part of its gender parity/sensitization initiative. The Female Officers will conduct patrolling & engage with women for gaining trust of local people. They will also make the Civic Action Programmes more meaningful.

RLDA Ved Parkash Dudeja, IRSE has been appointed as VC, RLDA, on permanent absorption basis by the Ministry of Railway, Railway Board. He is an alumnus of Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, having done his graduation in Civil Engineering & post graduation in Structures from there. He is a 1986 batch IRSE officer having worked in various capacities over Northeast Frontier Railway, NR, IRCON Int'l Ltd. & Railway Board. He is having a rich experience of implementation of mega infrastructure projects of Indian Railways and Delhi Metro.



PROMOTION

BSF S S Chahar, VSM, Inspector General, BSF has been promoted to the rank of Addl. DG in the Force and has been posted to prestigious BSF Academy at Tekanpur, Gwalior. Officer joined the BSF as Asst. Commandant Direct Entry in 1983 and throughout has got an unblemished record of service while serving the nation on all Frontiers of the BSF, holding varied portfolios.



EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Kiran (along with her girl **Name:** Yashvi@Chee D/o Sh. Devender, **Age:** 3 years, **Height:** 2', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Identification:** Old Metal coin wearing on neck, **Wearing:** Red colour Top & Blue jeans pant & Bare footed), S/o Sh. Vashi Lal, R/o H.No. B-594, Gali No. 10, Mangolpuri, Delhi, **Age:** 28 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, **Build:** Thin, **Identification:** Deep & Dump having tattoo mark of "Kiran", **Wearing:** White printed t-shirt & Green Cafree, has been missing from Shyam Ghat, Bank of Yamuna River, Timarpur, Delhi since 23.09.2018 from the area of P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 52-A, dated 24.09.2018 has been registered at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Website: http://cbi.nic.in **P.S. Timarpur, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph. 011-23812734, 8750870129**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/9227/N/18**

कार्यालय नगर निगम, सोनीपत

सार्वजनिक सूचना
नगर निगम, सोनीपत की सीमा में स्थित हर खास व आम को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर सुधार मंडल की स्कीम नं. 3 में डी.टी.पी. की ड्राईन नं. 7.18/91 दिनांक 01.04.1991 द्वारा रिहायशी 74 प्लॉटों में से 9 प्लॉट अलाट किए गए थे। अब नगर सुधार मंडल, नगर निगम, सोनीपत में सम्मिलित हो चुका है। उपरोक्त स्कीम की बाबा धाम के निकट लगभग 20531 वर्ग गज भूमि पड़ी है, उस पर सरकार की नियमानुसार अनुमति लेकर नगर निगम, सोनीपत द्वारा लगभग 3655 वर्ग गज भूमि पर सामुदायिक भवन, लगभग 7118 वर्ग गज भूमि पर पार्क विकसित तथा 5158 वर्ग गज भूमि पर सोलिड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट हेतु विकसित करना चाहता है। जिसमें उपरोक्त 9 प्लॉट धारकों को उतने ही क्षेत्रफल के प्लॉट सब्जीमंडी के साथ लगती रिहायशी स्कीम नं. डी.टी.पी.(एस)/788/94 अनुसार प्लॉट नगर निगम, सोनीपत नियमानुसार स्थानांतरण करेगा। इस संबंध में किसी आम/खास जन का कोई सुझाव या आपत्ति है तो प्रकाशन की तिथि से 15 दिन के अंदर-अंदर अधीक्षक, रेट एवं लीज शाखा (कमरा नं. 8), नगर निगम, सोनीपत में लिखित में दर्ज कराया सकता है। निश्चित अवधि में प्राप्त आपत्ति व सुझाव प्राप्ति उपरांत व सुझाव/आपत्ति न होने की सूत्र में नगर निगम सोनीपत द्वारा जन्हित में निर्णय लेकर आगामी कार्यवाही अमल में लाई जाएगी।

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नगर निगम, सोनीपत।

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कार्यालय वनमंडलाधिकारी, सामान्य वनमंडल

महासमुन्द (छ.ग.)
Ph: (07723) 222084, Fax:- 222084 - E-mail- dfomahasamund@rediffmail.com

निविदा सूचना
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है, कि वनमंडलाधिकारी सामान्य वनमंडल, महासमुन्द, छ.ग. द्वारा वन काष्ठगार, थिथौरा में स्वीकृत सोलर स्ट्रीट लाईट निर्माण कार्य हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिस हेतु विस्तृत निविदा प्रपत्र एवं आवश्यक शर्तें अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय से सूचना प्रकाशन के 30 दिवस के भीतर या दिनांक 10.07.2019 को समय दोपहर 12.00 तक 1,00,00/- का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट/नगद शुल्क जो वनमंडलाधिकारी, सामान्य वनमंडल, महासमुन्द के नाम से देय हो, जमा कर पूर्ण आवेदन के साथ प्रस्तुत करने पर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। प्रथम बार में निविदा दिनांक 10.07.2019 को कार्यालयीन समय 01.00 बजे तक जमा किया जावेगा एवं 03.00 बजे खोली जावेगी। किसी भी प्रकार के विवाद की स्थिति में प्रथम निविदा असफल होने पर निविदा की द्वितीय तिथि 20.07.2019 को 03.00 बजे निर्धारित की जाती है।

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वनमंडलाधिकारी,
सामान्य वनमंडल, महासमुन्द

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KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION		
e-Tender Notice		
E-Tender ID	Items	Bid submission end date
2019_KSRTC_281223_1	HIRING OF SINGLE AXLE 12 Mtr AC Buses (diesel fuelled) on WET LEASE-25nos	01.07.2019 06:00 PM

For more details visit:
www.ctenders.kerala.gov.in & www.keralartc.com/tenders/purchase
Ph.No.0471-2471011 Extn: 252312
Date: 12.06.2019 (Sd/-) Chairman & Managing Director

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites Open tender through E-tendering system on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender from Advertising Agencies in prescribed proforma to permit three years contract of sole advertising right for commercial publicity at Gomtinagar Station of Lucknow Division, payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net banking or payment gateway.

Details of Trains & Tender notice no. Reserve Price, EMD and Cost of bid document are as under-

S. Tender No.	Description of works	Estimated Value for 01 year (Reserve price in Rs)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs) through online payment	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) (in Rs) through online payment
12-2019-GTNR-SOLERIGHT	Sole right advertisement of GOMTINAGAR (including Level crossing) station For 03 years	₹16,55,745/-	₹99400/-	₹3000/-

Date and Time of Closing of Tender - Upto 14:00 hrs on 12.07.2019
Date and Time of Tender Opening - Upto 15:00 hrs on 12.07.2019
Validity of Tender - 45 days
Period of contract - 03 Years
Web Site address - www.treps.gov.in

CPRO/C-46 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Lucknow
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
"Never travel on roof and foot boards"

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur (C.G.)
Tatibandh, G.E. Road, Raipur- 492 099 (CG) (www.aiimsraipur.edu.in)
Advt. No. AIIMS-RPR/Advt. Cell/HS/2019/1217, Date: 11-06-2019

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur Chhattisgarh, Gol, invites e-tender for following:

Tender Title	EMD Cost	Published on CPPP/ Website	Pre-bid Meeting date	Closing date
One Year Rate Contract for Dental Consumable Item from ECL for Dentistry Department at AIIMS Raipur	₹ 3,00,000.00	10-06-2019	24-06-2019 at 03:30 PM	08-07-2019 at 06:00 PM

The details terms & conditions are available on the website- www.aiimsraipur.edu.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in

Stores Officer

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl **Name:** Farha, D/o Mohd. Yamin, R/o House No. 283, 4th Floor, Gali No. 6, Wazirabad, Delhi, **Age:** 18 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow colour suit salwar and slipper in feet, has been missing dated 15.09.2018 from the area of P.S. Timarpur, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 46-A, dated 15.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

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Website: http://cbi.nic.in **P.S. Timarpur, Delhi**
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Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/9424/N/18**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of Boy, **Age:** 14 years, **Height:** 4'10", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Clothes:** Nude, Bare feet, was found dead in Bio Diversity Park, Village-Jagatpur, in the area of P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 35-B, dated 07.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi
DP/103/N/19
Ph.: 011-23810069, 23810073

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI Publication Notice

4th FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING
PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI: 110 001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993).
In the matter of
O.A. NO. 146/2019
VJAYA BANK
Applicant
Vs
MR. RAJAN KAUSHIK & ANR.
Defendants

D-1 MR. RAJAN KAUSHIK (BORROWER) S/O SH. SATYANARAYAN KAUSHIK R/O H.NO. B-491, JAMALPURA, SONEPAT-131001. ALSO AT:- H.NO.491/1, JAMALPURA, SONEPAT-131001. ALSO AT:- 491, SHIVALIK COLONY, AMBALA CITY, AMBALA-134003. ALSO AT:- 2257, RAGHUNAND GALLI, PALAM BAZAR, SONIPAT-131001.

D-2 MR. PARVEEN (GUARANTOR) S/O SH. RULIA RAM, R/O H.NO. 491/1, JAMALPURA, SONEPAT-121001. ALSO AT:- H.NO. B-491, JAMALPURA, SONEPAT-131001.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 20/07/2019 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 04th day of June 2019.
By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar,
DRT-III, New Delhi

National Health Mission

Odisha State Health & Family Welfare Society
Health & FW Department, Odisha
Annex Building of SH&FW, Nayapalli
Unit - 8 Bhubaneswar - 751012
Email id: fmio.nrhmorissa@gmail.com,
Fax/Phone No. 0674-2392479/80/88

Advt. No: 24/19 Dated: 13.06.2019

CORRIGENDUM SELECTION OF AUDITORS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

With reference to the advertisement no. 20/19 published in The Samaj, The sambad (both all Odisha edition) The Times of India, The Indian Express, (both all India edition) dated 28.05.2019 regarding the RFP for HIRING SERVICES OF A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRM FOR STATUTORY AUDIT OF STATE HEALTH SOCIETY (SHS) AND DISTRICT HEALTH SOCIETIES (DHSs) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19 UNDER NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (NHM), ODISHA, Last Date for the submission of the proposal to SHS is extended to 21.06.2019, (1.00 PM) and date of opening of the bid 21.06.2019 (03:30 PM) Based on the discussion in the pre bid meeting held on 07.06.2019 (04.00 PM), The revised RFP is uploaded in the website www.nhmodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Mission Director
NMH, Odisha.
10084/11/0006/1920

Accused in murders of Dabholkar & Lankesh held in Pansare case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JUNE 12

THE SPECIAL Investigation Team (SIT) of Maharashtra Police probing the 2015 murder of Communist leader Govind Pansare has taken custody of Sharad Kalaskar, who has earlier been made accused in murders of Dr Narendra Dabholkar and Gauri Lankesh.

The name of Kalaskar (26) - who according to investigators is a Sanatan Sanstha sympathiser, first came up in the investigation by the Maharashtra ATS into the Nallasopara arms haul in August last year. He was then arrested in the Dabholkar murder case and subsequently in the murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh. The CBI, which is probing the Dabholkar case, has alleged that Kalaskar and Sachin Andure shot Dabholkar.

An officer from the SIT probing Pansare case told *The Indian Express*: "Kalaskar was taken into custody in the early hours of Tuesday and produced before the court in Kolhapur in the afternoon. The court has remanded him in our custody till June 18."

Advocate Sameer Patwardhan, who represented Kalaskar in court, said: "The SIT has claimed that Kalaskar had come to Kolhapur four to five days before the murder. They have also said Kalaskar played a role in destruction of the firearms. We opposed his custody, questioning the basis of these charges."

Pansare and his wife Uma were shot at by two men on February 16, 2015. Pansare succumbed to injuries four days later.

43 kids dead in Muzaffarpur this month, state cites low blood sugar

AES broad term, hypoglycemia specific reason of deaths: Hospital superintendent

SANTOSH SINGH
MUZAFFARPUR, JUNE 12

AS MANY as 43 children below the age of 10 years have died at two hospitals in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district this month after being admitted with Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES).

The state government has not cited AES as cause of death and has instead attributed most of them to hypoglycemia - meaning low blood sugar level. Experts, however, say hypoglycemia is one aspect of AES.

A seven-member Central government team is likely to visit the hospitals soon and suggest guidelines.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has expressed concern over the situation and directed the health department to ensure that primary health care centres and hospitals follow standard operating procedures to deal with the cases.

Since this January, 172 children aged below 10 have been admitted to the two hospitals with AES. Of them, 157 have been admitted since June 1 and all 43 deaths have been reported in June.

Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) took in 117 such patients since January - 102 of these were admitted in June and 36 of them died.

Kejriwal Matrisadan admitted 55 AES cases since June 1 and of them, seven children have

EXPLAINED AES still a challenge for Bihar govt

EVER SINCE AES cases were first reported in Muzaffarpur and surrounding areas in 1994, it has remained a challenge for the Bihar government, despite its claims of being prepared to deal with it. Several researches have only narrowed down to heat, humidity and malnutrition as the reasons. Blame it on the lack of an awareness campaign or any programme to deal with nutrition, AES spurt has often exposed the health department's lack of preparedness. In 2012, 120 children died due to AES, followed by 90 such deaths in 2014.

died. Currently, four patients in Kejriwal Matrisadan and six children in SKMCH are in a critical condition. The hospitals have discharged 41 children with AES after treatment.

SKMCH currently has 53 children with AES, most of them from in and around the town and hailing from poor families.

Ramesh Manjhi's only son Gulshan Kumar (4) is one of them. "Since there is no bed, we made Gulshan sleep on the floor. Hope there are no further complications and he is discharged soon," said Ramesh, a mason from Turki.

Raj Kishore Mahto from Paru is worried as his daughter Julie Kumari (7) has been unconscious since Tuesday. Doctors have said the admission was delayed and she would take time to respond to the treatment.

A nurse said that most children admitted with AES are suffering from hypoglycemia and some are suffering from hyperglycemia. A doctor said, "Parents should be alert when their children do not eat properly and vomit. Going to local quacks worsens the case. Almost all patients are from poor families and are malnourished."

Nurses said they were under pressure to use "hypoglycemia" instead of AES because "it brought a bad name to the state government".

SKMCH Medical Superintendent Dr SK Shahi told *The Indian Express*, "All cases come under the broad term of AES, but people consider it a disease when it is just a syndrome. Hypoglycemia is the specific reason for most deaths."

"We are avoiding using AES

because of the wrong perception it creates. Of the 36 deaths reported here, 25 occurred because of hypoglycemia and five due to hypoglycemia and electrolytes imbalance. Reasons of six deaths are not known." He added that of the samples picked from the hospital, only two were confirmed cases of Japanese Encephalitis.

Dr Arun Shah, executive committee member of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics Association and a leading paediatrician in the district, said, "How can anyone say these are not AES cases? Hypoglycemia is just a part of it. A healthy child has a reserve of sugar, but a poor and undernourished child has no buffer stock of sugar in her body. Hot and humid weather, lack of cleanliness and malnutrition are the reasons behind AES incidence."

"The state government failed to run a nutrition programme and awareness campaign which should have been started in February. It is very easy to hide behind the medical jargon of hypoglycemia. They should find ways to deal with hypoglycemia to tackle AES."

Bihar health department principal secretary Sanjay Kumar said, "We hope to get some guidelines from the Central team. Most deaths occurred due to hypoglycemia. Some of these patients hailed from Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Vaishali and East Champaran districts."

Focus on India-China ties as Modi meets Xi today



EXPRESS IN BISHKEK

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 12

LESS THAN a month after being re-elected to office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will have his first bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday afternoon, shortly after his arrival.

The meeting is scheduled at 4.30 pm (4 pm IST) and a time slot of 45 minutes has been allotted.

This will be the first of at least two occasions where the two leaders are likely to meet in June. They are again likely to meet during the G-20 summit on June 28-29 when the two sides are likely to hold Russia-India-China trilateral as well as BRICS informal meeting.

Buoyed by the success at the United Nations where Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar was listed as a global terrorist after China lifted the technical hold, Modi and Xi are likely to "tap into the goodwill" created by the Chinese move.

Sources said that the two sides are looking towards taking steps to an informal summit later this year, after the Wuhan summit in April 2018. New Delhi has proposed Varanasi as a possible venue and the meet is likely to be

held on October 11 this year. Sources said Beijing is keen to break the circle of ups and downs in the bilateral ties, as the two countries will be celebrating the 70th year of diplomatic relationship next year.

"The challenge is how to break this negative circle. We have to shape the relationship, and not just manage the relationship," a top source told *The Indian Express*, ahead of the Modi-Xi meeting on Thursday.

New Delhi and Beijing have shown some amount of maturity in the past one year after Wuhan, as the two leaders gave strategic guidance to the militaries and the desire is quite clear on maintaining peace and tranquility along the border.

Last year, after the Wuhan summit, three top Chinese ministers at the rank of Vice Premier visited India - Foreign Minister, Defence Minister and Public Security Minister (equivalent to Home Minister in India). The idea is to keep up the momentum this year as well, and that will be discussed during the Modi-Xi bilateral meeting.

China wants to show that with the unpredictable US administration under President Donald Trump, the issues of anti-globalisation, trade protectionism, civilisational conflicts have come to the fore and China and India share a lot of similarities, so they should use them to enhance cooperation. Sources said some amount of discussion on this issue will be part of the SCO forum, but there is a possibility that the Chinese side will raise these issues bilaterally as well.



The leaders are likely to meet on the sidelines of SCO meet

PM may meet Iran President over oil issue

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 12

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is likely to meet Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in Bishkek, as India has been forced to cut down on oil imports from Tehran, sources indicated on Wednesday.

The meeting is likely to take place on June 13-14, on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Bishkek.

Sources said that the Iranian side was keen for a meeting, and India is trying to work out the timing of the meeting. It could be held on June 13 itself, sources said.

Modi, who will arrive in the Kyrgyz capital on Thursday afternoon, will be meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin as well. Officials have confirmed the meeting with Putin.

These meetings come in the backdrop of deteriorating relationship between the US on one side, and Russia, China and Iran on the other side.

Yogi holds meet to review law & order, development projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 12

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday held a joint meeting in Lucknow to review law and order as well as progress on development projects and welfare schemes in the state. He also instructed district magistrates as well as district police chiefs to meet the public and hear out issues they face for at least one hour from 9 am to 10 am daily, in their respective districts.

The CM also formed a team of 45 senior officials to conduct field inspection of welfare schemes in the districts from June 15 to June 20 and submit their ground reports to the Chief Minister. While Chief Secretary Anoop Chandra Pandey and Director General of Police along with senior officials of different departments were also present, the Chief Minister informed that he would personally go on field inspection from June 21 onwards.

"Between June 15 and June 20, officials have been told to conduct inspections in districts. Forty-five officials have been shortlisted to carry out these inspections. They will submit a report to the chief minister before

June 20 after conducting reviews of schemes. They will analyse the situation of schemes in villages and will give a report accordingly. After June 20, CM will start visiting districts himself," state Chief Secretary Anup Chandra Pandey told mediapersons.

Officials were given separate instructions on law and order in the state and were told that no compromise can be made. The instructions included a review of anti-Romeo squads in the state to check crimes against women. The officials were also told to take strict and swift action against criminals.

On sale of spurious liquor, officials were directed to check its sale by conducting raids. District magistrates and police officers were instructed to conduct regular checks at jails so criminals cannot continue their activities from inside prison.

On social welfare schemes, officials were also instructed to ensure that urban bodies, which have not been declared open defecation free (ODF) are declared ODF by June 30. Officials were told to build toilets before June 30 for people, who were left out of the baseline survey for Swachh Bharat scheme.

Anticipatory bail provision revived in UP after 3 decades

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 12

THE PROVISION of anticipatory bail has been again made applicable in Uttar Pradesh following an approval by President Ram Nath Kovind to the CrPC (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill 2018, which was earlier passed in the Assembly.

Section 438 of CrPC, 1973, which grants bail to a person apprehending arrest on a non-bailable offence, will now again be applicable. The section was removed in CrPC (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 1976, in the Emergency period. Officials said there were frequent demands to bring it back.

Under the provision, when any person has a reason to believe that he/she may be arrested on an accusation of having committed a non-bailable offence, he may apply to the High Court or the sessions court for a direction under this section. If the court deems fit, it may direct that in the event of such arrest, the person shall be released on bail.

"The Code of Criminal Procedure (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2018, was passed in the UP legislative assembly and went for the approval of honourable president, who approved the amendment Bill on June 1 this year. The given amendment Bill has been published in the Uttar Pradesh extraordinary gazette on June 6 by the legal department. The law would be applicable from June 6 in Uttar Pradesh," said a statement released by the state government.

"There was continuous demand to revive the provision. Writ petitions were filed in honourable courts to revive this and the UP state law commission recommended the same in its third report, 2009. A committee headed by UP principal secretary (home department) was formed to discuss revival of the provision. After discussions on the recommendations made by the committee, it was decided that there should be amendment in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973," it added.



JNANPITH FOR AMITAV GHOSH

Author Amitav Ghosh receives the 54th Jnanpith Award from former diplomat Gopalkrishna Gandhi in Delhi Wednesday. Ghosh is the first English writer to win the award. Prem Nath Pandey

CATHOLIC BISHOP'S COUNCIL PROTESTS AGAINST AKADEMI'S DECISION

Cartoon on priest bags award, triggers controversy in Kerala

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JUNE 12

A CARTOON that bagged the Kerala Lalitha Kala Akademi award on Tuesday has stirred up a political row in the state.

The Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) on Wednesday launched a protest against the Akademi's decision. Protesters claim the cartoon insults Christian religious symbols.

Hours after the protest, the CPM-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) government - which is facing backlash from sections of Hindus over its decision to allow young women to enter the Sabarimala temple in the wake of a Supreme Court order - sought to quell the KCBC's anger.

Senior CPM leader and Minister for Cultural Affairs A K Balan said the government did not want to hurt religious senti-

ments and that it has asked the Akademi to review its decision.

The cartoon in question is a caricature of rape-accused Bishop Franco Mulakkal who belonged to Jalandhar diocese. Following the allegations of raping a nun and his arrest in September 2018, Mulakkal was removed as head of the diocese.

KCBC spokesman Father Varghese Vallikkatt said the Akademi's decision was highly deplorable. "We question if the CPM's review of the recent election that the Christian minority did not stand with the party, has influenced the selection of the award. Akademi office-bearers should recall the award and should apologise to the Christian community," he said.

Cartoonist K K Subash said the caricature had originally appeared in a Malayalam publication last year. "Nobody protested against the cartoon then. Everyone should realise that it is

a satirical cartoon. I don't want to get involved in the decision of the Akademi. The cartoon was not meant to hurt any religion," he said.

Akademi chairman Nemom Pushparaj said they would review the decision. "Neither the Akademi, nor the government has a role in the selections. The decision was taken by a three-member jury. A decision on whether the award should be revoked would be taken later after proper deliberations. We have a great level of tolerance and usually appreciate the cartoons," he said.

Minister Balan said prima facie, the government is of the view that the cartoon insulted religious symbols and asked the Akademi to review its decision. "The government has not interfered in the award. The Akademi should review the decision and see whether the jury has gone wrong," he said.

Praful Patel to appear before ED again next week

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

FORMER CIVIL aviation minister and NCP leader Praful Patel has been summoned for questioning by the ED again next week as he sought exemption from the session on Wednesday in connection with a money laundering probe related to losses suffered by Air India as part of an

alleged multi-crore aviation scam, officials said.

The Rajya Sabha MP was questioned by the agency over two separate sessions on Monday and Tuesday and his statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). He has been summoned again next week on June 17, the officials said.

They said Patel, 62, was asked about the policy decisions taken

by the civil aviation ministry during his tenure and his links with alleged aviation lobbyist Deepak Talwar, under arrest in this case, during the two rounds of grilling.

The case emerges from a criminal complaint registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to probe alleged irregularities in fixing air slots for international airlines that purportedly led to losses for national carrier Air India.

Netanyahu thanks Modi after India backs Israel in UN vote

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

A DAY after India voted in favour of a decision introduced by Israel in the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that objected to granting consultative status to a Palestinian non-governmental organisation, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for India's support at the UN. The Jewish state had said the organisation did not disclose its ties with Hamas.

"Thank you @NarendraModi, thank you India, for your support and for standing with Israel at the UN," Netanyahu tweeted.

Earlier, Maya Kadosh, deputy chief of mission at the Israel embassy in India, had tweeted, "Thank you #India for standing with @IsraelinUN and rejecting the request of terrorist organization 'Shahed' to obtain the status of an observer in #UN. Together we will continue to act against terrorist organizations that intend to harm."

Israel introduced at a meeting of the ECOSOC the draft decision "L.15" on June 6 titled "Application of the non-governmental organisation Palestinian Association for Human Rights - Witness for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council" that sought to return to the



Benjamin Netanyahu

NGO Committee Witness' application for consultative status, a very rare occurrence.

The decision was adopted by a recorded vote of 28 in favour to 15 against, with five abstentions. Countries voting in favour of the decision were Brazil, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Council decided to return the NGO's application as the organisation failed to present important information when its credentials were being considered during the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations earlier this year, according to a record of the meeting on the UN website. "The Economic and Social Council decides to return the application of Palestinian Association for Human Rights - Witness to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations," it said.

Elgaar case: Pune police search activist's home in Jharkhand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RANCHI, PUNE, JUNE 12

A PUNE police team on Wednesday searched human rights activist Father Stan Swamy's residence in Ranchi in connection with the Elgaar Parishad case.

This is the second time Pune police conducted raids at the activist's residence.

A senior police officer in Ranchi said Pune Police had taken some electronic material and some documents. Swami, 83, was not taken into custody.

The case pertains to the Elgaar Parishad conclave in Maharashtra's Pune district on December 31, 2017. Police allege that it was funded by Maoists.

According to the police charge-sheet, the inciting speeches, statements, songs and other programmes held at Elgaar Parishad and during the previous campaigns "aggravated" the violence near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial in Pune the next day.

Swamy, a Christian priest, has been claiming that he was framed in the Elgaar Parishad case because he has been working for the rights of the tribals.

However, police sources said an alleged Maoist communication seized from one of the accused - a letter for "Com. Prakash" by "Com. Sudha" - revealed Swamy's name in connection with arranging funds.

Police have so far booked 23 persons, including Swamy, along with top underground Maoist leader Mupalla Lakshmana Rao alias Ganapathy and researcher Anand Teltumbde, in this case under sections of IPC and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. All are alleged to be active members of the banned CPI-Maoist.

Police said that probe into this case expanded beyond Elgaar Parishad and alleged Maoist activities of the accused persons are being investigated.

Investigation into the case began after an FIR was lodged in connection with the Elgaar Parishad

event organised in Pune on December 31, 2017, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battle of Bhima Koregaon.

The FIR initially named Elgaar Parishad organisers Harshali Potdar, Sudhir Dhawale of Republican Panthers along with Kabir Kala Manch artists Sagar Gorkhe, Ramesh Gaichor, Jyoti Jagtap, Deepak Dhenge alleging that as per the strategy of the CPI (Maoist), they "mislead the Dalits and spread thoughts of violence" in their minds.

Then in April last year, teams of Pune city police conducted searches at the residence of suspects in this case. On June 6, police arrested Rona Wilson, Dhawale, Shoma Sen, Mahesh Raut and lawyer Surendra Gadling. On August 28, police teams conducted raids at several places in the country, including Swamy's house. While Swamy was not arrested, police arrested five others - Sudha Bharadwaj, Vernon Gonsalves, Arun Ferreira, P Varavara Rao and Gautam Navlakha.

These meetings come in the backdrop of deteriorating relationship between the US on one side, and Russia, China and Iran on the other side.

Haryana mosque funding: Gujarat man held by NIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE NIA has arrested a man from Gujarat for his alleged involvement in funding of a Haryana mosque with LeT money. Mohammad Arif Ghulamabshir Dharampuria (44) was arrested at IGI Airport in Delhi after his arrival from Dubai where he worked.

"The accused was evading his examination and arrest by hiding himself in Dubai, UAE for long. Accordingly, a Look Out Circular was issued by NIA and he was detained at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on 12.06.2019 on his arrival from Dubai," an NIA statement said.

This is the fifth arrest in this case which is related to receiving of terror funds being sent by "Fal-ah-e-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) operatives to their associates through hawala operators to further their nefarious activities to create unrest in India", NIA claimed. *The Indian Express* had first reported on October 15, 2018 that FIF, an LeT front, funded construction of the mosque in Uttawar village in Palwal through Salman while he was working as an Imam. He was arrested with Mohammed Salim and Sajjad Abdul Wani on September 26, 2018.

UK court rejects Nirav Modi's bail for fourth time fearing he would abscond

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LONDON, JUNE 12



Nirav Modi

THE UK High Court on Wednesday rejected Nirav Modi's bail application — his fourth attempt — as the diamond merchant fights his extradition from Britain to India in the nearly Rs 13,000 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud and money laundering case.

In her judgment handed down at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, Justice Ingrid Simler concluded there are "substantial grounds" to believe that the 48-year-old fugitive diamondaire would fail to surrender as he possesses the means to "abscond".

Reiterating similar concerns as those raised by the lower court in the UK during previous bail hearings, Judge Simler ruled that she had found strong evidence to suggest there had been interference with witnesses and destruction of evidence in the case and concluded, it can still occur.

"The applicant has access to considerable financial resources, supported by an increased (bail bond security) offer of 2 million pounds," the judge noted. Nirav's lawyers, led by barrister Clare Montgomery, argued that he did not have any incentive to flee the UK as he considers it a safe haven.

"It is difficult, in my judgment, to see how the UK is a safe haven as there is no case of him being tried here. There are still places in the world one can escape to, which are an even safer haven from the Indian investigating authorities," countered the judge.

Simler concluded that it is "difficult to predict" how Nirav would react to developments in the extradition process, which raises a "strong incentive" of failure to surrender before the UK courts to avoid returning to India.

She also accepted the Westminster Magistrates' Court concerns that the diamond merchant had been based in the UK for only a short period of time and had no significant ties to the country, making him a flight risk.

Nirav, who was not produced before the court, remains in custody at Wandsworth prison in London and is due to appear for his next remand hearing at Westminster Magistrates' Court via videolink on June 27.

During the hearing, his legal team repeated many of its assertions from previous three bail pleas before Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

However, the UK Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), arguing on behalf of the Indian government, reiterated that Nirav posed a significant flight risk and had significant funds to be able to flee to a country with which India did not have an extradition treaty. "The government of India has strong, friendly bilateral relations with the UK, including an extradition treaty, and this case involves widespread allegations..." said CPS barrister Nicholas Hearn.

