

First time in 22 years, ESI contribution slashed from 6.5% to 4%

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IN THE first such move since 1997, the rate of contribution under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act has been reduced from 6.5 per cent to 4 per cent, the government said in a statement issued Thursday.

While the employer's contribution has been reduced from 4.75 per cent to 3.25 per cent, that of the employee is down from 1.75 per cent to 0.75 per cent. The reduced rates, which will come into effect from July 1, is expected to benefit 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakh employers.

The reduction in rates, the statement said, would "facilitate further enrolment of workers under the ESI scheme and bring more and more workforce into the formal sector".

"Similarly, reduction in the share of contribution of employers will reduce the financial liability of the establishments leading to improved viability... This shall also lead to enhanced Ease of Doing Business. It is also expected that reduction in rate of ESI contribution shall lead to improved compliance of law," it said.

Those covered under the scheme, along with their families, can avail "reasonable medical, surgical and obstetric treatment"

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LEADERS MEET AHEAD OF SCO SUMMIT IN KYRGYZ REPUBLIC CAPITAL

Pak has to create atmosphere free of terror, don't see it happening: PM to Xi

'Bank of China in India, Azhar listing proof of improving Sino-Indian ties'



EXPRESS IN BISHKEK
SHUBHAJIT ROY
BISHKEK, JUNE 13

LESS THAN a month-and-a-half after Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar was listed as a global terrorist once Beijing lifted its technical hold, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday told Chinese President Xi Jinping that he has made efforts to initiate peace with Pakistan, but his efforts have been "derailed".

Modi, who met Xi for a bilateral meeting at the State residence Al-Archa in Bishkek ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's summit in the Kyrgyz Republic capital, said Pakistan needs to create an atmosphere "free of terrorism", but at this stage, Delhi has not seen that from Islamabad's side. Briefing reporters after the meeting, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said, "There was a very brief discussion on Pakistan. PM



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said that we have a consistent position with respect to Pakistan. We discuss all issues through a bilateral mechanism and we look for peaceful settlement

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WITH PUTIN AND XI: The two photos Modi posted on Instagram after his meetings in Bishkek, Thursday

Modi, Imran sit across dinner table, don't talk to each other

SHUBHAJIT ROY
BISHKEK, JUNE 13

HERE FOR the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan counterpart Imran Khan sat across the table at a dinner at the Frunze restaurant, but there was no exchange of pleasantries.

"Koi dua-salaam nahin hua (there was no exchange of pleas-

antries)," a source told *The Indian Express*, after the dinner. At the gala concert after the dinner at the Kyrgyz National Philharmonic, the two leaders sat in the front row, but were separated by at least seven leaders in between.

This was different from what had happened two years ago with then Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif. In June 2017, more than 17 months after Modi met Sharif

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Pompeo for greater ties, trade talks: Modi hai to mumkin hai

SHUBHAJIT ROY
BISHKEK, JUNE 13

BORROWING Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election slogan, US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo Thursday pushed for a deeper relationship with India ahead of his visit to Delhi on June

25-26, his first trip to the country after the new Modi government took charge.

"As Prime Minister Modi said in his latest campaign, 'Modi hai to mumkin hai,' or 'Modi makes it possible', I am looking forward to exploring what's possible between our people," Pompeo said in a major India policy speech at the India Ideas Summit of the US-India Business Council.

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Joint Secys from outside: How Govt found way to duck quota

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

AS THE government draws up an ambitious plan to hire from outside civil services at entry levels, an RTI application has revealed that while inducting talent from the private sector at the Joint Secretary level in April this year, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) adopted a procedure which did not require it to provide for reservation to candidates from the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC).

Relevant file notings provided by the DoPT to *The Indian Express* under the RTI Act state, "In a single post cadre, reservation does not apply. Since each post to be filled under this scheme is a Single Post, reservation is not applicable."

They are selected for different departments and if they were considered as a group of nine, there would have been at least two seats for OBCs and one seat for an SC candidate.

The nine candidates with JS rank cleared by the UPSC in April — Amber Dubey, Rajeev Saksena, Sujit Kumar Bajpayee, Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale, Kakoli Ghosh, Bhushan Kumar,

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From within and outside

THE GOVERNMENT'S decision to hire expertise and talent from outside is a bold step in administrative reform. The Joint Secretary level in the government is the decision-making stage. Parallel to this will be the demand for representation of SCs/STs and OBCs — just as in university appointments. The government will have to do this tightrope walk.

Arun Goel, Saurabh Mishra and Suman Prasad Singh — are likely to join soon.

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2 women steer moon mission: a 'simple girl' and an award winner

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JUNE 13

"TO SHOW how challenging it was to achieve the correct cruise path, would be like going outside and hitting a golf ball towards a hole located in Los Angeles. The ball has to go straight into the hole and to make it more challenging, the hole is moving."

That was ISRO scientist Ritu Karidhal describing India's successful 2013-14 space mission to Mars in a TedxGateway talk.

Today, Karidhal is one of the two women at the helm of Chandrayaan 2, India's second foray to the moon that is preparing for launch on July 15. The other is Muthayya Vanitha.

Chandrayaan 2 will attempt a first-ever soft landing for India on the lunar surface. And the two senior women space scientists, both in their 40s, will be in



Ritu Karidhal, mission director of Chandrayaan 2

charge of the mission's main components: Project oversight and the crucial final phase of landing.

Karidhal, who holds a Master's degree in aerospace engineering from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and was a deputy operations manager for the Mars mission, is the mission director for Chandrayaan 2. Vanitha, an electronics systems engineer, is project director.

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Savarkar loses Veer as Cong rewrites school textbooks in Rajasthan

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, JUNE 13

WITHIN SIX months of taking charge, the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan has made several changes to school textbooks for students following the state board. The modifications relate to historical events and personalities, and to decisions taken by the NDA government in its first term.

The freshly-printed books for the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE)

have been distributed in the market by the Rajasthan State Textbook Board (RSTB). The changes were made following the recommendations made by the textbook review committee set up on February 13 this year to study if the earlier changes to school textbooks were made to fulfil political interests and distort history.

Consider this:
■ Description of Savarkar and his role in Class 12 History book.
■ OLD BOOK: Savarkar prefixed with 'Veer' in the chapter

on freedom movement. The portion extensively discusses the contribution of Savarkar in India's independence movement.

NEW BOOK: Savarkar addressed as 'Vinayak Damodar Savarkar'. It describes how Savarkar, troubled by the torture inflicted on him in the Cellular Jail by the British, called himself a 'son of Portugal' in his second mercy petition on November 14, 1911. He sent four mercy petitions to the British. Following his freedom, it says Savarkar worked

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Doctors' protest: Mamata talks tough, her colleague's daughter slams inaction

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SHRIYA DASGUPTA
KOLKATA, JUNE 13

BATTLELINES HARDENED Thursday in the snowballing agitation by doctors across West Bengal with Chief Minister and Trinamool leader Mamata Banerjee turning up the heat on them. And a medical student, daughter of Banerjee's powerful colleague Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim going public with her "shame" as a Trinamool supporter at "the in-



Mamata at SSKM Hospital in Kolkata. Partha Paul

action and silence of our leaders". Banerjee gave an ultimatum to agitating junior doctors say-

ing that strong action would be taken against them if they do not get back to work promptly. But junior doctors and interns vowed to continue their "cease-work" until their demands for security were met. They have been on strike after angry relatives of a patient who died in the Nilratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital were joined by neighbours and local residents as they barged in and beat up doctors, injuring two of them.

On Thursday, violence erupted again as outsiders

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India to have its own space station: ISRO

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INDIA PLANS to establish its own space station and the modalities will be worked out after its first manned space mission, Gaganyaan, is complete, ISRO chairman Dr K Sivan said Thursday.

"We want a separate space station. Our space station will be small. We will launch a small module of 20 tonnes for micro-gravity experiments. This is our ambition. Everyone starts with a small module and only later expands," he said at a press conference for the launch of India's ambitious Chandrayaan 2 project to the moon.



Chandrayaan-2 orbiter vehicle at an ISRO facility in Bengaluru. PTI

Sivan said ISRO is in the process of drawing up plans for the space station, which is likely to be ready in the next five to seven years. The space station will be placed in an orbit of 400 km

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INDIA PLANNING TO HAVE ITS OWN SPACE STATION: ISRO CHIEF K SIVAN

On Wednesday, Sivan announced that ISRO's second spacecraft to the moon, Chandrayaan-2, will be launched on July 15 this year.

VIDEO OF THE DAY



KABIR SINGH ACTOR SHAHID KAPOOR

'Making a remake with the same director is very challenging'

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MODI DISCUSSES PAK WITH XI AT BISHKEK

PM said on Wednesday India attaches 'special importance to SCO'

EXPRESS AUDIO

Doctors' strike in West Bengal fueling political row

Detailing why the healthcare log jam in West Bengal was waiting to happen and how the hospital protests have stirred the BJP vs TMC fight.

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ESI contribution

in ESI dispensaries, hospitals, diagnostic centres and recognised institutions.

They are also entitled to sickness benefit at the rate of 70 per cent of wages for maximum of 91 days in a year. For maternity benefit, the full wages are paid for 26 weeks, and for another one month depending on the doctor's advice. The permanent disability benefit is 90 per cent of wages in support for families of workers who die on the job.

The ESI Act 1948 was the first major legislation on social security for workers in independent India. It provides for health-related events, such as sickness, maternity and temporary or permanent disability. It also covers occupational disease or death due to employment injury, resulting in loss of wages or earning capacity — either total or partial.

Under the Act, employers and employees contribute their share, respectively, with the rate of contribution being decided through the Ministry of Labour and Employment. Currently, all employees who earn upto Rs 21,000 per month are eligible for ESI benefits — the ceiling was raised in 2017.

Pompeo

Amid differences between Washington and Delhi over trade issues, Pompeo said that the US is open to dialogue to resolve trade differences with India by allowing Americans companies more access to Indian markets.

"Now, I am sure we will broach some tough topics too. But as we democracies have come to know, that we work out our disagreements. We bring them to the table honestly and fairly. And we will probably discuss the recent decision on the GSP programme."

"We remain open to dialogue, and we hope that our friends in India will drop their trade barriers and trust in the competitiveness."

"We will also push for the free flow of data across borders — not just to help American companies — but to protect data and ensure consumer privacy," he said.

India and the US, he said, must embrace the strategic framework that works for both nations. "We respect India as a sovereign power, with its unique politics and strategic challenges. We re-

alise it's different to deal with the likes of China or Pakistan from across an ocean than across the border," he said.

And under President Trump, he said, "We have taken our defence cooperation to new heights, solidified our common vision for the Indo-Pacific, and taken a far tougher stand on Pakistan's unacceptable support for terrorism in the region."

Stressing that the two countries have to deliver and execute, Pompeo said that the Trump administration has already enabled American companies to export more high-tech items to India. "This includes cutting-edge defence platforms like armed UAVs and ballistic missile defence systems. We have already launched the Asia-EDGE programme to help India raise private capital to meet its energy and security needs for years to come. These are solid achievements, but we want to do so much more."

He then outlined key "overlapping interests": defence, energy, space.

On defence, he said that the first batch of Apache helicopters are coming off Boeing's production line in Arizona. "Lockheed Martin's F-21 and Boeing's F/A-18 are state-of-the-art fighters that could give India the capabilities it needs to become a full-fledged security provider throughout the Indo-Pacific."

On the energy front, he indicated developing India's nuclear sector which will reduce dependence on Iran for energy needs. "On energy, we want to complete the Westinghouse civil nuclear project, and deliver more LNG and crude. These steps will give Indians reliable, affordable, diversified energy independence so they will no longer have to rely on difficult regimes like those in Venezuela and in Iran," Pompeo said.

On space, he said, "NASA is already working with the Indian Space Research Organization on the world's most advanced earth-observation satellite and India's second lunar mission. I mean, how cool is that?"

Space station

above the earth — low-earth orbit — where astronauts can stay for 15-20 days. Only one such facility exists now, which is the International Space Station (ISS) run by NASA.

A space station is essentially a

large spacecraft that remains in low-earth orbit for extended periods of time. It is like a large laboratory in space, and allows astronauts to come aboard and stay for weeks or months to carry out experiments.

The Mir space station of the former Soviet Union, and later operated by Russia, was functional from 1986 to 2001. The ISS has been in space since 1998.

MoS Space Dr Jitendra Singh, meanwhile, said India's "first human mission will be sent to space by 2022". "We will be the fourth country to have a soft landing on the moon with Chandrayaan 2. I am happy to announce that on the eve of our 75th Independence anniversary, ISRO has resolved to send our first human mission to space. The preparation for that is under process," he said.

"We will send two or three persons and the selection process is underway. A special cell — the Gaganyaan National Advisory Council — with various stakeholders as members is looking into this. The selection of astronauts will be completed in the next six months and another one-two years will be taken to train them," said the Minister, adding that the budget has been kept at Rs 10,000 crore.

ISRO chief Sivan added that a memorandum of understanding has been signed with the IAF to select and train astronauts. "For the first six months, they will be trained in India. After that, they will have to be sent abroad for advanced training as we haven't developed the capability yet. After Gaganyaan, the next step will be to send a manned mission to the moon," he said.

ISRO will use its GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle, which has the necessary payload capability to launch Gaganyaan, he said.

Gaganyaan will take 16 minutes to enter space and the crew will subsequently orbit in space for 3-7 days. "We will require a recovery crew and we are already talking to the Coast Guard for this," said Sivan. Prior to that, he said, two unmanned missions will be undertaken — the first one in December next year and the second, six months after that, in preparation for Gaganyaan.

ISRO also announced two other missions — Aditya L1, which will be launched in 2020 and orbit the sun, and another to Venus.

Moon mission

For both women, who have been with ISRO for close to two decades and were involved in launches or sub-system development for satellites, Chandrayaan 2 will mark a historic achievement.

"It is the first time for a planetary mission where women are in charge. We have had women project directors for the launch of communication and other satellites," ISRO chairman K Sivan said after announcing the launch date for Chandrayaan 2.

According to former ISRO chairman K Radhakrishnan, a project director "is responsible for the project from the start — getting the whole systems configured, reviewed, implemented and assembled, and become a single-point authority for the total project".

A mission director, he said, "handles whatever has to be done on the spacecraft from the time it is inserted into orbit — initial operations, raising the orbit, taking all contingency actions when required". "The project director is involved for years and the mission director comes into the picture once the satellite is injected into orbit," he said.

Chandrayaan 2 — an improvement on Chandrayaan 1 of 2008 — has been in the pipeline since 2012-13 and has seen multiple project directors before the appointment of Vanitha around 18 months ago.

The exit of M Annadurai, project director for Chandrayaan 1 and Chandrayaan 2, and G Nagesh

Modi-Xi meeting in Bishkek

through negotiation. We are committed to this process."

"The Prime Minister recalled that he has made efforts in this regard, and his efforts have been derailed. He informed President Xi Jinping that Pakistan needs to create an atmosphere free of terrorism. And at this stage, we did not see this as happening. And therefore, we expect Pakistan to take concrete action on the issues that India has proposed, on the issues that India has flagged," Gokhale said.

Modi told Xi that Azhar's listing is evidence that the strategic communication between the two countries at different levels has "improved".

These comments hold significance since Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan is also in Bishkek for the SCO summit, and both were seated in the dining table in the presence of Xi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other SCO leaders. But, there was no official confirmation of a meeting between the leaders of India and Pakistan at the banquet.

"Anpanan lagta hai mujhe aapse milkar (I feel at home when I meet you)," Modi is learnt to have told Xi, as the meeting began.

The Prime Minister, who began the meeting by wishing Xi on his birthday on June 15, said they can "move forward", as "both of us have got similar term" — this was a reference to the almost overlapping terms of

Modi's second term and Xi's second term as President.

He said there was a "historic opportunity" to take the Sino-Indian relationship to a new level. Xi said that Beijing is ready to join New Delhi in pushing forward a closer development partnership between the two sides, Chinese state-run Xinhua news agency reported Thursday night. "Xi urged the two sides to stick to the fundamental judgement that China and India offer to each other chances for development, and do not pose each other threats, and called on the two countries to keep deepening mutual trust, focusing on cooperation, and properly handling their disputes so as to turn the bilateral relationship into a positive element for their respective development," Xinhua reported.

The two leaders had a "brief discussion" on the boundary issue as well. Gokhale said the Special Representatives have been asked to expedite discussions to achieve a "fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question", but underlined that the "approach should be constructive" and it "must be driven by the larger context in which we see India-China relations, in which the two leaders see the relations in the coming years".

"He (Xi) also called on the two sides to make good use of such mechanisms as meetings between the two countries' spe-

cial representatives on the boundary issue, and enhance trust-building measures so as to preserve stability in border areas," Xinhua reported.

Describing the meeting as marked by "warm and cordial discussion", Gokhale said Xi congratulated Modi on his election victory, and "it reflected aspirations and trust people have".

They agreed that there is a new momentum since the April 2018 Wuhan summit, Gokhale said. In this context, Modi specifically noted that what has improved is the strategic communication at all levels.

And he counted resolution of some of the long pending issues — like opening of the Bank of China in India, and China lifting its hold on Masood Azhar's listing — as evidence of that.

They said they should move to new areas and raise their expectations from the relationship. They asked both sides to prepare thoroughly for the next informal summit later this year.

There was some discussion on trade, and Modi noted that regulatory procedures have been simplified by Chinese side on non-basmati rice, sugar and agriculture products. "There should be significant uptick", Gokhale said, talking about trade in these commodities.

They also expected that though initial steps have been taken, in the next few months, they hope to see some "signifi-

cant breakthrough" on addressing trade issues.

"As important representatives of developing nations and emerging market economies, China and India, said Xi, need to come together to safeguard free trade and multilateralism, and protect the legitimate development rights of developing countries," Xinhua reported, in a reference to the US-China trade war.

According to Xinhua, the Chinese President said the two nations need to constantly broaden the channels for cooperation, conduct cooperation in such areas as investment, industrial capacity and tourism, make a bigger cake of common interests, jointly promote regional inter-connectivity, including the construction of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor, in a bid to better boost common development. They decided to celebrate the 70th anniversary of bilateral relations next year — 70 events will be organised, 35 by each side — to commemorate the event. They have tasked their Foreign Ministers to plan and prepare for the events next year.

"Deepening friendship with China. PM @narendramodi's first meeting on the sidelines of the SCO Summit is with President Xi Jinping. Both leaders are discussing ways to further strengthen bilateral relations," the Prime Minister's Office tweeted.

Modi, Imran at dinner table, don't talk

in Lahore, the two had met in the leaders' lounge at the opera house in Astana where they had gone for the SCO summit to watch a cultural performance — just like today.

There, they had exchanged greetings and since it was the first occasion when the two leaders came across each other after Sharif's surgery, Modi had enquired about his health, his mother and family.

Before landing in Bishkek, Khan told Russian news

agency Sputnik that Pakistan's relationship with India is probably at its "lowest point", and hoped Modi will use his "big mandate" to resolve all differences, including the Kashmir issue.

Underlining that the SCO countries provide these fresh outlets and developing relationship with other countries, he said, "And that means, of course, India as well because at the moment our bilateral relationship with India is, proba-

bly, at its lowest point. And, yes, it will be an opportunity to speak to the Indian leadership during this SCO conference."

There is no bilateral meeting scheduled Friday as well. Referring to Modi's re-election, Khan told Sputnik, "But we hope now that the current Prime Minister has one big mandate, we hope that he will use this mandate to develop better relationship and bring peace in the subcontinent."

On whether he is ready to

sit down with Modi at the table, Khan said, "Well, we have already indicated to India that after the elections. We actually tried before the elections, but unfortunately we felt that before the elections Prime Minister Modi's party was building up this hysteria, unfortunately, anti-Pakistan feeling among its people, appealing to its right-wing Hindu nationalists, and so there was no chance of peace before the elections."

Meanwhile, unannounced, Banerjee went to SSKM hospital at around noon and spoke with patients who were lying unattended. She visited OPD and the Emergency wings which were closed. Agitating junior doctors chanted slogans while she was there.

"Whatever happened was unfortunate but at times relatives of patients get agitated. We have taken action and police have arrested people. Our minister Chandrima Bhattacharya (MoS Health) visited them. Police Commissioner of Kolkata visited them. When I wanted to speak to them over phone they refused," said Banerjee.

"This cannot be tolerated. They will have to get back to work. I give them four hours to join duty or action will be taken against them. We will also withdraw government support (stipends) to interns if they do not join work. I saw patients waiting for treatment and some of them are critical," said Banerjee.

She also blamed the BJP for giving the protests a communal colour. "This is conspiracy by a political party. There are outsiders fuelling the agitation. BJP is trying to bring in communal colour into this," said Banerjee.

Later, authorities resumed emergency services at SSKM and at Burdwan Medical College Hospital under senior doctors and professors. However, in other state hospitals, OPD and other services remained shut for the second day. Meanwhile, as many as 11 senior doctors turned in their papers at the Sagar Dutta Medical College Hospital saying they couldn't cope with work pressure and insecurity. A delegation met Governor Kesari Nath Tripathi, who appealed to them to resume work.

Emergency.

In a Facebook post Wednesday night, Shabba Hakim, student of KPC Medical College and daughter of Fihrad Hakim who is also Mayor of Kolkata, voiced her strong support in favour of the strike by doctors. "For those who do not know, doctors in government and most private hospitals are boycotting OPD but are still working in emergency. Unlike other professions we can't just decide not to work because at the end of the day we have humanity," Shabba wrote.

"For those saying 'Onno Rugider ki dosh?' (What's the fault of other patients?) Please question the government as in why the police officers posted in government hospitals do little to nothing to protect doctors? Please question them that when 2 truckload of goon(s) showed up why wasn't back-up sent immediately? Please question why goons are still surrounding hospitals and beating up doctors? We have a right to peaceful protest.

"We have a right to safety at work. As a TMC supporter I am deeply ashamed at the inaction and the silence of our leaders," she said.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Shabba reiterated her stand. "Everyone has a right to safe work place and the right to protest. These are rights given to us by the Constitution. We are only upholding these rights," she said. However, she refused to comment on the CM's statement.

Her remarks assume significance as her father is considered very close to Banerjee. He is also state PWD minister and has been given charge of the party's organisation in a number of districts after the debacle in Lok Sabha polls. He is regularly seen with the CM at most party and government meetings and events.

In fact, Fihrad Hakim, in a series of tweets, condemned the protests saying, "Doctors are like God to the general masses. If gods stop working then how will we survive?"

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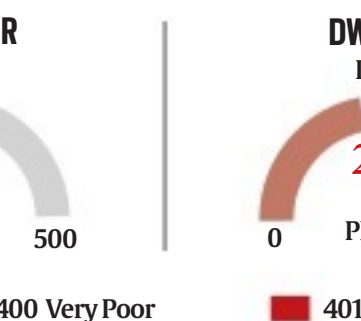
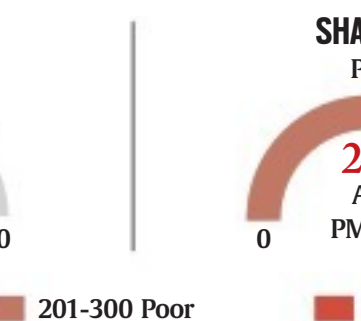
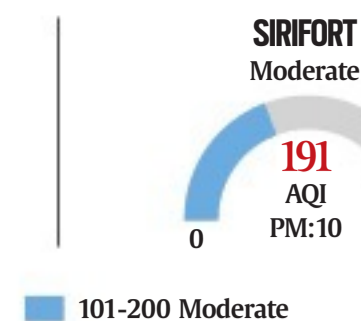
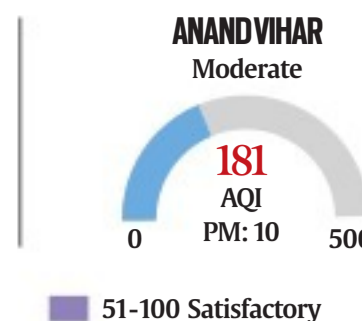
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Ponty Chadha's son arrested at Delhi airport en route Phuket

FIR was filed against company, directors for not delivering promised hi-tech township in Ghaziabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

MANPREET SINGH Chadha aka Monty Chadha, son of liquor baron Ponty Chadha, was arrested Wednesday night in connection with an alleged property-related fraud of over Rs 100 crore. Monty, vice-chairman of Wave Group, was arrested by officials of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police at the Indira Gandhi International Airport while he was leaving for Phuket in Thailand.

Additional CP (EOW) Suvashis Choudhary said a Look-Out Circular (LOC) was issued against Monty 10-15 days ago and he was called in to their office, but didn't show up. The LOC was issued after a cheating case was registered against him and the group last year.

The FIR has been registered against Uppal Chadha Hi-Tech Developers Pvt Ltd, directors

Monty, Harmandeep Singh Kandhari and Gurjit Singh Kochar, officials Rajinder Singh Chadha, Kritika Gupta, and others, officials said.

Monty was produced before a magistrate Thursday. The Wave group did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

As per the FIR filed on January 24, 2018, Uppal Chadha Hi-Tech Developers Pvt Ltd did not deliver their promised hi-tech township in Ghaziabad. The case has been registered under IPC sections 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) after a complaint was filed by K Ramesh, Kaveri Ramesh and others.

The FIR mentions that the projects, reportedly spread across 1,500 acres at first, were called Rosewood Enclave, Sunny Wood Enclave, Lime Wood Enclave and Chestwood Enclave, and comprised houses, villas, a golf course, helipads, an international school and college as well



Vice-chairman of Wave Group Manpreet Chadha

as shopping malls.

The FIR stated that the people promised homes had been "suffering at the hands of the accused for 11 years".

Choudhary said, "All 29 people who have approached police so far booked plots during 2005-06 and paid an amount of Rs 4.5 crore approximately."

As per the FIR, in February 2005, the agents of Uppal Chadha Hi-Tech Developers Pvt Ltd "approached the public with an early-bird booking discount

offer on plots in the proposed project... situated in the villages of Kachera, Dujana and Mehrauli of Ghaziabad. The possession of the plot was to be given within eight months from the date of allotment, as per the accused company's documents".

"The complainants received letters in November 2009 from the company, stating that all licenses and approvals were obtained, and the first phase of the 1,500 acres has been approved by the government," Choudhary said.

The FIR states that the accused company provided people with a "CD containing animated graphics of the proposed townships, the contents of which were indeed mesmerising," Choudhary added.

On June 15, 2011, investors allegedly received demand letters signed by the vice-president of the company, according to which "the name of the project was changed to Wave City NH-

24", said Choudhary.

He said the company didn't get any permission till 2013, but began collecting money from people 2006 onwards. A year later, as per the FIR, the people were "offered allotment in an instalment plan, and peripheral development charges were added".

The FIR also states that "as of today, no approved developed plots as per law are available with the accused company and that farmers are seen farming on that land... there are no chances of completion of the project because we understand that the project land in question is in possession of the respective farmers and they are cultivating their land".

Choudhary said Monty has another cheating case registered against him. Monty's father Ponty Chadha and his uncle were killed in a shootout at a farmhouse in South Delhi in 2012 over an alleged property dispute. Since then, Monty has been managing the business.



FOUR-LEGGED COMPANION

At the Barapullah construction site, Thursday. Due to the heat, the builder has given workers a two-hour lunch break from 12.30-2.30 pm. *Abhinav Saha*

Lok Nayak hospital under CBI scanner for 'irregular purchases'

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

DELHI GOVERNMENT'S biggest hospital, Lok Nayak, is under the CBI's lens for allegedly buying plastic pallets worth Rs 65 lakh in 2010, resulting in a loss to the exchequer. The investigative agency visited the hospital on June 11 to collect documents related to the case and found important files missing.

Plastic pallets are used for hygienic storage of drugs, surgical consumables, kitchen items, and other sensitive items. According to sources, the pallets were purchased during the 2010 Commonwealth Games, when Lok Nayak Hospital was made the nodal centre of all government hospitals in Delhi.

In the complaint filed by the Delhi government's vigilance department, the hospital has been



The hospital said it is tracing the missing files

Kishore Singh, medical director of the hospital told *The Indian Express*.

The administration has also objected to the transfer of a senior doctor, who was involved in the search for the missing files. A letter has been written by the medical director to the health secretary to look into the matter.

A departmental audit of purchases made during the Commonwealth Games had highlighted the irregular procurement of store items and sought an explanation from hospital authorities.

The CBI had received a complaint in 2011 that certain doctors in the Directorate of Health Services, Delhi government, had purchased medical equipment such as ice-making machines, CT scan machines, non-consumable equipment and furniture at exorbitant prices.

Two-wheeler hit by truck, man pulls daughter to safety, wife dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman died while her husband and two-year-old daughter sustained injuries after the two-wheeler they were travelling on was hit by a truck in Najafgarh Thursday. Police said the truck was trying to overtake the vehicle when the

accident took place.

While Nisha Kumar was crushed under the rear tyre of the truck, her husband Rajesh Kumar managed to pull their daughter to safety.

The truck driver, identified as Ram Kishore (24), has been arrested and a case registered against him.

"We received a call in the afternoon about an accident. We

went to the spot and arrested the driver. The family was rushed to Rao Tula Ram Hospital, where Nisha was declared dead on arrival," said a police officer.

Rajesh and his daughter suffered minor injuries and are being treated at the hospital, said police.

The family lives in Jhajjar, Haryana, and often travelled to Delhi for work.

Bodies of man, woman found in Surajkund lake

Gurgaon: The bodies of a man and a woman, both of whom are yet to be identified, were recovered from inside a lake at Faridabad's Surajkund Thursday morning, said police.

While the man's body was floating in the water, the woman's body was found inside a suitcase. According to police, the body of the man was spotted by a passerby who alerted the control room.

"The man appears to be between 32 and 35 years of age, and the woman around 25 or 26. The name Manisha is written on her wrist, and she has a 2-inch sharp wound on her head," said Sube Singh, PRO of Faridabad Police.

"Both bodies have been kept at BK Hospital pending post-mortem. Prima facie this seems to be a case of murder, but all angles are being investigated," he said. **ENS**

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Nigerian held in Rs 1.5-cr online scam

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE CYBER Crime unit of Delhi Police arrested a Nigerian national from Greater Noida for allegedly duping people of Rs 1.5 crore. Police said they recovered a fake visa and fake IDs from the accused, Gilbert Pedro (39).

According to police, Pedro allegedly started the 'Folonic B12 oil scam' which used social media websites to target people.

Officers said Pedro allegedly created separate websites for two fake organisations, Mahavir Herbals and Animal Welfare Zoological (AWZ) Ltd. While the former was portrayed as the web portal of an Assam-based company selling herbal oils and other products, the latter was shown as a welfare group from Ghana.

"He then posed as the PRO of AWZ. His role was that of a mediator, to convince people to buy the oil at a cheaper rate and sell it to his organisation for a profit," a police statement said.

The complainant in the case said that Pedro duped him of Rs 25 lakh. Another man from Tamil Nadu was duped of Rs 1.25 crore in a similar fashion, said police.

Bengal protests reach Delhi, 3 hospitals face strike today

Doctors demand action, Union Health Minister calls for restraint from patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

EXTENDING SUPPORT to residents doctors in Kolkata, who are protesting against an attack on two of their colleagues at NRS Medical College and Hospital, Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) and Safdarjung Hospital will be on strike Friday.

Junior doctors of NRS Hospital have been protesting for the past four days, after two doctors were critically injured when attendants of a patient who died attacked them.

On Thursday, several doctors at AIIMS worked with bandages on their heads and arms as a symbolic protest. The Delhi Medical Association has called for a strike Friday demanding strict action against the accused, while doctors from government hospitals took out a candlelight march at Jantar Mantar. Doctors at several



At Thursday's protest at Jantar Mantar. Tashi Tobgyal

private hospitals have also supported the move.

Expressing concern over reports of assaults on doctors, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan said: "Doctors are an integral pillar of society and often work under stressful and difficult conditions. I urge patients and their caregivers to observe restraint," he said.

He also urged doctors to observe restraint so that essential services to people are not disrupted.

The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) has also extended its support to the doctors in Kolkata. The association, which is an umbrella body of all resident doctors in Delhi, has decided to go on mass leave if any action is taken against doctors in West Bengal.

AIIMS doctors have further requested Resident Doctors' Associations across the nation to join Friday's strike. "Such incidents have been happening across the

country, where doctors are mercilessly beaten up by attendants. We are here to serve the public, but our safety cannot be put at risk. The government should immediately address our concerns," said Dr Amarinder Singh Malhi, AIIMS RDA president.

Services at AIIMS will take a hit on Friday, with the Out Patient Department (OPD) functioning on a restricted basis and only follow-up patients with prior appointments being registered. Similarly, routine surgeries will remain suspended and only emergency cases will be taken up. "Most services will be available for patients. Faculty has been asked to step up and take over OPD and emergency departments Friday. We will attend to all critical cases," said AIIMS medical superintendent Dr DK Sharma.

Since 2017, at least 10 such cases have been reported in the capital, but no arrest has been made so far. Doctors have gone on strike 11 times in the last two years.

Paharganj, once popular wholesale market, built on ridge flattened out by time

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

WITH NOT a hill in sight in the vibrant and cluttered Paharganj in Central Delhi, the locality's name is testament to the transformation of the capital's topography over time. Where hotels and street-side shops now abound, and where tourists throng, was once a wholesale market of considerable antiquity. However, just how old this market is a question of some ambiguity.

Historian Stephen Blake, in his book 'Shahjahanabad: The Sovereign City in Mughal India 1639-1739' writes of Paharganj as the largest and most important of the "suburban mahallahs" of the city of Shahjahanabad, located outside its walls to the east, and as the principal grain market of the city.

However, urban historian Dr Narayan Gupta suggests that Paharganj and Daryaganj both pre-date Shahjahanabad and were markets located outside Ferozabad — the mid-14th Century capital of Feroze Shah Tughlaq. "When the site for Shahjahanabad was selected and the city was built, Daryaganj became part of the enclosed city, while Paharganj remained outside it and the city shaped around it. Wholesalers preferred to park their goods outside the city wall to avoid town duties," she said.

An early 19th Century Persian text, 'Sair-ul-Manazil' by Sangin Beg, which was recently translated by Nausheen Jaffery, draws a vibrant picture of Paharganj.

"Here there is the Panwarion ka mohalla, Sabzi Mandi, Khand ki Mandi, Sabun ki Mandi, Gur ki Mandi and other mohallas. There are shops of grocers, shops of Kishan Chand Sarraf and other



There is ambiguity over how old the market is. Amit Mehra

artisans. There is also a baoli and the buildings of the police Sarkar which is connected to Sarai Basant. Then there is the Muhalla Maltola, Muhalla Khati Laddu, Katra Basdeo Zanjabeel and other localities and Misri Khan Ka Phatak. Here there are houses of the people and the dargah of Hazrat Sayyid Hasan Rasul Numa," it reads.

But what is the hill that its name alludes to? "The Ridge, of course," said Dr Gupta. She suggests that while there is nothing to point towards it today, the market may have been located on a mound of the Delhi ridge, much of which has flattened out and been built on today.

"The topography of Delhi has changed completely and the Ridge was a dominant part of the landscape. Mehrauli was once almost a hill station, where nobility from Shahjahanabad would head to during the summer. There is a painting of the Jama Masjid with

hills in the background! This area would have looked very different at one time," she said.

Ecologist Dr CR Babu agrees that this was possible. "The Delhi Ridge is the last part of the Aravallis which begins in Gujarat. It, along with the Yamuna, is the major life-supporting landform

of the city. However, it has lost most of its original characteristics. Over the century, it has flattened out because of denudation and weathering, and because of human interference. There has been massive destruction of vegetation and construction," he said.

Dr Babu said that where Paharganj stands would be part of the Central Ridge, which extends towards New Delhi.

Though city development has turned the Central Ridge area flat, he said the persistence of some small mounds and undulations point towards what the terrain of Paharganj could have looked like centuries ago.



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New draft: Residents parking on road won't be charged

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE CLAUSE of charging fee from residents who park on roadsides has been removed from the new draft parking rules. The policy, the first draft of which was passed last year, is yet to be notified and the new draft has been put on the transport department's website for comments over the next month once again.

The new draft also replaces the Chief Secretary with the Transport Minister as the chair-

person of a proposed panel, which will monitor the implementation of the policy.

The "Delhi Maintenance and Management of Parking Places Rules 2019" — which seeks to determine parking charges based on peak and off peak hours and link it to pollution levels — has been issued in the name of the Transport Minister, as opposed to the previous draft policy which was put in public domain for suggestions in the Lt-Governor's name.

The government had made its intention clear earlier as well.



The parking policy is yet to be notified

The Supreme Court-mandated Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority had opposed the gov-

ernment's move. In an affidavit to the apex court, the EPCA had recommended that pricing for residential parking be determined jointly by local agencies and RWA/shopkeepers' associations, keeping in mind the principle of charging differential and higher rates for additional cars.

However, the current draft retains the clause which states that civic agencies shall consider developing open areas near the colonies as parking lots on payment basis.

In another departure from

the previous draft, the new draft makes the civic bodies responsible for identifying and providing an area in each parking facility to be used for charging electric vehicles with battery swapping facilities.

"Proportion of parking facilities to be demarcated will be assessed by the Transport Department from time to time, which is likely to increase over time. This should include exclusive night parking places for the purpose of parking and legal charging of e-rickshaws and other e-vehicles," the new draft says.

