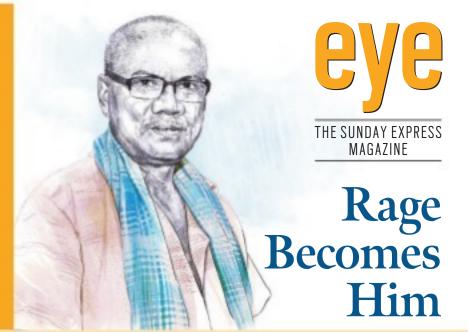


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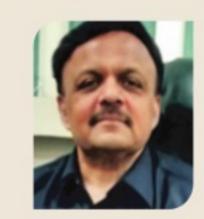
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Tender Notice No.: C.25-Com.Pub. I-19-1 Dated: 11.06.2019, e-Tender is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, S.E. Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of The President of India under single packet system for bulk advertisement rights of commercial publicity in cluster No. I (inside of Ranchi Railway station), cluster No. V (outside of the station area) and cluster No. VII (inside of Hatia Railway station). The description of contract, name of the station, departmental value of license fee for 1st year, earnest money, cost of tender form, GST on the cost of tender form and period of contract are as under:- Description of Contract: Award of contract for bulk advertisement rights of Commercial Publicity in Cluster No. I, V & VII of

Railway Station of Ranchi Division. Cluster Departmental Earnest Money Cost of GST @ Value of Tender Form 18% on @ 2% to be Name icense Fee the Cost years deposited (on on three years of the for 1st year Contract entire 03 years of Tender Contract Valu Station Contract Value Contract Value) Form Value (in ₹) (in ₹) (in ₹) (in ₹) (in ₹) 1,05,06,515 19,78,628/-2,10,130/-5.000/-No. I + 18% GST + 18% GST 3,75,000/-19,91,250/ 39,825/-2,000/-+ 18% GST + 18% GST 42,57,351/ 8,01,761/-Cluster 85.147/-3.000/-+ 18% GST No. VII + 18% GST Period of Contract: 05 (Five) years for each cluster. The complete bidding process

will be online (e-Tendering). All the notifications regarding this tender notice hereafter will be published online on website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website www.ireps.gov.in from 17.06.2019 to 08.07.2019. The bid can be submitted in electronic format on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 17.06.2019. The deadline for submission for bid is up to 15:00 hrs. of 08.07,2019. IMPORTANT NOTE: 1. Bidders who wish to participate in the e-Tendering will have to procure class 3 valid Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as per information Technology Act. 2000. 2. Bidders can procure this certificate from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA), Government of India. 3. Details of certifying authorities can be obtained from www.cca.gov.in 4. The bidder has to register, if not registered earlier, with www.ireps.gov.in using DSC to participate in tender process, 5. Detailed procedure for registration system requirements and bidding are also available on www.ireps.gov.in.



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E-TENDER NOTICE E-TENDER NOTICE NO .- ECR- CAO-C-N-ETN-40-19-20 E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE

UNDER MENTIONED WORK:

S.No. (1), Name of work with it's location: Supplying and laying boulder in wire crates and pitching on slopes and its allied work as protection scheme of embankment between Saraigarh Forbesgani section in connection with gauge conversion work between Saharsa - Forbesgani section of Samastipur division of E.C. Rly. (2) Approx cost of the work : Rs. 49,58,32,589.01 (3) Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 26,29,200/- (4) Date and time for closing of tender 05.07.2019 at 14.30 hrs. (5) Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. - The above E-tender. E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note: In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in connection with this e-tender.

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SI. No.	Name of the Work	Publication date of Tender on DJB portal	Last Date & Time for receipt of EOI			
1	Expression of Interest (EOI) for renowned and professional Audio-Visual Agencies.	14.06.2019	28.06.2019 At 18:00 hrs			

The EOI has been uploaded on DJB website. The complete details can be seen on Web Site: 'www.delhijalboard.nic.in" under "Expression of interest" link. ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)

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01	Expression of Interest (EOI) for renowned and professional Website Handling Agencies.		28.06.2019 At 18:00 hrs

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Bhopal Municipal Corporation

IInd Floor, Above Passport office, Kushabhau Thakre Inter-State Bus -Terminal (ISBT) Campus, Ambedkar Marg, Near Chetak Bridge, Bhopal (M.P)

No.: BMC/2019/6319 **Bhopal, Date 11/6/19** Tender for online submissions are invited on website www.mptenders.gov.in under "Live Tender' and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corpration" for following work. Detailed NIT Tender Schedule and other information can be seen on the website www.mptenders.gov.in. S.NO. System NIT no. Name of Work

1 2019_UAD_29202_1 Supply, Establishment, Operation & Maintenance of Construction and Demolition Waste Processing Plant of 50 TPD capacity each at 2 location in BMC area.

Corrigendum and Amendment for above NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers &

correction if any would be Published on website only.

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City Engineer (SBM)

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1	12205	NDLS - New Delhi	DDN - Dehradun	3.9	F-I	Daily	6445	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12205-June 19
2	22404	NDLS - New Delhi	DPY - Paundauchery	4	F-I	Sunday	32180	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22404-June 19
3	22404	NDLS - New Delhi	DPY - Paundauchery	4	F-II	Sunday	32180	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22404-June 19
4	15116	DLI - Delhi	CPR-Chapra	4	F-I	Sunday	16466	100000	1180	SLR-FI-15116-June 19
5	14316	NDLS - New Delhi	BE - Bareilly	4	F-II	Daily	5907	100000	1180	SLR-FII-14316-June 19
6	14208	DLI - Delhi	PHB - Partapgarh	4	F-I	Daily	11368	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14208-June 19
7	14208	DLI - Delhi	PHB - Partapgarh	4	R-I	Daily	11368	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14208-June 19
8	13484	DLI - Delhi	MLDT - Malda Town	4	F-II	Tuesday Thursday Friday Sunday	22959	100000	1180	SLR-FII-13484-June 19
9	13414	DLI - Delhi	MLDT - Malda Town	4	F-II	Monday Wednesday Saturday	22642	100000	1180	SLR-FII-13414-June 19
10	13414	DLI - Delhi	MLDT - Malda Town	4	R-I	Monday Wednesday Saturday		100000	1180	SLR-RI-13414-June 19
11	12650	NZM - Hazrat Nizammudin	YPR - Yashvantpur	4	F-II	Monday Tuesday Thursday Saturday Sunday	31196	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12650-June 19
12	12648	NZM - Hazrat Nizammudin	CBE - Coimbatore	4	F-II	Wednesday	34594	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12648-June 19
13	12628	NDLS - New Delhi	SBC - KSR Bengluru	4	F-II	Daily	32614	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12628-June 19
14	12524	NDLS - New Delhi	NJP - New Jalpaiguri	3.9	F-I	Wednesday Sunday	22944	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12524-June 19
15	12461	DLI - Delhi	JU - Jodhpur	4	F-I	Daily	10711	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12461-June 19
16	12461	DLI - Delhi	JU - Jodhpur	4	F-II	Daily	10711	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12461-June 19
17	12418	NDLS- New Delhi	ALD - Allahabad	3.9	F-I	Daily	10947	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12418-June 19
18	12282	NDLS- New Delhi	BBS - Bhubaneswar	3.9	F-I	Thursday	31393	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12282-June 19
19	12276	NDLS - New Delhi	ALD - Allahabad	3.9	F-II	Monday Wednesday Friday		100000	1180	SLR-FII-12276-June 19

Interested bidders may please visit official website for E-tendering i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for further details and submitting tender. 1. Bidders who wish to participate in the e-tendering will have to procure class-3 Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as per

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2. The bidder has to register, if not registered earlier with www.ireps.gov.in using DSC to participate in tender process. Detailed procedure for registration, system requirements and bidding are also available on www.ireps.gov.in.

No. CIID/SLR/Tender/2019 Date: 12.06.2019 **Serving Customers With A Smile**

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Other terms and conditions may kindly be downloaded from our (Er. Paramjit Katnoria) website hptdc.in **Executive Engineer**

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TENDER NO. STR/PRS/02/2019-20 DIRECTORATE OF GEOLOGY

AND MINING GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA NAGPUR.

"E-TENDER NOTICE"

Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur invites e-sealed envelop and digitally signed offers by e- tender method for supply of Diamond bits. **Schedule to Tender**

1)	Las	t Date o	f Sub	missic	on of	21/06/2019
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2) Date of Opening of Tender 22/06/2019 3) Tender shall remain valid till 05/09/2019

Sr. Description of Goods Quantity

No. A Diamond bits & R/Shells 200 no.

1) NWG diamond bits

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4		4)	NWG dia R/Shells	50 no.
		3)	NQ dia R/Shells	100 no.
		2)	NQ dia core bit	600 no.
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B. Casing bits

		P X (5') diamond casing bit	50 no.
	2)	H X (4') diamond casing bit	100 no.
3	3)	NX dia casing bit	100 no.
8	4)	NX dia casing bit (shoe)	200 no.
	5)	NX dia casing bit (Imp)	400 no.

C. Centrifugal Pump Set

1) Centrifugal pump set 10 H P engine 8 no. D. Water Tanker

1) M.S. Water Tanker 8 no.

Eligible/interested tenderers are requested to visit http:// www. mahatenders.gov.in for details. All relevant details, specification etc. are available on the

website. Tenderers should submit the documents, related to tender,

online. However, tenderers should uploaded online Tender fees & Earnest money deposit (EMD) through Net Banking only before opening of tender 22.06.2019.

Tender form fee will be Non-refundable. Other detailed instructions can be seen on the website. All or any one of the tender may be rejected by the Competent Authority. All future addendum / corrigendums will be hosted on above website. Tenderers are advised to visit the site frequently.

sd/-

(A.P. Nakhale)

Chief Drilling Engineer,

Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur

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E-TENDER NOTICE E-TENDER NOTICE NO .- ECR- CAO-CON-NORTH-ETN-37-19-20 E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK: S.No. (1), Name of work: Supply of

1,00,000 cum 50mm size machine crushed track ballast for B.G. Railway track & loading the same into any type of railway wagons F.O.R. Pakur for various projects under CAO/Con, ECR. (2) Approx cost of the work : Rs. 8,92,82,000/- (3) Earnest money : Rs. 5,96,400/- (4) Date and time for closing of tender: 02.07.2019 at 14.30 hrs. (5) Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. - The above E-tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http:// www.ireps.gov.in. and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR, MHX, Patna. Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in response to this E-tender. CAO/Con/North/MHX, Patna

PR/513/CON/Engg./T/19-20/44

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

e-TENDER NOTICE e-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:

S.No. (1) e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-E-TEN-09-19-20 in Two Packet System. Name of work : Construction of major bridges at km 31.986 7x30.5, Composite Girder), at km 33.475 (9x30.5, Composite Girder), at km 40.950 (3x30.5, Composite Girder), at km 43.000 (5x30.5, Composite Girder), at km 44.350 (5x30.5, Composite Girder) and at km 48.410 (3x30.5 Composite Girder) including super structure and other associated work in connection with construction of new BG Rail line from Koderma to Tilaiva under jurisdiction of Dy CE/C/II/DHN. Approx cost of the work in (Rs.) 142,24,54,391.62, Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 25,000/-, Earnest money in (Rs.) 72.62.300/-. Period of work completion 18 [Eighteen] Months.

Date and time for closing of tender 01.07.2019 at 15:30 Hrs., Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/ Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manua submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender documen alongwith full information is available or website http://www.ireps.gov.in Note: In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in connection with this e-tender.

CAO/Con/South/MHX, Patna PR/508/CON/Engg./T/19-20/48

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER SUPPLY OF STORES THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Tender No. CECHQSERS0119. Tender is invited from Chief Administrative Officer (Con), South Eastern Railway, 11 Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of The President of India for supply of the following store through e-Procurement System. Following Tender have been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in. Description of Materials & Qty.: Manufacture and supply of (a) PSC sleepers for 60 Kg 1 in 12 Turn out to RDSO Drg. No. T-4218 General layout. Qty.: 258 sets. (b) PSC sleepers for 60 Kg 1 in 8.5 Turn out to RDSO Drg. No. T-4865 General layout. Qty.: 38 sets. (c) Spl. PSC sleepers for Derailing Switch to RDSO Drg. No. T-6068. Qty.: 19 sets. (d) Spl. PSC sleepers for Bridge approach to RDSO Drg. No. T-4089 to T-4097. Qty.: 30 sets. Approx. Tender Value: ₹ 1204.00 Lakhs. EMD: ₹ 20,00,000.00. Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) months for full quantity. Closing Date and Time of Tender: 03.07.2019 at 12.00 hrs. Eligibility Criteria: Items will be procured from firms whose mix design and layout plan for PSC ordinary sleepers/Spl. PSC sleepers/PSC turn out sleepers are approved by RDSO and located within the geographical jurisdiction of SER, ER, ECR, ECoR and SECR.

e-Tender Notice No. e-Tender/2019/25. e-Tender Notice is invited by Divl. Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721310 for and on behalf of The President of India for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. Sl. No.; Tender No. & Description of Work: (1) E-KGP-West-27-2019: Execution of the work of (i) Replacement of damaged steel channel sleepers by Steel channel sleepers on Br. No. 69 UP & DN between Ghatshila-Dhalbhumgarh section & (ii) Renewal of existing 127 nos of damaged steel channel sleeper by Channel sleeper on Br. No. 94 UP and DN between JGM - GII section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Jhargram. Tender Value: ₹ 88,34,311.11. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,76,700/-. (2) E-KGP-West-28-2019; Execution of the work of (i) Inputs on bridges for running 25 ton axle load train (Bridge No. 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 118, 122, 126) in the section of Kharagpur Balichak & (ii) Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of un-manned LC No. 130 at Km 228/11-13 in the section of Galudih - Rakhamine under the jurisdiction of DEN/West/Kharagpur, Tender Value: ₹ 4.05.17.280.66. Earnest Money: ₹3,52,600/-. Cost of Tender Documents: ₹ 5,000/- for SI. No. 1 & ₹ 10,000/- for SI. No. 2. Date of Opening: 18.07.2019 for each. Completion Period of the Work: 12 (Twelve) months for each. Bidding Start Date: From 04.07.2019 and upto 15.00 hrs. on 18.07.2019. Interested Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ description/specification of the Tenders and submit their bids online.

Tender Notice No.: DRMENGGRNC-60-2019. Tender is invited by Divisional Railway Manager(Engg), S.E. Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of The President of India for the following work. Name of Work: Supply of 14450 cum 50mm gauge hard stone machine crushed track ballast at Gundabihar depot including loading into Railway wagon/hoppers and unloading the same in Ranchi Division. Tender Value: ₹ 1,74,95,482/-; EMD: ₹ 2,37,500/-. Tender Closing Date & Time: 08.07.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. Tenderers can visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for online tendering. Contractors are allowed to make payments against these tenders towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's Cheque, Deposit Receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. e-Tender Notice is available on Notice Board in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), S.E. Railway, DRM Building, Ranchi-834003. (PR-313)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Gaurav S/o Raj Kumar R/o H.No. 31, Bada Chowk, Near Mohan Baba Mandir, Mandawali, Delhi C/o Ch. Sant Ram House has Committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence under FIR No. 633/14 u/s 279/337/338 IPC and 3/181, 5/180 M.V. Act has been registered at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Gauray cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Gaurav has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Gaurav of FIR

No. 633/14 u/s 279/337/338 IPC and 3/181, 5/180 M.V. Act has

been registered at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi is required to appear

before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.08.2019. By order Sh. Sunil Gupta Metropolitan Magistrate, Central-10, Room No. 345,

DP/6347/CD/19

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM Corrigendum Notice No. W.584/E-

Tendering/120 Dhanbad, date: 13.06,2019. . It is further to notify that in E-Tender No 120-DHN-2019-20 date 23.05.2019, Tende value should be read as ₹14,05,118.81 nstead of ₹14,04,971.83. All other details erm and condition exists in the e-tende otice No. 120-DHN-2019-20 dated 23.05.2019 will remain unchanged and

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) PR/0499/DHN/C/16 ECR/Dhanbad

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, IIM Udaipur Project Division, CPWD, Udaipur invites on behalf of the President of India online percentage rate tenders in Two bid system(EMD & financial bid) from CPWD enlisted contractors of appropriate class in composite

N.I.T. No. :05/CE cum ED/

HTJPZ/2019-20, Name of Work C/o Balance Work of 10 Nos Faculty Housing & 18 staff Housing in New Campus at IIM Udaipur. Estimated Cost: 5.92,79,700/- (Civil: Rs. 5,25,58,238/- & Electrical: Rs. 67,21,462 /-) Earnest Money 11,85,595/-Period Allowed: 6 (Six) Months. Last date & time of submission of tender 29.06.2019 up to 03:00 P.M. The tender forms and other details

can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD and www.eprocure.gov.in.

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO .- ECR- CAO-C-N-ETN-41-19-20 E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK:

S.No. (1), Name of work with it's location: Construction of foundation and substructure of major bridges on well foundation and its allied work between Saraigarh - Forbesganj section in connection with gauge conversion work between Saharsa - Forbesganj section of Samastipur division of E.C. Rly. (2) Approx cost of the work of : Rs. 68,36,23,258.22 (3) Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 35,68,100/-(4) Date and time for closing of tender 05.07.2019 at 14.30 hrs. (5) Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. - The above E-tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full nformation is available on website i.e. http:// www.ireps.gov.in. Note: Ir case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in connection vith this e-tender.

CAO/Con/North/MHX, Patna PR/512/CON/Engg./T/19-20/44

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

No. DNR/S&T/Tele/2019/1 Danapur, dated 12.06.2019. Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway. Danapur Division, for and on behalf o President of India invites tenders on web portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work: 1

Name of work with its location: Provision of ntegrated passenger information system including CIB & TIB at DLN, BTA, PWS/SCY, PPTA, BKP, JMU & JAJ stations of Danapu Division. 2. Approximate cost of work ₹1,43,20,019.70, 3. Earnest Money ₹2.21,600/-, 4. Last Date & Time of Submission: Up to 15.00 hrs. on 09.07.2019 Opening of tender: 15.30 hrs. or 09.07.2019. 6. Website particulars where details of the work and criteria can be seen www.ireps.gov.in. 7. Address of the office from where detail information can be

Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer PR/0500/DNR/T/32 ECR/Danapur

before 14 days.

obtained : Sr. Divnl. Signal & Tele

communication Engineer, East Central

Railway, Danapur. Note Any corrigendum i

equired will be uploaded on above website

(a) EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE The Divisional Railway Manager (Mech.)/E.C.

Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open e-tender under two packet system from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways. Tender notice No. M/TC/32 of 2019 (Open e tender) dated 14.06.2019. Name of work: Machanised and nanual cleaning and removal of garbage from Madhubani station for four years. Tender value (In ₹): ₹1,52,00,713/-. Earnest Money (In ₹) : ₹2,26,000/-. Cost of tender document (In ₹): ₹10,000/-. Completion period of the work: 1460 days, 1. Pre-bid meeting: 20.06.2019 from 11.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs. 2. Receiving date and time for e-tender mode on IREPS web portal: 10.07.2019 upto 12 hrs. 3. Opening date and time for e tender: 10.07.2019 at 12.30 hrs. 4. Web site

on website: www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) PR/0505/SPJ/T/32 ECR/Samastipu

particulars where complete details of

tender and tender document can be seen

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE The Divisional Railway Manager (Mech.)

E.C. Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open e-tender under single packet system from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways. Tender notice No. M/TC/31 of 2019 (Open e tender) Name of work : Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) of Greaves make 500 KVA DG sets of PowerCars over SPJ division for two years. Tender value (In ₹) ₹3,73,04,129/-, Earnest Money (In ₹) ₹3,36,500/-, Cost of tender document (In ₹): ₹10,000/-. Completion period of the work: Two years, 1. Receiving date and time for e-tender mode on IREPS web portal: 10.07.2019 upto 12 hrs. 2. Opening date and time for e-tender: 10.07.2019 at 12.30 hrs. 3. Web site particulars where complete details of tender and tender

www.ireps.gov.in.

document can be seen on website

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W)/ PR/0504/SPJ/T/32 ECR/Samastipur MP POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD. BLOCK NO.8, SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (M.P.)

Tel No:0761 2666030,2702473, Fax No.0761-2660048 CIN: U40109MP2002SGC015120 **TENDER NOTICE** Online tenders are invited for supply of following items from manufacturers only as per tender specification by the date indicated below: S. T.S. No. DISCOM/ EZ/PUR APPROX. **VALUE** FEE **OPENING OF** TENDER (IN RS.

LAKH) NLINE FROM 12.00 HRS.* 1. NIT No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-I/I/1356 dtd: 07.06.2019. 1009 (TENDER ID: 131.06 5,600.00 2019_PKVVC _28437_1) 2. NIT No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-I/I/1355 dtd: 07.06.2019. 1010 (TENDER ID: 33KV, VACUUM 01.07.2019 180.87 5,600.00 2019_PKVVC_28821_1 | CIRCUIT BREAKERS 3. NIT No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-I/I/1354 dtd: 07.06.2019 1011 (TENDER ID: 33KV FEEDER 17.25 1,120.00 01.07.2019 **CONTROL & RELAY** 2019_PKVVC_28822_1)

PANELS For updated/extended due dates for opening of tender (EMD in envelop-A & Techno-commercia bid in envelop-B) please refer to the online key dates. Other details can be seen in the complete tender documents available on e-portal

https://www.mptenders.gov.in. SAVE ELECTRICITY C.G.M. (PURCHASE) ''<u>बिजली</u> संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए 1912 डायर करें '

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919 No. KPCL/2018-19/PS/WORK INDENT 8067/CALL-2 Dated: 12.06.2019

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION NOTICE INVITING BID & QR - DOMESTIC COMPETITIVE BIDDING

KPCL invites bids through GoK e-procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from the qualified bidders for the following brief scope of work: Design, engineering, manufacture, Quality Surveillance, inspection & testing at supplier's works,

supply, packing, forwarding to site, transportation, F.O.R-BTPS, unloading, storage, preservation, handling at site, all mechanical, C&I systems, electrical equipment and systems, steel structures, civil works with new chimney, insurance, erection, painting, start-up, trial operation, testing, commissioning, performance guarantee testing and warranty for wet lime stone flue gas desulphurization plant for 2x500 MW, Units-1 & 2 and 1x700 MW, Unit-3 of Bellary Thermal Power Station of KPCL, Kudithini, Bellary District, Karnataka and handing over to the Owner an operating plant and Operation & Maintenance of FGD system including supply of spares & consumables for Three (03) years. Those who have not registered in e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in may do so in order to participate in the bid. The brief bid notification containing the pre-qualifying criteria for the bidders, EMD, Calendar of bid activities and other details can be accessed from e-procurement portal. Further details can be had from Chief Engineer (Thermal Designs), KPCL, #22/23, Sudarshan Complex, 2nd Floor, Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru - 560 009. Tel: 080-22354346. E-mail: cetd@karnatakapower.com sem1cetd@karnatakapower.com

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'NO ONE HAS EVER DOUBTED MUSLIMS' NATIONALISM. NO ONE STILL DOUBTS IT, AND NEVER WILL'

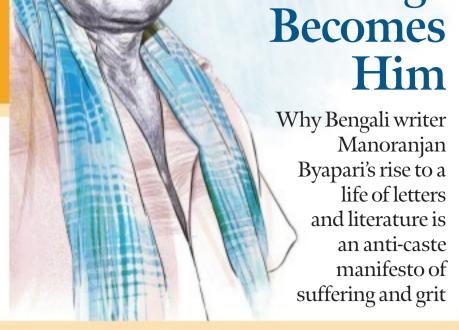
MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI, Minority Affairs Minister

BIG PICTURE PAGES 12-13

The water truck

Maharashtra, witnessing one of its worst water emergencies in years, is critically dependent on tankers for daily needs





OPERATION SUNSHINE-2

India and Myanmar forces coordinate to destroy NE insurgent camps across border

Action between May 16 and June 8, armies stuck to own side of border, 70-80 militants caught by India forces

SUSHANT SINGH NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

IN A coordinated military operation conducted by the armies of India and Myanmar on their respective sides of the border, several camps of Northeast-based militant groups inside Myanmar territory were destroyed, and fleeing militants apprehended by Indian security forces.

Called 'Operation Sunshine-2', the military action that took place between May 16 and June 8, is expected to give a debilitating jolt to insurgencies in the Northeastern states. The operation included blocks by two battalions of the Indian Army along with Special Forces, Assam Rifles and infantry Ghataks — on the Indian side of the border while clearance action was taken by four brigades of the Myanmar Army. This was a follow-up to 'Operation Sunshine-1' from February 22 to 26, when the Indian Army had acted against suspected Arakanese rebel camps inside Indian territory, and fleeing Arakenese rebels were arrested by the Myanmar Army on their side.

Calling the joint operation a success, a government official told *The Sunday Express* that the operation "was coordinated at a military level" and "possible due to trust generated between the two armies by Operation Sunshine-1". The official added that "the valid grouse that Myanmar Army held after the 2015 cross-border strike of violating their sovereignty when we

Assam Manipur Mizoram

MAP: Myanmar's Sagaing Region, where the action against the militant groups took place. **PHOTO**: Angko Chingbo hill across the border from Manipur's Ukhrul district, where the

hit at a NSCN-K camp has also been laid to rest with a coordi-

Army carried out strikes

June 9, 2015. *Archive*

against militant camps on

nated approach." Around 70-80 militants, who were apprehended by the Indian Army in Operation Sunshine-2,

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5TH NITI GOVERNING COUNCIL MEET

PM announces panel with CMs for deep reforms in agriculture

Says goal to make India \$5-trillion economy challenging, but possible

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Saturday announced the creation of a high-powered committee on structural reforms in agriculture, saying this panel "would include some Chief Ministers... and take a holistic approach on the subject". He also highlighted the Centre's commitment to double the income of farmers by 2022.



At the NITI Aayog meeting in New Delhi Saturday. PIB/PTI

Speaking at the fifth meeting of the Governing Council of the NITI Aayog, the Prime Minister also said the goal to make India a \$5-trillion economy by 2024 was "challenging, but possible", as he asked state governments to raise economic growth targets right from the district level. That, he said, would result in the Indian economy roughly doubling its present size — estimated at \$2.75 trillion at end-March 2019 — in about five years.

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Banerjee with officials and Cabinet colleagues in Kolkata Saturday. Partha Paul

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS MAGAZINE

Rage

Mamata appeals for talks; come to NRS, say agitating doctors

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA AND DEEPTIMAN TIWARY KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

ON DAY 5 of the "cease-work" by iunior doctors in West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee appealed again for talks, and asked the doctors to return to hospitals.

In New Delhi, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued an advisory to the West Bengal government to ensure the safety of doctors, and asked for a report on the standoff.

The Ministry issued a separate advisory on the political violence in the state, and sought a fresh report from the government in Kolkata.