Chandrayaan-2 will attempt moon landing on Sept 5 or 6: ISRO chief

JOHNSON TA BENGALURU, JUNE 12

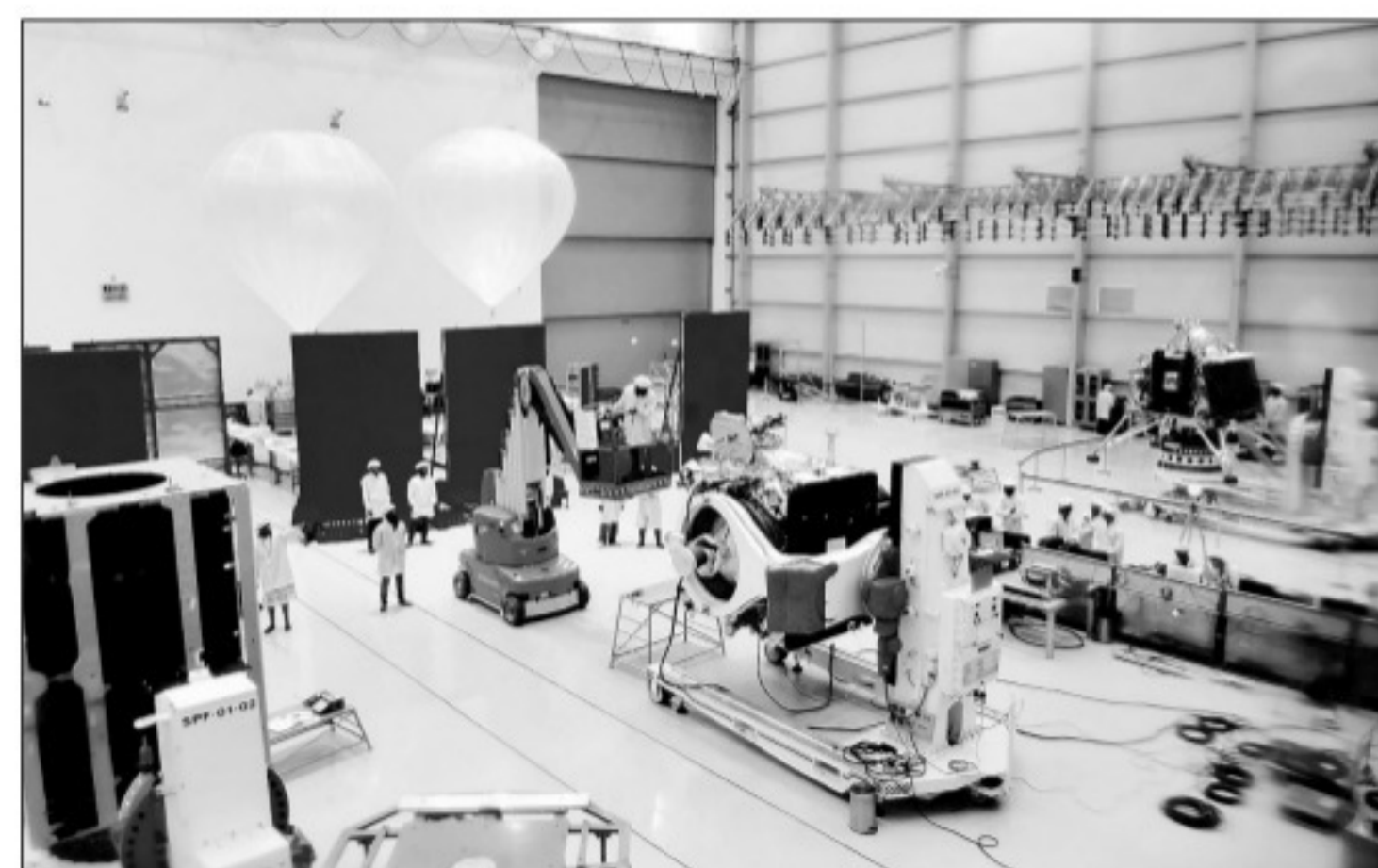
THE INDIAN Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch Chandrayaan-2, its second spacecraft to the moon, on July 15 and 52 days later — September 5 or 6 — will attempt to make a first ever soft landing on the moon, the space agency's chairman, K Sivan, announced on Wednesday.

The spacecraft will comprise three parts — an orbiter, a lander and the rover — and will carry 14 scientific payloads, including instruments which will help "understand the moon's composition and seismic activities better", Sivan said.

The rover can roam the lunar surface for 14 earth days, Sivan said, adding that the targeted region of the moon had never been explored before.

"While the technical difficulties of landing on the moon's south polar region have deterred many previous attempts, Chandrayaan-2 will be the first to reach this part of the lunar surface taking the Indian Tricolor where no human has been before," Sivan said.

"The final test of vibration and acoustics is done and on June 14, the spacecraft will move to Sriharikota for preparation of the final stages of the mission," Sivan said.



ISRO personnel work on the orbiter vehicle of Chandrayaan-2, at ISRO Satellite Integration and Test Establishment, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. PTI

Sivan said. The mission is being led by ISRO scientists Dr Vanita and Dr Ritu. It will take 15 minutes for the lander to manoeuvre itself into a position for landing on the moon. "This will be the most anxious period for ISRO's scientists, since we never attempted doing this before," Sivan said.

The space agency now has a 10-minute window from 2:51 am

every day between July 8 and July 16 to launch. It will reduce to one minute after July 17 and last till the end of the month, Sivan said. The launch period and window are key to a spacecraft reaching its desired destination.

The lander, labelled Vikram, will attempt a landing using new "throttleable technology" developed by the agency to cut its velocity — in its orbit — 30 km from

the moon and decelerate for a soft touchdown.

The mission, which costs Rs 978 crore, will be ISRO's third science mission in space following the Chandrayaan-1 mission in 2008 and the Mangalyaan Mars mission of 2014.

The 52-day journey across the 384,000 km distance is economised for fuel conservation through orbit changes by

the sporadic firing of liquid fuel, he explained.

The Chandrayaan-1 mission was the first time that an Indian spacecraft broke away from the earth's gravitational field to reach the moon.

Multiple delays have plagued the Chandrayaan-2 project, which has been in the offing since 2013. The mission was initially expected to be completed late last year or early this year before the general elections but technical problems with the lander stalled the mission. In 2013, the lander that was to be used was to be of Russian make however, the collaboration failed to take off.

Chandrayaan-1 had 11 scientific payloads, including a Moon Mineralogy Mapper and a Mini SAR from NASA, that provided the initial data for scientific publication of the presence of water on the moon.

Though the mission was to orbit the moon for two years, contact with the spacecraft was lost 10 months after launch reportedly because of a miscalculation of the lunar heat radiation. The radiation began taking its toll when the spacecraft moved into a 100 km orbit from the moon barely a month after the launch and began overheating. The agency had to resort to measures like re-orienting the spacecraft to control temperatures.

Unmanned scramjet demonstration aircraft on maiden test flight

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BALASORE, JUNE 12

INDIA SUCCESSFULLY conducted the maiden flight test of the indigenous-developed Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) from a base off the Odisha coast on Wednesday.

The HSTDV was test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Launch Complex-4 of the Integrated Test Range on Dr Abdul Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal at about 11.25 am, DRDO sources said.

The HSTDV is an unmanned scramjet demonstration aircraft for hypersonic speed flight. It can cruise at mach 6 speed and move up to an altitude of 32.5 km in 20 seconds, they added.

Besides its utility for long-range cruise missiles of the future, the dual-use technology will have multiple civilian applications also. It can be used for launching satellites at low cost too, sources said. Describing the maiden trial of the HSTDV as successful, the sources said, "The new technology was tested and the data generated by the radars showed it was a success."

The trial was carried out in the presence of senior DRDO scientists and defence officials.

RAJASTHAN Local bodies bypoll: Cong wins eight, BJP five seats

Jaipur: The Congress and the BJP won eight and five wards, respectively, in the Nagar Palika and Nagar Parishad by-polls in Rajasthan. Polls were held in a total of 16 wards, with the remaining three being won by Independents.

The Congress won a ward each in Alwar, Bhiwar, Bundi, Churu, Hanumangarh, Jaipur and Hindaun. The BJP won a ward each in Bharatpur, Churu, Dholpur, Hindaun and Todabhim. Two wards in Hanumangarh were won by Independents, as was the lone ward in Sri Ganganagar district.

Still battling infighting in the wake of a Lok Sabha poll wipe out in the state, the Congress party was quick to express its "happiness" at the results. ENS

J&K Governor Malik says India can't be bent by violence, asks militants to join talks

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, JUNE 12

SAYING "INDIA can't be bent by violence", Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik on Wednesday asked militants to come to the negotiating table and take forward the dialogue. However, when asked whether the government was ready for talks, Malik said that the mandate doesn't lie with him.

"You can't bend India by violence. This is something the leaders here don't tell their children," Malik said at a press conference, his first since he took over as J&K Governor. "You take everything from us, you take our life but by love, through talks. That's why Narendra Modi is ready, we are ready. You come on table... and take it forward."

Malik said that at times New Delhi committed mistakes, but bigger ones were made by the leadership in Kashmir. "I respect the people in Hurriyat.



J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik addresses a press conference in Srinagar Wednesday. Shuaib Masoodi

They...have suffered lot, though for a wrong cause," he said.

"New Delhi made some mistakes but the bigger mistake was done by the leadership here — they didn't tell truth to the people. Only through dialogue something could be achieved. You can get everything under the Indian Constitution," he said.

On the apprehensions in Kashmir about Article 370 and 35A, Malik

tried to allay fears. "Article 370, 35A — it is in the manifesto of many (political) parties. It is being discussed. But there is nothing that you should be worried about," said Malik, who was accompanied by his four advisors and J&K Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam.

"There is a rumour that delimitation (of Assembly seats) is going to happen... It is a constitutional matter. Till now, the Home Ministry has not confirmed it," he added.

On Assembly elections, Malik said that the decision lies with the Election Commission. "When would the (state Assembly) elections happen would be decided by the Election Commission. The security situation would be assessed by the security agencies and the Home Ministry. They would inform the Election Commission and they would decide the dates."

When asked if the state government was prepared for the elections, Malik said: "If the security we need is made available, we are prepared."

Chief Secretary Subrahmanyam

while acknowledging the anger among the youth in the state, said the government is coming out with "massive outreach" for them.

"Youth mostly aged between 15 and 25 years are somehow unhappy. We can't deny that. I will not be saying anything but just wait and watch. Before July 12 we would be coming out with a massive outreach programme. We need to tell these young people that life is about living and not about dying."

Governor Malik urged the media to stop portraying Kashmir in a negative light.

"I would like to appeal that in Delhi, the press is so negative about Jammu and Kashmir, they demonise it. If a person dies here, the news runs for two weeks. In my district, five people die every day. On Meerut-Muzaffarnagar-Suharapur highway, tourists are looted every week. There is no mention of that. But they do it to destroy Kashmir and the tourism here. With folded hands, I appeal you to focus only on the positive news," he said.

PREETHI RATHI ACID ATTACK CASE HC upholds conviction, commutes death penalty

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, JUNE 12

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday commuted the death sentence awarded to 29-year-old Ankur Panwar, for the murder of Preethi Rathi, who had been attacked with acid in 2013, to life imprisonment. The mitigating circumstance considered by the High Court was Panwar's age — the convict was 23 at the time of the incident on May 2, 2013.

"The accused was a young boy, aged about 23 years. There is no past criminal record. The mitigating circumstances... were not considered in proper perspective by the trial court. Taking into consideration over all circumstances, we do not find that present case can be termed as 'rarest of the rare' and hence the appellant does not deserve death penalty," the HC said.

In 2016, Panwar was found guilty by a trial court on charges, including murder and voluntarily causing grievous hurt by the use of acid. Rathi, a Delhi resident, was

attacked at

Bandra terminus on May 1, 2013. The division bench of Justices B P Dharmadhikari and Prakash Naik upheld the conviction of Panwar by the trial court, but set aside the capital punishment awarded to him on September 8, 2016.

Panwar, a hotel management graduate, was a neighbour of Rathi in the quarters of Bhakra

Special public prosecutor AM Chimalkar had submitted that the crime was "brutal" and that Rathi was a "young, defenceless" girl, who the accused followed to Mumbai. The police had claimed that Panwar had planned the attack resulting out of one-sided love towards Rathi.

Lawyers Vijay Hiremath and Trideep Pais, representing Panwar, had submitted to the court that none of the four eye-witnesses were consistent with each other, claiming multiple discrepancies. They submitted that the witnesses had claimed to have seen the man in question only momentarily, but the police claimed that they identified him in a test identification parade eight months later. They also pointed out that while the police claimed that Panwar had led them to the place from which he purchased the acid, during their first visit to the shop, no document or register was seized.

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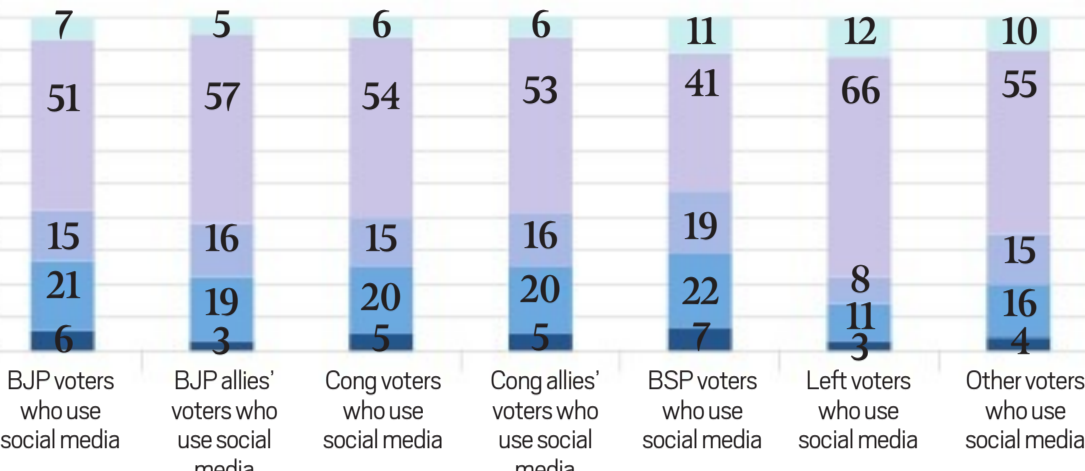
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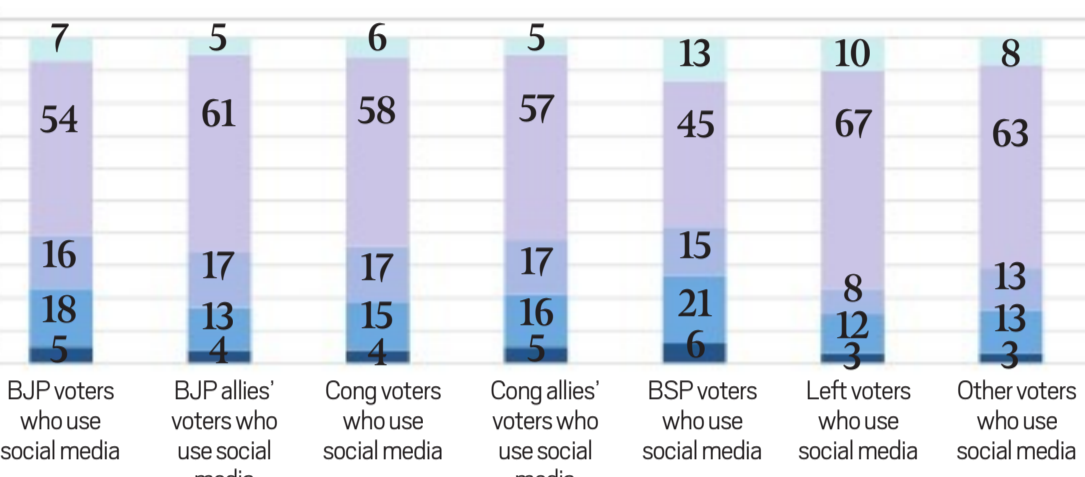
TELLING NUMBERS

Voters rarely share political views, content online: Study

How often social media users post political views (%)



How often social media users share political content (%)



Source: Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

IN A new study that examined links between social media use and political behaviour, some aspects of which were reported in *The Indian Express* on Tuesday, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) asked social media users how often they express their political views online, and how often they share political material. Very few of them were found to do so. Only one in every four users express their personal views on politics daily or sometimes, and over half said they never do it. Again, only one in every five users said that they share or forward politics news/material daily

or sometimes, while a majority said that they never do so.

The CSDS study found very little variation between BJP and Congress voters. Most of these voters said that they never do either of the two things, and only about one-fourth said that they do both regularly (daily or sometimes). BSP voters who use social media, on the other hand, were slightly more likely than voters of other parties to say that they express their political views and share political material on social media regularly. Left voters on social media were found to be least likely to do so.

THIS WORD MEANS

FRUIT BAT

Also called flying fox, the suspected source of Nipah virus in Kerala. How is it different from other bats?

LOOKING TO identify the source of the Nipah virus that has caused one confirmed infection in Kerala this month, scientists are examining if it came from a guava he had eaten (*The Indian Express*, June 12). The reasoning is that the guava itself could have been infected by a fruit bat. The Nipah virus is zoonotic — it spreads primarily between animals and humans — and fruit bats are known to spread it. Fruit bats, as opposed to insectivorous bats, survive largely on a diet of fruit, which they locate with their sense of smell (insectivorous bats locate their prey through echolocation, or by locating



Indian flying fox. Wikipedia

as *Pteropus spp.* (the suffix indicates that the exact species within that genus has not been confirmed).

the source of the echoes of their own sound). Fruit bats belong to the *Pteropodidae* family; those in the *Pteropus* genus within this family are natural hosts for the Nipah virus. Such bats are widely found in South and South East Asia, and are also known as flying foxes.

After last year's Nipah outbreak in Kerala, which claimed 17 lives, studies by the National Institute of Virology had concluded that the virus was first transmitted from fruit bats identified

5,000 dry villages, 6,500 tankers

Record number of tankers are sole source of water in large parts of state. Behind the crisis, late monsoon following a deficit year, depleting groundwater in 279 talukas, under 10% live storage in 13 key reservoirs.

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, JUNE 12

MAHARASHTRA IS facing a water emergency of unprecedented proportions. Following years of drought, the rivers' currents have ebbed, water in dams and reservoirs has depleted and over-exploitation of groundwater has raised concerns over the long-term availability of water.

With the weather department forecasting a delayed onset of monsoon, the state government has now deployed the highest ever number of water tankers — 6,597 as of June 10 — to meet the drinking water needs of parched regions. This is over three times the number of tankers deployed around this time last year (1,777). In 2016, due to another deficient monsoon, 6,016 tankers were deployed during peak scarcity.

How severe is the crisis?

Until June 3, residents of 5,127 villages and 10,867 hamlets were solely dependent on tanker water supply for their daily needs. Between May 20 and June 3 alone, 512 villages and 728 hamlets were added to the list of areas being catered.

More than half the tankers have been deployed in Marathwada, which is the worst-hit region. These include 1,146 tankers in Aurangabad, where more than 761 villages are facing water shortage, and 939 tankers in Beed (652 villages).

In North Maharashtra, 822 tankers have been deployed in Ahmednagar and 358 in Nashik. In Western Maharashtra with its drought-prone belts, Solapur is the worst-hit with 275 villages and 1,671 hamlets facing a shortage. The water scarcity has also hit livestock, with about 10.68 lakh animals sheltered in cattle camps for fodder and water needs.

How much water is stored in reservoirs?

Out of 17 major reservoirs listed by the Central Water Commission (CWC), with a total live capacity of 14,073 billion cubic metres, the live storage until June 6 is just 0.778 BCM, or 5.5%. A CWC bulletin listed live storage as nil in five of these — Paithon, Bhima (Ujjani), Yeldari, Upper Tapi and Pench. In eight more reservoirs, current



A parched area in Palghar district, where villagers often walk miles to fetch water. Amit Chakravarty

live storage was between 1 and 10%. Only Khadakvasla (39%), Bhatsa (28%), Upper Vaitarna (15%) and Upper Wardha (14%) had more than 10%.

How depleted are groundwater levels?

The latest survey of the Groundwater Survey and Development Agency found that of Maharashtra's 353 talukas, 279 have experienced depletion in ground water levels. Parts of Marathwada and North Maharashtra are among the worst-hit. In 2,642 villages across the state, groundwater levels were found to be more than 3 metres lower than the five-year average — a pointer to uncontrolled extraction of water and damage to groundwater aquifers. GSDA officials blame non-implementation of the Maharashtra Groundwater (Development and Management) Act, which was enacted to regulate extraction. With food production in rain-shadow belts also dependent on groundwater use, depleting water levels are



NOT A DROP
PART 2
Maharashtra



29 of 34 DISTRICTS
with tankers deployed; over 5,000 villages and over 10,000 hamlets

5.5%
Live storage in the state's 17 major water reservoirs

27%
Rainfall shortage in Marathwada (15% in Madhya Maharashtra)

putting the state's harvest at risk.

How dry has the weather been?

In weather regions as classified by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Marathwada had annual rainfall of 601.5 mm in 2018 (27% short of the normal of 821.6 mm), Madhya Maharashtra had 744.3 (15% short of 876.8 mm) and Vidarbha had 923.9 mm (15% short of 1,084.5 mm).

The forecast, however, is for a "normal monsoon outlook" (96-104% of long period average). In a presentation to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis last week, the IMD forecast that a full-blown monsoon would hit Mumbai's coastline by June 17, and spread to the rest of the state within hours. The forecast for pre-monsoon rain spells is weak.

Besides deploying tankers, what measures has the government taken?

Last week, the Cabinet sanctioned a Rs-30-crore proposal for cloud-seeding experiments in dam catchment areas of Marathwada, North Maharashtra, and Vidarbha. "We will undertake the experiments, if required, based on the advice of experts," said Kishore Raje Nimbalkar, Secretary, Relief and Rehabilitation.

The effectiveness of cloud-seeding has been questioned ever since India's first such experiments in Tamil Nadu in 1983. Maharashtra first tried it in 1992, in the catchments of dams that supply water to Mumbai. In 2015, the state conducted 47 aerial runs and contended that these induced about 1,300 mm rainfall.

In 2017, Chief Minister Fadnavis had set 2019 as the year to make Maharashtra tanker-free as a result of water conservation works, with community participation, under the flagship initiative Jalyukt Shivar. With the deadline missed, the Opposition has been questioning the way the initiative is being implemented. Nimbalkar said, "While the state is facing a severe drought and water shortage, adequate mitigation measures have been put in place. Implementation is being monitored at the highest level. A water management plan is in place till the monsoon sets in."

Fadnavis recently directed senior bureaucrats to visit water-parched areas for reviewing the implementation of various works. The government has taken up repair and restoration of water supply schemes and acquisition of wells in affected areas on priority.

Hijacking Act: why a hoax led to a life term

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ON TUESDAY, a special court in Ahmedabad sentenced a man to life and fined him Rs 5 crore for creating a hijack scare aboard a Jet Airways Mumbai-Delhi flight and forcing it to land in Ahmedabad in October 2017. Birju Kishor Salla had left a printed note claiming there were 12 hijackers aboard. Arrested by the National Investigation Agency, Salla was not armed and his intention was merely to ensure that his girlfriend, a Jet employee in Delhi, moved to Mumbai after this scare.

Yet it invited a life sentence, because of the provisions of the recently passed Anti Hijacking Act, 2016. This is the first conviction under the Act.

Why the new Act

It was brought in to replace the Anti Hijacking Act, 1982, which the government considered obsolete in the face of emerging threats. The new Act aims to enforce the Hague Hijacking Convention and the 2010 Beijing Protocol Supplementary to the Convention.

The Hague Convention (Convention for the

Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft) sets out the principle of *aut dedere aut judicare* — a state that is party to the Convention must prosecute an aircraft hijacker if no other state requests his or her extradition for prosecution. The 2010 Protocol Supplementary, which made amendments and additions, came into effect on January 1, 2018, and had 27 signatories as of September 2018.

Threat counts as hijack

The Act aims to punish not only an actual act of hijacking, but even a false threat that may appear genuine. It practically means that a hoax call that forces an aircraft to land at a place different from the place intended would be treated as hijacking and attract similar punishment.

The Act takes into account that armed possession of an aircraft may not be necessary for hijacking and that it may be hijacked remotely through a technological threat.

Under section 3(1): "Whoever unlawfully and intentionally seizes or exercises control of an aircraft in service by force or threat thereof, or by coercion, or by any other form of intimidation, or by any technological means, commits the offence of hijacking". It adds that "a

person shall also be deemed to have committed the offence of hijacking" if such a person "makes a threat to commit such offence or unlawfully and intentionally causes any person to receive such threat under circumstances which indicate that the threat is credible".

Hijacking attempts, directing others to commit hijacking, being an accomplice and assisting another person to evade investigation are punishable as hijacking. So is preparation for hijacking. Whether or not actual hijacking has even been attempted, if a person has agreed with one or more persons to commit such an offence and any act in furtherance of the intention has taken place, it shall be deemed hijacking.

The punishment

If hijacking leads to death of a passenger or a crew member, it is punishable with death. If not, the hijacking is punishable with life imprisonment.

The Act also provides for fine and confiscation of movable and immovable assets. The hijacker would also be charged with any other offence that takes place during the hijacking.

The Act provides for detention in custody for up to 30 days, and a bail application will not

be entertained unless the public prosecutor is given a chance to oppose it. If opposed, the court would have to be reasonably satisfied that no offence of hijacking was committed.

Old Act, new Act

The key new introductions are the death penalty, life sentence for hoax calls, and a wider definition for aircraft "in service".

Under the old Act, an aircraft was considered "in service" between the time the doors shut and the time every passenger had disembarked. Under the new Act, "an aircraft shall be considered to be 'in service' from the beginning of the pre-flight preparation of the aircraft by ground personnel or by the crew for a specific flight until twenty-four hours after any landing". In case of forced landing, "the flight shall be deemed to continue until the competent authorities take over the responsibility for the aircraft".

The new Act applies even if the offence is committed outside India but the aircraft is registered in India or leased to Indians, or the offender is Indian, or the offender is stateless but lives in India (such as an illegal Bangladeshi migrant), or the offence is committed against Indians.

What SCO summit means for India's global and regional interests

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ON THURSDAY, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek to attend a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). Formerly the Shanghai Five and formed in 1996, the SCO has eight members today including India and Pakistan, which became part of it in 2017.

What kind of a grouping is the SCO?

After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the then security and economic architecture in the Eurasian region dissolved and new structures had to come up. The original Shanghai Five were China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan. The SCO was formed in 2001, with Uzbekistan included. It expanded in 2017 to include India and Pakistan.

Since its formation, the SCO has focused

on regional non-traditional security, with counter-terrorism as a priority: The fight against the "three evils" of terrorism, separatism and extremism has become its mantra. Today, areas of cooperation include themes such as economics and culture.

Under what circumstances did India enter the SCO?

While Central Asian countries and China were not in favour of expansion initially, the main supporter — of India's entry in particular — was Russia. A widely held view is that Russia's growing unease about an increasingly powerful China prompted it to push for its expansion. From 2009 onwards, Russia officially supported India's ambition to join the SCO. China then asked for its all-weather friend Pakistan's entry.

New Delhi expressed its serious interest to join the grouping in 2009. Months after the Mumbai terror attacks in November 2008, Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Asif Ali Zardari had their first meeting

in Ekaterinberg in Russia in June 2009. The occasion was the annual summit of the SCO, where both India and Pakistan were "observers". The highlight was Singh's message to Zardari: "I am happy to meet you, but my mandate is to tell you that the territory of Pakistan must not be used for terrorism."

It was the first time India had shown an interest in joining the SCO. Ten years of efforts, pushed by then Joint Secretary (Eurasia) Ajay Bisaria, who is currently India's High Commissioner to Pakistan, fructified in June 2017, when the SCO inducted both India and Pakistan in Astana in Kazakhstan.

How does membership of the SCO help India?

For India, two important objectives are counter-terrorism and connectivity. These sit well with the SCO's main objective of working cooperatively against the "three evils". India wants access to intelligence and information from SCO's counter-terrorism



The summit provides Indian and Pakistani leaders an opportunity to meet informally.

body, the Tashkent-based Regional Anti Terror Structure (RATS). A stable Afghanistan too is in India's interest, and RATS provides access to non-Pakistan-centred counter-terrorism information there.

Connectivity is important for India's Connect Central Asia policy. Energy cooperation dominates its interest — and it's in China's neighbourhood. But India will also

have to deal with an assertive China, which will push its Belt and Road Initiative during the summit.

SCO membership also bolsters India's status as a major pan-Asian player, which is boxed in the South Asian paradigm.

How does global geopolitics play out for SCO and India?

The US' power struggle with China, exit from the Iran nuclear deal JCPOA (affects India's oil imports from Iran), and adversarial attitude towards Russia (affects India's defence purchase like S-400) have forced India to choose sides. While Washington's stance against Islamabad after the Pulwama attack was evidence of its support to New Delhi, India has had a strained relationship with China after the Doklam stand-off, followed by attempts to reset relations in Wuhan.

In the SCO, India's sitting down with less-than-free regimes, Russia and China has always had the West worried. India, however, has always been tactful in not

aligning with these countries on governance issues. What draws India to SCO is the "Shanghai spirit", which emphasises harmony, non-interference in others' internal affairs, and non-alignment.

The bottomline is that it helps India keep all options open in terms of international partnerships.

How does it play out in the India-Pakistan or India-China relationship?

In the absence of the SAARC summit, the SCO summit gives an opportunity for Indian and Pakistani leaders to meet informally, on the sidelines. Both sides have the obligation not to bring in bilateral disputes, but can cooperate on issues of mutual interest and importance. Signing off on joint counter-terrorism exercises will be a new form of engagement between the two militaries.

With China, it is yet another opening, like the BRICS summit last year, to bring down tensions, and ahead of the next informal summit in October in India.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Forging national security

Defence reforms should be a priority, the most vital being the creation of a Chief of Defence Staff



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EACH OF INDIA'S post-Independence conflicts has seen the Indian public aroused by intense patriotic fervour; a phenomenon duly accompanied by suitable bombast from politicians. But no sooner has the crisis passed, that more mundane and pressing concerns about issues like "roti, kapda, makan, naukari", rightly, resume their significance in the lives of people as well as "netas". India's politicians have, traditionally, not considered national security worth their time and attention because it was never a "vote-catching" issue. Therefore, for 70 years, they happily left the management of defence and security to the bureaucracy, and devoted themselves to political survival.

The run-up to the 2019 general election seems to have changed this forever. The Pulwama terror strike and its sequel saw a major shift of political focus with national security issues being accorded prime importance in election rhetoric. Post-election analysis has convincingly shown that the ordinary voter was indeed swayed by security issues. The NDA government's show of resolve, as demonstrated by the September 2016 cross-border raids and the February 2019 air strikes on Pakistani targets, was noted and applauded. These audacious actions also seemed to have mitigated resentment on account of demonetisation and overtaken concerns regarding unemployment and other issues amongst both rural and urban voters.

While this dramatic paradigm shift may have upset the Opposition's calculations and led to their rout, it should bring cheer to the security and defence establishments. National security, having proved itself a prime "vote-catcher", is guaranteed henceforth to garner the politician's close attention. Another more recent development that prima facie bodes well for national security is the upgradation of the NSA from minister of state to cabinet rank.

The prime minister, by creating a full-fledged "Minister for Security", has added a sixth member to his Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), currently comprising ministers of home, defence, finance and external affairs. The present NSA's credentials and expertise in the fields of internal security and intelligence as well as the affairs of our "near abroad" are well-known and his elevation

could be the key to ensuring that focus is retained on national security.

There are, however, certain critical aspects of national security where the current state of play leaves room for ambiguity and uncertainty, starting with haziness of the concept itself. Theoretically defined as "multifaceted and all-encompassing", national security is often stretched to include a mind-boggling diversity of issues. This is precisely the reason why repeated endeavours at formulating a national security doctrine have failed. India's bureaucracy is simply incapable of digesting and processing draft doctrines that have attempted to address vast agendas ranging from economic, food, cyber and energy-security to border-management, governance and Centre-state relations.

There is clearly a need to view national security through a narrower prism and evolve a less ambitious doctrine that focuses on matters directly related to defence and security. It must provide strategic guidance to the military within clearly defined national aims and objectives. But for this to happen, a crucial "grey area" in our higher defence organisation (HDO) needs to be addressed.

The Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC), has many key roles to play in the HDO but his current status and empowerment constitute a serious national security lacuna, which has neither been acknowledged nor rectified by successive governments. As the senior-most serving officer of the armed forces, the primary function of the Chairman COSC is to oversee functioning of "joint" formations like the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) and the Andaman & Nicobar Command, as well as tri-service training institutions through an Integrated Defence Staff, created post-Kargil to support him.

Far more critical is the chairman's role in the nuclear command chain. As "boss" of the CincSFC, who tasks the army's missiles, the navy's submarines and air force fighter-bombers for nuclear weapon delivery, he constitutes the key link and military interface between the prime minister, who is the head of India's Nuclear Command Authority, and India's nuclear forces. Bringing clarity to the role and responsibilities of Chairman COSC will reinforce the credibility of our nuclear command and control, especially with

nuclear-armed INS *Arihant* and the Agni-V inter-continental ballistic missile on the horizon.

Under existing rules, this post is held in rotation by serving Chiefs who discharge the chairman's duties on a part-time basis. The enormous incongruity and farcical nature of this system has recently been demonstrated. The retiring Naval chief passed the mantle of Chairman COSC to the Air Chief, who has three months to serve, before the latter hands it over to the Army Chief, who retires just three months later!