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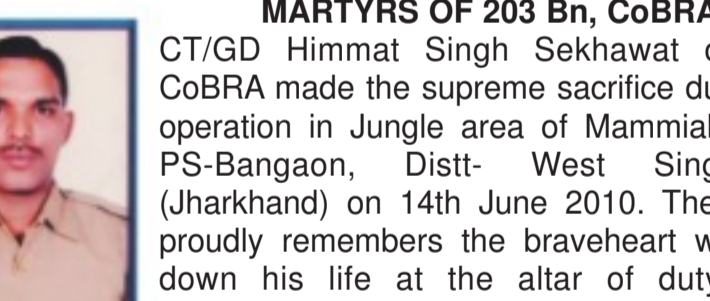


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3.	Imp and Dev of Road by P/L RMC and D/System from H.No. B-1921 to B-1390 Shastri Nagar in Ward No. 79/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 37,54,626/-	39,54,900/-	75,100/-	75,100/-
4.	Imp and Dev of Road by P/L RMC and D/System from H.No. A-437 to A-454 Shastri Nagar in Ward No. 79/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 25,78,885/-	27,16,400/-	51,600/-	51,600/-
5.	Imp Dev of Road by Pdg, RMC and D/System from H.No. A-77 to N.G. Drain (Bharat Nagar Side) Shastri Nagar in Ward No. 79/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 31,20,303/-	32,87,000/-	62,500/-	62,500/-
6.	Imp Dev of Road by Pdg, RMC and D/System from DDA Community Centre to Gali No. 10 M-Block Shastri Nagar in Ward No. 79/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 26,59,781/-	28,01,600/-	53,200/-	53,200/-
7.	Imp Dev of Road by Pdg, RMC and D/System from MCD JE Office to Inderlok Metro Station (Service Road No. 40) Shastri Nagar in Ward No. 79/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 27,77,359/-	29,25,400/-	55,600/-	55,600/-
8.	Imp Dev of Lane by P/L RMC near 8612 Katra (PVT) and P/L RMC and D/System from H.No. 8646 to H.No. 8707 and side lanes in Bhhaad Ghar Roshanara Road in Ward No. 80/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 31,19,993/-	32,86,000/-	62,400/-	62,400/-
9.	Imp Dev of Lane by P/L RMC and D/System from Shop No. 1028 to Pul Mithai at Library Road Tokriwalan in Ward No. 80/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 46,79,230/-	49,29,200/-	93,600/-	93,600/-
10.	Imp Dev of Lane by P/L RMC and D/System from Shop No. 45 to B/27 Shivaji Road in Ward No. 80/N/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S-d. 32,40,875/-	34,14,000/-	64,900/-	64,900/-
11.	Imp Dev of Lane in H.No. 313/2B (Shop No. 4) to H.No. 313/45 (B-21) and H.No. 313/49 to 313/37 D in Chappal Market Inderlok by Pdg, RMC and Drainage System and Footpath in Inderlok in Ward No. C-82/CSPZ. H/A-XL-VIII-S. 27,00,979/-	28,45,000/-	54,100/-	54,100/-

Head of Account : XL-VIII-S (d) for S.No. 1 to 10, XL-VIII-S for S.No. 11; Time of Completion : 03 Months each for all the above works; Rates hold good for : 05 Months each for S.No. 1 to 10, 04 Months for S.No. 11; Cost of Tender : Rs. 500/- each for all the above works; Tender No. : EE_M_I_CSPZ_C_2019_20_04 for S. No. 1 to 9, EE_M_I_CSPZ_C_2019_20_04 for S. No. 10, EE_M_I_CSPZ_C_2019_20_04 for S. No. 11. Condition :- 1. It's compulsory for the bidder to fill the name of Bidder column in "Quota Sheet for the Bidder". 2. The warranty of maintenance period shall be 5 years from the date of completion of work. Note : In case of difference in system generated EMD and that given in "NOTICE" the EMD shown in Tender Notice will have to be deposited as EMD. Bidding documents can be downloaded on payment of tender fee and Earnest Money Deposit (as mentioned against each work) from online tendering portal www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER. The tender cost and the earnest money should be submitted online through Net Banking/Credit/Debit Card or in the form of Challan (NEFT/RTGS) generated from the website. The detailed NIT can be seen on the www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER. All circulars issued by North Delhi Municipal Corporation up to the date of Issue of this NIT shall be applicable. R.O. No. 16/DPI/North/2019-20 E.E. (M)-I/City-SPZ

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(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal) Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication O.A. No. 1228/2018 Date 24/08/2019

(Summons to defendant under section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

O.A. No. 1228/2018

ICICI Bank Ltd.Applicant Versus Mr. Priti Singh & OthersDefendant

To, Defendants: 1) Miss. Priti Singh, Daughter of Shri. Mahendra Singh, Resident of E-15/10 B Shatabdi Vihar, Society, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.

ALSO Resident of Flat No. B-324, 3rd floor, Tower T1, Monarch, Plot No. Gh-02c, Sector-01, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201307.

2) Mr. Mahendra Singh, son of Shri. Bhagirath, Resident of E-15/10 B Shatabdi Vihar, Society, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.

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In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in 20 sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal Practitioner in this Tribunal, after Serving Copy of the same on the applicant or his Counsel/ duly authorized agent after Publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 22/08/2019 at 10:30 A.M. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

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Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

Sl. No.	Name of work with its Location	1) Annual operation and maintenance of sand filter, disinfection system and valve operation at Pahar ganj, Ram Nagar, water complex, MSRR DLT, Lahori Gate, Thompson road near PF-16 and RPSF water complex in the section of SSE/WNDLS under DENW/INDLS (for two year)
2.	Approx. cost of work	1) 16326230/- (2) 15995307/-
3.	Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/ICE-VCT/51 dated 31.08.2016) 1) 231600/- (2) 230000/-
4.	Cost of tender	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/ICE-VCT/51 dated 31.08.2016) 1) 5900/- (2) 5900/-
5.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 16.07.2019 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 16.07.2019
6.	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

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NIT No. 01/EE(E)/PWD Edu. M 1/2019-20 (Tender ID No. 2019_PWD_173860_1)

Name of Work:- SITS of PA System, CCTV, Smart board for class rooms, Air-Conditioning in MP hall and EL works in Govt. Co-Ed. S1 Dwarka Sector-22, Delhi (School of Excellence).

Estimated Cost: 92,56,168/- Last Date and time for downloading and uploading of tender:- 21.06.2019 15:00 Hrs.; Date and Time for opening of tender: 21.06.2019 15:30 Hrs.;

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- 199/DGM/JAL/AO/SM (JAL)- I/ 2018-19 M/o W/S (Two Year Annual Repairing of Bowl Assly & Tube Shaft Set of Network-121 & 122). Noida. Cost 62.73 Lacs.
- 200/DGM/JAL/AO/SM (JAL)- I/ 2018-19 M/o Sewerage (Two Years Annual Repairing & Cleaning of Man Holes & Changing the Damaged Sewer Lines at Different Locations in Sector-121 & 122), Noida. Cost 50.00 Lacs.
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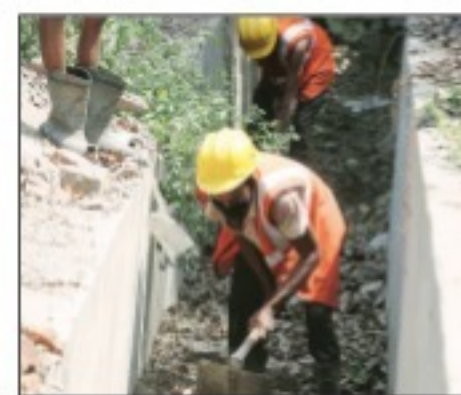
ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

"I HAVE witnessed three deaths since I entered this profession. People enter septic tanks and die... This drain is relatively easier as it is an open drain," said Navi Shah (48), a contractual sanitation worker with the Delhi Public Works Department.

Shah and an army of several others are tasked with making sure that roads don't overflow with water once the monsoon hits the city in July. The initial deadline for completion of work was June 15.

According to PWD officials, 60% of drains that come under their jurisdiction in the city have been desilted. "The first phase of desilting will be complete by the onset of monsoon. We have extended the deadline to June 25," said Chief Engineer, PWD, Umesh Mishra.

At the Raj Ghat service lane, a team of eight has been work-



Workers clean a drain near Raj Ghat, Thursday.
Amit Mehra

ing since March to rid the drain of silt. Oblivious to the cockroaches and the dust, workers said they have seen worse.

With 15 years of experience, Shah has a few tricks up his sleeve. When he works in hot,

gas-filled drains, those around him pour Limca on his head to cool him down. "And when the drain is septic, I burn a piece of paper and throw it in. It helps clear the air," he said.

"We don't want to do this,

but we have to feed our families. Every once in a while, a minister comes and tells us that it is because of us that the city is not flooding. That gives us a sense of accomplishment," said Vijay Kumar (35), as he breaks for

lunch.

Last week, BJP MLAs inspected PWD drains and alleged that desilting work had "not even begun".

"PWD has 1,260 km of roads under it. Around 65% of drains under my jurisdiction have been desilted," said a PWD official in charge of the ITO area.

However, the municipal corporations believe otherwise. "Most of the incomplete drains come under PWD. The drains

are all connected and all our progress will be washed away as monsoon sets in," said an EDMC official.

However, work is far from complete in their areas as well. While the North Corporation has finished work on 63% nallahs under their jurisdiction, East Corporation officials said that they have completed 84% of their work. South Corporation has desilted 68% drains.

While sewers can be cleaned by machines employed by the Delhi Jal Board, open drains with dry waste have to be cleaned manually.

Workers said things have improved since the machines came in. "Years ago at a big project in Vikaspuri, there was a 50-foot-drain that required cleaning. The owner offered Rs 15 lakh for anyone who would go in. I took the leap of faith. I told the owner to give the Rs 15 lakh to my family if I died in the drain. And if I came out alive, I would take Rs 20,000," said Shah.

DUMPS BODY BEHIND RED FORT

Man beats up his friend over loan, leaves him in car to die

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

A 36-YEAR-OLD hardware engineer, son of a retired Delhi Police sub-inspector, allegedly assaulted his friend for not returning Rs 1 lakh he had borrowed from him and locked him up in his car on June 6. When his friend suffocated to death, he allegedly dumped the body behind Red Fort the next day. He was arrested on Wednesday evening.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Harendra Singh confirmed the incident, but refused to divulge further details as investigation is underway.

According to police, the accused, Ajay Singh Raghav, lives in North East Delhi's Ghonda and works for a private company in Pitampura.

"The incident came to light when police found a body lying in a pool of blood behind Red Fort. An FIR was registered and we started investigation," a senior police officer said.

Police said initially, it was a blind case as they had no clues. The investigation team then found a sticker on the victim's shirt, which had the address of a tailor in Bulandshahr.

"The team went to Bulandshahr and checked missing persons complaints of nearby police stations. On June 10, they found that a case was registered at Bulandshahr Kotwali police station by a man whose brother had gone missing. The victim was later identified as Deepak Kumar and police went through his call detail



Ajay Singh Raghav, son of a retired cop, has been nabbed

records of his phone number," an officer said.

The last call he received was from Raghav. Police detained him for questioning and he confessed to the crime.

"He had met Deepak 10 years ago at a publication they worked for in Daryaganj. A few months ago, Deepak borrowed Rs 1 lakh from Raghav, but was not able to repay it and asked for more time. Irrked by this, Raghav asked Deepak to meet him on June 6. He asked for his money and the two got into an argument. Raghav then hit Deepak on his head with a stick and he fell unconscious. Raghav then tied him up and dumped him in the backseat of his car," the officer added.

Police said he drove home and parked his car outside. The next day, he found Deepak had died.

"So he went to Red Fort to dump the body," the officer said. Police said they have recovered Raghav's bloodstained clothes, Deepak's phone, debit card and other belongings.

BRIEFLY

Railway police donates Rs 2L to kin of officer who died

New Delhi: Almost two months after an RPF officer died while saving a woman and three children from being run over by two trains on the tracks between Adarsh Nagar and Azadpur railway stations, the Delhi Railway Police collected Rs 1,93,600 for the victim's family. The money was given to RPF constable Jagbir Singh's wife and son Thursday. DCP (Railways) Dinesh Kumar Gupta said, "On April 24 at 9.30 pm, Singh spotted Hoshiarpur Express approaching a woman... he pushed her away. He then saw a train approaching three children and shouted at them. They moved but Singh was hit by the train."

59-yr-old dies in road accident

New Delhi: A 59-year-old man died in Burari after his two-wheeler was hit by a vehicle late Wednesday night. Police said he was wearing a helmet, which broke after hitting the divider. ENS

Night club loses licence

New Delhi: The Delhi excise department suspended the licence of a night club in the South Extension Thursday after it found that non-duty-paid foreign liquor of premium brands was being served to customers. Officials seized 52 bottles of foreign liquor.

DU: 3L register for UG courses

New Delhi: Over 3.22 lakh students have registered for undergraduate courses on DU's admission portal till Thursday. PTI

Robber shot at, arrested

New Delhi: Delhi Police shot at and arrested a 34-year-old man minutes after he allegedly robbed a man's bike and another's gold chain at gunpoint. Police said they shot at Shrikant Reddy after he fired at them.

The incident took place on Tuesday and police recovered a country-made pistol, two gold chains and a bike from the accused. "Two of our officers were patrolling when they came across the victims," said DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya.

Later when stopped, Reddy allegedly fired at the cops, following which they fired back. Reddy, who was rushed to Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital in Pitampura, is stable, police said. Reddy is named in at least 12 criminal cases, including those of murder, dacoity, chain snatching and robbery, police said. ENS

Free rides for women: DMRC wary of misuse

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

IMPLEMENTING THE separate token policy for women beneficiaries of the Delhi Metro fare waiver scheme will cost at least Rs 90 crore, while launching special smart cards will need at least Rs 126 crore to execute, cost estimates made by the Delhi Metro have revealed. The Metro has further said that both schemes come with a "high risk of misuse".

Under the special smart card "stopgap" scheme drafted by the DMRC — which, as per its estimates, will take six months to implement — a newly designed smart card will be "linked" to the credentials of an individual and will come pre-loaded with money. This scheme will not require any change in the AFC (Automatic Fare Collection) system, the Metro has stated.

"The beneficiary uses it as a normal card. Whenever the amount is exhausted, automatic top-up facility shall be available to the beneficiary. The initial top-up and subsequent top-ups shall be done from a special account of the Delhi government. Work of identifying the beneficiaries, their registration and initial top-up can be done by a third party for GNCTD," says the proposed scheme, which has been submitted to the Delhi government.

The capital cost of implementing the scheme and annual running cost have been pegged at Rs 49.89 crore and Rs 77.64 crore. However, the Metro also warned that the scheme comes with risk

Man dies day after breaking car window with bare hands

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

A MAN died a day after he punched and broke the window of a car, cutting his wrist in the process, in Outer North Delhi's Samaypur Badli. Deputy Commissioner of

of misuse by non-beneficiaries as the existing system is not equipped to differentiate between different classes of commuters.

The special token scheme has an estimated implementation cost of Rs 13.79 crore and annual running cost of Rs 77.64 crore. The government is inclined to implement this scheme, which will need eight months to be set up, as announced by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on June 12.

Metro has observed that implementing this scheme will need reversing its policy and having large scale manual vending of tokens. "The scheme depends on manual checks (and) has very high risk of misuse by individuals as well as misuse in organised manner..." it adds.

DMRC has also sought details on how the Delhi government will pay the subsidy amount of Rs 1,566 crore to it on a sustainable basis. "DMRC, therefore, will have serious financial risk in case this payment is stopped fully or partially at a future date. This is particularly very critical for survival of DMRC, as it has an obligation to pay back huge debt, approx 32,000 crore..." This is also critical in view of continuous pressure on DMRC to keep the fare low while input cost, electricity charges, manpower cost and maintenance cost is increasing day by day. Therefore, before implementing the scheme, DMRC will like a firm and reliable arrangement of regular cash flow," the proposal states.

Kejriwal Wednesday had assured DMRC that payment to it will not be stopped.

Police (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma said, "Inquest proceedings have been initiated in the matter.

According to police, the car accidentally grazed his bike and he broke its window with his hands. He hurt himself and was taken to a hospital, where he died a day later, police said.

Office of the Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited First Floor, Administrative Building, Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation, Nalanda, Bihar

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- NIT Invitation Date : Dated 25.06.2019 to 08.07.2019
- NIT Document Downloading Date : 11:00 pm, CEO Office, BSSCL, Bihar Sharif, Nalanda (Bihar). Date- 28.06.2019
- Place, Date & Time of Pre Bid meeting: Up to 17:00 on 09.07.2019
- Last Date and Time of NIT Document- Uploading by the Bidder : 10.07.2019 after 17:30 pm
- Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening : 15:00 AM at 10.07.2019
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112/2018-19	Carriage of T/F's and materials under EWD Agra	Approx. Rs. 100.00 Lac	Rs. 1,00,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	19.06.2019 15:00 Hrs.
113/2018-19	Carriage of T/F's and materials under EWD Aligarh	Approx. Rs. 100.00 Lac	Rs. 1,00,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	19.06.2019 15:00 Hrs.
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1	2019_PWDRB_29856	HBAD	Constn. Work	Construction of approach road & cross drainage work of Composite office building at Hoshangabad	Second	Rs. 107.09 Lacs	Chief Engineer (C/Z) PWD, Nirman Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.) Before on dttd. 02.07.2019, up to 17.30 PM	
2	2019_PWDRB_29857	HBAD	Constn. Work	Construction of Samudayik Bhawan in front of Excellence School, Ward No. 27, Hoshangabad.	First	Rs. 6.25 Lacs	Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Dn. No. 1, Hoshangabad [M.P.] Before on dated 02.07.2019, up to 17.30 PM	
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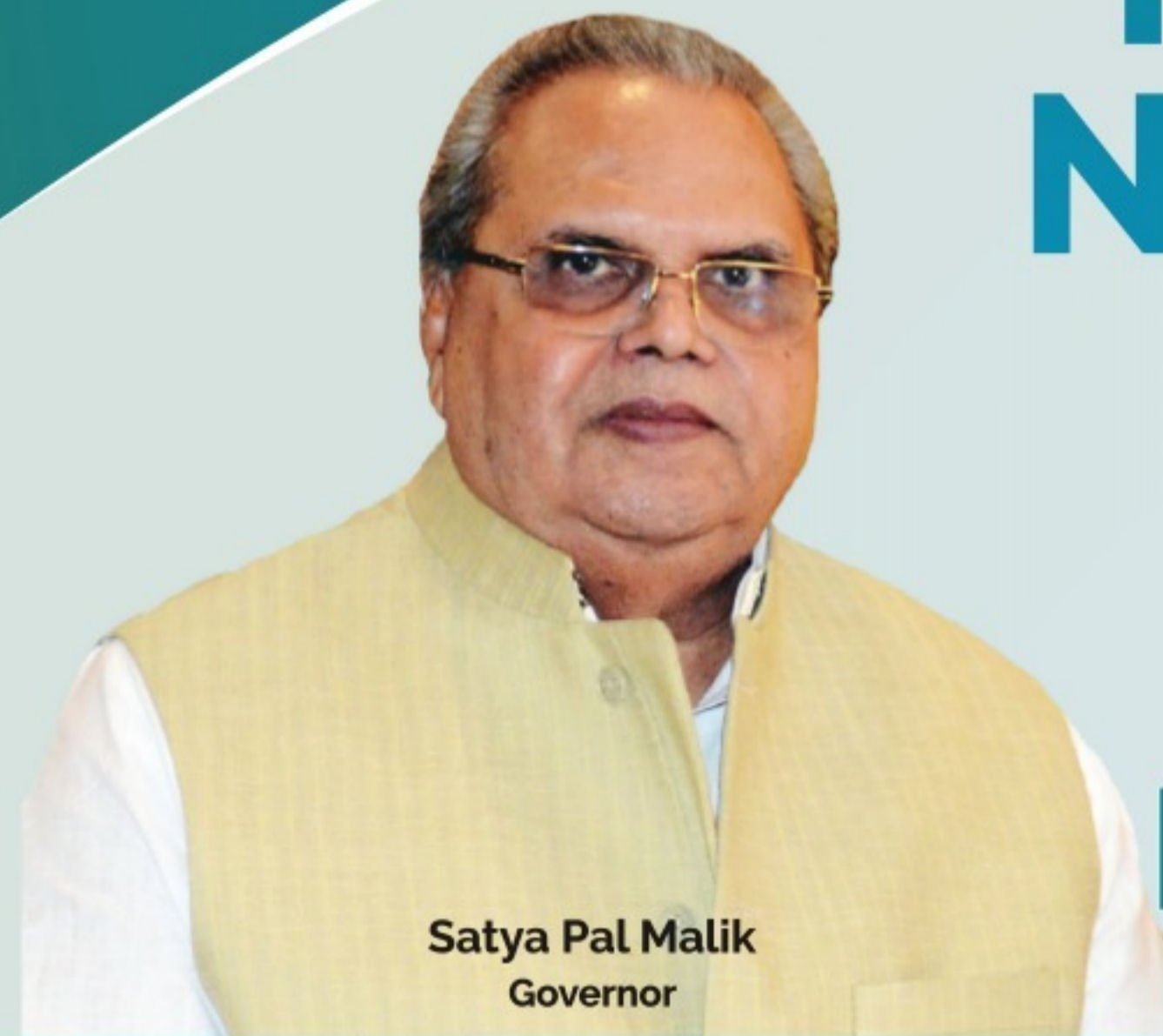
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HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

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1.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, FATEHABAD	(SR. NO. 1 TO 4 IN TENDER NOTICE) CONST OF GRAM SACHIWALYA IN 1 NOS., IPB CHOWK 1 NOS., IPB STREET IN VETI HOSPITAL 1 NOS., CONST OF PARK 1 NOS + 1 OTHER WORK	14.06.2019 21.06.2019	180.82 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667-230855
2.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, NUH	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTER AT VILLAGE PINANGWAN & 3 OTHER WORKS DISTRICT NUH	26.06.2019 05.07.2019	84.84 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	prexeeng.mwt@hry.nic.in 01267-274660, 8059054509
3.	PANCHAYATI RAJ RAIPUR RANI.	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION FOR AGENCY FOR COLLECTION TRANSPORTATION, SCIENTIFIC PROCESSING & DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN CLUSTERS OF GRAM PANCHAYATS (RAIPUR RANI, KHERI, TIBBI MAJRA, RAITTA TIBBI, GARHI KOTAHKA) IN HARYANA.	11.06.2019 26.06.2019	TO BE QUOTED BY THE BIDDER	http://harpanchayats.gov.in http://haryanaeproc.gov.in http://panchkula.nic.in	Bdpo.raipur_rani@hry.nic.in
4.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT NUH	RE-CONSTRUCTION OF D.R. BRIDGE OF UJINA DRAIN AT RD. 79266 FOR CROSSING FROM VILLAGE ADAS TO PUNHANA. +6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 26.06.2019	783.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01267-271271 xenmwsnuh@gmail.com
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7.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT SONIPAT	DE-WEEDING OF SONIPAT DISTY. & SEHZADPUR MINOR DRAIN BEFORE MONSOON 2019-20 + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 18.06.2019	6.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0130-2243481 9812999499 Xen-wssnp.irr@gov.in
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9.	PWD B&R, GURGAON	PROVIDING UPKPEMENT OF SWARN JAYANTI STATE PWD REST HOUSE AT GURJGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 (12 MONTHS) + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 21.06.2019	745.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eept1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
10.	PWD B&R, FATEHABAD	CONSTG. A NEW ROAD FROM DAULTPUR TO KARIAN VIA DHANI ISHAR KM 0 TO 5.34 IN FATEHABAD DISTRICT. (C.M ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO. 15102 DATED 28.08.2016) (ROAD WORK RS. 281.86 + BRIDGE WORK RS. 57.51 RS. 339.37 LACS).	12.06.2019 24.06.2019	339.37 Lacs	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667-220120 pwd-eept-fatehabad@hry.nic.in
11.	CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, HARYANA	SETTING UP AND OPERATING THE FLYING TRAINING ORGANIZATION AT BHIWANI AIRPORT, HARYANA (ON NON EXCLUSIVE BASIS) + 1 OTHER WORK	12.06.2019 05.07.2019	8 LACS	http://haraviation.gov.in/	0172-2709386 cavation@hry.nic.in
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ANOTHER TERM ENDS

AS MANMOHAN Singh wraps up his fifth Rajya Sabha term on Friday, it will be the first time in his long and eventful career that the former Prime Minister will have no responsibility. But this is no reason to conclude that it is time for his farewell, as there is a strong possibility that his party may bring him back to the Upper House. However, he will not be able to make the conventional parting speech in the House as he will be retiring five days before the budget session begins.

MISSIVE AGAINST MOVE

CONGRESS LEADER Anand Sharma, Rajya Sabha member from Himachal Pradesh, has written to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh against the proposed move to shift the headquarters of the Army Training Command from Shimla to Meerut. Sharma, who also hails from Himachal, reminded the minister that Shimla was the headquarters of the Indian Army from 1864 to 1939, and even after Independence the Western Command was headquartered there till 1985. Just days before the Parliament session commences, Sharma has sought Singh's intervention and asked that the move be cancelled, saying it would have huge financial implications for his home state.

NOD FROM ABROAD

THE SUPREME Court Collegium, which on Wednesday decided to extend the tenure of three additional judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court, could not take the written concurrence of one of the judges, Justice N V Ramana, as he is travelling abroad. However, in view of the urgency of the matter, Justice Ramana conveyed his concurrence with the decision of the other two judges — Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S A Bobde — telephonically.

Modi accepts Putin invite to economic meet

PM thanks Russian president for support on Amethi rifle manufacturing unit



EXPRESS IN BISHKEK

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 13

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday confirmed that he will visit Vladivostok in early September, in a new focus on the far east of Russia. Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin also agreed on a series of government, business and state-level visits to the region before the PM's visit.

Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said that Putin invited Modi to be the main guest at the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Vladivostok, Russia, in September, and he warmly accepted the invitation. The event will take place from September 4 to 6.

"We will do serious preparation on our side that this participation at the EEF is meaningful," Gokhale quoted the Prime Minister as telling Putin. This is in tune with India's interest in the Pacific and the Act East policy as well.

In 2017, Modi had visited St Petersburg and addressed the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) together with Putin. India was the Guest Country at the SPIEF in June that year.

On Thursday, the two leaders recognised that the new areas of cooperation are the Russian far



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Bishkek on Thursday. Reuters

east and Arctic region. These places are extremely mineral-rich and Delhi is tapping into the potential benefits.

In the run-up to the Vladivostok visit, which will also witness the annual summit meeting between the two leaders, Gokhale said that Modi wants visits by Indian business and interested states to the region to explore areas of cooperation.

Major high-level government visits — by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar and other ministerial visits — are likely to take place before September.

Modi thanked the Russian President for his support for the AK-203 Kalashnikov rifle manufacturing unit in Amethi, an India-Russia joint venture. The unit was

inaugurated by Modi in March in Korwa near Amethi. "This showed that we are moving away from the buyer-seller relationship to Make in India and technology transfer," the foreign secretary said after the meeting.

Putin also expressed interest in Russian participation in the modernisation of Indian railways, and the Nagpur-Secunderabad line. He said that defence and energy were key focus during their talks. The two leaders also reviewed trade and investment ties and noted that they were on an upward trajectory.

Gokhale said the two leaders had a "very warm and friendly" meeting and the "personal friendship was evident", as they have a relationship as "col-

leagues". The relationship with Russia, he said, is an "old relationship based on trust".

Putin recognised PM Modi's personal contribution in strengthening bilateral relations and said that Russia awarded its highest state honour, 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle', to him for initiatives he has taken to develop the bilateral relationship.

Gokhale said there will be a Russia, India and China trilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Osaka, Japan, later this month.

"PM @narendramodi and President Putin had a wonderful meeting in Bishkek. Various subjects pertaining to India-Russia relations were discussed during the meeting," the Prime Minister's Office tweeted.

'India will not sign off on BRI at Bishkek'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
BISHKEK, JUNE 13

INDIA WILL not sign off on Chinese President Xi Jinping's ambitious project, the Belt and Road Initiative, though the rest of the leaders at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit will "reaffirm their support" for the project in the Bishkek declaration, *The Indian Express* has learnt. The declaration will be issued on Friday evening.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Delhi has once again decided to stay away from endorsing the One Belt One Road project. "All other SCO members have supported the BRI. They recently attended the second Belt and Road Forum (BRF) in Beijing in April. But we will not sign off on BRI at the summit," a top source said.

India had refused to sign off on the BRI last year at the SCO summit in Qingdao, China, but New Delhi had not issued any statement opposing BRI this year when the second Belt and Road Forum met in April. In 2017, when the first Belt and Road Forum took place in May, India had issued a very strong and critical statement.

This time, as the issue of listing of Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar was being negotiated and Beijing was being persuaded by Delhi, Washington and other countries, Delhi had chosen to remain silent and not articulate its opposition to the Belt and Road Forum. However, India had made it clear even then that they were

not changing their position on BRI. The same approach continues, although the Chinese side tried to persuade India to change its attitude before the summit.

India's statement in May 2017 was very clear in its opposition to BRI, and the Ministry of External Affairs had said connectivity projects must be pursued in a manner that respects sovereignty and territorial integrity. Regarding the so-called 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor', which is being projected as the flagship project of the BRI/OBOR, the MEA had said, "No country can accept a project that ignores its core concerns on sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Sources said the SCO's Bishkek declaration will be on the lines of the last summit, when it had said, "Reaffirming their support for the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Member States express appreciation for the joint efforts taken towards its implementation, including efforts to coordinate the development of the Eurasian Economic Union and the BRI and call for using the potential of the regional countries, international organisations and multilateral associations to create a broad, open, mutually beneficial and equal partnership in the SCO space." India's name was missing in the Qingdao declaration, and that is expected to continue.

Fresh from Lok Sabha victory, Shah says BJP yet to reach its peak

Fresh membership drive from July; Shah may stay on as chief till internal polls

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

LESS THAN a month after the BJP's victory in the Lok Sabha elections, party president Amit Shah on Thursday stated that the party is "yet to reach its peak". He urged BJP leaders to reach out to all sections of the society to expand the organisation in regions where it is yet to emerge as a major force and bring in more people into its fold.

At a meeting with BJP office-bearers, Shah appointed a five-member panel to monitor a fresh membership drive that will be conducted between July 6 and January 31. According to sources, Shah has asked his party leaders to prepare the "roadmap for the membership drive after identifying the sectors where the BJP is weak, both socially and regionally."

Shah's message for his party leaders to begin work on strengthening and widening the organisation comes at a time when the main opposition Congress is still in dilemma over who would lead the party in the wake of its president Rahul Gandhi refusing to continue at the helm.

The BJP has already started discussions on its strategy for the Assembly elections in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Haryana due later this year.

According to Shah, who addressed the national office-bear-



Home Minister and BJP chief Amit Shah at a meeting of the party's national office-bearers in Delhi Thursday. Anil Sharma

ers and key organisational representatives from states, the BJP will reach its zenith when it will be running governments in states like Kerala and West Bengal, among others.

Briefing the media after the meeting, BJP general secretaries Bhupendra Yadav and Arun Singh said Shah has given final touches to the party's membership drive, which will be launched soon with an aim to increase its members by 20 per cent. Yadav said the schedule of the drive, the in-charge of which will be former Madhya Pradesh chief minister and BJP vice-president Shivraj Singh Chouhan, will be announced in a few days and the party's organisational polls will follow the exercise. Dushyant Gautam, Suresh Pujari, Arun Chaturvedi and Shobha Surendran will be co-

incharges of the drive.

"Membership drive up to January 31 means it can be done till that date. However, whenever a unit completes enrolment of 20 per cent new members, it is eligible for an active membership campaign. Once it is completed, it becomes eligible for organisation election, which will begin at the booth-level. Once 50 per cent of booths complete the process, it can start at the Mandal level. Once 50 per cent mandals complete it, then it can start at the district level. And once 50 per cent of districts complete, then at the state level. When 50 per cent of the states complete the process, national level organisation election can be held," said a source in the party.

The BJP, which launched a massive membership campaign on November 1, 2014, enrolled 11

crore new members and after verification, its membership was 10.5 crore. The party also followed a three-tier training programme to make around 15 lakh members active members.

Party sources reiterated that there have been indications that Shah, who has taken over as the Home Minister, may continue as party president till the internal elections in the BJP get over.

Addressing party leaders, Shah told them that in the 2019 elections, the BJP has made deep inroads into many states that were not its familiar grounds. Shah attributed the massive victory of the party to its leaders and booth-level workers. Pointing out that the party made impressive gains in West Bengal and Odisha, Shah said its vote share has gone up in almost all the states. However, in the states like Kerala, where it has failed to open an account in the Lok Sabha elections, he wanted its leaders to reach out to all sections of the society to expand at the ground.

Quoting Shah, Yadav said the party president recounted its growth since the days of Jana Sangh, the forerunner to the BJP. Shah noted that he had made a similar observation during his presidential address at the party's national council in August 2014 and has been proved correct with the party improving its tally of 282 seats by winning 303 seats in the recent polls.

India, US work towards signing 2 more defence pacts

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

INDIA AND the US are working towards signing two more defence pacts, the Industrial Security Annexure (ISA) and Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-spatial Cooperation (BECA) to further institutionalise defence cooperation between the two countries.

Pentagon had already submitted a draft ISA to the Defence Ministry and sources said that a positive response is expected from India. The two sides could announce the signing of the ISA at the next 2+2 meeting between the two countries.

The next 2+2 meeting between the defence and foreign ministers and their counterparts is scheduled to be held in the US, as the last 2+2 meeting was held in New Delhi in September 2018. No firm dates have been set for the meeting but it could be scheduled around September, sources said.

An ISA, which is an Annexure to the General Security Of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) between the two countries, will enable the US government and US defence companies to share classified information with Indian private defence manufacturers. India and the US had the GSOMIA 17 years ago, which allowed sharing of classified information from the US government and American de-

fence manufacturers with Indian government and government-owned defence firms but not with Indian private companies.

Signing the ISA is seen as a prerequisite for meaningful private sector participation in defence production in India, if it has to get modern technological inputs from US in a secure manner. With the Defence Ministry stressing Strategic Partnership model in defence manufacturing as part of Make in India, an ISA gains even greater importance.

The US has also shared a draft of BECA, which will allow exchange of geospatial information between India and the US for both military and civilian use. Getting accurate locations will allow Indian weapons systems and military platforms to accurately hit their targets. India had responded with its observations leading to a fresh draft from the US, and further discussions on it are expected before a draft is finalised.

BECA is the last of the three foundational agreement and the only one remaining to be signed. The two countries had signed the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) in August 2016, wherein both the militaries can provide logistics support to the other side from their bases. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA), amended to meet Indian requirements, was signed last September at the 2+2 dialogue.

Bihar govt to shunt out SHOs if liquor seized in their areas

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JUNE 13

WITH THE seizure of country-made and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) continuing unabated despite prohibition, the Bihar government has asked police station in-charges to give a written undertaking that there is no sale, distribution and consumption of liquor in their area of jurisdiction. If liquor is seized in their areas, the police station in-charge would be immediately shifted out and would not be given posting at a police station for 10 years. There are 1,060 police stations in Bihar.

The decision was taken after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar conducted a review of the Prohibition and Excise Department on Wednesday. Even though the government had mooted this proposal earlier, it could not be implemented because of resistance from police associations. The Chief Minister said at the meeting, "I firmly believe prohibition has immensely benefited women, several of whom had been facing domestic violence, and improved the overall quality of life. There should be no laxity in implementation of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act."

EXPLAINED Buoyed by LS show, Nitish revisits old plank

EMBOLDENED AFTER his party won 16 of the 17 seats it contested in the Lok Sabha polls, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar looks set to play up the prohibition card. After splitting from NDA, Nitish had made prohibition his main electoral and political plank. He is now revisiting it to score some political mileage. The JD (U) believes that the increased turnout of women voters in Lok Sabha polls could be attributed to prohibition and Bihar CM seems to be looking to further consolidate this "caste-neutral" women constituency. But the new announcement could make SHOs reluctant to conduct raids to seize liquor as it would lead to them being shunted out.

cases were lodged under the Act and 1,61,415 people were arrested. From January 1 to March 31 this year, 8,344 people have been arrested and 6,251 cases registered. In the first three months of this year, 2,25,586 litres of IMFL and 98,066 litres of countrymade

liquor were seized. From April 2016 to March 2019, 50,63,175 litres of countrymade liquor and IMFL have been seized.

An excise department official said, "The department is not happy with recurrent seizures of liquor from several places and reports of easy availability of IMFL from most places. We have to check the inflow of liquor from the neighbouring states of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal. Liquor traders have been finding innovative methods of bringing liquor into the state."

He said that police station in-charges had to be held accountable as they were at ground zero. "The fact that liquor is being seized means police station in-charges have not been doing their duty properly," said the officer.

Bihar Police Association president Mrityunjay Kumar Singh told *The Indian Express*, "We will have to abide by the government order, but there is a limited number of inspectors and sub-inspectors and an ASI cannot be made in-charge of a police station. Not just the police, excise department and a devoted prohibition wing under the IG should also be made accountable."

Asked if the warning of no police station posting for 10 years would demotivate Station House Officers (SHO), Singh said, "The department will have to think about its workability. Good work should be appreciated. But in this case, an SHO can be punished."

Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey said, "We will soon start taking written undertakings from SHOs."

Cong: Hold polls for 2 RS seats in Gujarat together

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE CONGRESS on Thursday expressed apprehensions regarding elections to two Rajya Sabha seats from Gujarat that fell vacant after Amit Shah and Smriti Irani won in the Lok Sabha polls.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi said that since both seats have fallen vacant together, elections for them should be held together too otherwise it "would be mockery of our constitutional ethos" and "would be completely contrary to conventions because this has happened earlier in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and other states". If the elections are held to-

gether, the Congress, which has 77 seats in Gujarat Assembly, stands a chance to win one. But if the elections happen on different dates, the BJP, which has 99 seats in the Assembly, is likely to win both.

It is to make "the nation aware, it is to make Election Commission aware that any such game should be throttled at the inception because they are unconstitutional games, which constitutional functionaries cannot and should not play", Singhvi said, and demanded that the Election Commission hold the elections together.

On former ISRO chief G Madhavan Nair's comment that the Congress delayed Chandrayaan 2, the Congress leader said that as an organisation, ISRO has "no business to criticise government".



NORTH

3 drug peddlers nabbed with over 9 kg poppy in J&K

Jammu: Three alleged drug peddlers have been arrested in Jammu and Kashmir after over nine kilograms of poppy was recovered from them in separate incidents, police said Thursday. On Wednesday, a person named Tariq Ahmed was intercepted in Poonch district and 8.50 kg of poppy was seized from him, an official said.

In another incident, a patrolling team near Dhalleri bridge in Jammu district intercepted two persons — Bajju Ram Sharma and Ashok Kumar Sharma — and recovered 840 grams of poppy, the police said. Cases have been registered in both the incidents and an investigation is on, the official said. **PTI**



Girls celebrate the first day of 'Raja' festival in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. The festival celebrates womanhood. **PTI**

EAST

Complainant arrested for faking robbery in Odisha

Kendrapara: A complainant in a robbery case in Kendrapara district turned out to be the perpetrator, with the police arresting him for allegedly hatching the plot to swindle cash. Prakash Das (26), who had lodged a complaint on Monday that bike-borne miscreants had snatched Rs seven

lakh from him on Cuttack-Chandaballi state highway, was found to have faked the robbery, police said. The accused, an employee of a private e-commerce company, had allegedly authored the plot to swindle the cash, officers at Nikirai Police Station here said. **PTI**

WEST

Coast Guard rescues Army officer from choppy sea

Panaji: The Coast guard on Thursday saved a 26-year-old Army officer who slipped on some rocks and fell into the Arabian Sea at Cabo de Rama in South Goa. The officer, who hails from Pune, was on holiday, said Coast guard. A video Air Crew diver Himmat Singh pulling the officer out of the water, went viral on social media.