"This Ministry is in receipt of a number of representations from doctors, health care professionals and medical associations from different parts of country for their safety and security in view of the ongoing strike by doctors in West Bengal. It is requested that a detailed report be sent urgently on the representations and ongoing strike by the doctors, "the MHA said in its ad-

visory. The agitation was triggered by an attack on two doctors at Kolkata's NRS Medical College **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Alert in J&K after Pakistan's input to India and US on threat of 'IED-vehicle' attack

Either Pak wants to avoid blame, or it is concerned since possible suspects linked to al-Qaeda: top security official

MUZAMIL JALEEL SRINAGAR, JUNE 15

PAKISTAN IS said to have shared information regarding the threat of a possible attack in Pulwama district, probably near Awantipora, a top security official in Srinagar has confirmed to *The* Sunday Express. At the SCO Summit in Bishkek,

which Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan also attended, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Chinese President Xi Jinping that Pakistan needs to create an atmosphere "free of terrorism", but at this stage, New Delhi has not seen that from Islamabad. The PM also said he has made efforts to



Security personnel at the Pulwama blast site. Express

initiate peace with Pakistan, but his efforts have been "derailed".

The entire security grid in J&K is on its toes after the alert, which came just days ago, regarding a possible attack by militants using an improvised explosive device mounted on a vehicle.

"The Pakistanis shared this in-

formation regarding the possibility of such an attack with our High Commission in Islamabad. They had also shared this information with the Americans, who too, informed us. So this information has come directly as well as via the Americans to us," the official said.

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killed in Vadodara district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SEVEN PEOPLE were killed after inhaling toxic fumes from a septic tank outside a hotel in Dabhoi taluka of Gujarat's Vadodara district around midnight on Friday. police said. Three of those killed were employees of the hotel.

Four workers entered the sewer tank outside Darshan hotel in Fartikuwi village. None of them was wearing protective gear. When the workers did not respond for long, the three hotel

causing death due to negligence, and culpable homicide not

amounting to murder against the hotel's owner, Hasan Abbas.

"Four cleaners were given the task of cleaning the tank. Every night after the hotel closed they were asked to clean the tanks. We presume that one of them entered the tank and suffocated due to some kind of gas leakage. When he did not come out, others jumped in to check on him and suffocated to death as well. Three of them were hotel staff members. We are investigating what gas they inhaled, and what exactly happened," Deputy

division, Kalpesh Solanki, said. The four cleaners hired by

Govt has drought cover: a record stock of pulses

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AS INDIA stares at the prospect of a sub-par monsoon — cumulative rainfall so far this season (June-September) has been 43 per cent below normal, on top of a 25 per cent deficiency in the pre-monsoon period (Marchtwo things that can significantly combat any threat of food infla-

May) — it can take heart from

THE FIFTH meeting of the Governing Council of

the NITI Aayog comes in

the backdrop of two im-

portant events. This is

the first meeting of the

council since the Modi

government returned

with a larger mandate.

There are challenges on

the economic front: the

economy grew at 5.8 per

March quarter, its slow-

est in five years. Besides,

2017-18 saw unemploy-

ment rates rising to a 45-

year high of 6.1 per cent.

cent in the January-

The first is the stocks of wheat and rice with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the Central pool. That, at 741.41 lakh tonnes (lt) plus another 120.08 lt of unmilled paddy (equivalent to **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Kerala constable hacks, sets afire woman colleague

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 15

A POLICE constable hacked and set on fire a woman colleague on

the road barely 100 m from her home in Vallikunnam in Kerala's Alappuzha district Saturday. The woman constable, 31,

died on the spot. Her assailant, 33, who is posted in Ernakulam rural district, was caught by people at the scene of the crime, and taken into custody. Soumya Pushpakaran, a civil

police officer at Vallikunnam police station, was riding a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



Captain Virat Kohli with Rishabh Pant on the eve of the India-Pakistan match in Manchester. AP PAGE 20

SUNDAY STORY

Manchester united

Ahead of Sunday's game, fans of Indian and Pakistani origin are united in their worry: Will the weather hold?

Sewer deaths again: seven

VADODARA. JUNE 15

staffers went in to look for them. Police have filed cases of Superintendent of Police, Dabhoi

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He is on the run.

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I saw my colleagues being stabbed... all over in 5 min: Jharkhand Maoist attack survivor

ABHISHEK ANGAD

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CONSTABLE-DRIVER Sukhlal Kudada, the sole survivor in the attack on Friday in which five policemen were killed by suspected Maoists in Jharkhand, believes he survived only because he was not in uniform.

"I was in civil dress and sitting inside the vehicle and I think that is why I survived. I saw my colleagues being stabbed and their throats slit, one by one. In less than five minutes, the ambush was over," says Kudada.

Five policemen of the Tiruldih police station — two Assistant Sub-Inspectors and three constables — were killed in the ambush at 4.45 pm on Friday at Kurku market in Saraikela district.

Chaibasa DIG Kuldeep Dwivedi said police have launched a "sustained operation" to arrest the Maoists involved in the attack.

Kudada, who has been posted as driver at the Tiruldih police station for the last nine months, says that an hour before the incident, he had driven the team of policemen to Ichakdih



Kurku market in Saraikela where the policemen were killed by suspected Maoists on Friday. Abhishek Angad

village to attend to a call regarding a dispute. While returning, he says, they stopped at the Kurku market and all the five policemen stepped into different shops to buy water, cold drinks.

Kudada, who claims he was seated in the car when the ambush began, says, "Suddenly, some people emerged from the crowd and started stabbing (the policemen). They all had bhujali (daggers). I rushed out and tried to save one of them, but one of the attackers swung his bhujali at me and I ran." He says there were at least four attackers for CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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Mamata's appeal

and Hospital after a patient died. The situation escalated after the Chief Minister appeared to reject the concerns of the doctors, and described their protest as a BJP conspiracy.

The doctors have demanded an apology, and set six conditions that they say must be met for them to return to work. There have been a spate of resignations of senior doctors, while patients continue to suffer as the medical college hospitals remain crippled.

Doctors attached with the Health Department of Kolkata Municipal Corporation went on a day's mass leave in solidarity with the striking doctors. Doctors across the country have expressed support for their colleagues in Kolkata. Banerjee said Saturday that she had waited for hours at Nabanna, the state secretariat, to talk to the agitating junior doctors. The doctors, however, have been insistent that she should come to NRS for the meeting. Banerjee met a group of five senior doctors at Nabanna on Friday, who told her that they had failed to persuade the junior doctors to come for the meeting. "I waited and waited," Banerjee said. "Yesterday senior doctors came to me, and then I called the junior doctors for a meeting. I waited for hours. They said they will not come. Then a time was fixed today. I cancelled all my appointments and waited for them along with my officers. But they did not turn up. The state secretariat is the headquarters of the government, and the most apt place for talks," she told reporters

Saturday evening. "I still appeal to them. Please resume work. We have taken all steps. If they want to talk to me or the Governor or any of my officers, they are welcome. We have fulfilled all of their demands. At every hospital a team of policemen has been placed for their security, headed by an assistant commis-

"We haven't taken any action against the junior doctors. In other states like Odisha, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, ESMA (Essential Services Maintenance Act) was invoked, and doctors were arrested. We did not do that. We are a gov-

ernment with a human face.' Banerjee said that Minister of State for Health Chandrima Bhattacharya had visited NRS Hospital the day after the incident.

tors don't want to talk to me. When I went to SSKM Hospital the next day, while I was walking to the emergency (section), the junior doctors sitting there pushed me, and made wrong comments to me. I did not speak about this insult to anyone. I sent the Director of Medical Education (DME), I sent the Police Commissioner of Kolkata, who spent three hours at NRS. Police made prompt arrests and serious sections was slapped against the accused. What else can a government do? Thousands of patients are suffering. I have heard about deaths in Midnapore and Murshidabad without treatment," she said.

Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi wrote to the Chief Minister Saturday, urging her to sit for a meeting with the doctors, and to take necessary steps for their security. Earlier in the day, the junior doctors made it clear that they would not send a delegation to the secretariat, and that they wanted the Chief Minister to visit NRS.

"Yesterday, the DME verbally informed us that our Chief Minister had asked some of our representatives to meet her at her office. For the last two days, the CM has made offensive and inappropriate statements directed towards doctors. Following that, we faced mob attacks and physical assaults at various medical and dental colleges and hospitals. We are deeply upset and feel insecure and apprehensive about our representatives meeting her behind closed doors. That is why we are not sending any representative to her office," the junior doctors said in a press note issued after an hourlong meeting.

"Right from the beginning, we are open to a healthy discussion to meet our demands. ... We are deeply concerned about the suffering of common people... We shall resume our duties as soon as our demands are met. We will humbly request the CM to meet all of us at NRS Hospital and Medical College and discuss and implement all of our demands at the earliest," said the statement.

Late on Saturday evening, the doctors issued another statement saying they welcomed Banerjee's statement. "We don't want this situation to continue. She has said that her government has accepted all our demands. But no representatives on our behalf went to meet her. So how come they know

about our demands?"

"To her it has become an ego issue, but for us it is a fight for survival," they said.

Banerjee also reacted strongly to the Home Ministry advisories, and said there was "no law and order problem" in West Bengal. "Our state is a peaceful state. Before sending advisory to us, first tell the Centre to send advisory to UP and Gujarat governments. How many persons have died in UP after Yogi's government came to power? How many were killed in encounters? In Gujarat, they don't let people file FIRs. First address these issues then talk about us." On the advisory on the doctors, she said: "In a democracy, strikes take place. People sometimes air their grievances through strikes. That does not mean every aspect of the state government is bad. They are sitting in Delhi but they don't have to take care subiects like healthcare and education. The state government takes care these subjects."

On the law and order advisory, a Home Ministry official said: "Centre has sought a report from the West Bengal government on measures taken to contain political violence and investigate such incidents of violence to bring culprits to book." The advisory has pointed to the growing number of violent incidents and casualties from 2016 to 2019, and said that the "unabated violence over the years is evidently a matter of deep concern".

Sewer deaths

the hotel have been identified as Mahesh Patanwadiya (47), Ashok Harijan (45) and his son Hitesh Harijan (23), and Mahesh Harijan (25), all residents of Thuvavi village in Dabhoi. The three hotel staffers have been identified as Ajay Vasava (24) of Kadavali village in Bharuch district, and Vijay Chauhan (22) and Sahdev Vasava (22) of Velavi village in Umarpada, Surat. A search and rescue team of the Vadodara and Dabhoi fire department took six hours to recover the bodies. The tank chamber had to be cut with the help of a hydraulic cutter in order to reach the bodies, fire officers said.

"We had to cut the slab of the lid of the septic tank with the help of a JCB machine in order to retrieve the bodies as the opening of the tank was extremely narrow and the bodies had sunk in the sewage inside," Fire Station officer from Vadodara, MN Modh, said.

people Patanwadiya entered the tank first. When he did not respond, Ashok, Hitesh and Mahesh followed him one by one. "They never used a machine to clear the sewage, but always called in manual scavengers to save money. The hotel called workers late in the night after the kitchens were closed. The workers had no safety gear, and the owner had been warned earlier. In fact our complaints to the local administration fell on deaf ears," an area resident said.

Several residents of Thuvavi village gathered at the hotel Saturday. Among them were the families of the deceased sanitation workers, who refused to accept the bodies until the owner of the hotel was arrested. "It was only after they were convinced that a case had been registered against the owner under stringent sections that the families agreed to accept the bodies after the au-

topsy," a police officer said. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced a compensation of Rs 4 lakh for the families of each of the deceased. The state social justice department has announced additional compensation of Rs 8.25 lakh per family. The Association of the Gujarat Sanitation Workers will give Rs 2 lakh to each family.

Alert in J&K

the official said.

"The attack, the Pakistanis say, is being ostensibly planned to avenge the killing of Zakir Musa,"

PM announces panel with CMs for structural reforms in agri

Barring the CMs of West Bengal, Telangana and Punjab, all other Chief Ministers, Union ministers and top bureaucrats attended Saturday's meeting, which focused on increasing investment in the agriculture sector, boosting exports, and addressing issues of water supply and conservation. While West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee had earlier refused to attend the meeting, calling it a "fruitless" exercise as the Aayog had no financial powers, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh could not attend the meeting due to health reasons.

Modi, chairman of the NITI Aayog, the government's policy think-tank, stressed the need to increase exports in order to drive economic growth, arguing that there is immense untapped export potential in several states, including those in the Northeast. A thrust on export promotion at the state level will provide a boost to both income and em-

have all been handed over to lo-

cal police forces. Sources said

that at least seven to eight

camps of the NSCN-K, NDFB,

ULFA(I), KLO and NEFT in

Myanmar's Sagaing Region

were destroyed by the

Myanmar Army in mortar firing.

were in Hokayat, and were pre-

dominantly of the Naga rebel

group, NSCN-K, which had ab-

rogated its ceasefire with the

Indian government in 2015.

NSCN-K, however, has an ongo-

ing ceasefire agreement with

the Myanmarese government

Sources said the Myanmar

that was signed in April 2012.

Majority of these camps

ployment, he said, according to a statement issued by the government. Merchandise exports grew 11 per cent in March, against 2.4 per cent the preceding month, driving up outbound shipment in the last fiscal to a record \$331 billion. However, goods trade deficit in 2018-19 rose to \$176.4 billion.

Briefing reporters after the Council meeting, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said the global situation presents a unique opportunity for India to boost exports. "You will see that there is going to be significant movement on ramping up exports," he said, when asked if the government would plan measures to counter threat of trade wars and protectionism.

The Council's meeting comes in the backdrop of the Indian economy growing at a much-lower-than-expected rate of 5.8 per cent in the January-March quarter, its lowest in five years, while unem-

Army had completed its debrief-

ing of the operation and claimed

that two militants were killed.

Myanmar Army has also de-

cided to stay in these areas for

another three months so that

these groups get no opportunity

to regroup and assemble during

Army will provide logistics sup-

port to the Myanmar Army dur-

ing this deployment as their in-

frastructure is stretched heavily

during the monsoons. This sup-

port will include special rations

and food supplies for the

Myanmarese soldiers deployed

Sources said the Indian

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India, Myanmar conduct operation

ployment rate rose to a 45-year high of 6.1 per cent in 2017-18. During the meeting, Modi

spoke of the need to boost corporate investment, strengthen logistics, and provide ample market support. He said the food processing sector should grow at a faster pace than foodgrain production. Arguing that the Essential Commodities Act. 1955, was framed during the era of food scarcity, the NITI Aayog has proposed that the Act be scrapped because it is an "impediment in the free movement of commodities" given that the country is now mostly self-sufficient. This was part of the discussions at the meeting.

During his briefing, Kumar said many of the suggestions made by states would feature in the upcoming Budget. Kumar also said that the proposed highlevel task force on agriculture, which the Prime Minister announced, would submit its report in the next few months.

The military operation was

coordinated between the Indian

Army's 3 Corps and the North

West Army Command of the

Myanmar Army. The two

armies were careful to not cross

over into each other's territory

but established close coordina-

tion by placing liaison officers

with headquarters of the other

army. Sources said the two

armies took advantage of all the

modern technological tools, in-

cluding satellite imagery,

Thuraya telephones, UAV

sweeps and aerial surveillance

through helicopters. Extensive

joint aerial reconnaissance was

also carried out by the two

Kumar said that to address the drought-like situation in many states, the Council has decided to set up a North East Water Management Committee which will finalise its report soon. Some states also pointed out the need to review the National Disaster Relief Fund norms and changes in the Forest Act. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pointed out in the meeting that devolution of resources from the Centre to the states have nearly doubled to Rs 41 lakh crore in the past four years, Kumar said. With states such as Madhya Pradesh and Goa highlighting that mining activity in their states had declined in recent years, the meeting said

ommend ways to boost output. The meeting also discussed national security with specific focus on Left Wing Extremism-affected districts, with Modi saving the battle against Maoist violence is at a decisive phase.

armies prior to the operation,

which also included coordina-

tion visits by top Army officers

of both sides, sources explained.

flagged on May 27 by the

NSCN(K), when it issued a state-

ment claiming that a "war-like

situation" had been created in

the Naga-inhabited region as a

result of the "joint political and

Myanmar and India. Last

month, it had killed two soldiers

of the Assam Rifles and

wounded four soldiers in an am-

bush on the India-Myanmar

border in what was seen as a re-

sponse to the joint operation.

military operation"

The joint operation was first

that by July, a panel would rec-

food articles shooting up from minus 0.42 per cent to 6.99 per cent between December and May. One reason for this could be that in Maharashtra, which is slated to go to polls in October, the votes of sugarcane, onion and pulses growers may count just as much as those of urban

Iharkhand

every policeman who was targetted. While Kudada says the attackers were armed with bhujaali Saraikela SP Chandan Kumar Sinha said the policemen had sustained both bullet and stab injuries, and that the Maoists fled with the weapons of the dead policemen. Asked if the Maoists had come without any firearms, he said, "We cannot say so for sure as cartridges, apart from those from police guns, were recovered from the spot."

It was outside a utensils shop

in Kurku market that one of the policemen was killed. Bhagwat Mahto, whose relative owns the shop, says he had come to the market on Friday to buy a goat when the attack happened. On Saturday morning, he has returned to take home the goat which he kept locked in the shop all night. "I first saw blood... people were screaming. I could not understand anything and I ran for my life. Soon, the attackers were screaming 'Maowadi Zindabad and waving guns. A few had towels wrapped around their faces."

Kudada, however, says he never heard any slogans. He claims that minutes after the attack, he heard gunshots. "The Maoists took three INSAS rifles and two pistols from the policemen and they appeared to be firing from it. They also seemed to video record the incident. This time, I ran for my life," he says Kudada claims that he ran for 10 km, called Bobby Jha, munshi at the Tiruldih police station, and informed him about the attack, af ter which he took a lift and reached the police station in Tiruldih. At the station, the munshi, who received a call from Kudada at 5.49 pm, informed his superior, Sub Inspector Dayanand Ram. "I called up senior police officers and a team was sent to the spot. When we reached there there was complete silence and

blood everywhere," says Ram. The police station runs with 40 per cent of its sanctioned strength. "Of the sanctioned police strength of 35, we had 15 Now, we have lost five of our colleagues. Our station house incharge is under suspension and a few others are on leave," says Ram, now the most senior officer at the police station.

"It could have been any of us... Our jurisdiction was never thought to be unsafe," he says, worrying that since driver Kudada was the lone survivor, he will now face a lot of scrutiny. "Who knows if he ends up as the suspect..." DIG Dwivedi, however, said, "The driver is not a suspect as of now. But as I said, we are investigating all possible angles."

Kerala constable two-wheeler back home after

work, when the male constable. Ajas, hit her bike with his car. Soumya was thrown off, but managed to get to her feet and started to run. Ajas chased after her, and hacked her several times. As Soumya collapsed with grave injuries, Ajas doused her with petrol and set her on fire. Ajas too, sustained injuries.

Police sources said the provocation for the murder was not immediately known. Ajas and Soumya had known each other for several years, and had worked together in the Kochi city police until two years ago, the sources said. Ajas, who was not married, had been on medical leave since June 9. Soumya is survived by her husband and two minor children. Her husband works abroad.

Musa, who launched and headed an al-Qaeda affiliate called Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind in Kashmir after breaking away from the Hizbul Mujahideen in May 2017, was killed in an operation in the Tral area last month. Police sources said Ansar, which had an estimated membership of about a

dozen militants, is now down to "two to three" militants. The February 14 fidyeen car bomb attack in which 40 personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force were killed, had taken place on the highway at Lethpora (also in Pulwama district), which is 7 km from Awantipora. The attack had prompted India to launch the Balakot airstrikes on February 26, and Pakistan had retaliated the following day.

Temperatures were lowered after Pakistan returned IAF Wing Commander Abhinandan who had been captured after his MiG-21 Bison was shot down.

There was concerted international pressure on Pakistan and, weeks later, even China joined the global consensus at the United Nations to blacklist Maulana Masood Azhar, chief of the Jaishe-Mohammed, the group suspected to have been behind the attack. "We are reading Pakistan's sharing of this information in two ways. It is either a way to make sure that they avoid blame if a big attack takes place, because they have already shared the information with the Americans. Or it is a genuine attempt to inform us ahead after they found out, particularly because the information is regarding a plan to attack by members of an al-Oaeda linked group," the top security official said. "We also understand that any activities of terrorists linked to al-Qaeda are seen differently by them (Pakistan)," the official said. Another senior police officer confirmed the alert. "We are always on alert, especially in South Kashmir. But we are taking this alert very seriously," this officer said.

Zakir Rashid Bhat alias Zakir Musa, the police claims, was the last surviving member of the Burhan Wani group. Wani was killed on July 8, 2016. Musa subsequently broke away from the Hizbul Mujahideen in May 2017 to set up the Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, which he claimed was a local affiliate of al-Qaeda. The Global Islamic Media Front, the online propaganda arm of al-Qaeda, had released a statement on the setting up of the Ansar in Kashmir. Musa was a civil engineering student at a college in Chandigarh when he went missing in July 2013, and joined the Hizbul Mujahideen subsequently. In 2017, Musa released an audio threatening top separatist leaders in the Valley. He was also publicly critical of Pakistan.

Pulses

roughly 80.45 lt of rice) as on June 1, is highest ever level for this date since 2012.

It is also nearly twice the normative minimum operationalcum-strategic buffer of 411.20 lt to be maintained at the beginning of July. But what is perhaps more heartening is the large stocks of pulses held by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (Nafed). As on June 11, these, on its own account, totalled 27.46 lt — comprising 20.35 lt of chana (chickpea), 3.02 lt of urad (black gram), 1.47 lt of moong (green gram), 1.42 lt of arhar/toor (pigeon-pea) and 1.19

It of masur (lentil). In addition, the apex produce marketing cooperative was hold-

ing another 13.90 lt as buffer stock on the Centre's behalf. That included 7.05 lt of arhar/toor, 2.41 lt of urad, 2.37 lt of chana, 1.43 lt of

moong and 0.57 lt of masur. "Never before have we had so much of pulses stocks (41 lt-plus) before the beginning of the agricultural year. This should help us comfortably tide over any domestic production shortfall in the event of a poor monsoon," said Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, managing director, Nafed. The prices of pulses went through the roof in 2014-15 and 2015-16, the first two vears of the Narendra Modi government's first term, which also witnessed back-to-back droughts. Retail prices of arhar, which scaled Rs 180-200 per kg levels in October 2015, were seen to have contributed to the BJP's defeat in

the Bihar Assembly polls that year. Wholesale inflation in pulses has climbed from 2.11 per cent to 18.36 per cent year-on-year between December and May this year. But most pulses, barring arhar/toor, are still trading in mandis at below their official minimum support prices (MSP).

Also, unlike five years ago, government agencies have sufficient stocks to allow market intervention. The Modi government, for the first time, in October 2015, decided to create a buffer stock of pulses, initially through imports and later, by domestic procurement.

From 2014-15 to 2019-20 (until June 12), aggregate procurement of pulses under the Centre's price support scheme and price stabilisation fund programmes, at 87.86 lt, has been more than 12 times the 7.16 lt bought during the preceding 13 years. The bulk of this procurement has taken place after 2016-17 (see table).

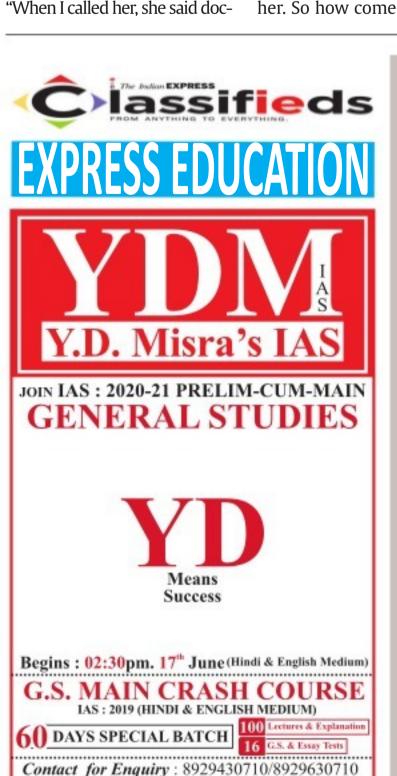
"The stocks that we have built through our MSP-based procurement operations should also enable keeping imports within lim-

its," Chadha said. India's imports of pulses soared from 36.55 lt in 2013-14 to 66.09 lt in 2016-17. Subsequently, they fell to 56.08 lt in 2017-18, and to 25.30 lt in 2018-19, on the back of increased domestic production and procurement by Central agencies. For the current fiscal, the Centre has imposed quantitative restrictions, limiting annual imports to 2 lt of arhar/toor and 1.5 lt each of urad, moong and peas. Chana imports, too, now attract 60 per cent customs duty. Besides pulses, the Centre is

seeking to create a 50,000-tonne buffer stock of onions, which has also recorded a spike in wholesale inflation from minus 63.83 per cent to 15.89 per cent year-onyear between December 2018 and May 2019. Out of the 50,000 tonnes target, Nafed has already procured 46,000 tonnes. On June 11, the Commerce

Ministry withdrew the 10 per cent MEIS (Merchandise Exports from India Scheme) subsidy on onion. The move was intended at discouraging exports of the bulb, which rose from 16.92 lt (valued at Rs 3,359.60 crore) in 2017-18 to 22.04 lt (Rs 3,521.33 crore) in 2018-19.

In its first term, the Modi government was very hawkish on food inflation, invoking the Essential Commodities Act to clamp stockholding restrictions on pulses, onion, and sugar, apart from practically banning their exports while permitting unlimited duty-free imports. The general expectation is that it may be more circumspect in the current term, despite wholesale inflation for



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Spanish woman in Gurgaon for internship files rape complaint, accused arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, JUNE 15

A 36-YEAR-OLD Delhi resident has been arrested by Gurgaon Police for allegedly sexually assaulting a Spanish woman earlier this week.

According to police, the accused, identified as Aanjaney, had rented a flat in Gurgaon's

BRIEFLY —

Registration

closes at DU

New Delhi: Despite the Delhi High Court Friday asking Delhi University to

continue registration to

undergraduate courses till Iune 22. DU's admission

portal remained closed Saturday. "We received

the HC order today. We've

received no instruction yet to restart registrations.

Once we do, it will begin,"

2 arrested for

New Delhi: Delhi Police

has arrested a 34-year-

old woman and a 21-

year-old man she was al-

legedly having an affair

with for "hiring killers for

Rs 7,000 to murder her

husband" at the couple's

accommodation in South

2 injured in

godown fire

New Delhi: A fire broke

out at a cloth godown in

Chandni Chowk Saturday.

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ceived a call around 8.30

pm and seven fire tenders

doused the fire in 30 min-

utes. Two people, Kurtan

and Mohameed Farid,

suffered burn injuries and

have been admitted to a

hospital. **ENS**

an official said.

murder

Avenue.