Both the UPA and NDA governments have, over the past 15 years, spurned expert recommendations that India's nuclear-deterrent, as well as demands of 21st century warfare call for urgent defence reforms, the most vital being creation of a Chief of Defence Staff. As an interim measure, they suggest the appointment of a full-time "Permanent Chairman COSC" with a fixed tenure. Having ignored this advice, the last government went on to constitute a Defence Planning Committee (DPC) headed by the NSA to "facilitate comprehensive and integrated planning for defence matters". This step, sidelining the Raksha Mantri, was another reminder that the NSA's role and charter in the nuclear command chain and his relationship with the Chairman COSC need early formalisation and promulgation.

Given the radical military transformation, modernisation and down-sizing recently undertaken by China, it would be extremely myopic for India to stall defence reforms any longer. Such reforms, the world over, are wrought by visionary and enlightened politicians often in the face of fierce opposition by service chiefs. In the UK, three defence ministers — Sandys, Heseltine and Nott — are celebrated for their reformist role in creating a genuinely integrated MoD and enforcing jointness. In the US it took herculean struggle by two pro-active politicians, Senator Goldwater and Congressman Nichols, to bring about radical security reform through an act of the US Congress.

Is it possible that Rajnath Singh could be India's man of the hour?

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BUREAUCRACY REBOOT

Lateral entry into secretary-level posts in government is welcome, but the principle of representation must be respected

AFTER SELECTION OF nine lateral entrants as joint secretaries in various ministries/departments on contract basis, the Narendra Modi government plans to extend such induction of private sector domain experts to the lower-level deputy secretary and director posts as well. According to a report in this newspaper, the Department of Personnel & Training has been tasked with opening up as many as 400 posts — out of the 1,300-odd at these levels under the Central Staffing Scheme — for lateral hiring. If implemented, this would constitute the single biggest reform of public administration in independent India. The current administrative system, wherein top positions are manned by career bureaucrats having little specialised knowledge and recruited through a common civil services examination, has clearly outlived its utility. A liberalised economy requires not generalists, but people who understand industrial processes and new technologies, taxation, finance, trade and investment in a dynamic, globalised setting. Even the old "steel frame" model of governance needs revisiting in favour of more nimble, entrepreneurial public service organisations focusing on performance and delivery by incorporating private sector management practices.

The right approach today would be to fill top/senior government positions by selecting subject matter specialists and posting them in departments for which they are best-suited. The nine joint secretary-level lateral hires short-listed by the Union Public Service Commission in April were for specific departments: Agriculture, civil aviation, commerce, economic affairs, environment, financial services, renewable energy, road transport and shipping. Alternatively, the "generalists" can be forced to turn "specialists" through mid-career professional development programmes or extended tenures in particular departments/fields. Either way, the jack-of-all-trades, master-of-none approach to public administration needs to be dispensed with and is, indeed, an unfinished task of reforms and liberalisation. It also fits into the "minimum government, maximum governance" promise on which Prime Minister Modi first rode to power in 2014. There can be no better means to achieving that goal than by deepening expertise and expanding the scope of lateral appointments in government.

A couple of cautionary notes are, however, in order. The first is the process of selecting candidates for lateral entry, which has to be transparent, robust and credible. Filling 400 posts without conducting formal competitive exams can invite legal challenges, more so if they are seen to be at the expense of the "natural" All-India or Central Civil Services claimants to these jobs. Second, if lateral appointments become the order of the day — which they should — what will happen to reservations for communities that are already under-represented in the upper rungs of government? Striking a balance between merit and ensuring adequate representation for disadvantaged communities is necessary even in a regime of lateral entry.

WHAT LIES BENEATH

Conflict over mining in Bailadila points to a broader issue — the failure of institutions mandated to protect tribal rights

IN ORDERING A stay on all mining in a block at the Bailadila hills in Chhattisgarh, the state's chief minister, Bhupesh Baghel, has flagged an important issue. "We have decided to investigate the gram sabha clearances," he said. Since the range falls under Schedule V of the Constitution, it is governed by the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), 1996. The Act makes it incumbent on an agency that undertakes development activity in such an area to take the gram sabha's consent. However, Adivasis, who have been protesting against mining in the area, allege violations of due processes. The gram sabha was reportedly convened in July 2014 but the residents contend that the village body's approval to industrial activity was "faked". The Chhattisgarh government's decision to probe these allegations is welcome.

The Bailadila hills are known for world-class iron-ore reserves. The objections of the Adivasis pertain to one block of the range, Deposit Number 13. Developed by the NCL, a joint venture of the National Mineral Development Corporation and the Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd, Deposit 13 or Nandaraj is a place of faith for the area's Adivasis — much like the Niyamgiri hills in Odisha. Their agitation also raised concerns about Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) being contracted by NCL to undertake operations in the area. The state-owned enterprise contends that AEL was brought in only as a "developer" and it has not transferred the mining lease to the private outfit. The Chhattisgarh government has decided to review this permission as well.

The concerns raised during the imbroglion should also occasion revisiting broader issues that lie at the intersection of mineral wealth governance and tribal rights. When it was enacted, PESA was seen as a revolutionary piece of legislation as it empowered gram sabhas to take decisions on contested issues such as land alienation and customary laws. But dogged by low participation and frequent hijacking by influential interests, these bodies have struggled to stay afloat. The Virginus Xaxa Committee report submitted to the NDA government in 2014 noted that "lack of consent before land acquisition... persists in the implementation of PESA". That is what seems to have happened in Bailadila. The Chhattisgarh government needs to go back to the Xaxa Committee's recommendation: "Strengthen the institutional system to support the implementation of PESA, including the Gram Sabhas."

COMING OUT

Bhupen Khakhar's work, now sold at a record price, marks a moment of rupture in Indian art history

FEW MONTHS BEFORE his death in August 2003, Bhupen Khakhar said in an interview, "When I feel I'm telling the truth, then there is no restraint". It is this absence of restraint that marks Khakhar as a rupture in the history of modern Indian art. A self-taught artist, Khakhar fearlessly spoke his truth to a largely conservative society. The explicit homoeroticism in his canvases was unprecedented in modern Indian art and stands out as one of the earliest attempts at starting a conversation about gay life, his own homosexuality, and gay rights. His paintings, done in bright colours, were remarkable studies of urban life. True to the narrative tradition of the Baroda school, a major influence on his career, Khakhar sought to tell stories, laced with sarcasm and self-deprecating humour. The stories were about people made vulnerable by their sexual choices and hence, forced to embrace a tortuous social exile. Works like *Two Men in Benaras* and *You Can't Please All* challenged the prevailing morality on sexuality.

Earlier this week, *Two Men in Benaras* was sold at Sotheby's Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art sale for Rs 22.39 crore, setting a record for modern Indian art. Three years ago, Tate Modern had held a retrospective of the artist. Both are indicators of a growing international recognition of Khakhar's vision and pioneering radicalism. His unflinching social gaze, risking censorship, ignominy and social ostracisation, speaks of a rare courage that may have resonance in a society that increasingly frowns on artistic license and freedoms.

It's a moot point whether the radical edge in Khakhar's work has seeped down and transformed notions of public morality. For instance, can a 1982-work like *Two Men in Benaras*, at this moment the most expensive Indian painting, be put up for public viewing in India?



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BY ANNOUNCING THE creation of 100 madrasas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that there are no walls between the Muslim community and the BJP-RSS. The PM's message to the community is to modernise and while remaining rooted. "Ek hath mein Quran, ek mein computer" (Quran in one hand and computer in the other), he said. Earlier, the PM also expressed his concern for the Muslims being used as a vote bank, stalling their progress.

Fundamental changes have been underway in our educational curriculum. Religious instruction across all faiths cannot stay isolated from this transformation. In 1996, the first BJP-led government under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee talked of combining the ideals of Vedanta and Islam. I have held the view that it is important to continuously engage with the BJP and Sangh to build a bridge of understanding.

The bitterness which our leaders have allowed to grow between the two sister communities and the immeasurable suffering it has led to, could have been easily avoided. Now, if the Muslim leadership wants to engage, it should be without any preconditions.

Today's Muslim leadership has lost both its voice and utility. Nothing has changed since Independence and Muslims continue to be seen with a begging bowl. During every election, it has been proved that all of them are power-brokers indulging in pernicious

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TIME FOR ASSIMILATION

Muslim voters must give BJP a chance, see if their genuine aspirations are addressed

vote-bank manipulation, then acquiring state patronage themselves and leaving ordinary Muslims to the mercy of God. In terms of electoral politics, the biggest mistake committed by most in the Muslim community has been the diatribe against the BJP, particularly during elections, exhorting people from the community to vote to keep the BJP out. By doing so, they not only communalise the scenario but also help unite the majority Hindu vote.

This ghetto mindset has rendered the 170-odd million Muslim community at a crossroads. Muslims have also observed in the recent election that the "Mahagathbandhan" of the so-called secular brigade too has miserably failed as its sole purpose was not development but to pull the rug from under Modi's feet. After the result, even when the votes of the "Mahagathbandhan" and Congress in UP were added together, they could not overcome the BJP candidate's tally.

This year, Modi magic worked and 10 to 20 per cent or more votes were polled for the BJP in UP alone and 36 constituencies with substantial Muslim presence were won by the NDA-BJP. In East Delhi, which has about 20 per cent Muslim electorate, Gautam Gambhir polled 57,000 votes in Zakir Nagar ward where the number of Muslim electorate is 3.10 lakh. Is the Muslim paradigm shifting?

After Modi had stated in his speech in Parliament that he wanted to provide justice to the exploited Muslim community, it was

welcomed as well as treated with suspicion. Even in 2014, Muslims got to know their political mandate had been rendered futile. Rather than wasting their vote, they should try once at least to consolidate behind the BJP and see if their genuine issues are addressed.

Muslim voters have to shift their perspective from treating the BJP as politically untouchable. They must keep in mind which party and candidate can fulfil their aspirations. At the same time, while Modi believes in making India, some of his MPs and other supporters seem to believe in breaking India through their vitriolic remarks. The lynching of Muslims, which is going on unabated, must stop and those indulging in it must be given exemplary punishment.

If Muslims have voted for the Congress for six decades, they must in the next election, vote en bloc for the BJP and see the change.

The message of the recent mandate for the Muslim community is to distance itself from the rabble-rousing leaders like Asaduddin Owaisi and Azam Khan. This will pave the way for them to enter the political mainstream and reap the benefits that ensue. They should not harp on reservations and raise emotive issues. Assimilation is the watchword for the Muslim community.

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JUNE 13, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

RAJ NARAIN REMOVED THE CENTRAL DISCIPLINARY action committee of the Janata party ordered that the former health minister, Raj Narain, be removed from the membership of the national executive of the party for one year for breach of party discipline. The committee also debarred Narain from seeking re-entry to the executive for one year. While Narain's removal from the national executive has been ordered for his public statements criticising the working of the government and his call to the people to "gherao" MPs of their areas, he has been warned for showing disregard to the party president, Chandra Shekhar.

INDO-SOVIET TALKS THE TWO-DAY Indo-Soviet talks concluded in Moscow with clear indications that Moscow wants India and the Soviet Union to have a common approach towards ensuring Afghanistan's protection from the threat of incursions from Pakistan. At the banquet speech in honour of the Indian PM, Leonid Brezhnev made it clear that Moscow will not leave Afghanistan in the lurch. Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin, made it clear that the Soviet Union "will be protecting Afghanistan".

NO ESCAPE THE SUPREME COURT today ordered that

Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar alias Anandmurtiji, chief of the Ananda Marg, shall not leave the country on his return from his foreign tour this month, notwithstanding the issuance of a passport to him. Vacation judge R S Pathak passed the order on a special leave petition of the Union government against the order of the Patna High Court of May 10, directing the authorities to issue him a passport on certain conditions. Sarkar had left on May 6 on a tour of Switzerland, West Germany, Italy, France, Sweden and Spain. On May 4, on an application by the Union government, the SC granted an interim stay of the order of the High Court which permitted Sarkar to leave the country.

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Terms of engagement

The context of India-Pakistan relationship has changed significantly. Any framework for dialogue must reflect the new situation



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"NO MAN EVER steps in the same river twice", the Greek philosopher Heraclitus had said back in the 6th century BC. He explained by adding, "for it's not the same river and he's not the same man". The thought from Heraclitus might help explain why India is unwilling to get back to the kind of dialogue it pursued with Pakistan in the recent past.

Pakistan premier Imran Khan has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, appealing for a resumption of the dialogue that has stalled for some years now. Khan's foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi has urged the same in a separate letter to his Indian counterpart, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The Indian response, if any, is not in the public domain. One thing, though, is quite certain. If and when India agrees to resume the dialogue with Pakistan, it is unlikely to be the one that Pakistan wants to resume.

For the context of the relationship between India and Pakistan has changed since the early 1990s, when the current series of talks began. Further, it is not the same India that Pakistan dealt with a quarter century ago. Even more important, PM Modi is very different from his recent predecessors — Manmohan Singh, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Inder Kumar Gujral and PV Narasimha Rao.

Returning to Heraclitus for a moment, the peace process between India and Pakistan is not the same river and the prime minister of India is not the same man.

The old peace process was dead when PM Modi's visit to Lahore on short notice on the Christmas day of 2015 was followed by an attack on Pathankot when the new year dawned a week later. What was this framework and why is it so difficult to redeem now?

The peace process had its origins in a time when the balance in the Subcontinent tilted in favour of Pakistan. By the turn of the 1990s, Pakistan was triumphalist and India was down in the dumps. Pakistan had acquired nuclear weapons by the late 1980s. That seemed to neutralise India's conventional military superiority over Pakistan and established "nuclear parity" between the two subcontinental siblings. Beyond the nuclear, Pakistan was on high having just humbled a superpower — the Soviet Union. Moscow was compelled to withdraw from Afghanistan after a decade of occupation. Pakistan's use of jihadi violence played no mean part in the strategic humiliation of Russia. To its west, Pakistan was eager to extend its sway into Afghanistan and beyond. In the east, it was time to take revenge for India's vivisection of Pakistan in 1971.

If Pakistan was riding high, India seemed to be plumb new depths. Its economy had collapsed and Delhi went into the IMF's receivership. Political stability was dead with the demise of the so-called Congress system. The weak coalition governments in Delhi that followed had struggled to produce consensus on difficult policy choices. Meanwhile, the



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deepening faultlines of caste and religion seemed poised to tear Indian society apart. And its frontier regions — Punjab, Kashmir and the Northeast were all on the boil. Externally, India's lone ally, the Soviet Union broke up into pieces and Delhi had to recalibrate its foreign relations.

Pakistan could easily be forgiven if it had thought India was now a pushover. It turned the Afghan jihadi experience to Kashmir where Delhi had made matters difficult for itself. The strategic impunity created by the nuclear weapons seemed to embolden the Pakistan army. Its immediate objective was to force a reluctant India to open up talks on the Kashmir question. It had two new instruments. One was the leverage over the militant groups in the Kashmir Valley and the creation of a sanctuary for anti-India terror groups. The other was the renewed international interest in resolving the Kashmir dispute. Washington convinced itself that Kashmir was the world's most dangerous nuclear flashpoint. The pressure from Pakistan to reopen the Kashmir question was matched by that from the international community to start talking Kashmir.

India, willy nilly, agreed to put Kashmir back on the table by the end of the late 1990s. But it was only by 2004 — after a series of military crises rocked the bilateral relationship that there was an agreed methodology for a comprehensive negotiation with Pakistan. The three-fold framework involved a commitment from India to negotiate seriously on Kashmir, Pakistan's promise to create a violence-free environment, and a joint pursuit of confidence building measures.

Outlined in January 2004 in Vajpayee's talks with Pervez Musharraf, the process gained momentum in Manmohan Singh's first term. The two sides expanded a range of CBMs, came close to solving some difficult issues like the dispute over Siachen glacier, and negotiated a broad understanding on Kashmir. But the process collapsed for a variety of reasons; there was plenty of blame to go around. From the Indian perspective, though, the main problem was the persistent cross-border terror backed by the Pakistan army.

After his initial outreach to Pakistan failed, Modi sought to break the frustrating talks-terror-talks cycle with Pakistan. The new ap-

proach had a number of elements. First, discard the pretence that the Hurriyat in Kashmir had a role in the talks with Pakistan; two, refuse to talk to Pakistan until it shows real progress on limiting cross-border terror; three, challenge Pakistan's nuclear impunity through military escalation on the Line of Control, cross-border attacks and the use of air power after the Pulwama attack; and mobilise international pressure on Pakistan to stop supporting terrorism in Kashmir.

India has had a measure of success with this strategy, thanks to the evolution of the international context and the regional balance of power in India's favour. From pressing India to talk Kashmir after every major military crisis, the major powers (with the exception of China) are now demanding that Pakistan put an end to terror first. Few in the world are today itching to resolve the Kashmir conflict. This change is rooted in turn in the dramatic reversal of the economic fortunes of Pakistan.

Until the early 1990s, Pakistan's economy grew at a much faster pace than that of India. As economic reforms kicked in, India grew rapidly. A quarter century later, the Indian economy is nearly 10 times larger than Pakistan's. Bangladesh, once the poor cousin, is now set to become a larger economy than Pakistan. As its army privileged jihadi violence, Pakistan has long ceased to be the attractive state that it once was — a dynamic economy, moderate political orientation and a natural leader of the Islamic world.

Is India taking full advantage of the shift in the regional balance of power? That is a far more interesting question than others at play today: Whether and when might Delhi talk to Islamabad? If India does resume talks, what weight might Delhi attach to the Kashmir question? If the old framework of dialogue with Pakistan was rooted in India's weakness, Delhi now may see no reason to return to it. But "not talking to Pakistan" can't be an end in itself. It should be about finding new terms of engagement with Pakistan.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US should understand that China's rapid development is driven by the wish of the Chinese people to live a better life."

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

The enigma of English

Progress can be achieved using the language one is born into and grows up with



DHANANJAY SINGH

WITH ENGLISH, ONE arrives at the doorstep of power. Without it, despite any measure of excellence in any language of Indian origin, there is no hope. While this may be an exaggeration, it is largely true — English is more than a language in India. It is in this context that I disagree with your editorial's assertion that the growth of English is largely organic to India ('Tongue twisted', IE, June 4).

More than 70 years after the end of colonial rule, English sounds still reverberate an aura of awe, especially across large parts of India outside the metropolis. From a small district in Arunachal Pradesh, where my uncle was a schoolteacher, we would go to my village in Bihar for the summer vacation: When I was in Class V, the villagers would often gather around and demand English. Flustered that I still had no expressive abil-

ity, as I studied at a government school, I would utter a flurry of randomly assorted verbs and nouns accentuated with no semantic connections whatsoever, peppered with a long-sounding "and". It left the crowd mesmerised. Years later, when I was in college in Bomdila, I saw my now old uncle come home depressed and humiliated. The district education officer had scolded him publicly: The humiliation felt was particular for being called a stupid Bihar.

With my newly-adorned English reputation, I drafted a letter I would myself be unable to understand a word of. A sense of resentment for the officer combined with compassion for the old teacher produced a mishmash of outlandish words and convoluted sentences that simply made no sense. Subsequently, the intended reader invited me to his office. He looked at me with vague admiration and cynicism. He offered the letter to his subordinate, who read it and looked flummoxed. After some moments of gestural consultation, they looked at me. "Very high class English, umm?" he said. I was offered tea, and asked what I actually wanted. Then, as if to show that he was not far behind in owning English, he dictated a letter of apology, often substituting a simple expression with a verbose one.

It is such attitudes and assumptions associated with the language that the draft national education policy seeks to redress. In villages and small towns, English schools are mushrooming. The teachers in these schools are often less than proficient in the language. They mutter half-understood content to an unsuspecting but confused lot of school children. There is nothing wrong in the intent expressed in the draft

which echoes what the acclaimed Kenyan writer Ngugi Wa Thiong'o wrote in his influential book, *Decolonising the Mind* (1986): "Language carries culture, and culture carries, particularly through orature and literature, the entire body of values by which we come to perceive ourselves and our place in the world." It seeks to find a common ground between the language of culture and language of education and professional life.

The editorial claims "the exhortation," in the draft, "to value languages other than English in the workplace, especially hiring, is perplexing". Well, rather than perplexing, it is seeking a course correction. The consumer base for all the companies ultimately are the masses of the country, and the vast majority of them are non-English speakers. We can already see a change over the last decade or so when it comes to the use of Hindi and other Indian languages in the business world. This has, perhaps, been possible due to the greater presence of these languages in the cultural and public sphere, especially through social media. The draft seeks to ensure that the language of culture also remains the language of education and profession.

The elite, in the universities or the workplaces, often deride and exclude people with

weak English language skills. There are cases where a student who is otherwise brilliant either drops out of a university or continues, but with a dented self-esteem adversely affecting their performance. Some may say that English is also a language of emancipation against various inequalities. English lifts an individual from a social environment of deprivation to a life of freedom and prestige. This may be true in particular and limited cases, but widespread progress can be achieved only in a language that one is born into and grows up with, in the family and the society.

However, the Draft is unfairly dismissive of English. It is not English in itself that is a problem: English has been the only available language of communication between Indians who speak languages that are mutually unintelligible. The Indian variety of English is recognised the world over as Indian English, and it has produced some great works of literature and art. The Sahitya Akademi has instituted an award for the best work written in English. For a small community of Indians, English is indeed their first language, and, for many, their second language. A respectable number of Indians living in the cities have English as one of the languages of their bilingual identity. Not only this, socially and culturally, English is lending its words to the languages of Indian origin. Even an unlettered Indian has no substitute, for example, to "missed call" in her own language.

English is an enigma. Like all issues of social importance in the country, there is no one way of thinking and arguing about it.

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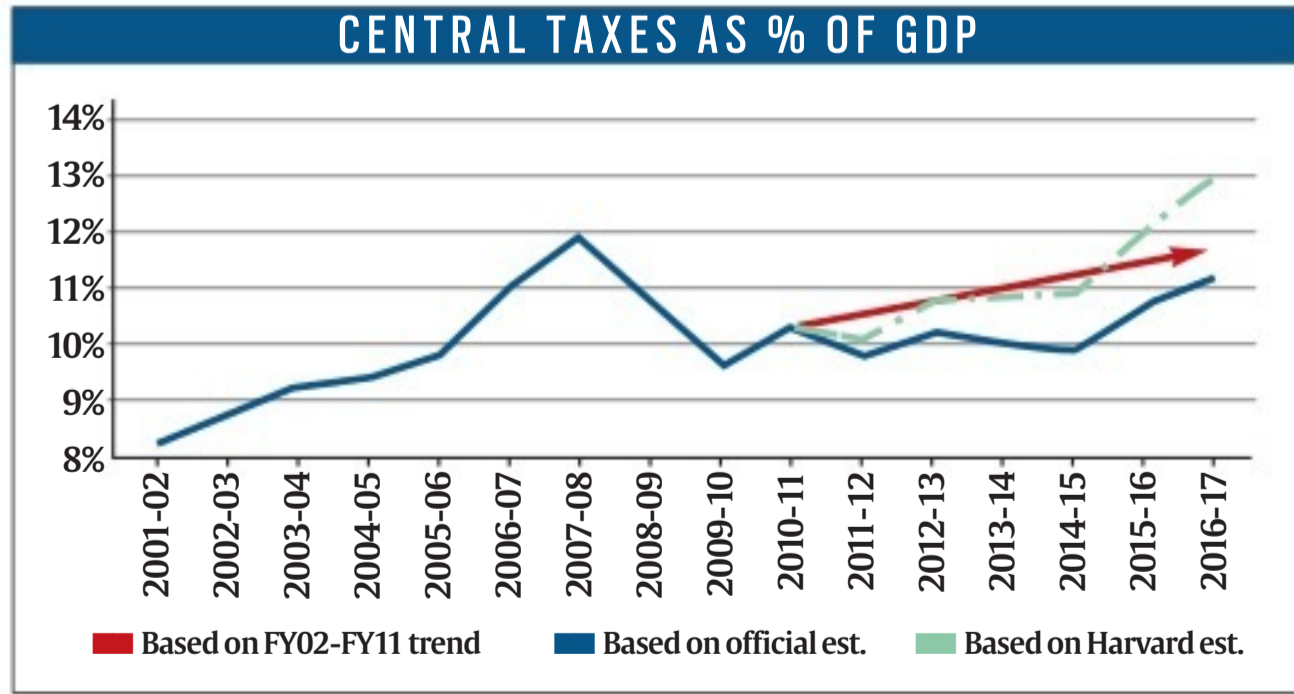
Passing the tax smell test

Subramanian's growth claims would imply a strange boost in tax to GDP ratio

FORMER CHIEF ECONOMIC Advisor Arvind Subramanian has released a working paper wherein he claims that the actual growth rate of the Indian economy has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points from 2011-12 to 2016-17. He has summarised his argument in these pages ('India's GDP growth: New evidence for fresh beginnings', IE, June 11). Instead of the official growth rate of around 7 per cent, actual growth was between 3.5 per cent and 5.5 per cent with a high statistical "confidence interval".

To arrive at these numbers, he looks at the correlation of growth with some "real indicators" such as two-wheeler and commercial vehicle sales, electricity, inflation-adjusted credit off-take, industrial indices and so on across different periods. He concludes that the economy in FY17 was "overstated by about 9-21 per cent" because of slower growth. Similar real indicators have been used on the Chinese economy. Therefore, such an analysis on India, albeit a preliminary one, should be taken seriously and must be used as a springboard for further discussion. Moreover, the years under consideration cover both governments almost equally so this should not be taken as a partisan critique.

However, the critique is not without its flaws. Surprisingly, it does "not use tax indicators because of the major changes in direct and indirect taxes in the post-2011 period which render the tax-to-GDP relationship different and unstable, and hence make the indicators unreliable proxies for GDP growth." However, GST (indirect tax reform) came into effect on July 1, 2017 (or FY18 while our analysis stops at FY17) and no radical direct tax overhaul has been implemented since 2011.



Why could this omission be important? Because, the total tax to GDP ratio ("ratio" hereafter) would be unusually higher if the GDP since FY12 was to be reduced by 2.5 per cent every year (cumulatively). If we focus only on the central kitty to begin with, the ratio would be more than 13 per cent in FY17 based on the Harvard paper but based on official estimates it was a bit more than 11 per cent.

The official number is closer to the extrapolated trend from FY02 to FY11: This is important as over time one does expect a secular though gradual increase in the ratio as an emerging economy grows and formalises. Yet, if the economy grew at half the rate of earlier years — one should *ceteris paribus* — expect a significant fall in the ratio as tax buoyancy is sensitive to growth. But based on the Subramanian GDP estimates, our tax to GDP ratio has even crossed the records of the FY08

boom. Remember, taxes are real cash and no one I know is saying even tax figures have been fudged for around a decade.

As central tax numbers above contain a portion that is devolved to the states and since devolution changes due to finance commissions, etc, I conducted a similar exercise with total central and state taxes just to be sure. Again, the same results. The official ratio for FY12 to FY17 is in line with historical estimates, and is in fact a bit below the extrapolated trend based on FY02 to FY11. Subramanian's lower estimates for GDP would mean a 20 per cent ratio whereas the official is at 17 per cent, the trend suggests 18 per cent, and even the FY08 peak had not crossed 18 per cent. If growth really was so slow for around the first half of this decade, the ratio should be much lower.

None of this is, of course, the final word on the GDP debate. I am just raising some pertinent doubts about other valid doubts — even

the Subramanian paper acknowledges the need to double check its thesis by cross verifying production and consumption numbers. However, the big question remains: How does one square the circle of the official numbers suggesting stable and high growth for almost two decades, with the second half, roughly speaking, seeing a slowdown in many real non-government indicators? One hypothesis is an increase in efficiency or total factor productivity (TFP) over and above hard inputs such as capital. This could be due to technology and/or a more literate workforce as well as other factors.

We are selling fewer cars because thanks to Ola and Uber the same number of cars are being used more aggressively instead of lying idle. Blue collar workers have opportunities to work as "delivery boys" almost 24x7 as opposed to jobs where there was often large, though intermittent downtime. The spread of cheap smartphones and the internet is forcing middlemen everywhere to "shape up or ship out". Blue-collar real wages are up and often higher than entry-level white collar post-tax salaries. Farm mechanisation is proceeding despite agrarian distress. Some of it is caught in the numbers — not all of it, yet. And even if growth was overestimated, the extent suggested (150-350 basis points) does seem very high.

TFP is almost always measured as a "residual" — so I cannot further quantify my hypothesis here, but the tax to GDP "smell test" is very real and needs to be answered if the revisionist GDP estimates are to be considered genuinely robust.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

KATHUA JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Healing a wound' (IE, June 12). Justice has been delivered for the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua, with a Punjab court awarding life terms to three men and five years' imprisonment to three others. Moral policing and limited avenues for social interactions between adult men and women have created an unhealthy sexual culture in India. Sexual predators are emboldened by a weak policing system. Recruiting more police personnel, improving infrastructure like forensic labs, disposing of cases faster, and making police stations and courts women and child-friendly will require significant public investment. But it is a price worth paying to ensure a safe and humane society.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

MULTIPOLAR ERA

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'India and Sino Russian alliance' (IE, June 11). The US, because of its military prowess and sound economy, has strangled many other economies by imposing unwarranted sanctions. Now, in the wake of a multipolar era, it is not advisable to continue the policy of "America first". Russia getting closer to China is a cause of concern for the global community in general and the US in particular. The US should realise that it needs to follow a pragmatic approach while dealing with the other superpowers now.

Kushal Gadkari, Vadodara

WAR AND SPORT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Must've

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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been glove, but it's over now' (IE, June 12). The author is right in stating that war is too serious a business to be mixed with sports. However, there is nothing wrong in M S Dhoni wearing his military uniform for an award function at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The author may not be aware that Dhoni has undergone a basic para jump course to earn his para-wing: He took this risk when he was at the peak of his cricketing career. A nasty parachute injury could have permanently sealed his career. Incidentally, a commando dagger is a military insignia and not a para-military insignia as stated by the author.

H N Bhagwat, via email

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AFRICA

EBOLA DEATH IN UGANDA RAISES FEARS

A 5-year-old boy became the first cross-border victim in the current Ebola outbreak on Wednesday, while his three-year-old brother and grandmother tested positive for the disease that has killed nearly 1,400 people in Congo. The Ugandan cases show the epidemic is entering a "truly frightening" phase and could kill many more, an expert said.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Benjamin and Sara Netanyahu. Reuters

ISRAEL

Netanyahu's wife cuts plea deal in graft case

Jerusalem: Sara Netanyahu, the wife of Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu, accepted a plea bargain Wednesday and will pay about \$15,000 in fines and restitution to settle accusations that she misused \$100,000 in public funds in managing the couple's official residence. Prosecutors said Sara, whom they charged with fraud, had concealed that a cook was on the payroll so she could order catered meals from expensive restaurants and charge them to the state. But Benjamin Netanyahu faces a far more serious criminal prosecution of his own, on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust over his ties to wealthy businessmen, and accusations that he traded official favours for positive news coverage.

FRANCE

Le Pen to go on trial for tweeting gruesome photos

Nanterre: French far-right leader Marine Le Pen has been ordered to stand trial for tweeting pictures of Islamic State atrocities, a judicial source said. Le Pen shared the gruesome images in December 2015, a few weeks after IS jihadists killed 130 people in attacks in Paris. A judge in the western Paris suburb of Nanterre ordered that the National Rally leader stand trial on charges of circulating "violent messages that incite terrorism or pornography or seriously harm human dignity" and that can be viewed by a minor.

PAKISTAN

Hamza Shahbaz sent to 14-day NAB custody

Lahore: An accountability court Wednesday remanded Opposition leader in Pakistan's Punjab Assembly Hamza Shahbaz to a 14-day physical custody, a day after the country's anti-graft body arrested him in cases related to money laundering and corruption. The National Accountability Bureau was granted Hamza's custody till June 26. Judge Jawadul Hassan pronounced the reserved verdict after hearing the arguments from both sides in the case. Hamza is the son of PML-N president and National Assembly opposition leader Shahbaz Sharif.

GHANA

Security forces free 2 kidnapped Canadians

Accra: Ghanaian security forces on Wednesday freed two young Canadian women who had been kidnapped at a golf club in the city of Kumasi last week, a government official said. The Canadian charity volunteers aged 19 and 20 were abducted June 4, in Kumasi, Ghana's second-largest city, some 200 kilometres north-west of the capital Accra. They had been travelling in an Uber with a third Canadian woman. When they reached their destination, the pair got out of the taxi first and were taken. The third woman then went to alert the police with the Uber driver.