Director General of Coast Guard, Himanshu Nautiyal spoke on the operation. "We received a call from police authorities at around 1330 hours. Within no time our chopper was in the air and within ten minutes the chopper was able to retrieve the person." The officer was airlifted to the Navy Hospital INHS Jeevanti. **ENS**

SOUTH

Gold worth Rs 17 lakh seized at Hyderabad airport, one held

Hyderabad: Smuggled gold weighing over 500 grams worth over Rs 17 lakh was seized at the international airport here from a passenger, who allegedly hid the yellow metal in his rectum, Customs officials said on Wednesday. According to the officials, the passenger who arrived from Dubai

here on Wednesday was intercepted and after verification was found to be carrying 720 grams gold paste in his rectum. The gold was then seized and melted. After melting the gold paste 538.090 grams of 24 carat gold was extracted and it was valued at Rs 17,56,863, said officials. **PTI**

None of 13 on board An-32 survived crash, says IAF

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 13

THE INDIAN Air Force (IAF) Thursday confirmed that none of the 13 on board its An-32 aircraft had survived the crash in Arunachal Pradesh.

The wreckage of the transport aircraft, which disappeared on June 3 after taking off from the Jorhat airbase for the Mechuka advanced landing ground, was spotted Tuesday 16 km north of Lipo, not far from the China border.

"Eight members of the rescue team have reached the crash site today morning. IAF is sad to inform that there are no survivors from the crash of An-32," the IAF said on its official Twitter handle, adding that it stands with the family of the victims.

There were reports that the black box of the aircraft had been recovered by the search team but the IAF did not confirm this till the filing of the report.

The IAF identified the 13 killed in the crash as: Wing Commander G M Charles, Squadron Leader H Vinod, Flight Lieutenants R Thapa, M K Garg, Ashish Tanwar and S Mohanty, Warrant Officer K K Mishra, Sergeant Anoop Kumar, Corporal Sherin, LAC Pankaj, and non-combatants (enrolled) Rajesh Kumar and Putali.

"IAF Pays tribute to the brave Air-warriors who lost their life during the #An32 crash on 03 Jun 2019 and stands by with the families of the victims. May their soul rest in peace," the IAF tweeted.

The An-32, which took off from Jorhat around 12.30 pm on June 3, never landed at the Mechuka ALG in Shi Yomi district. The aircraft's last contact with ground staff was at 1 pm.

On Wednesday, a day after the wreckage was spotted in mountainous terrain, a team of 15 mountaineers were air-dropped at the nearest location to the crash site. They could not immediately trek to the spot owing to inclement weather and difficult terrain.



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No official met us, do we deserve this: IAF cook's kin

SOMYA LAKHANI
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NEW DELHI, GURGAON,
JUNE 13

MINUTES AFTER the Indian Air Force (IAF) announced that none of the 13 on board its AN-32 aircraft had survived the crash, Ram Santosh, who runs a tea stall in Delhi, said he received a call from the pilot's father-in-law.

"He told me that all 13 people were dead, including my brother Rajesh (Kumar), a cook with the IAF," said Santosh (37).

Kumar (23) had joined the IAF four years ago. His family claimed that in the last 11 days, not a single IAF official met the family.

"I run a tea shop near Hotel Ashok. A day after the plane went missing, someone gave me Solanki saab's (Raj Kumar Solanki, the pilot's father-in-law) number... he works nearby. Since then, he has been keeping us updated," said Santosh.

More than three hours after the IAF announced that there

were no survivors, Santosh's parents, four siblings and residents of the slum in Race Course Club area had no idea where the body was, or if their presence was required at an airport.

"Since the plane went missing, not one IAF official met us, no one cares about our parents. We are surrounded by IAF buildings and the PM's residence is right here, but no one has come home. My father was in the IAF too, do we deserve this treatment?" asked Santosh.

He said that Kumar had wanted to join the IAF as he was fascinated by his father's work. Kumar, who got married in November, was posted in Assam's Jorhat a year ago. Minutes before he boarded the ill-fated aircraft on June 3, he spoke to his father — who has retired from the IAF — and promised to call him back when he landed.

Santosh recalled the last time he met Kumar less than two months ago.

"He was in Delhi for a holiday, and I went to drop him to the railway station. I told him to

take care of himself, do his duty... who knew that would be the last time?"

Saroj Rani, meanwhile, had been holding on to hope for her son, Flight Lieutenant Ashish Tanwar, who was on the An-32 aircraft.

Her hopes were dashed by a phone call from her daughter-in-law on Thursday morning.

Tanwar's wife Sandhya was on duty at the Air Traffic Control centre when the An-32 lost contact at around 1 pm on June 3. "We were almost resigned to the fact that he would not return. But we were still holding on to hope," said Tanwar's uncle Udaivir Singh.

While his family resides in Palwal now, Tanwar grew up in various parts of the country because his father, Radhelal, was in the Army. He retired as Subedar. Tanwar's elder sister is a Squadron Leader in the IAF.

Shiv Narain, another uncle of Tanwar, said, "He was a very social, happy person. His only aim in life, however, was to serve in defence. Serving the country was his only goal."

Woman's beheaded body found in UP

Meerut: The Meerut police found a beheaded body of an unidentified 30-year-old woman buried in a field in the Lohia village Thursday.

There were no clothes on the body and both arms had been severed with sharp-edged weapons, the police said. The victim may have been raped before being killed, they added.

"We have sought details of missing women complaints from nearby police stations. We are yet to establish the identity of the victim," said Meerut SP (Rural) Avinash Pandey.

"We found a highly decomposed female body from the debris. Prima facie, it appears that she was raped before being killed. A probe is on," Ritesh Kumar, in-charge of Daurala police station, told *The Indian Express* on the phone. **ENS**

'Resolve to eliminate terror unshakeable'

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

A DAY after five CRPF men were killed in a militant attack in South Kashmir, J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik said it was a "Fidayeen attack" carried out on the orders of "masterminds" across the border.

"The Governor has observed that whenever successful attempts are made by security forces to either conduct peaceful elections or continuous elimination of terrorists, the masterminds of terrorists from across the border order them to carry out Fidayeen attacks on forces. Yesterday's attack in Anantnag district was also a fidayeen attack," a release issued by J&K government said on Thursday.

Three CRPF personnel, one J&K police officer and a civilian were injured in the attack, which was the first major one after the



Police and central security forces at the wreath-laying ceremony for the five slain CRPF personnel in Srinagar on Thursday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

February 14 suicide bombing in Pulwama that killed 40 CRPF personnel and prompted the Balakot air strikes.

"Governor noted that terrorists and their handlers should know that our resolve to eliminate this menace is unshakeable," added the statement.

to receive treatment at the hospital.

In the morning, senior officers from the administration and police attended the wreath-laying ceremony for the slain CRPF personnel at Humhama in Budgam district.

Talking to reporters, Vijay Kumar, the Governor's advisor said "sufficient measures" would be taken for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra in terms of security. Meanwhile, terror group Al-Umar Mujahideen claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack through a televised statement to a local news agency, Kumar said, "There are some claims made mentioning the name of Al Umar. We don't want to give it complete credibility, we will analyze."

Asked if Wednesday's attack was a lapse on part of security forces, Kumar said, "In every incident, you can either say there is a lapse or there is no lapse."

VIOLENCE IN WEST BENGAL

Governor urges political parties to ensure peace

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 13

WEST BENGAL Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi on Thursday held a meeting with leaders of four major political parties over the issue of post-poll violence and urged them to ensure peace.

"The governor feels all the political parties should adopt a constructive approach for the welfare of the state and its people, and he appeals to the people to work unitedly for peace and harmony," read a statement issued by the Governor's office.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee questioned Tripathi's decision to call a meeting.

She alleged it was called at the behest of the BJP.



According to the meteorological department, inclement weather would be witnessed across the coastal belt with very high velocity winds, high tides and rainfall. *Javed Raja*

Lord Krishna's grace, says CM Rupani as Vayu skips Gujarat

AVINASH NAIR
& RITU SHARMA
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 13

VERY SEVERE cyclonic storm, Vayu, skirted the Gujarat coast and moved northwestward towards Oman on Thursday, said Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Thursday even as the government continued to remain on high alert for most part of the day to counter any exigencies caused by the cyclonic storm having an expanse of 900 square kilometres.

Though the "eye of the storm" is away from land, the cyclone's outer periphery would leave its impact on the coast, officials said.

"Due to the grace of Lord Krishna, Lord Somnath and Harisiddh Mata, Cyclone Vayu has taken a turn. As per forecast, the cyclone, which was expected to make landfall in Gujarat, diverted to Oman and a big adversity has been averted. Still, we will maintain alert throughout the night in all the 10 districts and will take a call at 8 am on Friday," said Rupani after an hour-long review meeting with state government officials.

"No death or damage occurred due to the cyclone," Rupani said adding that extra care is being taken in four districts Devbhoomi Dwarka, Porbandar, Gir-Somnath and Amreli where the cyclonic effects will be continued to be felt. He said those evacuated will also

continue to remain in shelters.

Jayanta Sarkar, regional director, India Meteorological Department (IMD) Ahmedabad, said the cyclone would not make a landfall in Gujarat, according to the forecast till Wednesday night.

"...but inclement weather would be witnessed across the coastal belt with very high velocity winds, high tides and rainfall," he added. The weather department said the effects of the cyclone would be felt till Friday morning with sea conditions expected to be very rough till June 15.

After reviewing the status of its airports, the Airports Authority of India decided to resume normal flight operations at Kandla and Keshod airports from Thursday midnight. Operations at Bhavnagar will resume at 6 am on Friday, while at Diu and Porbandar airports, it will resume at 10 am Friday, an AAI statement said.

The railways cancelled 86 trains and short terminated 37 others, officials said. In a statement, Western Railway said,

Meanwhile, power supply was disrupted in nearly 560 villages. The Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) chalked out an action plan well in advance, the company's in-charge managing director Shahmeena Husain said.

A 150-year-old temple collapsed in Porbandar Thursday as waves and heavy rains lashed the coastal area. A Coast Guard official said they have been monitoring the cyclone.

Ex-MP Atiq Ahmed, his son booked in abduction case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 13

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has lodged an FIR against gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed, his son and several others for allegedly abducting a businessman from Lucknow and assaulting him inside Deoria jail on December 26 last year.

A Lucknow-based real-estate businessman, Mohit Jaiswal, had also alleged that Atiq had forced him to sign over property worth Rs 48 crore to two of their associates and took his SUV, said police. Atiq Ahmed was then lodged at Deoria jail in connection with another case.

The CBI registered the case on the directives of the Supreme Court. Apart from Atiq Ahmed, the other accused are Atiq's son Umar, their four associates and 10-12 unidentified persons. Accused have been booked under several IPC sections including 386 (Extortion by putting a person in fear of death or grievous hurt), 329 (Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to extort property, or to constrain to an illegal act), 420 (Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 467 (Forgery of valuable security, will, etc.) and 468 (Forgery for purpose of cheating), said a CBI officer.

On the basis of a complaint filed by Mohit Jaiswal, an FIR was lodged against Atiq Ahmed and others at Krishna Nagar police station of Lucknow in January this year. The Lucknow police investigated and filed chargesheet against eight persons.

In April, the SC ordered a CBI probe into the assault of Mohit Jaiswal and also directed transfer of Atiq Ahmed to a jail in Gujarat. In May an FIR was registered against five staffers of Deoria jail.

NRC DEADLINE NEARING

Criteria for Foreigners' Tribunals members changed

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 13

AS THE July 31 deadline for the final publication of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) approaches, authorities have made multiple changes to the eligibility criteria for applications of new Foreigners' Tribunal (FT) members.

According to an advertisement dated June 10, the Gauhati High Court called for applications to fill 221 vacancies in 200 new tribunals. The eligibility criteria for these posts however, have changed. While the required age and years of experience of advocates has been reduced, an additional provision has been made for recruiting retired bureaucrats.

The minimum qualifications required of aspirants now are,

EXPLAINED

FTs oversee appeals against NRC draft

Para 8 of the schedule of the The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003, says, "Any person, not satisfied with the outcome of the decisions... under paragraph 7, may prefer appeal, before the designated Tribunal constituted under the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, within a period of sixty days from the date of such order, and or the disposal of appeal by the Tribunals the names shall be included or deleted, as the case may be, in the National Register of Indian Citizens in the State of Assam."

"retired judicial officers of Assam Judicial Service, retired civil servants (not below the rank of secretary and additional secretary) with judicial experience, or advocates not below the age of 35 years with at least seven years of practice". Earlier,

for advocates, it was 45 years of age and 10 years of practise.

Assam's Commissioner and Secretary (Home and Political) department, Ashutosh Agnihotri, told *The Indian Express*, "Yes, the recruitment process has started — the Gauhati

High Court has advertised for the posts. The selected candidates will be imparted necessary training. We plan to complete recruitment process by August 20."

FTs are quasi-judicial bodies meant to "furnish opinion on the question as to whether a person is or is not a foreigner within the meaning of Foreigner's Act, 1946". The Gauhati HC interviews candidates while the appointments are done by the Home and Political Department. These tribunals will hear appeals of people left out of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) list. The state ALREADY has 100 such tribunals currently.

The NRC, prepared in 1951, is being updated in Assam to include the names of those persons (or their descendants) who appear in the 1951 NRC or in any

of the Electoral Rolls or in any other admissible documents issued upto the midnight of March 24, 1971. A total of 2.89 crore people of the 3.29 crore applicants who applied in 2015 found a mention in the draft leaving over 40 lakh people out of the final draft NRC published on July 30, 2018. Of the 40 lakh-odd excluded, around 36 lakh people filed their 'claims' while 'objections' were received against a little over two lakh people in the draft.

The state government had initially proposed the set up of 1,000 FTs at once to deal with the increase in workload after the draft of the NRC was published.

However, the Supreme Court ordered on May 30 that the first 200 of these new tribunals must be made functional by September 1.

CHHATTISGARH

Tribals agitating against mining halt stir for 15 days

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR, JUNE 13

AFTER SEVEN days, tribals protesting mining on iron ore deposit number 13 in Bailadila in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district called off their protest on Thursday for a 15-day period. This comes after the SDM, Dantewada, issued a notice to Sanyukt Sarpanch Jansangharsh Samiti — which is spearheading the movement — asking them to vacate the protest site or face legal consequences.

Raju Bhaskar, a member of the Samiti, said they had not given up the protest under pressure, and had merely given the administration 15 days to fulfill its promises. "We have agreed to the 15-day timeline which the government has asked for to inquire into the gram sabha permissions for deposit

number 13. Therefore, we are calling off the protest for now, but if nothing is done, we will decide the next course of action," he said.

Thousands of tribals have been protesting at Bailadila and Kirandul against proposed mining in deposit number 13. The mine is owned by NCL, a joint venture of NMDC and CMDC, and the mining contractor is Adani Enterprises Limited. The tribals say they are opposed to the mining because the hill on which deposit 13 is based is home to Pithormeta or Pithor Rani, the wife of the deity of Nandraj.

After five days of protests, Chief Minister Bhanup Singh Baghel had announced inquiries into the felling of trees and the gram sabha's permission for the mining. The Sanyukt Jansangharsh Samiti has alleged that the gram sabha never gave permission for the mining.

TELANGANA TRIES NEW SUPPLY, STORAGE SYSTEM

Government hospitals face acute medicine shortage

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

A SERIES of measures initiated by the Telangana Health Department to regulate and track supply and storage of essential medicines has resulted in an acute shortage of life-saving medicines and injections at government hospitals.

The shortage at some of the biggest hospitals in Hyderabad, like Osmania General Hospital, Nilofar Children's Hospital, Gandhi Hospital and Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital at Warangal, is so acute that patients are being asked by doctors to bring dressing bandages or surgical suture apart from medicines.

The medicines are supposed to be provided free at government hospitals. However, a scrutiny of books at Osmania General Hospital and Gandhi Hospital showed that out of every 10 medicines requested by doctors, eight were not available or not supplied by the government. The shortage was even worse at rural primary health centres and community health centres.

Telangana Health Minister Etela Rajender said the shortage was temporary. "We are in the midst of working out a new system of supplying and stocking medicines at government hospitals," he told The Indian Express.

"We initiated this after two children, who were given Tramadol tablets at urban health centres after they were given

The crisis is so acute that patients are being asked by doctors to bring dressing bandages or surgical suture apart from medicines

pentavalent vaccine, died due to complications in March. Tramadol tablets should not have been given. We want to regulate the storage and issuance of medicines which may cause harm if not given under proper supervision," Rajender said.

"Many life-savings drugs have short shelf life of 3-4 months. We found that procurement, transportation and distribution to hospitals and PHCs was taking a minimum of three months, by which time the expiry date was due. So we are procuring limited medicines and supplying them to hospitals, hence the shortage. We are trying to put in place a system through which we can take stock of medicines at all government hospitals without having to worry about expiry dates."

But in the meantime, patients are bearing the brunt. Those who are covered under Telangana government's Arogyasri healthcare scheme are purchasing medicines, IV fluids and dressing bandages from private shops and bringing them to doctors treating them at government hospitals.

The Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association, an organisation of government doctors working in Telangana, has written to the Principal Secretary, Telangana Health, Medical and Family Welfare A Shanti Kumari. In a letter submitted on June 12, the association said that many "basic emergency drugs and antibiotics are unavailable in tertiary care institutes for last couple of months, due to which patients who can afford are forced to buy basic medicines from private pharmacies while those who cannot afford are left without treatment, due to which many patients have died".

Dr K Mahesh Kumar, president of Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association, an organisation of government medical practitioners, said that government hospitals should be keeping a stock of life-saving and essential drugs for 3-4 months. "Instead, we are in a situation where we don't have medicine stocks at government hospitals at all. Health Department officials say we should make do with alternative medicines that are available, but that is not always possible," he said.

Mamidi Suresh, whose wife Saroja was admitted at Gandhi Hospital for suspected dengue, had to buy medicines worth Rs 1,990 as they were not available at the hospital. "Now they are saying we should shift her to a private hospital for further tests as they do not have necessary equipment. I cannot afford a private hospital," he said.

TANUSHREE DUTTA HARASSMENT CHARGE

Police file closure report, say 'not enough evidence'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 13

MUMBAI POLICE on Wednesday filed a closure report into the allegations of sexual harassment made by actress Tanushree Dutta against veteran actor Nana Patekar on the ground that there was not enough evidence to back her claims. The court is yet to accept the report, known in legal parlance as a B summary report.

In the report, police have stated that none of the 13 witnesses whose statements were recorded corroborated Dutta's claims that Patekar had behaved inappropriately with her in 2008. "Each of the witnesses we spoke to told us that there was some trouble between Tanushree Dutta and Nana Patekar but none of them said that they had seen him behave inappropriately with her," said a senior police official.

In March of that year, Dutta had been contracted to shoot a song for the film Horn Ok Pleassss at a studio in Goregaon with Patekar. In her complaint, Dutta alleged that Patekar, who was not part of the song, touched her inappropriately under the pretext of teaching her to dance.

She then complained about this behaviour to choreographer Ganesh Acharya and his assis-



Nana Patekar



Tanushree Dutta

tant Daisy Shah, thereafter treating to her vanity van. Dutta further claimed that during this time, producer Abdul Samee Siddiqui, director Rakesh Sarang, Patekar and Acharya held a meeting and introduced new "intimate" steps into the song without her consent.

Dutta later called her parents and manager to the sets. As they attempted to leave in her car, their way was blocked by MNS party workers and cameramen who allegedly attacked her vehicle. A complaint was later lodged at Goregaon police station against the party workers. In May 2008, Dutta wrote to Cine and TV Artists Association, detailing her ordeal on the film set.

While the magistrate is yet to take the report on record, Dutta is free to file her objections. Advocate Nitin Satpute, who represents Dutta, said he had not received a copy of the report and that he could contest it.

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या टी-13/2019-20 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 18.06.2019 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है।

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi Office of The Executive Engineer, C-11 Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007 Email ID : eec11.dusib@gmail.com

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED Tender Notice against Specification No. ESD-540 Through E-Tendering E-Tenders in two parts. Part-I (Earnest Money, Technical and Commercial details etc.). Part-II (A) (Prices for Electrical/Mechanical works covering all works other than Civil works) and Part-II (B) (Prices for Civil works) valid for six months are invited for the work mentioned here under.

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SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JUNE 13 TAMMINENI SEETHARAM, a former two-time MLA of Telugu Desam Party who later joined YSR Congress Party and won the recent elections, was elected unanimously as Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on Thursday morning in a session where words were exchanged be-

Tammineni Seetharam elected Andhra speaker Naidu declared Seetharam's election during the session. After taking charge, Seetharam said Andhra Pradesh would emerge as a trendsetter in implement the anti-defection law. He said that any MLA wishing to join to the ruling YSRCP would be asked to resign and contest elections again.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY Open Tender through E-Tendering 2019-20 NIT No. LWS-TECLL-OPN-MJCLN-2019 Dated - 12.06.2019

AWARDING OF COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT E-Tender Notice No. C/Misc/Comml Adver/TSK/2019 (15908/15907) Dated:07-06-2019. Work tenders through E-Tendering System are invited for the following works:

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MADURAI CORPORATION Tender Notification No. 27 / 2019 On behalf of Madurai Municipal Corporation The Commissioner Madurai Corporation invites tender for the below mentioned work.

Caught in water pump belt, boy killed as 2 groups clash over cattle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 13

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy was killed after getting caught in the belt of a running water pump when he tried to flee as two groups clashed over cattle of a farmer entering the field of another in Kasganj on Thursday.

An FIR for causing death due to negligence was registered against the owner of the cattle.

Police said an argument followed after an allegation that Krishna Pal Yadav, a farmer, had left his cattle free to graze near the field of another farmer, Mathru Yadav, and they entered Mathru's field.

"The incident occurred in Nagla Khata village of Sahawar police station area. More people joined the argument. A few local residents, including 12-year-old Gurdeep, were among them. As the argument turned violent, people started to run. Gurdeep got caught in the belt of a water pump," said Kasganj SP Ashok Kumar.

"Local residents took the boy to a hospital where doctors said he was dead on arrival. Later, Gurdeep's father Raj Kumar and others staged a protest, alleging negligence on the part of the cattle owner. Based on Raj Kumar's complaint, we registered an FIR against Krishna Pal Yadav. No arrests have been made yet. A probe is on and police have been deployed in the area."

'While underlining importance of English, we must facilitate its learning on a much wider scale'

K KASTURIRANGAN, former ISRO chief and chairperson of the committee that formulated the draft of the new National Education Policy, speaks to **UMA VISHNU** on why the document needs to be relevant over the next 20-30 years and that the communication over the three-language formula was "totally misunderstood"

While working on this report, what was the biggest learning for you about India and its education system?

When you are looking at such a major area of national endeavour, you start wondering about where it all starts. India is one of the most ancient civilisations which had one of the most sophisticated educational system millennia back — Nalanda and Takshashila are examples of that. Of course, along with that, they propagated arts, craft, culture, music etc. I could understand there is something very hidden in this in terms of a rich culture and heritage.

The second part of it is the country has undergone major changes since the last National Education Policy was enunciated in 1986/92. The Internet was not in place then, technology had not taken over many of the national endeavours. Then there is the impending Fourth Industrial Revolution which is going to put disruptive requirements on the ways of doing things for which we need to appropriately gear the knowledge

society that India is going to be... Does the existing policy satisfy the expectations that India has of the educational system — not today, but over the next 20, 30, 40 years? That's where the importance of an educational policy comes into picture.

The report talks about English being a language of the elite — how large sections of society are marginalised because the privileged use English to exclude. What was the debate within the Commission on this?

First of all, India's pluralism and multilingualism can't be overlooked. We have a large number of languages, and then there is English... It was at one time thought to be an international language; it didn't become a link language either. But it certainly is a language for mass communication when it comes to the question of modern endeavours. At the same time, when we try to ensure that we underline the importance of English, we need to put additional efforts and resources to improve English, contribute to the development of English and most importantly, facilitate the learning of English on a much wider scale



than the 15 or 16 per cent today who use English for their own profession and therefore become elite. We need to do research in the language, need to have good books, good translation of local knowledge in English and ultimately make sure that infrastructure, teacher availability and quality of teachers who teach the language is considerably improved than what it is today.

While the report places a lot of emphasis on multilingualism, in the course of your academic career, have you encountered the problem of children not being to express themselves

properly in any of the languages? For me, personally, the learning of language came as part of an immersion. Though I was born in Kerala, the conversation in the house was Tamil. But it also had a corruption of Malayalam. So as TN Seshan, the former chief election commissioner, used to tell me, the Tamils in Kerala speak 'Thalayalam', a mix of Tamil and Malayalam... And when I went to Bombay, I learnt Marathi. Then my father said you should learn Sanskrit. I didn't know the importance of learning the language then but today, when I deliver so many convocation addresses, I quote from Subhashitani, which was part of my Sanskrit course. So there was a tremendous experience of learning four languages. So especially if you put the base as between three and eight years to learn three languages, for example, the area of the brain that



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DAYS AFTER PROTESTING FARMERS SOW UNAPPROVED SEEDS

Environment Ministry seeks report on GM crop sowing in Maharashtra

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, JUNE 13

THE MINISTRY of Environment and Forest (MoEF) has sought a detailed report on the sowing of unapproved genetically modified (GM) cotton and brinjal in Maharashtra.

MoEF Joint Secretary Richa Sharma has written to Ajoy Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, to investigate the matter and take appropriate action.

On Monday, more than 1,000 farmers had publicly sown unapproved transgenic cotton and brinjal in Akoli Jahangir village of Akot taluka in Akola district. Organised by the farmer's union Shetkari Sanghata, the gathering was aimed at demanding introduction of Herbicide Tolerant (Ht) Bt cotton and Bt brinjal, which, farmers said, reduces the cost of production.

In India, introduction of GM seeds requires approval of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC), a body under the MoEF. Till date, commercial release is granted for Bt cotton, but similar approvals for Bt mustard and Bt brinjal are awaited.

In case of cotton, the first two generations of Bt have seen introduction of 'Cry1Ab' and



Farmers have been surreptitiously growing unapproved varieties of GM cotton using smuggled seeds. File

'Cry2Bc' genes from the soil bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), into the cotton seed, which make the crop resistant to the attack of pink bollworm. The third generation variety saw the addition of 'Cp4-Epsps' gene from another soil bacterium, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, which produces a modified protein that allows the plant to withstand herbicide glyphosate. Farmers are not able to spray glyphosate on normal cotton because the chemical does not distinguish between the crop and weed, but the herbicide tolerant Bt (HtBt) cotton remains unaffected by glyphosate.

Like the first two hybrids, Ht Bt has also been developed by the US giant Bayer Monsanto. The company had submitted a proposal to GEAC for approval of its Roundup Ready Flex (RRF), which had genes for resistance (Bt) and herbicide tolerant (Ht) in 2013. However, the proposal was later withdrawn by the company because of various regulatory issues with the government.

While Ht Bt is not approved for commercial release, farmers in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have been surreptitiously planting the crop using smuggled seeds. According to estimates by the Commissioner

of Agriculture, Maharashtra, as much as 15 per cent of the 40 lakh hectares of the state had come under this unapproved hybrid. Usage of such hybrids can attract jail term of five years as well as fine of Rs 1 lakh under the Environmental Protection Act of 1989. Action can be initiated under the Seed Act, 1966 and the Cotton Act of 1957.

In her letter, the joint secretary referred to complaints received from Coalition for GM Free India regarding suspected open cultivation of Ht Bt cotton and Bt brinjal in Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab. "I request you to immediately order an investigation and verify the facts on grounds and conduct gene/event specific testing for suspected illegal cultivation of Genetically Modified (GM) crops. Appropriate action may be taken to stop any illegal GM cultivation in accordance with the Rules for the Manufacture/Use/Import/Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro Organisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells (1989)," the letter read.

Confirming the letter, Akola Collector Jitendra Papalkar said they had sent samples of the collected seeds to Nagpur-based Central Institute of Cotton Research (CIRC). "Once the results come, appropriate action will be initiated," he said.

'Derogatory' remarks: Cops tell court won't arrest Pa Ranjith

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MADURAI, JUNE 13

TAMIL Nadu police on Thursday informed the Madras High Court that it would not arrest film director Pa Ranjith against whom a case has been registered in connection with his reported "derogatory" remarks against a 10th century Chola emperor.

When the anticipatory bail plea of Ranjith came up before Justice P Rajamanickam, the government prosecutor informed that police would not arrest him.

Recording the submission, the court posted the matter for hearing to June 19. The judge directed the police to file a counter to the director's plea against the case registered by Tirupananthi police in Thanjavur district.

The case was registered under IPC sections 153 (provocation



The director allegedly made derogatory remarks against King Raja Raja Cholan I

to cause riot) and 153(A)(1) (promoting hatred etc) following a complaint lodged by a Hindu Makkal Katchi functionary alleging that the director's speech was aimed at creating divisions among people of different castes.

Ranjith, who has to his credit several films such as Rajinikanth-starrer *Kaala*, made the alleged remarks at a public meeting organised by a Dalit outfit in that district. In his peti-

tion, Ranjith submitted that he hailed from a downtrodden family and emerged as a movie maker and had been spreading awareness about equality as envisaged in the Constitution. He submitted that he quoted historical facts about King Raja Raja Cholan I, which the prosecution felt would promote enmity among people.

"Our history has taught us that King Raja Raja Cholan's reign was a golden period, but according to many social reformers it was a dark rule for the oppressed caste as most of their lands were acquired by the king," he alleged. During his rule, over 400 women were branded 'devadasis' and 26 of them were sent to kolar fields, he claimed. Though many spoke on the same issue, his speech alone was circulated on social media.

The report talks of liberal education as being the basis for higher education. How will that alter higher education as we have known it?

For my undergraduation, physics was my major subject and mathematics secondary. My Intermediate (10+2) was the last point that I studied history or humanities or languages. When I was involved with satellite technology in later years, I found that there was quite a bit of mathematics, quality control and many other areas of discipline... The initial portion of your undergraduate course should be such that you understand and appreciate this connectivity, for example, between sciences, arts, humanities and math. If you need to look at a problem in totality... chemistry or physics alone won't solve your problem, you have to look at the human element in that, the environmental element in that.

AES in Bihar: 5 more dead, central team suggests separate children's ward

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JUNE 13

THE ACUTE Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) has claimed the lives of five more children in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, taking the toll due to the condition to 48. Four deaths have been reported at Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) and one at Kejrival Matrisadan.

A seven-member central team, which visited SKMCH and Kejrival Matrisadan at Muzaffarpur on Thursday, has recommended a separate ward for children with a laboratory at SKMCH.

Muzaffarpur civil surgeon Dr Shailesh Kumar Singh added that there have been 17 fresh admissions to two Muzaffarpur hospitals and 10 of those admitted are in a critical condition. So far, 80 children are being treated at the two hospitals. Since January, 134 children have been admitted to the two hospitals, 119 at SKMCH alone.

The civil surgeon said, "The team asked us to stick to the standard operating procedure of giving symptomatic treatment but asked for setting up a separate children ward with a laboratory at SKMCH. The team felt a laboratory at the hospital would provide reports quickly and help in the treatment of AES."

He said the district administration had called a meeting of PWD engineers to make a proposal for a separate ward for children.

The state government has got health volunteers to distribute ORS packets in AES-prone areas and have alerted about 1200 primary healthcare centres to provide immediate treatment to patients.

Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey will visit Muzaffarpur on Friday to take stock of the situation.

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DIRECTORATE OF TRAINING (UTCS)
Directorate of Training (UTCS), GNCTD invites applications for filling up of one post of Senior Library & Information Assistant, GCS, Group 'B' Non-Gazetted (Non-Ministerial) in PB-2; Rs. 9300-34800/- in Grade Pay of Rs. 4200/- as per 6th CPC on deputation basis from amongst officers/officials of the Central/State Government/ Union Territories Administrations. Last date of receipt of application is 45 days from the date of publication of this advertisement. For Details: Please visit <http://www.utcs.delhignctd.nic.in>
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Form No. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)
SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
O.A. No. 1226/2018
Date: 20-05-2019
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Versus
Mr. Sanjay Gupta & Others ...Defendant
To,
Defendants:
1) Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Resident of Sylv View-2 Flat No-5 First Flr Eldeco Utopia Sector- 93A GB Nagar Noida U.P. 201301
ALSO Resident of Flat No. 0109, Block F, Ground Floor Anthea Floors Wildflower Country Gurgaon-122001.
ALSO Resident of A-5 Sector-3 Noida U.P.-201301
ALSO Resident of A-1/189 Paschim Vihar New Delhi-110063
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3) M/S. Unitech Limited Real Estate Division (Marking) 5TH Floor, Signature Tower, South City-1 N.H-8, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana
ALSO Regd Office: 6, Community Centre Saket, New Delhi-110017
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 14/06/2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA-134151
(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)
CANCELLATION NOTICE

Cancellation of Online Written Examination (Computer Based Test) for the various Posts of Instructors, against Advt. No. 05/2018 for Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, Haryana

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission Online Written Examination (Computer Based Test) **Notice Dated 31.05.2019** which was published in various Leading Newspaper of Hindi & English and also uploaded on the Commission's website for holding the Online Written Examination at Chandigarh, Yamunanagar & Kurukshetra on dated 25.06.2019 to 03.07.2019 for the various Post of Instructors against Advt. No. 05/2018, Cat. No. 01, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 38, 42, 43, 44, 45 & 47 for Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, Haryana.

It is notified for the Information of all concerned that the aforesaid Examination are hereby Cancellation due to withdrawal of the Post. Inconvenience is regretted.

Place: Panchkula
Dated: 13th June, 2019
7881/HR.Y.
Sd/- Secretary,
Haryana Staff Selection Commission,
Panchkula.

Ministry of Civil Aviation
Government of India
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi
Advertisement for the post of Secretary of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA)

Applications are invited for the selection to the post of Secretary, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA), An Authority to regulate tariff and other charges for the aeronautical services rendered at airports, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.

- The details of age limit, Essential Qualification and Experience etc. along with prescribed format for application are available on the website of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (<http://www.civilaviation.gov.in>). The details can also be obtained on the website of Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (www.aera.gov.in) and Department of Personnel and Training Website (www.persmin.gov.in).
- The eligible and interested persons may send their application in the prescribed format by 12.07.2019.

(Rubina Ali)
Joint Secretary
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Savarkar loses Veer as Cong rewrites textbooks in Rajasthan

towards establishing India as a 'Hindu nation' and gave the call to 'militarise Hindudom' (sic). Savarkar opposed the Quit India movement in 1942 and the creation of Pakistan in 1946. After the murder of Gandhi on January 30, 1948, he was tried on charges of conspiring for murder and aiding Godse, but he was acquitted from the case.

OLD BOOK: It says that Mughal Emperor Akbar failed in his objectives of capturing or killing Pratap or conquer his entire kingdom. The award of the battle of Haldighati in favour of Maharana Pratap with arguments that the Mughal army did not follow the army of Mewar and spent time in fear.

NEW BOOK: The portion of battle of Haldighati ends with Pratap leaving the battlefield and his horse Chetak dying. It is also mentioned that the clash between Maharana Pratap and Akbar was not a religious war,

but a clash for superiority between two political forces. Silent on the result, the chapter goes on to describe Pratap's guerrilla warfare against Akbar in subsequent years.

OLD BOOK: Under the chapter Terrorism, Criminalisation of Politics & Corruption and Characteristics of Indian Foreign Policy & Non-alignment, demonetisation has been mentioned as 'kale dhan ki safai abhiyan'. The chapters discuss impact of demonetisation on corruption and foreign policy.

NEW BOOK: All references to demonetisation removed.

OLD BOOK: Reference to organisations with political colour in Class 12 Political Science book.

NEW BOOK: In the chapter titled 'Casteism and Communalism', only Muslim organisations such as Jamaat-e-Islam, All India Majlis-e-Itehadul and SIMI were mentioned.

NEW BOOK: Hindu Mahasabha has been added to the list of political outfits which

propagate divisive ideas for self-interest. The list includes the Muslim organisations cited earlier.

OLD BOOK: In the chapter 'India's relations with its neighbours (Pakistan, China and Nepal)', it was mentioned that anti-India policy or Jihad is among the list of problems affecting Indo-Pak relations.

NEW BOOK: The word 'Jihad' has been omitted in the new book.

OLD BOOK: In the chapter 'Muslim attack- Objective and Impact', Khilji's attack on Chittor, according to some historians was because he wanted Padmini, the beautiful wife of Ratan Singh, the Mewar Chittor. Also, according to Malik Muhammad Jayasi's literary work Padmaavat, getting Padmini was the reason behind Khilji's attack.

NEW BOOK: It cites Padmaavat to say this was the

reason. But it also says academicians KS Lal, Kanungo and Habib do not believe Padmini was the reason after studying events and facts. It argues there is no historical evidence of many incidents described in Padmaavat such as Khilji's siege of Chittor for eight years as described by Jayasi.

When contacted, Rajasthan Education Minister Govind Singh Dotsara said all updating syllabus was a continuing process. "We formed a committee of educationists and found mistakes in several such textbooks including cases where history was distorted and presented. We don't have any political agenda in it. We made the changes according to the report of the committee. But during the previous BJP regime, they deliberately changed the NCERT syllabus to impose the ideology of the RSS and changed the textbooks which also amounted to the loss of hundreds of crores of rupees," he told *The Indian Express*. Vasudev Devnani, BJP MLA

and former education minister in the previous regime, said "I always say Congress people are identified by their habit of insulting revolutionaries. They have never let the history of revolutionaries come in the light. They serve only one family and they believe that Subhash Chandra Bose, Veer Savarkar, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, if the history of these people come out then the stature of Nehru and the Gandhi family will fall. Their own inferiority complex has resulted in them changing the textbooks. Maharana Pratap is known as great in the entire world but these people for years taught in textbook that Akbar is great. The history that our children should learn is what makes them more patriotic. How can they term Veer Savarkar as 'son of Portugal'? Savarkar was given life sentence twice and was tortured inside the Cellular Jail. To insult such a person is extremely shameful. This is in their nature but all these great men will remain in our hearts."



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

CALLING ATTENTION

The killing of CRPF jawans by militants is a reminder of the challenge that awaits the Modi government in the Valley

THE KILLING OF five CRPF jawans in Kashmir by militants is a reminder of the challenge in the Valley that awaits the re-elected Modi government. The five men were on picket duty in Anantnag when two men on a motorcycle fired at them. One of the attackers was also killed, and police have said he is a "foreigner". The attack has been claimed by a long-defunct organisation called al Umar, active in the 1990s and headed by Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar, one of the three men exchanged with the Taliban at Kandahar in 1999 for the IC 814 hostages. The attack came four months after 40 CRPF jawans were killed in an attack claimed by Jaish e Mohammed, leading to an unprecedented Indian air attack inside Pakistan. In this period, India succeeded in having Masood Azhar listed as an international terrorist, and the India-Pakistan relationship itself is seen to have changed. In Kashmir, police took out several militants in encounters, including the alleged mastermind of the Pulwama attack, and the number of youth joining militant groups is said to have come down. The latest incident shows that militancy continues to take a heavy toll.