DLF Phase 1, and met the woman, who is in her 20s, on a Facebook group.

"The woman moved to Gurgaon recently and was interning at a multinational company. She was looking for accommodation in Gurgaon and had joined some Facebook groups, where she put up posts saying she was looking to rent a flat," said Subhash Boken, PRO of

Gurgaon Police.

"The accused contacted her through one of these pages, and offered to show her some apartments," the PRO added. On Friday night, the accused allegedly called the woman to his flat in Phase 1 for a party, police said.

"When she reached his flat, she discovered the accused was the only one there. He allegedly misbehaved with her and sexu-

ally assaulted her. She has submitted a complaint regarding the matter and an FIR has been registered at DLF Phase 1 police station on charges of rape," said Boken.

"The accused was arrested on Friday itself. He works at a multimedia company and will be produced in court on Sunday. The matter is under investigation," he added.

15,000 resident docs across capital continue strike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AROUND 15,000 resident doctors across Delhi refrained from attending to patients at the outpatient department (OPD) Saturday — in continuation of their ongoing protest in support of West Bengal doctors.

Doctors from two central government-run hospitals, Ram Manohar Lohia and Lady Hardinge Medical College, along with several Delhi government hospitals such as GTB, Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar, boycotted work on Saturday.

Patients faced the brunt of the ongoing stir as they waited for long hours outside OPDs. Ram Singh, who came to RML for a check-up of his wife, had to return since doctors were unavailable. "The OPDs function till noon on weekends and due to unavailability of doctors, we could not get her treated. The queue was long and only a few senior doctors were available," said Singh, who will return on Monday.

On Friday, a majority of hospitals in Delhi had joined the nationwide agitation in support of doctors in West Bengal, following a call given by the India Medical Association (IMA) and various resident doctors' associations (RDAs).

"If the demands of doctors in West Bengal are not met, we will continue our protest on Monday. We do not want patients to suf-



Doctors from Ram Manohar Lohia, Lady Hardinge Medical College, GTB, DDU and Ambedkar hospitals boycotted work. AIIMS and Safdariung resumed operations. Amit Mehra

fer, but the government should take step to ensure safety and security of doctors," said Dr Sumedh Sandanshiv, president of the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA). Meanwhile, resident doctors

at AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital, who resumed work after Friday's boycott, have given a 48-hour ultimatum to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to meet demands of the state's agitating doctors, failing which they said they would go on an indefinite strike. The doctors at AIIMS carried out a candle march Saturday evening.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has, meanwhile, asked states to consider enacting a specific legislation to protect doctors and medical professionals from any form of violence.

Along with a letter to all chief ministers, he attached a copy of the Draft Act provided by IMA the Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act, 2017. The draft includes clauses on penalty and recovery in case of loss/damage to property.

"The Act is there in Delhi but not many people are aware of it. Once it is implemented by the Central government, enactment will become effective. Even in Delhi, temporary arrangements are made when doctors go on strike demanding better security. But security guards are again removed and the situation reverts to how it was," said Dr Ashwani Goyal from the Delhi Medical Association.



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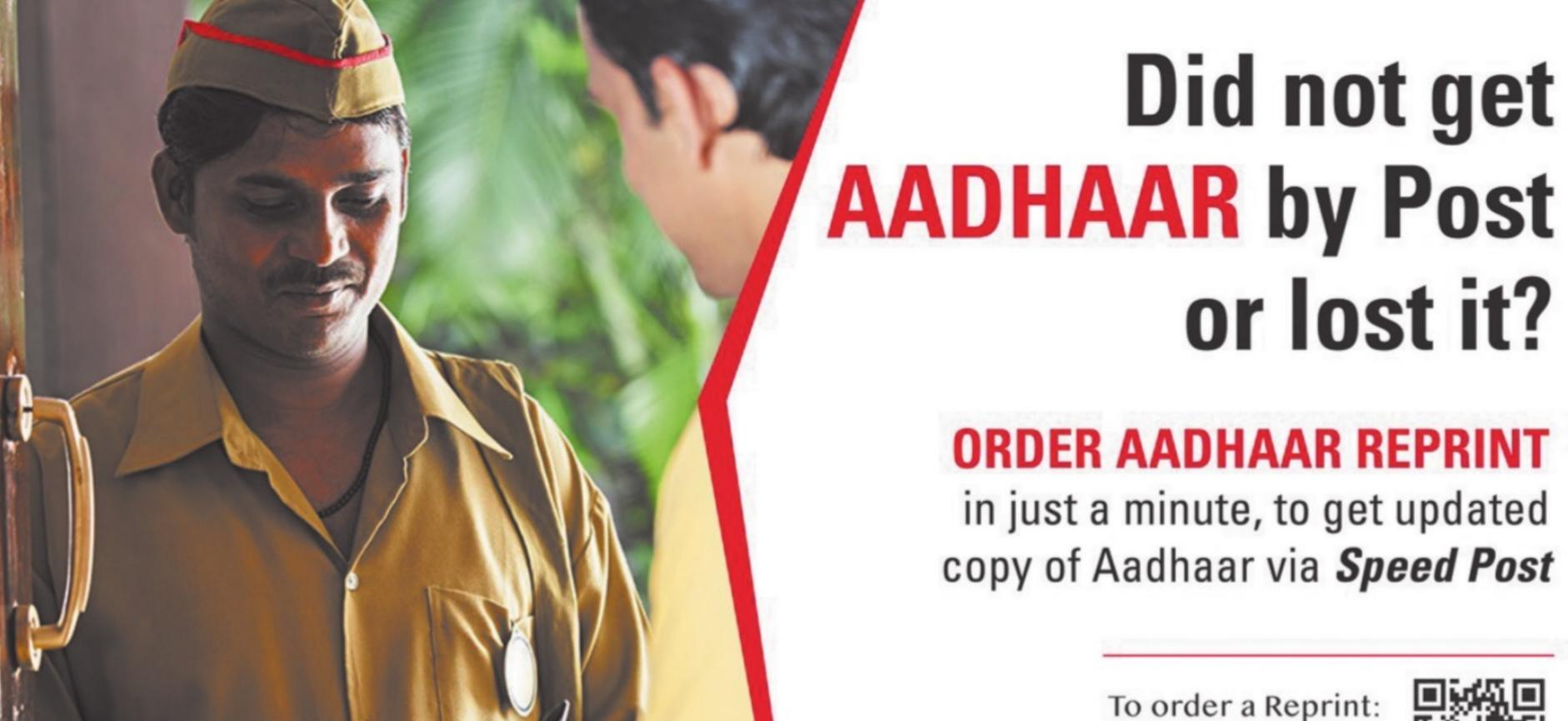
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The proposed measure has not been implemented due to a **1997 Supreme Court ruling, an official said.** *Archive*

Post 9 pm, let buses halt anywhere for women: L-G panel

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

A PANEL on women's safety, headed by Lt Governor Anil Baijal, has asked the Delhi Law Department to find ways to enable halting of public buses at places other than designated stops — currently barred by a court ruling — if a woman desires

so after 9 pm. The proposed measure, first floated during a meeting of the panel in August last year, has not been implemented so far due to a ruling of the Supreme Court, which dates back to 1997, a senior official who was present in the meeting said.

The Transport Department was supposed to sensitise bus drivers and conductors to implement the measure, but it could not be done as that would amount to violating the court order, the official said.

The issue came up during the ninth meeting of the panel at the Lt Governor's Secretariat on June 12, attended by Chief Secretary Vijay Dev, Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik and other top officials.

The Transport Department referred to the SC judgment while expressing its inability to implement the measure."The point of the proposed measure is quite

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simple — it's essentially about making commuting safer for women. In many cases, women stay in places far from designated bus shelters. Also, for a woman, the stretch between her house and a bus shelter may not be well lit. It will be a policy intervention geared at making her commute safer," an official said.

Issues of inadequate lastmile connectivity and dark spots in the national capital have come up time and again over the years. Delhi Police informed the L-G in the meeting that PCR vans generate daily reports on streetlights requiring repairs, which are shared with civic agencies.

"The measure would have been implemented by now. But the apex court judgement says buses can halt only at designated shelters. That judgment was in context of traffic jams. The Transport Department has now sought the opinion of the Law Department. The Law Department can move the SC seeking some relaxation by contextualising the proposal in light of the situation... buses won't deviate from their routes," said the official.

The LG-led panel is tasked with implementing the report of a study group comprising experts such as IHBAS Director Nimesh Desai, Professor Pamela Singla, the Special CP (crime against women cell) and others.

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'TRAFFIC WILL INCREASE DRASTICALLY'

Metro estimates free commute for women will cost Rs 4.26 crore per day

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE NUMBER of women commuters in the Metro network will "increase drastically" after implementation of Delhi government's free travel proposal, leading to an increase in daily revenue generation by around Rs 1.50 crore, according to a Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) report.

According to the report, the DMRC currently earns around Rs

2.84 crore daily from women commuters, who comprise an estimated 30% of the total daily average traffic flow. Taking the potential uptick in female ridership into account, the Metro estimates the income from journeys made by women will be around Rs 4.26 crore after the scheme is implemented, around Rs 1.42 crore more than what it is earning now.

"While the DMRC has called the figure 'estimated losses' on account of free travel by women passengers in the report, it will

essentially be more income generated by them as Delhi government will pay for women's commute," a government official said.

The report, signed by DMRC Executive Director (Operations), states: "With the free travel to women passengers, the women traffic will increase drastically. There is no study available for that flow on the lower side, but it may be assumed that the number of women passengers will increase by at least 50%."

According to DMRC, its aver-

age earnings from both men and women commuters stand at Rs 9.47 crore daily.

The DMRC has estimated that it will need around Rs 1,566 crore annual subsidy from the Delhi government if the scheme is implemented after clearance from a Fare Fixation Committee, which is to be notified by the Union government under the Delhi Metro Railway (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002.

DMRC principal advisor E Sreedharan, who played a pivotal role in setting up the Metro network in Delhi as its first managing director, has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, opposing the fare waiver decision, saying the governments will not be able to subsidise the scheme in the future with rising

fares and expanding network. "What is worse, once concession is given to one section of commuters, immediate demands will arise from more deserving sections such as students, the handicapped, senior citizens, etc. The disease will spread fast to all other Metros in the country, making them dependent on state governments for subsidies," he wrote.

Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia wrote back, saying the scheme will create a "win-win' situation for everyone as the Metro's earnings and ridership will go up. He also wrote that the Metro was running at less than 65% of its capacity as its daily average ridership continues to hover around 25 lakh as opposed to the projected 40 lakh.

Parents claim daycare staff slapped child

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, JUNE 15

THE PARENTS of a two-year-old girl enrolled at a 'preschool and daycare' in Gurgaon have alleged that their child was slapped by a staff member. The institution, Little Gems International, has on the other hand alleged the child's father slapped a female staffer. "We have received two complaints — one from the school against the parents, and the other from the parents against the school," said Shahid Ahmed, SHO of Sector 50 police station.

"So far, allegations made by the parents have not been substantiated, but further investigations are underway. No FIR has been registered yet," he said.

In a Facebook post, the child's mother alleged her daughter came home on June 7 and told her "someone had hit her in school". Sachin Dhingra, legal head of Gems group, said "nothing of this nature has happened".

Cab driver arrested for 'kidnapping and strangling' employer

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

A 22-YEAR-OLD cab driver has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping and killing his 28-yearold employer in Noida on May 18. His accomplice, Shyam, is absconding, said police.

According to police, the victim Chandan Jha, a CA student, had registered his Swift Dzire with an app-based aggregator. The accused, Ankit, would drive the cab and Iha would pay him. Police said that Iha went missing on May 15, following which a complaint was filed at Shakarpur police station by his

"Before his death on May 18, Rs 1 lakh was withdrawn from Iha's account. CCTV footage from several ATMs revealed a masked man withdrawing the money. This led police to Ankit. As part of our investigation, we exam-

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ined his phone and discovered pictures of him in a shirt identical to the one worn by the man in the footage," said DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh.

According to police, Ankit confessed to taking Jha to Shyam's house in Ghaziabad under the pretext of a farewell party on May 15. Later, he along with Shyam allegedly kidnapped and confined Jha at their place. Following this, the accused allegedly forced Jha to call his family and asked them to deposit Rs 1,60,000 into his bank account, which they did, police said. On May 17, Ankit withdrew the money from different ATMs across Ghaziabad and allegedly strangled Iha afterwards.

Police said the duo allegedly dumped the body in Jha's car in Noida's Syana village, and later drove to Moradabad in UP.

Police said a case has been registered against the two ac-

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SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI. JUNE 15

DESPITE SEVERAL farmers expressing interest in installation of solar plants on their land after a scheme was approved by the Delhi government last year, the plan could suffer a setback without a proactive approach, a senior Delhi government official has

The Mukhyamantri Kisan Aaye Badhotri Yojana was supposed to be implemented in March this year, but a delay in notification of the Virtual Net Metering (VNM) Framework by the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission pushed the project back, the official said.

On Friday, however, the Delhi government announced that steps towards deployment of renewable energy projects in residential and agricultural sectors had been taken with notification of the VNM and the Group Net

Metering Framework. "This is a big push for renewable energy in Delhi. The Delhi government has clearly outlined its energy vision for sustainability, decentralisation and anti-corruption," Power Minister Satyendar Jain said.

The scheme involves installation of solar plants by pvt firms on a third of farm land

"These guidelines will enable speedy implementation of solar projects under Mukhyamantri Kisan Aaye Badhotri Yojana and Mukhyamantri Solar Power Yojana for domestic sector consumers," he said.

The scheme, aimed at farmers, was approved by the cabinet in July last year and involves installation of solar plants on a third of farm land by private companies, for which farmers would get Rs 1 lakh per year.

Tenders for setting up the plants are expected to be released around August, a power department official said, adding that after tenders are awarded, the project would take about nine months to complete.

An agreement for 25 years would be signed by farmers to rent their land to private companies, and the rent would increase by 6% every year. By the 25th year, the rent would be more than 4 lakh, the official claimed. "If at any point the farmer wishes to come

out of the agreement, there will be a clause that offers flexibility to exit. However, they would have to pay the deprecated value of the solar plant, set at 6.5% per annum . After the 25th year, the solar plant would be passed on to them free of cost," the official said.

The height of solar panels has been set at 3.5 metres to allow easy access for farming activities. The minimum land requirement for entering the scheme is six acres, and the one mega watt plant, scattered across the land, will cost around Rs 5.3 crore. Groups of farmers can also come together to benefit from the policy, the power official said.

"A number of departments are involved in this scheme and it requires a mission-based approach to progress. Many farmers are showing interest and around September last year, they had consented to more than 100 acres of land for the policy... The energy generated would be bought by state departments such as the DJB," the official said.

The scheme, aimed at farmers in the green belt of the capital and in villages on its periphery, would also offer 1,000 units of electricity per annum free to farmers.

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Farmers enthused about scheme — but not the lock-in period

SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

RANBIR DAGAR (46) suffered a deep cut on his right palm Saturday while building a large bamboo shack at his farm in Dhansa village, which borders Haryana south-west of the national capital.

But fixed on completing the work soon, he did not let it bother him.

"After we harvest our wheat and jowar crops, there is a period of inactivity for two months before rains set in. During this time, it is hard to grow any crop on the land because of the harsh weather and water shortage." Dagar said.

Dagar said that the state government scheme approved by the cabinet last year — under which private firms would install a solar plant on one third of farming land for which farmers would be paid Rs one lakh per year, with an increment of 6% per annum — could help farmers like him.

Naresh Kumar, a farmer from the village, said, "We get around Rs 6,000 per month by selling our crops and the money being offered under this scheme would benefit us. but we are worried that signing a long-term agreement would mean having

lesser control over our land." Suresh Kumar (56) and Rakesh Kumar (35) reiterated the sentiment, saying that the value of their land could more than double in around 15 years and they might want to sell it

then. "Our children do not want to work in the farms... so if we want to sell it in the future, we might not be able to do so because of the agreement. Or we would have to pay a penalty to walk out of the agreement, which we may not be able to able to pay," Suresh said. He added that only 15 farmers in the village own a six-acre land, the minimum requirement to avail the scheme.

Others may have to pool their land together to benefit from the

scheme, he added. Rakesh, who owns a oneacre land, said, "The money that I would receive from the scheme after others take their share will be very less. That is something many farmers will consider before availing it."

BRIEFLY —

Protest at Jal **Board office**

New Delhi: South Delhi BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri led a protest at the Delhi Jal Board office in Okhla Saturday. Residents of Okhla, Badarpur and Tughlakabad say they are having to rely on water tankers due to unavailability of piped water. Meanwhile, the Delhi Congress will carry out a demonstration in 70 assembly constituencies Tuesday to protest power cuts and water shortage.

Property dealer murder: Teen nabbed

New Delhi: A 16-year-old boy was apprehended by the Delhi Crime branch for allegedly killing Amit Kochar (35), a property dealer, outside his house Thursday. Police recovered a country-made pistol and an SUV from the accused. Police said the juvenile is part of a criminal gang operating in Najafgarh. **ENS**

At NITI Aayog meeting, aid for drought, farm distress top list of CMs' demands

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JUNE 15

LOOMING DROUGHT and farmer distress made up for the key issues that governed the demands of the CMs from the Centre at the Governing Council meeting of the NITI Aayog on Saturday.

ANDHRA PRADESH

Making a strong pitch for Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh, newly-elected Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy outlined the "distressing" situation his state was facing after its 2014 bifurcation.

He argued that the state did not receive its share of benefits from the Centre after the bifurcation. "The successor state of AP inherited nearly 59% of the population, debt, and liabilities of the erstwhile AP, but inherited only 47% of the revenues... The present state of Andhra has essentially remained an agrarian state with low economic buoyancy leading to a huge revenue disability. This is evident from that fact that the per capita revenue for 2015-16 financial year of Telangana stood at Rs 14,411, whereas the same for Andhra Pradesh was Rs 8,397..." he said.

KARNATAKA

Potential state revenue shortfalls due to the withdrawal of assured compensation under the GST regime after 2022 and cutbacks in Central funds for schemes such as MGNREGA, rural drinking water and railway projects were on top of Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy's agenda at the meeting. "Due to several structural issues, including the rates of tax, the revenues under GST have not risen to our expectations in the state. In spite of implementation challenges, the state has made its best efforts to bridge the revenue gap," he said.

The CM made a direct plea to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to increase funds for rural drinking water schemes and ensure prompt reimbursement of funds disbursed by the state under the MGNREGA scheme.

MADHYA PRADESH

Nationwide agricultural reforms, water conservation and internal security made up the thrust of Chief Minister Kamal Nath's speech. He stressed on a need to amend the Agriculture Produce Market Committee Act and the Essential Commodities Act to favour farmers. Speaking about the National Agriculture Market Scheme, Nath said states were facing trouble because a digital payments system was yet to be put in place. Apprising the committee of his government's steps to combat the drought-like situation, Nath also pitched for nationwide measures to conserve water. On internal security, Nath spoke about the need to share information between states, in-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairing the NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. ANI

cluding those in left-wing extremism affected regions.

Bringing up the issue of several stalled projects and procedural deadlocks in welfare schemes, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot brought up water scarcity and management, droughts and rainwater harvesting in the state. One of his key demands was for the Centre to designate the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) as a national project. When completed, the project is expected to supply drinking water to 13 districts and make irrigation water available for an additional two lakh hectares. Gehlot asked for external financial aid approvals for two irrigation projects.

Speaking of the Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat scheme, Gehlot said the current health insurance scheme in the state was benefitting about 1 crore families identified under the National Food Security Act, while Ayushman Bharat would only benefit 59.71 lakh families as it was based on the 2011 census. He recommended that the scheme's basis be changed in order to ensure the NFAS families were also covered

CHHATTISGARH

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel focused on reforms for rural economy and highlighted the Congress government's flagship 'Narwa, Garuwa, Ghurwa Baadi (NGGB) agricultural scheme. He also spoke of a need for a coordinated national plan to combat left-wing extremism and stated that changes were needed in surrender and rehabilitation policies adopted by states. Speaking about NGGB,

Baghel said it was launched to develop local resources and improve comprehensive environment conservation. He also outlined the challenges in providing amenities such as roads, power, irrigation and water to tribals living in forest areas. Baghel reiterated that the administration could prevent youngsters from taking up arms only if they were able to provide them with jobs and development.

Iterating that floods and soil erosion impact the state every year, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal advocated for effective management and said Disaster Relief Fund norms governing relief and rehabilitation needed to change. He also asked the Aayog's intervention in getting soil erosion designated as a 'calamity' for funding under the National or State Disaster Relief

Sonowal highlighted his government's endeavour to distribute land pattas to one lakh farmer families within the current financial year. Saying there was an urgent need to update data for providing benefits of flagship programmes Sonowal said data from the Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011, for these schemes did not provide an adequate picture. He also urged the Centre to take steps to provide funds to anchalik panchayats and zila parishads under the 15th Finance Commission.

UTTAR PRADESH

Sticking to compensation for drought-affected farmers, credit given to farmers of the state and the Centre's digitisation drive, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recommended that the 33 per

cent crop damage criteria be brought down in drought-hit areas to 20 per cent. Among his other recommendations for the Centre was issuing farmer credit cards on the basis of land area rather than crop area. He also said the land records in the state have been computerised.

KERALA

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the NITI Aayog, in its present form, had not played the much-expected role of a facilitator over the past four years. He stated that Kerala would be continuing with five-year plans and is implementing development projects accordingly. He mentioned that doing away with the Planning Commission had caused the state to lose a source of funding for five-year plans.

Vijayan called for meaningful cooperative federalism, requiring more flexible fiscal space for states and added that they should be able to perform their constitutionally assigned developmental role effectively. On aspirational district programmes, which was in the agenda of the meeting, Vijayan said Kerala is of the opinion that the "one size fits all approach" of centrally-sponsored schemes goes against the principle of cooperative federalism. He also asked the Centre to promptly address the concerns of states including Kerala in the terms of reference of the 15th Finance Commission.

PUNIAB

While he was not able to attend the meeting personally, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh addressed it through a letter that was circulated among those attending. Expressing concern over the water crisis in

north India, he sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sup-

development of Punjab's border

areas, which he said was a na-

tional responsibility. He also

called for greater inter-state co-

operation to tackle cross-border

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Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

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DELHI

Drought relief was a major part port in upgrading the state's waof Chief Minister Vijay Rupani's ter distribution infrastructure address in view of deficiency of rainfall in the state over the reand called for a fresh river waters tribunal to address disputes cent years. He said the State among neighbouring states. Disaster Relief Fund usage norms must be revised. Current He also called upon the PM to provide a one-time debt waiver norms stipulate relief aid for 90 for farmers. He spoke of proper days, he said.

This, he said, adds additional burden on the state exchequer. He added that the mid-day meal and anganwadi schemes should be brought under the ambit of the SDRF and that during a drought, the number of days in the MGNREGA should be increased to 200 or, the SDRF should cover the additional expense after the current 150 days.

TAMIL NADU

With severe drought looming large, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami asserted the need for the Centre's help. He requested the Centre to make the Rain Water Harvesting a Pan-India movement.

Palaniswami also demanded that the Centre prioritise the project to link Godavari river in Andhra Pradesh with the Cauvery river. The CM also recommended providing a 100% subsidy on insurance premiums to women farmers and suggested measures to direct insurance companies to compulsorily open branches at the block level. Another suggestion of his was to revive a project for a new green field airport for Chennai as the existing one was inadequate to handle passenger traffic. He also repeated the demand that the Centre release pending IGST arrears worth Rs 4,458 crore.

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Manmohan meets CMs of Congress-led states

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

BEFORE HEADING for the Niti Aayog meeting, four Congress chief ministers and Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy met former prime minister (PM) Manmohan Singh at Congress central headquarters on Saturday, to shortlist matters related to Forest Act, tribals and farmers to be taken up during the meet.

MPCM Kamal Nath, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Puducherry CM V Narayanasamy Kumaraswamy met the former PM. Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel also joined the meeting

They discussed the proposed agenda/issues of Congress and Congress allies governed states to be discussed at the Niti Aayog meeting, sources said.

discussed with Singh were rejuvenation of water bodies, including rivers, need of fresh efforts from the Centre in the agricultural sector and seeking amendment in the Forest Act to improve lives of tribals. They also discussed a need for drafting a

policy for drawing investment for development in Maoist affected and tribal areas instead of exploiting natural resources

Sources said the flagged issues had been focus areas in the past Congress governments.

Baghel, Kumaraswamy and Narayanasamy also called PM Modi separately and discussed issues of their respective states. Puducherry CM talked with

PM Modi about including the state in the 15th Finance Commission, statehood for Puducherry, increase in the grant amount from 26% to 42% and the 7th pay commission arrears not paid by Central Government. Baghel tweeted that in meet-

ing with PM Modi he requested for redressal of the pending issues related to 70 lakh tribals and 58 lakh poor families in Chhattisgarh. Meanwhile, Gehlot met the

Sources said that the issues Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman and discussed financial issues related to his state.

He also requested approval for proposals of several pending drinking water projects and ensure timely release of funds of centrally-sponsored schemes.

Telangana government had

sought financial help for

Mamata, KCR skip meet

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

CHIEF MINISTERS Mamata Banerjee and K Chandrashekar Rao skipped the meeting of the Governing Council of Niti Aayog on Saturday.

The meeting was attended by all other chief ministers, administrators of Union territories and the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh did not attend the meeting due to health reasons, sources said. Rao's absence was attributed

to his being busy with arrangements for inauguration of Kaleshwaram irrigation and drinking water supply project on June 21. However, sources in TRS said that KCR was being given a cold shoulder by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "KCR often says there is no

cooperative federalism as the Centre does not respond to requests for help from states where BJP is not in power.

Kaleshwaram project, but the Centre has not even replied. Similarly, there is no response on other requests like increasing quota for SCs and STs and minorities. The friendship also hit a low after KCR's daughter K Kavitha was defeated by BJP candidate in Nizamabad in the Lok Sabha elections," a TRS leader said. Sources in the TRS said that since the Centre won't act on any requests or demands made by Telangana, KCR felt there was no point in attending the meet.

"KCR is of the view that NITI Aayog was formed for transformation of India but no such transformation is visible. The Centre is also working against the spirit of cooperative federalism," a TRS leader familiar with the matter said. In a letter to Modi, the West

Bengal CM had expressed her inability to attend the NITI Aayog meeting, saying it is "fruitless" as the NITI Aayog has no financial powers to support state plans. (WITH INPUTS FROM PTI)

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Bypolls to 6 RS seats from 3 states on July 5

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE ELECTION Commission on Saturday announced that byelections to fill six Rajya Sabha seats from Bihar, Odisha and Gujarat will be held on July 5. The vacancies were caused by the election of four sitting members to the Lok Sabha, election of one to state Assembly and resignation of another. The bypolls will be held to fill these vacancies for the remainder terms only.