THOUSANDS TAKE TO STREETS AGAINST CHINA EXTRADITION BILL

Chaos on streets of Hong Kong as protesters try to storm Parliament

Police use teargas, rubber bullets

AGENCIES
HONG KONG, JUNE 12

VIOLENT CLASHES broke out in Hong Kong Wednesday as police tried to stop protesters storming the city's Parliament, while tens of thousands of people blocked key arteries in a show of strength against government plans to allow extraditions to China.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and batons to disperse crowds of black-clad demonstrators — most of them young people and students — calling for authorities to scrap the Beijing-backed law.

Clashes broke out shortly after 3 pm — the deadline protesters had given for the government to abandon the controversial Bill — and continued throughout the afternoon in the worst political violence the city has seen in years.

Rows of riot police battled protesters — many wearing face masks, helmets and using umbrellas as shields — who had gathered at the city centre ahead of a scheduled debate in the legislature.

That debate had to be rescheduled "to a later date" after huge crowds seized major roads outside the Parliament.

After the deadline expired, protesters broke into the forecourt of the legislature in a bid to breach the building and demonstrators were seen throwing missiles including metal bars at riot police. An injured policeman was carried away unconscious.

Police beat back demonstrators as they cleared one side of the surrounded Parliament building. Many Hong Kongers are incensed the government ignored a massive march on Sunday calling for the scrapping of the Bill, which seeks to allow those accused of crimes to be extradited from Hong Kong to China.



Protesters were hit with teargas in Hong Kong on Wednesday. NYT

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Echoes of 2014's Umbrella protests

THE ONGOING protests against the extradition Bill echoed the 2014 "Umbrella Movement", in which hundreds of thousands of pro-democracy protesters took to the streets, just like on Sunday and Wednesday, and shut down parts of Hong Kong for over two months. The "Umbrella Movement" got its name from the umbrellas that protesters used to shield themselves from police. Wednesday's protests also saw similar scenes when police used teargas.

China says protests internal affair

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, JUNE 12

EVEN AS thousands of protesters clashed with police in Hong Kong Wednesday, Beijing stressed Hong Kong's affairs were "purely China's internal affairs" and "no country, organisation or individual has the right to intervene in them."

At a regular press briefing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said: "The rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong residents are fully protected in accordance with the law. Various international institutions have said Hong Kong has one of the most free economies in the world and it is one of the most (economically) competitive regions in the world."

Geng responded to a question

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— GENG SHUANG
CHINESE GOVT SPOKESPERSON

on the US expressing concerns about amendments to the extradition Bill, saying the principles of "one country, two systems" and "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" has been effectively implemented. "Any action that undermines Hong Kong's prosperity and stability is opposed by Hong Kong's mainstream public opinion," he said. "I want to stress once again that Hong Kong affairs are purely China's internal affairs... The US has made irrespon-

sible and erroneous remarks... and the Chinese side has expressed strong dissatisfaction..." he added.

An opinion piece in the Chinese state-run tabloid *The Global Times* warned those in Hong Kong to "keep a clear mind" so they won't be "fooled by Western political elites or trapped in Western-style political game."

Information on the protests was heavily censored in the mainland, including on microblogging site Weibo. While news agency Xinhua did not carry details on Hong Kong, a report on Taiwan stressed the "Chinese mainland has unwavering resolve to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity" and will "not tolerate separatist elements advocating Taiwan independence".

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PROTESTERS CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST COPS WHO 'FRAMED' JOURNALIST

Russia detains over 400, including prominent Opp politician, at protest

ANTON ZVEREV & ANDREW OSBORN
MOSCOW, JUNE 12

RUSSIAN POLICE detained more than 400 people, including Opposition politician Alexei Navalny, at a protest in Moscow on Wednesday calling for punishment for police officers involved in the alleged framing of a journalist.

Police abruptly dropped drug charges a day earlier against investigative journalist Ivan Golunov, a rare U-turn by the authorities in the face of anger from his supporters who said he was targeted over his reporting.

Golunov, 36, known for exposing corruption among



Policemen detain Russian Opposition leader Alexei Navalny during a rally in Moscow Wednesday. Reuters

Moscow city officials, was detained by police last Thursday and accused of dealing drugs, an allegation he denied.

The crude way supporters said Golunov was set up and detained triggered an unusual show of media unity and an un-

Indian woman among 26 injured as Yemeni rebels hit Saudi airport

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI, JUNE 12

AN INDIAN woman was among 26 civilians injured in a missile attack carried out by Yemeni rebels on an airport in south-western Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, a media report said.

The attack came a day after Riyadh said it intercepted two drones fired by the Houthi rebels, which controls a large part of Yemen, including the capital Sanaa.

The attack on Abha Airport in Saudi Arabia took place in the early hours of Wednesday, *Arab News* reported.

The attack resulted in injury to 26 civilians of different nationalities, the report said, adding that the wounded included one Indian woman and two Saudi children.

Eighteen of those injured were admitted to hospital for treatment for minor injuries, and at least six have been discharged.

Airport operations and air traffic also resumed after being disrupted for a few hours.

Claiming full responsibility

WAR IN YEMEN

■ A Saudi-led coalition intervened in Yemen in March 2015 to push back an advance by the Houthi rebels and to restore President Abdrabbo Mansour Hadi to power throughout the country.

■ Since then, the conflict has killed tens of thousands of people, many of them civilians, pushing the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine.

■ The UN describes the Yemen conflict as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, with 24.1 million people in need of aid.

for the attack, the rebels, through an announcement on a Houthi-affiliated television channel, said a cruise missile was used to carry out the attack.

Abe in Tehran on mission to ease Iran-US tensions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TEHRAN, JUNE 12

JAPANESE PRIME Minister Shinzo Abe held talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in Tehran on Wednesday during a rare diplomatic mission aimed at defusing tensions between Iran and Tokyo's ally Washington.

Abe, the first Japanese PM to visit Iran in 41 years, was received by Rouhani at the Sadabad presidential palace where they began a closed-door meeting.

He is expected to meet Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei on Thursday morning.

Addressing a Cabinet meet-



Abe with Iran Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and President Rouhani. Reuters

ing ahead of the visit, Rouhani said Iran's leaders and people were united in their view that "the main culprit is America. Not a single individual doubts it."

"The (US) pressure has reached its full strength," he told the Cabinet.

UK to become first G7 country with net zero emissions target

SUSANNA TWIDALE & MATTHEW GREEN
LONDON, JUNE 12

BRITAIN HAS announced it will enshrine a new commitment to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 into law, marking a first among G7 nations facing increasingly severe impacts from the climate crisis.

With global carbon emissions at record highs despite decades of talks aimed at bringing them within safe limits, outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May said the goal was ambitious but essential for protecting Earth's future.

"Now is the time to go further and faster to safeguard the environment for our children," she said in a statement.

"Reaching net zero by 2050 is an ambitious target, but it is crucial that we achieve it to ensure we protect our planet for future generations."

Britain's existing target is to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. The new target is in line with the 2015 Paris climate agreement which calls on countries to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by mid-century to try to keep the global temperature rise as close to 1.5 degrees Celsius as possible.

Temperatures have already risen about one degree Celsius since pre-industrial times. Scientists warn further increases risk triggering tipping points that could render swathes of the globe uninhabitable, devastate farming and drown coastal cities.

May, who is due to step down this summer after her political career became a casualty of the turmoil over Brexit, said legislation would be put before Parliament.

"Achieving net zero by 2050 will change all our lives. It will transform the ways we travel, the homes we live in and the food we eat," said David Reay, professor of carbon management at the University of Edinburgh. **REUTERS**

Indian man detained in Dubai for allegedly molesting 7-year-old

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI, JUNE 12

AN INDIAN man based in Dubai has been detained for allegedly molesting a seven-year-old girl, a media report said.

According to the prosecutors, the 36-year-old man, who was produced in the court on Tuesday, molested the girl when her mother was away, touching her inappropriately, the *Khaleej Times* reported.

The man, who works as a construction worker, denied the molestation charge at the Dubai Court of First Instance.

The incident happened in April at a gift shop. A complaint was filed at Al Barsha police station following which the defen-

dant was detained.

The girl's mother, a Moroccan housewife, said she was with her daughter and her younger son at the shop on April 17. "As I was busy shopping, my son went to the playing corner and then my daughter went after him. Moments later, she came back looking scared."

The girl did not tell her mother right away. Later, she pointed at the defendant who was standing near them and said that he touched her twice. Her father lodged a complaint after he learned about the incident.

The girl was evaluated by a psychiatrist at the family and juvenile cases section at the public prosecution.

A ruling will be pronounced on June 25.

ISRAEL'S STRINGENT SYSTEM FOR ISSUING GAZA EXIT PERMITS IN SPOTLIGHT

Sick Gaza child caught in Israeli permit regime dies alone

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JERUSALEM, JUNE 12

WHEN PALESTINIAN preschooler Aisha a-Lulu came out of brain surgery in a strange Jerusalem hospital room, she called out for her mother and father. She repeated the cry over and over, but her parents never came.

Instead of a family member, Israeli authorities had approved a stranger to escort Aisha from the blockaded Gaza Strip to the east Jerusalem hospital.

As her condition deteriorated, the child was returned to Gaza, unconscious. One week later, she was dead.

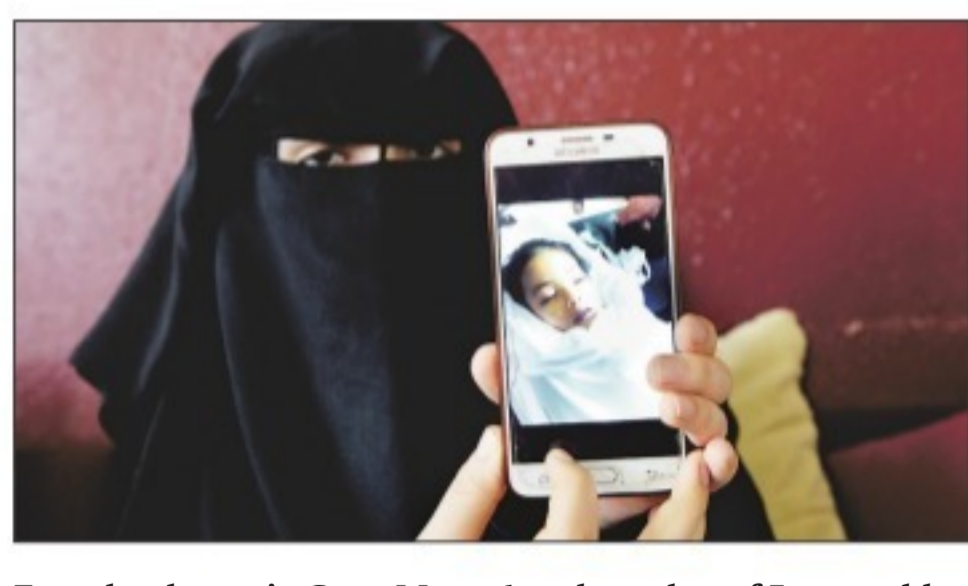
A photo of Aisha smiling softly in her hospital bed, brown curls swaddled in bandages, drew an outpouring on social media. The wrenching details of her last days have shined a light on Israel's

vastly complex and stringent system for issuing Gaza exit permits.

It is a bureaucracy that has Israeli and Palestinian authorities blaming each other for its shortfalls, while inflicting a heavy toll on Gaza's sick children and their parents.

"The most difficult thing is to leave your child in the unknown," said Waseem a-Lulu, Aisha's father. "Jerusalem is just an hour away, but it feels as though it is another planet." So far this year, roughly half of applications for patient companion permits were rejected or left unanswered by Israel, according to the World Health Organisation. That has forced over 600 patients, including some dozen children under 18, to make the trek out of the territory alone or without close family by their side.

The system stems from the Hamas militant group's takeover



From her home in Gaza, Muna Awad, mother of 5-year-old Aisha a-Lulu, shows a photo of her daughter in a Jerusalem hospital in May. AP

of Gaza in 2007, when it violently ousted the Western-backed Palestinian Authority. Israel and Egypt responded by imposing a blockade that tightly restricted movement in and out of Gaza.

The blockade, which Israel

says is necessary to prevent Hamas from arming, has precipitated a financial and humanitarian crisis in the enclave. For years, Gaza's 2 million residents have endured rising poverty and unemployment, undrinkable ground-

water and frequent electricity outages. Public hospitals wrestle with chronic shortages of drugs and basic medical equipment. Israel blames Hamas, which it considers a terrorist group, for the crisis.

In what it portrays as a humanitarian gesture to help Gaza's civilians, Israel permits Palestinian patients to seek medical treatment at hospitals in Israel and the West Bank once they pass a series of bureaucratic hurdles. COGAT, the Israeli defence body that issues the permits, says it insists that all patients cross with an escort, usually a close relative, unless they wish to go alone or require immediate treatment that doesn't allow time for security screening.

In order to get a permit, patients must first submit a diagnosis to the West Bank-based Palestinian Health Ministry, proving that their treatment isn't available in Gaza. Then a Palestinian li-

aison requests exit permits from COGAT, which reviews the applications and passes them to Israel's Shin Bet security agency for background checks.

According to WHO, the approval rate has plummeted in recent years.

After being diagnosed with brain cancer, Aisha received approval to get out of Gaza for what was hoped to be life-saving surgery. But when her parents approached the Palestinian Civil Affairs Commission for escort permits, their process ground to a halt.

To their bewilderment, Palestinian officials told them not to apply, saying it was too risky.

At 37, Waseem is below the age that Israel deems acceptable for swift entry on security grounds. Today, all men under 55 require extra screening, which means waiting, usually for months.

INDIA & THE WORLD AGRICULTURE

Govt sanctions relief supply of fertilisers to Nepal

Pact for fertilisers approved to help neighbour avoid procedural hassles

AMITAVRANJAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

NOD TO SUPPLY 30K TONNE UREA

At a meeting on Tuesday, an inter-ministerial committee approved the immediate supply of 30,000 tonnes of urea and 20,000 tonnes of diammonium phosphate (DAP) to the Himalayan nation at the earliest

KEEPING IN line with the new government's 'neighbourhood first' policy, India has sanctioned a relief supply of fertilisers to adjoining Nepal and approved a government-to-government pact between the two nations for fertilisers to help Kathmandu avoid long procedural hassles.

The G-2-G pact was pending since December 4, 2018, when Nepal submitted the first draft of the proposed memorandum of understanding. It was resubmitted on May 2 after a meeting of officials of both nations last January.

At a meeting on Tuesday, an inter-ministerial committee approved the immediate supply of 30,000 tonnes of urea and 20,000 tonnes of diammonium phosphate (DAP) to the Himalayan nation at the earliest "to meet the supply shortages in Nepal for the upcoming paddy season".

Kathmandu had requested that the fertilisers be despatched by mid-June to avoid any supply crisis.

The committee also gave consent to Nepal's request for the G-2-G deal, initially for five years, for supply of urea priced at import parity price and DAP priced by a Joint Steering Committee of both nations.

This would allow direct purchase from India by Nepal without going through the tendering process which normally takes Nepal six months.

The approvals are in line with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's outlined strategy on June 6 when he said that cooperation in the neighbourhood should be incentivised, and there should not be much emphasis on reciprocity.

Jaishankar said that India needed to promote cooperation in the neighbourhood by often stepping out. Pushing for a generous policy from New Delhi, he said that it could not be reciprocal because India has more resources and larger capability.

Sources said the agreement would be ratified soon as there is "likelihood of a high-level bilateral visit to or from Nepal which will provide a good opportunity to sign the MoU". It would serve both nations' common interests and contribute to the enhancement of future bilateral cooperation, says the approved MoU.

Under a treaty signed in 2009, India agreed to sell 100,000 tonnes of chemical fertiliser to Nepal annually through its state-run firms at import parity price to avoid procedural hassles. However, this got halted in 2015-16 due to the Tarai agitation and subsequent trade embargo by India.

As per the G-2-G proposal, Nepal plans to import 100,000 tonnes of urea and 50,000 tonnes of DAP this fiscal year. The overall five-year purchase is estimated at 565,000 tonnes of urea and 370,000 tonnes of DAP.

SCOPE FOR MORE RATE CUTS AS INFLATION STILL WITHIN RBI TARGET

April IIP rises to 3.4%; May retail inflation spikes to 7-month high

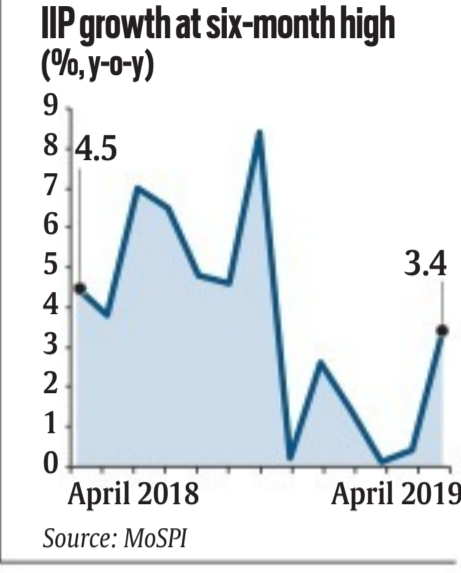
ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

FACTORY OUTPUT rose to a six-month high of 3.4 per cent in April, primarily on account of mining and electricity output growth, data released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) said.

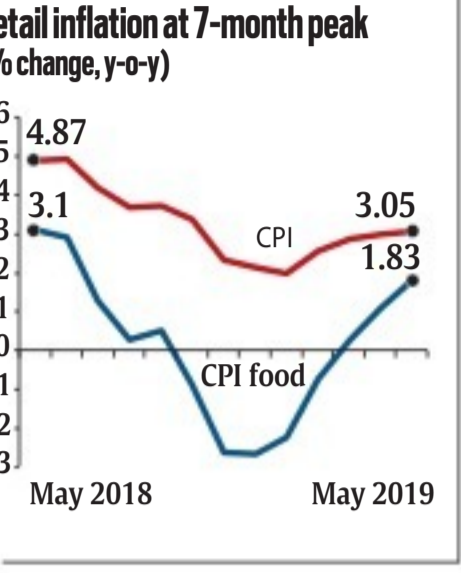
Retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) climbed higher to a seven-month high of 3.05 per cent on the back of rise in food inflation, separate set of data released by MoSPI showed.

The MoSPI revised up Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth for March 2019 to 0.4 per cent from (-)0.1 per cent earlier. IIP growth had stood at 4.5 per cent in April last year. The previous high in IIP growth was recorded at 8.4 per cent in October 2018. Mining sector output grew at 5.1 per cent in April as against 3.8 per cent in the year-ago period, while the electricity output grew at 6 per cent in April 2019 as against 2.1 per cent in April 2018.

However, manufacturing output, which carries weight of 77.63 per cent in IIP, remained subdued



Source: MoSPI



with 2.8 per cent growth rate in April as against growth of 4.9 per cent in year-ago period and 0.1 per cent growth in March. After contracting for last three months, capital goods output, an indicator of investment activity, grew at 2.5 per cent in April as against 9.8 per cent in year-ago period.

Economists said fluctuations in industrial growth make it difficult to point to an industrial recovery. "On the whole, picture is not very encouraging on the industrial production front. Ind-Ra has been consistently articulating that given fluctuation in IIP growth data it is difficult to believe that we are on our way or anywhere near

to a broad based and sustainable industrial recovery," Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) said.

Sector-wise data showed that the growth in intermediate goods, after contracting for five consecutive months, grew at 1.0 per cent in April as against 0.4 per cent last year and (-)2.5 per cent in March 2019. Consumer durables output recorded growth of 2.4 per cent in April, slower than 3.9 per cent in the year-ago period, while consumer non-durables output grew 5.2 per cent in April from 7.5 per cent in April last year. The industry group, 'manufacture of wearing apparel', showed highest positive

growth of 33.6 per cent, followed by 22.6 per cent in 'manufacture of wood and products of wood and cork, except furniture'.

Meanwhile, retail inflation in May 2019 was the highest since October last when it had touched 3.38 per cent. Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) inflation stood at 1.83 per cent in May as against 1.10 per cent in April. At 3.05 per cent, overall retail inflation rate is within the Reserve Bank's inflation projection of 3.0-3.1 per cent for April-September 2019-20 from 2.9-3.0 per cent earlier, leaving scope for more rate cuts.

The 'food and beverages' segment registered an inflation of 2.06 per cent in May, with meat and fish recording inflation of 8.12 per cent. While fruits registered deflation of 5.17 per cent, vegetable inflation was recorded at a 11-month high of 5.46 per cent in May and pulses witnessed inflation after a gap of 29 months. Inflation for the 'fuel and light' category eased to 2.48 per cent in May from 2.56 per cent in April.

The RBI cut repo rate by 25 basis points in its bi-monthly review on June 6, changing its stance from neutral to accommodative but had stated impending risks to inflation.

'M&As plunge 54% in May to \$2.8 bn'

Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) witnessed a sharp 54 per cent decline in May at \$2.8 billion due to fewer large deals, according to a report by consultancy EY India

MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEALS IN MAY

- \$500-million** deal involving GIC and Essel Infraprojects
- \$400-million** GIC/KKR deal with India Grid Trust

\$739 mn worth of exit deals: There was a sharp fall in exits as well, down 55 per cent in May at \$739 million from the year-ago period

SAGGING GDP GROWTH: The decline comes amid data release of sagging GDP growth, fuelled largely by a fall in consumption

82 deals in May 2019 involving investments of \$2.8 bn in May, which is a 54 per cent decline year-on-year

5 deals over \$100 mn: The fall in investments was attributed to fewer large deals, with only five deals of more than \$100 mn in May

\$1.4 bn worth of buyouts: Within \$2.8-bn fund inflows, buyouts was largest category accounting for \$1.4 bn

\$900 mn investment in infrastructure: From a sectoral perspective, the infrastructure sector was the top pick, witnessing \$900 million in investments

40% investment by wealth, pension funds: Investments by sovereign wealth funds and pension funds accounted for over 40 per cent of the total deals in May



TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENCIES

Imported steel to undergo higher domestic value addition

AMITAVRANJAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

IN AN attempt to provide more preference to domestic manufacturers in government procurement, the Steel Ministry has introduced a notification which mandates imported steel to undergo a higher domestic value addition in making of a product to be eligible for purchase by government departments and all its entities, including state-run firms.

And unlike previously, where the minimum value addition criteria kicked in for project purchases of Rs 50 crore and above, the new rules of May 29, 2019, have lowered the threshold to purchases of Rs 25 crore or more.

Moreover, these provisions would also kick in for government agencies whose annual procurement of iron and steel products for various projects is Rs 25 crore or more. The May 2019 notification on Policy for Providing Preference to Domestically Manufactured

MINIMUM VALUE ADDITION CRITERIA LOWERED

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Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) in Government Procurement also expands the list of manufactured products to 49 from previous 11 items.

PWC resigns as statutory auditor of Reliance Capital, home finance firm

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 12

RELiance CAPITAL and Reliance Home Finance, belonging to the Anil Ambani-led Reliance group, on Wednesday said Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants (PWC) has resigned as statutory auditor of both the companies.

In separate but identical stock exchange filings, both the companies said PWC has put in its resignation with effect from June 11, 2019, citing unsatisfactory response to "certain observations" made by it as a part of the ongoing audit for fiscal 2018-19.

Shares of Reliance Capital fell 6.82 per cent to close at Rs 87.50 on the BSE. Reliance Home Finance declined 3.94 per cent at Rs 17.05. "The company does not agree with the reasons given by PWC for the resignation. The company has duly responded to the various queries and letters of PWC

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RELiance CAPITAL & RELiance HOME FINANCE

and has also duly and validly convened a meeting of the Audit Committee on June 12, 2019 to further respond to the letter dated May 14, 2019 from PWC," the two companies said.

"The company expected PWC to have participated in the meeting of the Audit Committee and not resigned on the eve thereof. The company has also duly furnished all requisite and satisfactory details as required by PWC, especially including certification and confirmations of the transactions in question on multiple occasions by PWC themselves. As regards legal proceedings, the company had clearly stated that the same would be initiated only if so legally advised, that too if required to protect the interests of

Flying 5 kg payload at 80 km/hr, Zomato successfully tests drone delivery tech

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

ONLINE FOOD platform Zomato on Wednesday said it successfully tested its maiden drone delivery technology, using a hybrid drone which was able to cover a distance of 5 km, in about ten minutes, carrying a payload of 5kg at a peak speed of 80 km per hour. In December last year, the Gurgaon-headquartered firm had acquired drone delivery startup TechEagle Innovations, aiming for drone-based food delivery in India.

Currently, while regulations prohibit payload carriage on drones along with disallowing drone operations outside visual line of sight, the government — while announcing rules for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in August last — had said that the norms will be evolved with time as and when companies are able to exhibit newer technologies. To this extent, Zomato said it is forming a consortium to carry out experimental operations of drones beyond line of sight, in accordance with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's programme for conducting such trials.

Developed by TechEagle, the UAV is a hybrid aircraft which uses both fixed wings and rotors, making it capable of vertical take-off and landing, while covering distance like a fixed-wing aeroplane. "Inbuilt sensors and an on-board computer allow the drone to sense and avoid static and dynamic objects, overall making it more efficient for autonomous flights," Zomato said. Although fully automated, each drone is being



The drone, developed by TechEagle Innovations. Source: Zomato

ing tested with remote pilot supervision, Zomato said, adding that over time, as the company collects more data, it might do away with pilot supervision.

As per Zomato, the average delivery time for its biker fleet is 30.5 minutes. "The only possible way to reduce the average 30.5 minutes to 15 minutes is to take the aerial route. Roads are not efficient for very fast delivery. We have been working towards building sustainable and safe delivery technology and with our first successful test, food delivery by drones is no longer just a pipe dream. While regulatory hurdles are not trivial,

Will come out with point-to-point rebuttal: EAC-PM on ex-CEA's GDP claims

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

A DAY after the MoSPI issued a clarification on former Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Arvind Subramanian's new research that showed India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates were overestimated, the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) Wednesday came out strongly against the report and said it will "examine in detail the estimates... and come out with a point-to-point rebuttal in due course."

The Council pointed out several flaws in Subramanian's analysis, arguing that he used questionable proxy indicators and his research did not allow for GDP increases on the basis of productivity gains. A country's GDP is in nominal terms and any exercise should be on the basis of nominal figures, not real growth rates, the Council said, adding that "any attempt to sensationalise what should be a proper academic debate is not desirable from the point of view of preserving the independence and quality of India's statistical systems, all of which the former CEA is familiar with."

The EAC-PM said that the Base Year of India's income calculations shifted to 2011-12 based on recommendations of several committees and it is wrong to suggest that views of experts have not been taken into account. The change in GDP calculation methodology after shifting to 2011-12 is being argued as one of the reasons for overestimation.

The Council stressed that Subramanian should have certainly raised these issues while "he was working as the CEA, though by his own admission, he has taken time to understand India's growth numbers and is still unsure." In a research paper, 'India's GDP Mis-estimation: Likelihood, Magnitudes, Mechanisms, and Implications' published at Harvard University, the former CEA concluded that India's growth has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2016-17.

"While official estimates have pegged average annual growth at around 7 per cent during this period, actual GDP growth is likely to have been lower, at around 4.5 per cent," Subramanian said. His analysis is based on 17 key economic indicators which tend to be highly correlated with GDP growth, but does not include the controversial MCA-21 database that forms an integral part of the CSO's calculation.

Subramanian's paper has led to a raging debate on the growth numbers, with the Centre and the EAC-PM responding to the issue. The government on Tuesday said the GDP estimates are based on "accepted procedures, methodologies and available data and objectively measure the contribution of various sectors in the economy". The methodology of compilation of macro aggregates has been discussed in detail by a committee comprising experts from academia, National Statistical Commission, Indian Statistical Institute, Reserve Bank of India, Ministries of Finance, Corporate Affairs, Agriculture, NITI Aayog and selected state government, the government clarified.

The Council also questioned Subramanian's use of cross-country regressions to estimate what India's GDP should be. Regression analysis is a statistical measurement tool used for estimating relationships among different economic variables. "Using cross-country regressions to estimate GDP is a most unusual exercise, as is the suggestion that any country's GDP that is off the regression line must be questioned... A country's GDP is in nominal terms and any exercise should be on the basis of nominal figures, not real growth rates," it said.

Chandrajit Banerjee, director general, Confederation of Indian Industry, said "The growth estimates shown by the former CEA omits productivity and quality and takes only volume into account. GDP data has to take a more robust and comprehensive approach where all growth drivers are included." "For instance, agriculture, which is one-sixth of the Indian economy, has not been included in the study while service sector, which accounts for more than 50 per cent of GDP, has been inadequately represented. Specifically, IT and telecom sectors which have been the most dynamic parts of the economy in the recent years have been missed out while many infrastructure sectors like rural roads sector that have posted double-digits growth for several years are missing in the report," he said.

EXPLAINED

Independent attempt needed to assess methodology

AFTER MOSPI, the EAC-PM has pointed out flaws in former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian's assessment that India's GDP growth was overestimated over the years.

Subramanian's research paper has generated considerable debate, expectedly, but it will bear fruit after an independent attempt is made to assess the methodology behind counting the economic growth. An accurate understanding of an economy's growth trajectory is key to relevant policy formulation, as to whether it should be expansionary or not. This debate over growth is crucial in this context.

Laxman Narasimhan to be next CEO of Reckitt

REUTERS
BENGALURU, JUNE 12

UK-BASED CONSUMER goods group Reckitt Benckiser has picked PepsiCo executive Laxman Narasimhan as its next chief executive, becoming latest industry heavyweight to turn to a company outsider to tackle faltering growth and new media-savvy rivals.

Narasimhan, PepsiCo's global chief commercial officer, is the first external candidate to be appointed as CEO at Reckitt since the maker of Durex condoms, Nurofen tablets and Dettol cleaners was formed in 1999.

The 52-year-old will join Reckitt as CEO-designate and be appointed to the board on July 16. He will become CEO on September 1, replacing Rakesh Kapoor, who has led Reckitt for more than eight years and said in January he would retire this year.

Narasimhan studied mechanical engineering in India before moving to the United States to get an MBA. As CEO of Reckitt, Narasimhan will get a salary of 950,000 pounds.

PepsiCo named Ram Krishnan, currently CEO Greater China, as its new chief commercial officer.

DoT cracks down on illegal mobile signal repeaters in Delhi raids

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

THE WIRELESS Monitoring Organisation of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), along with relevant authorities and telecom operators, conducted raids at several locations across Delhi to take down illegal mobile signal repeaters, the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) said in a statement.

"Illegal mobile signal repeaters have become a major nuisance and are one of the biggest reasons for customers facing network issues like call drops and low data speeds. These illegal repeaters are installed by individuals/establishments at homes/offices/PG/guest houses to boost mobile signals.

"These illegal equipment interfere with mobile networks, impact signal quality and degrade network experience in the complete area. Mobile operators, who are making record investments in purchasing spectrum and rolling out network equipment, are grappling with this challenge and have called out the authorities to crack down on these installations and take strict action," COAI said.

The locations where raids

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CELLULAR OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

were conducted include both residential and commercial establishments in areas such as Laxmi Nagar, Paharganj, Greater Kailash, Inderpuri, Adarsh Nagar, Model Town, Patel Nagar, South Extension, Chandni Chowk, Rohini, Sant Nagar, Lajpat Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Civil Lines, Ashok Vihar and Rajendra Nagar. The identified locations also include Gurgaon and Noida.

"Raids were also conducted in Karol Bagh where such illegal equipment is being sold," the statement said, adding that with this exercise in Delhi, 32 illegal repeaters were removed and 46 notices were given to remove identified ones with immediate effect.