The timing, three weeks before the Amarnath Yatra is set to commence, is not insignificant — the attack took place on the road that connects Anantnag to Pahalgam, one of the two places from which the pilgrimage is accessed. Last year saw the government deploying over 40,000 CRPF personnel for security to the yatra after the 2017 incident in which seven pilgrims were killed when militants fired at their bus. This year, the security considerations have only gone up.

Governor Satya Pal Malik has appealed to militants to engage with him in dialogue. While such an appeal has its merits, it is without meaning unless the government acknowledges that there is a problem in Kashmir, and that this problem is a deep-rooted alienation. It cannot be resolved just by killing militants, slapping NIA cases against separatists and discrediting mainstream politicians, a vital link between the Centre and state, or even by cleaning up a corrupt system. The periodic assertions of the BJP-RSS ideological plank for demographic change in the Valley are only adding fuel to the fires. The latest fear in Kashmir is over a purported plan for delimitation of Assembly constituencies. The NDA government would be well served by steering clear of divisive and polarising ideas that can only set the stage for more violence and alienation. The Centre has extended President's Rule for another six months, but the priority should be to hold Assembly elections at the earliest. With his huge mandate, nothing stops Prime Minister Modi from taking bold steps to win the hearts and minds of Kashmir.

GET BACK TO WORK

The doctors have a reason to be angry. They need a hearing — not hectoring by TMC or communal cheerleading by BJP

WEST BENGAL'S POLITICAL turmoil is beginning to complicate other serious problems in the state. On Monday, angry relatives of a patient, who died in Kolkata's Nilratan Sircar (NRS) Medical College, clashed with the institute's junior doctors. The incident precipitated a doctors' strike at NRS, which has now spilled over to all state-run medical college hospitals and at least six district hospitals in West Bengal and is spreading. On Wednesday, some of them pulled down the shutters on their emergency services. The matter pertains to the rights of patients and doctors, which are usually seen, in over-crowded under-equipped government hospitals, as antagonistic parties.

But the aftermath of the NRS incident points to a more problematic discourse. The doctor-patient clash has become a rallying point for West Bengal's political opposition led by the BJP. There is, of course, nothing wrong in a political party taking up cudgels on behalf of aggrieved doctors; in fact, they should. Politics can lend its powerful weight to social sector issues like health or education and maybe an ascendant BJP can prod the state government into cleaning up the mess in hospitals. But what is worrying — and reprehensible — is that the BJP is using this to play the Hindu-Muslim card. The party's West Bengal chief, Dilip Ghosh, has alleged that "anti-social people of one community" (read Muslim) were behind the attacks on the doctors. The patient was 74-year-old Md Sayeed and his relatives and their neighbours were part of the crowd that had barged in. The full force of the law should apply to all who have broken it — in fact, five of the patient's relatives have been arrested. Using the religion of the protesters to score political points against the TMC may be a time-tested BJP strategy — yes, it worked during the elections — but it will deepen faultlines and make any solution harder to find.

As for the TMC government and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who is also health minister, their handling of the crisis hardly evokes confidence. She asked her deputy to visit the hospital but instead of reaching out to the doctors and listening to them, she has taken an adversarial position threatening them with consequences. After its electoral debacle, if the TMC government needs to signal that it can govern the state, it should get back to governance and not let the BJP hijack the debate. As for the BJP, its electoral success has clearly affirmed its position as an alternative to the TMC — how it behaves in Opposition matters to voters more than ever. As for the doctors, they need to get back to work, too. Medical care is an emergency service, holding it to ransom isn't the way to strengthen your negotiating position.

COURTING GREATNESS

For two decades, Lee Chong Wei entertained badminton fans with his near-perfect game

ONE WAY OF looking at it is Lee Chong Wei went for four Olympics, reached three finals and won a silver medal each of those times. In the last of those instances in 2016, the much-revered badminton legend, who announced his retirement, even beat arch rival Lin Dan, denying his Chinese nemesis a third straight final. Despite these highs, the Malaysian legend, who is recovering from nasopharynx cancer, apologised to his countryman for "not delivering an Olympic gold". He shouldn't have. The Chong Wei faithful, present beyond Malaysian borders, adored him. They didn't mind the fact he couldn't cross the threshold to win gold in three Olympics, three World Championships and one Asian Games.

Two decades of excellence is too long to scrunch into a regret — though Chong Wei was known to dwell on it compulsively, as he sought answers for what more he could do against his Chinese peers. Along the way, Chong Wei found the rest of the world rooting for him. While Lin Dan had the might of the Chinese system behind him, the Malaysian chose the unglamorous path of playing week in, week out, rewarded with a stay at World No 1 for 349 weeks. Curiously, he couldn't hold on to reach the well-rounded 350 weeks mark.

But perfect figures will do no justice to the emotion that would run through a crowd when Chong Wei stepped on the court. If his rubber-band body that would dive around ceaselessly didn't get you to the edge of the seat, then his eight-foot leaps in the air did. His cancer diagnosis had sent badminton fans into desperate prayers. The ultimate compliment, though, came from the only man who could've spared Chong Wei fans all this heartbreak: Lin Dan acknowledged "no one will accompany me on court anymore".



NEERJA CHOWDHURY

"MARTE KO AUR bhi maarna" — that neither feels good nor right. And yet, given the state of the Indian National Congress, hard questions need to be asked.

They need to be asked because every Indian — whether she acknowledges it or not — has a stake in the revival of the Congress party, if we are to continue as a parliamentary democracy. Despite the slump in its fortunes, the Congress is the only centre-piece, even today, around which opposition at the national level can coalesce. Regional parties will play a role but only up to a point.

For a start, the Congress should honour Rahul Gandhi's resignation to step down as party chief, taking responsibility for the party's rout. It would be a real charade, that the Congress has been so good at mounting in the past, if it persuades him to take it back. This time it will not only deepen the cynicism about a party already facing an existential crisis, it might finish Rahul Gandhi's political career. On the other hand, if he holds firm — he also said that his sister Priyanka Vadra Gandhi should not be made Congress President in his place — he may win the respect of some, and live to fight another day.

Even if his decision turns out to be a mistake, it is always better to have erred, following an inner steer, than the cacophony of voices outside. If nothing else, Rahul Gandhi would be ensuring accountability. Equally important, he would be respecting the sentiment against "dynasty", which was implicit in the 2019 mandate, particularly among the young and first-time voters, as Narendra Modi's "naamdar vs kaamdar" slogan found a resonance amongst many. And India is a young and an aspirational country; its average age is going to be 29 in 2020.

This then could be Rahul Gandhi's "Sonia moment". In 2004, his mother Sonia Gandhi, gave up her claim to be prime minister, though she had been elected as the leader of the parliamentary party of the UPA. From that day, the country accepted her. Despite her foreign origins, the Congress still looks at her as its most respected leader.

Many apprehend that Rahul's exit may cause more problems than solve. For, in the way the Congress is structured, it is the Nehru-Gandhi family which has kept the party united, and won it votes, though the latter is now diluted. The party, however, need not split, if the new president is chosen by consensus, and has the backing of the Nehru-Gandhi family. With a wipeout in 18 states,

Let him go

Accepting Rahul Gandhi's resignation as Congress president could help renew the party's fortunes

Congress leaders have to pull themselves up and hang together — or be forced to walk into the sunset.

There are enough people in the Congress who can head the party, and this time it can be somebody from the South, since the southern states have stood by the Congress more than the North and the West.

The delay in deciding, either way, has only deepened the insecurities in the party. As it is, the exit of leaders has started, what with 12 out of 18 of its legislators gravitating to the TRS in Telengana, the party's Leader of Opposition in Maharashtra moving across to the BJP, and more are likely to follow. Defeat has unsheathed knives inside the organisation, be it in Rajasthan, or in Haryana, and this is a given when a party weakens.

Talk to ordinary folks, in town and village, and they are clear about the two reasons for the Congress's woes: Congressmen and women have forgotten how to work hard. And the Congress has lost touch with the reality called India.

The Congress was always a party of patronage but it has over the years become no more than a conglomerate of comfortable men and women pursuing their individual agendas, interested in amassing wealth, given half a chance, and promoting their progeny. (There are exceptions of course). After all, it is the guilty men and women of UPA who brought Modi to power in 2014. Even today, the party's leading lights are not willing to go beyond "money", "media", and "marketing" as the only reasons for the Modi magic. They discount the fire in the Modi-Shah belly not just for another stint in power, but to wield absolute power and leave a historical legacy, recasting India in accordance with their ideological worldview. There is no counter to it from the Congress side. The implication of Outcome 2019 has been more far reaching for the Congress than for the BJP.

As a beginning, the party has to democratise its decision-making processes. Why should not Rahul Gandhi work as an ordinary general secretary, as a "kaamdaar"? Priyanka Vadra Gandhi, as G. Sec in charge of East UP, has already been tasked with winning UP for the Congress in 2022. Maybe Rahul Gandhi can undertake a padyatra going around the country, with folded hands, only to understand what young and old India has to say about the Congress's mistakes and what it should do. Perhaps the new narrative that the Congress seeks will emerge from such a process — of looking to the ground for solutions, and encouraging the emergence of leaders from there.

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For entitlement is also about elitism, just as it is about a name opening doors. And about a culture which leaves everything to the High Command. Should there be a place for "High Command" in a modern, democratic organisation? Should decisions be left only to the Congress President? Or to Sonia Gandhi, who soon after she was elected chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party, was "authorised" to decide who should be the leader in both Houses of Parliament? Should not this decision be taken by a "Presidium" of leaders, which is under consideration.

Given its success, the BJP can afford to go in for a centralised model of decision making with Modi-Shah team calling the shots. A moribund Congress on the other hand has to ensure power-sharing — and a federal structure — to have any chance at rebuilding. In other words, to allow its regional leaders who have some kind of a mass following, an autonomy of functioning to decide and deliver. They too will have to move away from the High Command culture at the state level to a collegium style decision making. In 1998, when Sonia Gandhi took over as Congress President, she used to hold daily meetings with 20-30 leaders to decide the party's line when Parliament was in session.

The sooner the Congress takes a decision on who should head the party, and knuckles down to preparations for the elections that lie three months down the line, in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand, the better for it. The party has fared better in recent state elections (Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and in local elections in Karnataka) than in national polls, and that may be the way to go. It is, after all, winning elections which provides the adrenaline to any party, and can arrest the outflow of leaders.

And who knows, Rahul Gandhi's resignation may unleash processes which starts to dismantle — at least dilute — dynastic structures in other political outfits which have become family fiefs. For along with a Hindu consolidation, it is the rise of the subaltern that Modi represents in 2019, which the Congress and others will have to take note of.

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CARTOONING DOES NOT fall under the category of absurd-art. However, as Kerala celebrates the centenary of the first cartoon in Malayalam this year, the discipline of cartooning is facing an absurd situation. On Wednesday, the Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi, an autonomous body, was asked by the state government to review its decision to award a cartoonist because of objections from a section of the Christian clergy. The cartoon chosen for the award is on a controversial bishop, Franco Mulakkal, who has been accused of rape.

It was the first prime minister of the country who asked Kesava Sankara Pillai alias Sankar, the pioneer of the Indian political cartoon, not to spare him in his work. And Sankar didn't. Sankar's Kerala, where some of the country's major cartoonists were born, has changed. Kerala society has undergone such transformation that a section of the society think they are infallible and above criticism. For instance, the cartoon under attack has only lampooned the accused bishop; the cartoonist has only the person, not the church and its values, in the crosshairs. Besides, the government has no business to ask the autonomous akademi to revisit the three-member jury's decision to award the cartoonist.

JOKE IS ON KERALA

The controversy over a cartoon criticising a bishop reflects a social crisis

All mainstream political parties and the media are scared of annoying any religious or caste formations even on issues of serious concern. Last year, a major campaign by a caste outfit forced a well-established weekly to suspend the publication of an innovative novel that was being serialised. I am apprehensive that Kerala, as a society, is losing its vocabulary to critique. Sociologists, economists and intellectuals, communists and Congressmen, have been idling on a cushion, namely the "Kerala Model" of development, to claim that the state is on par with European societies. This image of an enlightened Kerala is turning out to be a farce. Creative freedom in the state is increasingly under threat and if the trend continues, the Malayalam language and Kerala will cease to be spaces for creative endeavours.

The present controversy is a reflection of a deeper crisis in Kerala. Any refusal to introspect may only deepen the crisis. How is it that a society which prided itself on nurturing art forms such as Chakyar Koothu and Ottan Thullal, in which satire is the dominant idiom, which celebrated writers including Sanjayan, VKN and Vaikkom Muhammad Basheer, and prided in cartoonists like Abu, Kutty and O V Vijayan, became intolerant of criticism?

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The decision of Left Democratic Front government to succumb to the pressures of the Catholic church is deemed to be an outcome of its ringing defeat in the Lok Sabha election. If so, it has failed to read the writing on the wall. The Left government's incapability to understand the nuances of the Sabarimala issue and go in for an unilateral implementation of the Supreme Court order in favour of allowing all women entry into the shrine is said to have caused a major erosion in its votes. The organised Hindu right has already accused the government of having separate yardsticks for different communities.

In short, the cartoon episode has not just flagged the larger issue of Kerala's liberal public space becoming constricted but also about the Left political mainstream allowing itself to be reduced to a clueless spectator in such debates. In the 1970s and in the wake of the Naxalbari rebellion, K G Sankara Pillai, an important voice in modern Malayalam poetry, wrote a seminal poem in which he visualised Kerala tuning in to Bengal for inspiration. It appears the present Kerala Left is seeking an uninspiring parallel in present-day Bengal.

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SOVIET HEAVY WATER

THE SOVIET UNION has informally agreed to supply substantial quantities of heavy water to India for its atomic establishments. This has emerged from the Indo-Soviet talks that concluded in Moscow yesterday. The Soviet Union will also step up supplies of crude oil to India, it is learnt. Available information suggests that India had asked for as much as 205 tonnes of heavy water for its nuclear programme. The Soviet Union is reported to have said that details of heavy water supplies to India can be worked out in the near future. At the talks India also explored the possibility of Soviet crude supplies of about 2.5 million tonnes to 3 million tonnes.

BONUS ISSUES

THE DEPUTY PRIME minister and finance minister, Charan Singh, is strongly opposed to the demand of railwaymen for bonus and has conveyed his views to Prime Minister Morarji Desai. In a long letter addressed to Prime Minister Desai on May 30, the deputy prime minister pointed out that the payment of bonus to railwaymen would lead to similar demands by other departmental employees and involve an additional burden of Rs 600 crore annually. With a deficit budget of Rs 1,375 crore for 1979-80, it would hardly be possible to think of this order of expenditure, which would in no way be productive.

SILENT VALLEY PROJECT

ECOLOGISTS AND OTHERS who have launched a mini-campaign against the Silent Valley hydro-electric project in Kerala are in for frustration. Prime Minister Morarji Desai has taken a firm stand that the project cannot be stalled. Some time ago, he had given a go-ahead to the Kerala government. Desai has made the Centre's stand abundantly clear in a letter to the Janata Party President, Chandra Shekhar, who had drawn the PM's attention to the opposition from ecologists and a section of the press to the clearance of the project. Fears had been expressed that the project will denude the rain forest and endanger the rare flora and fauna of the area.

Too good to be true

Draft National Education Policy addresses key issues in higher education, provides starting point for reform. But like election manifestos, it is merely a statement of intent



SATISH DESHPANDE

WHAT DOES THE new National Education Policy (NEP) have to say about the future of Indian higher education? Before trying to answer this question, it is necessary to spend a moment or two on the roughly 500-page draft of the NEP (henceforth DNEP) that the new government unveiled on the day it took office.

Ever since Kapil Sibal took over as the human resources development (HRD) minister a decade ago, relations between the academic world and successive Union governments have inhabited a triangle defined by morbidity, chaos, and toxicity. For most of this period, there seemed to be no overall policy, only an incoherent plethora of schemes that could be contradictory, overlapping or isolated from each other. Grand Tughlaqian projects predominated, and they tended to assume a clean slate, ignoring the entrenched mess of modalities and institutions already in existence. Abortive attempts to produce a coherent national vision document had only made matters worse.

Against this dismal background, DNEP 2019 appears to offer some hope. It is the first policy document of the past decade that at least looks the part. From the perspective of higher education, its main strength is that it has got its basics right — it appears to have a reasonable understanding of existing problems, and offers a plausible picture of possible solutions that may take us towards a better future. Indeed, the DNEP comes as a refreshing shock to academics long accustomed to policy documents that are rooted in a stubborn denial of basic ground realities.

Beginning with the meaningful decision to drop the delusional techno-speak of “Human Resource Development” and return to “Education” as the name for its parent ministry, the DNEP makes many policy pronouncements that will be widely welcomed in the academic world. The most overarching is the acknowledgement that all education is, and ought to be envisioned as, “liberal” and holistic. There is a strong re-affirmation of the state’s commitment to public education, much needed at a time when privatisation has seemed to be the overriding objective of governments. Also welcome is the explicit assurance that institutional autonomy is not just a polite term for financial abandonment. Finally, the recognition that rampant resort to ad hoc and contractual appointments has crippled higher education and must be stopped immediately will surely bring relief to teachers’ organisations agitating tirelessly on this very issue.

Taken together, the 10 chapters on Higher Education in the DNEP seem to offer a reasonable road map on higher education, preparing the ground for vital discussion and debate on concrete mechanisms and their specifics. The core vision based on a tripartite division of higher education into teaching universities, research universities, and optimally-sized multi-disciplinary undergraduate colleges is sound. The diagnoses and prescriptions for the key areas of governance and regulation are workable as initial starting points, as is the plan to create a National Research Foundation separate from regulatory bodies.



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A surprisingly sensible document in comparison to its immediate predecessors, the DNEP nevertheless provokes two kinds of concerns. The first kind are triggered by what it does not say, or say clearly or strongly enough. It is striking that the crucial topics of equity and inclusion do not rate a separate chapter in Higher Education (though they have one in School Education). The persistence of practices of discrimination and exclusion in the face of legislated access for hitherto excluded groups has been at the forefront of public debate on higher education in recent times. It is deeply disappointing that the DNEP has evaded this issue, with the question of Under-Represented Groups (URGs) making no appearance outside school education.

Caste discrimination has long been an important issue in higher education, and has received intense public attention in recent times, from Rohith Vemula to Payal Tadavi. Moreover, national statistics unambiguously establish that Persons with Disability and Muslims are by far the leading URGs in higher education. It is beyond debate that a national policy is needed to deal with this vital issue, and, sadly, the DNEP’s effective silence must count as cowardice.

The DNEP is also silent (or excessively soft-spoken) on another issue that its own blueprint foregrounds, namely the challenge of protecting public higher educational institutions from undue governmental interference. Even a casual reader will recognise that the proposed institutional framework for higher education — with the National Education Commission chaired by the prime minister at its apex — clearly implies even more governmental control with significantly higher levels of centralisation

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than what is already the case. The DNEP should have included — but does not — a forthright proposal for dealing with this unavoidable problem.

This brings us to the second kind of concerns caused by what the DNEP cannot say. Because it belongs to a peculiar category of potentially powerful yet easily ignorable vision documents, the DNEP cannot tell whether — and to what extent — it will matter. Like the pre-election manifesto promises of political parties, statements of intent in policy can be shrugged off with impunity. Indeed, the DNEP acquires an aura of incongruity precisely because it stands in stark contrast to what governments have done and failed to do in higher education. This is especially true of Modi Raj 1.0, which seemed to have declared war on higher educational institutions across the country.

This incongruity and its uncertainties are magnified by the mixed messages sent to us by the government.

The Kasturirangan Committee responsible for producing the DNEP submitted it to the then Minister for Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar, on 1 December 15, 2018. It was then kept under wraps for six months until it was revealed on May 30, 2019, the very day that the new government took office. Continuity did not seem to matter because it was not Javadekar but Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ who was entrusted with implementing the DNEP. Now the nation awaits the new born DNEP’s janmakundali to reveal its future. But we already know one of its possible epitaphs: It was just too good to be true.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“He is but a pale shadow of the kingmaker who once ruled over vast areas of Karachi and Hyderabad.” — DAWN

The view from Palanpur

The experience of Palanpur offers useful tips to India — importance of education, human capital, vocational training, need for greater connectivity



ECONOMIC GRAFFITI

BY KAUSHIK BASU

PALANPUR, WITH A population of barely 1,255 individuals, clustered in 233 households (2008 data), is a nondescript village in the Bilari Block of Moradabad district, Uttar Pradesh, some 220 kilometers east from Delhi. The residents belong to various caste groups — Thakurs, Muraos, Jatavs — and are pre-dominantly Hindus, though about 10 per cent of the population is Muslim, themselves broken up between two castes — the Telis and Dhobis.

None of this makes Palanpur special. What makes it special is that, despite being such a run-of-the-mill Indian village, Palanpur is such an iconic name. This happened because in 1973, two young British economists, Christopher Bliss and Nicholas Stern, put up a proposal to do a detailed study of the village. From September 1974 they began their research, spending long stretches of time living in the village, somewhat akin to what anthropologists do. This resulted in the publication *Palanpur: The economy of an Indian village* in 1982. I was then living in Delhi and teaching at the Delhi School of Economics and was beginning to get interested in development economics. I read this book with great interest.

Those were the days of exciting work on rural economics. Ashok Rudra and Pranab Bardhan were collecting and analysing data. Amit Bhaduri, Amartya Sen, Joseph Stiglitz, David Newbury and other leading economists were active participants in this research agenda, combining new data with cutting-edge theory to understand the economics of tenancy contracts, rural credit, and agrarian change. There is little surprise that Bliss and Stern’s *Palanpur* became a celebrated book.

The history of this research turned out to be rather different from what anyone had planned. What was meant to be a one-time study, became a saga. Nick Stern returned to Palanpur several times, and the publication last year of *How Lives Change: Palanpur, India, and Development Economics*, by Himanshu, Peter Lanjouw and Nick Stern, has given us a rare panel view of a small economy. The first study of Palanpur was actually done in 1957-58 by the Agricultural Economics Research Center of Delhi University, and recorded in a paper by Nasim Ansari. Going by this, what we have now is a rich record, spread over several decades, of this village economy.

This new book brought back the nostalgia for early development economics, and for the Delhi School of Economics, which stood out as a hub of intellectual activity, with open, critical discourse, that was rare outside of the US and Europe.

How Lives Change is a remarkable book which brings together two qualities seldom seen concurrently — empathy for the subject, in this case the inhabitants of Palanpur, usually found in anthropological writings, and the rigor of statistics and theory, associated with economics.

This new book provides a keen, bird’s eye view of research in rural India, with scholarship and a lightness of touch, rare in economics. Thus we learn about the befuddlement of villagers when Bliss and Stern first arrived in Palanpur in 1974. The question that the inhabitants asked repeatedly was “matlab kya hai?” It was the economist Clive Bell, with earlier field experience in Bihar, who advised Bliss and Stern: “You must convince them that you are mad but harmless.”

What makes this latest book especially valuable is the authors’ use of Palanpur as a testing ground for what has happened all over India, all the way to 2008, with some data even up to 2015. Much has been written about India’s growth trajectory, which picked up sharply after the 1980s. It turns out, this is well reflected in Palanpur. Between 1957 and now, the villagers of Palanpur became 2.4 times richer in terms of real per capita income. From 1957 to 1982 their incomes grew at 1.44 per cent per annum. After the mid 80s, growth picked up and over the next 25 years it grew at 2 per cent per annum.

Caste continues to have a hold but it is fortunately getting weaker, and further, there is mobility. The dominant caste, the Thakurs, have prospered between 1957 and now, but the Telis Muslims have done even better and now have the highest per capita income in Palanpur. The chief source of prosperity is mobility, being connected to the rest of India — both via migration and by the ability to commute.

The experience of Palanpur is used by the authors to offer useful tips to India — the importance of education, human capital and better vocational training, the need for even greater connectivity to towns and cities, since this is often the conduit to growth and prosperity; and finally, the authors draw attention to climate change. With the use of more sophisticated harvesting technology, there is a risk that the region in and around Palanpur will take to large-scale stubble burning, which is happening currently in Punjab and Haryana and casting a shroud over Delhi. India needs planning and public policy to avoid this looming crisis. Despite all this, the book ends on an optimistic note, celebrating India’s remarkable growth story.

To close on an end note, while India’s economy has been transformed, it is important to record that villagers too have changed from the time when Bliss and Stern first met them in Palanpur. It is rumored that villagers have now seen so many researchers that when they see a new one with a questionnaire, some have been known to ask if it’s for a Master’s thesis or a PhD. They will accordingly make the answer short or long.

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Khan Market gang’s blinkers

They couldn’t spot the India which sees dynasts as obstruction to its dreams



JAYA JAITLEY

KHAN MARKET CHANGED after the aura of “refugee spaces” wore off. Nearby markets such as Meherchand Market, Lodhi Colony Market and Khanna Market in New Delhi catered to different groups of refugees but were all housed within a radius of 2-3 kilometers from the other by Meherchand Khanna, the Union minister looking after refugee rehabilitation after Partition. What has become the upwardly mobile Meherchand Market used to be largely for tailors whose claim to fame was the ability to turn frayed suits inside out to make them look new.

Khan market was affordable for the likes of us teenage girls who, in the 1960s would bicycle there for a low-cost ice cream. It became inaccessible after globalisation brought in foreign brands and elite businesses. It became a VIP area, with Levis taking over Bengal Sweets — and depriving us of gol gappas — and expensive spa products replacing the familiar chemist who knew what your shampoo preferences and monthly quota of medicines were. And with this change, the political and bureaucratic elite took over, joined in good numbers by the intellectual elite seminarists of the India International Centre and the India Habitat Centre. All these layers of VIPs knew each other and strutted around as if they owned the place. These privileged ones, including dynasts of various fam-

ilies, also frequented Taj Mansingh and Oberoi Hotels, and could be seen playing golf or wine and dining with businessmen or media honchos at these familiar watering holes where, cocooned in the warmth of mutual support and quid pro quos, they lived off the comfort of their closely held “Idea of India”.

Consequent to the general election results of 2019, these pleasure lovers are waking up to a different tune. Dynasty *per se* did not seem to be a problem till 2019, but Narendra Modi, who exclusively controlled the discourse during campaigning both in 2014 and 2019, cleverly ensured that aspiration and entitlement for the voter, particularly the youth, came wrapped in contempt for entitled dynasts. It wasn’t hard for the voter to see that all the opposition parties — the Congress, SP, Telugu Desam, JD(S), RJD, DMK, NCP, INLD, PDP and NC, the nephews in TMC and BSP — were all fully bloomed or emerging dynasties tightly controlled by the head of the party.

Congress dynasty defenders point out to father and son situations on the side of the NDA formation. However, so far these are only two-generational whereas the Congress starts from the first prime minister and let go of the Nehru-Gandhis only twice. Congress even showed the first signs of inducting the next generation at a later date, unless them being on the platform in UP was

just a bit of “campaign tourism for kids” and not indoctrination.

Those who had controlled the narrative for so long reluctantly gave the BJP less than a majority, hoping for success of those foolish flurries of optic solidarity raised by the handholding of the Opposition on campaign platforms that did not extend to alliances — Chandrababu Naidu, Mamata Banerjee, Mayawati, Rahul Gandhi and even Arvind Kejriwal all periodically claiming to mobilise components of the Opposition. They planned a meeting in Delhi a day before the results to discuss their coalition. Yet, across Karnataka, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Bihar and UP, Madhya Pradesh and other states voters could see that there was no consolidated opposition leader offered as an alternative who had the maturity, experience, decisiveness, oratory, charisma and most importantly, the ability to handle contending interests among themselves and across the country.

The Khan Market gang even started writing articles on the greater value of coalitions, and refused to see that the voter of aspirational India knew how short lived, fragile and contentious coalitions had been — the NDA 1 coalition being different because the top leadership of the BJP had a perfect understanding of how it had to work. Thinking citizens who were largely apolitical but nevertheless lifetime Congress voters wanted stability this

time, said so quietly, and voted for Modi.

Narendra Modi is the catalyst who set off the remarkable transformation that was happening in the questioning minds of aspirational India. They too wanted entitlement of their own kind — to legislatures, to better facilities, health and living conditions and tools to access to a larger world. If a dynast in the campaign constantly messages that after my great grandfather, my grandmother, then my father and now I alone can be the prime minister, the manual labourer’s son will contrarily say, “I will not dig dirt; I want to become something better, like a *chai-wala* was able to.” Artisans and domestic workers are actually sending their children to study subjects like engineering, architecture, fashion design and law or making them entrepreneurs of small businesses. They do not want to face entitled obstructionists who use influence to get ahead.

Whether the accurate prediction before the results of 303 seats by Modi, Amit Shah and Piyush Goyal at different times stemmed from a realisation that the Khan Market arguments had lost their hold — among the many other factors in their favour — we may not know but entitlement was certainly turned on its head across the long campaign.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APATHY PREVALENT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘What lies beneath’ (IE, June 13). It comes as no surprise that government institutions toe the line for corporates. Those in power show complete apathy to tribals. The tangled equation between mineral wealth governance and tribal rights calls for an urgent solution.

Prakhar Agarwal, Hyderabad

CAREFUL, PM KHAN

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Terms of engagement’ (IE, June 13). For his own sake, Imran Khan, should not be too eager to talk with India. In the past, whoever from the Pakistani side — Benazir Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif and even Perverz Musharraf — has tried to mend fences with India, has been deposed by the “permanent establishment” in Pakistan. Or talks were forced to be abandoned due to a major terrorist attack on India.

R C Goyal, Ambala.

ELITE CABAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Bureaucracy reboot’ (IE, June 13). According to reports, JNU will award Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and former Foreign Secretary S Shankar Menon its first award for distinguished alumni. Such instances amply foreshadow coming events. How will we know that the proposed lateral entry of 400 private sector specialists for posts from deputy secretary upwards will not be “jobs for the boys”? These two developments may be unrelated but they

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do indicate the government’s mindset. Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

BETTER STATE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Welfare policy and Modi 2.0’ (IE, June 11). For better outcomes, we have to overcome many lapses. It is important for the government to make people financially literate, bring in better technological architecture and recognise the importance of cooperative federalism.

Arshpreet S Eknoor, Fazilka



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FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

63°C CLAIM FROM KUWAIT: IS IT REALLY A WORLD RECORD?



Afternoon nap in Prayagraj, UP, on Thursday. AP

the Arizona State University website, the highest ever temperature for Asia is listed as "currently under investigation".

For India, the record is 51°C, witnessed in Phalodi, Rajasthan, on May 19, 2016. This is mentioned in various documents of the India Meteorological Department as well as the WMO.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

What Moon can hold for India

ISRO has announced a series of plans include a space station, human space flight, and the Moon landing mission next month. What will Chandrayaan-2 seek to achieve that Chandrayaan-1 could not?

AMITABH SINHA

PUNE, JUNE 13

A DAY after it announced the launch date for the Chandrayaan-2 mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said on Thursday it intended to build a permanent station in space in the next five to seven years. It seems to be a logical step forward, after the exploratory missions to the Moon (Chandrayaan -1) and Mars (Mangalyaan), the upcoming Lander and Rover mission to Moon (Chandrayaan-2), the declared human space flight before 2022 (Gaganyaan), and a possible, still undeclared, human mission to the Moon sometime later.

With these missions, ISRO has also been signalling a distinct change in its priorities — henceforth, it would be an agency engaged mainly in space and inter-planetary exploration, while other ventures like commercial satellite launches would only be secondary activities. Much would, however, depend on the success of Chandrayaan-2 and Gaganyaan.

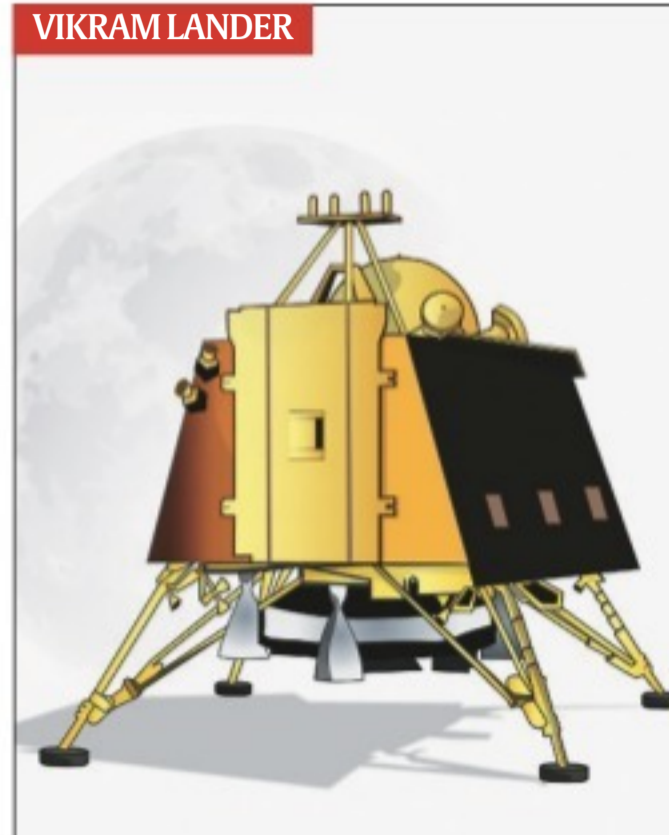
Chandrayaan-2

ISRO has now said Chandrayaan-2 will be launched on July 15, and its lander and rover would touch down on the moon's surface on September 6.

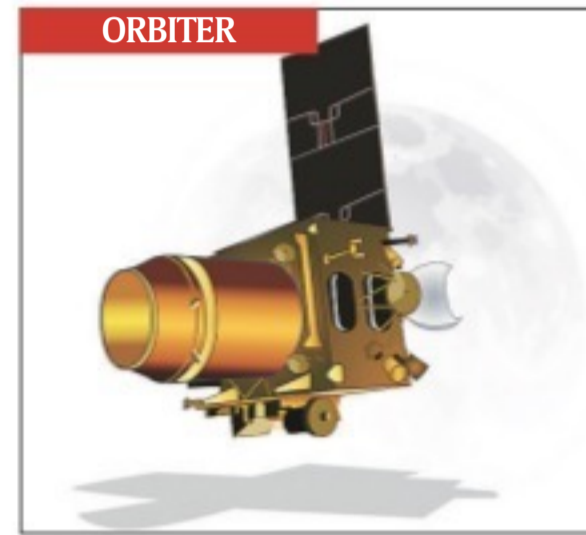
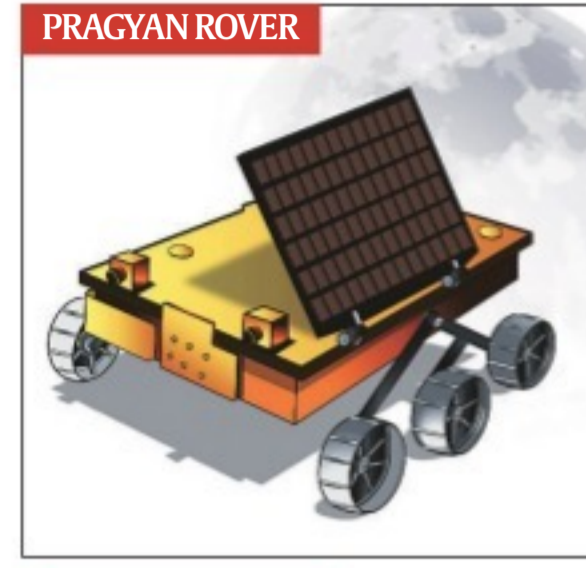
A natural sequel to Chandrayaan-1, an Orbiter mission launched in October 2008, Chandrayaan-2 has taken a long way coming. It was originally scheduled to be launched in 2012, but at that time the lander module was supposed to come from Russian space agency Roskosmos. The Russians, however, withdrew after their similarly designed lander for another mission developed problems in 2011. That left it on ISRO to design, develop and build the lander on its own, which has taken a few years.

Now, it is expected to produce much more science than Chandrayaan-1 could. Chandrayaan-1, ISRO's first exploratory mission to moon, was designed to just orbit the Moon and make observations with instruments on board. The closest the spacecraft came was in an orbit 100 km from the Moon surface.

For largely symbolic reasons, though, the Chandrayaan-1 mission did send one of its instruments, called Moon Impact Probe, or MIP, a 35-kg cube-shaped module with the



Orbiter will observe lunar surface and relay communication between Earth and the Lander, named Vikram. The Rover is a 6-wheeled, AI-powered vehicle named Pragyan. ISRO



Indian tricolour on all its sides, to crash-land on the Moon's surface. ISRO later claimed data sent by MIP on its way to the Moon had shown evidence of presence of water, but it could not publish those findings because of anomalies in calibration.

The confirmation for water had come through studies on data produced by another instrument onboard the Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft, the M3 or Moon Mineralogy Mapper, that had been put by NASA.

Chandrayaan-2 consists of an Orbiter, Lander and Rover, all equipped with scientific instruments to study the moon. The Orbiter will once again orbit from 100 km away, while the Lander and Rover modules will separate and make a soft-landing on the surface. ISRO has named the Lander module Vikram, after Vikram Sarabhai, and the Rover module Pragyan, meaning wisdom.

The Lander

The Lander is the distinguishing feature. It is the first time that ISRO is attempting to soft-land a module in extra-terrestrial space. The main challenge is in controlling its speed as it approaches the surface. Once the Lander

and the Rover, enter the Moon's gravity, they would be in a state of free fall. That could end in crash-landing and destruction of instrument; because of lack of air to provide drag, these instruments cannot make use of parachute-like technologies. Instead, the Lander fires thrusters in the opposite direction to slow down. To enable a smooth landing, the speed of the Lander just ahead of touchdown should be 1 m/s (3.6 km/h) or less.

Once on the Moon, the Rover, a six-wheeled solar-powered vehicle, will detach itself and slowly crawl on the surface, making observations and collecting data. It will be equipped with two instruments, and its primary objective will be to study the composition of the surface near the lunar landing site, and determine its abundance of various elements.

The 1471-kg Lander, which will remain stationary after touching down, will carry three instruments that will mainly study the moon's atmosphere. One of these will also look out for seismic activity.

While the Lander and Rover are designed to work for only 14 days (1 lunar day), the Orbiter, a 2,379-kg spacecraft with seven in-

struments on board, would remain in orbit for a year. It is equipped with different kinds of camera to take create high-resolution three-dimensional maps of the surface. It also has instruments to study the mineral composition on moon and the lunar atmosphere, and also to assess the abundance of water.