In Bihar, one seat fell vacant following election of Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad to Lok Sabha last month. The term of office for this seat is till April 2024. In Gujarat, bypolls will be

held for two seats that were vacated due to election of BIP chief Amit Shah and Union minister Smriti Irani to Lok Sabha. Both these terms end in August 2023.

In Odisha, three seats were vacated due to election of Achyutananda Samanta in Lok Sabha, election of Pratap Keshari Deb to Odisha Assembly and resignation of Soumya Ranjan Patnaik.

Notification will be issued on June 18 and June 25 is the last date of nominations. Scrutiny of nominations will be done on June 26 and June 28 is the last date of withdrawal of candidature. Polling is scheduled on July 5 and counting of votes will be

done the same day. The EC clarified that vacancies



Cong may frown on separate poll principle

The EC announcement that each RS vacancy will be considered a separate vacancy and separate poll will be held is likely to draw fire from the Congress, which had voiced its objections to this principle even before the announcement. Separate elections for each of the two seats in Gujarat means the Congress is unlikely to win any seat there because BJP has the majority in the Assembly.

for bypolls to all Houses, including Rajya Sabha, are considered as separate vacancies and separate notifications are issued and separate poll is taken for each of the vacancies, though the schedule for the bypolls may be common.



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Citing Balakot, Sena 'warns' AIMIM corporators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 15

CITING THE example of attacks on terrorists carried out by the Narendra Modi-led government across the Pakistan border, the Shiv Sena, in its editorial in the party mouthpiece on Saturday, said it would deal with the AIMIM corporators, who had created a ruckus in Aurangabad Municipal Corporation on Thursday, in a similar fashion.

The Sena was referring to the loss of Aurangabad Lok Sabha seat that it had held for 30 years. The Saamana editorial read:

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"One accidental defeat with a small margin from Aurangabad Lok Sabha does not make Hindus impotent in Sambhaji Nagar (Sena's preferred name for Aurangabad). Just as Prime Minister Narendra Modi carried out an attack on terrorists in Pakistan by breaking into their homes, we are capable of launching a similar attack. Hindus have wrists strong enough to clobber Aurangzeb's progeny in Aurangabad within

Nagaraat haidos suru, tar gharaat ghusun maru (Turmoil in Samband hit), the Sena said, "This should be a warning for those rubbing Hindus the wrong way".

sult was "strange" when there was a Hindutva wave not just in Maharashtra but across the country, the editorial said. The Sena, which had been winning the seat for 30 years, was defeated on account of a party rebel. The victory of Imtiyaz Jaleel, of the Hyderabad-based AIMIM led by Asaduddin Owaisi, from Aurangabad seat "was a shock to the history, geography and culture of Aurangabad", said the editorial.

Sena's Chandrakant Khaire, a four-time MP, was defeated by

The editorial came after the AIMIM corporators created a ruckus in the civic body over the proposal to congratulate Jaleel for becoming Aurangabad MP on Thursday. "The ruckus was created neither on the people's issues nor on the issues of national interest but to congratulate Jaleel on his accidental victory in Lok Sabha," the Sena noted. In the 113-member Aurangabad Corp-

NO ONE IS ABOVE LAW, SAYS PUNJAB CM

Day after woman beaten, Congress councillor held

tered an FIR against 10 persons

on charges of attempt to murder.

outraging the modesty of

women and criminal conspir-

the councillor's brothers Sunny

and Suresh and some others had

gone to the woman's house to

collect Rs 23,000 which she had

borrowed from them. Soon after,

they dragged her out of her house

and on to the road, and started

beating her with belts and sticks

and kicked her, the complaint

said. A four-minute video of the

incident was shot by the victim's

had posted a message on social

media saying, "The video which

not depicting the truth. Before

this incident, Sunny's wife had

gone to meet the woman and

her family misbehaved with her.

Later, a few persons went to talk

Three hurt in Hardoi clash, MLA booked

Earlier in the day, Chaudhary

son, which later went viral.

According to the complaint,

RAAKHIJAGGA LUDHIANA, JUNE 15

A DAY after a woman was dragged out of her home in Muktsar and beaten with belts and sticks, allegedly by relatives of a Congress councillor, the latter was arrested on Saturday.

Police have so far arrested seven of the 10 accused, including Congress councillor from ward no. 29 Rakesh Chaudhary.

Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh tweeted a copy of the FIR saying: "Accused in the video from Muktsar have been arrested by @PunjabPoliceInd & booked for attempt to murder u/s 307 IPC. No one is above the law and such acts of violence will not be tolerated."

A member of the Punjab Women Commission (PWC) and AAP leaders arrived in Muktsar and met the woman, who is admitted in a civil hospital.

Police had on Friday regis-

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injuries after an argument bet-

ween alleged supporters of Har-

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bid meeting 25.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date &

time for submission of tender documents 24.07.19

upto 15.00 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First

Part) 24.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Sl. No. 4 Tender

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Bareilly under Bareilly Zone. Earnest Money Deposit

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under Lucknow Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs

in Lakhs) 127.00 Pre-bid meeting 25.06.19 from

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Hardoi under Lucknow Zone. Earnest Money

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25.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for

submission of tender documents 24.07.19 upto

15.00 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part)

24.07.19 from 1600 hrs. SI. No. 7 Tender

Specification No. Saubhagya/0091/ 2019 Cluster

No. Cluster-VII, Districts included in lot Lucknow

under LESA (Cis-Gomti) Zone. Earnest Money

Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 43.00 Pre-bid meeting

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LUCKNOW, JUNE 15

to her about the incident. They are our relatives, my brother

> on Friday, with stones pelted and shots fired from both sides. Nine persons, including Ankit Jaiswal, a BJP member, and his

brother Siddharth aka Siddhu, were arrested in connection with cross-FIRs. MLA Ashish Kumar Singh was also booked. "Nearly 100 persons, claim-

man Ankit Jaiswal turned violent MLA, gathered outside the resi-

dence of Nagar Palika Parishad chairman Ankit Jaiswal and argued with his supporters. Soon,

Pratap Singh Chauhan. MLA Singh claimed he had "nothing to do with the incident" and that his name was

the argument turned violent,'

said Bilgram circle officer (CO)

probed properly before levelling **CICA SUMMIT** Terror gravest

The woman's brother said, "We had taken money at 5% interest from Sunny's family and had returned most of it. Still they threat in Asia, were asking for more."

himself went to police after the

incident. The matter needs to be

charges on us."

PWC member Kiranpreet Kaur Dhami said, "Video evidence is enough to prove the brutal behaviour against women and the culprits must be punished as per law. I spoke to the woman and assured her of justice." AAP's co-convenor Aman

Arora and Kotkapura MLA Kultar Sandhwan, who also went to meet the woman, said "law and order is not under control under is going viral on social media is Congress government" and that ruling party leaders "are misusing power".

Muktsar SSP Manjeet Singh Dhessi, "The remaining accused will be arrested. We are investigating. Crimes against women will not be tolerated at any cost.'

rorism. "Terrorism is the gravest threat we face in Asia. CICA members are its victims and so it should be clear that terrorists and their victims must never be equated," he tweeted. His statement came a day after PM Narendra Modi, address-

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Dushanbe on Saturday. PTI

President Emomali Rahmon in

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TERRORISM POSES the "gravest

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Addressing the fifth Confere-

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DUSHANBE, JUNE 15

here on Saturday.

ing the SCO Summit in Bishkek lashed out at countries "sponsoring, aiding and funding" terrorism and said that such states The CICA is a pan-Asia forum

for enhancing cooperation and

must be held accountable. and Nagar Palika Parishad chair- ing to be supporters of the local added in the FIR as part of a promoting peace, security and

"conspiracy from a higher level". stability in Asia.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, JUNE 15

tivist was allegedly murdered by unidentified persons in Bhedaghat near Jabalpur. The body of Rishabh Jain, who was in his early 20s, was found on Friday.

Bhedaghat unit, was missing since Friday. His motorcycle and a blood-stained slipper led

buried in sand. The post mortem and cremation took place on Saturday.

the family members to the body that was

BJYM president Abhilash Pandey said 'The End' was written on the sand heap. He said the BJP's youth wing has given a 48-hour ultimatum to the police to trace the killer or else they will start an agitation. Jabalpur SP Amit Singh told *The Indian Express* that they are close to solving the case. They have picked up a suspect and are questioning him. Sources

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ECR/Mughalsarai

Bullets fired at TMC worker's house, 3 dead

Kolkata: Three people were killed and one injured after a group of assailants allegedly fired bullets and hurled bombs at the house of a Trinamool Congress worker in Domkal's Kuchiyamira village in Murshidabad early Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Sohel Rana (19). Khairuddin Sheikh (55) and Rahidul Halsana (25). Three people were arrested, police said.

While the TMC accused "Congress-backed goons" for the attack, the latter denied the claims and blamed infighting in the TMC. "Three people have been killed and probe is on. We have arrested three persons. Motive behind the murder is still uncertain," said SP Mukesh Kumar.

According to the police, the assailants attacked when the victims were sleeping inside their house. Before the locals could react, the attackers es-

Meanwhile, tension erupted in Jagdal's Ghoshpara in North 24 Paraganas district after traders allegedly attacked police and damaged their vehicles. Combat force and RAF

have been deployed in the area. On Friday, shops in the area were looted, following which a mob blocked Ghoshpara Road demanding action. When police tried to intervene, the

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Western Rly withdraws proposal for massage

on trains

New Delhi/ Mumbai: Mumbai-headquartered Western Railway on Saturday said it had withdrawn a proposal to provide foot and head massages to passengers on board 39 trains originating from Indore in Madhya Pradesh, a senior official said.

Indore is part of Ratlam division of Western Railway.

WR chief spokesperson Ravinder Bhakar said, "The proposal... was initiated by Ratlam Division of Western Railway.

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thorities of Western Railway, it had been decided to withdraw this proposal of starting massage services in trains," the statement said.

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BBMP (at above address). (3) Last date for submission of tender documents

through e-procurement portal: 19-07-2019 upto 4.00 PM. (4) Date of

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Kasgani-Bareilly section in Izatnagar Division of N.E. Railway

Date of E-Tender opening 11:00 hrs. on 08-07-2019.

Receipt of E-Tender upto 10:59 hrs. on 08-07-2019.

E-Tender Notice No. CWM-BR-17-2019

Gorakhpur acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites

In the editorial titled 'Sambhaji

haji Nagar, will break into homes

Earnest

Money

The Aurangabad election re-

Taleel by 4,492 votes.

oration, the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance has 51 corporators while AIMIM has 25, the Congress has 10, NCP has three and others have 24.

"It is sedition to congratulate those who take stands against the nation." the editorial added.

JHARKHAND URBAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION LIMITED (IUTCOL) (A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking) Regd. Off. Room No.411, Urban Development Department, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Email: contact@jutcol.co.in CIN: U60100JH2016SGC009174 Ref. No. 71 Date: 14-06-2019

Date extension for Submission of Application for the Post of Company Secretary (CS)

The last date for submission of application for the post of Company Secretary (CS) with reference to notice no. 26 dated 20-02-2019 and notice no. 65 dated 31-05-2019 is hereby extended to 28-06-2019 (17:00 hours).

For further details please visit LATEST section of www.jutcol.jharkhand.gov.in

(Reference P R No. 202906)

Sd/-**Chief Executive Officer** Jharkhand Urban Transport Corporation PR 208928 (Urban Development and Housing) 19-20 (D)

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tendering Tender Notice Open E-Tender Notice No. SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2019-20-T07 Date 13-06-2019

Sr Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, North Eastern Railway Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites sealed "OPEN" E-Tender for the following work.

Name of works	Tender reference no.	Approx Cost (in Rs.)	Mone (in Rs.
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constructed Pick up van/Jeep with trailer under SSE/TRD/	The Part of the State of the St	Cost of tender ₹ 3,000	
HDK and SSE/TRD/CPJ for maintenance and attending			
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registration, fuel and driver Kilometres for Two years.	maintenanc	e, on the basis o	of days a
· E-Tender Online will be	submitted	up to 15:00 Hr	rs. on d

16-07-2019. ● For full details and submission of bid kindly visi the Official website of Indian railway i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Varanasi

were scheduled to be opened on 22.07.2019 are hereby amended as follows: SI. No. 1 Tender About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955 Specification No. Saubhagya/10085/2019 Cluster Do not travel with inflammable article in train. No. Cluster-I, Districts included in lot Faizabad

//कार्यालय सेनानी 4 थी वाहिनी छसबल माना, रायपुर छ.ग.// /19, दिनांक 13/06/2019 क्र .–४ थी वाहिनी/छसबल/सा .अ ./ 212 Construction of Boundry Wall & concertina Coil Fancing & PPGL Sheet & False Ceiling Work For Air Force, Mana-Raipur पुनःनिविदा विज्ञाप्ति

भारतीय वायु सेना के उपयोग हेत् एयरफोर्स कैम्प, माना-कैम्प में बाउण्ड्री वॉल का निर्माण एवं कंसर्टिना क्वायल फेन्सिंग तथा पीपीजीएल शीट एवं फाल्स सीलिंग कार्य हेत सेनानी 4 थी वाहिनी की ओर से सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से 02 लिफाफा पद्धति में (लिफाफा 'अ' में टेक्निकल बीड एवं लिफाफा 'ब' में फायनेंसियल बीड) निर्माण कार्य बाबत मोहरबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। सीलबंद लिफाफे के ऊपर निविदा सचना क्रमांक तथा

页.	कता का पूरा नाम/पता लख किया जाना आवश्यक है। विवरण	सुरक्षा निधि
1.	Construction of Boundry Wall & concertina Coil Fancing for Air Force, Mana-Raipur	15300.00
2.	PPGL Sheet & False Ceiling Work For Air Force, Mana-Raipur	39300.00

निविदा प्रपत्र अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय से आवेदन पत्र (आयकर प्रमाण पत्र सहित) के साथ रु. 750/– कोषालय में लेखा शीर्ष 0055 पुलिस मिसलिनियस पुलिस रिसिप्ट के अंतर्गत सेनानी 4 थी वाहिनी छसबल, माना रायपुर के नाम से जमा कर चालान की मूल प्रति सेनानी ४ थी वाहिनी छसबल, माना की प्रस्तुत कर दिनांक 08/07/19 के 17 .00 बजे तक कार्यालयीन दिवस में निविदा फार्म प्राप्त किये जा सकते है।

निविदा बिक्री की अंतिम तिथि -08/07/19 को समय 17.00 बजे तक। निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि –15/07/19 को समय 15.00 बजे तक।

-15/07/19 को समय 16.00 बजे तक। निविदा खोलने की तिथि

निर्माण कार्य हेत निविदा की नियम एवं शर्ते टेण्डर फार्म के साथ कार्यालयीन समय में कार्यालय सेनानी 4 थी वाहिनी छसबल, माना से प्राप्त किए जा सकते है।

निविदा पत्र डाक/कोरियर के माध्यम से स्वीकार नहीं होगीं।

निविदा खोलने की तिथि में यदि अवकाश घोषित होती है, तो निविदा अगले कार्यालयीन

दिवस में खोली जावेगी।

4 थी वाहिनी छसबल, माना, रायपुर छ.ग.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Zone, BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560011 No.: EE/SWD/RRZ/RRNC/TEND/02/2019-20 Date: 15.06.2019

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) Two Cover System

The Executive Engineer (SWD), RR Nagara Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. Amount put

No.	Name of the Work	to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	(Rs. in Lakhs)
	Construction of SWD		23.00 (Rs. 1.00
ı	Diversion Drain at	2254.00	Lakhs through
ı	Mallathahalli lake in Ward		e-payment and
l,	No. 129 of RR Nagara		Rs. 22.00 Lakhs
Ι'	Zone under CMNBY		Balance in the
ı	Scheme (2019-20) RR		form of BG) or
ı	Nagara Zone. (Standard		(Rs. 23.00 Lakhs
	Bid Documents : KW-4).		through e-paymer
Ca	lendar of Events: (1) Tender do	cuments may b

downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 18.06.2019. (2) Last date for receipt of queries: 29.06.2019 upto 10:00 a.m. (3) Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 29.06.2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Chief Engineer (SWD). (4) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 19.07.2019 and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines. (5) The Technical bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on 22.07.2019 after **4:30 p.m.** (6) Date of opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bids through e-procurement. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

"Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru"

BJYM activist killed near Jabalpur LIMITED HEAD OFFICE 4-A, GOKHALE MARG, LUCKNOW:- 226001 Phone No 0522- 2207065, 2208737 CORRIGENDUM Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/ 0085/2019 to Saubhagya/ 0091/2019 for Open Competitive Bidding (Global Bidding) for the work of conversion of bare LT

A BHARTIYA Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) ac-

Rishabh, a general secretary of BJYM's

said the alleged killer could be a friend.

E-Tender Notice No. MGS/EL/G/e-Tender/19-20/06 Date 13.06.2019. On line (through E-Tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Elect/MGS for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and othe public sector undertakings. 1. Name of Work with its Location: No. MGS/EL/G/E/19-20/03 Sub: Installation of 06 nos. High Mast, and replacement of old and defective light fitting in Store Depot and replacement of old and damaged condition. LT OCBs by ABC in Crossing substation, Plant Depot a Mughalsarai. 2. Approx. cost of the work ₹53,45,673/-, 3. Earnest Money: ₹1,06,900/ 4. Tender closing Date Time: 09.07.2019 15.00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars of E-

PR/0503/MGS/T/28

FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA Kaulagarh Road, P.O. - IPE, Dehradun - 248 195

Online Tender Notice for the Deployment of Manpower for Technical/Non Technical, Security and House Keeping Services at FSI, Dehradur Online tenders are invited from reputed, registered & licenses agencies who fulfill the eligibility criteria for providing services for

campus security, housekeeping services and other technical/nor echnical services at Forest Survey of India (FSI), Kaulaga Road, PO-IPE, Dehradun-248195. The tender document, eligibil riteria, terms & conditions, and other details can be seen at Ministry vebsite i.e. http://www.moefcc.euniwizarde.com and FSI webs http://www.fsi.nic.in, from dated 16.06.2019 onwards, Deputy Director (P&A) I/c Ph. No-0135-2756180, email-ddpna@fsi.nic

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be

Bid No.E-15/2019-2020

Toner Cartridge, PL No. N1, Qty.: 06 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in.

PRO/DLW/S-27 'Serving Customers With a Smile'

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, Bommanahalli Zone, BBMP Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, R R Nagara Zone, BBMP "Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru"

15.06.2019

website https://etender.up.nic.in/nicgep/app under Organisation:- Uttar Pradesh Power Distribution Rehabilitation Project - ADB Funded only. In case date of opening of tender happens to be Public Holiday, it shall be opened on next working day Tender offer validity shall be of 180 days. In future in case of any amendment/revision in the tender document or extension in date of opening of the tender it shall be made available/uploaded on etender website https://etender.up.nic.in/nicgep/app under **Organisation:- Uttar Pradesh Powe**i **Distribution Rehabilitation Project - ADB Funded** All other terms and conditions shall remain Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Saubhagya) E-mail:

saubhaqyamvvnl@gmail.com, **ELECTRICITY IN NATIONAL INTEREST. USE L.E.D.** BULBS. पत्रांकः 3529/म.वि.वि.वि.नि.लि./सौभाग्य दिनांक



North SIT to probe 35 anti-Sikh riot cases in Kanpur

Lucknow: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Uttar Pradesh government in February this year to examine and probe anti-Sikh riot cases lodged in Kanpur after the assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, has decided to further investigate 35 cases then registered at differ-

ent police stations of Kanpur district during the riots. The SIT came to conclusion after going through record of total 1,254 cases registered in Kanpur during 1984 anti-Sikh riots. On February 5, the state government ordered to set up a four member SIT to examine the cases filed during 1984 anti-Sikh riots. ENS



SS Deswal, DG ITBP, (in front) at the Lipulekh pass (17,000 ft) to review the arrangements for the Kailash **Mansarovar Yatra.** Express

3 of family killed as truck crashes into house in Odisha

Koraput: Three members of a family were killed on Saturday after a sand-laden truck rammed into their house in Koraput district in the early hours, police said. The incident took place at Bhejitput after the driver of the truck lost control over it, a police officer said, adding, the deceased, a couple and their eight-year-old

daughter, were crushed to death. All them were asleep at the time, he said. The driver fled the scene and the truck has been seized, the police officer said. Traffic movement was disrupted for sometime as angry locals staged a road blockade the after the accident. Officials went to the spot to pacify them, he said. **PTI**

WEST

Malegaon case: Pragya gets exemption from appearance

Mumbai: A Special court on Saturday granted exemption to accused Pragya Singh Thakur from appearing before it following a plea by her advocates stating that while she was willing to appear, they had advised her against it as the judge was on leave. Last month, the special court had passed an

order directing all accused to remain present before it at least once a week. While Thakur appeared before the court last week on Friday. this week, her advocates filed exemption applications daily from Monday to Friday, on grounds including her ill-health. The court allowed the pleas. **ENS**

SOUTH

Malayalam actor Vinayakan booked for 'abusing' woman

Kalpetta: Award-winning Malayalam actor Vinayakan has been booked for allegedly verbally abusing a woman activist over the phone, police said here on Saturday. The case was registered based on the complaint of the woman, hailing

from Kottayam district, al-

leging that the actor spoke obscenely and used abuses when she invited him for an event in April, they said. The woman's Facebook post in this regard created a furore. A police official said the case was registered under relevant sections of the IPC.

BENGAL DOCTORS' STRIKE

Docs beat us, let guilty be punished: kin of deceased

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA KOLKATA, JUNE 15

AS THE doctors' protest in Bengal entered the fifth day on Saturday, family of Mohammad Sayeed (75), whose death triggered the violence at NRS hospital, alleged that though some of his neighbours were arrested after the incident, no action has been taken against the medicos who allegedly assaulted them. "We lost a family member. The

doctors also beat us up and the CCTV footage will prove it. Every citizen should have equal access to justice. Five of our neighbours were arrested and are now in jail. What about the doctors? Let the guilty be punished, be it our neighbours or the doctors. We are also aggrieved at the injury of the doctor who might have been hit by a stone. We pray for his speedy recovery. But the strike needs to be lifted too. Thousands of patients are suffering," said Taiyab Hussain, grandson of Sayeed, sitting in their travel agency office in Tangra's Bibi Bagan Lane.

The family members of

Late Mohammad Sayeed's grandson Taiyab Hussain (right) and son Mohammad Shabbir in Kolkata on Saturday. Partha Paul

Sayeed also lodged a complaint against three doctors of NRS hospital. The Sunday Express met the family of the deceased on Saturday.

"One of us might have pulled a hand of a doctor urging him to see the patient. They took it as heckling...They refused to accept our apology.. They armed themselves with hockey sticks. Policemen were present there when all of this happened," said Taiyab.

"We agree that there should be armed guards at hospitals. But the administration should also make sure that someone sees if doctors are behaving properly. They should understand how one feels when someone in the family dies "said Mohammad Shabbir, son of the deceased.

Family members also rued the fact that efforts were on to give a communal colour to the incident. "Why is a section, led by the BJP, only targeting one community? They are trying to draw a line between Hindus and the Muslims. We condemn this," said Shabbir.

Bring law to protect doctors: Harsh Vardhan to all CMs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

HEALTH MINISTER Dr Harsh Vardhan has written to Chief Ministers of all states asking them to bring legislation to protect doctors, and to ensure it is implemented in states where such a law is already in place.

He circulated copies of the draft Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act, 2017, to states.

"Resident doctors in many parts of the country are agitating and not providing healthcare services. Agitation by doctors in West Bengal seem to be getting aggravated and taking shape of strike by both Government and Private sector doctors," he wrote. Representatives from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Delhi Medical Association (DMA) also called on him on Saturday.

Stressing the need to avoid such incidents, the minister said that law enforcement should prevail. "Strict action against any person who assaults them must be ensured..." he wrote.

Bihar: AES toll 73, **Health Minister** to visit today

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, JUNE 15

THE ACUTE Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) toll rose to 73 at two Muzaffarpur hospitals on Saturday, a day before Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan is scheduled to visit the district.

Meanwhile, the medical superintendent of Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) — which has reported 58 deaths — alleged the Union health minister had not fulfilled promises made to the hospital in 2014. This was the year that Bihar had reported 120 AES deaths, and the maximum were from SKMCH.

SKMCH Medical Superintendent Dr S K Shahi told The Indian Express: "I do not know the exact amount due to be sanctioned to the hospital for better AES preparedness, but there has been no major construction at the hospital. Central assistance should reflect in some concrete work."

Harsh Vardhan, who was also Union health minister in 2014, had spoken of adequate central assistance after his visit to the Muzaffarpur hospitals.

Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey, however, said: "I have no idea about the specific amount of work assured to SKMCH in 2014, but the central government has been helping in constructing seven paediatric ICU." He said the Union health minister would be in a better condition to talk about AES and central assistance. He also said they had been running awareness programmes.

Asked about pre-emptive measures the health department was taking to counter AES, Pandey said: "We are following standard operating procedure to treat AES." On steps to check hypoglycemia, he said: "Integrated Child Development Services has

No long-term plan yet to tackle issue

EVERY TIME there is a spurt in AES in Muzaffarpur, state and central government talk of big changes such as setting up devoted laboratories and children's wards at SKMCH, which gets the most AES patients. Once there is good rainfall and cases subside, it is back to status quo in the system. Although Muzaffarpur has been reporting AES cases since 1995, there have been no long-term plans for augmentation of health services and nutrition supplement programmes to address hypoglycemia, which is cited to be the reason for most deaths this year.

been running nutrition programmes through anganwadi. Our immediate objective is to ensure parents' awareness to ensure children do not sleep without food at night and wear proper clothes and avoid going out in the sun."

SKMCH and Kejriwal Matrisadan have reported 62 and 11 AES deaths, respectively. so far. While SKMCH has registered 178 patients since January, Kejriwal Matrisadan has registered 72 AES patients since June. Seventy-seven patients are under treatment at these hospitals.

Vikhe-Patil set to be inducted in Maharashtra Cabinet today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 15

THE MAHARASHTRA Cabinet expansion will take place on Sunday. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was in New Delhi on Saturday to have a final round of discussions with BIP president Amit Shah.

"Yes, the Cabinet expansion will happen on Sunday," Fadnavis confirmed.

Those set to be inducted in the Cabinet include former Congress leader Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil and former NCP leader Jaidutta Kshirsagar. While Vikhe-Patil will soon join the BJP, Kshirsagar has already joined the Shiv Sena.

BJP leaders set to be inducted are Ashish Shelar (Mumbai), Anil Bonde (Amravati region), Atul Save (Aurangabad), Sanjay Kute (Shegaon, Buldhana), Suresh Khadse (Sangli) and Sanjay Beghde (Maval).

Avinash Mahatekar of RPI(A) is set to be a junior minister. Shiv Sena's Tanaji Sawant from Yavatmal too is likely to be inducted.