HEAVY ENGINEERING COMPANY OFFERS ₹980 PER SHARE

Mindtree independent directors' panel says L&T offer price 'fair'

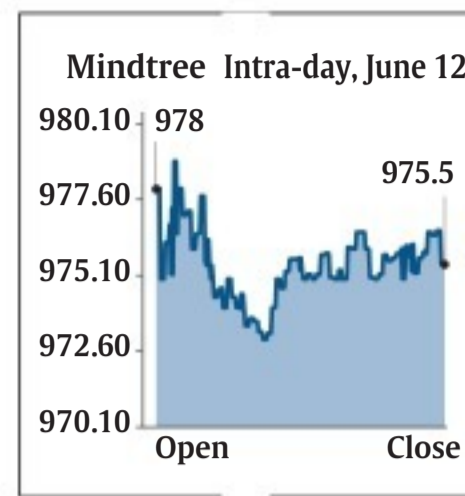
'Offer price of acquirer is in accordance with regulations prescribed under Sebi'

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 12

RECOMMENDING THE open offer made by Larsen and Toubro (L&T) for acquiring 31 per cent stake in Mindtree as "fair and reasonable", the independent directors' committee (IDC) of the mid-sized IT firm has said that the offer is in accordance with the regulations prescribed under Sebi's takeover regulations.

"The shareholders of the target company are advised to independently evaluate the open offer and take an informed decision about tendering the equity shares held by them in the open offer," said a BSE filing on Tuesday. In March, L&T had mounted a hostile takeover bid on Mindtree after entering into a deal to buy Cafe Coffee Day owner VG Siddhartha's 20.32 per cent stake in the Bengaluru-based firm and also placed an order with brokers to pick up another 15 per cent of the firm's shares from open market.

The company has been in the



spotlight for months now — first on account of the takeover drama that unfolded earlier this year and more recently when Mindtree's board in mid-April proposed to pay a special dividend to shareholders, including promoters, that along with regular dividend and tax components would strip Mindtree of about Rs 530 crore.

In what could now be a fillip to L&T's ongoing takeover bid to gain majority control of Mindtree, the IDC, giving its reasons for recommendations, said the closing market price of Rs 975.50 and Rs 974.65 of the equity shares of the target company

(Mindtree) on NSE and BSE, respectively, as on the date of this recommendation, which is June 10, is lower than the offer price of Rs 980 made by the heavy engineering company.

"Based on the review of the public announcement (PA), DPS, draft letter of offer (DLoF), letter of offer (LoF), and the report dated June 7, 2019, issued by ICICI Securities to the IDC in regard to the offer price, the IDC is of the opinion that as on the date of public announcement, the offer price of Rs 980 offered by the acquirer is in accordance with the regulations prescribed under Sebi (SAST) regulations; and appears to be fair and reasonable," the filing read.

The four-member IDC was chaired by Apurva Purohit, an independent director of Mindtree, with three more independent directors — Milind Shripad Sarwate, Bijou Kurien and Akshaya Bhargava — as its members. According to the disclosures about the IDC members in the BSE notice, none of the IDC members hold any equity shares or

other securities of Mindtree. While Purohit holds 1,125 equity shares of acquirer (L&T) and 220 equity shares of L&T Technology Services, a subsidiary of L&T, Kurien holds 450 equity shares of L&T, it said.

The disclosures further state that none of the members have entered into any contract or have any relationship with Mindtree, apart from being on audit, remuneration, nomination, CSR, stakeholders relationship and risk management committees. Bhargava is a director, a majority shareholder and the executive chairman of UK-registered firm Bridgeweave, to which Mindtree provides certain IT services.

The IDC recommendations come after L&T had put out its delayed letter of offer for Mindtree shares on June 7, without raising the Rs 980 a share offer price and said that there were no competing offers for the mid-sized IT firm. The last date by which the IDC was required to give its recommendation to Mindtree's shareholders for this offer was June 13. FE

Uber to unveil Volvo XC90 self-driving car

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JUNE 12

UBER TECHNOLOGIES Inc on Wednesday will unveil its newest Volvo self-driving car in Washington as it works to eventually deploy vehicles without drivers under limited conditions.

Uber said the new production XC90 will be assembled by Volvo Cars in Sweden and have human controls like steering wheels and

brake pedals, but added it has factory-installed steering and braking systems designed for computer rather than human control.

Other companies are also working to deploy self-driving vehicles in limited areas as race to push out autonomous cars across the globe heats up. Ford Motor Co's majority owned autonomous vehicle unit, Argo AI, launched its new fleet of self-driving test vehicles in Detroit on Wednesday, expanding to five US cities.

'India gets \$42 billion FDI inflows in 2018'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

INDIA RECEIVED foreign direct investments worth \$42 billion in 2018, helped by robust inflows in manufacturing, communication and financial services, a United Nations trade report said Wednesday.

In South Asia, FDI inflows increased by 3.5 per cent to \$54 billion, said the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2019. So, India attracted over 77 per cent of the total foreign direct investments that came to the South Asian region.

"Investment in India — the subregion's largest recipient — rose by 6 per cent to \$42 billion with strong inflows in manufacturing, communication, financial services and cross-border merger and acquisition activities," said the report.

The UN trade report said the prospects for FDI inflows into South Asia are largely determined by expectations of growing investment into India.

In India, the growth in cross-border merger and acquisitions (M&As) grew to \$33 billion in 2018 from \$23 billion a year ago, primarily due to transactions in retail trade (\$16 billion), which includes e-commerce and telecommunication (\$13 billion).

Stock exchanges to impose restrictions on shares of Jet

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

STOCK EXCHANGES will impose restrictions on trading in Jet Airways shares from June 28 as part of preventive surveillance measures to curb excessive volatility, according to a circular.

Cash-starved Jet Airways suspended operations in April and lenders are working on ways for revival of the airline.

In a circular, NSE said shares of the company would be shifted from "Rolling Segment to Trade for Trade Segment, wherein the settlement in the scrip will take place on gross basis with 100 per cent upfront margin and 5 per cent price band".

There are restrictions in trading of shares that are under Trade for Trade Segment. The decision has been taken jointly by the exchanges and would be effective from June 28, it said.

CABINET APPROVALS SEZ amendment bill approved

New Delhi: A bill to amend the special economic zones law will be introduced in the ensuing session of Parliament to replace an ordinance promulgated in March which will allow trusts to set up units in spe-

cial economic zones. The introduction of the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was approved by the Union Cabinet in its meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ratification of OECD convention

New Delhi: The Cabinet has approved ratification of a multilateral convention to implement OECD's project on checking tax evasion. The Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent

Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) was signed by the then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in Paris on June 7, 2017. Post this convention, 90 countries have now implemented the automatic exchange of tax information.

Bill on institutionalised arbitration

New Delhi: The Cabinet accorded approval to a bill for the creation of an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised domestic and international arbitration. The New Delhi

International Arbitration Centre Bill, 2019, which seeks to replace an ordinance issued in March by the previous government will be introduced in the upcoming Parliament session. PTI

BRIEFLY

IDBI Bank reduces MCLR by 5-10 bps

Mumbai: IDBI Bank on Wednesday cut its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by 5-10 basis points across various tenors, with immediate effect. The bank has cut its one-year MCLR or the minimum lending rate to 8.95 per cent.

Revised MNP norms: Timeline extended

New Delhi: In a relief to operators, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Wednesday extended the timeline for implementation of revised Mobile Number Portability (MNP) norms by more than three months to September 30.

PFC raises \$1 billion from global market

New Delhi: Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a state-run NBFC, said Wednesday it has raised \$1 billion (around Rs 6,940 crore) via issuance of bonds in the international market. PTI

Dassault Systems to buy Medidata

Paris: France's Dassault Systems moved to build up its life sciences presence with a \$5.8 billion cash deal to buy Medidata Solutions, a US-based firm focused on clinical trials.

Crude oil falls more than 2% to \$60.96

New York: Oil prices sank over 2 per cent on Wednesday, weakened by another unexpected rise in US crude inventories and by a dimming outlook for global oil demand. Brent crude futures, the international benchmark for oil prices, fell \$1.33 to \$60.96 a barrel by 1:09 p.m. EDT (1709 GMT). US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down \$1.42 to \$51.85 a barrel. REUTERS

Ross: Fed's last rate hike was 'premature'

Washington: US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a television interview on Wednesday the Federal Reserve should reconsider its last rate increase, which he said was premature. "I think the Fed taking a more cautious attitude on rates and reconsidering, in effect, the last rate increase that they put in, I think that's good. I think they should reconsider. I think it's quite likely that that last increase was, at best, premature," Ross told Bloomberg TV. REUTERS

FB launching app that pays users for data on app usage

San Francisco: Facebook on Tuesday launched an app that will pay users to share information with the social media giant about which apps they're using. The firm previously rolled out two similar apps that tracked what activities people did on their phones.

Facebook said the new app, called Study, is different than the previous two and was built from scratch. And it is only available on the Google Play Store. REUTERS

'FB worries emails could show CEO knew of questionable privacy practices'

Bengaluru: Facebook Inc uncovered emails that appear to show CEO Mark Zuckerberg's connection to potentially problematic privacy practices at the company, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday, citing people familiar with the matter.

Within the firm, unearthing of the emails in process of responding to a continuing federal privacy investigation has raised concerns, the report said. REUTERS

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CORRIGENDUM II

Please refer RFP No SBI/GITC/PE-II/2019/2020/606 dated 20/05/2019 for "Procurement, implementation and monitoring support of Centralised Application Performance Monitoring Solution". Corrigendum is available under "Procurement News" at Bank's website, <https://bank.sbi>

Place: Navi Mumbai
Date: 13.06.2019

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager (IT-PE-II)

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
UNION TERRITORY CHANDIGARH
PUBLIC NOTICE/CORRIGENDUM**

The e-Tender Notice invited vide this office Endst. No. EECPP/2019/5575-91 dated 31/05/2019 for the work of "CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS QUEUE SHELTERS (BQS) IN CHANDIGARH, ON BUILD, OWN, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (BOOT) BASIS FOR DISPLAY OF ADVERTISEMENT ON BQS, AT ALLOWED SPACE/AREA APPROVED BY THE CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION" on Item Rate Basis with the Time Limit of 11 Years & 03 Months which is due to be Opened on 18.06.2019 at 12:00 P.M. and Last Date for Submission of Tender on 18.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M. is hereby postponed and will be Opened on 10.07.2019 at 12:00 P.M. and Last Date for Submission of Tender on 10.07.2019 at 11:00 A.M. due to administrative reasons.

Note: - All others terms and conditions will remain the same.

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219/TD/2018 Dated: 6.6.2019

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (the Act)

- An application for grant of Category-I licence for inter-State trading in electricity in all States and Union Territories of India has been made before the Commission by NTPC Ltd. with its registered office at NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State trading licence to NTPC Ltd. before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.ntpc.co.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
- On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant qualifies for grant of licence for inter-State trading in electricity and by order dated 22.5.2019, the Commission has proposed to grant a Category-I licence to the applicant for inter-State trading in electricity in whole of India.
- Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act to invite suggestions or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant licence for inter-State trading in electricity as aforesaid by the Commission to be received by the undersigned latest by 21.6.2019 at the above noted address. The objections or suggestions received after the specified date shall not be considered.
- The Commission has fixed the application for final disposal on 4.7.2019 and the person who files the suggestions or objections may in his discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-
(Sanoj Kumar Jha)
Secretary

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE/C/PCC	01, 02, 03, 04, 05	5

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in, nicgep/app, www.mstcecommerce.com/eproc/home/tneb

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**Government of Odisha
"e" Procurement Notice
WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Bid Identification No. S.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 01/2019-20
e-mail: sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No. 1613 dt. 03.06.2019

- Name of the works :- Construction of One Block E Type Quarters (One Block-6 Nos) at Vigilance unit office Rourkela for the year 2018-19
- Estimated cost :- Rs. 134.89 Lakhs
- Period of completion :- 06 (Six) Calendar Months
- Date and Time of availability :- From 11.00 Hours of 13.06.2019 to 16.00 Hours of 28.06.2019
- Last date / Time for receipt :- 16.00 Hours of 28.06.2019 of bids in the portal
- Date of opening of Bid from :- 12.00 Hours on 29.06.2019 Portal
- Name and address of the :- Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal ["https://tendersodisha.gov.in"](https://tendersodisha.gov.in)

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar

34033/11/0002/1920

**GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS, CIRCLE, BHAWANIPATNA**

Bid identification No.:- BPT/Online-03/2019-20 Date: 10.06.2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD WORKS IN ODISHA NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

- Name of the Work :- Construction of Road works under MMSY in the District of Kalahandi
- No of Works :- 01 No.
- Location details :- Kalahandi District
- Estimated Cost :- As Per NIT.
- Period of Completion :- AS per NIT.
- Cost of tender paper :- Rs. 10,000/- per set.
- Other details :-

Availability of tender for online bidding		Last date & time for seeking tender clarification	Date and time of opening of technical bid
From	To		
17.06.2019 1.00 A.M.	08.07.2019 5.00 P.M.	06.07.2019	09.07.2019 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the web site ["www.tendersorissa.gov.in"](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Rural Works, Circle, Bhawanipatna

25102/11/0003/1920

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF TAMILNADU (SDAT)
116-A, Periyar EVR High Road, Nehru Park, Chennai - 84.

Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamilnadu, Chennai - 84
invites sealed Open Tender (under Two Cover System)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimate cost Rs.	Cost of Tender Rs.	E.M.D. Rs.	Period of Issuing Tender Doc. at SDAT Office	Last Date of Submission of Tender	Time and date of opening of tender	Time bound for Supply
1	Purchase of Medals for Village Games to Sports Development Authority of Tamil nadu	7.10 Crores	16,800/-	3,61,000/-	13.06.2019 to 12.07.2019 upto 4.00 P.M.	15.07.2019 at 4.30 P.M.	15.07.2019 at 4.30 P.M.	30 Days

NOTE: 1. The Tender Documents can also be downloaded from www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.sdat.tn.gov.in
2. If any Erratum and corrigendum will be made in SDAT Website only, not publish in newspaper.

MEMBER SECRETARY
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF TAMILNADU, CHENNAI-84

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स ISRO PROPULSION COMPLEX
महेंद्रगिरि पी ओ MAHENDRAGIRI PO
तिरुनेलवेली जिला TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT- 627 133, तमिलनाडु TAMILNADU

क्रय व भंडार प्रभाग/PURCHASE & STORES DIVISION दिनांक /DATE: 11.06.2019
निविदा सूचना सं. आईपीआरसी/प्र.क्र.व.सं/पीटी/ई-आयन/07/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE NO.IPRC/HPS/PTI/E-PROC/07/2019-20

भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए और उनकी ओर से प्रधान, क्रय व भंडार, इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स (आईपीआरसी), महेंद्रगिरि निम्नलिखित की आपूर्ति हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित करते हैं। For and on behalf of the President of India, Head, Purchase & Stores, ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri invites online tenders for supply of the following:

क्र. सं. /Sl. No.	निविदा संदर्भ सं. /Tender Ref. No.	संक्षिप्त विवरण /Brief Description	निविदा प्रस्तुतीकरण की अंतिम तिथि व समय/ Last Date & Time for Tender Submission
1.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0313401 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0313401 (Two-Part)	6" उच्च दबाव हस्त बॉल वाल्वों की आपूर्ति। Supply of 6" high pressure manual ball valves	Upto 02.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
2.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0315501 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0315501 (Two-Part)	उच्च दबाव गैसीय नाइट्रोजन सिलिंडरों की आपूर्ति। Supply of High Pressure Gaseous Nitrogen Cylinders	Upto 12.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
3.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0318501 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0318501 (Two-Part)	हस्त, ई.पी. और नियंत्रण वाल्वों का प्रारण। Procurement of Manual, EP & Control Valve	Upto 08.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
4.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0322101 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0322101 (Two-Part)	उच्च दबाव जल टैंकी का संरिचन और आपूर्ति। Fabrication & Supply of High Pressure Water Tank	Upto 05.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
5.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0325901 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0325901 (Two-Part)	लोख के लिए निर्वात जैकेटिंग ई.पी. वॉल्वे वावा। Vacuum jacketed EP Globe Valves for LOX	Upto 03.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
6.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0326401 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0326401 (Two-Part)	दाब नियामक यूनिटों का प्रारण। Procurement of Pressure Regulator Units	Upto 12.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
7.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0328901 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0328901 (Two-Part)	सार्वत्रिक देहनाकर उपकरण मशीन की आपूर्ति। Supply of Universal Cylindrical Grinding Machine	Upto 24.06.2019 11:00 बजे/hrs. तक
8.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0330801 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0330801 (Two-Part)	एल.एस. पाइपों की आपूर्ति। Supply of S.S. Pipes	Upto 10.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
9.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0332101 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0332101 (Two-Part)	फिल्टरों की आपूर्ति। Supply of Filters	Upto 05.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
10.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0332201 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0332201 (Two-Part)	नियंत्रण वाल्वों की आपूर्ति। Supply of Control Valves	Upto 04.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
11.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019#0332301 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0332301 (Two-Part)	वायु प्रवर्तित स्क्रॉब वाल्वों की आपूर्ति। Supply of Pneumatically Actuated Globe Valves	Upto 03.07.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक

इच्छुक विक्रेता इसरो इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स लिंक यूआरएल <https://eprocure.isro.gov.in> पर जाएं और केवल ऑनलाइन द्वारा अपने कोटेशन आवेदन करें। इस निविदा सूचना के प्रकाशन के पचास (50) दिनों के लिए केवल इसरो वेबसाइट में ही देखा जा सकेगा। आप कृपया वेबसाइट निम्नलिखित रूप से देखा करें।/The interested vendors may visit our ISRO PROPULSION COMPLEX Link in URL <https://eprocure.isro.gov.in> and upload your quotations through online only. Corrigendum if any, issued after publication of this Tender Notice, will be hosted in our web site only. You may please visit the site regularly.

प्रधान, क्रय व भंडार/Head, Purchase & Stores, नोदन सं./Ph. No: 04637-281599/281550/1552/1553/1554

Classifieds

PERSONAL

Name of ALKESH S/O KANWAR SINGH is mentioned as ALIKESH by mistake, in the documents of my son PRASENJEE Singh, It is spell as ALKESH. 004049903-1

I, Vishal Kumar S/O-Jai Narayan Gupta R/O-229, S.F., Bhera Enclave, Paschim-Vihar New Delhi-110063. Have Changed My Name To Vishal Aggarwal. 0040499034-5

I, Surekha W/O-Sh. Vishal Aggarwal R/O-229, S.F., Bhera Enclave, Paschim-Vihar New Delhi-110063. Have Changed My Name To Surekha Aggarwal. 0040499034-4

I, Suraiya Jabin Anwar W/O Faheem Anwar R/O Lotus Panache Tower-30, Flat.No.1803, Sector-110, Noida G.B. Nagar U.P., have changed my name from Suraiya Jabin Anwar to Suraiya Jabin for all purpose. 0040499001-2

I, Abdul Ohab S/O Mr. Hadish Miyan R/O Nasir Chandra Near-Masjid Distt Siwan Bihar Pin-841232 inform that my name is wrongly written as Wahab Mohammad instead of Abdul Ohab in my LIC Policy No-0032369. Wahab Mohammad and Abdul Ohab both are same and one person. 0040499001-3

I, Vishal Kumar S/O-Jai Narayan Gupta R/O-229, S.F., Bhera Enclave, Paschim-Vihar New Delhi-110063. Have Changed My Name To Keshav Aggarwal. 0040499034-6

I, Vikul Kumar S/O Subhash Chand R/O-Naval Park, 1529, Ganp Alipur, Delhi-110036, have changed my name to Vikul Tyagi 0040498807-1

I, Vervsha W/O-Rajiv Kumar Resident House No-812, Sector-14, Sonipat, Haryana, Have Changed My Name To Varsha. 0040499045-1

I, Vervsha W/O Rajiv Kumar Resident House No-812, Sector-14, Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Varsha. 0040499045-5

I, Tavish S/O-Rajiv Kumar Resident House No-812, Sector-14, Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Tavish Arora. 0040499045-2

I, Tavish S/O Rajiv Kumar Resident House No-812, Sector-14, Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Tavish Arora. 0040499045-6

I, Syed Kashif Ali Nizami S/O Pir Syed faiz Ali Nizami R/O 99, Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin New Delhi-110013 have changed my minors son name from Adam Ali Syed Nizami to Syed Mohd Ahmad Adam Nizami for all future purposes. 0040498986-1

I, Shinova Shery Singh R/O 418,419, Salkari Nagar, Uttarjeev Vihar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002 have changed my name to Shinova Sheryl Dass. 0070660000-1

I, Shilaj Duggal D/O Sh. Amarjeet Singh W/O Sh. Saurabh Duggal R/O J-67, RBl Colony, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name from Shilaj Kaur to Shilaj Duggal consequent to my marriage for all future purposes. 0040498953-1

I, Service No 13758331 Yank Hav Thakur Dass Verma R/O Vill-Baddu P/O-Goela Teh-Kasauli Dist Solan HP-173236 I, Have Changed My Daughter Name In My Service Record From Ashina Verma To Aashna Verma Vide-affidavit Dtd:-01/06/2019 at New Delhi. 0040499053-2

I, Sandeep Jain R/O H-34-61Sector-3 Rohini Delhi-85 Changed my minor daughter name Vidhushi Jain to Vidushi Jain. 0040499049-5

I, Saarthak Chowdhary S/O Varn Chowdhry R/O E-270 Greater Kailash Part-1 Delhi-48 changed my name to Saarthak Chowdhry. 0040499049-6

I, S.No. 15388007P Narpat Singh F/O Rimple Kavar R/O VPO-Ponkh, Distt-Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan-333053, have changed my minor daughter's name to Rimple Kanwar for all future purposes. 0040498967-1

I, Romelia Dhar W/O Sundeep Dhar R/O-29/C, Jyoti Apartment, Sec-14, Rohini, Delhi -85, Changed My Name To Romilia Dhar. 0040498988-8

I, Richa Gautam, D/O Rakesh Gautam R/O-1/4574, Ramnagar-Extn., Shahdara, Delhi, have change my name from Richa Gautam to Richa for all future purposes. 0040499045-4

I, Ravindra Manik S/O Vishwanath Manik R/O 177-A Second-Floor Jeewan Nagar Ashram N.Delhi-110014 changed my name to Ravindra Gupta. 0040499049-1

I, Ravindra Gupta R/O 177-A Second-Floor Jeewan Nagar Ashram N.Delhi-110014 changed my minor Son's name name Aryan Manik to Aryan Gupta. 0040499049-3

I, Meena W/O Gautam Arora R/O-3/11 Block-3 Ashok Nagar New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Meenu Arora. 0040499045-7

I, Minkal D/O Narender Singh R/O 229/U.G.F. Kohat- Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34, Changed My Name To Minkal Aggrawal 0040498988-4

I, MAHABIR PRASAD S/O Sh. Jagdish Prasad R/O-C-29, 3rd floor, Housing Society, South Extension Part 1, New Delhi-49, have changed my name to MAHABIR PRASAD AGGARWAL. 0040498987-1

I, Lokesh Kumar Kashyap S/O Harish Chand r/o B-38, Upper Ground Floor, New Layalpur Extension, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to LOKESH MEHRA. 0040498963-1

I, Kirshan Kumar S/O Sh.Ram Kishan R/O-Village Patalkira, Narnaul, Distt. Mahendergarh, Haryana, have changed my name to Kirshan Kumar for all future purposes. 0040499001-4

I, KAMALESH AGGARWAL w/o Sh. Mahabir Prasad Aggarwal r/o C-29, 3rd floor, Housing Society, South Extension Part 1, New Delhi-49 have changed my name to KAMLESH AGGARWAL. 0040498980-1

I, Rahisuddin S/O Allah Razi R/O-2267, Ahata Hajian Bi, Masjid-Mehndi Wali, Rod-Gran, Delhi-110066, have changed my name to Raisuddin. 0040499049-9

I, Rachana Vaid W/O Sachin Pasricha R/O BE-261 Gali No.2, Hari Nagar New Delhi-64, changed my name to Jiya Pasricha. 0040499034-7

I, Pawan Kumar S/O, Late Krishan Lal R/O 1224 Gali No. 83 Shanti Nagar, Tri Nagar, Delhi-35, have changed my name to Pawan Anand for all purposes. 0040498948-1

I, Pardeep Kumar (Service No. 2889363-K Ex. Hav.) S/O Sh. Lakshmi Chand R/O H.No. 74/2, P-Block, Gali No.31, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, New Delhi-43, my wife's name mention in school certificate Rashmi Devi and my service record Rasmi Devi. Both are same & single person. 0040498926-1

I, Pardeep Kumar (Service No. 2889363-K Ex. Hav.) S/O Sh. Lakshmi Chand R/O H.No. 74/2, P-Block, Gali No.31, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, New Delhi-43 my wife's name mention in school certificate Saurabh Badesra and my service record Saurabh Badesra. Both are same & single person. 0040498926-2

I, Om Parkash S/O Jetha Ram R/O-B-4, 294-295 Sector-8, Rohini Delhi-85 have changed my name to Om Parkash Batra. 0040499034-9

I, Nisha Agarwal w/O Dr. P.R Agarwal R/O B-52, Mayfield Garden behind Hotel Hilton Garden Inn, Sector-50, Islampur (97), South City-II, Gurugram Haryana, informs the general public that I have changed my minor son's name from Uday Agarwal to Kanav Agarwal for all future purposes. 0040499013-1

I, Neelam Manik W/O Ravindra Gupta R/O 177-A Second-Floor Jeewan Nagar Ashram N.Delhi-110014 changed my name to Neelam Gupta. 0040499049-2

I, Navin Chand S/O, Gurdas Rai Goel R/O 56-a/ Gg-i, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Navin Chand Goel for all purposes. 0040498932-1

I, Narender S/O Jagdish Singh R/O H.No.209, Bhondsi(168), Bhondsi, Gurgaon(HR)-122102 have changed my name to Narender Raghav for all purposes. 0040499053-4

I, Narayan Prasad Kedtia S/O Om Prakash Kedtia R/O C-105, Satya Shanti Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi- 110085, Changed my Name to Narayan Kedtia. 0040498988-6

I, Murari Lal Bijlwan R/O RZ-444E, Raj Nagar, Part-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045 have changed my son's name from Shivam Dutt Bijlwan to Shivam Bijlwan vide affidavit dated 12.06.2019 before NCT Delhi. 0040498933-1

I, Mukhdev Britha S/O-Somari Baitha R/O: RZ-38, Second-Floor, Gali.No-2, Durga-Park, Palam, New Delhi-45, Have Changed My Name to Mukhdev Baitha. 0040499049-8

I, Asim Khan S/O Bhure Khan R/O Kh No-206, Shanker Vihar, Sadullabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201102 have changed my name from Ashim and Mohd Ashim to Asim Khan. 0040498947-1

I, Aradhna Verma W/O Rohit Verma R/O-81, U.G.F. Gujranwala Town Part-II, Delhi-110009, Changed My Name To Aradhana Verma. 0040498988-3

I, Amit Kumar Yadav S/O, Om Prakesh Yadav R/O H.No.35 Fashion Street Shahpur Jat ND-49, have changed my name to Amit Yadav for all purposes. 0040499053-3

I, Akhil S/O Lal Chand R/O RZ-204/294, Street-4, Geetanjali Park, West Sagarpur, Delhi changed my name to Akhil Kumar. 0040499034-1

I, Ahmad Ziya S/O Khaleel R/O H-64, 2nd/Floor, Jamia-Nagar, Abdulfazal-Enclave-I, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Ahmad Zia Khan. 0040499049-10

I, Abhishake Mahajan / Abhishak Mahajan S/O Kewal Krishan Mahajan R/O 270, Ground Floor, C-3, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 state that my actual name is Abhishake Mahajan. This is for all record and future purposes. Abhishake Mahajan / Abhishak Mahajan and Abhishke Mahajan is one and same person. 0040498925-2

I, ANITA KAUR W/O S.NO-15388007P NARPAT SINGH R/O VPO-PONKH, DISTT- JHUNJHUNU, RAJASTHAN-333053 have changed my name to ANITA KANWAR for all future purposes. 0040498941-1

I, Shameem Malik S/O Abdul Gaffar H. No.-158 Street. No.-15 A-Block New-Mustafabad Dayalpur, Delhi-94, have changed my name to Shamim Ahmed. 0040498988-9

I, Yogesh Kumar S/O Ram Lal R/O H.No.-99, Site-1, Vikasपुरi, Delhi changed my name to Yogesh Pawar. 0040499034-2

I, Geeta Arora, w/o Suresh Kr. Arora R/O H.No.W-102, 1st-floor, Sec-77, Faridabad, Haryana. Inform that Gita Rani & Geeta Arora both are same person. In future, I will know by Geeta Arora, for all purpose. 0040498988-10

I, Divesh S/O Ashok Sharma R/O-3709/8, Narang Colony, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Divesh Sharma for all future purpose. 0040499001-1

I, Babita Sharma @ Swati Sharma W/O Manish Sharma R/O C-36/61, Arya Samaj Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 inform that Swati Sharma & Babita Sharma both are same person. 0040498929-1

I, Ranvinder Singh Sehdev S/O Jagjit Singh Sehdev R/O-3019, Ranjeet Nagar, Near South Patel Nagar, Delhi, have Changed my name to Ranvinder Singh 0040498922-2

I, Shonila Sen W/O Issac Joti Sen R/O-H.No-248 Chota Bazar, old post office Lane, Shahadra Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Shunila Sen 0040498922-1

LOST & FOUND

Lost original Possession Letter & NOC for Water and Electricity of DDA SFS Category-II Flat No. 2087, Third Floor, Sector-C, Pocket-2, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 belonging to Ashok Kumar Dang S/O Late Hakam Rai Dang & Smt. Chandan Dang W/O Ashok Dang, FIR Lodged vide LR No. 1137468 dated 11-6-2019. Founder inform at: 9599913713. 0040498925-1

Lost the original CBSE Secondary school certificate of year 2007 Roll No. 6309666 & Senior Secondary certificate of year 2009 Roll No. 6610155 in the name of Nitin Tondon S/O Sunil Tondon R/O 44-45, Bhol Nath Nagar, Shahdara, East Delhi-110032. M: 9873314636. 0040498974-1

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Senior Secondary Examination of year 1976, Roll No.56246 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of Candidate Anil Kumar Tewari # 9813535754 0040498920-1

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main senior secondary examination of year 2008 roll no.-6258589 and migration certificate for main secondary school examination of year 2008 issued by CBSE Delhi has been actually lost. Salma Nashit; Jamanagar Okhla; New Delhi-110025, Mobile-7834985838. 0040498928-1

I, Srishti Mishra D/O Anil Kumar Mishra R/O A-48, Chander Vihar, Mandawali, Delhi-110092, have lost my original 10th Class Marksheet Roll.No-8606032 Year-2014, finder contact-7289955311. 0040499001-5