Uncharted territory

With Chandrayaan-2, India will become only the fourth country to land a spacecraft on Moon. So far, all landings, human as well as non-human, have been in areas close to the Moon's equator. That was mainly because this area receives more sunlight, which is required by solar-powered instruments. In January this year, China landed a lander and rover on the Moon's far side (not facing the Earth). This was the first time any landing had taken place on that side. The Chinese mission, Chang'e 4, was designed to function for three lunar days but has already entered its fifth lunar night.

Chandrayaan-2 will make a landing at a site where no earlier mission has gone, near the south pole of the Moon. The unexplored territory offers an opportunity for the mission to discover something new. Incidentally, the crash-landing of the MIP from Chandrayaan-1 had happened in the same region of the Moon.

The south pole of the Moon holds possibility of presence of water. In addition, this area is also supposed to have ancient rocks and craters that can offer indications of history of the Moon, and also contain clues to the fossil records of early solar system.

Space Station

ISRO has not announced any date for establishing a space station. And that is because it would crucially depend on the success of Gaganyaan which will demonstrate the agency's capability to send astronauts and bring them back safely. Until a human space flight becomes successful, the space station would be meaningless.

As of now, only NASA's International Space Station is operational. Before that, the Mir station built by the erstwhile Soviet Union was the only such facility available. China is the only other country to have a space station programme, and it has tested out technologies through two Tiangong spacecraft. It is not yet ready to support habitation for astronauts.

GLOBAL WEATHER & CLIMATE EXTREMES

World characteristic	Value	Date	Site
Highest temperature	56.7°C	July 10, 1913	Furnace Creek, California
Lowest temperature	-89.2°C	July 21, 1983	Vostok, Antarctica
Highest 24-hr rainfall	1.825 m	January 7-8/1	Foc-Foc, La Réunion
Highest 48-hr rainfall	2.493 m	June 15-16, 1995	Cherrapunji, Meghalaya
Highest 12-month rainfall	26.47 m	August 1860 - July 1861	Cherrapunji, India
Heaviest hailstone	1.02kg	April 14, 1986	Gopalganj, Bangladesh
Longest dry period	172 months	Oct 1903 - Jan 1918	Arica, Chile
Highest cyclone mortality	3 lakh deaths	Nov 12-13, 1970	Coastal Bangladesh
Highest tornado mortality	1,300 deaths	April 26, 1989	Manikganj, Bangladesh
Highest hailstorm mortality	246 deaths	April 20, 1888	Moradabad, UP

Source: World Meteorological Organization via Arizona State University

TIP FOR READING LIST

WHEN THE BRITISH APPEASED HITLER

IN 1938, the British PM Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned from a visit to Adolf Hitler and claimed it had averted the greatest crisis in recent memory. Less than a year later, Germany invaded Poland and the Second World War began. "The desire to avoid a Second World War was perhaps the most understandable and universal wish in history," British journalist Tim Bouverie writes in his new book.



Appeasement: Chamberlain, Hitler, Churchill, and the Road to War is a history of the years of indecision, failed diplomacy and parliamentary infighting that enabled Hitler's domination of Europe. It is a portrait of the ministers, aristocrats and diplomats and their actions and inaction. The British believed that Nazism had flourished because of frustration with the Treaty of Versailles. The Allies, therefore, believed that they "could appease" it by redressing the grievances on which it had prospered."

the new German chancellor, he appeared so ridiculous that many considered him harmless. *Appeasement* begins with the advent of Hitler in 1933, and travels from the early days of the Third Reich to the beaches of Dunkirk.

"Bouverie's chronological narrative conveys how appeasement transformed over the years: from a reactive, fearful policy to an enthusiastic, idealistic project to what can only be deemed a strenuous exercise in willful denial," *The New York Times* writes in its review.

"Bouverie makes clear that the appeasement policies of the 1930s were a spectacular failure, strategically and morally. But even when Hitler's insatiability became obvious, the right response for the British and the French wasn't necessarily obvious still. "It was a dilemma between honour and the horrors of a war that they were by no means certain they could win." *The NYT* adds.

SUSHANT SINGH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE FINANCIAL Action Task Force (FATF) will hold its Plenary and Working Group meeting in Orlando, Florida, from Sunday onward. The FATF, an inter-governmental body that is now in its 30th year, works to "set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system". The June 16-21 Plenary could take up a proposal to downgrade Pakistan to the blacklist on terrorist financing from its current "greylisted" status.

What Pak committed

Pakistan has been under the FATF's scanner since last June, when it was put on the greylist for terror financing and money laundering risks, after an assessment of its financial system and law enforcement mechanisms. FATF and its partners such as the Asia Pacific Group (APG) review Pakistan's processes, systems, and weaknesses on the basis of a standard matrix for anti-money laundering (AML) and combating the financing of terrorism (CFT) regime.

In June 2018, Pakistan gave a high-level political commitment to work with the FATF

and APG to strengthen its AML/CFT regime, and to address its strategic counter-terrorism financing-related deficiencies. Based on this commitment, Pakistan and the FATF agreed on the monitoring of 27 indicators under a 10-point action plan, with deadlines. Successful implementation of the action plan and its physical verification by the APG will lead the FATF to move Pakistan out of the greylist; failure by Pakistan will result in its blacklisting by September 2019.

In a statement, the FATF said in February: "Given the limited progress on action plan items due in January 2019, the FATF urges Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan, particularly those with timelines of May 2019."

Last month, at a meeting in Guangzhou, China, Pakistan presented its progress on the 27 indicators in a meeting with the Joint Group of the APG. India is co-chair of the Joint Group.

Last week, the Joint Group informed Islamabad that its compliance on 18 of the 27 indicators was unsatisfactory, and asked it to do more to demonstrate strict action against eight terrorist groups, and in combating money laundering.

If Pak is blacklisted

The formal announcement will be made at the FATF Plenary scheduled in Paris from October 13-18, but the decision will be made in the forthcoming FATF Plenary in Orlando,

where such a proposal could be moved. It is theoretically possible that Pakistan is moved out of the greylist. But that would require the votes of at least 15 of the FATF's 36 voting members. At least three votes would be needed to block a move to blacklist Pakistan.

The 36 countries include mostly developed Western nations, but also China, Hong Kong (China), Malaysia, and Turkey. Pakistan will make a diplomatic push to thwart blacklisting. It claims it has done enough on the action plan, banning Hafiz Saeed's Jamaat-ud-Dawa and Masood Azhar's Jaish-e-Mohammed, and taking over their properties.

The FATF has agreed that there have been improvements in the AML/CFT regime and the integrated database for currency declaration arrangements. But it has also said that Pakistan must demonstrate that terror financing prosecutions result in effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions, enhancing the capacity and support for prosecutors and the judiciary.

It must show effective implementation of targeted financial sanctions (supported by a comprehensive legal obligation) against all terrorists designated under UN Security Council Resolutions 1267 and 1373, and those acting for or on their behalf, including preventing the raising and moving of funds, identifying and freezing movable and immovable assets, and prohibiting access to funds and financial services.

The FATF highlighted contradictory situations and poor coordination among stakeholders; the APG identified lack of cooperation among law enforcement agencies at various tiers of Pakistan's government, and expressed serious reservations over insufficient physical action against proscribed organisations to block the flow of funds.

Where India comes in

India is a voting member of the FATF and APG, and co-chair of the Joint Group where it is represented by the Director General of India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU). Pakistan had asked for India's removal from the group, citing bias and motivated action, but that demand has been rejected.

India was not part of the group that moved the resolution to greylist Pakistan last year in Paris. The movers were the US, UK, France, and Germany; China did not oppose.

Why FATF action matters

Pakistan faces an estimated annual loss of \$10 billion if it stays in the greylist; if blacklisted, its already fragile economy will be dealt a powerful blow.

Pakistan's \$6 billion loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) could be threatened. The IMF has asked Pakistan to show commitment against money laundering and terror financing.

Nearly 9 in 10 talukas hit by drought, 2/3rds of irrigation tanks run dry

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, JUNE 13

How severe is the drought in Karnataka?

Of 176 talukas, 156 have been listed as drought-hit following the failure of the northeast monsoon between October and December 2018. Of these, 107 talukas have been listed as having severe drought conditions and 49 under moderate drought conditions by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

The economic survey of the state for 2018-19 has projected "a negative growth of 4.8 percent in the agricultural sector because of the drought situation prevailing due to scarcity of rain".



NOT A DROP
PART 3
Karnataka

How has rainfall been like?

Weak monsoon rainfall over the last three years had already created drought-like conditions in much of Northern Karnataka before the weak northeast monsoon. Southern Karnataka, which relies heavily on the south-west monsoon, is better placed with water resources.

In 2018, North Interior Karnataka received 531.5 mm rainfall, which was 28% below the normal of 740.3 mm.

Rainfall was slightly more than normal in South Interior Karnataka (2%) and Coastal Karnataka (1%), according to India Meteorological Department (IMD) data.

Between June 1 and June 10 this year, 18 of the 30 districts received 20% above normal rainfall, and two districts received normal rainfall. The remaining 10 districts have received the scanty or deficient rainfall. Varying amounts of rainfall are predicted for each of these regions this week.

How much water is stored in reservoirs?

Irrigation tanks in 11 districts — Bidar, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Vijayapura, Yadgir, Belagavi, Bagalkot, Koppal, Chitradurga, Gadag and Haveri — have dried up, KSNDMC data show. As of June 10, eight of 13 reservoirs are at levels lower than their average over 15 years. Of 3,611 minor irrigation tanks, just 1% have water that is more than half their capacity, 31% are at 20-50% while 68% are dry.

What measures has the government taken to combat the situation?

The state government has created multiple Cabinet sub-committees to address the situation. "Action has been taken to ensure availability of fodder for cattle and drinking water for people. Grants have been released to the Deputy Commissioners under SDRF (State Drought Relief Fund) for relief work," Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said recently. A grant of Rs 300 crore has been created for zila panchayats and urban local bodies for relief opera-



11 DISTRICTS (mapped) have irrigation tanks running dry; statewide, 68% of tanks are dry.

156 TALUKAS out of 176 declared drought-affected.

tions wherever these cannot be taken up with NDRF and SDRF funds, state officials said. Relief work involves drinking water supply with tankers. The state has also appealed to the Centre for a grant of Rs 2,500 crore; Rs 950 crore has been allotted.

Is there a drinking water crisis in the capital Bengaluru?

Last year, a report by the BBC listed Bengaluru at second place, behind São Paulo, among 11 cities where per capita water supply would fall below 50 litres per day. Current supply averages around 65 litres per capita per day, while civic authorities aim to provide around 150 litres per day to every household. The city requires 1,400 million litres per day, and gets 1,250 MLD.

Better planned areas receive more water while poorer areas on the periphery receive only 40-45 litres per day at present. Outlying areas are entirely dependent on private water tankers. Due to depletion of groundwater, even borewells are running dry.

Water supply to Bengaluru depends on the Cauvery river, 100 km away, and the monsoon. A new Cauvery water scheme (stage five) being implemented with Japanese funding will provide all areas regular access to drinking water, according to the Bangalore Water Supply Board.

Is there a long-term solution to the drinking water crisis?

One possibility is conservation of forests like the Western Ghats, where rivers such as the Cauvery originate, so as to mitigate the effects of climate change. The failure to protect the Western Ghats, and the unabated deforestation in the catchment of rivers like the Cauvery, have impacted rainfall patterns and reduced water flows. Professor Krishna Raj from the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) wrote in a paper titled 'Understanding India's Water Balance in a Globalized Economy'.

MEANWHILE

DON'T DRINK AND DRONE: JAPANESE MPs

People in Japan operating drones under the influence of alcohol could face up to a year in prison under new laws passed Thursday that aim to control the increasingly popular devices. Drunkenly flying a drone weighing more than 200 grams could also result in a fine of up to 300,000 yen (\$2,750), after Parliament passed the new laws following a string of accidents.

TOP OF THE WORLD



USA

Trump says he would 'want to hear' foreign dirt on his rivals

Washington: President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he would see nothing wrong in accepting damaging information on a US political opponent if it were offered to his re-election campaign by a foreign government. Asked in an interview with ABC News if he would accept the information or alert the FBI, Trump said: "I think maybe you do both. I think you might want to listen, there's nothing wrong with listening." "If somebody called from a country, Norway, 'we have information on your opponent' - oh, I think I'd want to hear it," Trump said.

UGANDA

2nd Ebola death after outbreak crosses border

Kampala: A second person infected with the Ebola virus has died in Uganda, the health ministry said Thursday, after a family exposed to the disease quietly crossed the border from Congo. The first cross-border cases in this Ebola outbreak - the second deadliest in history - have prompted a World Health Organisation expert committee to meet on Friday to discuss whether to declare a global health emergency. Such declarations almost always boost attention and donor funding.

KAZAKHSTAN

Nearly 1,000 detained over protests

Nur-Sultan: Kazakh authorities said on Thursday they had detained nearly 1,000 people for taking part in protests over last weekend's presidential election that was won by veteran leader Nursultan Nazarbayev's hand-picked successor. The biggest wave of public protests in years has become the first challenge for President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev as he takes over the oil-rich nation of 18 million. Fears of violent clashes brought life to a standstill in Almaty, Kazakhstan's biggest city, on Wednesday, when the latest protest took place. The protesters accuse the government of running a staged vote.

ECUADOR

Highest court approves gay marriage

Quito: Ecuador's highest court on Wednesday approved same-sex marriage in a landmark ruling in the traditionally Catholic and conservative South American country. The Constitutional Court said same-sex marriage had been approved in a five-to-four vote of its nine judges in a closed hearing. Ecuador, where the church is very influential, thus joins Argentina, Brazil and Colombia in recognizing same-sex marriage. The four dissenting judges argued that in order to recognise same-sex marriage, constitutional reform would have to be debated in the National Assembly.



An oil tanker on fire in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday. AP

Amid US-Iran tensions, 2 tankers targeted near Strait of Hormuz

Iran says timing of attack, which comes amid Japan PM's peace mission to Tehran, is suspicious

AGENCIES
DUBAI, JUNE 13

TWO OIL tankers near the strategic Strait of Hormuz were damaged in suspected attacks on Thursday, an assault that left one ablaze and adrift as sailors were evacuated from both vessels and the US Navy rushed to assist amid heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran.

The Navy and the ship's owners offered no immediate explanation on what weapon caused the damage to the vessels in the Gulf of Oman off the coast of Iran, though all believed the ships had been targeted in an attack. The Norwegian Maritime Authority said three explosions were reported on board the Norwegian-owned tanker *Front Altair* after it was "attacked" along with the Japanese-owned *Kokuka Courageous*.

It marks the latest mysteri-



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei meets with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tehran. Reuters

■ A statement published by Khamenei's website after Abe's meeting on Thursday with the Supreme Leader suggested a tense exchange between the two.

■ "We have no doubt about your good will and seriousness, but... I don't regard (President Donald) Trump as deserving any exchange of messages," Khamenei reportedly told Abe.

ous incident to target the region's oil tankers. The US alleged that Iran used limpet mines to

attack four oil tankers off the nearby Emirati port of Fujairah last month. Iran has denied be-



ing involved, but it comes as Iranian-backed rebels in Yemen also have launched missile and drone attacks on Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile in Iran, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned that while Tehran doesn't seek nuclear weapons, "America could not do anything" to stop Iran if it did.

The comments came during a one-on-one meeting capping Japanese PM Shinzo Abe's high-stakes visit in Tehran that sought to ease Iran-US tensions, suggested the efforts had failed.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said

Thursday the attacks on the tankers off the Iranian coast just as Abe held Tehran talks was more than suspicious.

"Reported attacks on Japan-related tankers occurred while PM @AbeShinzo was meeting with Ayatollah @khamenei_ir for extensive and friendly talks. Suspicious doesn't begin to describe what likely transpired this morning," Zarif tweeted.

The timing of Thursday's suspected attack was especially sensitive as Abe's high-stakes diplomacy mission was underway in Iran. Japan's Trade Ministry said the two vessels had "Japan-related cargo."

The UN Security Council is to hold a closed-door meeting at the request of the United States to discuss the suspected attacks.

Footage aired on television showed thick, black plumes of smoke and flames billowing from one of the tankers as it lay out to sea.

Johnson far ahead in 1st stage of contest to replace Britain's PM

REUTERS
LONDON, JUNE 13

BORIS JOHNSON, who has pledged to deliver Brexit on October 31, surged closer to power on Thursday, winning by far the most support from Conservative lawmakers in the first round of the contest to replace Prime Minister Theresa May.

Three years since voting 52%-48% to leave the European Union, the United Kingdom is heading towards a possible crisis over Brexit as most of the candidates vying to succeed May are prepared to leave on Oct 31 without a deal.

While Parliament has indicated it will try to stop a no-deal Brexit, which investors warn would hurt financial markets and the world economy, some of those running say it may be the only way for Britain to leave the bloc without further delay.

Johnson, the face of the official campaign to leave the European Union in the 2016 referendum, won the support of 114 Conservative lawmakers in the first round of the contest to replace May. A total of 313 lawmakers voted. "Thank you to my friends and colleagues in the Conservative & Unionist Party for your support," Johnson tweeted.



EXPLAINED

First phase of a long battle

BORIS JOHNSON got the most votes from Conservative MPs in the first stage of the party's leadership race, which will decide the next UK PM. Three of the 10 candidates have been eliminated, and in the next phase of voting, all those who get less than 33 votes will be eliminated. If all candidates get more than 33, everyone except the one with the fewest votes will go through to the next round. This process will continue until only two remain. The leader will then be elected by postal ballot by all members of the Conservative Party.

UK govt nod for extradition of Assange, but courts to decide

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, JUNE 13

UK HOME Secretary Sajid Javid confirmed Thursday that he has signed an order following a request from the US government to extradite Wikileaks co-founder Julian Assange to face charges of computer hacking in the United States.

The senior Pakistani-origin minister said the decision now lay with the UK courts to analyse if the case meets all the tests required for Assange's extradition to the US.

"He's rightly behind bars. There's an extradition request from the US that is before the courts tomorrow (Friday) but yesterday, I signed the extradition order and certified it and that will be going in front of the courts tomorrow," Javid told the BBC.

"It is a decision ultimately for the courts, but there is a very important part of it for the home secretary and I want to see justice done at all times and we've got a legitimate extradition request, so I've signed it, but the final decision is now with the courts," he added. PTI

US govt watchdog recommends top White House aide be fired

Conway's political statements violate law, says agency

KEVIN FREIKING & DARLENE SUPERVILLE
WASHINGTON, JUNE 13

A FEDERAL watchdog agency recommended Thursday that President Donald Trump fire one of his most ardent defenders, counsellor Kellyanne Conway, for repeatedly violating a law that limits political activity by government workers.

The US Office of Special Counsel, which is unrelated to special counsel Robert Mueller's office, said in a letter to Trump that Conway has been a "repeat offender" of the Hatch Act by disparaging Democratic presidential candidates while speaking in her official capacity during television



Kellyanne Conway is one of Trump's staunchest allies. Reuters

interviews and on social media.

Trump and Vice President Mike Pence are exempt from the Hatch Act, but there are no exceptions for White House employees.

The agency does not have authority to fire Conway, who was appointed counsellor by Trump, so it would up to the President to follow its recommendation and dismiss one of his most unwavering defenders.

The agency said: "Ms Conway's violations, if left unpunished, would send a message to all federal employees that they need not abide by the Hatch Act's restrictions. Her actions thus erode the principal foundation of our democratic system - the rule of law."

Conway told reporters who encountered her in the White House press office, "I have no reaction." AP



MEMPHIS TENSE AFTER COPS SHOOT MAN

Armed officers and an angry crowd faced off after a black Tennessee man was fatally shot by US Marshals in a working-class Memphis neighbourhood. People in the crowd threw rocks and bricks, with 25 officers suffering mostly minor injuries during the tense clash Wednesday night in the Frayser community in north Memphis. AP

Controversial Bills: Following protests, Nepal govt shows signs of retreat

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, JUNE 13

THE NEPAL government showed signs of some flexibility on two controversial Bills - one that has angered the media as well as free speech advocates, and the other that has attracted the ire of religious and traditional institutions - following a series of protests in the capital for the past one week.

One of the Bills seeks to replace the existing Press Council with a media council led by a government-appointed chief, who would have sweeping powers to impose fines up to Rs 1 million on editors, reporters or publishers if they are found guilty of defamation.

In the absence of Prime Minister K P Oli, who is away in Europe, Deputy Prime Minister Ishwar Pokharel, along with other top officials, held a meeting with over two dozen editors to hear their views on the matter. Most of the editors spoke against the Bill. After this, Pokharel said the government was committed to press freedom and indicated that the Bill, which is under consideration of Parliament, may be altered.

The other controversial Bill, known as the 'Guthi Bill', seeks to amend the law governing religious and private trusts in order to bring their property and management under a government-controlled authority.

The Bill has provoked members of around 80 Guthis, or social organisations, to hold daily protests in Kathmandu for the past week.

Janakral Joshi, spokesperson for the Ministry of Land Management, said the government was willing to listen to stakeholders. Land Reforms Minister Padma Aryal also held a meeting with an action committee of the trusts Wednesday night.

HIDDEN FIGURES WAY NAMED IN HONOUR OF KATHERINE JOHNSON, DOROTHY VAUGHAN & MARY JACKSON

NASA names street for 'hidden' black women mathematicians

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 13

NASA HAS renamed the street outside its Washington headquarters to three black female mathematicians whose pioneering work on the agency's early space programme was chronicled in the film *Hidden Figures*.

Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson provided pivotal contributions to space flight research from the 1940s through to the 1960s, when the United States first sent men to orbit and then walk on the Moon.

Despite their achievements, all three had to confront the racial segregation of the era. They were among dozens of African-Americans, both male



NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine unveils the "Hidden Figures Way" street sign. It honours Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan who provided pivotal contributions to space flight research from the 1940s through to the 1960s. NASA

and female, who worked as mathematicians and physicists for the US space programme, even as they were forced to use separate bathrooms from whites, and were barred from

the same restaurants and schools frequented by whites.

The trio's work was largely forgotten until they were profiled in the book *Hidden Figures* decades later by author Margot



Lee Shetterly, later adapted into the 2016 blockbuster of the same name. Shetterly said the decision to ordain Hidden Figures Way honoured "the contributions of unseen individuals who were

there at the beginning of the story, and whose persistence and courage have delivered us to where we are today."

"These female mathematicians were doing the heavy lift-

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Ramveer, S/o Sh.Lila Singh, H.No.197, Gali.No.2, Loni-Ghaziabad, U.P., informs that Rameer Singh and Rameer Singh are same and one person. 0040499034-10

In my husband's service records and my pension records under pension number 6352328, my name has been wrongly mentioned as Agra Begum instead of Hajra Begum, as mentioned in KRP of Sheet Roll with NE Pt.II. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. Hajra Begum W/O Late Sep Mohd Akbar Khan R/O Halmatpora, Tehsil/ District Kupwara. 0020387200-1

I, Ruchika Kakar W/O Rakesh Mahna R/O-29-D, Gh-10, Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087. Changed My Name To Ruchika Mahna. 0040499188-1

I, Prabha Iyer D/O- Pariyarthamatom Krishna Subramanian Iyer R/O of H-434, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028 in my Passport my Father name is Wrongly Written as Pariyarthamatom Krishna Subramanian Iyer And in Pan Card My Father Name is Wrongly Written as Periarathu Madom Krishna Subramanian Iyer But Correct And Actual Name of My Father is Pariyarthamatom Krishna Subramanian Iyer. 0040499188-10

I, Vinny, daughter of Pritpal Singh Bhatia, resident of B2A-115 Ground Floor Janakpuri, New Delhi 110058 have changed my name from Vinny to Vinny Bhatia for all purposes. 0040499116-1

I, Vinay Kumar s/o Hanuman Prasad Pandey r/o F-18/9A, Madhuban Bapudham, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201013, have changed my name to Vinay Pandey. 0040499092-1

I, Vikas Khatri S/O Rakesh Khatri R/O H.No.85, Shahpur Garhi, Narela, Delhi-110040. Have Changed My Name To Vikash Khatri. 0040499185-6

I, Vidhi Puri D/O Late Vinod Kumar Puri W/o Iqbal Ahmed Permanent Residing H.N.-C-123, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095, presently residing at Saita Mooratganj, Bhardwari Kasiya, Kaushambi-212201, has change my name to Sumera Iqbal Ahmed. 0040499179-2

I, Vicky Kumar @Vickey Kumar Gupta @Vicky Kumar S/o, Shyam Lal Gupta R/O-A-133/A-F, Suryanagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011. Have changed my name to Vicky Gupta. 0040499188-7

I, Veena Kumari W/O Ghanshyam Dass Goel R/O-Kh.No.64/39, Hari-Enclave, Alipur, Delhi-36, Changed My Name To Veena Goel. 0040499185-1

I, Usha W/O Narendar Thawani, R/O-C-606, Kenwood Tower, Charmwood-Village, Sarajkund, Faridabad, Haryana-121009. Changed My Name To Usha Thawani. 0040499242-10

I, Upkar Goel S/O Hulas Ray Goel R/O C/23/68, Gali.No-11, Vishwas-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Changed My Name To Upkar Goyal. 0040499242-2

I, Umed Singh S/O Chauhan Singh, R/O-68-D, Pkt-E, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095. Changed My Name To Umed Singh Negi. 0040499242-5

I, Sidhant Kumar Sharma S/O Suneet Kumar Sharma R/O-C-30, Second-Floor, Parsvnath-Paradise, J.P.Garden, Mohan-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201007. Have Changed My Name To Sidhant Sharma. 0040499162-11

I, Rajjini Kant Sharma S/O Chandra Kant Sharma R/O-807B, Gulmohar Greens, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Rajni Kant Sharma. 0040499162-3

I, Priyanka Rastogi W/O Gaurav Rastogi R/O House.No.825 Sector-9A, Gurgaon, HR, have changed my minor daughter's name from Radhika Rastogi to Kyara Rastogi for all future purposes. 0040499210-2

I, Praveen Kumar S/O Krishan Lal Verma R/O-40, GuruAngad-Nagar Extn. Gali.No.13, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092. have changed my name to Parveen Verma. 0040499188-4

I, Pradeep Kumar S/O Balmkund residing C-4/1, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi, have changed my name to Pradeep Mittal for all purposes. 0040499107-1

I, Noopur D/o Vinod Kumar H.No-8/11, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Noor for all future Purposes. 0040499162-2

I, No. 8037967XPNR (GD) Santosh Kumar Singh S/O Jang Bahadur Singh R/O Vill. Balbhadra Patti, P.O. Mirganji, P.S.-Unchakagan, Dist. Gopalgaj (Bihar) Presently R/O 1816 Pioneer Unit (Army) Pin-918516 C/O-56AOP Vide Affidavit No. 1198 Dt. 22/01/2019 declare that my daughter's correct name is Aarohi Singh, but in my service documents my daughter's name has been mentioned as Aarui Patel which is wrong. 0040499833-1

I, Tenesh Chandanial Gautam r/o Mu Hasara, Mitewani, Tumsar, Bhandara, Maharashtra - 441912 had changed my daughter name from Ryanna Tenesh Gautam to Rayna Tenesh Gautam vide affidavit dated 30/05/2019 At New Delhi 0050150040-1

I, Surinder Kumar Taneja S/o Fateh Chand Taneja, R/O Kothi No.28, Sector-12A, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Sudershan Kumar Taneja. 0040499138-1

I, Sunita Gandhi W/o Dalip Gandhi R/O 163/1, D-12 Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name. Sunita Rani and Sunita Gandhi are same person. 0040499108-1

I, Sunita Devi W/O Rajender Dev, R/O D-7, Ground Floor, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095, have changed my name from Sunita Devi to Sunita Sharma for all purposes. 0040499099-1

I, Sunil Kumar S/O Mohinder Kumar R/O-1443, B-7, 3RD-FLOOR, Gali-7, Wazir-Nagar, Kotla-Mubarakpur, N.Delhi-110003. Changed My Name To Sunil Kumar Jhamb. 0040499242-6

I, Sumit Kumar Narula S/O Deep Chand Narula R/O 3228, First Floor, Mahindra Park, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sumit Narula for all purposes. 0040499110-1

I, Subhash Chander Garg S/O Hukum Chand R/O-B-2 Ground-Floor Parvna Vihar Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-85. changed my name to Subhash Chander. 0040499162-5

I, Subhash Chand Nimesh S/O Late Sh. Hari Singh R/O-C-170, Sector-19, Noida (U.P) wish to inform that Subhash Chand Nimesh and S. C. Nimesh are one and the same person. 0040499156-1

I, Soumini Mary Sebastian Ottathangal, W/O Jayant John, R/O D-354, Gaur Grandeur, Sector 119, Noida 201301, have changed my name to Soumini John for future purposes. 0050150048-1

I, Shivam S/O Rakesh Katiyar R/O G-22 H.No.22 Sector-7 Rohini Delhi-85. changed my name to Shivam Katiyar for all purposes. 0040499162-6

I, Sanskar Kumar Sharma S/O Suneet Kumar Sharma R/O-C-30, Second-Floor, Parsvnath-Paradise, J.P.Garden, Mohan-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.201007 Have Changed My Name To Sanskar Sharma. 0040499156-3

I, Jacky S/O Puran Lal R/O H.No. 875/6, Block-C, S.G.M. Nagar, NIT Farida bad, HR, have change my name from Jacky S/O Puran Lal to Jacky Bhatia S/O Puran Lal Bhatia for all purposes. 0040499210-1

I, Sandip Kumar S/O Shri Ramdev Maurya R/O Village Kapashera ND-37, have changed my name to Sandeep Maurya for all purposes. 0040499155-1

I, Saloni Bhatia/ Salony W/O Rahul Kumar Bhatia R/O-B-16/20, Vasundhara, Yojna, Ghaziabad-201012, UP have changed my name to Salony Bhatia. 0040499185-10

I, Sakshi Jain W/O Rohit Jain R/O-1/4950, Gali.No-4, Balbir-Nagar Extn, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Changed My Name To Shakshi Jain. 0040499242-8

I, S Nageswara Rao Mendu, R/O RZ- 935, Opp-Gautam model public-school, Gali.No-14/2, Sadhnagar, Palam-Colony, Delhi-110045, have changed my name from S Nageswara Rao Mendu to Siva Nageswara Rao Mendu vide Affidavit dated -12/06/19 at Palam colony, Delhi. 0040499223-5

I, Roopam Singh, R/o House no 425, Village Aalpur, Post Kalai Koi, Gidaurh-202001 Uttar Pradesh have changed my name to Rupam Singh. 0070660203-1

I, Ravindra Kumar S/O Prabhu Datta R/O-A-4/F-2, A-Block Dilshad Garden Shahdara Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Ravindra Kumar Dixit for all purposes. 0040499179-1

I, Sunil Kumar S/O Kartar Chand Sethi R/O C-7/3A First-Floor-Rana Pratap Bagh MalkaGanj Delhi-110007. changed my name to Sunil Sethi. 0040499162-7

I, Ravi Chadda S/O Sh. Suraj Parkash Chadha R/O C-264, Divya Jyoti Apartment, SFS Flats, Sec-19, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Ravi Chadha for all purposes. 0040499115-1

I, Rajwant Singh Bhamrah S/O Satwant Singh, R/O D-144 (A), Fateh-Nagar, Jail-Road, Near Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-110018, Changed My Name To Rajwant Singh. 0040499242-1

I, Rajendra Keswani S/O Ram Chand Keswani R/O B-6/5, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029. Changed My Name To Rajendra Keswani. 0040499185-3

I, Rahul S/O Pawan R/O F-3/100 Sector-16 Rohini New Delhi-110089 changed my name to Rahul Malhotra for all purposes. 0040499223-1

I, Rahul Bhatia S/O Kapil Kumar Bhatia R/O-B-16/20, Vasundhara, Yojna, Ghaziabad-201012, UP have changed my name to Rahul Kumar Bhatia. 0040499185-9

I, Nitin Anand R/O 344, Sunehri Bagh Apartment, Sector-13 Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my minor daughter's name from Kyna to Kyna Anand for all future purposes. 0040499167-1

I, Neha Kumari W/O Avinash Kumar R/O-Rzf-760/35a, Khasra, No.47/18/1, Street.No-3, Rajnagar-2, Palam, Bagdola, N.Delhi-110077, Changed My Name To Neha Kumari Mishra. 0040499242-3

I, Narendar S/O Daulat Ram, R/O-C-606, Kenwood Tower, Charmwood-Village, Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana-121009. Changed My Name To Narendar Thawani. 0040499242-9

I, Mane Wakar Ahmad S/O Mukhtar Ahmad R/O-H/3, 1479, Jahangirpuri Delhi-110033 changed my name to Abdul Nazeer for all purposes. 0040499162-4

I, Kushala Nand Jayal S/O Late Rambharose R/O, Akshita-202, Kaamath Enclave, Sector-52, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to KUSHAL ANAND. 0040499141-1

I, Kuljit Kaur W/O Sh. Pritpal Singh H.No.118-B, Pratap-Nagar, Jail-Road, N.Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Kuljeet Kaur. 0040499188-3

I, Krishna Kumar Mishra S/O Ashok Mishra, R/O WZ-117 B, 2nd Floor, Arya Samaj Road, Milap Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name from Krishna Kumar Mishra to Krishna Mishra for all future purposes. 0040499118-1

I, Kawai jit kaur w/o Amrik Singh R/O-A-124, Chander-Vihar, Nilotihi-Extn, Delhi-110041. have changed my name to Kamaljeet Kaur for all future Purposes. 0040499162-1

I, Kalpna Rawat W/o Sunil Pundeer R/O CC-32A LIG-Flats, Hari-Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Kalpna Pundeer. 0040499144-1

I, Jogesh Chandra Jerath S/O Maj Gen Prakash Chand Jerath R/O 468, Sector-29, Noida (U.P) do here by declare & confirm to all concerned that my name to be read as Jogesh Jerath for all future purposes. 0040499156-2

I, Jitendra Pratap Singh S/O Pujari Singh R/O C-93, Avas Vikas Colony Grassfarm PAC 27v Vahini Anshik, Sitapur (U.P.) inform that Jitendra Prtap Singh & Jitendra Pratap Singh is the same and one person i.e. myself. 0040499156-3

I, Jacky S/O Puran Lal R/O H.No. 875/6, Block-C, S.G.M. Nagar, NIT Farida bad, HR, have change my name from Jacky S/O Puran Lal to Jacky Bhatia S/O Puran Lal Bhatia for all purposes. 0040499210-1

I, Ishrat Ansari, D/O Mohamad Naem R/O E-11/49, Hauj Rani, Malviya Nagar, N.Delhi-110017, Changed My Name To Israt Ansari. 0040499242-4

I, Indereet Yadav @ Indrajeet Yadav @ Indereet Singh Yadav S/O Kharchu Singh R/O-A-431, Chattarpur-Enclave, New Delhi-110074. have changed my name to Indereet Singh Yadav for all purposes. 0040499188-9

I, Harjats Pratap Singh S/O Sh. Manjeet Singh Anand R/O H.No.29, Road No.41, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Harjats Pratap Singh Anand for all future purposes. 0040499153-1

I, Gulshan W/O Mohammad Faizan R/O-B-31, 3rd Floor, Okhla Vihar, Jamianagar, New Delhi-110025 changed my name from Gulshan Bi to Gulshan permanently. 0040499095-1

I, Gulam Qadir S/O Nanhe Miyan R/O B-276/5, Inder Enclave-1, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-86. changed my name to Gulam Kadir. 0040499188-8

I, Desai Anuja Mangesh W/O Anshul Harkut R/O-B2-1006, Krishna-Apragarden, VaishnavKhand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, Changed My Name To Anuja Anshul Harkut. 0040499223-2

I, Chingjor Lachungpa S/O Jorphu Bhtuia H.No.21, Tara-Devi Colony, Bela-Road, Budh-Vihar, Civil-Lines Delhi-54. Have Changed My Name To Tsingjor Bhtuia. 0040499162-9

I, Asish Kumar Sur S/O Birendra Sur R/O B-4/2, Mangla Apartment, 53, IP Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have changed my name from Asish Kumar Sur to Ashish Sur for all purposes. 0040499119-1

I, Ashish Gupta R/O 985/797, Samman Bazar Bhogal New Delhi-110014, have changed my minor daughter's name from Tanishqa Goyal to Tanishqa Gupta for all purposes. 0050148510-9

I, Archana Mathur D/o Sarvesh Bahadur and W/o Rohit Dayal R/O Flat No.66, Ashirwad Apartments, 74, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Archana Dayal. 0040499140-1

I, Bijender Goyal R/O B-3/ 109, Sec. 16 Rohini Delhi- 110085 Have Changed My Name To Bijendra Goyal. 0070660186-1

I, Anita Kumari W/O Jagdish Prasad, R/O-F-175, Budh-Nagar, Inderpuri, N.Delhi-110012. Changed My Name To Nita Kumari. 0040499242-7

I, Anil Kumar Sabharwal S/O Sh. Janak Raj Sabharwal R/O 510, Block-2, Express Garden, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014, informs that in my son Anurag Sabharwal's 10th class certificate my name has been wrongly written as Anil Sabharwal instead of Anil Kumar Sabharwal, which may be amended accordingly. 0040499104-1

I, Ananya Sharma, W/O Arjun Pandit R/O D-29, Third-Floor, Kiran-Garden, Nawada, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name After Marriage To Ananya Pandit. 0040499188-5

I, Anand Kumar Saini S/O Mahender Singh R/O H.No.59, Srhc Hospital Campus, Narela, Delhi-110040. Changed My Name To Anand Kumar. 0040499188-2

I, Ajay Sharma S/O Vir Chand Sharma R/O KI-170A, New Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Ajay Kumar. 0040499162-8

I, Ahmed Ali S/O Ishaq Ali R/O H.No.78, Gali No.15, Gurudwara Mohalla, Majupur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Ahmed Ali Khan S/O Ishaq Ali Khan for all purposes. 0040499091-1

I, Aakriti Gupta D/O Alok Gupta, R/O B 11, Sushant Apts., Sushant Lok 1, Near Gool Souk, Galleria DLF-IV, Gurgaon Haryana - 122009, has changed/corrected my name, from Aakriti Gupta to Aakriti Gupta for all purposes in future. 0040499128-1

I, Vidhi Sahani D/O Dheeraj Sahani R/O B113, Panchvati Apt, Vikas Puri, N.D.-18 A to Anaya D have changed my name to Anaya D 0040499109-1

I, Suresh S/O Manak Chand R/O O-24 Gandhi Colony Faridabad Haryana have Changed My Name to Suresh Kumar 0040499144-1

I, Shweta Roy, Wife of Pawan Kumar Rai R/O G 13/6 DLF Phase 1, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122002, have changed the name of my minor daughter Shachi Raiged 5 years and she shall hereafter be known as Saanvi Rai. 0070660136-1

I, Renu D/O Shiv Dayal Sharma R/O H.No.-12, Gali No. 20, Bhagwati Garden Extn, Jain Road, Dwarka Mode, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Have Changed My Name To Renu Sharma. 0070660185-1

I, Pradeep Garg S/O Raj Kumar Garg, H.No-71, Rajnagar, Sector-2, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201001 Have Change My Name To Pradeep Kumar. 0040499185-5

I, Mahesh Sharma S/O Sh.Din Dyal Sharma R/O C-68 Hatal Vihar, J.P. Dairy Road near Holy chowk, uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, also known as Mahesh Kumar Sharma this Name indicates to me only. 0040499223-6

I, Lovekesh S/O Ramesh Arora R/O F 434, Ground Floor, Vikasipuri, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Lovekesh Arora 0040499154-1

I, Kashmir Singh Dalal S/O Lala Ram H.No.86 Sector-6 Bahadurgarh Jhajjar Haryana Have Changed My Name To Kashmir Singh. 0040499185-2

I, Gudia Singh W/O Rajesh Singh R/O H.No-3, Sector-29, Faridabad Haryana-121006 Have Change My Name To Gurya Singh. 0040499185-7

I, Archana D/o Vinay Chauhan R/O WZ-283/05, West Block, Street No.3 Bactk Portion, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi 110018, have changed my name to Archana Chauhan 0040499109-2

I, Shakil Ahmed S/O-Abdul Aziz R/O-313/101j, 3rd Floor Gali No-15 Tulsai Nagar Inderlok Delhi-110035, Changed My Name To Shakeel Ahmed. 0040499185-4

I, Alias Jagan Furqan Ahmad S/O Shabih Ahmad R/O H.No-31/1 T-2 Pant-Nagar Jangpura Delhi-110014 Have Change My Name To Furqan Ahmad. 0040499185-8

I, SUBASH CHANDER CHUGH S/O Late Tulsii Dass Chugh R/O T-49-Sector-12 Noida Distt-GautambudhNagar UP-201301 have changed my name to SUBHASH CHANDER CHUGH for all purposes. 0040499120-1

I, SUBASH CHANDER CHUGH S/O Late Tulsii Dass Chugh R/O T-49-Sector-12 Noida Distt-GautambudhNagar UP-201301 have changed my name to SUBHASH CHANDER CHUGH for all purposes. 0040499120-1

I, Subash Chander Chugh S/O Late Tulsii Dass Chugh R/O T-49-Sector-12 Noida Distt-GautambudhNagar UP-201301 have changed my name to SUBHASH CHANDER CHUGH for all purposes. 0040499120-1

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LOST & FOUND

I, Anil Dhall, working with M/s. Bimetal Bearings Ltd., Coimbatore, has lost 11 Nos Forms. Form 16 (Road Permits) NO1481075-1 No & 40158855 to 864-10 Nos. issued by Tax Department Rudrpur to our. then Depot at Rudrpur. If found please contact #0422-2220504. 0040499145-1

I, Harsh Sharma S/O Prem Sharma R/O B-24, Sector-48, Noida, have lost my original passing certificate class 10th Roll No.5167858 (Year-2014) and 12th Roll No.5859920 (Year-2016) CBSE Delhi. Contact: 9810160905. 0040499156-4

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SECTOR SCAN AVIATION

PM's flight avoids Pak airspace: Here's what overflying curbs mean for the industry



Route of PM Narendra Modi's flight AI-1 from New Delhi to Bishkek on Thursday. Source: Flightradar24

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE FLIGHT of Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who is attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit — from Delhi to Bishkek on Thursday took six hours on account of the detour to avoid entering Pakistani airspace, which has restricted for overflying since late February.