The ministers likely to be dropped are Housing Minister Prakash Mehta, Minister of Social Justice Rajkumar Badole and Tribal Affairs Minister Vishnu Sawra. Among ministers of state to face the axe includes Dilip Kamble and Pravin Pote. While Kamble is MoS in charge of social justice, Pote is MoS of industries and mining.

The housing minister has courted controversy over a slum redevelopment project. Sources said Vikhe-Patil could be considered for the housing portfolio.

Hours after minor deposes, POCSO accused 'jumps' to death in Mumbai fore the court's lunch break at 2 the deposition went well and

MUMBAI, JUNE 15

A 25-YEAR-old undertrial allegedly fell to his death from the sixth-floor corridor of the sessions court building in Dindoshi on Saturday afternoon. The man, facing trial on charges of sexually abusing a boy in 2015, allegedly jumped off the building within an hour of the minor deposing against him in court.

According to officials at the Dindoshi sessions court, the accused, who was lodged at Arthur Road jail since the incident in 2015, was brought to court around 11 am for the hearing. The minor deposed an hour be-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE pm and his cross-examination might have thought that he was resumed at 2.45 pm and continued for another hour, during which he also identified the accused as his attacker.

After the hearing, the accused went towards the water cooler outside courtroom number 12 on the sixth floor of the building. Officials said that without warning, he pushed away the police constable who was holding his arm and jumped down the corridor.

"The minor answered all questions very clearly and stuck to the statement recorded with the magistrate earlier under Section 164 of the CrPC. The accused appeared to be scared that

sure to be convicted," said an officer at Powai police station. So far, the court has examined two witnesses, the minor and his father. The body was taken to

Siddharth Hospital for a postmortem. A case of accidental death was registered at Kurar police station. An official said police is inquiring into the sequence of events that led to the accused's death and speaking to witnesses on the sixth floor, apart from police constables who had escorted him from jail.

Lawyer Sunanda Nandewar, representing the accused, said she had not interacted with him after the hearing.

Srinagar deputy mayor booked for 'illegally appropriating' subsidy

BASHAARAT MASOOD

SRINAGAR, JUNE 15

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday registered a case against Srinagar's Deputy Mayor, Sheikh Imran, for allegedly illegally appropriating Rs 16.50 crore in government subsidy and gratuitous One Time Settlements (OTS) from the J&K Bank. The agency also registered cases against several bank and government officials.

Imran, who is also the Director of the Kehwa Group of Companies, had set up a cold storage unit under M/S Kehwa Square Private Limited, at Lassipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama. The total projected cost of the unit was Rs 33 crore and it was eligible for a 50 per cent subsidy gov-

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ernment, according to the norms of the Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan (HM-NEH) States. "...The assessed cost of the

project was Rs 33 crore with the subsidy component thereof calculated to Rs 16.50 crores i.e. 50% of estimated project cost (EPC). (The proposal) was sent to an empowered monitoring committee of the MIDH (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture), Govt. of India, for final approval," an official release of the ACB said.

The agency has alleged that Sheikh, in connivance with bank and state government officials. sought to appropriate the Rs 16.50 crore subsidy by declaring the unit a Non-Performing Asset (NPA) "without paying a single installment". The anti-corruption watchdog further claimed that the cost of the project was found much lower than the projected Rs 33 crore, during its inquiry.

According to the agency, Sheikh and the officials were aided by Nadeem Ahmad Mayar (Qasba), whose company Go Fresh applied for a loan of Rs 36.10 crore from J&K Bank to buy the cold storage unit, which was already hypothecated to the same bank. "He physically took over the operation of the CA storage business unit without formal transfer of assets / liabilities in his favour. Ironically, the bank authorities extended the loan facility to the proposed buyer on the same property which was already under hypothecation with the bank as asset of the principal borrower i.e M/S Kehwa Square Pvt. Ltd.'

ALLAHABAD BANK

Wake up Yogi govt on law & order: Akhilesh to Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JUNE 15

SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav met Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik Saturday and submitted a letter to him expressing concern over the law and order situation in the state. He also sought the Governor's intervention to control what he termed "Jungle raj" in the state and urged him to "wake up" the state government on the issue of law and order.

In the letter, Akhilesh wrote, "After the election results on May 23, the law and order situation in the state under the BJP

government has been deteriorating. The state has never seen such bad days... It is because the Chief Minister has lost control that officials are doing what they want. The whole system has broken down."

The letter said, "Due to policies aimed at harassing people, several families are suffering. Many innocent people have been killed in encounters...Cases of rape, loot, kidnapping are not stopping in the state." Akhilesh said, "I would like to remind the Governor that he has always been the one who has woken up the government on the issue of law and order. He should wake up this government, too."

An-32 crash: Harsh weather continues to hamper operation to retrieve bodies of 13 personnel

Guwahati: The operation to re- Saturday. trieve the mortal remains of the 13 personnel onboard the An-32 aircraft continues to face difficulties due to inclement weather, the IAF said on

Doctor

booked after

'kidnapping'

Lucknow: The Aligarh po-

lice have booked the

Superintendent (CMS) of

a government hospital,

Dr Geeta Pradhan, on

charges of kidnapping af-

ter the husband of a

woman patient who de-

livered a baby boy last

week alleged that an ul-

trasound done earlier

had shown that his wife

was carrying twins but

only one baby was

handed over by the

Dr Geeta, who is due

to retire next year, is CMS

of Mohanlal Gautam

Women Hospital in

hospital.

Aligarh. **ENS**

Medical

complaint

Chief

being curtailed due to incessant rains and heavy clouding. No helicopter could fly today due to bad weather," IAF PRO Wing

Commander Ratnakar Singh "The rescue operations are said in a statement. He added that a 17 member rescue team comprising of IAF and Army personnel and civilian mountaineers were on the job. **ENS**

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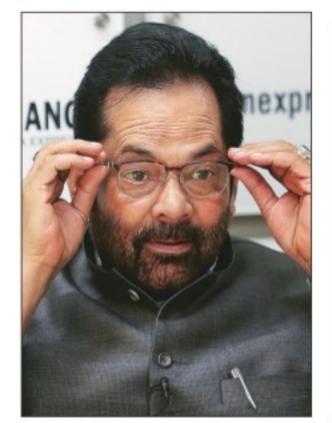
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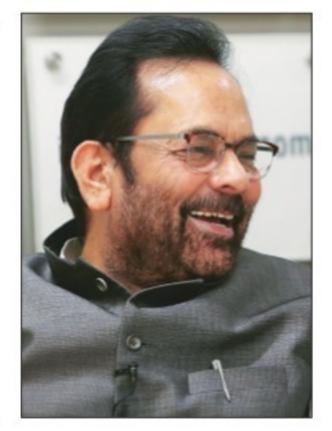
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WHY MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI

As the NDA government led by Narendra Modi embarks on its second term, riding on the promise of 'Sabka Vishwas', Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Union Minister of Minority Affairs and the Cabinet's only Muslim face, will have a key role to play. He has continued in the Cabinet with the same portfolio as in the last government but

perhaps with a bigger mandate



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ABANTIKA GHOSH: What are the milestones you crossed in your last tenure and what remains to be done?

Last time, we had committed to twothree agendas, which have been completed to a large extent. We wanted to bring down the dropout rate among Marathi Muslims, specifically of girls, to zero. From 72 per cent, we could only bring it down to 42-43 per cent. In Karnataka, Maharashtra and Assam, the dropout rates have fallen. We are again committed to bringing the rate down to zero. We have increased our scholarships. Our campaign 'Padho aur Badho' will encourage people to send their children, especially girls, to school. Under 'Hunar Haat', we created a platform and market for skilled craftsmen, in Mumbai, Delhi, Puducherry, Goa, Lucknow and Allahabad. This time, starting next month in Bengaluru, we plan to hold it in more than a hundred places and provide opporfunities to 5 lakh craftsmen.

Through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, we want to correct the inadequacy of educational infrastructure in faraway places. The number of schools is few, there are no ITIs, polytechnics, commerce centres, or hostels. The scheme, earlier present in 90 districts, is now in 308 districts. We aim to fill the gap in 100 days.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: 'Minority' is a politically sensitive term in our country. Who, in your and the Prime Minister's opinion, is a minority?

We have six notified minorities — Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jain, Buddhists and Parsis. Earlier, a school would be constructed, or facilities like water and electricity would be provided, only if the minority population was at least 70 per cent. But we removed the concept last year under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram. Even if the minority presence is only 25 per cent, if we build a school in that area, all people from the poorer sections will be able to study there. The step had a positive impact in Telangana where we started Open Schools, modelled on the concept of gurukuls. In two years, we have built 92 schools. We want to build centres of formal education for minority communities, unlike a *madarsa*.

COOMI KAPOOR: As Minority Affairs minister, does it worry you that your party does not have a single elected Muslim member of Parliament? What is the way out? Separate electorates?

The reduction in the representation of minorities, especially of Muslims, in Parliament cannot be blamed on the BJP. Their representation has been going down in Parliament and other assemblies every year over the past 35-40 years. The BJP had fielded nine Muslim candidates for this Lok Sabha election, but the fact that they did not win is another matter. If you want to connect their representation to their social upliftment, then you will have to take into account the parties who had high representation from among them, yet how in the past 70 years, poverty and unemployment rates among people of the community have increased and literacy rates have been falling. We don't need them (separate electorates). We are talking about 130 crore Indians, of inclusive growth, development without discrimination, and empowerment without appeasement.

RAVISH TIWARI: The Sachar Committee report had revealed truths and political prejudices. However, since the 2014 election, the word Sachar has not been used in government communication. Was the report sidelined because it was

published by some other government?

The Sachar Committee Report was a bundle of failures of the Congress government. The Congress office had that report, which I think is now infested by termites. But we focused on education, employment and empowerment (of minorities). The Sachar Committee revealed the circumstances of those times but it was only during Modiji's time that the mood changed in favour of development. Take, for example, the pucca houses being built for the poor no one is asking whether it is in a Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Parsi or Christian area. Your caste or community shouldn't be a criterion for getting electricity. More than 32 per cent minorities have benefited from the (Pradhan Mantri) Mudra Yojana. With the money received, poor people start small carrepair shops, etc. What the Sachar committee said is not important, what is important is what we are doing.

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G: In February, the Supreme Court referred to the **National Commission for Minorities a** petition about the decline in Hindu population in eight states and them being given the minority status. What

to fulfill. Soon after taking over, the government announced scholarships for five crore students from minority communities. During Naqvi's previous stint in the ministry, the Haj subsidy was done away with and women were allowed to go on the pilgrimage without a Mehram or male companion

'No one has ever doubted Muslims' nationalism. No one still doubts it, and never will'

Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi talks about the trolls he gets subjected to, says more than 32 per cent minorities have benefited from Mudra Yojana and claims discrimination against the community has "reduced"



Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi with Senior Assistant Editor Abantika Ghosh in The Indian Express newsroom. Gajendra Yadav

is your view?

The Centre has six notified minorities. Different states also decide their own minorities keeping in mind the socio-economic conditions, etc. For example, in Maharashtra, the Jew community is a minority. Approximately seven states, including Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, have given Jains the status of a minority community, after which the Centre, keeping in mind the individual state-wise conditions, had included the Jain community in the list of notified minorities. We spoke to Mehbooba Mufti's government in Jammu & Kashmir, and to the principal secretaries of Nagaland, Manipur and other Northeastern states, about what can be done for the actual minorities in those states. The states are free to decide what facilities the minorities in those states should get.

PVAIDYANATHAN IYER: One of the allegations against the NDA government is that it hasn't been able to take Muslims along – that they are made to feel insecure and unequal, and have to provide a certificate of

nationalism. What are your thoughts? Most of the talk around intolerance is done keeping Modiji in mind, especially after 2014. After 2014, count the number of incidents where Muslims were targetted. I can tell you about the incidents before that. I have faced two-month-long curfews when I lived in Allahabad. We couldn't leave our homes except for the one hour when the curfew was broken, during which we would buy vegetables. For every 10 innocent (Muslims) who died, 400 were put in the jail too.

Second, there have been no terrorist attacks in the past five years. The government's strong political and nationalist will has played a part in it, and the country's people also had a big contribution in it, especially the Muslims. If IS (Islamic State) or al-Qaeda could not establish their roots in our country, even though they did it in big European nations, it's thanks to Indian Muslims. This is why no one has ever doubted their nationalism and bhakti (patriotism), no one still doubts it, and never will. As far as their freedom is concerned, there is what the Constitution guarantees them. India is the only country where they get to read the namaaz even on the streets, where the azaan is broadcast through loudspeakers in mosques.

I'm not saying that there is no discrimination; it has been happening for the past 70 years. But discrimination has reduced, though it should completely end.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: Your party performed well in West Bengal and your campaign was distinctly Hindutva in tone. 'Jai Sri Ram' has taken on a political colour. How does this fit in with your definition of secularism?

If you believe Jai Sri Ram is communal, then so was Mahatma Gandhi with his 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Patit Paavan Sita Ram'. If you go to a village, you will see both Muslims and Hindus saying Ram Ram ji (as way of salutation), does that make them communal? Jai Sri Ram cannot be a political slogan, it is part of our culture.

I feel Mamata ji's reaction has become a joke. That reaction began after the election. After her loss, she started clamping down on people who utter Jai Sri Ram. In Bengal, the BJP is an effective and strong alternative for the people. It was a straight fight between the TMC and the BJP.

RAVISH TIWARI: The 2019 election results showed that the Yadav-Muslim combination did not work, and the BIP won't give ticket to Muslims in UP-Bihar. So where does the Muslim voter

The socialist movement started by Acharya Narendra Dev, Ram Manohar Lohia, and later by George Fernandes, Raj Narain, Janeshwar Mishra — that long line

of leadership has ended. After that came Mulayam Singh's era but that was limited only to UP, though the socialist revolution was prevalent in Maharashtra and, in a very large way, in Karnataka. Socialism became a politics of convenience, and then eventually, the revolution got scattered. The socialists had a 'gair Congressvaad (anti-Congress) stand. That is where they began and from there, they ended up in the Congress's lap. That is when it ended. Look how badly the Yadav-Muslim combination failed.

COOMI KAPOOR: You were part of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Cabinet too. Are you a token Muslim for the BJP?

This time, when the PM set an agenda in the Central Hall of Parliament, with Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, he added, 'Sabka Vishwas (everyone's faith)'. To complete this agenda, the responsibility was, of course, on everyone, but was even more on the shoulders of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: Was 'Sabka Vishwas' said in reference to the Muslim community? Was this an acknowledgment of a trust deficit?

No, no, Sabka Vishwas includes everyone — the faith of the poor, faith of the backward communities, even of the people whom the light of progress has not reached. It is infinite. We cannot say that 100 per cent of the Indian population is with us, 50 per cent might have misconceptions, and we have to align them with us.

"There have been no terror attacks in last five years. Govt's strong will played a part in it... (Muslims) also had a big contribution... If IS or al-Qaeda did not take roots here, it's thanks to Indian Muslims

RAVISH TIWARI: WhatsApp played a big part in this election, especially with a surge in messages that promoted polarisation. What do you make of this phenomenon?

I think social media is a good thing, but anti-social activities are not. I'm subjected to so many abuses every day that I'm forced to acknowledge them. For example, when our ministry announced that five crore students would get scholarships in five years – and there are six notified minorities – the troll army started accusing us of Muslim appeasement. Yesterday, a colleague was telling us that we give more scholarships to the SC and ST community.

But one good thing that has happened is that people slowly become aware of the fabricated nature of these messages and differentiate it from real news, though I can't tell you about its reach and impact. These days people have mobile phones in every village.

SHALEEN AGRAWAL: There were a series of lynchings that happened during the previous NDA term. There have also been instances of Cabinet ministers garlanding lynchers, etc. How will people have faith?

The Rajasthan lynching incident (dairy farmer Pehlu Khan was lynched allegedly by a mob of gau rakshaks in Alwar, Rajathan) and one incident in Haryana, which was revealed later to be a family feud, have seen immediate arrests. In the Rajasthan incident, the culprit was not bailed for six-eight months. The state machinery and government should take action. Instead of seeing them for what they are — as heinous crimes — they are given a communal colour. That only strengthens the conspirators.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: The recent incident in Bengal, where doctors were beaten up, has taken a communal colour.

I agree with that. For so many years, clashes would break out over bursting of firecrackers after a cricket match and people would kill each other. Such incidents have gone down, but should stop completely.

SHALINI NAIR: The civil society has long demanded an anti-discrimination legislation to protect all religious minorities. But Muslims are still denied homes in cities and judged on their eating habits. There's also confusion

about the Uniform Civil Code.

Not giving homes etc. to people because they belong to a certain religion or community is an illness of the mindset which needs to be eradicated. As for the Uniform Civil Code, some say that with it you won't be able to read the *namaaz*, or go to a church or gurdwara. Your right to your religious identity will be erased. This is wrong. It doesn't imply any limitations on religious rights. There can be a discussions on personal laws. The Uniform Civil Code won't happen without consultations.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: During your last tenure, the Haj subsidy was done away with. What was its impact on Haj 2018?

It was the decision of Modiji's government, and we informally spoke to many stakeholders. That time, however, the quota increased from 1,50,000 to 1,75,000, and that became a bigger problem as we had to take more people. The removal of subsidy helped in making it cheaper from embarkation points like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Kochi and Lucknow, and it increased a little in other points, by Rs 1,000-1,500 in Srinagar and Guwahati, and by Rs 100-200 in some other places. We were being looted in the name of subsidy. The current lot of two lakh people are also going without subsidy. The removal of *mehram* — the condition that women Hai travellers cannot travel without male companions — was a boost too, a rule that earlier governments had set probably keeping in mind the crowds there. Last year, 1,300 women travelled alone, and this time, 2,400-2,500 are going.

RAVISH TIWARI: A big asset of the Muslim communities is the Waqf property. But it has not been leveraged.

Around 6,00,000 properties are registered under the Waqf Board. Defence has the most land in the country, followed by Waqf, and then the Railways. We are trying to geo-map the properties in a year. We will connect the Waqf boards through video-conferencing, conduct weekly consultations, encourage them to build schools, hospitals, skill-development centres, hostels and ITIs there. And, fund them 100 per cent under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram because the Waqf boards don't have money. We have given five employees to every Waqf board. The problems of the Waqf are of their own. The mafia or the encroachers are within the Waqf boards.

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HE CONCH shell booms. "Om Jai Jagadish hare, swami..." the chant fills the oldest temple in Manchester. The Friday sun has set and dark skies return to drench the city. Inside, priest Krishan Joshi, who came to England 23 years ago, performs an *aarti* after finishing the chants. A few Indians, eyes shut, dwell on their dreams.

In her 40s, Sarbani Chatterjee – "Manchester is okay I guess, it's not Kolkata, it's raining all the time here," she says wants to enroll her son Ishaan into a cricket club. Joshi offers help, his son is at a cricket club. "80 pounds for four weeks. It's very good," he says.

Joshi's son, who is at cricket and comes later, wants to play cricket for England. "Younger son... opposite. No cricket. His mother brought him a 150-pound Apple watch and in three days, he opened to find out what is inside," he says. Laughter. Sarbani coaxes the priest, asking for help to get her son into the same cricket club as his son. "Kuch kariye na (Please do something), they are not answering my calls." Priest as medium to God and cricket.

"Do you have tickets for the India-Pakistan match? Ishaan would love to go," she asks Joshi next. Sarbani is disappointed with the reply — Joshi talks about how in his WhatsApp group, the 70-pound ticket is being offered at 1,000. Outside, the pitter-pat-

While a dry Friday afternoon had raised hope, rains came down on Saturday afternoon, raising worries about Sunday's cricket's biggest blockbuster event, the India vs Pakistan match at Manchester's Old Trafford stadium. For the teams, the result of this league game will play a crucial role in their qualification to the knock-out stage, but for the fans. it isn't just a fight for the two points at stake. It's about bragging rights.

At a kebab house, not too far away from the temple, Amir Bhatti, a middle-aged man who came from Pakistan 12 years ago and now runs this shop, is amazed that pavilion tickets are being sold in the black market for 4,000 pounds. "A regular job would earn you 1,500 to 2,000 pounds a month. So that would mean more than two months' salary for a ticket. Shauk hai, logon ka. Apni apni marzi (People have their interests)."

Amir's "shauk" is watching the Indian television show Crime Patrol. He has subscribed to it on his phone. "The show tells you what can happen when life gets out of control. I tell my children also to watch it." He is trying his best to keep his life in control. The wife and children are in Pakistan, in colleges, and he didn't want to disturb their education. "Once they finish studies, maybe I will bring them here. Not now."

Back at the temple, Sarbani says, "I don't know too many Pakistanis. There are lots of them here. They are not bad." And adds, "They have been okay to me. I don't have any Pakistani friends but I buy all my stuff in their shops."

Perhaps, one of the earliest Indians to come to this city was in the 1880s — an elephant named, what else, 'Maharajah'. Bought in an auction by a rich Englishman, Maharajah was much admired and his remains are now

Manchester united

One of the most enduring rivalries on the cricket field plays out once again today as India meet Pakistan in a World Cup match. Away from the Old Trafford stadium, SRIRAM VEERA meets people, both of Indian and Pakistani origin, as they grapple with questions of identity, nationalism and religion. But for now, they are united in their biggest worry: will the weather hold?

at the Manchester museum. Soon after Maharajah, around the 1850s, commoners started pouring in from the subcontinent.

The Manchester migration story is an old one. The city's reliable power supply from rivers in the Pennines, its soft water that was perfect for washing and bleaching clothes and the damp air which ensured the cotton threads didn't snap as easily as it did in some other places, ensured that the city became the Cottonopolis of the world.

Thousands of Pakistanis and Indians were employed in "dark, satanic (textile) mills", with several iconic black-and-white photographs freezing that image of smoke swirling out of tall mill chimneys. A BBC documentary records the health hazards to the workers — the loss of fingers, breathing problems due to cotton dust and how children were entrusted with the dangerous job of crawling under machines to pick any loose bits of cotton threads. At its peak in 1853, Manchester had 108 cotton mills and in 1912, eight billion yards of cloth were produced. The World Wars slowed down the process before another cotton boom in the 1950s had Pakistanis and, to a lesser extent, Indians pouring in to the city again.

Sarbani's husband Barun Chatterjee, who works in the tax and revenue department, has a wry smile when he talks about how the English bastardised "Chattopadhyay" to 'Chatterjee" in the colonial years because they couldn't pronounce it. "But now, they can't even pronounce Chatterjee — most here call me ChatterGEE."

"Yeh sab dono mulk key siyasaton ka problem hai (These are all problems created by governments in both countries)," says Amir, the kebab shop owner, as he sits down for a chat after slicing the meat hanging from a hook. "After the English, our second largest customers here are Indians. Then Pakistanis. We don't talk about Kashmir or whatever even when it comes up, it's usually talked about as failures of governments. We have no problems between ourselves. All of us get along well here."

The Tatas have a base in Manchester and a number of Indians work and live in the city. A couple of weeks ago, there was a bit of a ruckus at Amir's kebab shop — almost as if a scene from Crime Patrol had spilled out. "A white man walked in and started to yell racist profanities at our staff. A few Indian customers then helped us to send the man out. I must add that the English are usually okay.





Joshi, a priest at a Manchester temple. His 10-year-old son wants to play cricket for England; (right) Amir Bhatti, who owns a kebab shop in the city, came from Pakistan 12 years ago

PAST ENCOUNTERS

Since the inaugural 1975 World Cup, India and Pakistan have played against each other six times. India has won all of them

MARCH 4, 1992, SYDNEY

By 1992, the insurgency in Punjab was almost dead. At the SCG, some spectators in the Pakistani section of the crowds raised posters supporting the Khalistani movement. But as always, players from the two sides were friends off the field and Javed Miandad's slapstick jumps to protest Kiran More's hyperactive appealing was more comedy than attrition. India won by 43 runs

MARCH 9, 1996, BANGALORE

The World Cup quarterfinal between India and Pakistan was played at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore. The 1996 World Cup was co-hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. India won the match by 39 runs

JUNE 8, 1999, MANCHESTER

The two teams played a match against each other at the World Cup Super Sixes at the Old Trafford as their countries fought the Kargil War. The players of both the teams conducted themselves brilliantly on the field. Yet again, India beat Pakistan by 47 runs

MARCH 1, 2003, CENTURION

The two teams met after a long time for a World Cup match at SuperSport Park in Centurion, South Africa. This time too, India won, batting second, by six wickets

MARCH 30, 2011, MOHALI

Then Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh met his Pakistani counterpart Yousuf Raza Gilani for the World Cup semifinal match in Mohali. The scars of the Mumbai 26/11 attacks were still fresh. But on the sidelines of the match, peace talks resumed as Gilani invited Singh to Pakistan. India won by 29 runs

FEBRUARY 15, 2015, ADELAIDE

India and Pakistan started their World Cup campaign by playing against each other at the Adelaide Oval. Before the match, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif, which a section of the media described as cricket diplomacy. On the field, it was business as usual. India won by 76 runs

One in ten creates some problems now and then. *Unka desh hai*, we have come to work here — I guess some might have problems with that. Jaayaz hai (It's natural)."

Identity and nationalism are hot-button subjects in this country, especially in the times of Brexit. Ironically for an imperial nation that once ruled the world, Britain is now trying to define itself. Podcasts, broadsheets, intellectual magazines such as the London Review of Books sweat a lot about "Englishness". The writer Madeleine Bunting wrote, "Why does that make us shiver? What is about Englishness that makes polite society nervous? The definition of English nationalism has been abandoned to football hooligans and the far right."

How then do Indian- and Pakistani-origin people in Manchester deal with questions of identity and nationalism?

At the Manchester temple, Shivanjali Pandya, a 20-something dentistry student, who is here to offer her gratitude at how her exams have gone so far, says she was born in England. "Whenever someone asks me, I say I am an Indian. I am from a Gujarati family. I started to speak English only after I went to school," she says in a British accent."

And what about when no one asks? "Hmm... mixed identity, I guess. Part-Indian, part English. That's fine, right?" Sitting next to her, Ishaan, the 10-year-old son of the priest, pipes up: "I see myself as mixed too. I am not Indian, I am not English, I am mixed."

At Stockport Road, inhabited by Pakistani establishments sprinkled alongside three mosques, is a bustling market called 'Longsight'. Here, about 200 shops sell everything from clothes to jewellery, fruits and Pakistani mangoes. Mohammad Shaghir has a shop that sells kurtas and other traditional clothes. Twenty years ago, Shaghir moved here from Mirpur in Pakistan Occupied

Kashmir — "Azad Kashmir," as he calls it. He now lives in Bradford, a multi-racial town with Muslims forming a quarter of the population and which is some 40 miles from Manchester. As the talk veers to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistan counterpart Imran Khan and his hopes of peace, he suddenly says: "Can I tell you something? Who are Lahore and India to decide the fate of Kashmir? Yeh inki baap ki jaagir nahi hai (It's not their ancestral property)."