I, BALKRISHNA SHARMA S/O CHHELVI HARI LAL SHARMA Resident of Rajeev Vihar, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad-201001, have lost Marksheet of class 10 th (Roll No -5168571) in Noida. Contact no-9717138783, 9911009167. 0040498935-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is given to the public that Veshakha Gulati is not employed with us and she has no authority to act and/or make job offers on our behalf. For The Indian Express (P) Ltd. Sd/- AVP HR Noida, Uttar Pradesh Date : 12.06.2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is publically informed that my client, NEETA RANI AGGARWAL, W/O SHRI PREM CHAND AGGARWAL, R/O FLAT NO.25 SANSKRIT APARTMENT, SECTOR-14, ROHINI, DELHI, have lost some original documents of said property, i.e. Possession Letter & Allotment Letter and he has intimated this fact to P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi, on 11/06/2019 vide LR No. 11821/2019. Any person who founds the same or any person who claim to be the owner of the said property in part or full then he/she/they shall contact either my client at the said property address or me at my number 9818299095, within seven days from this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Gurmest Singh S/O Late Ujjwal Singh Anwar & Smt. Sukhvinder Kaur W/O Gurmest Singh both R/O WZ-135A, Gali No. 35, Sant Garh, Tikar Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have debarred & severed all relations and disclaimed their share in the property of their late father's name Harpreet Singh Sandhu from all their moveable & immovable properties and severed all relations from him and he is not under their control. My clients and his other family members shall not be liable for any omission or commission of their aforesaid son if any one deals with him, he / she / they shall be doing so on their own risks & consequences. Jyoti Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 448, Saket Court, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clients Sh. Rajni Arora S/O Sh. Dwan Chand & Smt. Rajni Arora W/O Sh. Rajni Arora both R/O C-338, Sarvesh Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110031, have severed all their relations with their son namely Rajeev Arora & daughter in law namely Ruchi @ Kanika W/O Sh. Rajeev Arora & disowned them from acquiring any rights from their all moveable & immovable properties as they are not under control of my clients. If anybody deals with said Rajeev Arora & Ruchi @ Kanika, he / she will go to his / her own risk, cost & consequences. My clients are / shall not be responsible for any act of said Rajeev Arora & Ruchi @ Kanika. Ravinder Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 819, Rohini Court, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client Mr. Yaspal S/O Late Ramsarwarop R/O WZ-347, Harjan Colony, 80 Gaj, Tikar Nagar, New Delhi-110018, with his family have disown/Debar his son Sri Sandeep Kumar with his wife Ms. Pooja and their daughters named Drishti, Tanvi and Gunjan from all his moveable and immovable properties. He severed all kind of relation from them. Any person dealing with him will do so at his own risk and responsibility and my client Shri Yaspal and his family will not responsible at all. Sd./ Dr. K. P. S. Dalal Advocate, Ltd. II, Supreme Court of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEETA is hereby given on behalf of Mrs. Neelika Chaturvedi & who is the owner of the "House bearing No. 979/3, on Ground Floor, Type I/II, area measuring 27.22 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Housing Board Colony, Sector-39, Gurgaon (Haryana), vide Sale Deed dated 01/08/2011, having purchased the same from Mr. Dinesh Singh, and who intends to sell the aforesaid property. The Buyer further intends to mortgage the aforesaid property against the financial assistance from IDBI Bank Ltd. Due to error, floor of the aforesaid property is not mentioned on the last Sale Deed. To comply the requirements of bank, we give this public notice that if any person's having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this notice, at below address. Jyoti NextGen LLP E-56, LGF, Greater Kailash, Enclave-2, Part-I, New Delhi-48 # 011-42662177, 7879

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it Known that my client MRS. NEELAM W/O Late SUDESH KUMAR R/O A-172, DDA, Flats Punjab Camp Jalandhar Puri, Delhi-110039, have disowned and severed all her relation with her Son namely SACHIN S/O Late SUDESH KUMAR and Her Daughter namely SANAHA D/O Late Sudeep Kumar and debarred them from her moveable and immovable properties/assets due to her Personal Reasons Any body dealing with them in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibility. SURENDER KUMAR (Advocate) Shop No. 6, RU-Block, Pitampura, Delhi-88

Public Notice

The General Public is hereby informed that my Smt. Kamal Kaur W/O Late Sh. Joginder Singh was owner of third floor right side portion without roof rights, out of property no.21, New no. back side of D-307, land measuring 54 sq.yds. in vasant park, new delhi who died on 13/10/2011, her 9 daughters are only legal heirs i.e. (1) Smt. Balvinder Kaur, W/O Narender Singh (2) Smt. Guninder Kaur, W/O Sh. Manjeet Singh (3) Smt. Jasvinder Kaur, W/O Sh. Surinder Singh (4) Smt. Mahinder Kaur, W/O Lakhvinder Singh (5) Smt. Narender Kaur, W/O Sh. Lakhvinder Singh (6) Rajvinder Kaur, W/O Gurnam Singh (7) Smt. Ravinder Kaur, W/O Jagdish Singh (8) Smt. Sonia W/O Satnam Singh (9) Smt. Tandeer Kaur, W/O Navdeep Singh intend to sell the property and to distribute the sale proceeds. Any body having any right, title, interest or objection in property may contact Mr. Manjit Singh on Mobile No. 901376568 within 15days of this notice. Seetevender Rastogi (Datta Hindu Court)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, DALWINDER SINGH S/O MAKHAN SINGH residing at J-122, STREET NO-11, KARTAR NAGAR, DELHI-110053 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as DALJEET KAUR in my PASSPORT NO-M0720925. The actual name of my mother is DALJIT KAUR respectively which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that my clients Sh. Randeep Kumar S/O Sh. Umesh Jha & Smt. Bharati Kumari W/O Sh. Randeep Kumar both R/O Barpur East, Post Birpur, Begusarai, Bihar-85127 have entered into Agreement for Sale with Sh. Ajit Kumar S/O Sh. Paramanand & Smt. Poonam Kaur W/O Sh. Ajit Kumar both R/O E-128, Pocket-3, Binola, DDA Flats, New Delhi-110019 respectively of Flat No. 120, Type-A, Block E, Pocket-3 situated at Binopur (Dwaraka), New Delhi vide Agreement for Sale dated 07/05/2019. That any person having any claim in respect of the said property should come forward within 15 days of publication of this notice. Adv. Rajan Mahajan 306, Authority Building

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I Shyam Sunder Gupta S/O Satnarayan Gupta R/O 82-D MIG Flat purchaser of DDA MIG Flat No.82-D 3rd Floor Block-B Pkt.U/5 Shalimar Bagh Delhi has applied for conversion of the said flat from lease hold to freehold vide application No.0156936 dated 14/05/19 in DDA All the original documents issued by DDA i.e. Allotment cum Demand letter, DDA Possession letter, NDC for Water and Electric Connection and site possession have been lost. An FIR in this effect has been lodged in the police station Delhi If Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found the possession of original documents may contact with the above named person at below address Dy. Director (LAB) Housing or director (Housing) DDA, INA Vikas sadan New Delhi within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice.

LOST & FOUND

Lost Property Documents Papers Recommendation No.-F38(30/90/867) BSB/ALT 787 Dated:- 18-05-1987 issued by Land & Building Department Delhi Administration for Allotment of Plot Measuring 250 SQ Yard, Demand-Cum-Allotment Letter No. F112743 RSB/986/833 Dated:- 04-07-2000 Regarding Plot No.-27, Pocket -4A, Sector-23, Rohini with Challan No.-186223, Rohini with Challan No.-114125, Rs. 20000000.00, No. 135021, Rs. 2420000/-, Challan No. 95304, Rs. 29737 of Central Bank of India, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi, against the title Payment of Plot No. 27, Pocket-4A, Sector-23, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Were Made and other Documents. Pts. Contact:- Rampal Son of Duli Chand, H. No.-161, Yadav Choudh Bhaswa Village, Jharkhand, Pin Delhi-110033, Mob. 87458 52902.

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, CD-XII, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital, Basai Darapur Office Complex New Delhi-110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:-

1. NIT No.EE/CD XII/18-19/150-(ID No.2019_IFC_169926_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW-Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (reg. no.701)in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-6) Near Eicher Agency (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs.4,47,04,632/- Earnest money Rs.8,94,093/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 25-06-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-I.

2. NIT No.EE/CD XII/18-19/151-(ID No.2019_IFC_169927_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW-Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (reg. no.701) in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-5) Near Vishal Tent House (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs.4,81,25,078/- Earnest money Rs.9,62,502/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 25-06-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-I.

3. NIT No.EE/CD XII/18-19/152-(ID No.2019_IFC_169928_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW-Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (reg. no.701) in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-3) Near Shri Ram Tanwar Marg (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs.4,72,54,137/- Earnest money Rs.9,45,083/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 25-06-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-I.

4. NIT No. EE/CD XII/18-19/154-(ID No. 2019_IFC_169930_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW-Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (reg. no.701) in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-1) Near Radhey Radhey Marg (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs.4,84,12,423/- Earnest money Rs.9,68,248/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 25-06-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-I.

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6. NIT No. EE/CD XII/18-19/156-(ID No.2019_IFC_169932_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW-Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (reg. no.701)in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-7) Near Baba Haridas Dharam Kanta (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs.2,67,06,067/- Earnest money Rs.5,35,401/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 25-06-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-I.

7. NIT No. EE/CD XII/18-19/173-(ID No.2019_IFC_173780_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW-Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (reg. no.701)in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-8) Radhey Krishna Marg (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs.4,32,92,080/- Earnest money Rs.8,65,842/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 25-06-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-I.

CHAGUAN

China courts the world

A belt-and-road court dreams of rivalling the West's tribunals

THREE WORDS — Fairness, Professionalism, Convenience—form a mission statement for the China International Commercial Court, which held its first public hearing in Xi'an on May 29th. When Chaguan attended the session, alongside foreign diplomats and representatives of China's Supreme People's Court, that three-word promise in English and Chinese shone from a digital screen dominating the bronze and marble entrance hall of this, China's newest judicial institution.

It is built to impress, for it has large ambitions. It was founded to buttress the railways, roads and fibre-optic cables of the Belt and Road Initiative—a globe-spanning scheme launched in 2013 by President Xi Jinping—with something less visible: a distinctively Chinese vision of how laws should govern globalised commerce. The court has two tribunals. The one in Xi'an is in a symbolic spot. The city was the historic terminus for jingling, snorting camel trains on trade routes later dubbed the Silk Road. Its sister tribunal in the southern boomtown of Shenzhen will hear disputes relating to maritime routes of Mr Xi's project. Yet for all the pomp, the new court has an uncertain future, clouded by doubts about how many firms will agree to use it—though its remit now extends to large disputes involving foreign businesses, not just belt-and-road deals. The doubts are related to a fourth word dear to Communist leaders but missing from courthouse digital screens: control.

A desire for this has made officials exceedingly cautious when crafting the court's rules. Other judicial bodies dealing with international commercial cases have opened in recent years from Dubai to Singapore and the Netherlands. To signal their independence, they typically employ judges from several countries. Leading lawyers urged China's supreme court to consider similar bold steps when setting up the new tribunals, playing on its desire to make the judiciary more worldly and better-trained. But officials at China's legislature balked at changing the law to allow foreign judges to sit in the new court. Instead the tribunals will borrow supreme-court judges. Hearings will be conducted in Chinese by Chinese lawyers, though evidence written in English is allowed.

The belt-and-road court is part of the supreme court. It has appointed an "expert committee" with 32, mostly foreign, members. But their role is only to advise the tribunals and to mediate should parties prefer to avoid litigation. A French member, Tao Jingzhou, who heads the China practice of Dechert, a law firm, laments in a new paper that the court is "constrained in many ways".

Shan Wenhua, another of the court's advisers, fielded reporters' questions on opening day in Xi'an. Professor Shan, who is dean of the law school at Xi'an Jiaotong University, assured Chaguan that the court's Chinese judges would "administer justice independently from any interference". He compared the new institution favourably to commercial courts and arbitration tribunals in London or Singapore, noting that it will offer the choice of formal litigation, arbitration or me-



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping, ahead of the Belt and Road Forum, in Beijing on April 26. Reuters

diation, all under one roof. Answering questions from Chinese state media, the professor went further. Chinese businesses face "great risks" in belt-and-road countries where legal systems are not of "very high" quality, he explained. In addition, having to rely on foreign legal systems is "out of keeping with our status as a major power," he said. "We have a shot at creating a better system."

It is easier to grasp the scale of China's ambitions than to understand what international commercial law with Chinese characteristics might look like. In March the supreme court's president, Zhou Qiang, delivered his annual report to the legislature. Item one was a pledge to uphold the Communist Party's "absolute leadership" over the work of Chinese courts—for China rejects judicial independence, calling it a false Western ideal. Mr Zhou

also called for strict implementation of rules requiring judges to seek Communist leaders' instructions when "major matters" arise. Mr Zhou's comments raise questions about the new belt-and-road tribunals, Susan Finder, one of the court's expert advisers, has written on her influential blog, Supreme People's Court Monitor.

Some motives to have more foreign cases

heard in mainland China may be relatively benign. For instance, autocratic Chinese business bosses, notably from state-owned enterprises, loathe being cross-examined in foreign commercial courts or arbitration tribunals, and often do badly there. Other possible motives are more worrying. Too many belt-and-road contracts are secretive, unequal and reward local power-brokers in

opaque ways, reflecting deep cynicism about global norms. Some experts wonder if China secretly envies the ability of American judges in civil suits to demand the seizure of assets on the other side of the world. Though Chinese officials denounce America as a bully with a long reach, some scholars wonder whether China might one day begin issuing more extraterritorial judgments of its own.

The long arm of the law

International lawyers expect rich-world parties to be wary of the tribunals, for now. They predict that foreign firms will prefer to take disputes involving Chinese partners to such compromise locations as Hong Kong, a Chinese city with its own legal system, complete with foreign judges. The opening case in Xi'an concerned a shareholding dispute in-

volving Red Bull, an energy drink from Thailand. The case was passed to the tribunal by the supreme court. "Where you go to resolve a dispute is more or less a question of your bargaining power," says a lawyer with years of China experience. Smaller firms from poorer nations have fewer choices.

In the law courts of Communist China, power and political control count for more than fairness. The tribunals could one day matter a lot, should they be used to export a vision of international law that reflects that same, bleak worldview. At the moment, an obsession with power and order is hobbling the new tribunals. But that could change: China's autocrats may not be as clumsy for ever.

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OBITUARY: JUDITH KERR DIED ON MAY 23RD

Cats large and small

The creator of the Mog books and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' was 95

WHENEVER SHE tried to draw a tiger, Judith Kerr disliked the result. For "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" she went to the zoo, usually with her small daughter Tacy, and drew them for hours. However much she thought she knew what they looked like, they were always better—sleeker, more striped, even more orange. Her tiger was rather plump. No wonder, when he had swallowed all the sandwiches on the plate (Owp!), and all the buns on the dish, and all the biscuits and all the cake, and drunk all the milk in the milk jug and all the tea in the teapot and then eaten all the food in the cupboards in Sophie and her mummy's house.

So she had no great hopes for the book when she finished it, in 1968. But to her enormous surprise it sold tremendously, and started her on a career of doing picture books, and three more-serious ones, that sold more than 10m copies round the world. All of them were produced at the same table, laden with jars of crayons in carefully assorted colours, in the light-filled attic at the top of her house in Barnes, in south-west London. There she worked away with a very soft pencil and her crayons. She was quite slow, rubbing out a lot and redrawing to get it right. And she was sparing with her indelible inks, since once you put ink on you couldn't shift it. She took similar care over the words, though those were harder, and they might need a good brisk walk along the river.

Often, as she worked at her desk, a cat sat on her lap. She was entranced by their weirdness and strange ways. The first of her drawing companions was Mog, a scruffy black-striped tabby who became, with input from her eight successors, the heroine of 17 books.

(As if she knew her lofty status, Mog would urge on the paintbrush with her nose.) Mog-on-paper, like the original, was nice, but not very clever; she was a very forgetful cat. Most of all she forgot her cat flap, and then didn't know how to come in from the garden, jumping up on the geraniums to meow loudly at the kitchen window until her family cried "Bother that cat!" Mishaps came thick and fast, whether with escapes, or bad dreams, or "accidents" on favourite chairs, and frequently Mog took to flying, forgetting that cats can't fly. But at the end of most books the beaming creature was hugged and loved by the family again.

That family was drawn in lightest disguise, with Judith's writer husband Tom and her children Tacy and Matthew taken from life, as well as the tables and crockery and chairs. (The garden, though, was rather sketchy. She felt she never looked enough at trees.) For her, cats and stability and family closeness were all one thing. She could not have a cat as a child, because she spent those years wandering. Her Jewish family escaped from Berlin in 1933 when Hitler won the election and her father, a prominent man of letters, found himself marked for death. He

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left, and she, her brother and her mother followed, fleeing to Switzerland, then to Paris, and eventually to England, where she stayed.

As a child she was almost unaware of why they had left. In Berlin she heard strange remarks, such as whether her nose looked "ordinary" or not, and thought Hitler was hiding behind the lavatory curtain. In Switzerland she dreamed she saw her father, who now had 1,000 marks on his head, buried under coins pouring down from a broken ceiling. But her sharpest regret was that she chose the wrong toy to take when they fled, packing a stupid new woolly dog instead of her old, soft, familiar pink rabbit with embroidered black eyes and an endearing habit of collapsing on its paws. She imagined tearfully that Hitler must be smuggling it now.

That story was told in "When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit" (1971), the first of three lightly fictionalised books about her wandering and emigré years. She meant to write only one book at first, to prove to her children that her childhood was much better than it sounded. They were poor and lived a lot on charity, but she found it fun to be a refugee: to belong a little in lots of places, as her father said. She thrived at strange schools and was good at languages, unlike her parents, who were gradually destroyed by exile. Her next two emigré books dwelled more on them and their struggles.

She could draw and paint wherever she was, and did so whenever she could. Her Indian ink got spilt on various floors, and her best presents (as for Anna, her persona in "Pink Rabbit"), were paintboxes and crayons, especially bright-blue-purple ones. Once in England, doing odd small jobs, she went to



Her iron rule was never to describe what they could tell from the picture, and to use as few words as possible. Reuters

art evening classes and got a scholarship to the Central School of Arts and Crafts. Meanwhile she sketched everything she saw, especially people in motion or asleep. She sold her first painting for 3/6 to a man in a Lyons tea shop, and then sold more. By the 1950s she thought she could make a modest living at it, and after a break to have the children she turned to the drawing of picture books again.

Goodbye Mog

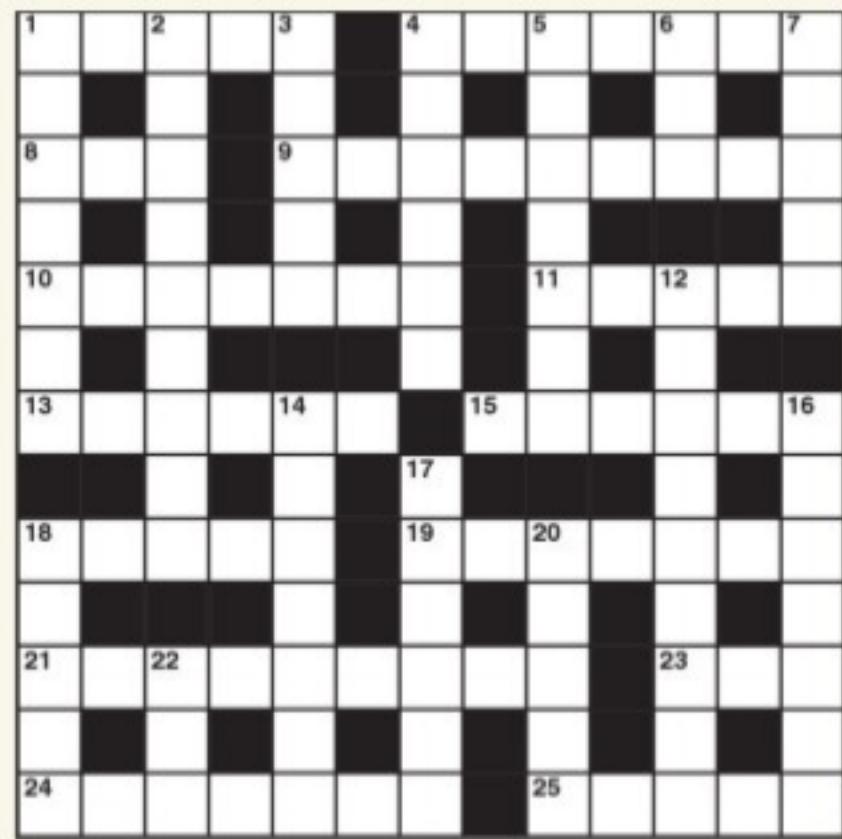
Over years of cosy bedtime stories with Tacy and Matthew, she had watched their faces closely to see how they reacted. Her

iron rule was never to describe what they could tell from the picture, and to use as few words as possible. But she liked to challenge children, too. She knew, from "Pink Rabbit", how to touch deftly on terrifying things, and that book had become a set text in German schools. So in "Mog in the Dark", Mog "sat in the dark and thought dark thoughts" of what else might be lurking there. And in "Goodbye Mog" in 2002 Mog died, though "a little bit of her stayed awake to see what would happen next." Many small readers were upset, and her chronicler was sorry. But she was a little tired of drawing all those stripes, and she also thought it an important book to write.

Even more important was to live life as she did, with joy and energy and the odd tot of whisky, and not to waste one day of it. Though she thought she was such an ordinary person, who often wore the wrong clothes and was a useless cook, her luck in life had been extraordinary. She had made a wonderful marriage; and she had escaped horrors. Her autobiography was dedicated to "the one and a half million Jewish children who didn't have my luck, and all the pictures they might have painted." Of tigers, too.

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CROSSWORD 3831



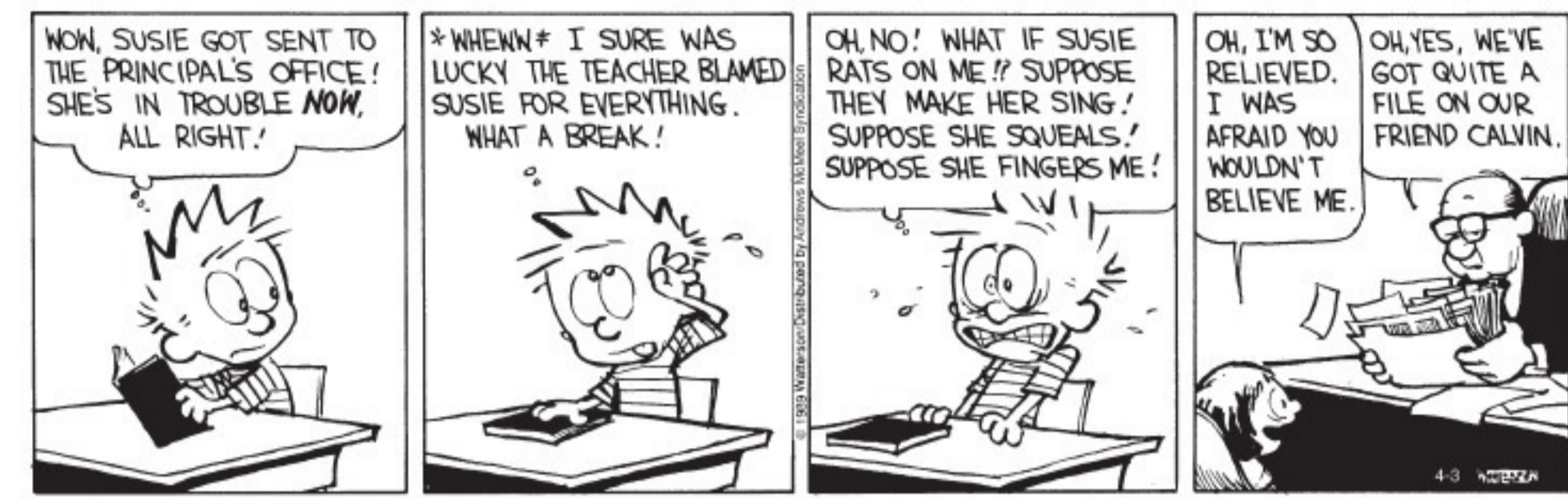
- ACROSS**
- 1 Watch through the night (5)
 - 4 Roughly repaired shoes or roads (7)
 - 8 This man invaded England (3)
 - 9 One needs it for toast (9)
 - 10 The rest of the foot in the cavalry (7)
 - 11 Short - but not sweet (5)
 - 13 A strangely weak point to open one's eyes (6)
 - 15 Suppose it means adopt (6)
 - 18 It's bound to be a bit of a shock (5)
 - 19 Route that keeps close to a stream of traffic (7)
 - 21 In France it is his right to vote (9)
 - 23 I have a northern name (3)
 - 24 A quick reply by one who is foiled? (7)
 - 25 It may be perfect (5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Saves an agitated girl (7)
 - 2 Men involved with a tiger shoot (9)
 - 3 Not so high clouds may threaten so (5)
 - 4 Is able to copy something out of the cookery book (6)
 - 5 They should be allowed to be themselves, we're told (7)
 - 6 Part of the arable acreage (3)
 - 7 Neglected study may easily become so (5)
 - 12 Instruction which could result in getting cautioned (9)
 - 14 Impressions left by the dead (7)
 - 16 There are two points he can possibly raise (7)
 - 17 Work hard to refashion rivets (6)
 - 18 Comparatively secure from strange fears (5)
 - 20 Strain with others after a point (5)
 - 22 Current term for a politician (3)

Solutions Crossword 3830: Across: 1 Roof garden, 8 Metre, 9 Folds up, 10 Rooster, 11 lisen, 12 Eleven, 14 Ashore, 17 Tenet, 19 Elector, 21 Memento, 22 Uncut, 23 Star pupils. Down: 2 Outdone, 3 Fleet, 4 Affirm, 5 Dallies, 6 Noses, 7 Open secret, 8 Marked time, 13 Estonia, 15 Optical, 16 Recoup, 18 Names, 20 Equip.

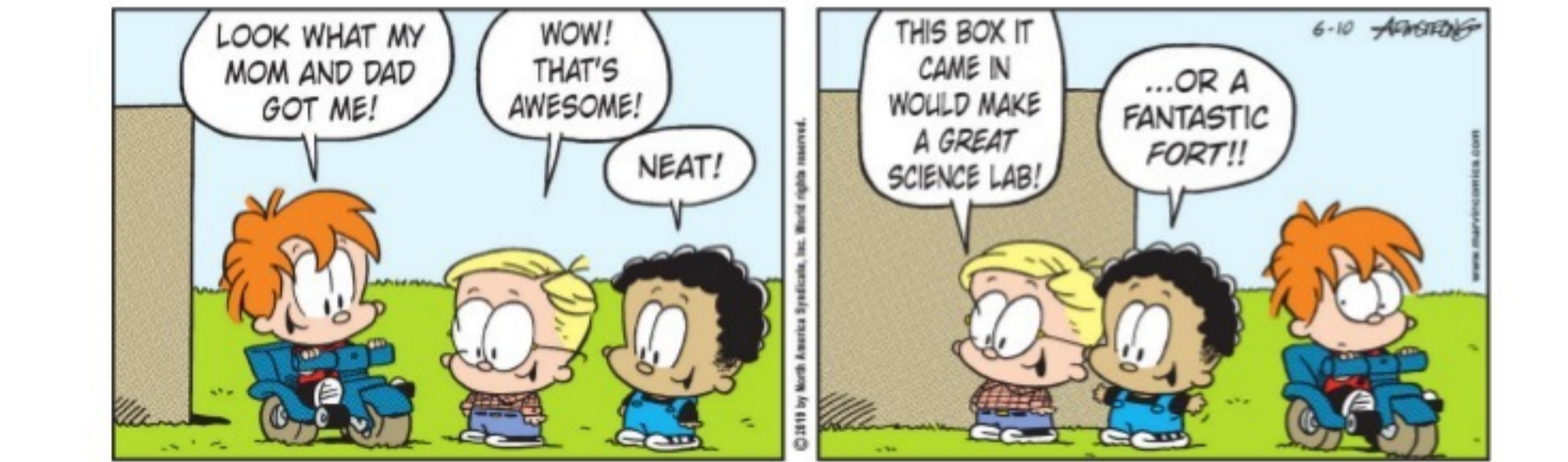
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

MUAOR **ABTUCD**

OUCST **CEENHW**

SOLUTION: AMOUR, SCOUT, ABDUCT, WHENCE
Answer: Man is a creature who lives not upon bread alone, but primarily by... - R.L. Stevenson

SUDOKU 3877

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

TENDER ID No. - 2019_NDMC_174008_1

Name of work: CITC of HT Panel Board and Allied works for proposed Electric Sub-Station at 27 KG Marg, New Delhi.

Estimated Cost : ₹ 9,52,104/-

Date of release of tender : 12.06.2019

Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 21.06.2019 upto 03.30 PM

Date & Time for opening of bid : 21.06.2019 at 04.00 PM

Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC, registration with NIC is mandatory.

Executive Engineer (E) C-II

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3876

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C)-S&P DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI JAL SADAN: LAJPAT NAGAR: NEW DELHI-110024.

N.I.T. NO.04/S&P(2019-20)

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S. No.	Name of work	Reserve price	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date and time for download & RTGS through e-procurement solution
1	Rejuvenation of 06 nos. water bodies using Phytoid treatment technology of capacity 150 KLD at various locations in Delhi (Phase-II) Re-invite	47807514/-	2019_DUB_174021_1 12.6.2019	8.7.2019 upto 3.00 PM

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e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender ID No. - 2019_NDMC_174008_1

Name of work: CITC of HT Panel Board and Allied works for proposed Electric Sub-Station at 27 KG Marg, New Delhi.

Estimated Cost : ₹ 9,52,104/-

Date of release of tender : 12.06.2019

Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 21.06.2019 upto 03.30 PM

Date & Time for opening of bid : 21.06.2019 at 04.00 PM

Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC, registration with NIC is mandatory.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (through e-tendering)

Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1281 Dated: 11.06.2019

S. N.	Name of work with its Location	App cost of the work (in Rs.)	Tender Inviting Officer Address	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Date & Time for Closed of tender	Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1	Provision of automatic fire detection and alarm system for Non-AC Relay Room of Delhi Division.	Rs. 54,92,757/- only	Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer (C), Northern Railway 3rd Floor Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055	Rs. 5,900/- only	Rs. 2,27,500.00 only	Tender uploaded date & time 03.07.2019 up to 15.00 hrs.	See the N. Ry. website www.irps.gov.in & notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Nandanam, Chennai-35

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: 01/2019-20/CMDDP/DO/Dated:12.06.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed Item Rate Tender (Two Cover system) for Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan, Division-3 work of Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.32 in between Tambaram - Vandalur Railway Stations near Perungalathur will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Nandanam, Chennai-35 upto 3.00 P.M. (as per office clock) on 18.07.2019. The Pre qualification documents alone will be opened on the same day at 3.15 P.M. (as per office clock) in the presence of the tenderers.

Details of Name of work, approximate value of work, EMD, Price of tender document, Place and availability of tender document, receipt of tender, opening of tender and all other details are available in the website <http://www.tnhighways.gov.in> (or) <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>. If any changes /corrections / amendments in the tender, it will be published in the above website(s) only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
CMDDP Circle, Nandanam, Chennai-35

DIPR/1979/TENDER/2019

TAMILNADU HOUSING BOARD - MADURAI CIRCLE

Tender Notice No: 04/ 2019-20 Date : 12.06.2019

Sealed tenders with prequalification system duly superscribed on the covers with Name of work, Reference No., Due Date and Name of the Tenderer are invited for the following work so as to reach office of the Superintending Engineer, Madurai circle, Ellisnagar, Madurai-16 up to 11.00 A.M. (as per office clock) on the date mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the under signed at his office at 11.30 AM on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No	Description of Work	Approximate value (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD in Rs
1.	Construction of 30 HIG Flats (Silt +5 floors) in the vacant land in between House no.T-130 and T-131 lies in S.No.14/3 part and 14/4 part of Madakulam Village, Madurai South Taluk, Madurai District under Self-financing Scheme.	572.00	2,96,000/-

Last date and time for receipt and opening of tender on 18.07.2019 upto 11.00 AM & 11.30 AM respectively. Cost of Tender Schedule (Non refundable) - Rs. 15,750/- (including Tax), Period for sale from 11.07.2019 to 17.07.2019. Further particulars and tender documents can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Madurai Circle, Ellisnagar, Madurai-16. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender documents without assigning any reasons therefor. The tender schedule can also be downloaded from the web site www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost.

Madurai Circle, Ellisnagar, Madurai-16
Phone: 0452-2600 901
DIPR/1970./TENDER/2019

Superintending Engineer
Madurai Circle

TAMILNADU HOUSING BOARD : SALEM CIRCLE AT COIMBATORE

Cowly Brown Road, R.S.Puram, Coimbatore-2 Phone: 0422 - 2456606

TENDER NOTICE No: 12/2019-20 Dated: 11.06.2019

Sealed tenders with name of work, reference No., due date and the name of tenderer duly superscribed on the cover (under Pre-qualification system) are invited for the following works, so as to reach the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Salem Circle, Cowly Brown Road, R.S.Puram, Coimbatore-2 upto 3.00 P.M. (as per office Clock) on the date mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at 3.15 P.M. on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No	Description of Work:	Approximate value (Rs)	EMD (Rs)
1	Area Development Works for 704 Plots (167 HIG, 283 MIG and 254 EWS) in T.S. No.5/1, 6/1, etc at an extent of 38.70 Acres at Edappadi Village Phase III in Edappadi Taluk, Salem District SCS/6/10/2018	963.00 Lakhs	491500/-
2	Providing Sewage disposal system for the construction of 1848 MSB flats under TNGRHS at Kavrandampalayam, Coimbatore. SC/SPD III/945/2018	107.00 Lakhs	63500/-

Cost of Tender Schedule in Rs (Non-refundable): 15,000/- + 5% GST. Period during which the tender schedule for sale : SI.No. 1- 05.07.2019 to 11.07.2019, SI.No.2- 21.06.2019 to 27.06.2019. Last date of receipt and opening of tender: SI.No. 1- 12.07.2019, SI.No. 2 - 28.06.2019. CONDITIONS FOR ISSUE OF TENDER SCHEDULES: 1. The contractors registered (the registration certificate should be reclassified and renewed upto date) under class-I in TNHB, P.W.D., T.M.P.H.C., T.N.S.C.B. and other Govt./ Quasi Govt. Departments with appropriate monetary limit are eligible to participate in the tender. 2. The tender documents will be issued only after verifying credential produced by the intending tenderer regarding their registration, previous performance, nature and value of the work done etc. 3. The tender schedule can also be downloaded from the Web site www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost.