According to a senior Aviation Ministry official, if the aircraft took the usual northward route to Kyrgyzstan's capital, it would have taken half the time, in addition to the cost savings on fuel. The curbs on Pakistani airspace have also pinched commercial airlines in India and abroad leading to higher fuel burns, disruptions in flight operations, etc.

The Ministry of External Affairs on Wednesday said that the government had explored two options for Modi's flight and a decision was taken that the aircraft would be flown via Oman, Iran and Central Asian countries. Notably, last month, Pakistan had given special permission to the then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to fly through its airspace while travelling to Bishkek to attend a meeting of SCO Foreign Ministers. As per sources, a decision on routes of VIP flights is based on various factors, including security and efficiency.

Pakistan on Thursday extended its airspace ban along its eastern border with India for the third time till June 28, according to a notice issued by the country's Civil Aviation Authority, a PTI report said.

Following airstrikes by Indian Air Force in Balakot, Pakistan had fully closed its airspace on February 26. While it later opened up the airspace, restrictions on overflying the country still continue — and out of the total 11 air routes in Pakistan's territory, it has opened up two since March. One of these is westbound waypoint over Arabian Sea towards Karachi, Hingol, Gwadar, and the other one is eastbound over Karachi,

Badin to Gujarat, India towards Ahmedabad. The closure of routes affected hundreds of east-west flights flying over the subcontinent but westbound flights from airports in northern India such as Delhi, Lucknow, Amritsar etc have been worst affected.

The restrictions have not only led in longer flight times for passengers but also in higher fuel expenses and operational difficulties for the airlines. Even as some airlines introduced refuel stops for their flights from Delhi to North American east coast, some have cancelled flights altogether. US-based carrier United has suspended its Delhi-Newark flight since April and is likely to resume it in July. Air Canada had said it would suspend daily flight between Delhi and Toronto between June 14 and August 1.

An airline executive said that opening of the eastbound waypoint earlier this month, saves 10-15 minutes in flight time but is still a long way from the pre-Balakot situation. Due to closure of routes that allowed westbound flights from airports in north India to enter Pakistani airspace — instead of taking a detour to Gujarat or Maharashtra and then turning right for Europe, North America or West Asia — most flights saw their durations rise by at least 70-80 minutes.

Air India's flights from Delhi to Chicago are stopping in Europe for refuelling. Further, IndiGo's flight from Delhi to Istanbul, which was to be first non-stop flight on the route by an Indian carrier has been forced to make a refuelling stop at Doha. Similarly, SpiceJet, which was the only Indian airline flying the Delhi-Kabul route has cancelled the flight. As per an Air India official, it has been bearing additional expenses and foregoing revenues of around Rs 6 crore every day on an average since the airspace restrictions.

However, the official said, monetary losses on account of extra fuel burn are different for each flight depending on its capacity.

RISE IN INSTANCES OF DEBT DEFAULTS, RATING DOWNGRADES

Sebi tightens disclosure standards of rating agencies

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

WITH THE financial sector reeling under a spate of defaults and rating downgrades, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Thursday asked credit rating agencies (CRAs) to start disclosing a probability of default (PD) benchmark for the companies rated by them. The regulator has also directed CRAs to disclose sensitive factors that could potentially impact the rating of the instruments which include financials and sector specific information.

In a circular issued on Thursday, the regulator said CRAs, in consultation with Sebi, should prepare and disclose standardised and uniform PD benchmarks for each rating category on their website for 1-year, 2-year and 3-year cumulative default rates, both for short-run and long-run. The Sebi's directive follows a series of defaults involving IL&FS and Jet Airways in last few months.

Rating agencies had given AAA rating to IL&FS at a time when the firm was in dire financial conditions. As a result, investors and lenders didn't get financial status of the company at the right time which eventually led to defaults on repayments by IL&FS. Besides, there is intense competition in the

EXPLAINED

Investors, lenders to get idea about a firm's probability of default

THE SEBI'S latest directive to rating agencies follows a series of defaults involving IL&FS and Jet Airways in the last few months. Rating agencies, which were normally late in identifying the worsening financial status of a company, will have to disclose a probability of default benchmark for the companies rated by them.

This step is likely to aid investors and lenders to get an idea about the probability of default by a company, enabling them to take the right decision before the situation turns grim.

credit rating industry which has tended to dilute the disclosure standards favouring the issuers.

As per the Sebi, CRAs should take marginal default rate (MDR) approach, using monthly static pool, for last 10-year period. "The short-run benchmarks may account for spikes due to economic cycles or unforeseen events, and hence, may have a wider band. The same should be computed based on a confidence interval of 95 per cent over the weighted average default rates (1-year, 2-year and 3-year) pertaining to 10-year period, making adjustments to achieve ordinality, wherever required," Sebi said.

According to the Sebi, the same format should be adjusted for rating withdrawals. For securities, rating should be included in computation of default rates till completion of cohort or maturity of the instrument, whichever is earlier. "Ratings of non-cooperative issuers should be included in the cohort under the rating category in which the instrument is

currently being rated," it said.

In order to make the disclosures meaningful to the end users, the Sebi has also decided to mandate disclosure of liquidity indicators using standardised terminology. Accordingly, CRAs should also disclose the liquidity indicators using one of the following indicators and give an explanation thereon: Superior/ strong, adequate, stretched and poor, Sebi said.

According to a recent Crisil report, with India's sovereign rating in the BBB category serving as a ceiling, the ratings on nearly 32,500 Indian firms — including 'AAA' and 'AA' firms — will be boxed on a far narrow bound between 'BBB' category and 'D' on global scale. In other words, while as much 85-90 per cent of bond issuances in India are by 'AAA' and 'AA' rated companies, if they are assessed on the global scale, their ratings would be rated below the 'BBB' category. In India, 'AAA' rated companies have defaulted, the latest example being IL&FS which was rated 'AAA' by rating agencies.

In a recent meeting, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das questioned dual practice of rating agencies to rate a bond as well as decide its valuation which is used by mutual funds to calculate net asset value (NAV) of an MF scheme. It's unlikely that a rating agency, which carries out both businesses, will downgrade security of an issuer.

PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

Financial sector seeks dedicated liquidity window for NBFCs



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman along with MoS Anurag Thakur and Finance Secretary Subhash Garg in New Delhi. PTI

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

IN A meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman ahead of the presentation of the Union Budget next month, banking and financial sector players pitched for the need to set up a dedicated liquidity window for NBFC sector to contain the stress in the market.

Easing of norms relating to provisions that banks need to make against expected loan losses, review of interest rates on small savings for better transmission of policy rate cuts, and tax incentives to boost retail participation in term insurance and bonds were among the suggestions made by market players to the Centre. Financial and capital markets players also recommended enhanced role of Financial Sector Development Council (FSDC), the setting-up of debt Exchange Traded Fund and the need to distinguish between solvency and liquidity issues of the NBFC sector.

The Union Budget for 2019-20 is scheduled to be presented on July 5. "The meeting discussed how to enhance investor participation in corporate bond market. At present retail investors invest through mutual funds. If some tax benefits can be extended to retail investors also, just like it has extended to mutual funds, they would benefit and corporate bond market," IDBI Bank CEO and MD Rakesh Sharma said after the meeting. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Chairman Subhash Chandra Khuntia said that he suggested additional tax incentives for term plans to encourage investments, like in the case of National Pension Scheme (NPS). Industry heads also suggested review of banking NPAs provisions through setting-up a committee, domestic capability building in audit and credit rating and rationalisation of various taxes like Security Transaction Tax (STT) in capital market. Even as the Reserve Bank of India has

Infra sector for investment push

New Delhi: More steps to boost investments in the infrastructure sector, promotion of renewable energy and steps to bring down cost of projects were some of the suggestions made by representatives of infrastructure and climate change sectors during a pre-Budget meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. PTI

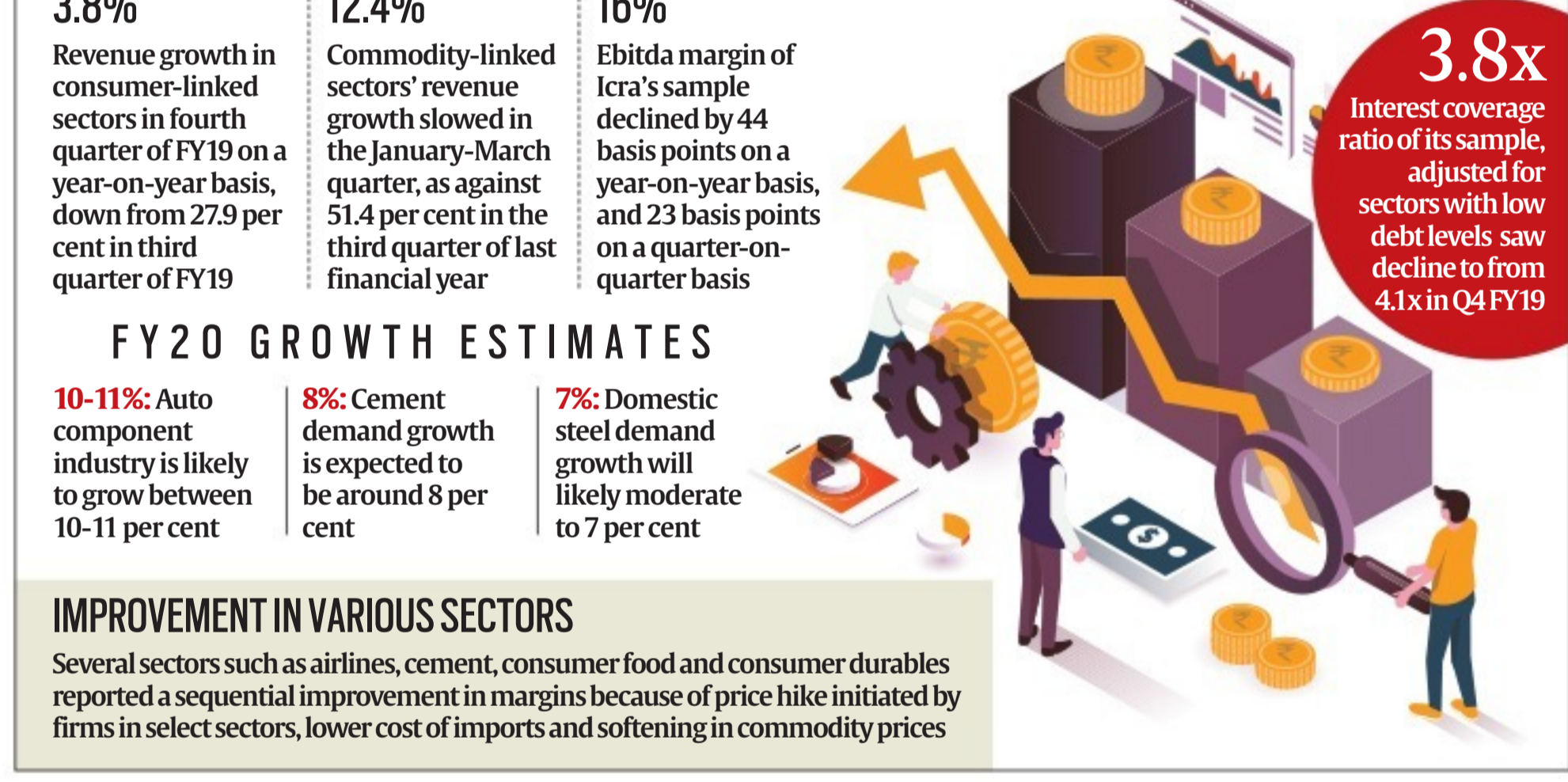
issued a revised circular on framework for resolution of stressed assets, banks are seeking certain relaxations in provisions norms against likely loan losses.

The idea of setting-up of a separate bond exchange was also mooted. Currently, listed bonds are traded on the National Stock Exchange and BSE. "A lot of suggestions have come regarding infrastructure financing, reviving the economy and what tax benefits can be given for encouraging investments in MSME, and exports," said State Bank of India Chairman Rajnish Kumar. Allowing banks to invest in InvTIs (infrastructure investments trusts) to access broader market and reduction in the corporate tax rate were among other suggestions. Apart from the Finance Minister, the meeting was attended by Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur and top bureaucrats of the ministry.

Punjab National Bank MD and CEO Sunil Mehta said the issue of capital infusion in the public sector banks was not discussed. "It was a wide consultation with the stakeholders (which can be taken into the Budget preparations)," said Mehta, who is also Chairman of Indian Banks' Association. Apart from heads of banks and financial institutions, Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan, Securities and Exchange Board of India Whole Time Member G Mahalingam also attended the meeting.

'India Inc revenue growth hits six-quarter low in Q4'

Weakness in consumer sentiments and softening commodity prices have led India Inc to deliver a six-quarter low revenue growth of 10 per cent in the fourth quarter of FY19, a report by ratings agency Icrs said



MoS FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS TO DoP, NPPA

'Expedite solution to cases of overcharging for essential medicines'

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE DEPARTMENT of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) and the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) have been sent back to the drawing board for a solution to the growing burden of court cases initiated by pharmaceutical companies with orders to pay up for allegedly overcharging patients on essential medicines, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

As per people close to the development, Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers Mansukh L Mandaviya during a meeting last week asked DoP and NPPA to narrow down overcharging-related

cases that they have been fighting at court for decades and study whether there is a possibility of the government winning them. If not, the departments have been asked to study whether they need interventions like a one-time settlement to the firms involved.

The departments are expected to work out other viable options of resolving this issue as well and come back with a proposal "at the earliest", a senior government official said on condition of anonymity.

"The view was that, in the interest of the government, public and exchequer, whether the departments could make some headway in cases pending for a long time," said the official, adding

'STUDY POSSIBILITY OF WINNING THE CASES'

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that the aim was to resolve the issue "expeditiously".

The official added that DoP and NPPA would have to see, case by case, whether the pending litigation can be expedited in court and other options, including a one-time settlement, might be explored for cases that the government is "convinced" will "drag on for a while". "The government is

losing money in some of these cases which have been pending for decades. DoP and NPPA have been told to work out a solution with the industry for cases that have remained unresolved the longest," said another official requesting anonymity.

Queries sent to Mandaviya, DoP secretary P Raghavendra Rao and NPPA chairperson Shubhra

Singh about this development remained unanswered by press time. As of March 31, the government needed to recover over Rs 5,400 crore from several pharma companies for overcharging patients, with nearly Rs 4,030 crore (around 75 per cent) of this being locked in litigation.

The latest development comes months after DoP reportedly offered to waive interest accrued on total amount that the government wants to recover from drug makers for overcharging patients for essential or life saving medicines. Groups like the Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA), which represent several pharma firms, had responded to the proposal arguing

that the liabilities displayed against various companies suffered from "discrepancies".

IDMA claimed "wrong" computation of prices of the drugs concerned, "inaccurate" method of computing the overcharging amount "in several instances" and that a "large" number of these cases are "not legally tenable".

"As such each case has its own merits and demerits and the issues involved in each case is dissimilar, which needs to be sympathetically considered by the concerned authorities. Such issues cannot be settled by the association on behalf of individual companies," stated IDMA in a letter dated April 22, a copy of which *The Indian Express* has viewed.

CRUDE BENCHMARKS SET FOR BIGGEST DAILY RISES SINCE EARLY JANUARY

Oil prices surge 4% after suspected tanker attack near Iran

REUTERS
LONDON, JUNE 13

OIL PRICES jumped more than 4 per cent on Thursday after a suspected attack on two tankers in the Gulf of Oman near Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of global oil consumption passes.

Brent crude futures were up \$2.19, or 3.65 per cent, at \$62.16 a barrel by 1341 GMT, having risen as much as 4.45 per cent to \$62.64. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were up \$1.79, or 3.5 per cent, at \$52.93 a barrel. WTI earlier rose



Michio Yube (right) GM at the Kikuka Sankyo Co, speaks to media in Tokyo after one of their ships, the Kokuka Courageous, was attacked near the Strait of Hormuz. AP

as much as 4.5 per cent to \$53.45. Both crude benchmarks are set for their biggest daily rises since early January, but they are nevertheless headed for a weekly loss.

OPEC cuts global oil demand outlook

REUTERS
LONDON, JUNE 13

OPEC HAS cut its forecast for growth in global oil demand due to trade disputes and pointed to the risk of a further reduction, building a case for prolonged supply restraint in the rest of 2019.

The producer group and its allies meet in the coming weeks to decide whether to maintain supply curbs. Some members are worried about a steep slide in prices, despite demands from US

President Donald Trump for action to lower the cost of oil.

World oil demand will rise by 1.14 million barrels per day (bpd) this year, 70,000 bpd less than previously expected, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said in a monthly report published on Thursday. "Throughout the first half of this year, ongoing global trade tensions have escalated," OPEC said in the report. "Significant downside risks from escalating trade disputes spilling over to global demand growth remain."

OPEC, Russia and other producers have since Jan. 1 implemented a deal to cut output by 1.2 million bpd. The alliance, known as OPEC+, is due to meet on June 25-26 or in early July to decide whether to extend the pact.

Despite the supply cut, oil has tumbled to \$62 a barrel from April's 2019 peak above \$75, pressured by concern over the US-China trade dispute and an economic slowdown, though prices jumped on Thursday after suspected attacks on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman.

Huawei files to trademark mobile OS after US ban

REUTERS
LIMA/SHANGHAI, JUNE 13

CHINA'S HUAWEI has applied to trademark its 'Hongmeng' operating system (OS) in at least nine countries and Europe, data from a UN body shows, in a sign it may be deploying a back-up plan in key markets as US sanctions threaten its business model. The move comes after Trump administration put Huawei on a blacklist last month that barred it from doing business with US tech firms such as Alphabet Inc, whose Android OS is used in Huawei's phones.

Since then, Huawei, world's biggest maker of telecoms network gear, has filed for Hongmeng

Be cautious over Huawei, UK tells telcos

Watford: British telecom companies should show "all due caution" before using China's Huawei equipment in their 5G networks because the government cannot ignore the warnings from the US, Digital Minister Jeremy Wright told reporters.

trademark in Cambodia, Canada, South Korea and New Zealand, data from UN World Intellectual Property Organization shows.

Plea in Supreme Court against IBH withdrawn

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

THE WRIT petition filed in the Supreme Court against Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBH) and its group chairman Sameer Gehlaut by shareholder Abhay Yadav has been withdrawn, the company said on Thursday.

According to a statement by Indiabulls Housing, in the affidavit withdrawing the petition, Yadav has said he is unaware of the contents and allegations mentioned in the complaints or the petition.

"I now realise that such papers, affidavits, applications etc. were signed by me having been misled to file false complaints and petitions against Indiabulls with mala fide intentions," the company statement quoted Yadav as saying.

The petitioner apologised for having "unknowingly" signed the petition without realising its contents and had, therefore, decided to unconditionally withdraw the writ petition. He said four shares of Indiabulls were purchased in his name in May, and thereafter he was asked to sign a detailed complaint which was addressed to various government officials and ministers, as per the statement from Indiabulls Housing.

The housing finance company had on Wednesday moved the apex court for an urgent hearing

of the writ petition. It also told the SC that Yadav had bought four shares of IBH worth Rs 3,000 (\$42) on May 9, with the sole purpose of blackmail and extortion.

"Without seeking remedy at appropriate forum for grievances, the petitioner Abhay Yadav chose to file a plea in Supreme Court under Article 32 to damage the company and that the petitioner willfully and intentionally is not coming forward and mentioning the writ petition as he doesn't want the petition to be heard on merits," IBH had said in a separate release on Wednesday.

Following the news of the withdrawal of the writ petition, shares of Indiabulls Housing rose 12.64 per cent intraday and closed at Rs 694.30, 11.78 per cent higher than their previous close.

Indiabulls Housing is among the non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) that were hit by the liquidity crunch ensuing after the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) crisis broke.

Last month, Care Ratings had put a clutch of the housing finance company's debt instruments — most of them AAA-rated — on credit watch with developing implications on account of Indiabulls Housing's decision to acquire the stress-laden Lakshmi Vilas Bank and its exposure to risky corporate mortgages. FE

Meesho first Indian startup to get FB investment

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

FACEBOOK INDIA Thursday said it has invested in Bengaluru-based start-up Meesho, which connects buyers and sellers on social media platforms. "This is Facebook's first investment in an India-based start-up, and is a strong demonstration of the company's commitment to (India's) vibrant internet ecosystem," Facebook said.

Meesho, it said, is a platform that enables Indian entrepreneurs to establish online businesses through social channels. The start-up offers a three-way marketplace enabling re-sellers, SMBs and micro-entrepreneurs across India to connect with potential buyers. FE

NCLT defers hearing on Jet to June 20

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Thursday adjourned the hearing on Jet Airways' insolvency case to June 20. Two companies, Shaman Wheels and Gaggar Enterprises, had on Monday moved the insolvency court in Mumbai against the airline to recover their dues.

The matter was slated to be heard on Thursday, but no one appeared on behalf of Jet Airways. The NCLT will issue notices to Jet and if no one appears on behalf of the grounded airline on June 20, the former may decide to admit the insolvency pleas ex-parte.

The two operational creditors have already sent private notices to Jet. Shaman Wheels, a vehicle supplier, has dues of over Rs 6 crore with Jet, while Gaggar

5G SPECTRUM AUCTION

Telecom Dept to ask Trai to reduce reserve price

Regulator had recommended reserve price in August 2018

KIRAN RATHEE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

WITH INDUSTRY concerns over high prices and the government's objective of providing broadband to all under the Digital India initiative, the Telecom Department on Thursday decided to ask the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) to reconsider its recommendations on spectrum pricing, particularly of the 5G band.

The move comes after Union Minister of Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad, soon after taking charge, said the government plans to conduct auctions within the current calendar year.

Under the Trai Act, the government can ask the regulator to reconsider its recommendations on any policy area barring telecom tariffs. If the latter does so, it is fine, but if it sticks to the original, the government is free to make changes which will override the recommendations.

GOVT FREE TO OVERRIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

■ The Centre can ask Trai to reconsider its recommendations on any policy area barring telecom tariffs; if Trai does so, it is fine, but if it sticks to the original, the Centre is free to make changes that will override Trai's recommendations

■ At the moment the ecosystem for 5G services is not developed so even if auctions are conducted and operators win the spectrum they will have to wait for a considerable period before it can be effectively used

In August 2018, Trai had recommended reserve price for the next round of auctions, which were considerably lower than what was fixed for the 2016 auctions — but it was still seen on the higher end, considering the industry's financial position.

For instance, for the 5G band in the 3300-3600 MHz — where the prices had been given for the first time at Rs 492 crore per MHz for a pan-India minimum block of 20 MHz — operators would have to shell out Rs 9,840 crore, which is seen as steep.

Similarly, for the premium 4G spectrum, though the Trai

had reduced the reserve price by 43 per cent at Rs 6,568 crore per MHz, for a pan-India 5 MHz block, operators still would have to shell out Rs 32,840 crore.

Going by global standards, the price of Rs 492 crore per MHz for 5G spectrum was seen on the higher side as the South Korean auctions which happened last year had the price at Rs 130 crore per MHz. Currently, the ecosystem for 5G services is not developed so even if auctions are conducted and operators win the spectrum they will have to wait for a considerable period before it can be effectively used. FE

Pai lauds Modi gov't efforts for universal Internet access

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 13

INDIA IS pursuing bold strategies to achieve the ambitious goal of universal Internet access by 2022, US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai has said, highlighting the challenges in building broadband networks in rural areas.

The Indian government is working to improve the online infrastructure and Internet connectivity through the 'Digital India' programme. "I commend Prime Minister Modi and the Indian government for their ambitious goals of universal Internet access by 2022 and fixed broadband access to 50 per cent of households by 2022," Pai said at the India Ideas Summit of US-India Business Council here on Wednesday. PTI

PowerMin eases norms of flexible generation scheme

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

UNION POWER Minister R K Singh removed a major hurdle in the implementation of the government's flexible generation scheme, as he stated on Thursday that power procured through this scheme would qualify for meeting renewable purchase obligations (RPO), even if the renewable generation units are not located near the thermal plants with which buyers have signed power purchase agreements (PPAs).

The Power Ministry, in April last year, had allowed thermal power generation companies (gencos) the flexibility of using renewable energy sources to meet their contractual generation obligations.

This mechanism allows thermal gencos to set up renewable power plants at their existing power stations, or anywhere else, thereby allowing power distribution companies (discoms) to meet their RPOs through existing PPAs.

The flexible generation scheme is aimed at easing complexities faced by discoms to comply with RPO norms.

Power procured via this scheme would qualify for meeting renewable purchase obligations, even if the renewable generation units are not located near the thermal plants with which buyers have signed PPAs

Apart from facilitating the mission of having 175 gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy capacity by 2022, the move would also partly insulate thermal gencos from taking the hits stemming from the ongoing transition in the country's energy mix.

The RPO trajectory notified by the central government mandated the states to procure 17 per cent of their electricity from renewable energy sources in FY19. However, actual achievement in FY19 was 10 per cent, as against 8.5 per cent in FY18. Only Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Sikkim achieved RPO compliance in FY19. FE

BRIEFLY

Rupee skids 16 paise as oil prices shoot up

Mumbai: Snapping its two-session gaining streak, the rupee dived 16 paise to close at 69.50 against the US dollar Thursday amid a sharp rise in crude oil prices.

NAA dismisses complaint against Bharti Telemedia

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel Thursday said the GST anti-profiteering authority, National Anti-Profiteering Authority, has dismissed a complaint against its subsidiary Bharti Telemedia for not passing on tax rate cut benefits to consumers.

Australia coal project: Adani wins final nod

Melbourne: India's Adani Enterprises on Thursday cleared the last regulatory hurdle to commence the work on its controversy-hit Carmichael coal mine with Queensland state authorities approving its ground-water management plan.

'Collaboration among Tata group firms'

Mumbai: Addressing the annual general meeting of TCS, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran Thursday said there has been some improvement when it comes to group companies working together, but there is both the need as well as the room for more collaboration between them.

'Market's scale behind Google's new products'

Washington: The scale of India's market has allowed Google to develop new products in the country and take it to the global level, the internet giant's Indian-American CEO Sundar Pichai has said. PTI

Uber enlists Bajaj 'Qute' for affordable service

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
BENGALURU, JUNE 13

MOBILITY COMPANY Uber on Thursday announced a partnership with Bajaj Auto to launch the Bajaj Qute on UberXS in Bengaluru. The Bajaj Qute is a driver-plus-three-passenger quadricycle, which is a four-wheeled motor vehicle that's

smaller and lighter than a passenger car. The Qute comes with two fuel options — CNG and Petrol.

All units available as UberXS rides will be on the CNG fuel option. It will go live on Uber from June 13. Nandini Maheshwari, head, business development, Uber India & South Asia, said, "This partnership is an extension of Uber's commitment towards lowering transportation costs." FE

'Alibaba files for Hong Kong listing, looks to raise \$20 bn'

Hong Kong: China's biggest e-commerce company Alibaba Group Holding Ltd has filed confidentially for a Hong Kong listing that could raise up to \$20 billion as early as the third quarter of this year, a person with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters.

A deal of that size would be the biggest follow-on share sale globally in seven years and give Alibaba funds for technology investment. Alibaba holds the record for the world's largest initial public offering with its \$25 billion float in New York five years ago. REUTERS

'PWC's observations baseless and unjustified'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

ANIL AMBANI-LED Reliance Capital Thursday said its erstwhile statutory auditor Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants' (PWC) observations about its accounts were "completely baseless and unjustified".

On Wednesday, Reliance Capital and Reliance Home Finance said that PWC had resigned as auditor of both the companies citing unsatisfactory response to "certain observations" made by it as a part of the ongo-

ing audit for fiscal 2018-19.

"PWC's observations are completely baseless and unjustified. PWC has acted prematurely without even statutory discussions with the audit committee," Reliance Capital said in a regulatory filing.

Meanwhile, market regulator Sebi and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs are looking into the sudden resignation of PWC as auditor of Reliance Capital and Reliance Home Finance and have asked the stock exchanges to collect all necessary information including trade details and statements made by the three entities.

RIL, HDFC among 57 Indian firms on Forbes Global 2000 list

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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AS MANY as 57 Indian companies have found place in a list of the world's 2000 largest public company, compiled by Forbes magazine, with housing finance major HDFC Ltd finding place among the top ten consumer finance firms globally.

The overall list has been topped by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) for the 7th year in a row, while Reliance Industries is the top-ranked Indian company (71st rank globally), as per the leading business magazine.

Within the oil and gas sector, Reliance Industries is ranked 11th globally, while Royal Dutch Shell has come on the top.

For the consumer finance sector, American Express has topped the chart while HDFC Ltd is ranked 7th.

On the overall Global 2000 list, HDFC is ranked 332nd.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-OPEN TENDER DATED: 14/06/2019

On behalf of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Senior Regional Electrical Engineer, KRCL, Ratnagiri, is inviting E-Open Tender for the following work.

Name of the Work : Annual Maintenance contract for lighting arrangement provided in Tunnels, Sub-stations, on Platforms, Approach roads and Circulating areas in section between Roha (Excluding) to Madure (including) stations in Ratnagiri Region of KRCL. Estimated Cost: Rs 1,15,68,256/- (Excluding applicable GST). Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 5,900/- EMD: Rs 2,07,900/- Last Date and Time of Depositing of Tender Online : 05.07.2019 upto 15:00 hrs. For further details, contact Office of Senior Regional Electrical Engineer, MIDC area, Mirjole, Ratnagiri or on Railway website www.ireps.gov.in

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS (BRLMs) / MERCHANT BANKERS (MBs)

Canara Bank, a leading Public Sector Bank in India, invites "Request For Proposal" from reputed Book Running Lead Managers (BRLMs) / Merchant Bankers (MBs), who satisfy the eligibility criteria, for extending their service to the Bank as its Book Running Lead Managers (BRLMs) for the proposed QIP. The minimum requirements, eligibility criteria, procedure and formats of the details / integrity pact to be furnished by the applicants have been ported on:

1. Bank's Website: <http://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/tenders/>
2. Central Public Procurement Portal: <https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/>
3. <https://tenders.gov.in>

Eligible and interested applicants may download the document. The duly completed application in the prescribed format with all supporting documents shall be submitted to the above mentioned address on or before 27.06.2019 upto 4 p.m.

The Bank will not be responsible for any postal delays. Application through e-mail is not valid. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Date: 13.06.2019 Deputy General Manager

Government of Karnataka (Public Works, Ports & Inland water transport Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Vishweshwarnagar, Hubli - 32, Telephone : 0836-2357420 Fax : 0836-2357577 Email : eenhd_hbl@rediffmail.com
No/EE/NHD/HBL/NH-367/Job-006/NIT/2019-20/472 Dated : 01.06.2019

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION-3

Refer this office Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) Notification No. 3087, Dtd: 23.02.2019 Regarding "Construction of 4-lane ROB and its approaches in lieu of existing 56/T-C2 at Km.0.517 on NH-367 in the state of Karnataka on EPC Mode". Due to some unavoidable circumstances, the calendar of events has been modified as under.

(1) Date & Time of close of sale of Tender documents (through online): **29.06.2019** upto 17:00 Hrs (2) Last Date & Time of submission of bids (hard copy): **01.07.2019** upto 16:00 Hrs (3) Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids : **02.07.2019** at 16:00 Hrs

If any changes in EPC documents will be intimated in website www.eprocure.gov.in. The bidders shall go through the website www.eprocure.gov.in for any Addendum/corrigendum if any. Any other details can be had from this office during office hours, and in Website: www.eprocure.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Hubli.

DIPR/DWD/2019-20/82/MCA

KMDA KOLKATA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NIT No. : SE(EB)/T-01 of 2019-20

e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer (EB), WS Sector, Unnayan Bhawan, 6th Floor, DJ-11, Block-A, Salt Lake, Sector-II, Kolkata 700 091 from reliable, experienced and resourceful agencies for the work: **Name of work :** Laying of DI(K7) distribution pipe line of different diameter ranging from 100 mm, 150 mm and 200 mm, 250 mm & 300 mm including supply of valve, specials and temporary road restoration up to WBM stage within Bansberia Municipality under AMRUT. **Estimated Amount :** Rs. 12,26,75,949/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 24,53,520/- **Cost of Tender Paper :** Rs. 10,000/- **Time of Completion :** 6 months. **Last date of bid submission online :** 12.07.2019. For details please contact the above office or visit of our website.

KMDA/T-84/A-Contlad(5)/2019-20
Visit Website : www.kmdaonline.org

SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI SHRINE BOARD, KATRA ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Katra, J&K, sealed tenders on the prescribed format affixed with Revenue Stamps worth Rs. 6/- are invited from reputed professional Firms/ Companies dealing in Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing and Operational Maintenance (for Five Years) of Standalone packaged Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) complete in all respects to cater the requirement of Toilet Block No. 02 & 06 of Banganga Sector of 30 KLD each.

In the event of e-filing, intending bidders may download the tender document consisting of E-NIT, BOQ, Terms & Conditions etc. from the help of Digital Signature Certificate.

No. CO/SWP-STP/86/503 Sd/- Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVD Shrine Board, Katra. Dated: 12.06.2019

POOMPUHAR SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Enterprises) CIN: U63090TN1974PLC006596 692, (Old No. 473), Anna Salai, IVth Floor, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035. Telephone No: 044-24330505 / 807 Fax: 91-44-24344593. E-mail: psscship@dataone.in / psscship@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

GLOBAL TENDER TENDER NO.H/OP/LTPG/151/001/19-20 H/OP/LTPG/151/002/19-20

Notice inviting tender for time chartering of Three self Trimming Panamax gearless/geared (offered as gearless) bulk carriers of about 70000-78000 DWT.

Sealed tenders are invited from the owners/disponent owners of Indian/ Foreign flag vessel or through their authorized brokers for time chartering of Three self trimming panamax gearless/geared (offered as gearless) bulk carriers with a minimum loading rate of 3500 MTs per hour and TBN vessels can also be considered for a period of 9 months + 3 months +/- 10 days choption with the lay days from 27.06.2019 to 12.07.2019 - Two Panamax vessels and another vessel lay days from 01.07.2019 to 20.07.2019 - one Panamax vessel for coastal transportation of thermal coal in East Coast of India (Paradip / Dhamra / and Kakinada Ports to Ennore), for NECTC's Vallur Thermal Power Station, North Chennai.

01) Self Trimming Two Panamax gearless/geared (offered as gearless) with the lay days from 27.06.2019 to 12.07.2019.

TENDER NO.H/OP/LTPG/151/001/19-20 - (Two Panamax vessels)

Period : - 9 months + 3 months +/- 10 days choption
Tender box to be closed at - on 21.06.2019 at 15:00 hours
Tender box to be opened at - on 21.06.2019 at 15:30 hours

02) Self Trimming One Panamax gearless/geared (offered as gearless) with the lay days from 01.07.2019 to 20.07.2019.