An elderly man is walking around the Manchester temple hall, collecting Indian flags to be carried for the game. "There were

so many but people never return them. Vaapas hi nahi dete." Priest Joshi calms him down. "Hota hai, uncle. Apne log hi hain (It happens, they are our own)." "Bhai, these things aren't cheap. I need them now as NDTV guys called. They want me to come to the ground on Saturday with the flags.' Nationalism and religion in a temple.

Trilok Saini came to England 50 years ago. He started off as a sales representative of encyclopaedias, then did odd jobs. His wife, who was a teacher in India, joined the post office in Manchester, retired as its head and now gets a "good pension". In his telling, it was because India insisted

on proper passports and documentation in the 1950s that there are more Pakistanis than Indians in Manchester. "They just loaded themselves into ships and planes and left Not us. This happened because of Nehru's idealism. Else, we would have been more (than the Pakistanis). Now that Modiji is here, everything will be fine."

A mini-rant ensues about the familiar thorny issues between India and Pakistan. He admits there aren't too many problems between Pakistanis and Indians in England. "Kya hoga idhar? Na desh hamara, na zameen hamari — idhar hi jeena hai ek saath, idhar hi marna hai (What will happen here? Neither is this country ours, nor the land — we live here together, we die here.)"

Shahid Hashmi, a senior AFP journalist from Pakistan, talks about how he met a dhabawala at Bristol. "Rana ka Dhaba, born in Rawalpindi, brought up in Amritsar, and he has now been running a dhaba in Bristol for many years. He told me, "I don't serve just food. I serve love from our two nations."

Amir, the kebab shop owner, has done his bit to extend that love in Manchester. Four years ago, when a travelling Indian journalist was struggling to find a way to get raakhi from his sister as he didn't have a fixed address, Amir suggested that the journalist give his sister the shop's address. The courier arrived soon after.

Meanwhile, a lot of banter is swirling up at the University of Manchester between Indians and Pakistanis. Shivanjali, the dental student, says they have had a match for a while now — Indians vs Pakistanis. Mixed teams of boys and girls, born and brought up in England, playing the age-old cricketing rivalry.

"It is great fun. First we used to keep count of our wins and losses — but as it went on, that stopped."

Even in this dentistry college, some old tropes refuse to die: "The Pakistanis seem to have the better bowlers," Shivani laughs. "Our games usually become bowlers vs batsmen." The group of Indian and Pakistani youngsters went to the Oval to catch the India vs Australia game; some also went to one of the Pakistan matches. No one in that group, though, could afford to get hold of a ticket for the India-Pakistan game on Sunday. "I guess, it might be rained out, anyway," Shivani says.

Interestingly, her WhatsApp cricket group has been silent about the match. "Because my Pakistani friends think India is a much stronger team and that we will win! I am sure the messages will start coming in on match day — and depending on which team is on top, it will escalate. Whoever wins, we shall all celebrate later."

12 BIG PICTURE





5:30 AM Every morning, he washes his vehicle and recites a quick prayer before hitting the road



8:02 AM Dhamodi, a village of 452 people, is where the truck makes its first halt. The village depends entirely on the well for its water



11:19 AM Rupanwar's next destination is a percolation tank, one of three filling points in Mokhada tehsil where the tank is filled



1:51 PM At Kundachapada, there is chaos as soon as the water starts gushing out. Villagers push and shove and knock pots around



7:26 PM "We cook in the truck and sometimes eat together. We even sleep here," says Rupanwar

Record heat adds to woes

AMITABH SINHA

SHORTAGE of water in the weeks leading up to the monsoon season is not unusual i nany parts of the country. By this time, water stored in reservoirs, ponds and wells from the previous season's rains are near complete de-pletion, and the demand for water is at a peak due to high temperatures. Areas like Marathwada and Vidarbha in Maharashtra, which are water-deficient

even in normal times, are under tremendous stress.

This year, however, the water shortage has been a little more acute in the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka. Water expert Madhav Chitale described the situation in Maharashtra as a "one-in-25-year event". There was just one month, February, in the last one year since July 2018 that the country as a whole received normal monthly rainfall. All the other months saw below normal rainfall. The pre-monsoon season of March to May had a 25 per cent deficiency in rainfall.

To add to the woes, temperatures this summer have been abnormally higher, especially in the western half of the country where the water shortage is more acute. Average monthly temperatures in the months of March, April and May have been 1-2 degree Celsius higher than normal in most areas in western India. In many places, it has been 3-4 degree Celsius higher. Many places saw record-breaking temperatures. Pune, for example recorded its hottest April day in 36 years, with the mercury touching almost 43 degrees Celsius. A number of places in Maharashtra, western Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat recorded several consecutive days of 42-plus

In the month of May, in almost the entire western half, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, and the entire south, maximum and mean average monthly temperatures were 1-2 degree Celsius higher than normal. "The demand for water is at its peak in summer. That

is not unusual. The hotter it is, the more the demand for water, mainly for use by humans and cattle. And be-

cause this summer has been unusually hotter, the demand has been higher. Consequently the supply of water has been put under strain. The fact that it did not rain in the pre-mon-soon season, and rainfall has has led to acute shortage Narayan Hegde, trustee and principal advisor of the Pune-

capita water availability in the

based BAIF Development Research Foundation, said. EXPERTS SAY one of the biggest reasons for water shortage is the inefficiency in usage While several unusually extreme factors have com-Wastage is rampant in domestic use, which accounts for about 5 per cent of total water bined to make this a particularly bad year for water, exavailable. Recycling and treatperts say the shortage is more ment of water is practically of a structural problem, and non-existent, A NITI Aavog rethe situation would not im port last year said India was suf prove significantly even in a fering from the worst water crigood monsoon year. "You look at the water availability figures. The per

country has been going down consistently due to pop

ulation pressure, and also from a rise in demand from in-dustries. As of now, the per capita availability would be

somewhere around 1400 cubic metre per year. We are

already officially categorised as water-stressed. Besides,

'available' does not mean 'utilisable'. Even in areas

where 1400 cubic metre is available, the utilisable wa

ter would be between 50 to 60 per cent. With popula

cause of climate change impacts, this situation will only

Water Resource Development and Management at IIT

5,178 cubic metre per year in 1951 to 1,544 cubic metre

in 2011, mainly because of the tripling of population

from 361 million to 1.21 billion. In 2015, the per capita

water availability is said to have fallen below the 1,500

cubic-metre mark for the first time. By the year 2050

this is expected to go as low as 1,174 cubic metres. A per

capita availability of 1.000 cubic metre per year gets the

ply has been constant, even dwindling. India receive

an annual precipitation of about 4 000 billion cubic me

tres, and this is the primary source for replenish rivers, groundwater, lakes, reservoirs and ponds. The

last few years have shown a consistent trend of redu

In only three years since 2000 has the annual rain

fall touched its normal figure of 1,187.6 mm, and that

too barely. The deficits in the deficient years, however

have been large, up to 20 per cent. In the same time-

frame, there have been only six years when the mon

of annual rainfall, has been normal or slightly better

than normal. Again, the deficit years have been much

in Maharashtra. And we need to do much more than

we are currently doing to address this," says Hegde

"We are in a crisis situation, not this year and not ius

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more pronounced.

While the demand has been rising rapidly, the sup

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vorsen," M L Kansal, who heads the Department o

India's per capita water availability has fallen from

Inefficiency in water usage

> TS 5 ON a Wednesday morning and 77 hamlets in the region. Jagannath Rupanwar, 50, has risen much before the sun. Driver of a tanker that supplies water to vil-lages in Mokhada, a tehsil in Maharashtra's Palghar district, he washes the vehicle, fixes two 40-foot-long pipes on top of the tanker, recites a quick prayer, and by 5.45 am, has hit the road for his first trip of the day — a 40-km journey to Dhamodi village from the Mokhada junction, where Rupanwar has spent the night, stretched of it goes wasted. ver's cabin of the truck.

Rupanwar says it will take him about two hours to get to Dhamodi, a village on the Maharashtra-Gujarat border. "The area is hilly and wooded, roads are narrow and difficult to navigate. I usually drive at around 20-30 kmph, especially when the tanker is full," he says. The tanker holds 12,000 litres of water that Rupanwar had filled the previous night and, as the water hits the sides of the truck, it makes a soft,

splashing sound. Maharashtra is reeling under one of its worst water emergencies in years. With a large part of the state's rural population grappling with an acute water shortage, ankers such as Rupanwar's are a lifeline for these parched regions. The government has deployed 6.597 tankers to sur ply water to 5,243 villages and 11,293 hamlets across 29 districts, making this the highest ever deployment of such vehicles in the state. Around this time last year, only 1,777 tankers were in operation

in rural Maharashtra. Mokhada, an impoverished tribal tehsil 600 km away. in Palghar district located about 135 km rom Mumbai, has been particularly hard hit since January, depending almost entankers of 12,000 litres each, supply water

The Upper Vaitarna dam is barely 35 km from Mokhada, but supplies a substantial portion of its water to Mumbai. About 28 per cent of Mumbai's daily water supply —

While the Wagh river also snakes through the region, villagers say that in the absence of measures to tap its water, much from a toothbrush holder.

Lower Vaitarna dams

softly touches the truck's dashboard. As the vehicle lumbers along, past large tracts of dry earth. Rupanwar keeps his eye on the road ahead. Two men walking down the road wave at Runanwar. He nods and smiles in acknowledgment. "This place has become my second home. People here are very kind, but I feel sorry for them. Look at this heat. And to top it, there is no water. This year has been particularly bad. Water sources in almost all the villages have dried up. Usually, tankers run between March and June. This year, we've been deployed

since January," he says.

A truck driver since 1994, Rupanwar his friends call him "Jagu *anna*" — has been taluka for the past seven years. He is usually not at the wheel around the close of the and is back at his three-acre farm in

Until 2004, when the commissioning of a much-delayed irrigation project made farming a sustainable activity his native litres into the well "Rupanwar says tirely on water tankers. At present, 34 tehsil, Kavathe Mahankal, suffered from a chronic water scarcity. "It's only now that

been driving to earn a living much before that. Besides, grape cultivation takes place only between October and February and there isn't much to do thereafter. So I drive this truck and live here," he says, tapping 1,000 million litres out of 3,600 — is met through supplies from the Upper and his steering wheel. On the dashboard in front are fragments of this life on the move — a couple of steel plates, a kitchen knife, pictures of gods and a black cap. On his

Rupanwar does not own the truck, but Rs 15,000 a month — "does not touch the nicle without asking me". "This truck and It's now 7 am and the morning sun I make a good team. We were first paired up about two decades ago. Since then, we haven't had a single accident," he says, adding that when he bought a new Hero Honda motorcycle some years ago, he paid extra to ensure the two-wheeler had the same number plate as his truck.

After navigating three difficult bends along a slope, the truck finally hits a dirt 10 minutes," claims Rupanwar. It is 7.30 am when the truck reaches Dhamodi village, the first halt of the day.

Rupanwar parks his truck next to the village well, and climbs up to hurl down the pipes. He attaches one end of a pipe to the tank's tap and directs the other end to supplying water to villages in Mokhada the well. Just as the water comes gushing out, two women rush towards the tanker carrying plastic pots tied at the neck with year — Rupanwar is also a grape cultivator ropes. Their homes are the nearest to the well and they had heard the truck as it en-Agalgaon, his village in Sangli district, about tered the village. Minutes later, other women and children come running towards the well, vessels in hand, "It should

wall of the 40-foot-deep well and suspends

HEAT MAP ON JUNE 13 pots rappelling down the well. 0 4 8 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 So I will have to stock up for tomorrow says Sailee, adding that she will have to 19 4 4 7 4 5 4 3 2 1 9 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 draw about 10 pots of water to see her family through the next couple of days. As Guniben dangerously bends over the wall of the well, now peering into the inky black

water she brusquely dismisses those who Dhamodi, a village of 452 people, de water. With little water and no means of irrigation, villagers only do subsistence farming, growing ragi and rice when

"Our women have to walk long distances to fetch water. This summer has been the worst. The water in the well dried up in January. The tanker has been our only hope since then," says Ramesh Vaze, 39, a villager. He is among the few young men track. "Almost there. We should reach in cities such as Navi Mumbai. Nashik Bhiwandi and Wapi (in Gujarat), when they work at construction sites, coming

> By now, all 12,000 litres have been emptied into the well. As squabbles break out near the well and pots clash angrily, two hours.

Rupanwar's next destination is the wa ter filling station — a percolation tank lo-cated 42 km from Dhamodi. The station is one of the three filling points in the tehsil

For seven days of the week, Rupanwar's routine involves filling up water from **GUIARAT:** As many as 96 of the state's 250 tehsils, spanning 17 districts, having been declared either majority of these in Saurashtra and KARNATAKA Of 176 talukas, 156

have been listed as drought-hit. Of these, 107 talukas have been listed as having severe drought conditions MAHARASHTRA Residents of 5.243

villages and 11,293 hamlets are solely

dependent on tanker water supply for daily needs This colour-coded map, accessed from the website of the India Meteorological Department, show

the deviation of maximum temperature over India from its normal value on June 13. Shades of purple represent temperature lower than normal. The area over Gujarat and Rajasthan turned to green and blue shades because of Cyclone Vayu which has brought some rain over the region. It had shades of pink and red till June 11.

emptying water, and then coming back for As he greets some of the other tanker driva refill. Some days, he covers three villages, four on others, covering an average of 150

An hour and a half later, around 9.40 am. on his way to the filling station, the truck halts near Mokhada's main junction, at a drivers. It is time for some chai-naasta. "As for a lunch break. So we eat a guick, small

ers, he says, "Most of the tanker drivers in Mokhada are from Sangli. We have been employed by the same contractor. We are like family." Soon, the contractor, Vijay

Patil, 49, both from Sangli, join in. Over tea, Shinde complains about the state of the water business, "It isn't as good government has gone up, but our margins have dropped," he claims, Patil admits that

in the past contractors could inflate bills, "but since 2015, there are GPS devices on each truck. Tankers are tracked on a real-

Shinde has a fleet of 44 trucks, of which 34 run in Mokhada and the others in neighbouring tehsils. Of the 34 trucks, Shinde himself owns seven and has hired the rest from other tanker owners for a fee. At Rs 158 per 1,000 litre, Shinde gets a rent of Rs 1,896 per tanker per day from the government. Along with the Rs 24 that they the monsoon arrives," he says, stopping to tors such as Shinde make about Rs 5,500 to the filling station, 5 km away. r tanker per day. "But we pay for everything else — the diesel, drivers' salaries, rents for the trucks on hire, and vehicle maintenance," he says.

Over the years, the local administration has found it difficult to get contractors to make sure the road — the soil still soft from work in this backward region. This year, bids had to be floated six times before the administration signed un Shinde _ his firm was the only one that applied. "These areas are challenging. Villages are spread out distances. Many roads aren't motorable. in the entire tehsil. So if your vehicle breaks down in this heat, you have to travel at least 30 km to another tehsil to get a mechanic to fix the truck," says Shinde

Two years ago, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had set 2019 as the year to make Maharashtra "tankerfree", vouching for the water conservation and drought-proofing works carried out under the government's flagship Jalyukt Shivar initiative. With the target falling short, the Opposition has been raising questions over the implementation of the programme Refuting the allegations ratic monsoon this year that led to the water shortage. Three of the last five monsoons have been deficient and while the weathermen have predicted a normal monsoon this year, it is already late.

Dilip Sonar, 50, a mechanic with the state's Water Supply Department, turns up our destination," says Rupanwar as the at the tea stall. Sonar has overseen tanker water supplies in the tehsil for over a decade truck now hurtles down another dirt track on its way to Kundachapada. and he is the man locals often turn to if there is any disruption in supplies. "The water measures to ensure villagers get water till

At some distance from the filling point, the tankers line up, Rupanwar's truck leading the queue of eight trucks Patil and Sonar carefully inspect the dirt

road, walking for about a kilometre to the overnight rains – can take the weight of the trucks. Patil then signals Rupanwar to bring in his truck to the filling station. At the filling station, Rupanwar stations his truck next to a generator. A site assistant attaches a pipe from the tanker to the generator, which sucks water out of the eservoir and drops it inside the tanker Once the tanker is filled. Rupanwar adds

chlorine to it. Later, Sonar performs a test to assess the water's potability. It is past noon. The refilled tanker is now headed to Kundachapada, about 22 km away. "We are behind schedule. Let's move," directs Sonar, who is still in Rupanwar's truck. A Nashik resident. Sonar's daily routine involves catching a 5.15 am bus to come to Mokhada, 62 km from his home. Once here, he goes to the filling station, ensures the tankers are filled, she says.

home after 11.30 pm," he says. Rupanwar drops Sonar off at a nearby junction, where some villagers are waiting to meet him. "We'll take an hour and a half to reach

rolls down and Rupanwar connects it to a long pipe that the gram panchayat has in-

stalled at the well. There is chaos as soon as the water starts gushing out. Schoolchildren, still in their pots. Villagers push and shove, elbowing each other and knocking pots around. Since the bottom of the well is muddy. most people rush to collect water directly, at the point where it enters the well "We have been waiting since 8 am for the truck

to arrive," says Vanita Jadhay, 27, angrily, Kundachapada is served by two tankers every day. But with the overnight rain causing a hold-up at the filling station, the tanker that was to deliver water in the morning, has not yet arrived, while

Rupanwar himself is running a couple of hours behind schedule. Dharti Digha, 32, balances four pots on

her head and walks home briskly. "I cannot speak. I have to make multiple trips for

and heads out. He will have to refill the tank again, before moving to the next destina-"During these summer months, I usually wrap up work only after 9.15 pm and reach

firmly on the road ahead, Rupanwar recalls how, growing up in Sangli, he had to cycle several kilometres to fetch water. As the truck passes a village, a man waves the vehicle down and hands over a tiffin to Rupanwar. "He is the local schoolmaster. He often cooks for me... a kind man." Around 4 pm, as the truck leaves the

As he drives to the filling station, eyes

filling point for a second time in the day, it It's around 2 pm when the truck is cloudy. Hattichapada is about 12 km reaches Kundachapada village. Rupanwar parks the truck under the shade of a mango away and Rupanwar drives urgently. It starts to rain just as the truck is about to tree. Again, the hose from aton the tanker—reach the village and Rupanwar slows There's no one at the village well. The rains have forced the locals indoors.

As Rupanwar starts emptying the water into the well. Ramdas Nadge, 37, walks their uniforms, clamber on to well with up to him and pats him on the back. "You are a good man. You are our lifeline." His wife, Thekki, pleads, "Please do something to get us a water supply connection.'

Rupanwar is visibly tired, his right hand on the gear stick. He turns on the music Rupanwar turns on the volume knob and hums along. Around 6.15 pm, he parks his truck

near the Mokhada intersection; there are other water tankers here before him. "We cook in the truck and sometimes eat together. After dinner, all of us sleep in our vehicles itself. It's a hard life, but at least we are doing our bit to help people," says Rupanwar, Once the monsoon arrives back home.

Around 8.30 pm, the drivers are all tanker drivers and the contractor and vistion key, looks at the odometer and smiles



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VENDOR ON A TRAIN

The hawker's song

A Surat hawker was recently arrested for selling on trains without a licence. Much like him, as Subhash Chander hawks and sings to draw customers — jingles featuring PM Modi and names of companies and universities — he does so in the hope that he will get a licence some day. Then, he says, he will write the PM a 'Thank You' note

DIVYA GOYAL

LUDHIANA/JALANDHAR

"Green green matar khaao, Modi ke gun gaao... Santrey ki goli khaao, Smart City Ludhiana jaao... Kaali khatti goli khaao, Blackberry company ke maalik ban jaao... Lal-laal goli khaao, Lovely University mein jaao... (Eat green peas, sing Modi's praises; eat orange candies, go to Smart City Ludhiana; eat black and sour candies, be the owner of Blackberry; eat red candies, go to Lovely University)..."

It's 9.30 am and the Chandigarh-Amritsar Intercity Express, late by almost 35 minutes, has just pulled into Ludhiana station. With two cloth bags stuffed with candies and snacks, Subhash Chander, 45, enters one of the general coaches. He is one of the many vendors who hawk their wares on running trains, hopping on at stations and deboarding at the next halt.

With almost all of them operating without permits, these hawkers often run the risk of getting rounded up during special drives by the Railway Protection Force. On June 1, the Railway Protection Force in Surat arrested a hawker after filing an FIR under several sections of the Railway Act, including for hawking and begging, "spreading nuisance or using abusive language in railway carriage" and for "unlawful entry into train", among others. Avdesh Dubey, the hawker, was arrested came days after a video of him mimicking and mocking politicians, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, went viral on social media. While the Railways said Dubey was a "repeat offender" and had been caught several times for selling goods on trains without a licence, his arrest led to an uproar, with claims that he was targeted for mocking the PM.

Chander says he feels for Dubey, calling it "injustice being done to poor". "This shouldn't have happened in Modi raj. Modi is a good boy... He is Made in India," smiles Chander, who has studied up to Class 12.

Much like Dubey who used parody to draw customers, Chander sings self-composed jingles — featuring everything from Smart City to Blackberry, Google to Lovely Professional University and Ludhiana's Clock Tower. But it's Modi who features more often than anyone else.

"Aaj ke zamaane mein advertising ke bina kuch bikte dekha hai aapne (Have you seen anything getting sold without advertising these days)?" he says, adding that he is not scared about his jingles on Modi. "If I use the PM's name and that gets me two meals a day, what is wrong with that? In fact, the poor will bless Modi," says Chander, who calls himself a "a good salesman".

As he a spots a child pestering his mother for candies, Chander sings, 'Khatti meethi goli khao, Google ke scientist ban jao (Eat sweetsour candies, be a Google scientist).

His jingles now get more local, featuring names of private companies, tuition and



Subhash Chander, who hawks his wares on running trains, wants the government to legalise hawkers like him and issue licences. Gurmeet Singh

coaching centres and wedding halls. "I have tied up with these companies and every time I sing about them, I get a commission. This gives some extra income," he claims. He doesn't disclose "the commission" and moves ahead to the next coach.

Jalandhar Cantonment station is just a few minutes away and that is where Chander will deboard and catch a train back to Ludhiana.

"It is safer to get off at Jalandhar Cantonment because at the station after that, Jalandhar City, there will be policemen and extra checking. If I get caught, my next two working days will be wasted. Everytime we are caught, we have to do sewa of policemen or pay a bribe of at least Rs 500 to get away. Once they took away all that I had earned the entire day. And if I get arrested, I call my wife and she gets me released," he says, adding that he has been caught at least five times in

A "Modi fan", Chander, however, has a

few complaints. "Modi has forgotten that he was a vendor like us and used to sell tea. Then why are we being stopped now," he asks. But he is also hopeful. "I use Modi's name while singing because he is an honest PM. I will soon write him a letter, asking him to legalise hawkers like me and issue us licences. We are ready to pay the licence fee. It will be even better if the government hires us and gives us a monthly salary. If such a day ever comes, I will write him a Thank You letter" he says.

Polio-stricken in his left leg and hand, Chander, who is from Khalilabad in Uttar Pradesh, has been living in Punjab since 1984. He claims he became a railway hawker after government officials demanded a bribe of Rs 5 lakh when he applied for the post of a stenographer under the handicap quota.

"Before calling us illegal, politicians should clean up the system. I did not choose to become a hawker. Where would I have got the Rs 5 lakh to bribe officials? I threw away my Class 12 certificate in anger. Now, I earn 500-700 a day. When I was in Class 4, my mother had gone around begging because she did not have Rs 10 to pay my school fee. At least I am not begging," says Chander, who lives in Jalandhar city with his wife, in a room rented for Rs 1,500 a month.

Every day, he packs his lunch and leaves home at 7 am, getting back at 7 pm after making at least 15-20 trips a day between Ludhiana and Jalandhar. Once home, he prepares for the next day's work -- making small packets of toffees, candies and savouries that

he buys from wholesale markets. Unable to ride a vehicle due to his disability, he walks around 6 km every morning from his home to Jalandhar City station. For the next 12 hours, Chander barely gets to sit as he walks from one compartment to another, carrying heavy bags. "I never board a train when it is moving. It is risky with my physical condition. But I have to walk between compartments and across tracks. All

this is risky," he says.

It's around 10.40 am and the train stops at Jalandhar Cantonment. Chander gets off the train and walks towards a "safe" spot on Platform Number 2 – a bench under a tree, where he sits down to have his first meal of the day. "Even if there is a good train approaching, I do not get up when I am eating. After all, aren't we all working to fill our stomachs," says Chander, taking a bite of his roti.

What are "good trains"? "Those on which I can make money. I do not get into AC chair coaches. Rich people there get offended. I also don't get onto trains from UP and Bihar. No customers there... they don't spend. My target customers are the middle-class who do not mind buying candies and biscuits," says Chander.

The Gazipur Express stops and goes, but Chander is waiting for the Malwa Superfast Express to take him to Ludhiana. That's a "good train".

TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

A CLEANER AT THE PATIALA HOUSE COURTS COMPLEX IN NEW DELHI



"The courtroom has not been swept," Pragya Thakur had said

'People spit gutka & throw cigarette butts'

While attending a hearing in Mumbai on June 7 in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case, BJP MP Pragya Thakur refused to sit, saying the courtroom "has not been swept, I have allergies". A 62-year-old cleaner at Delhi's Patiala House courts speaks on condition of anonymity on what it takes to keep the courtroom clean

Recently, BJP MP Pragya Thakur L complained about a dusty courtroom in Mumbai.

I have never heard of her... But the courts get dirty because people spit gutka and throw cigarette butts all over. They drink tea and throw cups around. Shouldn't they thrown them in dustbins. We work very hard daily to keep the court clean.

2 How many people do the job? There are about 12-14 cleaners and each person has to clean six to seven courtrooms. If any cleaner is absent, we have to do his or her work as well.

? How long are your shifts? We start working at 6.30 am. On most days, work continues till 3 pm. But, sometimes, it stretches to even 6

pm. We work for five-six days a week and receive a monthly salary of Rs 46,000.

/ What are your tools at work? We use wipers, mops, brooms and phenyl.

Were you trained on the job? No, I have been doing this work since my youth. I was only 20 years old when I first got a job as a court cleaner.

(The writer is an intern)

ANANYA TIWARI

Home they brought Hari Singh, Palu Ram

Seventy five years after they were declared missing in action while fighting for the British Army, their remains come home to families who stake claim to their legacy — through demands for statues, jobs

AMITAVA CHAKRABORTY

ON JUNE 1, the panchayat allotted us some space in the village. We did a bhumi puja. Now, we want the (state) government to install a statue of Sepoy Hari Singh there," says Bhim Singh, 50, about his paternal uncle, who died over two decades before he was born but whose ashes have just made their way home to Noganwa, Ihajjar district.