DIPR/1956/Tender/2019
Superintending Engineer,(ic), Salem Circle, Coimbatore.

Government of Jharkhand Urban Development & Housing Department State Urban Development Agency

4th Floor, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi -834004, Phone: 0651-2446640 | email:suda.goj@gmail.com

Memo No.: SUDA/AMRUT/TAX REFORM-16/2015(Part-1)-1058 Ranchi/Date:12/06/2019
NIT No.: SUDA/AMRUT/TAX REFORM-16/2015(Part-1)-02 Dated: 06/06/2019
PR No. 208211

Corrigendum - I

All bidders are hereby informed that Corrigendum-I is being issued regarding the various points mentioned in the RFP document.

Sl.No.	Clause as per RFP	Corrigendum
1.	RFP Section -2 (Data Sheet to instruction to Consultants) Appendix SI.No.3, Page 20 of RFP	Pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on 14/06/2019 in place of 16/11/2018 at 11:30 hrs.
2.	RFP Section -2 (data Sheet to instruction to Consultants) Appendix SI.No.15, Page 21 of RFP	Proposal Must be submitted not later than 29/06/2019 in place of 03/12/2018 at 17:00 hrs.
3.	RFP Section -2 (data Sheet to instruction to Consultants) Appendix SI.No.16(b), Page 21 of RFP	600 marks in place of 750 marks.
4.	RFP Clause-3 (Detailed Marking Scheme for Technical Evaluation) Appendix - II,SI.No.1B(ii), Page 25 of RFP	Firms General Experience in similar assignments for 3 to 4 ULB Maximum Marks 1s140 in place of 740(70% Weightage)

Remaining terms and condition mentioned in the RFP will remain unchanged. The bidders are advised to take the above change into account before submission of their bids against the tender. Please visit <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> for further updates.

Sd/-
(Ameet Kumar)
Director, SUDA

P.R.208615 Urban Development(19-20):D

DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD Govt. NCT OF DELHI.

Office of the Executive Engineer-C-08
C/Hall, 1st Floor, A-Block, New Seemapuri, New Delhi-53.
(Ph.No.22355772, e-mail ID : eec8.delhishelter@gmail.com)

The Executive Engineer C-8, DUSIB, invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for following works :

E-Tender No.	Estimated cost Rs.	Earnest Money	Tender Cost	Period of completion
2019_DUSIB_173607_1	85,37,902/-	170760/-	1000/-	120 days
2019_DUSIB_173611_1	55,66,777/-	111350/-	1000/-	150 days
2019_DUSIB_173612_1	34,07,618/-	68160/-	500/-	150 days
2019_DUSIB_173613_1	30,95,189/-	161950/-	500/-	120 days
2019_DUSIB_173614_1	43,04,040/-	86100/-	500/-	150 days

Last Time and date of submission of bid on 22.06.2019 up to 3,00 PM
The bid form and other details can be obtained from the web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.
All bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update/corrigendum related to these tenders. The corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in press.
DIP/Shabdarth/0184/19-20

HARYANA GOVERNMENT CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HPGCL	NIT REFERENCE NO. 124399 BIDDING DOCUMENT NO. 3/ CE/ PLG/ NTPC/ PTPS/ FGD-249	CLARIFICATION & AMENDMENTS REGARDING BIDDING DOCUMENTS. (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENTS WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS)	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in
2.	HPGCL	6TH CORRIGENDUM PTP/POM-331748(EVENT NO.99890)	OPENING DT 24.09.2019 & CLOSING DT 26.06.2019 AT 13.00 HOURS)	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcp1g1@gmail.com
3.	DHBVN	NIT NO.06/XEN/T&M/2018-19 DATED 06.03.2019 AGAINST E-TENDER NO.121958	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 18.06.2019	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050325999 xentmdhbvn@gmail.com
4.	DHBVN	NIT NO.628/DH/MM DATED 29.01.2019 (TE NO.QD-804)	INCREASING IN BID QUANTITY CLARIFICATION IN SENSOR DESCRIPTION AND EXTENDING CLOSING DATE FROM 06.03.2019 TO 18.06.2019	www.dhbvn.org.in	9812556355 semmdhbvn@gmail.com
5.	UHBVN	NIT-238/XEN/R-II/2019 (B-582)	CORRIGENDUM-IV DATE OF CLOSING OF E-TENDER: 20.06.2019 UPTO 13.00 HRS.	www.uhbvn.org.in	3019140 cepdco@uhbvn.org.in
6.	UHBVN	NIT-239/XEN/R-II/2019 (B-583)	CORRIGENDUM-IV DATE OF CLOSING OF E-TENDER: 20.06.2019 UPTO 13.00 HRS.	www.uhbvn.org.in	3019140 cepdco@uhbvn.org.in
7.	UHBVN	NIT NO.-2/ E-1/ M&P/ ROHTAK/ 2019-20 DATED: 27/05/2019	DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASON DATE OF RECEIVING WILL BE UPTO 18.06.2019 (13.00 HRS). OPENING OF TENDER AT 18/06/2019 (15.00 HRS). TUESDAY	www.uhbvn.org.in	3019140 cepdco@uhbvn.org.in
8.	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD	E-TENDER NOTICE	DATE EXTENT: CLOSING DATE OF TENDER 20.06.2019 UPTO 10.00 A.M. OPENING DATE 20.06.2019 AT 11.00 A.M.	kdbkkr@gmail.com	--
9.	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD.	MUA/PROC/TENDER/2019/19 E-TENDER NO.119419	HDDFC GROUP PERSONAL INSURANCE POLICY TO COVER: NATURAL DEATH FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2019 TO 31.03.2020 FOR HDDFC MILK SUPPLIERS NUMBERING ABOUT 50000(APPROX.)	http://vitaaidia.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	0171-2540614 milkiplant@vitaambala.com

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Prized Possession

ACTOR PRIYANKA Chopra will be honoured with the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by Unicef at their Snowflake Ball in New York this December. The 36-year-old has served as the national and global Unicef Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights in 2010 and 2016. The award has been named after actor-philanthropist Danny Kaye, Unicef's first Goodwill Ambassador. Chopra tweeted, "My work with @UNICEF on behalf of all the world's children means everything to me. Here's to peace freedom and the right to education #ForEveryChild."



Beyond Borders

GULLY BOY actor Vijay Varma is set to be cast in Indian-American filmmaker Mira Nair's *A Suitable Boy*. The TV series is an adaptation of Vikram Seth's novel by the same name and marks Varma's first international project. The novel is originally divided in 19 parts that focus on the life of four families during the Independence. The actor will be playing the role of Rasheed, a student of Brahmputra University and an Arabic professor.



Tunnel Vision

AUTHOR ALPA Shah's internationally acclaimed *Nightmarch: A Journey into India's Naxal Heartlands* has been shortlisted for Orwell Prize for Political Writing 2019. The novel is a retelling of the anthropologist's experiences as she undertook a seven-night march through Bihar and Jharkhand in 2010 with a group of Maoists. Dressed as a man in a guerrilla uniform, Shah, an associate professor of anthropology at London School of Economics and Political Science, was unarmed and the only woman present.



Future Imperfect

Deepa Mehta and Huma Qureshi on *Leila*, a web series set in a dystopian world

ALAKA SAHANI

IT'S BORING to have stories of women if they don't interest everyone. Good stories should touch everyone. Humanitarian stories are far more important than just talking about gender," says filmmaker Deepa Mehta, who has co-directed *Leila*, Netflix' latest original series from India. The series, scheduled to start streaming worldwide on Friday, is set in a near-future world where extremely right-wing ideologies are prevalent and an oppressive regime segregates the society. The six-part series, based on Prayaag Akbar's eponymous novel, follows the search of Shalini Pathak Rizwan (played by Huma Qureshi) for her daughter who was taken away from her years ago.

"The novel was picked up by Netflix soon after it came out. They looked around to see who can do justice to its adaptation as a short series and contacted my agent in Los Angeles," recalls Mehta, also the creative executive producer of the series. Meanwhile, the video streaming platform asked some people to submit their ideas regarding turning it into a series. "For a series, you have to expand the story — create different characters, situations and yet retain the book's philosophy," she says.

Screenwriter Umjuvekar wrote the show bible, which is like a precis on what can be done. Mehta read the novel as well as Juvekar's bible, and was intrigued by both. Netflix asked the 68-year-old filmmaker, known for directing *Fire* (1996), *Earth* (1998) and *Midnight's Children* (2012), to direct its first two episodes. "This was interesting since I got to set the tone for the series. What is great is that I was an integral part of the casting. For me, that's extremely important. I fell in love with Huma and the rest is history," says Mehta, as she along with Qureshi talk about the show's process. Apart from Qureshi, the cast of *Leila* includes Seema Biswas, Rahul Khanna and Siddharth.

Qureshi joined the project much later. "When Deepa and I met, we had general conversations. I was impressed by the story and thought no one in India was doing this kind of content. I acted all very cool and held back my excitement even though I was very eager to be a part of the show," says the actor, who found the book very poignant and thought-provok-



A still from *Leila*; (above) Huma Qureshi and Deepa Mehta during its making

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DEEPA MEHTA, FILMMAKER

Leila is Qureshi's web debut. She narrates how she almost missed her flight while trying to send Mehta recording of a scene from its script. "It was noon for Deepa (she lives in Toronto) while I was going on a vacation and about to board a midnight flight in Mumbai. She asked me to send a scene. She hated the first recording and asked me to send another. I was sure I was going to miss the flight as I struggled to send the clip," she recalls, adding in a lighter vein, "I was meant to play Shalini. I honestly believe that somewhere I willed it."

Talking about a dystopian world in which this drama unfolds, Mehta says, "Some filmmakers opt for this kind of setting and some don't. It depends on the story and how it's told. I know stories which are set in the past and told with just as much impact. Last year's Oscar-winner *The Favourite* is a brilliant movie about

women, politics, gender, inequality and hierarchy. Set in 18th-century England, it also talks about the haves and the have-nots." Other than Mehta, Shanker Raman and Pawan Kumar have directed two episodes of the series each. "Initially, I wanted it to be an all-woman directors' team and was fighting hard for it," says Mehta. Both Mehta and Qureshi divulge that the team used to fight a lot during its making. "But we knew what we were fighting for — to do our best work," says the actor.

The series talks about the widened caste divide, acute water crisis and air pollution in this futuristic tale. It also raises questions regarding misogynistic practices as women characters are made to go through "purity tests" and are subjugated. "As a society, we have to constantly keep checking ourselves as patriarchy is so inbuilt and manifests itself in different ways," says Qureshi, and adds, "The real empowerment is having the power to choose."

Qureshi would be soon moving into the world of zombies in *Army of the Dead*, which marks Zack Snyder's return to direction after two years. "It's going to be an extremely eventful year for me," says the 32-year-old. Mehta pipes in, "It's fabulous", and adds in a lighter vein, "This morning, Huma hired me as her PR person."



OUT AND ABOUT

Grffiti artist Banksy's latest artwork, titled *Keep On*, at Royal Academy of Arts' annual Summer Exhibition in London is themed around Brexit. It has been made using the EU arrivals gate from Heathrow Airport.

Feather in the Cap

Rohan Chakravarty on his new book which talks about the dwindling bird population, and why cartoons help convey the message better



PARTH KHATAU

THE CHIRPING of birds is more than just a pleasant sound for Nagpur-based Rohan Chakravarty. During his visits to the woods, the wildlife geek keenly lends his ear to these high-pitched sounds and tries to identify the birds. "More than just spotting the birds, it is their behaviour that fascinates me. Mostly, bird-watchers want to see different birds and tick them off their list. I would like to see that changing," says the 31-year old. For his second book, *Bird Business*, Chakravarty has illustrated around 100 birds and described their unique behavioural pattern alongside. The book was recently launched at Hornbill House, Bombay Natural History Society.

Chakravarty's field trips took him to various wildlife sanctuaries across India, including those in the remotest areas of the North-East. While signing copies of the book at the launch and drawing quick illustrations as bird lovers flocked around him, he said, "I help several wildlife parks in making maps and that's where I encounter most of these birds. The experiences I have put together in the book started in 2015 when I visited the Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh to draw habitat maps." The book features illustrations of birds such as ostrays, Baya weavers, Oriental dwarf kingfishers and Amur falcons. "My personal favourites are the raptors. They are a family of birds that hunt and scavenge on carcasses. Eagles, vultures, hawks, falcons and ostrays are part of this family. They have a really sharp eyesight," he says.

The author-illustrator expresses concern at the dwindling number of big birds such as vultures and hawks in cities like Mumbai, where green cover is fast disappearing. "It is rare to spot vultures in Mumbai now. Their presence is limited to heavily forested areas such as the Western Ghats. The Parsi Tower of Silence called Durgawadi near Mumbai's Hanging Gardens used to be home to a large number of vultures. Today, you won't find any of them there. The only birds that scavenge on dead bodies are eagles and kites with the latter being fairly common in the city," he says. His first book, *The Great Indian Nature Trail*, was published in 2018 in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund.

Creating cartoons on wildlife and con-



Rohan Chakravarty (above); an illustrated strip from *Bird Business*

ervation since 2010, Chakravarty believes pictorial descriptions and humour are powerful tools to get the message across. "There is a common misconception that cartoons and illustrations are for children. However, I want people to realise that cartoons are a form of art and communication rather than something created just for the entertainment of young readers," says Chakravarty, adding, "For instance, if I want to talk about elephant poaching, making a cartoon series will get the message across more effectively than me writing about it."

Chakravarty also runs a website, *Greenhumour.com*, where he has uploaded around 500 cartoons till date. Many of them have appeared in newspapers and wildlife magazines. "There is always a funny way of approaching serious issues," says Chakravarty, who has also released a pictorial story about a baby elephant named Gaju on his website. The protagonist, Gaju, is cut off from his herd by a train that runs through an elephant corridor and the story follows his hapless journey thereon.

Presently, Chakravarty is working on a book on snake-bite — titled *Making Friends with Snakes* — along with American wildlife conversationalist Romulus Whitaker, who has been living in India since 1950. "Through this book, we are trying to spread awareness about snakebite," he adds.

Sharbat-e-Mohabbat and Other Stories

Is there a way to beat the scorching summer? A walk around old Delhi may hold some answers

SURBHIGUPTA

WITH TEMPERATURES touching 48 degrees in Delhi and the heatwave refusing to depart, one feels like ditching the daily chai and coffee for something cooler. As you walk around old Delhi, where business never stops, workers work all day long and customers throng its streets, there are a number of stalls that set up in the summers to quench the never-ending thirst, selling nimbu paani, Rooh Afza and *sattu ka ghol*. We look at a few iconic shops in the area:

Made with Love

The sharbat made popular by Nawab Qureshi in Matia Mahal, which he called *Pyaar Mohabbat Mazaa*, is now being sold by a few others as well. At Amir Malik's shop, it's called Sharbat-e-Mohabbat. But the recipe isn't too different. In a huge container, huge blocks of ice are added to milk, and the iconic sharbat Rooh Afza is added with small pieces of watermelon, giving it a crunch. "I started selling the sharbat about eight years ago, and the shops round the year," says Malik, who opens shop at 11 am till 1 am past midnight. While Qureshi sells it for Rs 10 per glass, Malik's version is for Rs 20. Mohammad Shaan, who runs the neighbouring Kallan Sweets, says, "So many people have started selling this sharbat

in the area, but it is not something they have invented. We have been making this at home ever since we were kids."

Where to find: In front of 1149, Matia Mahal, near Jama Masjid

Sugary Delight

At the corner of Mohalla Pahadi Imli in Matia Mahal's Chitli Qabar area, Aqeel Ahmed has been serving Gur ka sharbat for four decades now. Residents and shopkeepers keep returning with glasses for a refill, and he takes the glass in one hand, squeezes a lemon with the other, and pours the jaggery juice using a big brass spoon. One glass costs Rs 5. "It can sell even for Rs 10, but I comfortably earn my living at the present rate. If I am in some financial trouble in the future, I'll increase the price," he says. His father, Zaheer Amhed, who used to own a shop selling watches in Chandni Chowk, had first set up the stall post the Partition. "Due to the riots, he had to let go of his shop, and we had to flee from Daryaganj," says Aqeel.

Where to find: Pahari Imli, Chitli Qabar, Matia Mahal

Milky Mania

While Keventer's flavoured milk is now available at malls, there is a popular shop in Chawri Bazar that has been doing it forever. On the Barshabulla Chowk is Sudarshan



(Clockwise from above) Sharbat-e-Mohabbat at Amir Malik's shop; Aqeel Ahmed's Gur ka sharbat; old Delhi is dotted with stalls selling refreshing drinks Praveen Khanna

Refreshment Centre, known for their flavoured milk, thandai and malai lassi. "I opened the shop just after completing college, and got the idea from a similar shop in Kamla Nagar," says Mukesh Sharma, who set up the establishment in 1992. The Kesar badam flavour, which makes for 80 per cent of their sales, is worth the trip. Served in a glass bottle, the saffron-flavoured milk had cut almond pieces giving it a cool and crunchy feel. Other flavours include chocolate, paan, butter scotch, rose and pineapple. The shop is also known for kachodi-aloo, and in winters, one can relish their moong dal ka halwa.

Where to find: 4097, Barshabulla Chowk, Chawri Bazar

Creme de la creme

In Chowk Fatehpuri, there's Amritsari



Lassi Wala, known for flavours such as kesar, mango, jeera, strawberry, banana and badam. The area is known for quite a few shops selling similar drink. There is Hemchand Ladli Prasad Mishthan Bhandar, tucked in the bylanes of Kucha Ghasiram, and Meghraj and Sons, doling out the lassi



in flavours such as rose badam, kesar badam and even the namkeen version. But most people vouch for a small open-air shop that goes by the name of Jagdish Narayan Pandey Milk and Milk Products in a corner of Kucha Ghasiram. The fourth-generation owner, Bhanu Prakash tells us how his great grandfather Ram Narayan, who migrated from Agra over a century ago, was first an employee at the shop. "But the man who was running it then handed it over to him and left," he says. It is his family that is running it since then and is named after Bhanu's brother-in-law. The shop is known for its kesar pista lassi, and if you want it in a *kulhad*, pay Rs 5 extra.

Where to find: 193-92, Church Mission Road, Bagh Deewar, Kucha Ghasiram, Chandni Chowk

Touch of Lemon

While there are a number of stalls selling nimbu paani, one of the most famous shops in Chandni Chowk is Pt Ved Prakash Lemon Waale. A small shop that traces its origins to over a century ago, stands opposite Town Hall. The options here include a *sada* or nimbu lemon. Prince, the fourth-generation owner here, explains, "In *sada*, you'll just get the *banta* bottle — the carbonated lemon drink in a cod-necked bottle, but in nimbu lemon, we'll serve it in a glass with extra lemon and masala." The shop, started by Ved Prakash in 1870s, first used to serve nimbu paani in a *kulhad*. "It was after 1910 when the banta bottle came to India, and we introduced it in Chandni Chowk. Now, we also have our own takeaway version," he says.

Where to find: 5466, opposite Town Hall, Katra Rathi, Chandni Chowk



So near... yet so Pak

Mohammad Amir takes fifer, lower order and tail wag, but Pakistan fall short after threatening to pull off an upset against Australia

SRIRAM VEERA
TAUNTON, JUNE 12

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

TWO TEAMS doing their thing. Pakistan teasing, taunting, charming, and eventually disappointing and Australia hanging on before they found a way through. Pakistan threatened to implode in the chase of 308 and even as the fans vented in the stands, they suddenly cracked open the game with two unlikely hands, Wahab Riaz and Hasan Ali, bowlers who could bat, but collapsed again, as target came within grasp.

It was a battle of stereotypes in some ways, and both teams revelled in throwing up the tropes before Australia prevailed. As they usually do. One stereotype had to win on the day, and the Australian's won.

What would this Pakistan team do when faced with Australia whose bowling remains a real worry when Mitchell Starc or Pat Cummins don't have the ball? They mess up. Who hits a full toss from Aaron Finch straight to deep midwicket fielder? Mohammad Hafeez did it. Yet again, the "professor" played a splendid hand, soaking up the early loss of Fakhar Zaman, guiding Imam-ul-Haq, and looking real good when he combusted in surprise. He didn't know what to do with the full toss and swatted it straight to the fielder. It was 146 for 4 in the 27th over and had come immediately after Imam's wicket.

Australia bowled further up than Pakistan did, but Imam stunned them with skilful driving and precise footwork. Until Cummins returned in the 24th over. The pressure on Cummins and Starc is quite something. Need to stop the runs? Call one of them. Need to take wickets? Dial them again.

But incredibly, both are ready and waiting for the captain's call. In his first over of the second spell, Cummins had six balls at Imam. Nothing short, usually full, in the off-stump corridor mostly, and Imam was beaten a couple of times. He then produces a bouncer first ball of next over. It was going down the leg side but Imam caught up with an attempted pull, feathering a catch to Alex Carey, the wicketkeeper.

Next over, Cummins came up with a crafty nip-backer that startled Malik into a defensive prod and the ball deflected off the inner edge but Carey plucked a fabulous left-handed catch. "Lost three wickets in 15 balls from 140/3. To win matches, top four has to perform. Made runs but couldn't convert," Sarfraz Ahmed would later state the obvious.

Attempted heist

But Pakistan don't do the obvious. So, they attempt a heist to retrieve after losing the keys. Make situation difficult, almost hopeless, and then heroically breathe life back into it.

It was 160 for 6 at one point but Hasan Ali threw his bat around, once again showing up the Australians' bowling. Finch's hands are mostly at his hips when his two best bowlers aren't bowling. Nathan Coulter-Nile, it seems, can't be dispossessed of his self-image as an express fast bowler who likes to bang it in short. Especially, as it gives him the odd wicket, like Babar Azam, who charmed in a classy cameo of 30, but fell hooking a ball at his head to fine-leg. Australia's other bowler Kane Richardson also was ineffective and Ali blasted him for a couple of sixes, a treatment he meted out to Maxwell as well. Like Coulter-Nile, Richardson's go-to ball under pressure seems to be the short one but Ali too top-edged a pull and that was that. Or so it seemed at 200 for 7.

Wahab Riaz, though, was in the mood. He had bowled well, repeatedly getting the ball to kick up, but Asif Ali had dropped two chances - relieving Finch and Warner, and by the end,



Wahab Riaz's quickfire 45 brought the equation down to 44 needed off 35 balls. However, Pakistan folded soon after his dismissal. Reuters



David Warner takes a selfie with fans after the match. Reuters

Riaz was kicking the ground in frustration. So, he decided to write his own script, almost pulling off a memorable win. He didn't just swing his bat around but actually crafted out a possible escape route out of the mess. Along with Sarfraz, he played out four overs (two apiece) from Cummins and Starc from the 36th over onwards. Then he took his chances against Maxwell and Richardson, slugging them for a few sixes, before Starc intervened. Again.

Starc had three overs at this point when he came in the 43rd over. Wise Riaz played the first quietly. Then came the typical Australian moment in the next over. Starc bends his back,

the ball leaps off a tired pitch and Riaz pokes. The keeper collects. It should have been the end of the story but of course there is a twist. Steve Smith, at backward point, almost insists that they go for the DRS and of course, the snickometer comes alive when the ball passes the bat. In the same over, off the last ball, he fires the yorker, and it seems a full toss for three-fourths of its journey but swerves a touch, collides with Mohammad Amir's inside edge and falls on the stumps.

Starc had done it again. Australia have done it again. And Pakistan have done it again. A day of stereotypes.

Warner relishes first international century since return from ban

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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OPENER DAVID Warner, who on Wednesday scored his first century since completing the ball-tampering ban, said the knock in the World Cup game against Pakistan "means a lot" to him as a batsman. Seeking to silence his doubters, Warner made 107 off 111 balls, a few days after his uncharacteristically snail-paced half-century against India surprised the cricket fraternity.

With the conditions testing and Pakistan's attack sharp, Warner had to be cautious after Australia were sent in to bat. "There was a bit of movement early on, so I had to be a lot tighter. This century means a lot as a batsman. Some great efforts from Pakistan. Our bowlers were fantastic but it was a great game," the opener said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Australia were cruising after Warner and skipper Aaron Finch (82) laid a strong foundation with a 14-run opening stand. But Mohammad Amir bowled beautifully in his second spell to return his best ODI figures of 5/30 and stop the defending champions at 307.

"When I got out, we had 70 balls to go.

As a batter, you want to bat 50 overs. We should've been around 340-350, credit to Pakistan's bowlers. Their second spells were outstanding and they made it hard for us. It was a used wicket; it was a tad dry and they bowled very straight lines to me and gave me no width," Warner added.

Reeling at 160 for six in the 30th over, Pakistan's rearguard act did put Australia under pressure, Finch admitted.

Under pressure

"Certainly did put us under pressure. Guys like Hassan and Wahab are good strikers of the ball. Hard to stop when they're on a roll. Just had to bowl our best ball, whether it's a length ball or yorker. When you're slightly off, on a small ground like this, you're punished. Didn't bat out our fifty overs which was disappointing. When you go with an extra batter, you back the batsmen to do the job," Finch said.

Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed was disappointed after his side's second defeat of the tournament.

"Definitely very disappointing. Lost three wickets in 15 balls from 140/3. To take positives, Hassan Ali batted well, Wahab batted well. Fought in the end but could not finish it off well. Except Amir, others did not bowl well," Sarfraz said.

SCORECARD >>

AUS vs PAK

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AUSTRALIA 307 IN 49 OV

A Finch c Hafeez b Amir 82 (84b, 6x4, 4x6)
D Warner c Imamb Afridi 107 (111b, 11x4, 1x6)
S Smith c Asif b Hafeez 10 (13b, 1x4)
G Maxwell b Afridi 20 (10b, 2x4, 1x6)
S Marsh c Malik b Amir 23 (26b, 2x4)
U Khawaja c Wahab b Amir 18 (16b, 3x4)
A Carey lbw Amir 20 (21b, 2x4)
N Coulter-Nile c Sarfraz b Wahab 2 (3b)
P Cummins c Sarfraz b Hasan 2 (6b)
M Starc c Malik b Amir 3 (6b)
K Richardson not out 1 (1b)

Extras: (lb 10, nb 3, w 6) 19
Fall of wickets: 1-146 (AJ Finch, 22.1 ov), 2-189 (SPD Smith, 28.4 ov), 3-223 (GJ Maxwell, 33.4 ov), 4-242 (DA Warner, 37.5 ov), 5-277 (UT Khawaja, 42.1 ov), 6-288 (SE Marsh, 44.3 ov), 7-299 (NM Coulter-Nile, 46.2 ov), 8-302 (PJ Cummins, 47.3 ov), 9-304 (AT Carey, 48.3 ov), 10-307 (MA Starc, 48.6 ov)

Bowling:
M Amir 10-2-30-5
S Afridi 10-0-70-2
H Ali 10-0-67-1
W Riaz 8-0-44-1
M Hafeez 7-0-60-1
S Malik 4-0-26-0

PAKISTAN 266 IN 45.4 OV

I ul-Haq c Carey b Cummins 53 (75b, 7x4)
F Zaman c Richardson b Cummins 0 (3b)
B Azam c Richardson b Coulter-Nile 30 (28b, 7x4)
M Hafeez c Starc b Finch 46 (49b, 3x4, 1x6)
S Ahmed run out 40 (48b, 1x4)
S Malik c Carey b Cummins 0 (2b)
A Ali c Carey b Richardson 5 (8b)
H Ali c Khawaja b Richardson 32 (15b, 3x4, 3x6)

W Riaz c Carey b Starc 45 (39b, 2x4, 3x6)
M Amir b Starc 0 (2b)
S Afridi not out 1 (6b)

Extras: (lb 4, nb 1, w 9) 14
Fall of wickets: 1-2 (Fakhar Zaman, 2.1 ov), 2-56 (Babar Azam, 10.5 ov), 3-136 (Imam-ul-Haq, 25.1 ov), 4-146 (Mohammad Hafeez, 26.6 ov), 5-147 (Shoaib Malik, 27.3 ov), 6-160 (Asif Ali, 29.6 ov), 7-200 (Hasan Ali, 33.5 ov), 8-264 (Wahab Riaz, 44.2 ov), 9-265 (Mohammad Amir, 44.4 ov), 10-266 (Sarfraz Ahmed, 45.4 ov)

Bowling:
P Cummins 10-0-33-3
M Starc 9-1-43-2
K Richardson 8.4-0-62-2
N Coulter-Nile 9-0-53-1
G Maxwell 7-0-58-0
A Finch 2-0-13-1

Australia won by 41 runs

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NR
NZ	3	3	0	0	0	6	2.163
Aus	4	3	1	0	0	6	0.57
Eng	3	2	1	0	0	4	1.307
Ind	2	2	0	0	0	4	0.539
SL	4	1	1	0	2	4	-1.517
WI	3	1	1	0	1	3	2.054
Ban	4	1	2	0	1	3	-0.714
Pak	4	1	2	0	1	3	-1.796
SA	4	0	3	0	1	1	-0.952
Afg	3	0	3	0	0	0	-1.493

Top 4 teams will qualify for the semis

WC too painful to watch for Hazlewood

AUSTRALIAN PACE spearhead Josh Hazlewood admits he is barely watching the World Cup as his disappointment at not being selected continues to cause him pain. The 27-year-old was overlooked after being out of action since January with a back injury, as selectors preferred him to focus on getting ready for the Ashes Test series in England, which begins in August. Hazlewood is currently in camp at Brisbane with the Australia A squads -- along with the likes of Peter Handscomb, Travis Head and Marcus Harris -- ahead of their departure for England on Friday for a seven-week tour. Now fully fit, he said he had was trying to avoid the World Cup and direct his energies elsewhere. "I'm trying to focus on what I'm doing up here," he told cricket.com.au Wednesday. "I'll sit down at night and watch a couple of overs but I'm trying to steer clear of it a little bit. The more you watch something, the more you probably miss it."



Sania hits out at India-vs-Pak ads

SANIA MIRZA has reacted to the TV ads by the broadcasters hardselling the India-Pakistan match. "Cringeworthy ads on both sides of the border seriously guys, you don't need to 'hype up' or market the match anymore specially with rubbish! it has ENOUGH attention already!" she posted on Twitter.

Amir confessed to fixing after Afridi slap

MOHAMMAD AMIR confessed to spot-fixing in England in 2010 only after the then ODI skipper Shahid Afridi slapped the fast bowler, claimed former all-rounder Abdul Razzaq. "He (Afridi) told me to leave the room but after a while I heard the sound of a slap and then Amir told the whole truth," Razzaq said on GNN news channel. The all-rounder also blamed the then PCB set-up for bringing bad name to Pakistan cricket. "I thought instead of going to the ICC to prove its efficiency, the PCB should have instead directly taken the three players to task despite their denials and sent them back home on some pretext. They should have banned them for a year or so. In the end by not doing this, the PCB spoil the image of Pakistan cricket worldwide." Razzaq, 39, also claimed that Salman Butt was deliberately getting out and playing dot balls much before the scandal broke out in England.

England play down Buttler injury scare

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LONDON, JUNE 12

ENGLAND HEAD coach Trevor Bayliss is optimistic that Jos Buttler will be fit to play in Friday's World Cup match against the West Indies in Southampton. Buttler hurt his right hip while batting in England's win against Bangladesh, hobbling for the remainder of his knock and passing on wicketkeeping duties to Jonny Bairstow.