TENDER NO.H/OP/LTPG/151/002/19-20 - (One Panamax vessel)

Period : - 9 months + 3 months +/- 10 days choption
Tender box to be closed at - on 21.06.2019 at 15:00 hours
Tender box to be opened at - on 21.06.2019 at 16:00 hours
Cost of tender document - Rs.5,000/- each for Indian flag vessel USD 100/- each for Foreign flag vessel

EMD - Rs.10,00,000/- for Indian flag vessel USD 17,000/- for Foreign flag vessel

Tender document is available in our website : www.tamilship.com/ www.tntenders.gov.in from 14.06.2019 & the same may be downloaded free of cost. For more details visit our website : www.tamilship.com/ www.tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/ 1580 /TENDER/2019 GENERAL MANAGER (OPERATIONS)

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED
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P.O.: RBNNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. Tel.-91-7752-260017, 260435, 260209.Fax: +91-7752-260154, 260148, website-www.brnmlpl.com

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Sealed tenders under two part bidding system are invited from experienced, resourceful, reputed & bonafide suppliers / service providers /agencies /contractors (as applicable) for the following:-

1. CONSTRUCTION OF SHED FOR WSRTF SECTION, OUTSIDE PLANT BUILDING (PHASE - II) AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 003/SAL/MAINT/2019-20 [ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 35.70 lakhs]
2. PU CEMENTITIOUS FLOORING WORK AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI - TENDER No. 003/SAL/CIVIL/2019-20 [ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 287.00 Lakhs]
3. SUPPLY OF ESCORT VEHICLE ON MONTHLY HIRING BASIS FOR ESCORTING HIGHLY SECURITY SENSITIVE MATERIAL AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI - TENDER No. 022/SAL/PUR/2019-20 [ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 47.00 Lakhs PER ANNUM]
4. SUPPLY OF BLOCK BOARD PACKING BOXES AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI - TENDER No. 021/SAL/PUR/2019-20 [ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 530.00 Lakhs]

The last date for submission of filled-in tender documents for Sr. No. 1 is 16/07/2019 at 11:30 hrs, & Sr. No. 2, 3 & 4 is 19/07/2019 at 11:30 hrs.

For further details including amendments, if any, as well as downloading the tender documents, please visit our website <https://www.brnmlpl.com>

General Manager

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Ref. No. 110/Rec/Admn/19 **WALK-IN-INTERVIEW** Bilaspur, Date: 11.06.2019

Eligible and interested candidates are invited for Walk-in-Interview at the Administrative Building of the University for Appointment as Assistant Professor on Purely Temporary Basis (initially for six months or till regular appointment whichever is earlier) for the Academic Session 2019-20 with an application on plain paper giving their bio-data and attested copies of Mark-sheets/Certificates/Degrees of academic qualifications and experiences along with originals for verification on the dates mentioned on the University website. The University reserves the right not to fill any post and also to alter the nature and number of vacancies/appointments if the circumstances so warrant.

Selected candidates shall be entitled to a consolidated salary 25000/- per month. For more details and regular updates of eligibility criteria, number of positions (which may vary according to need) interview schedule and general instructions please log on to www.ggu.ac.in.

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Ref.No.ICMR-VCRC/Den.Wolb-RA/EoI/2019/01 Dated 12.06.2019

INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

from Scientific Research based Agencies / Organizations to conduct Risk Assessment of Field release of **Aedes aegypti** mosquitoes carrying Wolbachia in India on or before 27th June 2019.

For details, please visit our website: <http://www.vcrc.res.in> and www.icmr.nic.in

Director

PEOPLE V POWER

Hong Kong

Huge demonstrations have rattled the territory's government – and the leadership in Beijing

THREE THINGS STAND out about the protesters who rocked Hong Kong this week. There were a great many of them. Hundreds of thousands took to the streets in what may have been the biggest demonstration since Hong Kong was handed back to China in 1997. Most of them were young—too young to be nostalgic about British rule. Their unhappiness at Beijing's heavy hand was entirely their own. And they showed remarkable courage. Since the "Umbrella Movement" of 2014, the Communist Party has been making clear that it will tolerate no more insubordination—and yet three days later demonstrators braved rubber bullets, tear gas and legal retribution to make their point. All these things are evidence that, as many Hong Kongers see it, nothing less than the future of their city is at stake.

On the face of it, the protests were about something narrow and technical. Under the law, a Hong Kong resident who allegedly murdered his girlfriend in Taiwan last year cannot be sent back there for trial. Hong Kong's government has therefore proposed to allow the extradition of suspects to Taiwan—and to any country with which there is no extradition agreement, including the Chinese mainland.

However, the implications could not be more profound. The colonial-era drafters of Hong Kong's current law excluded the mainland from extradition because its courts could not be trusted to deliver impartial justice. With the threat of extradition, anyone in Hong Kong becomes subject to the vagaries of the Chinese legal system, in which the rule of law ranks below the rule of the party. Dissidents taking on Beijing may be sent to face harsh treatment in the Chinese courts. Businesspeople risk a well-connected Chinese competitor finding a way to drag them into an easily manipulated jurisdiction.

That could be disastrous for Hong Kong, a fragile bridge between a one-party state and the freedoms of global commerce. Many firms choose Hong Kong because it is well-connected with China's huge market, but also upholds the same transparent rules that govern economies in the West. Thanks to mainland China, Hong Kong is the world's eighth-largest exporter of goods and home to the world's fourth-largest stockmarket. Yet its huge banking system is seamlessly connected to the West and its currency is pegged to the dollar. For many global firms, Hong Kong is both a gateway to the Chinese market and central to the Asian continent—more than 1,300 of them have their regional headquarters there. If Hong Kong came to be seen as just another Chinese city, Hong Kongers would not be the only ones to suffer.

The threat is real. Since he took over as China's leader in 2012, Xi Jinping has been making it clearer than ever that the legal system should be under the party's thumb. China must "absolutely not follow the Western road of 'judicial independence'", he said in a speech published in February. In 2015 Mr Xi launched a campaign to silence independent lawyers and civil-rights activists. Hundreds of them have been harassed or detained by the police. The authorities on the mainland have even sent thugs to other jurisdictions to abduct people, including a publisher of gossipy books about the party, snatched from a car park in Hong Kong and a tycoon taken from the Four Seasons hotel in 2017. The message is plain. Mr Xi not only cares little for the rule of law on the Chinese mainland. He scorns it elsewhere, too.

The Hong Kong government says the new law has safeguards. But the protesters are right to dismiss them. In theory extradition should not apply in political cases, and cover only crimes that would incur heavy sentences. But the party has a long record of punishing its critics by charging them with offences that do not appear political. Hong Kong's government says it has reduced the number of white-collar offences that will be covered. But blackmail and fraud still count. It has said that only extradition requests made by China's highest judicial officials will be considered. But the decision will fall to Hong Kong's chief executive. That person, currently Carrie Lam, is chosen by party loyalists in Hong Kong and answers to the party



Protesters march along a road demonstrating against the proposed extradition Bill in Hong Kong on June 12. Reuters



Police officers fire teargas at protesters in Hong Kong. Reuters



A protester bows to riot police after they fire teargas. AP

in Beijing. Local courts will have little room to object. The bill could throttle Hong Kong's freedoms by raising the possibility that the party's critics could be bundled over the border.

It is a perilous moment. The protests have turned violent—possibly more violent than any since the anti-colonial demonstrations in 1967. Officials in Beijing have condemned them as a foreign plot. Ms Lam has been digging in her heels. But it is not too late for her to think again.

In its narrowest sense, the new law will not accomplish what she wants. Taiwan has said that it will not accept the suspect's extradition under the new law. Less explosive solutions have been suggested, including letting Hong Kong's courts try cases involving murder committed elsewhere. Anti-subversion legislation was left to languish after protests in 2003. There is talk that the government may see this as the moment to push through that long-shelved law. Instead Ms Lam should take

it as a precedent for her extradition reform.

The rest of the world can encourage her. Britain, which signed a treaty guaranteeing that Hong Kong's way of life will remain unchanged until at least 2047, has a particular duty. Its government has expressed concern about the "potential effects" of the new law, but it should say loud and clear that it is wrong. With America, caught up in a trade war with China, there is a risk that Hong Kong becomes the focus of a great-power clash. Some

American politicians have warned that the law could jeopardise the special status the United States affords the territory. They should be prudent. Cutting off Hong Kong would not only harm American interests in the territory but also wreck the prospects of Hong Kongers—an odd way to reward its would-be democrats. Better to press the central government, or threaten case-by-case scrutiny of American extraditions to Hong Kong.

But would this have any effect? That is a

hard question, because it depends on Mr Xi. China has paid dearly for its attempts to squeeze Hong Kong. Each time the world sees how its intransigence and thuggishness is at odds with the image of harmony it wants to project. When Hong Kong passed into Chinese rule 22 years ago, the idea was that the two systems would grow together. As the protesters have made clear, that is not going to plan.

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THE INTERNET'S NEXT ACT

You ain't seen nothing yet

The second half of humanity is joining the internet

IN 2007 MORE humans lived in cities than outside them for the first time. It was a transition 5,000 years in the making. The internet has been quicker to reach the halfway mark. Over 50% of the planet's population is now online, a mere quarter of a century after the web first took off among tech-savvy types in the West. The second half of the internet revolution has begun. It is changing how society works—and also creating a new business puzzle.

Most new users are in the emerging world; some 726m people came online in the past three years alone. China is still growing fast. But much of the rise is coming from

poorer places, notably India and Africa. Having seen what fake news and trolling has done to public discourse in rich countries, many observers worry about politics being debased, from the polarisation of India's electorate to the persecution of Myanmar's Rohingya minority. On the positive side, charities and aid workers talk endlessly and earnestly about how smartphones will allow farmers to check crop prices, let villagers sign up for online education and help doctors boost vaccination rates.

Less well appreciated is that the main attractions of being online are the same for the second half as they were for the first.

Socialising and play, not work and self-improvement, are the draw. Porn is popular. Messaging apps help friends stay in touch. Migrant workers say goodbye to their children back home. People entertain their friends—and strangers—on social media with goofy home-made videos on YouTube or TikTok, an app focused on short,

humorous clips. Cheap data plans and thumb drives bring pirated films to millions who may never have been to a cinema. Dating apps are more popular than farming advice; video games are more popular than either. Such boons are unlikely to make their way into many UN development reports. But they are a boost to the stock of human happiness.

For businesses, the second half of the internet offers a vast pool of customers. It also brings a headache—most of these new users are too poor to spend very much. Tens of billions of dollars in venture-capital money have flowed into internet startups in emerging markets, excluding China. The Silicon Valley giants have built up big user bases—over 1.5bn Facebook users are in developing countries. YouTube, a video site owned by Google, is increasingly dominated by non-Western

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users. Last year Walmart spent \$16bn buying Flipkart, an Indian e-commerce giant. Jumia, an e-commerce firm with 4m customers in Nigeria and 13 other African countries, floated in New York in April.

Despite these firms' punchy valuations, they are still looking for sustainable business models. Reliance Jio, an Indian firm, has sunk \$37bn into building a high-speed mobile network and acquiring a big base of mostly poor users. Each Facebook user in Asia generates only \$11 of advertising revenue a year, compared with \$112 for a North American one. The combined revenue of all the internet firms in emerging markets (excluding China) is perhaps \$100bn a year. That is about the same size as Comcast, America's 31st-biggest listed firm by sales.

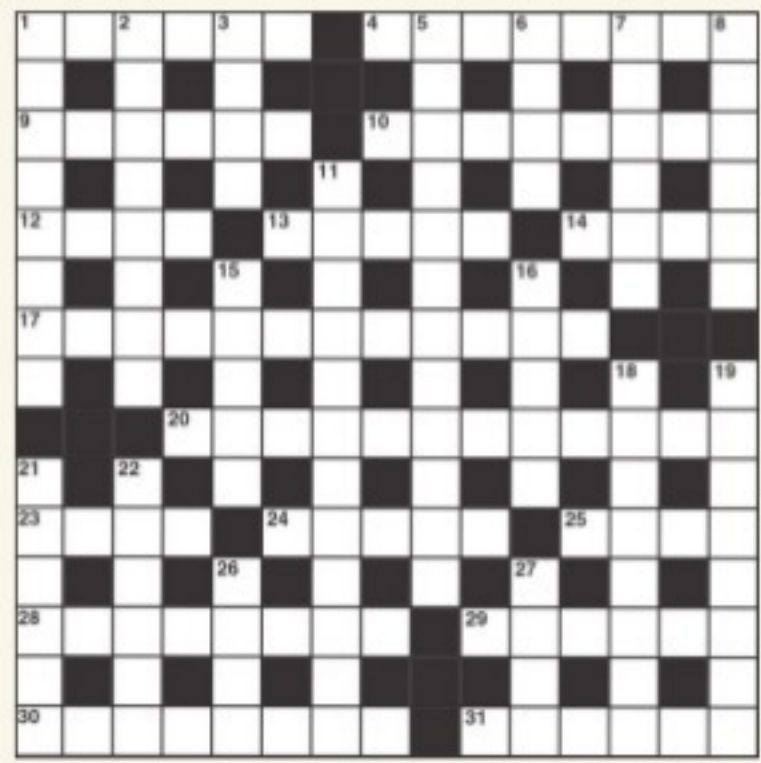
Nonetheless, the impact of these firms on business will get bigger in two ways. First, they will grow fast—although whether fast enough to justify their valuations remains to be seen. To maximise their chances, many are offering not just a single service (such as search or video), as Western firms tended to in their early years, but a bundle of services in one app instead, in the hope of making

more money per user. This approach was pioneered in China by Alibaba and Tencent. GoJek in Indonesia offers ride-hailing, payments, drug prescriptions and massages. Facebook is pushing a digital payments system in India through its chat service, WhatsApp.

The second is that in the emerging world, established firms are likely to be disrupted more quickly than incumbents were in the rich world. They have less infrastructure, such as warehouses and retail sites, to act as a barrier to entry. Many people, especially outside the big cities, lack access to their services entirely. Beer, shampoo and other consumer-goods firms could find that as marketing goes digital, new insurgent brands gain traction faster. Banks will be forced to adapt quickly to digital payments or die. Viewed this way, there is a huge amount of money at stake—the total market value of incumbent firms in the emerging world, outside China, is \$8trn. If you thought the first half of the internet revolution was disruptive, just wait until you see the second act.

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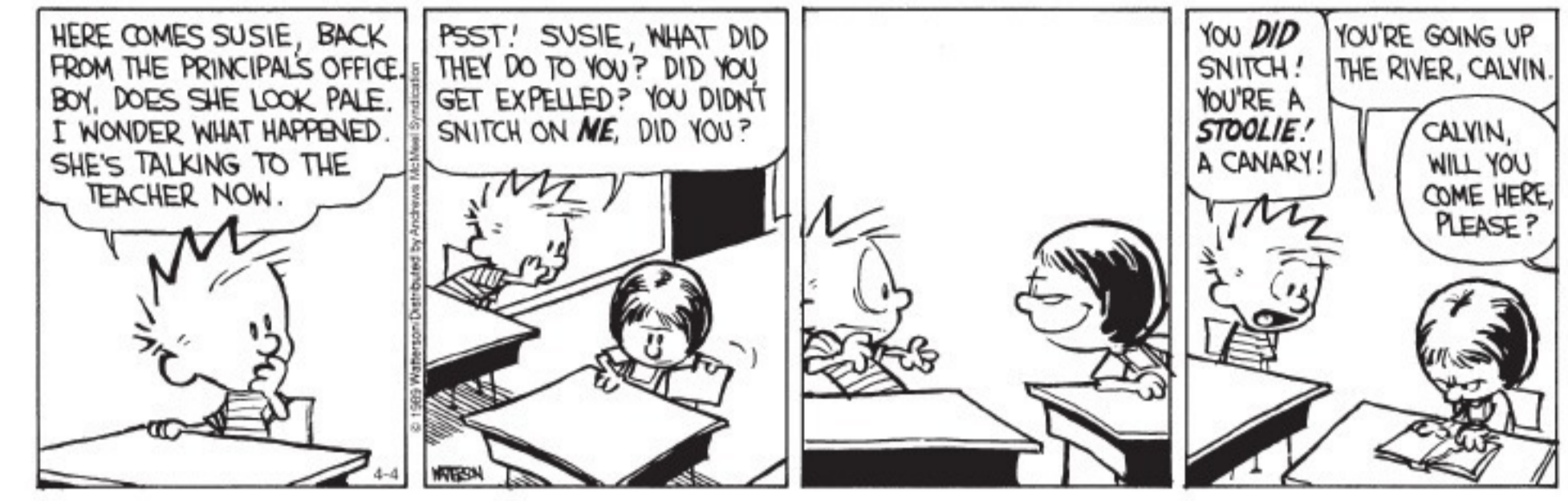
- ACROSS**
- Mum, listen for a change (6)
 - Bob saves the traveller's time (5,3)
 - A ragged child may be an old city feature (6)
 - They depend on listening devices (8)
 - Many had a meal after time (4)
 - Quiet Bohemian celebration (5)
 - Drink like a fish (4)
 - Most appealing features of newspapers (5,7)
 - fair swimmer (7,5)
 - In for a long viva voce (4)
 - Exercising we object to in middle age (5)
 - Number not in style. What an eyesore! (4)
 - Cooler in the car, warmer in the house (8)
 - To help, possibly sit on a donkey (6)
 - An accommodating woman (8)
 - The two of them show hesitation - that's the trouble (6)
- DOWN**
- With luck, pals organised a little capital cover (8)
 - Spot on which films are made (8)
 - An elevating Kipling poem of unaffeked simplicity (4)
 - Jealousy - caused by overindulgence? (12)
 - Unusual way to serve meat (4)
 - A girl came in to study the weapon (6)
 - Sampled the last of the fruit; dates perhaps (6)
 - He'll fulfil his promise (3,2,3,4)
 - Local regulation thus administered (5)
 - Cuts up foodstuff on board (5)
 - Is it obtained from sole distributors? (8)
 - Southern voter who prefers one to another (8)
 - Stock type of pen (6)
 - Excuse for a Spaniard under par (6)
 - Seasonal drop in America? (4)
 - Capital solo composition (4)

Solutions Crossword 3831: Across: 1 Vigil, 4 Cobbled, 8 Nor, 9 Wineglass, 10 Stirrup, 11 Needy, 13 Awaken, 15 Assume, 18 Sheaf, 19 Towpath, 21 Franchise, 23 Ian, 24 Riposte, 25 Tense Down: 1 Vanessa, 2 Germinate, 3 Lower, 4 Canape, 5 Bygone, 6 Lea, 7 Dusty, 12 Education, 14 Effects, 16 Enhance, 17 Strive, 18 Safer, 20 Wrest, 22 Amp.

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 quip.

When I look at the ___ I'm pessimistic, but when I look at ___ I am optimistic. - Carl Rogers (5...6)

UEEQR AOUDLP
 NYLOO DEORPW

SOLUTION: QUEER, LOONY, UPLOAF, POWDER
 Answer: When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I am optimistic. - Carl Rogers

Difficulty Level 5s

INSTRUCTIONS
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3877



NORTHERN RAILWAY Open E-Tender Notice

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work. 1. Name of work: Replacement of damaged steel channel sleepers on Bridge no. 27 DUK UP & DN, Bridge no. 4 DKZ-SSB UP Line with steel channels sleepers in the section of SSE/P-Way/DLI under ADEN/DLI. 2. Approx cost of work: Rs. 58,86,586.12 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six & Twelve Paise only). 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 1,17,700/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Only). 4. Cost of tender document: Rs. 5900/- 5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender: 05.07.2019@15:00 Hrs. 6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in - The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No: 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/15/2019-20/W-3 Dated: 11.06.2019 1867/19

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Where as complaint has been made before me that **Vinod S/o Suresh Kumar R/o Village-Asauda, Tehsil-Bahadurgarh, Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana)** is involved in case FIR No. 160/19 u/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Mundka, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed), and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Vinod** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vinod** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vinod** is involved in case FIR No. 160/19 u/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Mundka, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 17-07-2019.

By Order
Ms. Babita Puniya
Metropolitan Magistrate-06 (West District)
Room No. 355, 3rd floor Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Radhey Shyam, S/o Sh. Ram Dulare, R/o House No. - 962, Gali No. 23, L-2nd, Shani Bazar, Bandh Road, Sangam Vihar II, New Delhi** has been missing from the area of PS Neb Sarai, Delhi since 11/03/2019.

In this regard a DD No. - 52A Dated 12/03/2019 has been lodged at PS Neb Sarai, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing man is as under:
Name: Radhey Shyam, Age: 60 Years, Height: 5'2". Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue & Brown Colour Stripe Sweater, Grey Colour Pant and Black Colour Shoes in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/PS Neb Sarai, Delhi.

Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in, Website: http://cbi.nic.in
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The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1. Name of work	Proposal for greasing of ERIC & Plate Screw, lubrication of rail joints & painting of rails in the section of SSE/P-Way/NDLS under ADEN/NDLS
2. Approx cost of work	Rs. 1,14,15,121/- (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty One only)
3. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 207100/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seven Thousand One Hundred Only)
4. Cost of tender document	Rs. 5900/-
5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	05.07.2019 @ 15:00 Hrs.
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system.
 • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
 • No manual offers are acceptable.
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1. Name of work with its location	Work of Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens Videowalls at Railway Stations over Delhi Division for a period of five years.									
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Tender ID No.: 2019_CJT_173917_1, 2, 3 & 4

e-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tender (online procurement website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>) are invited for supply of Raw material for Weaving, Tailoring, Paper & Chemical Unit at CJ-2, Tihar & CJ-14, Mandoli, Delhi. The NIT has been uploaded and available along with terms and conditions and detailed specifications. All the tenderers participating in e-tendering and should have a Digital Signature/ Smart Card and should apply online before the Last Date and Time. (In case 05/07/19 is being declared Govt. Holiday the next working day will be treated as Tender Date.)

Estimated Cost of Work : Rs. 1,57,00,000 (Approx)
 Date of release of tender through E-procurement website : 15/06/2019
<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
 Last date/ Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 05/07/2019 at 12:00 Noon
 Date of on line opening of Pre-qualification bids : 05/07/2019 at 12:30 PM

Sd/-
Superintendent: PHQ-II
Tihar, New Delhi

DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Anyone born under the sign of Aries tends to be portrayed as rather arrogant and self-interested. Yet now that Venus' difficult aspects are in the past, you may be the first to move towards reconciliation at home. If extra spending can ease the way, so be it.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
No matter how anxious you may be after recent developments, you must give other people the chance to have their say. Do not attempt to bulldoze reluctant partners into a misguided agreement. If you do, it might be you who changes your mind first.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Because the belligerent planet Mars is triggering a communicative region of your chart, you will have no choice but to come clean and put your arguments forward with commitment and determination. But, once you've won the day, you have to show you can come up with the goods.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may try to forget the past, but with a memory like yours it's not that easy. You must speedily bring a period of confrontation to a final full stop and look for ways to reinstate a particular person into the fold. You may now hope that an emotional relationship is about to blossom.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
That fiery planet Mars right now is exerting a potent influence on your affairs, inaugurating a period of steadily mounting excitement. You must take risks if need be, but paradoxically only once you're sure of the outcome. Plus, take nothing for granted, however easy your path may seem.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
There are sound astrological reasons why you should not be unduly disturbed by tendencies which in normal circumstances would be very worrying. Yet do take notice of unconscious desires which have until now been suppressed. If you're fed up with delays, then hang on; there's only another couple of weeks to go.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
It may now become apparent that colleagues are in a position to compromise, which should come as a relief. Shift your energy to other areas, in particular towards a determined broadening of your objectives. There's something just over the horizon, and you're going to enjoy it.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Like many people, you are going to have to re-orientate your opinions and attitudes if you are to keep up with the times. You should now cut out the waffle and fix your sights on an immediate professional goal. You might also want to rearrange a stalled social venture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
At your best, putting others' needs first comes naturally to you. At your worst, you take people for a ride without offering anything in return. Please do try and find a middle way between these extremes. Especially, and this is important, at work: the last thing you want to do now is make rash promises you can't keep.

CAPRICORN (Dec 24 - Jan 20)
Although you have come to a position where you prefer to face situations head-on, it may no longer be necessary to do so. Opposition may now vanish like a desert mirage, to be replaced by a surprisingly friendly atmosphere. If travel plans are coming unstuck, don't panic - just keep them on hold.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Put your thoughts and ideas into action through a creative and artistic approach. In other words, bring your own individual, unique talents to bear on questions that have so far been characterised by routine and boredom. And once you have made the grade, you'll receive the praise you deserve.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The explanation for a number of professional developments may not be explained until tomorrow. After an unprecedented series of emotional outbursts, romantic liaisons should have settled down. From now on, you have to be clearer with partners about what you really want.

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PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer (C) on behalf of NSUT invites Expression of Interest from reputed firms for setting up Sewage Treatment Plant of appropriate design and capacity at its campus situated at Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi -110078. Last date and time for submission of Documents for Expression of Interest: 26.06.2019 upto 3.00 P.M.

The interested, parties may visit NSUT website www.nsut.ac.in for downloading Notice for Expression of Interest in this regards.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (C)

Govt. of Karnataka

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No.BMCR/Sup(2)/19/2018-19 Dated: 11/06/2019

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tenders are invited through e-procurement portal for the purchase of Computer, Printer, Scanner & other IT Peripherals for the implementation of e-hospital, e-office and other IT solutions at BMCRI and attached Hospitals, Bangalore

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-procurement mode only.

Website : <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Interested tenderers have to register in the e-procurement portal, details of which can viewed in the said website.

Commencement date for uploading of tenders: 13/06/2019

Pre bid Meeting date: 25/06/2019

Last date for uploading the tenders : 12/07/2019 before 4:30 PM

Date of opening of tenders: 16/07/2019 at 10:30 AM

For further details contact Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru
 DIPR/DDU/414/2019-20 Sd/- Director cum Dean



VOICE NOTES
Everyone is familiar with Mexican artist Frida Kahlo's face but not many are aware of how her voice sounded. National Sound Library of Mexico has discovered what is possibly the first known voice recording of Kahlo from a 1955 radio show, that aired after her death.

AROUND TOWN



Food Story
THE FOOD Diplomacy: Makan Ngga Makan Asal Kumpul! series at the Korean Cultural Centre is bringing together workshops on kitchen lithography and domestic hacking on June 17 and 18 (2 pm – 5 pm). Alongside a performance by Long Life Laboratory on June 14 at 5 pm, an exhibition puts into question our consumption practices and how food is produced and distributed. At 25-A, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar IV, from June 14 to July 31. For details, visit india.korean-culture.org



Play of Life
THE PLAY *What Planet Are You On?*, directed by Akarsh Khurana, is a slice of life romantic comedy that follows an adolescent boy and his coming of age, while he also deals with ADD (attention deficit disorder). Khurana has to his credit writing screenplays for films like *U Me Aur Hum*, *Kites* and *Krish 3*. The play will be staged on June 14 at 7:30 pm, and on June 15-16 at 6 pm.



On a Ride
MORE THAN two decades and 490 shows later, Pierrot Troupe's *Ghalib* continues to evoke laughter and contemplation among the audience. Reimagining what would happen if the 19th century poet was to find his way into present-day Delhi, M Sayeed Alam's play will be staged at Upstage Insider, Roseate House, on June 15, 7 pm onwards. Tickets are priced at Rs 500.



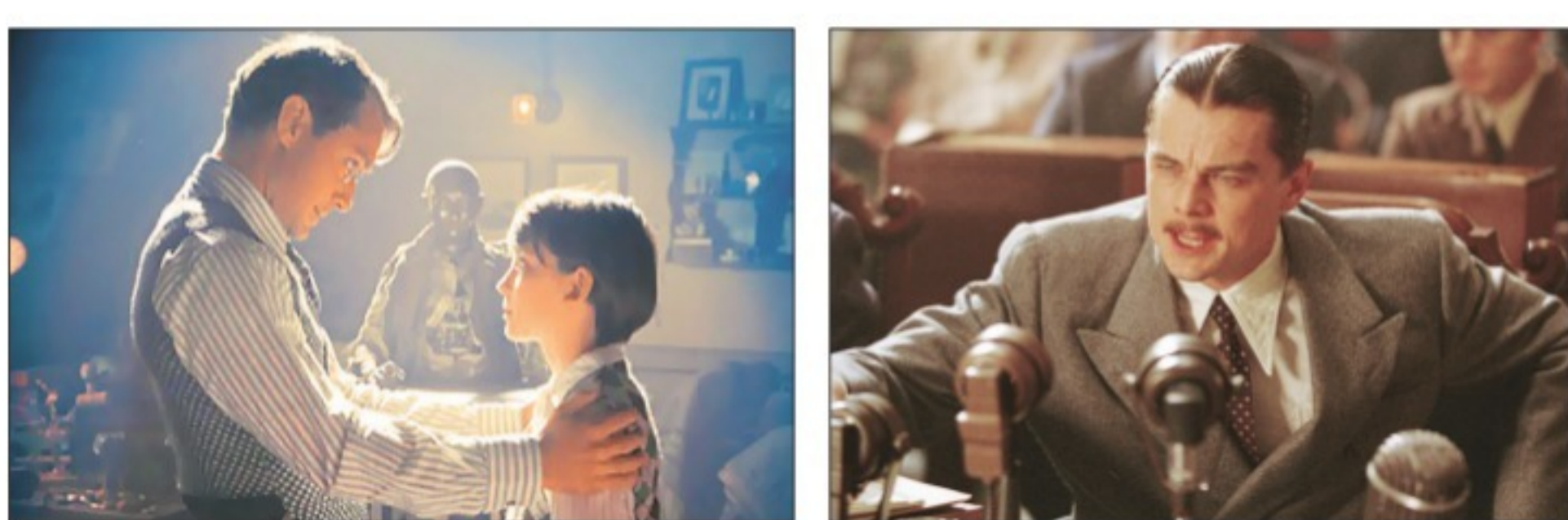
Path to Freedom
THE NIZAMI Brothers, famous for rendering qawwalis written by Amir Khusro, will be performing at Kamani Auditorium, Mandi House, on June 15, 6 pm onwards. Tickets priced at Rs 400 are available on Bookmyshow.

Lost in Thought

INDULGE IN an evening of Sufi music and poetry as singer Kavita Seth, who has lent her voice to popular numbers such as *Iktara* in *Wake up Sid* and *Tum hi ho bandhu* in *Cocktail*, performs in the Capital. At Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, on June 15, 7 pm onwards. Tickets priced between Rs 200 and Rs 500 are available on Bookmyshow.

Treasures from Another Land

A CELEBRATION of Indo-Thai diplomatic relations takes the form of the screening of six Thai films at PVR Select Citywalk, Saket, spanning diverse genres. The films to be screened at the Namaste Thailand Film Festival include the comedy *Friend Zone Romance*, the documentary *2,215* and the horror flick *The Promise*, with English subtitles. From June 14 to 16, 7 pm onwards.



Through the Looking Glass

Three-time Academy Award-winner Robert Richardson, in India recently, on what drew him to cinematography and how awards eat into work prospects

EKTA MALIK

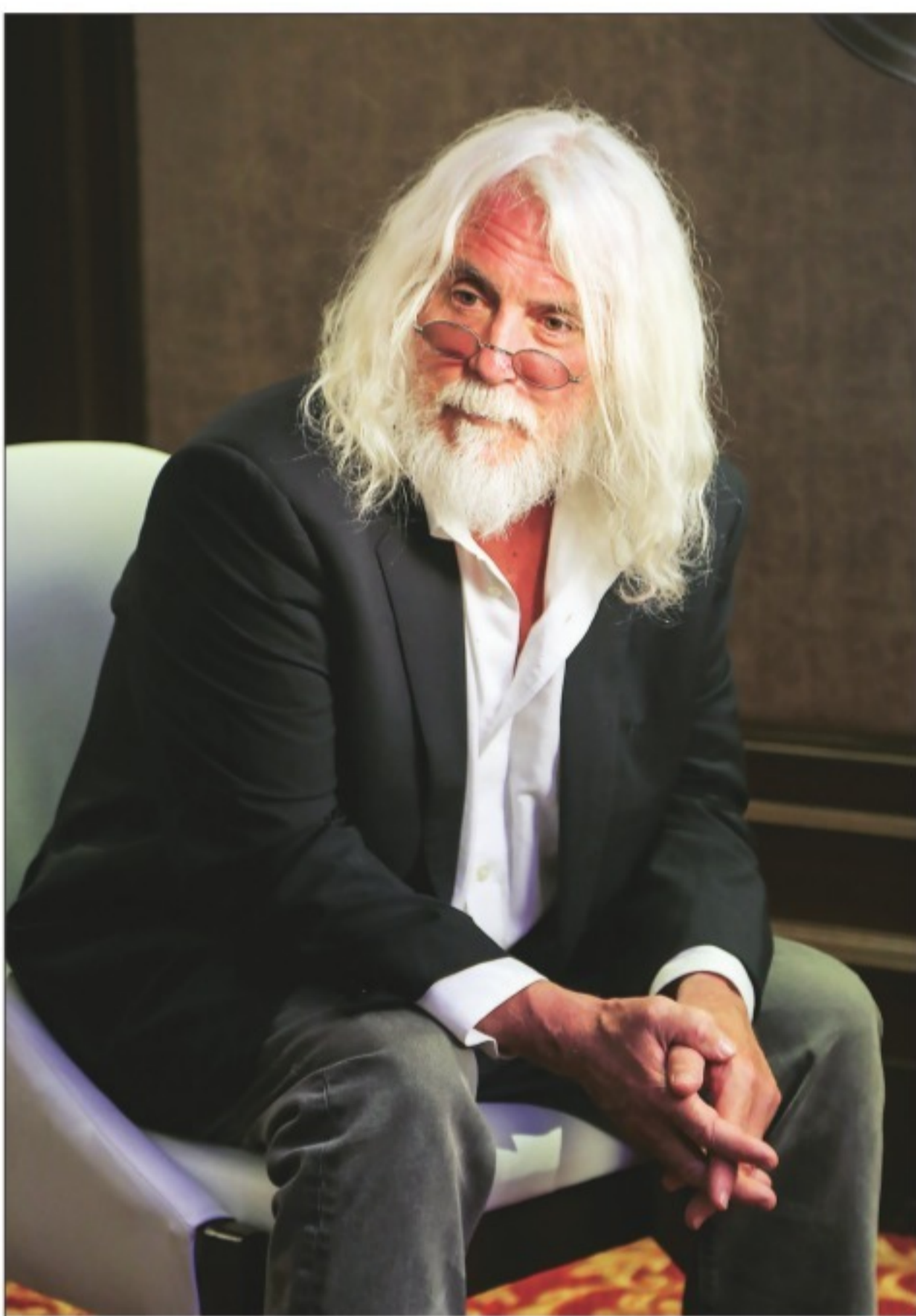
FOR HIS gleaming white shoulder-length hair, an equally white beard, tinted John Lennon-esque glasses and a dominating presence — he is six-feet plus — Robert Richardson could have passed for a wayward rockstar or movie star. But the three-time Academy Award-winning cinematographer chose to stay behind the camera instead. Richardson, who has filmed *The Aviator*, *Hugo* and the recent *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, started off with shooting documentaries and was later roped in to assist on a film, which in his words, "was a complete failure". "The team wanted to fire me. But luckily they couldn't afford someone else, so they kept me on. I still remember what the director of photography on that film asked me, 'what do you want to do in your life?' I replied, 'I want to shoot films.' He responded, 'If you want to shoot movies, go ahead and shoot movies and then step away'," recalls the 63-year-old.

Richardson was in Delhi recently to shoot a commercial for Absolut. The Delhi leg was the final part of the ad campaign called Colourless, which had parts of it shot in Bulgaria as well. "The campaign deals with colour and stresses on how we need to shed all that. I shouldn't have to think about whether you are Hindu or Muslim, or if you are black or white," says Richardson. In Delhi for just 24 hours, and exhausted after the long day of shoot, Richardson did brush aside some questions, even as he gave us tongue-in-cheek one-liners instead.

A graduate from the Rhode Island School of Design, and later the American Film Institute, Richardson has worked with the biggest names in Hollywood in his career spanning four decades. Cinematography always called out to him. "Looking into the eyes of the actors — that's what drew me to it," he says, adding, "It's the vision of the cinematographer that is presented on the screen by the director."

With films like *Kill Bill*, *Inglorious Basterds*, *Shutter Island* and *JFK* to his credit, Richardson has become a go-to person for directors such as Martin Scorsese, Quentin Tarantino and Oliver Stone. He frequently addresses them as brothers. We wonder what makes them tick? "I have a language of my own, cinematically and visually, which I tailor to the needs of the director and the script. It's like how humans adapt to new relationships and needs. *Casino* is different from *Inglorious*, and then you compare it to *Once Upon A Time in Hollywood*. And cinematically, *Salvador* can't be compared to *Natural Born Killers*," he adds.

He is one of the three living people who have won the Academy Award thrice for Best Cinematography, for *JFK* (1991), *The Aviator* (2004) and *Hugo* (2011). The other two are Vittorio Storaro and Emmanuel Lubezki. It seems unfazed by it, and is rather scared that the awards eat into the



(Clockwise from above) Robert Richardson; stills from *Hugo* and *The Aviator*

New technology has made things super-easy for budding cinematographers. They don't have to work so hard. They are able to look at a monitor and figure out what's not working. But that also helps get new talent

ROBERT RICHARDSON

chances of him finding work. "I am honoured, of course, and no they don't create unnecessary pressure. But the thing with three Academy Awards is, people are generally frightened to work with you. They are intimidated, and it gets complicated to get work," he says.

While there has been a lot of hue and cry

about the transition from celluloid to digital formats within the cinematic world, Richardson has managed to strike a balance between the two. "I am still shooting on film, every film with Quentin (Tarantino) has been on film. So I am very much in power in that aspect. I do equal number of projects on films and the digital format. I don't seem to have a problem with the two, they co-exist for me," he adds.

As for the progression of technology in cinema, one wonders if it has made things a tad too easy for upcoming cinematographers. Richardson agrees. "New technology has made things super-easy for budding cinematographers. They don't have to work so hard. They are able to look at a monitor and figure out what's not working. But that also helps get new talent. "Like, I mean look at Bradford Young, he is very good, look up his work," he says.

SNAP SHOTS



Life Line
AUTHOR TANUSHREE PODDER'S *Boots Belts Berets* (2013, Roli Books) will be adapted as a web series by Tipping Point, Viacom18 Studio's digital content arm. The book follows the lives of Pessi, Bertie, Randy and Maachh, who are thrust into the world of National Defence Academy after leading a sheltered life for 16 years. The Delhi-born author had worked in the corporate sector for eight years before quitting to write full-time. Her first novel *Nurjahan's Daughter* was published in 2005, followed by *Escape from Harem*.