But "we don't know how he looked," says Ranbir Singh, who works at the district Sainik Welfare Office. "No one has a photograph of

Hari Singh. Not even the Army." A part of the British Indian Army's 13 Frontier Force Rifles's 4th Battalion, Hari Singh, then 20, had been declared 'Missing in Action' (MIA) on September 13, 1944, during a World War II battle against Germany's 362nd Infantry Division in Poggio Alto (near Florence). Recently, Italian authorities identified some remains found at the site as be-

longing to Singh. On June 2, two urns, carrying ashes of Hari Singh and Sepoy Palu Ram, a resident of Nangthala near Hisar, who also died in the same battle, were flown in from Italy. The authorities there carried out a cremation of the remains, and the ashes were sent home to give their descendants an opportunity to

complete their last rites. As per service records, Palu joined the

British Indian Army on April 7, 1942, at the age of 17. His nephew Ramji Lal, who is not sure about his own age, says, "My grandfather Pat Ram had three sons, Palu, Birbal (both died in 1944) and my father Mojji (passed away in 1956). Palu joined the Army about the same time that I was born. So I don't have any memories of him. And no living member in this family has ever seen him."

However, growing up, Ramji Lal says, he heard stories about him. "Grandfather would say that after joining the Army, Palu came home only once. And then the War began."

After Palu went missing, the family kept receiving pension for as long as his parents were alive. "I won't lie... that helped in running the family," says Ramji, sitting on a cot at the family home in Nangthala village.

Even as the last of the people who knew Hari and Palu died waiting for news, in 1996, human bones turned up at Poggio Alto. Italian doctors started investigating these bones around 2010. On April 26, 2018, military historian and Italian Colonel Antonino Zarcone sent an email to the Defence Wing of the Indian Embassy in Rome, saying they may have finally found Hari and Palu.

The email said: "About 22 years ago, near Montale (about 15 km from Poggio Alto) were found the rest of the bodies of two Indian soldiers KIA [killed in action] while serving in the 8 Army (13 Frontier riflettere regiment). We were able to find the names of the soldiers





(Left) Hari Singh's relatives in Jhajjar's Noganwa village, Palu Ram's nephew Ramji Lal at his home in Nangthala. (below) box with Hari Singh's ashes. Amitava Chakraborty

who died (on) September 13, 1944. Hari Singh and Paul (Palu) Ram. Those bones are still stored in Prato by the Pubblica assistenza. The Commonwealth Grave Commission (CWGC, an organisation of six countries, including India, that maintains graves of Commonwealth soldiers who died in the two

World Wars) was interested to get the permission to bury them inside the War Cemetery of Florence."

On May 23, 2018, the Defence Attache at the Indian mission, Colonel Rohit Teotia, wrote to the Army Headquarters in South Block mentioning Colonel Zarcone's letter, and added, "DNA and anthropometric tests conducted in 2012 revealed the remains to be

those of non-European young adults of about 21 years of age... Data referenced from the CWGC relating to the time and loc (location) of the Battle (of Poggio Alto) and the List of missing pers (persons), led the investigation to conclude that the remains are those of Hari

Singh, 20 yrs old from Rohtak, and Palu Ram, who was 19 vrs old and came from Hissar."

That the 13 Frontier Force Rifles regiment was allocated to Pakistan army after the 1947 partition further complicated the search. Colonel (retired) A S Yadav, the Sainik and

Ardh Sainik Welfare Officer in Hisar, who

partly oversaw the search operation, said, "DNA-matching was not done with members of the family. DNA was collected from the bones of the soldiers to determine, among other things, their age and height. Based on the age profile, the investigating team (in Italy) compiled a list of names of soldiers who were declared 'Missing in Action' from the Battle of Poggio Alto. The team then pro-

vided the details to the Indian Army and we carried out a search for the families. When they were identified, we took no-objection certificates from them and the cremation was carried out in accordance with CWGC

Ex-servicemen and welfare organisers like retired Indian Navy official Dalvir Singh and retired Subedar Major Gulshan Kumar Bhatia carried out extensive searches on the ground for the families of the two soldiers. "Although we managed to narrow down the area with the help of information that had been provided, the search was not easy as both the soldiers were unmarried, hence without direct descendants. We went about asking members of panchayats and villagers to identify their other family members," says Dalvir Singh, adding, "I asked an acquaintance, Lilu Ram, a member of the Nangthala panchayat, about Palu Ram's family. When he confirmed, we visited Ramji Lal's house."

The most difficult phase of the search began then. "The absence of identification documents of the soldiers made verification extremely difficult. The family members had no documents that could be treated as proof of ancestry. In Palu Ram's case, we finally managed to find a bahi (a book with financial details maintained by his father Pat Ram) that mentioned his name," says Dalvir Singh.

Bhatia says "it was a race against time" as the documents had to be verified and the status report had to be submitted on or before August 2, 2018. "We had to get an NOC from a family member to have the soldier cremated

in Italy and the ashes brought to India," he says. The ashes were flown to Delhi on June 2, 2018, and handed over to the families the next day. In Jhajjar, a ceremonial function, attended by Haryana Agriculture Minister Om Prakash Dhankar, was organised by the soldiers' welfare board to hand over the urn containing Hari's ashes to his family, in Nangthala, hundreds of people from neighbouring villages gathered at Ramji's house

to pay their tributes. Palu's family returned two days later after immersing his ashes in the Ganga in Haridwar. Ramji and his three sons, Ram Swarup, 41, Mohan Lal, 38, and Ramesh, 37, work in the 10-acre field adjacent to the house that Ramji inherited from his father following the death

of his two brothers. The families say they aren't satisfied. Taking a long drag on his hookah, at his mod-

est two-room home in Noganwa village, Bhim Singh says, "After signing the NOC, I informed the Sainik Board that I would like to attend the last rites of my uncle in Italy. We never heard back. We still do not know the exact date when the pyre was lit. All we got for a six-foot man (Hari Singh) is an urn con-

taining ash." Not just compensation, the two families also want recognition. Bhim Singh has held meetings with Noganwa village sarpanch Ramkrishn, 58, and with the Zila Sainik Board seeking the 'martyr' tag and a government job for a family member.

Bhim Singh's son Naveen, 23, is employed in the Army and is pursuing a course in sonar technology at Jamnagar, his daughter Preeti, 26, works as a stenographer in the District and Sessions Court in Faridabad. Ramji Lal wants a government job for one of his sons, a statue of Palu, the *kuccha* road in front of his house to be made *pucca*, and the sole village high school be named after his uncle.

"Palu Ram's parents would have received all the benefits, including pension, since he was unmarried at the time of his demise. There is no provision to provide any sort of financial assistance to anybody else... Also, there is no term 'Martyr' in MoD parlance. Either it is battle casualty or physical casualty, which could be attributed to military service depending on the circumstances of death," says Captain (Indian Navy, retired) Pradeep Bali, who is currently serving as the Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare Officer in Hisar.

With the Harvana Assembly elections due later this year, Bhim Singh says he is waiting for the right moment to make his demands. "As the Lok Sabha election is over, it is unlikely they (political leaders) will agree to our demands. So, we will wait and put our demands across when they come here for campaigning."

As for the unavailability of Hari and Palu's photographs in order to build a statue, Ramji Lal has a solution. "Take a picture of me when I was young and a current picture of mine. Mix the two faces in the photographs and that is how the statue should look. He was my uncle, must have looked like me," he says, smiling.

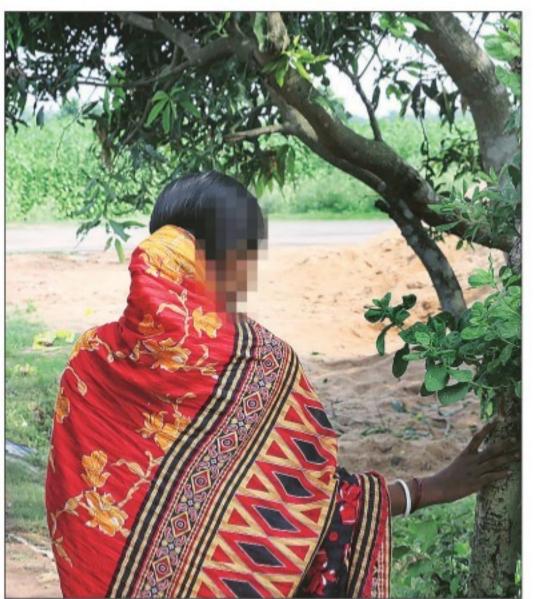
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'I shudder every time I hear a knock on the door'

He struck in the afternoons, turning up on the pretext of reading the electricity meter — a modus operandi he allegedly employed to murder at least seven women. A few others luckily escaped. How a CCTV footage gave away Burdwan's 'serial killer'



He forced himself in and grabbed me by my neck... He sat on my back, banged my head against the floor and punched me



I get nightmares of being murdered and raped. I cannot stay alone in the house. I want nothing but death penalty for him



As the door of the house was still open, I managed to run outside. He then fled and vanished on his motorbike

SANTANU CHOWDHURY

N A hot afternoon in March, the 20-year-old was in her kitchen, cradling her twomonth-old baby. Her husband was working in the fields. Her single-storey tin house, in West Bengal's East Burdwan district, is a little distance away from the main road, hidden behind mango trees and fenced gardens.

A man in his forties arrived on his bike and knocked on the woman's door. He claimed he wanted to read the electricity meter. Reluctantly, she agreed to let him in.

Almost immediately, her worst fears came true. The man allegedly whipped out a steel chain and strangled her. Then, he smashed her head against the floor repeatedly and punched her face. Convinced she was dead, he allegedly began to undress her. Just then, the 20-year-old, who had been trying to fake her death, got up and raised an alarm. Shocked, the man fled the house and escaped on his bike.

"I haven't been able to sleep at night since that day (March 31). I get nightmares

of being murdered and raped. I cannot stay alone in the house. I want nothing but death penalty for him," she says.

Last week, her attacker, Kamruzzaman Sarkar, 42, was arrested by the West Bengal Police for murdering at least seven women and having sex with their corpses, besides injuring several others over the past five months in and around East Burdwan and the neighbouring Hooghly district. He has been booked under IPC Sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder) and 376 (rape), and is now in 12day police custody.

A scrap trader and father of three, Sarkar, who originally hails from Murshidabad district, settled in Kalna two years ago. For the past five months, say police, the 42-year-old followed the same modus operandi. After a recce, he would turn up outside the house he wanted to target and ask for permission to read the electricity meter. He would then attack the women and, after murdering them, say police, attempt to have sex with their bodies. Later, he would leave the homes after stealing valuable items.

Police say he chose his prey carefully and

usually struck in the afternoons, when the men were away at work. He also chose houses not far away from the main road, giving him an easy escape route if things did not go as planned. Also, he chose homes that were surrounded by fields and gardens, and which had no other houses in the vicinity.

Police, who had been tracking the case for a while, finally arrested Sarkar on June 2 based on the CCTV footage recovered from near the house of one of the victims. In the footage, Sarkar is seen in a red helmet, riding a red bike with a nylon bag tied to the pillion seat — from the bag, police recovered the chain and iron rod that Sarkar allegedly used to attack his victims.

"Sarkar displayed necrophilic tendencies — so far, we have found that he had sex at least with two women immediately after killing them, and also inserted foreign objects inside their genitals," says East Burdwan SP Bhaskar Mukherjee.

Police sources say they have found Sarkar's links with murder cases dating back to 2013 and are now probing them.

During the investigation, some of the victims helped police make a sketch of Sarkar, which was then circulated to all police stations in the area. The probe intensified in May, when three such attacks were reported in less than 10 days in East Burdwan district – a woman was murdered on May 22; another was killed five days later; and on May 30, the accused allegedly attacked a minor who later succumbed to her injuries. It was from the CCTV footage outside one of these homes that police identified Sarkar, leading

to his arrest. Sarkar's victims were aged between 20 and 75, and while seven of them lost their lives, several others escaped the terrible fate. A 44-year-old anganwadi worker was among the lucky ones. "Every time I see a stranger at my doorstep, I feel a shiver down my spine," she says, sitting at her home in East Burdwan district.

On February 13, when her husband was away, Sarkar arrived to "check the electricity meter". However, his plans hit a wall when Ghosh told him that the meter was outside the house.

"But then he insisted on checking the electronic goods in the house. I refused, but he forced his way inside and started punching my face. As the door of the house was still open, I managed to run outside. He

then fled and vanished on his motorbike.' says the woman, adding that Sarkar "looked like a decent man".

One of Sarkar's oldest victim is a 75-yearold. She spent 12 days in a local hospital after three of her ribs were broken when Sarkar attacked her on February 1. She then spent four months at her daughter's home and came back home only recently.

"That day, my son had gone to the fields and my daughter-in-law was attending a wedding. He forced himself in and grabbed me by my neck... He sat on my back, banged my head against the floor and punched me. Fortunately, someone came to my house just then. He hurriedly took my gold bangles and fled," she recalls.

She has been wary of staying alone at home since that day. "I shudder everytime I hear a knock on the door in the afternoon," she says.

At their home in Kalna, Sarkar's wife Jahanara Bibi says, "He would go out in the afternoons, but we had no idea that he was out killing women. Whenever he returned, there was nothing about his behaviour that made us suspect anything. If he did what he did, we want strong action against him."

TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

LALLAN KUMAR, 62, RAILWAY PASSENGER

'Railways should provide clean drinking water... and run trains on time'

Four senior citizens travelling from Agra to Coimbatore in Kerala Express died reportedly of heatstroke on June 10. As the mercury touched 48 degrees Celsius in parts of North India, the railways has appealed to passengers to carry enough water with them during journeys and call the toll-free number 138 if they need help



'I prefer to travel by train because of the concessions available.' Sarah Khan

1 How often do you travel by

I am traveling to Patna. I make this trip between Delhi and Patna about seven to eight times in a year.

→ What precautions are you taking to \angle beat the heat?

I drink as much water and liquids as possible to keep myself hydrated. I eat a lot of fruits and also carry extra food items which I can have during the journey.

Recently, four senior citizens died Treportedly of heatstroke while travelling in a train. Did you hear about the news?

Yes. This may happent to anyone. It may happen to me or my wife. It's a very worrying situation.

⚠ Do you still prefer trains to other modes of travel?

There are many benefits, especially for elderly people like me. The Railways provides rebates to senior citizens — while I got a 40 per cent rebate, my wife received 50 per cent. Travelling by train has become more feasible as compared to before. I prefer to travel by train instead of a flight, especially because of the concessions available.

How can the Railways help passengers beat the heat?

The Railways should provide clean drinking water at cheaper rates in trains and stations along with other food items which will help passengers beat the heat. They should also ensure that trains run on time.

(The writer is an intern)

SARAHKHAN

Meerut gangster and a two-month-old cat-and-mouse chase

Named as prime accused in 43 cases, including seven of murder, Badan Singh Baddo lived it up until his arrest in 2017. One day, he gave police the slip

ANAND MOHAN J

ON MARCH 28, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an election rally near the Sivaya toll plaza in Meerut, about 18 km away, Badan Singh Baddo, 51, one of Uttar Pradesh's most wanted men, sat drinking in a hotel in the city. With him were six policemen, who were supposed to escort him from a court in Ghaziabad to the Fatehgarh jail, but Baddo had allegedly bribed them to divert their vehicle to the hotel. Later, as the policemen sat in drunken stupor, Baddo fled in a businessman friend's car.

The 51-year-old's dramatic escape, especially when the city was on high alert, has come as a major embarrassment for the Uttar Pradesh police. All the policemen who were with Baddo that day were immediately suspended and later arrested. Their involvement is currently being investigated.

Named as prime accused in 43 cases, including seven of murder, registered in Meerut, Ghaziabad and New Delhi, Baddo — who was handed a life sentence by a Sessions Court in Greater Noida on October 26, 2017, for the murder of advocate Rajender Pal in 1996 — continues to be on the run.

Since March 28, police in Meerut have been working overtime to track him. "Whether or not the Prime Minister was there, Baddo would have escaped. It was a well-planned conspiracy involving 17 people, top financiers and traders in the city," says Additional Superintendent of Police (Meerut) Akhilesh Narayan Singh.

Despite being placed under technical surveillance, with a team of more than 30 policemen from the UP Police and the Delhi Crime Branch tracking him, a few days after

his escape, Baddo, a resident of Meerut's Beripura area, managed to make threat calls to advocate Rajender Pal's brother Devender and an owner of a private firm, whose employee he had allegedly killed, asking the two to stop attending court hearings. Local police describe Baddo as a "pistol-tot-

ing criminal", who often turned up at his rivals' homes with a large gang armed to the teeth. Officers investigating his cases describe him as a fan of Hollywood crime dramas, someone who has been influenced by Al Pacino's portrayal of the mafia don Michael Corleone in *The* Godfather and Tony Montana in Scarface. "He is a Class 8 dropout who prefers to

business suits and travels in luxury vehicles. He attends social events and tries to attract people with his charm. This is how he gathers followers," says an officer in the Transport Nagar police station in Meerut. "Almost all the accused are people he met over the past 10 years at social events. While

are others who depend on Baddo to run their businesses," says Additional SP Singh. Among those held is Bhupender Singh, owner of Karan Public School, who is accused of allegedly helping Baddo flee from Hotel Mukut Mahal in Meerut on March 28. However, the owner of the hotel, Mukesh Gupta, who is alleged to have been in touch with Baddo's entourage and played a role in

a city court. Others who have been apprehended include Lalu Makkad, an influential trader who nurses political ambitions, Sonu Sehgal and Jawahar Lal, all residents of Meerut, and Anil Chhabra and Dipin Suri,

planning the escape, has not been held be-

cause of a stay order on his arrest, issued by



owners of transport companies. Baddo's father, Charan Singh, who drove a truck for a living, moved from Jalandhar to Meerut's Beripura in the late 1970s. The youngest of seven brothers, Baddo dropped out of school after Class 8. "His eldest brother died in a road accident and three of his other brothers passed away at an early age due to illness," says the officer.

Baddo married in 1994 and divorced from his wife in 2015. Police say that after his arrest in 2017, Baddo entrusted his son,

Sikander, 24, who allegedly hatched the escape plan, with his gang's extortion, landgrabbing and liquor smuggling operations.

"Baddo supplied liquor to local bars and stole container trucks operating on highways," says a police officer. He was arrested twice under the Excise Act and five times under the Arms Act, and faces two cases under the National Security Act, three under the UP Gangsters and Anti-social Activities (Prevention) Act and six under the UP Control of Goondas Act. In 2003, he was also arrested



A Class 8 dropout, Badan Singh Baddo (above) wore Louis Vuitton shirts and traveled in luxury vehicles; (left) Hotel Mukut Mahal, from where the gangster managed to give policemen **the slip.** *Praveen Khanna/Archives*

for allegedly forging government documents.

As per his history sheet, the first murder case against Baddo was registered in 1988, when he killed Rajkumar, a Beripura resident, over a property dispute. One of the cases against him is of opening fire at a few Meerut residents in an attempt to grab their land. He was arrested with a rifle and 15 live cartridges later that year. In 1994, he allegedly shot dead a youth, Prakash Singh

alias Janni, in Meerut. However, it was the murder of advocate

Rajender Pal in 1996 that led to his incar-

Raiender's vounger brother. Devender. still remembers the night. "We were visiting a mutual friend, Pawan Soni, a gas agency owner. Baddo turned up outside his house with 30 men armed with rifles and pistols. Baddo killed my brother because he had slapped him a day earlier — Baddo had made some inappropriate remarks against Soni's wife and this had infuriated Rajender,' Devender says.

Since his brother's murder, Devender has been actively convincing witnesses to appear in court. "Baddo was never convicted of murder, except in my brother's case. I had to fight for over two decades to get justice," he says.

In Beripura, locals mostly refrain from speaking about Baddo. However, banquethall owner Mayank Jain remembers him as a "gentleman" who helped his family out when his son went missing around five years ago. "Not many people used social media then. Singh put posts on his Facebook page requesting help. When my son was found, he was the first to pose for photographs," Jain says, adding that Baddo largely kept to himself.

Two months since he fled, Baddo has managed to evade law enforcement agencies. Raids have been conducted in Punjab, Harvana and Delhi, and police officials have contacted higher authorities in Nepal, to where the gangster is suspected to have fled, and Australia, where his divorced wife currently lives.

For now, the only clue that remains is an audio clip in which Baddo is heard threatening a man a few days after he fled on March 28: "If in 10 days my son's name is not removed from the case, I will kill all your children. Ultimatum de raha hoon."



PCHIDAMBARAM

The FM's maiden Budget will be judged by its potential to revive economic growth and create jobs. On employment, the FM should not fall for the temptation of quoting the numbers of Mudra loans, Uber drivers and EPFO enrollments. The only reliable measure of unemployment is the Periodic Labour Force Survey. The FM should remember that the unemployment rate is 6.1 per cent, the highest in 45 years

The economy that she inherited

I HAVE admired the swift rise of Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman from party spokesperson (2010) to Commerce Minister (2014) to Defence Minister (2017) and to Finance Minister (2019). At every rise she broke a glass ceiling. That should encourage more women to prove that they are not less capable than men.

No Finance Minister (FM) starts on a clean slate. The slate is always full of writing – some helpful, some harmless, some a headache and some a hindrance! The former Chief Economic Adviser, Dr Arvind Subramanian, has cast a shadow on the growth numbers and has, in a way, concurred with the long-time critics of the methodology employed to calculate the GDP. It is too late to repent. Leaving that aside, the place to start is to take stock of the economic situation without a pre-disposed mind. Here are some facts and indicators.

LOW INFLATION, BUT **SLOW GROWTH**

■ Inflation is low. WPI is at 3.07 per cent and CPI at 3.05 per cent. Low inflation is due to an over-tight monetary policy and low commodity prices, but both are changing.

As long as inflation is low, government expenditure can be increased, but is there money?

■ Growth slowed down rapidly in 2018-19. In the four quarters, it was 8.0, 7.0, 6.6 and 5.8 per cent. It will probably decline further in April-June 2019.

Anticipating a downtrend, RBI has lowered the forecast for 2019-20 to 7.2 per cent.

■ The farm sector grew at 2.9 per cent in 2018-19. Agricultural wages grew at 4.64 per cent in 2018. Over 10,000 farmers commit suicide every year. In Maharashtra alone, 808 farmers have taken their lives so far in 2019. Farmers will not brook neglect any longer.

MISSING INVESTMENTS

■ Investment is the prime driver of growth. In 2018-19, FDI inflows into India declined for the first time in the last six years, falling by 1 per cent to USD 44.37 billion. Gross Fixed Capital Formation was 29.3 per cent (current prices) last year. Promoters are loath to invest because capacity utilization has been low: e.g. in manufacturing, it was 76 per cent.

■ Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) pulled out money in 2018-19. Net FII last year was USD (-) 3,587 million.

■ Manufacturing is in a slump. Between 2015-16 and 2018-19, the growth rates of IIP for manufacturing were 2.8, 4.4, 4.6 and 3.5 per cent. Now, vehicle manufacturers have reported declining sales and have cut back production.

■ Merchandise exports, under NDA, crossed the level achieved in 2013-14 (USD 315 billion) only in 2018-19. Unfortunately, protectionism is on the rise and trade/tariff war is in the offing. The new fiscal has started poorly with merchandise exports in April at only USD 26 billion.

■ The health of the banking sector is poor. Gross NPAs at the end of March 2019 stood at 9.3 per cent of outstanding loans and a humongous sum of Rs 5,55,603 crore has been written off by banks since April 2014. In the second term, the FM cannot blame the UPA government (as her predecessor was wont to do) for the woes of the banking sector.

■ Bank deposits are growing at 9.4 per cent, but credit is growing at 13.1 per cent. RBI has cut the policy rate and wants banks to cut interest rates for borrowers. Banks will not cut rates for borrowers unless they can also cut rates for depositors, which will hurt deposit growth. There is no easy solution.

WORRYING FISCAL **SITUATION**

■ The trade deficit was USD (-) 176.42 billion in 2018-19. This is putting pressure on the Current Account Deficit (CAD) which was USD (-) 51.8 billion in the nine months ending December 2018. The CAD is a number watched by analysts and currency traders. The FM too should watch it.

■ Tax revenues took a big hit in 2018-19. The revised estimates (RE) for 2018-19 made on February 1, 2019, have turned out to be a joke. Total tax revenues were Rs 13,16,951 crore against the RE of Rs 14,84,406 crore — a loss of Rs 1,67,455 crore. Obviously, the FM cannot stick to the Interim Budget Estimates for 2019-20 and has to present completely new estimates. Not a happy start.

■ During the 5 years of NDA, the fiscal deficit (FD) was compressed by only 1.1 per cent. Massive expenditure cuts were made in January-March 2019; otherwise, the FD would have been 4.1 per cent in 2018-19, not 3.4 per cent. If fiscal consolidation remains a prime objective of the government, the FM has to do a fine balancing act between revenue (more without hurting) and expenditure (less without offending).

■ Unemployment was the topmost concern of the people, yet the voters in most states voted the BIP back to power. The issue will come back to haunt the government. The FM's maiden Budget will be judged by its potential to revive economic growth and create jobs. On employment, the FM should not fall for the temptation of quoting the numbers of Mudra loans, Uber drivers and EPFO enrollments. The only reliable measure of unemployment is the Periodic Labour Force Survey. The FM should remember that the unemployment rate is 6.1 per cent, the highest in 45 years.

Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman inherited the present economic situation. She deserves our best wishes and all the luck in the world.

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INSIDE TRACK



LEFT ALONE

RAHULGANDHI has reportedly gone abroad and is not planning to return till June 19 when the swearing in of the new MPs is complete. While party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala states emphatically that Rahul will continue as president, the buzz in the party is that Gandhi is serious about his resignation. With Gandhi's disappearance the Congress is shell shocked and in disarray, even if the core committee, constituted largely of old timers, is trying valiantly to hold the fort. Without a clear cut central authority, open warfare has broken out in some state units. There is near anarchy in Haryana with followers of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda and PCC chief Ashok Tanwar practically coming to blows. Witnessing the street brawl, Ghulam Nabi Azad in charge of the state, has simply backed off.

RSS's TAME SHOW

ONCE EID Milan receptions in the Capital used to be major social events with high flying politicians and top media persons marking their presence. But this year the political Eid Milans in Delhi were low key. The RSS's Indresh Kumar hosted an Eid Milan on behalf of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch at the Parliament House Annexe which failed to attract big names. Although a cabinet meeting was held around the same time in the same building, no minister or VIP dropped by. The anonymous guests had to sit in a conference hall, listening to speeches before tea. The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind of Deoband, which is celebrating its centenary, held two separate functions, reflecting the division in the Madni family. One reception was hosted by Maulana Arshad Madni, the other by his nephew Maulana Mahmood Madni, who has reportedly been sidelined by his uncle. Mahmood's dinner had fewer guests, but it was the one at which the BJP marked its presence, with general secretary Bhupendra Yadav attending. An interesting side-light was that Ahmed Patel and Ajit Doval arrived late and had perforce to sit together at the same table The two had little conversation to make and indicated to photographers that they did not want their snapshot taken.