He was scheduled to join his team-mates during a net session at the Hampshire Bowl on Wednesday and Bayliss said: "Yes, he's fine. He'll be taking part in today's practice fully. It was a little bit precautionary the other day. He said he could have kept, but he wasn't really sure if he would be able to run after a high catch."

Asked if Buttler might play as a specialist batsman to lighten his workload in the field, Bayliss kept his options open.

"I haven't really thought about it. We'll make that decision in the next day or so," the Australian said. "We'll see how he pulls up and how he performs at practice. I'm expecting him to play a full part."

Buttler has been in fine form at the World Cup, with scores of 18, 103 and 64 all coming at punishing strike rates. Should Buttler fail to prove his fitness, Hampshire's James Vince would be the likeliest pick in his role as spare batsman.

All-rounder Moeen Ali is also eyeing a return to the team after sitting out the 106-run victory over Bangladesh in Cardiff. His off-breaks were deemed surplus to requirements in a seam-heavy attack at Sophia Gardens, but he could come back into consideration in Southampton.

Moeen was excused from training on Wednesday after the birth of his new baby daughter Haadiya. He will rejoin the squad for final preparations on the eve of the game and is available to take on the West Indies.

Archer takes aim

Friday's game will mark a first outing for Barbados-born Jofra Archer against a West Indies side containing several of his Caribbean friends and peers. The 24-year-old suggested at the weekend he would be treating the game like any other, but Bayliss believes it would only be normal if the stakes were slightly elevated.

LEADING SCORERS

260 Shikhar Dhoni (IND), 255 David Warner (AUS), 215 Jason Roy (ENG)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

10 Mohammad Amir (PAK), 9 Mitchell Starc (AUS), 9 Pat Cummins (AUS)

KL for Shikhar; for Rahul

India look to fill No.4 blank with injured opener Dhawan ruled out and KL moving up the order

SRIRAM VEERA
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KL RAHUL at No.4 had looked too good a tenant, settling in without fuss, subletting it to Hardik Pandya and even making dashing three-ball cameos when pushed down the order. With his performance, he had mocked all the sweat, fret, and ether-mumblings on social media. It almost felt a bit of anti-climax.

However, with Rahul about to take the injured opener Shikhar Dhawan's slot at the top, the No.4 question is staring at Indian cricket again. Will it be Ambati Rayudu's 3-D glass provider Vijay Shankar? Or would they turn to Dinesh Kartik or Kedar Jadhav? But one gets the sense that it might be either MS Dhoni or Pandya, depending on how well the top three do their jobs and the match situation.

In the end, No. 4 could be the greatest trick India has pulled off this tournament. The lack of a specialist at the spot gives Dhoni the luxury of time in the middle, allowing him to manoeuvre the middle overs, something he likes doing. Not long ago, Rohit Sharma had spoken about Dhoni being his ideal No.4. The only thing going against it, ironically, is Dhoni's IPL form. He biffed the bowlers, enough to perhaps make the team-management think that he could still be the big-hitting finisher and can be sent later. It's still worth, though, trying him at No.4 for a game to see how he goes. By the look of things, India might well use him at No.4 occasionally, depending on match situation – and that perhaps isn't a bad way to go about it.

While Dhawan's absence might not be as big a disaster as feared, it can throw up a few interesting side-effects on the line-up. Not just the pressure on the top 3 to score consistently but also perhaps on the way they bat. Until they find some confidence in the middle order, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma might not attempt to break free in the middle overs.

Pandya took off that pressure from Kohli in the last game against Australia, allowing him to bat on with a steady and consistent tempo. He didn't have to shift gears at all. Kohli did admit later that there was temptation to go for it, try to accelerate, but he resisted the urge after watching Pandya go. Also, when Pandya suggested that he likes batting with Kohli holding one end up. It allowed Pandya to do his thing. But the last game was almost the ideal game for India – the wickets didn't fall, Pandya soared, and Dhoni flexed his muscles – and Kohli could do his thing.

Interesting side-effects

India will have to choose their No 4 wisely to ensure that the one of the top three who is the set batsman by then, doesn't feel inhibited and forced to slow down. The other extreme too isn't ideal where they are forced to accelerate when they don't yet want to. Considering all this, it won't be a surprise if India go with either established players already in the team at No.4 instead of trying out Vijay Shankar there.

But all this hand-wringing is unnecessary when you speak to non-India fans. There is such an overwhelming feeling in England, Australia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka fans sprinkled across this country that India are so dominant – they say they laugh at the Indian fans and media's obsession with No. 4. In some ways, even more than the parochial Indian fans, there is more respect and admiration in the others.

A washed-out game against New Zealand though won't help India. Not because of the points accrued, but they would prefer the match practice to fine-tune their new batting order. It allows them to see what Dhoni does at No. 4 if India lose a couple of wickets for not too many and need consolidation. 100/2, say, when batting first. Would he, as some fear, bat too slow at the start? There is not much empirical evidence of it, yet, as he



India coach Ravi Shastri with captain Virat Kohli at a training session ahead of their World Cup encounter against New Zealand at Trent Bridge on Wednesday. AP

A washout will harm India more than Kiwis

AFTER THREE washouts at the on-going World Cup, weather will once again take much of the attention when India play New Zealand at Trent Bridge on Thursday. According to BBC's weather channel, on Thursday, there's a high chance of precipitation in Nottingham throughout the day.

Another washout, therefore, can't be ruled out. Such an eventuality will harm India more than New Zealand, as the Blackcaps are top of the leaderboard with three wins. Another point tomorrow – that too over a team in ominous form – would leave them needing just two more wins from the last five matches to advance.

However, for India, who have played and won two games, will it be a point gained or a point lost? India have defeated New Zealand in six out of their last eight ODIs, but they did fold against Kane Williamson's team in the warm-up just before the tournament. New Zealand's pace attack carries plenty of threat, especially in overcast conditions. The Men-in-Blue wouldn't be kicking themselves if they are to split points.

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WEATHER FORECAST
High chance of rain in Nottingham.

hasn't batted at No 4 in the recent times and it's better to find out now, at this stage in the tournament, than later.

The Indian players couldn't hold a proper net session at Nottingham, a day ahead of the game. It drizzled, not too heavy but enough to make them discard any attempt at bowling. The batsmen faced knockdowns, with the net bowlers standing and throwing the ball them. The weather remains a threat on match day. New Zealand have a pretty good bowling attack with the left-handed Trent Boult as its leader and Ferguson who can crank up the pace. And in Mitchell Santner they have a pretty decent left-arm spinner who can peg away steadily. India will be New Zealand's first big test in the tournament. They did have a few tight moments against Bangladesh but Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor, their main batsmen, have helped them get three straight wins. They would fight hard but India should win this.

The left-arter's double-bluff

Bait him with an out-swinger and pin him down with the inswinger, it's the time-tested strategy of left-handed seamers against Rohit Sharma.

THE SET-UP BALL: FULL AND WIDE, SLANTING ACROSS

■ Rohit Sharma is hardly troubled by a left-arm seamer slanting the ball across him. He does have the tendency to stab at those, but he has neutered it but opening up his stance and moving slightly across so that he could cover the length. Hence, he has developed a better discretion outside to the off-stump. So he's happy to leave those. Or if it's full enough, he wouldn't hesitate to drive. Even here, his front-foot doesn't really go forward and the alignment, which Rohit is obsessed with, goes a little awry, disturbing the free swing of his bat. He's clearly uncomfortable playing that way but ensures he doesn't commit a folly.

■ So bowlers, especially Trent Boult, sow a false sense of security in Rohit's mind before they slip in the killer inswinger. Boult generally goes wider and wider with his line and shorter with his length, conceding an impression that he's forcing a loose stroke, or an edge.



Rohit had this tendency to nick such deliveries – his back-foot hardly moved across – but he's ironed out that flaw to an extent and looks fairly comfortable while dealing with the out-swinger or the one that holds it's line. Mohammad Amir, another left-arm seamer who has troubled him, also resorts to a similar play before unleashing the killer ball.

THE KILLER BALL: PITCHED ON OFF-STUMP, BENDING BACK

■ A left-arter's backbender, especially if the bowler can swing the ball late, hassles most right-handed batsmen. Even more so for Rohit Sharma, who often ends up playing down the wrong line, to be bowled or lbw. The problem begins with the awareness that he has a problem against such deliveries. So he's always waiting at the crease in anticipation of it, trusting his judgement to pick the ball early. Resultantly, he gets neither forward nor backward, and hence prone to getting caught at the crease when the ball is full. And the open stance means he tends to play the ball around the front pad, so a trifle late to get the bat down in time. It's a fine tactic against medium pacers, but not against quicker bowlers like Amir and Boult, or Jason Behrendorff.

■ It's not that Rohit is unaware of this vulnerability, but he hasn't chalked up an effective plan to neuter it. Hence, it begins weighing on his mind when facing them. For instance, against Boult in Hamilton,



where the ball was hemming around too, he tried to counterattack by stepping out, backing away to cut or shuffling across to flick him. In the end, a sharp inswinger, to which he offered a half-prod, devoured him. A similar length by a right-hander, he would have just driven through mid-on, but it's the left-handedness, and the angles one create, that destabilise him.

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Want to know what's happening at Taunton? Follow Brian, the cat

While the match between New Zealand and Afghanistan saw the cricket fans getting to see Brian, the resident feline of the Somerset Cricket Ground, Taunton, for the first time in this year's World Cup, cricket fans had to wait for some time to see the famous cat during the Australia-Pakistan match.

The whiskers, who has been given membership of the club, and also has a twitter handle, was seen walking on the advertising boards in the New Zealand-Afghanistan match and fans were seen cheering for the cat. The feline, who was first spotted at the stadium in 2013, was named after Brian Lee, one of the club's employees who was on leave at that time and the club officials named the cat Brian on him having a same hairstyle like his human namesake. Brian the cat also spent some time watching Pakistan practice during one of their practice sessions on Tuesday. The cat has currently 1,737 followers on twitter. What are you waiting for? Follow the cat to know what has been happening at the stadium.

Tricky Kiwi Nicks

In January this year, when ICC named its Test team, the Auckland-based popular rock music station, Radio Hauraki, like everybody on the sports-mad tiny Island, got excited. It

was an expected reaction. Imagine three from a country with a population that's one-fourth of Delhi had made it to this elite group of eleven cricketers. Though what wasn't puzzling – at least for neutrals – was the headline on the website of the radio station that goes by the motto "It's different. World famous, Radio Hauraki". The header said: Steady The Ship, Dave Franco & Hairy Nipples named in ICC Test Team.

Things became clear once on reaching the second para of the story: "Captain Kane Williamson was joined by 'debutants' Tom Latham and Henry Nicholls in the team selected by an international panel of commentators and cricket writers." It also revealed the rather odd nicknames of New Zealand's three Test mainstays. Steady The Ship is so popular among fans that it has inspired T-shirts and hats. In every day conversations, Williamson gets referred as Steady The Ship, or just Ship. No one raises eyebrows or even smirks, they remain steady as ship. It's an apt name for a captain who has a habit of anchoring New Zealand's frequently rocking ship. Latham's looks have seen him getting compared to the famous movie star David Franco and as for Henry Nicholls's nickname, it's self explanatory.



SELFIE, MOMENT

Jonny Bairstow takes a selfie with children during a community coaching session at the Hampshire Bowl in Southampton. Reuters

Ganguly, the early bird

Sourav Ganguly the cricketer might not have been the kinds who'll be the first to hop on to the team bus. But Ganguly the commentator is turning out to be a different breed, at least at this World Cup. The former India captain, who is a part of the official commentary team, has been reaching the stadium two hours before the first ball

is bowled to get a feel of the conditions and 'get into the zone.' That also makes sure he escapes the selfie-hunting fans at the grounds.

Talking to The Analyst podcast, Ganguly said: "I make sure I come early, reach at 8.25 in the morning to get away from crowd, get into the zone and be at peace." Ganguly recalled the 2011 World Cup match between India and South

Africa in Nagpur, where he couldn't see out of the commentary box because everyone was watching him commentate instead of watching the match unfolding in front of them.

Ganguly goes on to talk about the India-Pakistan match, albeit very briefly, describing the Green Shirts as a 'dangerous side' and drawing multiple references to the 2017 Champions Trophy final, where they beat India, who were the favourites. One tongue-in-cheek remark, though, stood out: "The broadcasters will go berserk," he said. And going by the manner in which channels from both countries have been hyping up the match, he isn't far off the mark.

20 years back

@NZCricketMuseum assiduously maintains the important dates associated with New Zealand cricket, and match-eve at Trent Bridge is the 20-year anniversary of Black Caps' 5-wkt win over India in the 1999WC, led by Matt Horne's 74 & Roger Twose's 60. #OnThisDay over the last few months has some delectable entries refusing to forget the milestones and overwhelming moments for cricket's underdogs at the World Cup: Jun 10 - John Bracewell's ODI debut in their win over Pakistan at the 1983 World Cup; Jun 8 - Warren Stott, Jeremy Coney & Warren Lees' ODI debuts in 1979's Prudential World Cup win over Sri Lanka; Jun 6 -

Glenn Turner bats through for 171* at 1975 WC vs East Africa; May 20 1999 – NZ defeat Aus by 5 wickets in Cardiff, 1999 CWC, with the hard-nosed Twose hitting 80; Mar 10 – Shane Bond's 6 for 23 in the Super Sixes match v Australia. "Sadly, it wasn't enough" it rues. And finally, Mar 10 - CZ Harris (130) & LK Gernon (89) launch one of the great rescue missions in the @BLACKCAPS' 1996 #CWC quarter final v Australia and Mar 7 – Mark Greatbatch charges at Ambrose & Marshall in the win vs West Indies in 1992.

The online museum is a treasure trove, with regular entries on Martin Crowe's heroics, but three other little-known events make it a quaint chronology to scroll through. Feb 20 - anti-apartheid supporters attempt to damage the pitch before the @BLACKCAPS & South Africa start their 1964 Test at Wellington. January 31 – an infamous day in Australian & New Zealand cultural & sporting history: Chappell bowls underarm to McKechnie in 1981. And a gem of an acquisition: home video footage of the @WHITE_FERNS playing @englandcricket at Cornwall Park in 1969, where the accomplished women's team back then played in gear similar to what might be seen at Wimbledon – skirts with long socks, striking the ball cleanly through the covers. For a proud cricketing nation, the 20-year-old-win against India though spells a good omen. ENS

U-19 World Cup winner Kalra's parents fudged his age: Police chargesheet

Parents of 11 other players also named accused in age-manipulation probe by special investigation unit; DDCA secretary Vinod Tihara in dock

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

Manjot Kalra, the Man of the match in India's U-19 team's World Cup winning final game in New Zealand last year, is a year older than he claims to be, according to Delhi Police's special investigation unit of the crime branch that is probing several cases of age fudging among those playing junior cricket in the capital.

According to the chargesheet filed before the chief metropolitan magistrate, Tis Hazari Courts, Kalra's original date of birth is January 15, 1998 and not January 15, 1999 as indicated in the BCCI records. Since the player wasn't an adult at the time the FIR was filed, his parents — Parveen Kumar and Ranjit Kaur — have been named in the charge sheet. Parents of 11 other players who like Kalra obtained false birth certificates from municipal authorities to be eligible for lower-age groups too were found guilty by Delhi Police and find a mention in

the chargesheet.

The Delhi Police found discrepancies in Kalra's date of birth when they scrutinised records of the two schools the cricketer had been registered at. It also found that he got his passport renewed after securing a false birth certificate.

According to the chargesheet a false affidavit was submitted by the parents to get his birth certificate date changed by a year.

"It is crystal clear that the date of birth of Manjot Kalra has been fudged/changed by his parents in order to give him undue benefit of playing with the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA). It is proved beyond doubt that the birth certificate of Manjot Kalra has been fudged/changed by his parents," the chargesheet states.

The cricketer's father, however, denied that his son's age had been fudged. "When he was first admitted in school, the entry made by a relative was wrong and we later got it corrected. His correct year of birth is 1999," Parveen said on Wednesday.

Another prominent cricketer whose



Player of the 2018 final Manjot Kalra.

birth certificates were allegedly forged when playing Under-15 cricket is Nitish Rana, the middle-order batsman who has played 30 first-class matches for Delhi. The 25-year-old has also been on the roster of the Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders. "It is proved without any doubt that the birth certificate submitted for Nitish Rana at the time of applying with the DDCA is forged. The whole of the above episode was directed

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THE CHARGESHEET

by Dara Singh Rana (father) to give undue and undeserving benefit to his son to play with DDCA," the chargesheet states, adding that the cricketer was a juvenile at the time of the forgery.

The parent/parents of the following cricketers have also been named in the chargesheet: Harsh Tyagi, Ankit Pratap Singh, Harshit Sethi, Raja Khan, Bharat Gupta, Prasant Bhandari, Prateek Kaushik

and Sarang Rawat. Cricketer Deepak Khatri has been chargesheeted as he was not a juvenile at the time of falsification of age proof documents

The chargesheet also names current DDCA secretary Vinod Tihara who was the convenor of the sports working committee of the state cricket unit, also the owner of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Cricket Club where cricketers found to be over-aged played and was also part of the management of the Vidya Jain Public School where they studied. "He (Tihara) has been elected as member of the sports working committee (SWC) since 2004. The ten elected members of the SWC selected him as convenor of the SWC. Panel of selectors for different age groups are selected by the executive committee on the recommendations of the SWC... From the above investigation it is evident that Vinod Tihara showed rosy pictures to the parents of Manjot Kalra and it was under his allurement they fudged the birth date of their son, get (sic) him admitted to Vidya Jain Public School with birth certificate fudged,

which was later on used and submitted with the DDCA on the instructions of accused Vinod Tihara," the chargesheet stated.

Based on former India cricketer Kirti Azad's complaint FIRs were filed in 2014 and 2015 alleging age manipulation by cricketers and their parents in order to make them eligible to play in the Under-16 and Under-19 category.

Former India captain Rahul Dravid while delivering the 4th MAK Pataudi Memorial lecture in 2015 had spoken about the malpractice of age fraud and equated it with fixing and corruption. "I think of this overage business as dangerous and even toxic and to me, gives rise to a question: If a child sees his parents and coaches cheating and creating a fake birth certificate, will he not be encouraged to become a cheat? He is being taught to lie by his own elders? At 14, it may be in the matter of the age criteria, at 25 it may be fixing and corruption. How are the two different in any way? In both cases, is it not blatant cheating?" Dravid, the current Under-19 coach, had said.

A stroll down memory lane

Woods returns to Pebble Beach, a course he first visited as a 9-year-old with dad, to compete in US Open

TIM DAHLBERG
PEBBLE BEACH, JUNE 12

THE QUESTIONS are different now, if only because Tiger Woods no longer has to explain why he was stuck for more than a decade on 14 major championship wins. That alone had to be worth the smile on his face Tuesday as he took a break from a session on the driving range at Pebble Beach to assess his chances of adding the U.S. Open title to the Masters green jacket he won just two months ago.

With age comes a certain wisdom, too, and perhaps an understanding that as historic as Woods' Masters win was, there are a lot more wins in his past than there will be in his future. And, realistically, there will never be a win again like his romp here in 2000, when Woods never missed a putt inside 10 feet and won the Open by a whopping 15 shots.

Woods is 44 now, balding and with the usual aches and pains that go along with age and the wear and tear of swinging a golf club. That he's still capable of competing at the highest level after back and knee surgeries borders on amazing even in a sport that treats its aging stars better than any other. Still, the fact he's one of the favorites in this U.S. Open on the same seaside course where he won so easily 19 years ago has Woods a bit bemused, if not really that surprised. "How do you compete against kids that were born in the 2000s?" Woods asked. "They were born after I won this damn tournament."

The answer to that question, of course, is hit the ball straight and make a bunch of putts. It's basically the formula Woods followed in the 2000 win that was the first of a remarkable four major championships in a row.

And his worries about playing against kids born after his 2000 win might be just a bit overstated. In the field of 156 players, only Michael Thorbjornsen hadn't been born at that time, and the 17-year-old amateur from Wellesley, Massachusetts, isn't exactly a betting favorite in his first Open. But as Woods tees off Thursday in search of another major, he's as firmly rooted in the past as he is engaged in the present. And that's not a bad thing on a golf course he played as a child with his dad long before he hoisted an Open trophy in a performance for the ages.

Woods said he was 9 or 10 when he first played Pebble Beach, where he said the green fees were under \$100. He knows that because his dad, Earl Woods, vowed to him that they would never play any golf course if it cost more than that.

"It was a long, soft, wet golf course to



Tiger Woods at the scenic Pebble Beach course during a practice day for the U.S. Open Championship. AP

Woods spent time on the putting green Monday and the driving range Tuesday, part of a strategy to conserve his energy and not play the course until it is close to tournament conditions. So far, though, he likes what he sees. "There's nothing like playing a U.S. Open setup here at Pebble Beach," Woods said.

me," Woods said. "But it was cool to see that the same thing we watch every year in, what, February, (to) see where the pros play." Pebble Beach won't be soft and wet for this Open. That's not the way the USGA sets up the national championship, and the forecast says it's not going to rain this week.

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setup here at Pebble Beach," Woods said. "The golf course is not overly long. It's not big in that regard, but man, it's tricky. The greens are all slanted, very small targets. And if they ever firm up, then we have a totally different ballgame."

There's a lot to like about Woods' chances in those conditions, in any conditions. This is a player, you might remember, who finished tied for fourth in the last Open here in 2010, when he was just months removed _ and still trying to recover _ from a humiliating fall from grace in a marital scandal that shocked the sports

world. He's been through even more since then, including surgeries and a DUI arrest when he was found parked on a Florida road with five different drugs in his system. But life seems about as good as it gets these days for Woods. He's back playing well, has a steady girlfriend, and can't stop talking about how much his Masters win meant to him because it allowed his two children to see him at the top of his game.

His embrace of them on the 18th green at Augusta National was poignant, bringing back memories of the long hug he gave his own father off the same green in 1997 when he won his first major championship in a runaway.

"They don't remember me enjoying the game of golf because all they remember is Daddy on the ground in pain," Woods said. "And so now golf brings me so much joy, they're able to see that. And if it brings a smile to their faces, it brings a smile to my own." And right now, Woods has a lot to smile about. AP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DEN BOSCH, JUNE 12

INDIAN MEN'S recurve archery team secured the Olympic quota for the 2020 Tokyo Games by storming into the quarterfinals of the World Championships but there was heartbreak in store for the fancied women's side here Wednesday. The men's team of Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das and Pravin Jadhav put up a superlative show, posting a 5-3 win over Canada to secure three-athlete quota for the first time since the 2012 London Olympics. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, India had an individual entry in Das, who had made a prequarterfinal exit.

"We finally made it. We are gelling well as a team and looking forward to Tokyo now. This is the moment to keep going for 2020," two-time Olympian Rai, a member of the London Olympics, said.

"I'm sure the opponents were feeling exactly the same pressure. So the key was to keep calm and it worked well for us," the 35-year-old Army archer said.

But it turned out to be a day of contrasting fortunes for the women's recurve team as senior archer Laishram Bombayla Devi misfired once, while Komalika Bari exposed her inexperience costing them the match 2-6 against lower-seeded Belarus.

The women's team will have a last chance in 2020 World Cup Stage III in Berlin where top three in the secondary tournament will grab the final Olympic quotas.

Blaming luck, the three-time Olympian Bombayla said: "In practice, I was shooting well but there was misfortune and something happened during the competition and I misfired. It could have been an easy win. We will try our best next time."

Bombayla's misfire meant India shot a poor 43 against Belarus' 52 in the first set. In the second set, Bombayla and Komalika shot 3 and 5 and it proved too much for Deepika Kumari, as they lost 44-52 to trail 0-4.

The trio finally came good in the third set winning it 53-51 to make it 4-2 but Karyna Kazlouskaya, Karyna Dziominskaya, Hanna Marusava sealed the issue 6-2 with a 53-51 win in the fourth set.

Indian team in the women's compound section, which is a non-Olympic category, entered the quarterfinals with a commanding 236-226 win over France.

Led by Muskan Kirar's outstanding display, India women's compound team (2099 points) finished third in the ranking round behind Colombia (2111) and Korea (2101) and advanced directly into the pre-quarters.

The 19-year-old from Jabalpur shot 54 perfect arrows which included 24 times X (closest to the centre) for an overall score of 701 points over the 72-arrow 50-metre ranking round. Having finished in the top-eight, Muskan Kirar got a bye into the round of 32 in the individual section.



Atanu Das and his mates beat Canada 5-3 to bag the elusive Olympic spot.

29th seed Abhishek Verma, Bhagwan Das (35th) and Rajat Chauhan (88th) of men's, and Jyothi Surekha Vennam (17th) of women's advanced to the round three in the compound section. India also remained in the medal fray in the compound mixed pair event where Verma and Muskan entered directly into last-16 with a top eight finish in the ranking round. India face Germany in the compound mixed pair pre-quarterfinals.

Compound men's team, who got a 14th place in the ranking, defeated their Spanish opponents 235-229 in the first round but only to end their campaign after losing to third seeded Turkey 234-238.

Up against a team who secured a bye into the last-16 after finishing sixth in the ranking round, the Indian trio of Rai, Das and Jadhav started off with three perfect shots including one X to take the first set with a one-point (56-55) lead in the men's recurve round two.

They held on to their momentum and scored one-point more than the first set with another perfect start in the second set where the trio hit two Xs and one 10 to edge out their opponents once again by one point (57-56) and race to a 4-0 lead.

Eric Peters, Crispin Duenas and Brian Maxwell, however, bounced back to grab the third set (58-54) hitting four perfect shots with two X to take the match to the decider.

Needing a tie, the Indians held their nerves and levelled the scores 57-all to seal the issue 5-3 and secure an Olympic berth.

Das, who was India's lone entry in the men's section, also sounded ecstatic and credited their strong start.

"We started off very well. I think this the best team we ever made. We worked so hard to get this point. We did not qualify in the last Olympics. So this is going to be a turning point for Indian archery," Das said.

The Indian team's preparation earlier this year was marred by infighting in the national federation which is starting at suspension from World Archery for electing two parallel bodies. Internal wrangling by two faction groups had led the archers to pull out of the World Cup Stage I in Medellin under bizarre circumstances of missing their connecting flight.

Messi vs Ronaldo: Argentine wins money game

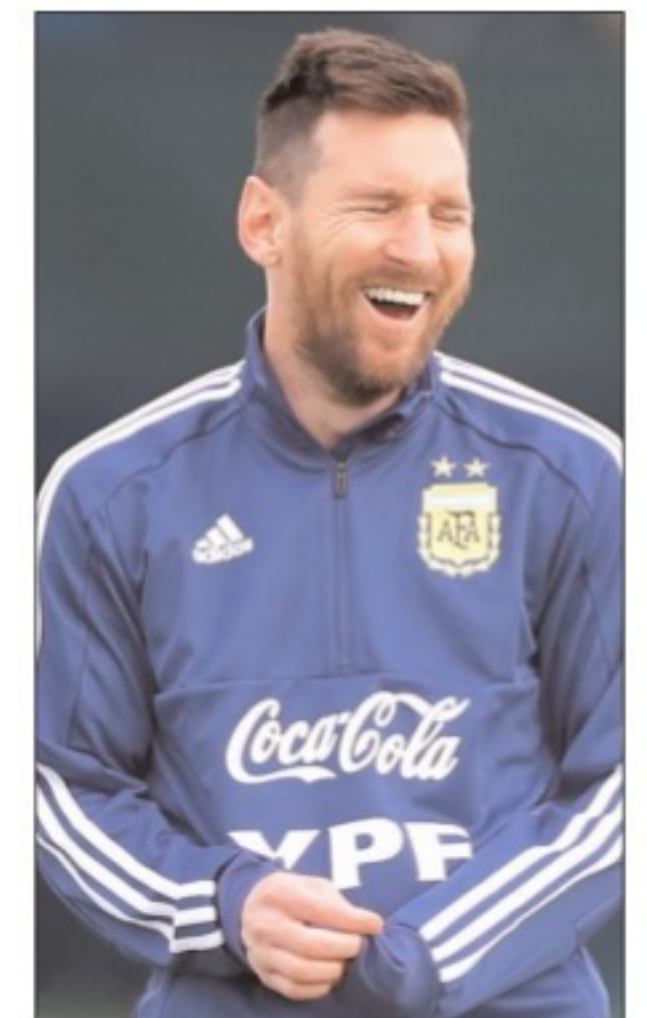
Barcelona and Argentina striker Messi dethroned five-division boxing world champion Mayweather as the highest paid athlete over the past year, according to the annual list published by Forbes on Tuesday.

35 Number of players from the NBA who featured among the top 100 — the highest player representation form any competition. LeBron James, ranked 8th, earned \$89 million.

MESSI, WHO scored 36 goals while leading Barcelona to the La Liga title this year, earned \$127 million between his salary and endorsements to move up one spot on the list of the world's 100 highest-paid athletes.

JUVENTUS AND Portugal striker, who just led the national side to a Nations League triumph, fell behind his great rival Messi, earning \$109m.

MAYWEATHER, WHO topped the list in 2018 and four times in seven years, only had an exhibition match last December in Japan and did not crack the top 100, which is comprised of athletes from 10 different sports. REUTERS



KOHLI LONE INDIAN

Skipper Virat Kohli is the sole Indian to make it to make cut, placed at the 100th spot. The 30-year-old, according to Forbes, makes 21 million from endorsements and another four from salary and prize money. He was placed 83 last year.

Lionel Messi	\$127m (£99.8m)
Cristiano Ronaldo	\$109m (£85.6m)
Neymar	\$105m (£82.5m)
Canelo Alvarez	\$94m (£73.8m)
Roger Federer	\$93.4m (£73.3m)
Russell Wilson	\$89.5m (£70.3m)
Aaron Rodgers	\$89.3m (£70.1m)
LeBron James	\$89m (£69.9m)
Stephen Curry	\$79.8m (£62.7m)
Kevin Durant	\$65.4m (£51.3m)

Severe heat forces FIH to reschedule

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 12

THE SEVERE heatwave conditions on Wednesday forced the organisers to allow extended breaks to players and officials during a classification match of the FIH Series Finals while the world body has advanced the start of Friday's classification by 45 minutes, here.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) informed that Friday's morning match will now commence at 08:00 am instead of 08:45 am. "In order to adjust to the current high temperatures affecting Bhubaneswar and considering the welfare of athletes, fans, volunteers, officials and everyone involved, the FIH has decided that Friday's 5th place match of the FIH Series Finals will start at 8 am (IST) instead of 8:45 am as initially planned," the world body said in a statement.

With the temperature hovering above 40 degrees and humidity level rising to 50 per cent, the seventh-eighth place classification match between Mexico and Uzbekistan witnessed extended breaks between quarters. The tournament officials allowed the players to take four-minute breaks between the quarters



Uzbekistan captain Golib Kalandarov catches his breath during a FIH Series Finals match on Wednesday. Hockey India

instead of regulation two minutes.

Such was the impact of the heat that the second half of the Mexico-Uzbekistan game was literally played in four quarters. The officials decided to give a one-minute water break to players and on-field umpires after seven-

and-half minutes of third and fourth quarters respectively. The official break between third quarter and fourth quarter too was raised from two to four minutes. It is for the first time in the last seven days that heatwave conditions have affected the matches in the ongoing event. Aware of the extreme hot weather conditions, the organisers had not scheduled any matches during the day time. The first match was scheduled in the morning (08:45 am) while two games for the evening (05:00 pm and 07:00 pm).

Mexico finish 7th

Mexico eked out a hard-fought 4-3 win over Uzbekistan to avoid the wooden-spoon and finish seventh in the FIH Series Finals on Wednesday. In the match between two lowest ranked sides of the tournament, world no. 39 Mexico scored through Maximiliano Mendez (29th minute), Alexander Palma (30th), Yamil Mendez (54th) and Roberto Garcia (59th). Gaybullo Khaytboev (41st), Okhunjon Mirzakarimov (42nd) and Ruslan Satlikov were the goal scorers for 43rd-ranked Uzbekistan. The Uzbeks, thus, finished eighth and last after failing to register a single point in the tournament.