Alternate Reality
IN HER latest body of work as part of her exhibition "Pehchaan", Abid Zaidi has used charcoal and brush ink, showcasing a world where humans, man-made structures, monuments and nature co-exist. In her canvases dotted with camels, vultures and falcons, Zaidi draws parallels with reality, where animals are slaves to humans. The exhibition is part of Untitled Creation's second edition of "I AM – Identity Art Marathon" that is on till June 16 at Arpana Fine Art Gallery in Delhi.
SUBHADRA VARSHNEY

The Big Spread

Mumbai's Kaka Kaki restaurant, focussing on the Bohri cuisine, makes the traditional accessible

PARTH KHATAU

TUCKED AWAY in a nondescript lane in Mumbai's Santacruz West is Kaka Kaki, a cosy restaurant that serves Bohri delicacies. As one steps into it, a bunch of family photographs adorning the walls greets the visitor, reminders of the day Hozef and Duraiya Darukhanawala tied the knot in the early '80s, celebrating the birth of their daughter, Zainab, and other family functions. These framed images lend an intimate vibe to the restaurant, which symbolises the love Hozef and Duraiya share for traditional Bohri cuisine and cooking.

In August last year, Hozef, 63, and Duraiya, 57, opened the restaurant, which remains open from 4pm to 10:30pm, along with their partner and family friend Sandeep Pai, after catering Bohri food for a year. "We started Kaka Kaki with the intention of sharing our traditional home-made food with customers. Hardly any Mumbai-based restaurant served authentic Bohri food. We are called *kaka* and *kaki* in our community and our 21-year-old daughter Zainab came up with this name for the restaurant," says Hozef. The catering service mostly offered regular Mughlai food such as biryanis and kebabs. The restaurant's menu, however, comprises Bohri items such as chicken white sauce pattice, cream tikka (chicken or mutton), grilled chicken and Raan — leg pieces of lamb, marinated in Indian herbs for hours before being grilled to perfection, smeared with a lip-smacking sauce.

The opening of Kaka Kaki is a dream come true for Hozef and Duraiya — both afflicted with paralytic polio since childhood. They have shared the passion for food ever since they got married in 1984. "I suffered from polio when I was just one-and-a-half years old. Duraiya, however, was less affected than me and walks with a limp," says Hozef, who needs the support of crutches to move around. That, of course, does not stop him from cooking for hours or supervising the kitchen. They even manage their respective parallel careers along with running the restaurant. Earlier, Hozef used to work in banks, Bombay Mercantile Co-Operative for 15 years, then Samata Sahakari, and now runs a finance company. Duraiya is an artist and holds acrylic painting classes at her Santacruz studio.

Kaka Kaki can accommodate 10 customers at a time, and also offers takeaways



Hozef and Duraiya Darukhanawala; (top) the Bohri Thaal at Kaka Kaki
Amit Chakravarty

and delivery services. If ordered in advance, they can serve the traditional Bohri Thaal, an elaborate seven-course meal, for a big group (it costs roughly Rs 4,500 for a group of eight). Hozef says, "The thaal is the signature Bohri experience we offer. Eating as a family is very important in our community." The Bohri Thaal at Kaka Kaki starts with Gol Paani, a drink made of jaggery water and *sabza* (basil seeds). What follows the drink, interestingly, is a pinch of salt. Next up: desserts — caramel custard and *dudhi ka halwa* (bottle gourd halwa). Nestled at the centre of the caramel custard is cubes of fresh chikoo and lychees. This is a recipe that Duraiya aces in. After that starters, such as a variety of samosas (fillings vary from minced meat, pulses to mawa) and Tam-Tam Batata (potatoes with tamarind sauce) make their way to the thaal. "Savoury and sweet items are served alternately, piping hot," says Hozef. One of the most sought-after dish of the thaal is Dabba Gosht — a traditional Bohri delicacy, a hearty casserole dish of mutton, tomatoes, boiled eggs in white sauce, finished with a splash of egg and pure ghee.

Hozef's family hailed from Surat and most of his recipes have been passed on to him from his grandmother. "My grandmother used to cook certain items like kebabs and biryani only on charcoal. She would also make my favourite Kuddal Palida, which was like a pulao with rice and daal," says Hozef, who started experimenting with recipes as he grew older.

'It's impossible for an Indian to be monolingual'

On Wednesday evening, Amitav Ghosh became the first Indian writer in English to bag the prestigious Jnanpith Award

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI

WHEN THE Jnanpith Award 2018 was announced in December last year, making him the first Indian writer writing in English to have won the coveted prize, Amitav Ghosh says he was completely taken by surprise. "I can hardly believe it still. If you grow up in an Indian literary milieu, the Jnanpith is something very special. It goes beyond literary achievements. So many of my friends, so many of the great writers that I knew — Girish (Karnad), for example, but also Mahasweta di (Mahasweta Devi) — had received it. I feel quite overwhelmed at the thought of following in that line," said Ghosh, 62, during the course of an interaction on Wednesday.

Later that evening, at an award ceremony at Delhi's India Habitat Centre, Ghosh, the author of masterful works such as the Sahitya Akademi Award-winning *The Shadow Lines* (1988), *The Hungry Tide* (2004) and the more recent 'Ibis' trilogy (2008-2015), was conferred the 54th Jnanpith Award. Speaking on the occasion,



Amitav Ghosh receives the award from Gopalkrishna Gandhi Prem Nath Pandey

Ghosh lauded the organisers for opening the award up to writers who write in English but also emphasised on the inherently pluralistic nature of Indian languages.

"English is not, by any means, my only language... I am all too well aware that my work has been shaped, formed and enabled by the linguistic diversity and plural-

ism of the circumstances in which I grew up. When we use the words pluralism and diversity, we tend to think of a multi-coloured mosaic with many solid blocks of colour that join in but do not stain over into each other. But this is a false picture. There is nothing solid about the way that languages interact with each other in the Indian subcontinent. They mingle, flow and infiltrate, not just between groups but more significantly within individuals... It is impossible for an Indian to be monolingual in the manner of some Europeans and most Americans," he said.

But these liberal principals, he said, were likely to be sorely tested in the future. "We are living in a time when writers are increasingly beleaguered, embattled and marginalised. Around the world, there is a closing of minds, a narrowing of horizons and a palpable fear of the future," he said, adding that it would need collective effort to rise above this tidal wave of fear.

In Ghosh's novels, history and social anthropology come together in illuminating ways to highlight the inter-connectedness of lands, economies, languages and ecolo-

gies. If in his epic 'Ibis' trilogy, he followed the 19th-century Opium Wars that ushered in an era of free-trade capitalism, his last work of non-fiction, *The Great Derangement* (2016) pitched focus on the grave environmental crisis facing us. His new novel, *Gun Island*, released a day after the Jnanpith Award, touches upon the global migration crisis and the pitfalls of climate change through the prism of Bengali folklore.

Former governor of West Bengal, Gopalkrishna Gandhi, 74, who was the chief guest at the award ceremony, called Ghosh a sailor among writers, whose words carried in them the salt of the seas, the upheaval of the waves and the solidity of land. He also had a request for the writer: "Like the seasons are changing, so is our mental environment. This is a time governed by enmity, anger, wars. Our scriptures tell us about non-violence but today, we thrill not in that but in arms... I would urge him to consider administering to us yet another warning, red and unmistakable of the inflammability of hatred among communities, which translate into mutually terrorising neighbours... nations as well."



Sunday's fixture: Sunshine amidst the clouds

SRIRAM VEERA
NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 13

VIRAT KOHLI craned out skywards from the dressing room. Dark clouds threw some water at him. He would later say it was "disappointing" not to get a game but the Indian fans weren't in dark mood at the stadium. The chatter was about Pakistan. It's as if New Zealand game was an unnecessary stop. Just imagine what would happen if the rain had washed out the Pakistan game? Calm down, now.

It's been like that for a while. Hours after India had beaten Australia, a few Indian fans were waiting for the tube to emerge from a tunnel around 10 pm at the Oval station. A swing from brown-papered beer bottles was followed with Punjabi songs, punctuated with "jeetega bhai..." shouts that ended with "Pakistan hareyga". A couple of bewildered Polish stood at the other end of the platform.

The Pakistani cabbie at Southampton showed a screenshot from his phone. Mahendra Singh, the text read. In the evening before the game against South Africa, he claimed Dhoni had booked his Uber. He is positive it was that gloved wonder. But the ride was cancelled. And the disappointed driver, who wasn't far from the team hotel, rushed ahead to see Dhoni get into another Uber. He shows another video; all one can see are shaky images of his own dashboard.

"In the tension, I couldn't focus." He followed Dhoni's Uber to see him and a couple of other players get off at the restaurant. He once again showed that Mahendra Singh screenshot - a unique souvenir that only an Uber driver can possess.

And so it goes. India versus Pakistan. From Doordarshan to Prime Sports to Star Sports to Hotstar apps on phones. The devices have changed, the anticipation remains the same.

The customary question to Kohli about the washout done, and commentator Simon Doull swiftly moved to Pakistan. "All the excitement and frenzy around the game could intimidate guys who are playing for the first time. As soon as you enter the field, it's all calm."

Pakistan has shown enough glimpses to make their fans hope about beating India. The latter has shown enough for their fans to strut around. Kohli wasn't fussed about not getting some match time ahead of Pakistan encounter. "From the players' point of view and where the teams are placed, it was better suited not to take the field when it is not safe to play. Don't want an injury at this stage. We've been playing some good cricket, we're not too worried about where we stand. Having two wins does give you confidence. A couple of practice sessions and we should be fine. It's only about getting game time and that should happen on Sunday."

As for that Southampton cabbie, he was lucky to have Chris Gayle in his car. Apparently, Mr Universe Boss was cursing in jest that West Indies were put up at a not-so-fancy hotel while Australians were at the Hilton. No souvenir screenshots taken from that trip, though.

TORRENT BRIDGE

(Clockwise from top) Groundstaff bring out the rain covers as its buckets down at Trent Bridge in Nottingham on Thursday. Indian fans paint the tricolour on their faces as they wait for the match against New Zealand to begin. Chinaman spinner Kuldeep Yadav sits in the dressing-room balcony. In the end, the match was washed out without a single ball being bowled. Pictures: AP & Reuters

Dr Wahab, Mr Riaz

The mercurial pacer, who can be majestic in one match and pedestrian in another, personifies the Pakistani cricket team



SRIRAM VEERA
NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 13

WAHAB RIAZ visits his two-day old daughter at the hospital. She is bleeding internally and has problems in the lungs. The doctor says she has to be put on the ventilator and tells Wahab to be prepared for the worst. Wahab walks towards the newborn and whispers to her: "Meri aukaat itni hi hai. Mujh-sey jo ho saka, mein kar diya. Baaki Allah key haath mey hai (This is all I can do, I have done what I could, rest is up to God)." He then tells the startled doctor to put the ventilator on. Are you sure, they ask? "Yes". For the next 6 days, she is on the ventilator. Eyes taped. One day he tells her, "Open your eyes, I want to see you." She does. "Fully, properly". She does again. "Ab so jao". She does.

"I have videos of that interaction," Wahab says in a remarkable television interview with Samina Peerzada. He is in control and speaks matter-of-factly, as if reading out a Wikipedia entry about his life. He prepares his wife for the worst, but she obviously resists even the thought. On the eighth day, the baby breathes normally and a day later, she is conscious. Next day, Wahab flies to India for a cricket tour. A couple of days later, he learns she isn't passing stool and could be paralysed for life. She beats the doctor's diagnosis, turns out to be healthy, and now is his life. Wahab's Twitter feed has heart-warming videos of her - feeding goats, doing this and that. For a father who has been through all that, what is a piffing cricket game?

Wahab dawdles to his fielding position in Taunton. He walks like a schoolboy, short

dragging steps, hands hanging loosely by his hips and head down. Captain Sarfaraz Ahmed calls him to admonish him for bowling on the legs of David Warner. He gestures that the ball should be coming in from off stump. Wahab nods and resumes his childish gait. "Koi masla nahi, agle over mey wicket pakki (No problem, next over wicket for sure)," yells someone from the crowd. Wahab smiles. Next over, he kicks up a ball from back of a length, startles Aaron Finch into a poke, but Asif Ali drops it at first slip. "Koi masla nahi," screams the same man. Wahab doesn't smile this time.

Masla toh hai - you cannot unsee the problem. There is something about his cricket that makes him one of those about whom you aren't sure when they are switched on or not. He could shock the living daylight of batsmen with snarling bouncers, like he did famously to Shane Watson at the last World Cup in Australia. Or he could just amble in and bowl tripe.

When he is switched on, he is a sight to behold. The run up still doesn't always tell it, but it screams out as he reaches the umpire. That left hand springs over his shoulder - a fluid jerk-less movement that can be insipid on his bad days - and then blurs down as he flings the ball across. Unlike a few others, you don't really notice what he does with his fingers on the ball. It's not the leg cutter or whatever it is that you are anticipating from Wahab - it's that rhythmic sling of the arms. If he ticks that, he is usually okay. Presence of an annoying batsman helps. He then unleashes hell.

Wahab likes banging the ball short, preferably a bouncer and once he exhausts the quota in the over, he settles for the back-of-a-length screamers. Against Australia, Mohammad Amir had turned in a lovely first spell, but Pakistan were let down by Shaheen Shah Afridi. While Amir was fuller - and it seemed that full-length was the way to go - Afridi bowled too short. Wahab sneezed at that wisdom, pouncing at the batsman from short of length - so much so that David Warner would repeatedly tap a spot on that length, hammering his bat as if he had sensed an offending piece of soil that was helping Wahab. Tap, tap, tap. Another ball



When Wahab Riaz is switched on, he is a sight to behold. AP

would land there and fly into his ribs. But Wahab's wasn't a hostile performance. Which, in fact, should please Pakistan. It wasn't Warner or some Australian that annoyed him into the zone. He was composed, calm, collected - almost just-another-day-in-the-office kind, but he kept it tight in the middle overs, across a couple of spells, forced mistakes but the catches were grassed.

As a kid, Wahab had to deal with a strict father: Riaz senior didn't like him slipping out of house for cricket. Once he asked his mother for rickshaw money so that he

(ask them to let me go)," the father said. Wahab requested him to wait for a day, and he managed to get there. He died that day. "There hasn't been a day I haven't thought about *Walid sahab*," Wahab says.

His father, apparently, liked to see Wahab bat. As a kid, he used to fool around with his cousins, pretending to bat like Javed Miandad or Imran Khan. Australia saw the Imran version of it at Taunton.

Wahab isn't an all-rounder or a tailender, of course, but someone who gives you the impression that he could bat way better than he does on occasions. But if he gets out cheaply, you aren't surprised. It's his thinking that stood out against the Australians on Wednesday. He didn't do a Hasan Ali, didn't swing his bat around. At the start, he had to face four overs from Australia's two best Mitch Starc and Pat Cummins. Bouncers, yorkers, back-of-a-length and good-length stuff arrived, but he tapped them around pretty securely. He picked his bowlers, like Kane Richardson and Glenn Maxwell, and utilised the short boundaries well.

The noose slowly tightened around the Aussies. The largely Pakistan crowd went berserk. The crescent moons swirled around in the chilly wind. Hope floated. Just another day in a Pakistan fan's life. But with Australia, and more importantly with their own team, they must have anticipated some anti-climax. Starc dug one in and it sprang up at Wahab who pushed his hands out at it. Poke and a miss. Or so everyone thought, but Steve Smith, at backward point, was almost adamant. He must have heard some noise. When the big screen showed the ball passing the bat, there seemed like a gap and they yelled in joy. Even Wahab, who was standing with his captain in middle, turned and began to walk towards his end. As if he thought the jail-break was done, he could walk scot-free. But, the Snicko flickered life into the Australians and darkness descended on the Pakistanis. As Wahab trudged back, the fans recovered from the sucker punch, stood up, and cleared their lungs in admiration. No masla, only love.

Bayliss will have to live with the 'Sheldon Salute', says Holder

REUTERS
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 13

WEST INDIES bowler Sheldon Cottrell may have a special salute for England coach Trevor Bayliss when the two sides meet in the World Cup on Friday, but Jofra Archer could rain on that particular parade. Archer, the young Barbados-born fast bowler now delivering for England after playing for West Indies under-19s, brings plenty of spice to the eagerly-awaited encounter at Southampton's Rose Bowl.

The match will be his first against the country he was also eligible to play for and one that will give West Indies fans plenty of time to appreciate a talent that slipped through their fingers. Cottrell, whose flamboyant wicket-taking celebration involves



England batting coach Graham Thorpe and Jos Buttler during nets at Hampshire Bowl. Buttler, who had hurt his right hip, is expected to be fit for the game. Reuters

a short march, stand to attention and salute to the pavilion, will meanwhile be doing his best to get on Bayliss's nerves.

The 56-year-old Australian told reporters on Wednesday that the 'Sheldon Salute' was enough to annoy anyone over the age of 40 and himself in particular. West Indies captain Jason Holder was asked on Thursday whether Cottrell had "a nice, special salute" lined up for Bayliss, and he smiled.

"I don't think it will change, that's just Sheldon. I guess Trevor will just have learn to accept it," he replied.

Watching the West Indies batsmen smashing Archer's deliveries to the boundary might rank even higher on the satisfaction scale but Holder was keen to put the match into perspective.

"It's something that has been talked up in the press, in the media, and we are look-

ing forward to the challenge against England," he said.

"I have seen Jofra over the years. He is obviously a Barbadian. He's grown up in Barbados playing cricket so what I'm seeing of Jofra doesn't surprise me. He is one of those guys who has always had ability and talent," added the captain.

"It is just unfortunate how things went in terms of his decision-making but he is a good talent." The match, he emphasised, was against England, the pre-tournament favourites, and not just about one man.

Holder said the final team selection would be made on Friday, with all-rounder Andre Russell recovering well from a knee injury. "He is just one of those guys where we give him as much time as he possibly needs, so it all boils down to how he wakes up tomorrow morning and feels," said the captain.

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
NZ	4	3	0	0	1	7	2.163
Aus	4	3	1	0	0	6	0.57
Ind	3	2	0	0	1	5	0.539
Eng	3	2	1	0	0	4	1.307
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 after the ninth round will qualify for the semis.

LEADING SCORERS

260 Shikib Al Hasan (BAN), 255 David Warner (AUS), 215 Jason Roy (ENG)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

10 Mohammad Amir (PAK), 9 Mitch Starc (AUS), 9 Pat Cummins (AUS)

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Couple of showers in Southampton.

I think being in that position myself it does feel different the first time you play against a side that either you could have potentially played for or played for.

EOIN MORGAN ON JOFRA ARCHER

We don't need to make gestures, says PCB chief Mani

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JUNE 13

EHSAN MANI, who was handpicked by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan to head the country's cricket board, has assured that the controversy over the Indian Army insignia on wicket-keeper MS Dhoni's gloves will not impact Sunday's World Cup game between India and Pakistan.

A week after a Pakistan minister referred to the gloves and said "Dhoni was not in England for Mahabharat", the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman struck a reconciliatory note. "You won't get any spillover from the Pakistan side. They are there to play cricket, full stop. We don't need to make gestures. I have always seen cricket as a tool to create goodwill and better understanding. We should keep it like this. It's a sport. It's a gentleman's sport. That's how it should be," Mani, a former ICC chairman, told *The Indian Express*.

Dhoni sported the Army Special Forces insignia, the Balidan badge, on his gloves for India's first game against South Africa but removed it for the next game after the ICC pointed out that it was in breach of regulations.

Mani said he was also against the teasers aired by ICC host broadcaster, Star Sports, to promote the India-Pakistan clash. "I think this is for the ICC to take note. Star is the host broadcaster. They are not an Indian broadcaster, they are the broadcaster of the ICC. They should be fair to all teams. That (the teasers) is not part of cricket," Mani said.

He also condemned a World Cup-linked Pakistan TV channel spoof about IAF pilot Abhinandan Varthaman, who was held captive in Pakistan for close to 60 hours after his aircraft was shot down in action along the LOC that followed the Balakot air strikes. "I haven't seen that. But obviously it's not in

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the spirit of the game if it is true," he said. Indian tennis star Sania Mirza had called the ads aired on both sides of the border "cringeworthy". On the much-anticipated India-Pakistan game, Mani said: "The players are friends, even BCCI and PCB officials get along well. The political interference is unfortunate. Till the time we play each other in our own countries, I have no doubt that people-to-people contact will make the difference. The match between India and Pakistan is not a war. It should be a celebration of cricket."

The PCB chief denied reports that Pakistan players were planning a special celebration to mark the fall of Indian wickets after Dhoni brought his support for the armed forces to the pitch. "No, actually that report was not correct. There was no suggestion (from the Pakistan players) at all. Because obviously, they know this is something I will not tolerate. These are mature cricketers and they are friends of each other. As people, they know each other. They played against each other from the time they were Under-19s. They have a relationship of their own, which is a good relationship," he said.



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'No discussion on weather at ICC meets that I attended...lessons must be learnt'

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JUNE 13

THE INTERNATIONAL Cricket Council (ICC) didn't discuss the rain factor and wet-weather management during its Board meetings close to the World Cup, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ehsan Mani, a former ICC president, said. On Thursday, India versus New Zealand match at Trent Bridge was abandoned without a ball being bowled. It was the fourth washout in the ongoing World Cup.

The irony is that the ECB has signed a TV deal worth £1.1 billion for the upcoming period 2020-2024. But some hosting venues don't even have enough sheets to cover the entire outfield. Wet outfield prevented today's match to get underway even when there was no rain. "I'm sure there should have been a discussion about it - the arrangements. But it hasn't been discussed in two or three (ICC) Board meetings I have attended," Mani told *The Indian Express*.

Before today's match, the fixtures between Pakistan and Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and South Africa and West Indies, too, had been washed out. The 2019 World Cup already holds the dubious record of most number of rained-off games in an ICC showpiece event. "Of course it's frustrating. Look, this is a thing that should have been discussed and thought out before the tournament. I don't think the ICC can at this stage change it. So I think there are lessons to be learnt from this,

because four matches have been washed out so far. That's not good. It's very frustrating for the players, because they are primed up for the World Cup, they want to show their skills and suddenly they are not able to play and the results are not under their control. Four matches have been rained off, eight teams are affected; if a team gets affected twice, then it puts a lot of pressure on them," Mani said.

'Room for improvement'

Pakistan are a bit inconsistent, although it's still the early stage of the tournament. The PCB chairman agreed that Sarfaraz Ahmed and company will have to be more consistent. "Obviously, there's room for improvement. As you see, the way we played against the West Indies and Australia, and how well we played against England... Pakistan have the potential, I believe, to beat any team in the world. We saw that in the Champions Trophy. We have to start playing more consistently to the levels that we are capable of. There's no doubt about that. I'm sure that the team and the team management are very aware of it and this is something they are working hard to overcome, Mani said.

Pakistan faced flak after West Indies rolled them over in the first game. Did he have any message to the team management and the players after the loss? "Look, we gave them full encouragement. We gave them confidence to perform to the best of their ability. The time for evaluation will be after the World Cup, not during the World Cup."

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Archer's quiver full of harrows

IF THE whole of England is flattering Jofra Archer, the reddest, hottest property this World Cup, Barbados, his country of birth and where he imbued most of his cricketing lessons, is sulking. A day before the England-West Indies fixture, Barbados's leading daily Barbados Today ran a bitter editorial titled: "The other side of Jofra Archer euphoria", in which the writer blasts Archer's impatience with Windies cricket and alleges that he was discriminated against during the U-19 days, a grouse Archer still nurses and reason he quotes for leaving Barbados.

The writer rants: "It must not and should not go forth that he was done some major injustice by regional selectors. As was the case then and is the case now, it was a matter of choice. The regional selectors were entitled to choose the 15 they thought were the best at that time, just as much as Archer is entitled to choose the direction he thinks is best for his career and future at this time." Another newspaper, *Daily Nation*, goes parochial: "If West Indies indeed trounce England and build a great team, it will be a decision he'll end up regretting. He would feel pain when he sees Bajans celebrating around him."

There will be five Bajans in the opposing squad - Jason Holder, Shai Hope, Carlos Brathwaite, Ashley Nurse and Kemar Roach, besides West Indies Under-19s teammates in Shimron Hetmyer and Nicholas Pooran. The perpetually chortling Archer is hardly fazed at facing fellow Bajans, though. "It's just another game of cricket, same as today, same as the last game," Archer told BBC Sport. "I know them pretty good. I played with a few of the guys in under-19s, so it will be good to actually play against them this time. I'll be able to share some knowledge but I do that whenever we play." England will hope familiarity would offer insight while the discrimination backstory would fuel him up for an inspired performance.

Eoin won't sing, but yeah boy can play

The finicky English press loves to nit-pick, even if everything's going England's way. Their latest obsession - actually an old one, but fished out again during the World Cup - is Eoin Morgan not piping the "God Save the Queen". So *The Sun*, the paparazzi kings, ran a debate the other day: "Why doesn't Eoin Morgan sing God Save the Queen?" Most of them pointed out to his Irish roots, while the more rabid ones claimed it was a political statement, a deliberate snub to the monarch. There also popped up the good-humoured "he wasn't a choir boy," and some unprintable sleazy ones that evaded the moderator's gaze.

In the past, Morgan had addressed the question himself, though he left the suspense hanging, saying: "It's an old, long story and a personal thing. It does not make me any less proud to be an English cricketer."

His former Irish teammates, though, have a better explanation. "He doesn't sing the Irish anthem ei-



GLOVES ARE OFF

New Zealand all-rounder James Neesham throws his gloves towards the fans after the match against India at Trent Bridge was abandoned due to torrential rain. Reuters



Chris Gayle with a young fan at Southampton. Reuters

ther!" Apparently, he doesn't hate singing, but detests listening to his own sound.

Gayle-Slash-Rain

West Indies' batsmen Christopher Henry Gayle has always been a crowd favourite. His supporters flock the ground with huge banners, hoping to catch a glimpse of their rockstar hitting bowlers out of the park. In their game against South Africa, the supporters were sitting with frowns on their faces as the match was washed off after just seven odd overs. But Gayle brought back the smiles on the faces of a few lucky supporters. Like he did during a rain-affected practice match earlier, he walked out and spent time signing autographs and posing for selfies. Gayle also drew

attention for the quirky "Slash hat" he chose to wear. The official twitter handle of the World Cup tweeted a picture of him with the caption: "Appetite for destruction" referring to American hard rock band Guns N' Roses' debut album. Gayle's hat resembled that of the band's lead guitarist Slash.

Die Batsmannschaft

Professional footballers taking keen interest in the cricket World Cup is a good advertisement for the quadrennial showpiece and the game as a whole. Harry Kane set the ball rolling by turning up at Lord's to meet his Twitter buddy Virat Kohli. The majority of English footballers, however, follow cricket, as the game is a significant part of English culture. Gary Lineker captained the Leicestershire Schools cricket team for five years before switching to professional football.

He was equally good at both. Gary Neville had scored 110 not out, batting alongside Matthew Hayden (140 not out), as he played for a Lancashire club, Greenmount, in July 1992. The unbroken partnership took their team to the Hamer Cup final.

About a year-and-a-half ago, Neville told Wisden: "I was an impatient batsman. My brother (former Manchester United player, Phil Neville) could bat for five hours." United centre-half Chris Smalling played the game at school level. Earlier this year, former United

captain Steve Bruce decided to stay put in Barbados for two extra days and delayed his arrival at Sheffield Wednesday until February 1 to take charge as their manager. Bruce wanted to "fulfil his dream" of watching England play in the West Indies.

The English footballers' cricket love seems to be spreading over to Germans. Before the World Cup, Germany and Bayern Munich star Thomas Muller revealed his support for the Indian team and Virat Kohli by wearing the Team India shirt. Last Sunday, when India faced Australia at The Oval, former Germany midfielder and Liverpool legend Didi Hamann was in attendance. Hamann, in fact, is a serious cricket fan.

Two years ago, while chatting with a Twitter follower, he was told his sledges were worthy of a cricket sledge. He parried it with a wink: "Don't know how cricketers keep concentration doing it. Watch bit of NZ vs SA." Last winter, he was in Australia also, to watch them play an ODI against India. Andrew Flintoff is a reason why Hamann got attracted to cricket. The two also became friends, when the German played at Newcastle United for a season.

Cricket at Sky-high price

There's a good chance of the 'Cup coming home'. But does anybody in the

Blighty care outside the country's cricketing fraternity and the circles of elite? A report on *The Daily Mail* pointed out how six-year-old Josh Crannis had no idea about the World Cup taking place in his country. Cricket has become significantly richer in England over the past two decades, especially since Sky's takeover of the sport in 2005.

Figures put out by the paper show how TV deals, £103 million between 1999 and 2001, when Channel 4 and BSkyB were joint right holders, have shot up to £1.1 billion for the upcoming period 2020-2024. The downside of Sky's monopoly over live coverage is that real-time action is out of free-to-air TV and accordingly beyond the masses' reach. Even after a cut-price offer of £100 for the dedicated cricket channel for the entire summer, it remains expensive to a vast majority. Little wonder then that the women's World Cup football match between England and Scotland on the BBC had a peak audience of 6.1 million compared to 1.3 million on Sky for the England versus Pakistan ICC World Cup fixture.

Trevor and Out for Bayliss

How much cricket is too much cricket? For England coach Trevor Bayliss, every game that doesn't feature his team isn't worthy of his time. You'd imagine no coach would take his eye off the matches at the World Cup in an attempt to identify the tiniest of weaknesses their opponents would have. Bayliss, however, has left that task to his support staff.

The Australian, who has a reputation of having a hands-off approach and laid-back attitude to coaching, hasn't watched a single match of the World Cup so far. And he does not intend to either. "I have seen the results but just bits and pieces here and there. Not a cricket watcher unless we're involved," Bayliss told BBC's Test Match Special. "We're watching enough cricket so don't want to spend our days off watching other games. It's sometimes on in the background; I obviously keep an eye on the results but to sit down all day and watch the matches I don't really need to... I'll leave that to others."

A birth and a funeral

A death, a birth and a cricket match on either side of it. The six-day gap between England's two matches has aroused a gamut of emotions among some members of the team. Moeen Ali was excused from training on Wednesday after his wife gave birth to daughter Haadiya. The all-rounder is eyeing a return to the playing XI after being left out of the Bangladesh game. While his off-breaks weren't seen necessary in Cardiff, where England loaded its XI with pacers, Ali is likely to be in contention for the match against West Indies.

While Ali was away for his child's birth, England coach Trevor Bayliss had taken a couple of days off to visit Glasgow to attend the funeral of his friend. Both are back with the team - Bayliss rejoined the team earlier this week while Ali was back with the squad in Southampton on Thursday. ENS



BRIEFLY



What I have seen in this World Cup so far is that if you don't pick up early wickets, you're in trouble. The new ball is so crucial and openers are being more careful in the first ten overs this year."

WAQAR YOUNIS
ON THE OPENERS BEING WARY

Ability to hold length has been the biggest positive: Cummins

Taunton: Emphasising on the importance of dot balls in limited overs cricket, Australia pacer Pat Cummins is delighted that the hard work he has put in to become accurate is starting to pay off. "That's the big improvement in my game in the last couple of years, the ability to hold a length and make it difficult to get runs," Cummins said.

Cutting out singles is another aspect of his bowling that has massively improved. "If you give away easy singles then 300 becomes quite an achievable score. Cutting out the singles is huge, it means if you give away a boundary it might not be that big over of ten or 11, it may just be a five or a six," Cummins added. PTI

'Holder turning out to be a good skipper'

JOEL GARNER, the legendary West Indies bowler, has said the current side stand a decent chance of winning the Cricket World Cup - 40 years since he helped them last lift the trophy with a record five-wicket haul in the final. He also praised Jason Holder's captaincy. Jason Holder has worked hard and he's turning out to be a good leader," Garner added. "I'd be delighted to see him lift the trophy because it's been a long time since we won the World Cup."

He though specifies on playing consistent cricket. "If we play the kind of cricket that we are expected to play, which is consistent cricket, we will get to the final, that's 6'8" - tall (2.03m) Garner, nicknamed Big Bird in his playing days, told Metro.co.uk. "And then there's nothing stopping us from winning the final. But you cannot depend on one or two players to get you there." AFP

India eyeing perfect game against Japan in semifinal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 13

A TRICKY opponent in Asian Games champion Japan is sure to test India but home advantage gives Manpreet Singh and his men the upper-hand in the semifinal of the FIH Series Finals hockey tournament here Friday.

Even though they registered some big wins in the preliminary stages against lower-ranked opponents, the Indians, under new chief coach Graham Reid, are yet to showcase their perfect game on the turf. The finalists will qualify for the FIH Olympic Qualifiers to be held in October-November this year.

India notched up 10-0 wins over Russia and Uzbekistan and scraped past Poland 3-1 in the pool stages. The performance of the Manpreet Singh-led side is far from impressive. While the midfield has done well under Manpreet, it is the finishing which is a cause of concern for the Indians. In all the three matches, India created innumerable scoring chances, but the strike force lacked the finishing touch. Barring Akashdeep Singh, no other striker has looked threatening in the tournament so far. While Mandeep Singh and young Gursahibjit Singh played well in patches, Ramandeep Singh, who returned to the side after nearly a one-year injury lay-off, looked a pale shadow of his past self.

"I am happy that we created plenty of chances but we need to work on our basic skills like finishing. It is an area where we need improvement," India's chief coach Graham Reid had said. The Indian defence too has hardly been tested in the tournament so far with Poland being the only team to cause some trouble. Both the goalkeepers -- PR Sreejesh and Krishan Bahadur Pathak -- were mostly spectators in the pool matches but the scenario would be different Friday as the Japanese are expected to trouble the hosts.

The Asian Games champions gave India a tough fight even though they lost in the past two encounters. While India beat Japan 3-2 in the semifinal of the Asian Champions Trophy in Doha last year, in their last meeting in the Azlan Shah Cup earlier this year, Manpreet and Co. eked out a 2-0 win.

At home, in disarray

Neymar rape accusation overshadows hosts Brazil's Copa America preparations

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
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BRAZIL SHOULD have been gearing up for another major home sporting spectacle with renewed optimism that star forward Neymar would help bring to an end a 12-year trophy drought. But instead, the Selecao's golden boy is dominating the build-up to a tournament he will miss due to an ankle injury for all the wrong reasons.

Neymar is embroiled in a rape scandal in which he has been accused of forcing himself on a model he met through social media in a hotel room in the French capital, where he plays his club trade for Paris Saint-Germain. It's tarnished the festive atmosphere of South America's footballing showpiece with an ugly affair that shows no sign of going away, despite Najila Trindade Mendes de Souza's rapidly unraveling case.

It all blew up on June 2 when Neymar published a seven-minute video on Instagram, where he had first been in contact with Trindade, revealing that he had been accused of rape.

The scandal quickly snowballed and three days later, after a senior Brazilian federation official had said he would "bet" that Neymar would pull out of the Copa, the PSG forward injured ankle ligaments in a 2-0 friendly victory over tournament invitees Qatar.

Even so, Brazil's ability to concentrate on the task at hand has been hampered by the Neymar rape soap opera. After the debacle of Brazil's 7-1 semi-final humbling at the hands of Germany in their home World Cup five years ago, and the fall out from the huge amount of money wasted on hosting both the global football showpiece and the Olympics in the space of two years, the country could have one without such a sordid affair.

Coach Tite insists that Brazil are still in fine fettle ahead of the tournament, which they haven't won since 2007 when a team inspired by former Real Madrid and AC Milan forward Robinho outclassed Lionel Messi's Argentina 3-0 in the final.

Tite admitted Neymar would be missed, saying "it's a shame to not have one of the three best players in the world." "After Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, he's comparable only to (Eden) Hazard, with one ad-



Paintings of stars Lionel Messi and Neymar on sale in the streets of Pelourinho, a historical center of the city of Salvador. AP

vantage: he's quicker. That's the player we're missing," said Tite last week.

But he said that rather than reflect on what they're missing, "inside the squad we're much more focussed on working hard, training well, preparing for matches, which has been our main focus." The Selecao's last warm-up match was a 7-0 thrashing of 10-man Honduras in which Neymar's absence certainly wasn't felt, with his substitute David Neres scoring in the rout.

Manchester City forward Gabriel Jesus and Liverpool's Roberto Firmino also got in amongst the goals while Everton's Richarlison provided several assists. "We're in good shape, confident, because we played well in both friendlies," Jesus told Sport TV. The hosts open the tournament in Sao Paulo on Friday against Bolivia, winners on home soil in 1963.

'Clear game plan'

With Neymar out, the tournament's biggest star will be Messi, who at 31 is running out of time to finally land a major international honor with Argentina. He has been on the losing side in three finals, including the last two against Chile, and the 2014 World Cup in Brazil when Germany triumphed. They warmed up for the tournament in similar style to Brazil, thumping Nicaragua 5-1 in a friendly with Messi, recently named the world's highest paid sportsman, bagging a brace. "We showed a clear game plan and in-form players," said

EXPLAINED Why Japan, Qatar are playing Copa America

South America's football championship, Copa America, will begin on Saturday and two Asian nations - Japan and Qatar - will compete in it as guest teams. No other continental tournament invites guest teams but at Copa, it is a norm since 1993. It is done because Conmebol, the South American football federation, has just 10 members and to make it a 12-team tournament it has been bringing guests. The plan initially was to involve six guest teams so as to have a 16-nation field. However, they shelved the plans due to lack of interest shown by most nations. It has been reported that Spain and Portugal were approached as well but their involvement in Nations League and Euro 2020 qualifiers made it impossible for them to commit to Copa. Eventually, the organisers settled for Qatar and Japan, the finalists of this Asian Championships.

coach Lionel Scaloni, who brings a young and inexperienced squad to Brazil, despite the presence of Barcelona's Messi, Manchester City's Sergio Aguero and Angel Di Maria of PSG. "With the forwards we have and our defensive solidity, we're going wage war in the Copa."

Recurve men's team reaches Worlds final

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THE OLYMPIC quota already booked, the Indian men's recurve team reached the final of the World Archery Championships for the first time since 2005 after it shocked a formidable Netherlands here Thursday. The Indian team will be seeking its maiden title as it faces China in the summit clash on Sunday. China ousted top seed Korea 6-2 in the other semifinal Thursday.

A day after securing the 2020 Tokyo Olympics three-man quota by making the quarterfinals, the India trio of Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das and Pravin Jadhav held their nerves to come from behind and win 29-28 in the shoot-off for an overall score of 5-4. This is the second time ever when the men's recurve team reached the World Championships final. At Madrid 2005, the Indian team comprising Rai, Jayanta Talukdar and Gautam Singh had lost to Korea 232-244 in the summit clash.

India also remained in the medal contention in the women's compound team event as it faces Turkey in the bronze medal playoff Saturday. Having thrashed Chinese Taipei 6-0 in the quarter, the Indian men's recurve team found a strong challenge from the second seeded home team led by world number two Steve Wijler, a bronze medalist two years ago in Mexico City.

The other two players of Netherlands were 2016 Rio Olympics semifinalist Sjef van den Berg and London 2012 semifinalist Rick. The Indians twice trailed in the match but spear-headed by Rai, who was a member of the silver winning team at the Madrid World Championship 14 years ago, the trio showed character to bounce back each time and forced the match to the shoot-off.

Using the conditions better than the home team, the Indians shot a near-perfect 29 out of 30 to edge out the Netherlands by one point.



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