OUT IN THE OPEN

THE SECRET understanding between Shivpal Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav's estranged

OUT OF MY MIND



MEGHNAD DESAI

ON JUNE 6, 1944, the longest day, Allied troops landed in Normandy and started the final march to victory in Europe. Last week, the 75th anniversary of the Normandy landings was celebrated by leaders of the US,UK, France and many European countries. Veterans of the landing came dressed in their uniform with their children and grandchildren and were paid tribute for their efforts in win-

uncle, and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was out in the open last week. When Adityanath called on Mulayam Singh Yadav at his residence to inquire about his health, his brother Shivpal turned up at exactly the same time. Photographers got a shot of the CM with Mulayam, Akhilesh and Shivpal which was flashed in the media. Akhilesh, clearly unhappy, retweeted the photograph, cutting Shivpal out of the frame. Even after the bitter elections, with Shivpal's party eating into the SP vote bank, Mulayam still hopes for a family patch-up. He summoned all family

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

But a truce remains elusive.

members including Shivpal and Ram

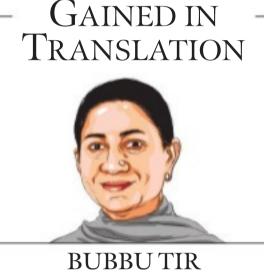
Gopal, to his home at Saifai after the poll.

DANISH ALI'S longtime boss H D Deve Gowda lost the parliamentary election in Karnataka and the JD(U), of which till recently Danish was a general secretary, is down in the dumps. But the fortunes of Gowda's one time Man Friday in Delhi, who fought this election on a BSP ticket from Amroha, are on a roll. Ali won from Amroha and Mayawati appointed the newcomer as both leader and chief whip of her 10-member Lok Sabha parliamentary group. Ali was selected partly because Mayawati is keen to showcase a Muslim face as she believes her best prospects are in the Western UP Muslim dominated belt. Her longtime Muslim adviser Naseemuddin Siddiqui was thrown out of the party last year over a money dispute and his replacements, Munquad Ali and Mohammad Jamil Akhtar, have been found wanting. Danish has handled financial affairs for Deve Gowda's family in Delhi for years and Behenji feels his talents could be useful to her.

Uncalled-for snub

PRIYANKA GANDHI Vadra could have been more gracious while addressing workers in Sonia Gandhi's Rae Bareli constituency, the only seat won by the Congress in UP. Priyanka complained that the victory margin had come down and lashed out at Congress workers for not doing their bit. If party workers in Rae Bareli and Amethi have lost some of their enthusiasm, it is because there has been little support from Delhi. There are frequent changes in people entrusted to look after the Gandhis' onetime pocket boroughs. For instance, Dhiraj Srivastava, who formerly worked in the Rajasthan government, was asked to oversee the Amethi constituency only four months back. In Indira and Rajiv Gandhi's time, there was a dedicated team, which knew the people in the constituency personally and ensured that they got special benefits including government jobs in Delhi and VIP treatment when they visited the Capital.

Women of Punjab



ਬੱਬੂ ਤੀਰ

Kinne hi falsafe gaye han sirje, ik teri chup di tarjmani khatir (So many philosophies have blossomed in your silence.)

THESE LINES best describe women. Still waters, they say, run deep. So does the Punjabi woman. Just a few decades ago, she discovered a world beyond *chulha*chownka (the hearth). But the seeds of this shift were sown much earlier in the 20th century. After the First World War, the village fauji (soldier) came back with a new perspective; women, he felt, needed to be educated enough to hold fort in his absence. This belief led to the advent of a whole lot of schools and colleges in the then prosperous Malwa belt of the state with Ludhiana at its epicentre. The world was finally recognising the need to extend beyond the single hand economy. The Punjabi woman too began to realise her worth, she learnt to gaze into the mirror, appreciate what she saw, and even improve on it. Her mind learnt to reason, ask, and answer. The wings spread and gained power and flight.

But the Punjabi youth was struggling with shrunken landholding, vanishing industry and lack of jobs. Somewhere an innovative peer created an escape route to foreign shores whereas somewhere else, another peer drowned himself in drugs and drinks. Few managed to stay afloat and keep an illusion of wellness alive. The support system (read government) could not generate enough employment avenues for the ever-growing band of young men. The general public is not protected by quotas, favoured by contacts or supported by finances. But amidst all this doom and gloom, the Punjabi woman, especially in urban areas, continued to aspire, quietly notching better scores in exams, and in some cases, even stepping out of the state to seek a better future.

Punjab di dhee shayad angehli wich hi agge nikal gayi te putt assin saambh nahin sakey (The daughters of Punjab surged ahead unnoticed and the sons we could not handle)

Therein began another battle. The



Illustration: CR Sasikumar

woman had to re-mould herself to measure up to another role expected of her by a newly emerged society. You began hearing of convent educated, economically empowered, homely brides. The proverbial glass ceiling remains cemented.

One keeps hearing of many schemes for the welfare of the girl child beginning in the womb itself. One wonders, though, what is being done for the ones that are already there. The aimless degree-oriented education system can be substituted with an effective vocational training programme so that the rural women can benefit from it. It might also help revive our art and handicrafts.

Long ago, I would hear my grandma voice her homespun wisdom. Kithe bhala hona hai aurat zaat banaun wale da (The maker of a woman is not going to get his dues). A woman, she said, has to prove her worth at every step to each relationship. If a father is to hold his head high in society, the daughter has to comply with his wishes; if a husband has to do well socially, the wife has to subsume her personality; if a child has to excel, it's the mother who has to work, yet no credit ever comes her way. She has to distribute herself in various relationships, yet all of

them put together are not meant to do anything for her emotional sustenance. It holds true even now, especially in the Punjab countryside.

Kuch rishte wagdeyan paniyan warge, adhiyan adhooriyan kahaniyan warge, Kuch hunde najaayaz asley jehe, ansuljhey gunjhal masley jahe. (Some relationships are like flowing water, like half-baked unfinished stories, some are like illicit ammunition, like an unsolved problem.)

We are naturally created to nurture relationships. Our attitude cannot ever be dispassionate towards situations. We are the emotional quotient of society. Had it not been for women, there would be no mending anything broken. The social fabric would not see a stitch in time either. Besides, a woman has no expectations.

Our rural sisters are not aware of their own needs. They are stuck in a groove with little or no escape. Their health is often neglected, the daily chores are endless, insecurities abound and higher education is a distant dream. Farm distress and suicides are only adding to their woes. No wonder "Kaneda" (Canada) has become the sole solution to all unanswered questions.

Bubbu Tir is a Punjabi poet and columnist. Translated from Punjabi by the author

path. Rabindranath Tagore had many de-

history whether the Japanese would have left India peacefully after helping Netaji reach Delhi. Today, the Japanese have a reputation as a highly cultured, peace loving people. But during the war, they were brutal to the Koreans and Chinese. Netaji may have had to launch another struggle to throw the Japanese out having re-

We will never know. But Kohima ensured Allied victory. There is no harm in India celebrating the battle along with the Iapanese and the British to remember the brave people who fought for the cause they believed in.

FIFTH COLUMN



TAVLEEN SINGH

A failed opposition

SOMETHING VERY important happened in this general election. Sadly for our opposition leaders, they have not noticed. So their analysis of why they have nearly all ended up on the wrong side of history ranges from the petulant to the bizarre. In the petulant category are those who have convinced themselves that Narendra Modi has become prime minister again only because he spread so much hatred between Hindus and Muslims that Hindutva triumphed over the 'idea of India'. In the bizarre category are those spreading rumours about EVM fraud on such a scale that the entire election was stolen. Not even a magician could do this. If they want to survive to fight an-

other day it is time our opposition leaders tried to address what actually happened. The Prime Minister described it in one of his speeches as the triumph of chemistry over arithmetic and there was a bit of that. But, something else happened as well. Indian voters have shown in this election that they can no longer be fooled by appeals to caste, charisma, creed or dynasty. They have also shown that they have seen through the veils of secularism and socialism that have been used by most opposition leaders to disguise their real reasons for entering public life. It is no accident that in that bastion of casteism — Uttar Pradesh and Bihar — casteist parties who have ruled like potentates for decades now barely have any seats in Parliament. It is no accident that those political parties who built their political ideology around dynastic succession have also been wiped out.

This has happened because millions of Indian voters are no longer poor and illiterate but middle class and aspirational. If they voted Modi back for a second term, it was because they see him as someone who has understood this. The opposition leaders have been too busy sulking to sit down and do some real analysis of how much the Indian voter has changed so it was ironically a BJP leader who drew my attention to this.

Last week I went to see Arun Jaitley. He is one of the few politicians whom I respect. I have known him from the time I was a junior reporter and can say honestly that he is one of a handful of politicians who is not in politics for personal gain but for public service. He is in the process of moving out of the house in Lutyens' Delhi that was allotted to him as a senior minister. While waiting to see him I noticed blank spaces on the walls where pictures have been taken down. His decision to surrender his government house as soon as he demitted office is remarkable in itself. I know millionaires and maharajahs who have to be physically evicted.

Arun looked frail. He is thinner than usual. But, his mind remains as sharp as ever. When I asked if he had expected that the BJP alone would win more than 300 seats he said that he had never been in any doubt and that he had said as much in interviews to journalists. It was then that he pointed out that 40 per cent of India's voters now are middle class. And, he added, by 2030, half of India's population would count as middle class. It was these new middle class voters, he said, who saw Modi as a man who understands their aspirations.

So the old India is dead. And, this is a very good thing. Having covered every general election since 1977. I have seen Indian democracy transition through many phases. In the seventies and eighties, India's voters were nearly all poor and illiterate and entirely in the thrall of the charisma of our Imperial Dynasty. In the nineties, the Dynasty's appeal lessened mostly because the vote banks that the Congress Party had so assiduously built were broken by political parties that offered people the lure of caste. Casteist chieftains in our electorally most important states were so powerful that Mayawati's voters never abandoned her even when corruption tainted her image. And, it was possible for Lalu Yadav to hand Bihar to his semi-literate wife, Rabri Devi, before being sent to jail. His popularity did not wane.

This election is proof that the old equations have changed. The only people who appear not to have noticed are our opposition leaders who refuse to acknowledge that the reason why they lost so badly is because they were stuck in a complacent little rut while India's voters moved on. If they want to remain relevant they will need to accept that their socialist feudalism is not acceptable today. They can no longer hand their political parties to their children. They can no longer rely on the charisma of family names and the divisions of caste. From the vantage point of an Indian voter, nothing better could have happened.

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A forgotten battle

ning back freedom.

But there was another battle at the same time in another part of the world. The European campaign was only to liberate Europe. It was a World War after all. When was Asia liberated? It is forgotten that the toughest land battle of the Second World War was fought on Indian soil. Japan suffered its biggest defeat on land in Kohima in the North East corner of India. This battle and its heroes have been forgotten.

The battle lasted 80 days, from April 4 to June 22, 1944. It was one of the crucial battles of the Second World War. On the one side was the Indian Army led by General (later Field Marshal and Viscount) Slim. On the other side were the Japanese 31st Division led by Lieutenant General

Mutaguchi Renya. He had three infantry divisions. But the poignant thing from the Indian angle was that there were 1,00,000 INA soldiers fighting on the Japanese side against their fellow Indians fighting in the Indian Army. Of course, the INA were once part of the Indian Army when they were in Singapore. When Singapore fell they had to surrender. How they were recruited by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is of course well known.

It could be that Indian authorities after independence were ambivalent about Indians fighting each other under foreign leadership. But on each side they fought bravely. The troops of the 33rd Division(known as the Punjabis) on the British Indian side had been declared unfit to fight due to malnutrition as they had marched through Arakan. It was thought they would not be ready till September but they fought bravely and succeeded in achieving all their objectives.

Of course, the issue of Japanese 'invasion' of India has never been fully discussed. Netaji had hoped that the Japanese would support his aim of reaching Delhi and setting up a government for free India. He had already laid the foundations when he was in Berlin. The Germans at that time had no confidence that Indians could rule themselves. But racism was also part of the Japanese psyche towards other Asians. They wanted to emulate the Western imperialists and not follow a distinctive Asian (peaceable) bates with his Japanese friends about this. It is a great unanswered question of

moved the British.

THE WORLD



MEANWHILE

MOTHERS' STIR

UNNERVES GOVT

Protesters' mothers

gathered Friday night

to oppose the Bill. AP

■ The government has

been dismayed by early

signs that mothers of

young protesters, who

held a candlelight vigil

on Friday, were starting

to organise themselves.

■ It is strongly averse to

seeing the emergence

mothers of victims of

the Tiananmen Square

crackdown in Beijing in

by Lam and senior officers call-

ing those in the streets "rioters".

1989, who have been

active for decades.

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PUTIN GIVES XI ICE CREAM ON BIRTHDAY

Chinese President Xi Jinping celebrated his 66th birthday on Saturday with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who Xi considers a close friend and who gave Xi ice cream as a present, Chinese state media reported. While Putin gave Xi Russian ice cream — the flavour was not mentioned — Xi gave Putin back some Chinese tea, the report said.



Romeo and Juliet director Franco Zeffirelli dies at 96

Rome: Italian director Franco Zeffirelli, who delighted audiences with his romantic vision and extravagant productions, most famously captured in his cinematic Romeo and *Juliet* and the miniseries Jesus of Nazareth, died Saturday at 96. While Zeffirelli was most popularly known for his films, he was also inextricably linked to the theater and opera. He produced classics for the world's most famous opera houses, from Milan's venerable La Scala to the Metropolitan Opera in New York, and plays for London and Italian stages. Zeffirelli's son said he died at home in Rome. "I am not a film director. I am a director who uses different instruments to express his dreams and his stories — to make people dream," Zeffirelli said in a 2006

BRITAIN

interview.

5 die in listeria outbreak linked to hospital food

London: The British government has ordered a review of hospital food after five patients died in a listeria outbreak linked to sandwiches and salads. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said Saturday he wants "a radical new approach" to the food served in hospitals. Officials have linked the outbreak to food from the Good Food Chain, which supplies dozens of UK hospitals, and to a meat supplier for the company. Three of the patients died hospitals and Manchester Liverpool in northwest England. The other two

locations have not been identified.

1 killed, 2 hurt in shooting inside California store

Corona: A gunman who had been in an argument inside a Southern California Costco opened fire – killing a man, wounding two other people and sparking a stampede of terrified shoppers before he was taken into custody, police said. Police swarmed the Costco after shots were reported shortly Friday night at the huge warehouse store about 80.5 kilometres east of Los Angeles, where families were stocking up for the week or dropping by for weekend steaks. Among the wounded was an off-duty Los Angeles police officer...

AFGHANISTAN

Ancient Afghan citadel collapses

Ghazni: An ancient tower dating back 2,000 years in the historic Afghan city of Ghazni collapsed this week, local officials said, raising concerns about the vulnerability of the country's cultural heritage and the government's ability to protect them. The old citadel known as Ghaznain Fort originally had 36 towers, but 14 of the towers had collapsed in recent years due to decades of war, heavy rain and neglect.

Yielding to protests, Hong Kong leader suspends extradition Bill

Demonstrations to continue until proposal scrapped

AGENCIES

HONG KONG, JUNE 15

HONG KONG is bracing for another mass rally Sunday as public anger seethes following unprecedented clashes between protesters and police over a controversial extradition law, despite a climbdown by the city's embattled leader.

Organisers are hoping for another mammoth turnout as they vowed to keep pressure on chief executive Carrie Lam, who suspended work on the hugely divisive Bill Saturday after days of mounting pressure, saying she had misjudged the public mood.

Critics fear the Beijingbacked law will tangle people up in China's notoriously opaque and politicised courts as well as hammer the city's reputation as a safe business hub.

The international finance hub was rocked by the worst political violence since its 1997 handover to China on Wednesday as tens of thousands of protesters were dispersed by riot police firing teargas and rubber bullets.

Lam stopped short of committing to permanently scrapping the proposal and the concession was swiftly rejected by protest leaders, who called on her to resign, permanently shelve the Bill and apologise for police tactics.



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam at a news conference in Hong Kong Saturday. AP

"After repeated internal deliberations over the last two days, I now announce that the government has decided to suspend the legislative amendment exercise, restart our communication with all sectors of society, do more explanation work and listen to different views of society." Lam told a news conference.

On Sunday afternoon, protesters will march from a park on the main island to the city's Parliament — a repeat of a massive rally a week earlier in which organisers said more than a million people turned out.

Lam's decision to ignore that

...The government has decided to suspend the legislative amendment exercise, restart our communication with all sectors of society, do more explanation work and listen to different views of society - CARRIE LAM. HONG KONG CHIEF EXECUTIVE

record-breaking turnout and press ahead with tabling the Bill for debate in the legislature on Wednesday was the spark that lit the clashes which brought parts of the financial hub to a standstill.

The protest movement has morphed in recent days from one specifically aimed at scrapping the extradition Bill, to a wider movement of anger at Lam and Beijing over years of sliding freedoms.

Critics — including legal and rights groups — say officers used a small minority of violent protesters to launch a sweeping security crackdown against predominantly young, peaceful protesters and clear the streets. Anger has also been fanned

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang, meanwhile, said Beijing supported Lam's decision to suspend the proposal and reiterated that China respected the special status accorded to Hong Kong under the "one country, two systems" policy.





Iran renews nuclear deal ultimatum amid US tensions

REUTERS

DUSHANBE, JUNE 15

IRAN WILL continue scaling back compliance with a nuclear deal unless other signatories to the pact show "positive signals", the Iranian President said on Saturday as tensions with the US escalated over tanker attacks in the Gulf region. Iran stopped complying in

May with some commitments in the 2015 nuclear deal that was agreed with global powers, after the United States unilaterally withdrew from the accord in 2018 and ratcheted up sanctions on Tehran.

"Obviously, Iran cannot stick to this agreement unilaterally," President Hassan Rouhani told Russian. Chinese and other Asian leaders at a conference in Tajikistan. His comments follow rising tensions with Washington, which has accused Tehran of carrying out Thursday's attacks on two oil tankers in a vital oil shipping route at the mouth of the Gulf.

Tehran has denied having any role. Rouhani did not refer to this week's tanker incident in his speech to the Conference on Interaction and Confidence

Danger of a war by accident

NATIONS SUCH as the UK and Japan, who have ties with both US and Iran, warned against a "war by accident" amid heightened tensions in West Asia. The fear is that Iran could see US actions such as the military buildup in the Persian Gulf as an aggressive move that can legitimately be countered. If Iran does take any such action, that could trigger US retaliation and start a war that both countries, despite their aggressive rhetoric, have seemed keen to avoid. The attacks on ships and the US's allegations against Iran have now raised tensions again after a brief lull.

Building Measures in Asia, behind held in the Tajik capital Dushanbe.

Zuzana Caputova after her

Anti-corruption

activist becomes

woman President

Slovakia's first

inauguration in Bratislava. AP

Many Nepal schools make Mandarin a must after China offers to pay teachers' salaries

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KATHMANDU, JUNE 15

A CHINESE government's proposal of covering salaries of teachers in Nepal who teach Mandarin have prompted many private schools in the Himalayan kingdom to make it mandatory for students to learn the language, according to a media report.

The move came at a time when Chinese involvement in Nepal is surging, largely on the back of Beijing's Belt and Road

Many schools across Nepal have made it mandatory for students to learn Mandarin lured by the Chinese government's offer to cover salaries of teachers who teach Mandarin, the Himalayan Times reported.

However, as per the guidelines laid down by the Curriculum Development Centre (CDC), a government body which designs school-level academic curriculum, schools in Nepal are allowed to teach foreign languages, but they cannot make those subjects mandatory for students. The schools were aware of the provision, but they overlooked it as they are getting Mandarin teachers for free, the report said.

US concerned over increasing North Korean activities in Nepal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KATHMANDU, JUNE 15

VOICING CONCERN over growing business activities of North Koreans in Nepal, the US has asked the Nepal government not to entertain North Koreans in the country stating that Nepal as a member of the UN should respect the decision taken by the global body to impose sanctions on the country.

Mark Lambert, special US envoy for North Korea, who is on a three-day visit to Nepal, made this appeal to lawmakers, senior officials and ruling Nepal Communist Party Co-chair Pushpa Kamal Dahal, the Himalayn Times reported Saturday.

He expressed concerns about growing business activities of North Koreans in Nepal.

"He also expressed fear that North Koreans might have been using Nepal as a base to commit cyber crimes," a lawmaker, who met Lambert, was quoting as saying.

Indian migrant girl, 6, dies near border in Arizona desert as mother sought water

ANDREW HAY TAOS (NEW MEXICO), JUNE 15

A SIX-YEAR-OLD girl from India died of heat stroke in an Arizona desert after her mother left her with other migrants to go in search of water, a medical examiner and US Border Patrol said on Friday.

The girl, Gurupreet Kaur, soon to celebrate her seventh birthday, was found by US Border Patrol west of Lukeville, Arizona on Wednesday, when temperatures reached a high of 42 degrees Celsius, US Border Patrol and the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner (PCOME) said.

The girl's death, the second recorded fatality of a migrant child this year in Arizona's southern deserts, highlighted the dan-



The US-Mexico border as seen near Lukeville, Arizona. Gurupreet Kaur's is the second recorded fatality of a migrant **child this year in Arizona's southern deserts.** *Reuters*

ger of summer heat as a surge of migrant families cross the US-Mexico border to seek asvlum.

An increasing number of Indian nationals are entering the

US from Mexico, according to immigration officials. They are among thousands of Africans and Asians making the arduous journey, led by smuggling cartels.

among a group of five Indian nationals dropped off by smugglers in a remote border area at 10 am on Tuesday, 27 km west of Lukeville, a US border. After walking some way, the

The girl and her mother were

girl's mother and another woman went in search of water, leaving her daughter with another woman and her child. "Once they went to look for water they never saw them again," said US Border Patrol Agent Jesus Vasavilbaso. The mother and the other

woman wandered in the rugged Sonoran desert wilderness for 22 hours before being found by a US Border Patrol agent who tracked their footprints. Four hours later, Border Patrol agents found the body of the deceased girl 1.6 km from the border. **REUTERS**

REUTERS BRATISLAVA, JUNE 15

CAM-ANTI-CORRUPTION PAIGNER Zuzana Caputova was sworn in as Slovakia's first woman President on Saturday, vowing to fight impunity and champion justice in a country shaken by a journalist's murder last year. The killing of Jan Kuciak, who

> investigated high-level graft cases, and his fiancé at their home last February sparked mass street protests and hit the approval ratings of the governing leftist party Smer.

lar party but Caputova's victory in the March presidential vote boosted the opposition liberal alliance, which backed her and aims to unseat the ruling party in a 2020 general election.

The pro-European libera coalition already won the EU Parliament election last month

'Chats show judge advised prosecutors in Lula case'

ANTHONY BOADLE BRASILIA, JUNE 15

LEAKED PERSONAL messages published on Saturday by a news website show the judge who led the corruption trial that jailed former Brazil president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva advised prosecutors to influence public opinion against the leftist leader.

The Intercept posted what it said were social media chats from



Former Brazilian president **Lula da Silva.** Reuters

then judge Sergio Moro to the prosecution team, suggesting

prosecutors make a public statement playing up what Moro said were contradictions in Lula's testimony to undermine his claim to be a victim of political persecution. The exchange occurred after

Lula's May 10, 2017 deposition against charges that he took a beachside luxury apartment as a bribe. Lula left the court room to tell supporters that he was being "massacred" and was preparing to run for president again.

Moro, who is now Brazil's

justice minister, questioned the authenticity of the messages and said he would not comment on texts obtained by hackers.

"The supposed material, obtained in a criminal way, must be presented to an independent authority so that its integrity can be certified," he said in a statement.

The texts copied off a messaging app appear to show Moro suggesting to prosecutors that they mount a public campaign against the man he was judging. **REUTERS** Smer is still the most popu-

RETURNS TO ITALY, WHERE AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT, SHE WAS ACCUSED OF KILLING HER ROOMMATE

Tearful Amanda Knox slams media portrayal yrs after murder trial

GIADA ZAMPANO

ROME. JUNE 15

TAKING THE stage Saturday at an Italian conference on justice, Amanda Knox accused the media of having built a false narrative around her during her yearslong murder trial and appeals process, depicting her as guilty even though she was

eventually acquitted. The former exchange student from the United States who became the focus of a sensational murder case returned to Italy this week for the first time since an appeals court acquitted her in 2011 in the slaying of her British

roommate, Meredith Kercher. Knox, speaking in Italian on a

panel discussion at the Criminal Justice Festival in Modena titled "Trial by media," said she was depicted "on the global scene as cunning, psychopath, drug-addicted, whore. Guilty."

Speaking through tears, she said the media that labelled her "Foxy Knoxy" invented a "false and baseless story, which fuelled people's fantasies and talked to their fears."

Knox's 2011 acquittal was part of a long legal process that saw multiple flip-flop rulings before she was definitively acquitted in 2015 by Italy's highest court.

Knox said she came back to Italy despite the fact that she was afraid of being "molested, derided, framed, that new accusations will be directed against me



Amanda Knox greets the audience after speaking at the Criminal Justice Festival in Modena, **Italy, on Saturday.** Reuters

for telling my truth."

She also criticised Italian prosecutors, who described a scenario made up of "orgies and sex toys" during her first trial, even though that version of the story was toned down in the appeal.

Knox acknowledged that despite her final acquittal "I remain a controversial figure in the public opinion, especially here in Italy."

She had been accused with her Italian boyfriend at the time, Raffaele Sollecito, and Ivorianborn Rudy Guede of killing Kercher on November 1, 2007, in the university town of Perugia. After multiple rulings, Italy's highest court definitively acquitted Knox and Sollecito in 2015. Guede is still serving a 16year sentence.

was followed by a standing ovation, Knox recalled Perugia prosecutor Giuliano Mignini as the one who accused her in his search for justice. "One day I'd like to meet the

During her speech, which

real Mignini, and I hope that when he comes, he will also see that I am not a monster, I simply am Amanda," Knox said. On Friday, the lawyer for

Kercher's family described Knox's invitation to speak at the Criminal Justice Festival as "inappropriate". "Inviting her to a technical

panel on justice was a mistake,' Francesco Maresca told The Associated Press, adding that "lawyers for both parts should have been involved". AP

Baghdad: The US has allowed Iraq to import Iranian gas for power grid for three more months by extending a waiver to sanctions - but insists that it seek alternative sources. Iraq has had many extensions after US reimposed sanctions on Tehran's oil sector. REUTERS

35TH MEETING DEFERRED BY A DAY TO JUNE 21

Extension to anti-profiteering body, ENA inclusion on GST council's agenda

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. JUNE 15

ELECTRONIC INVOICES (e-invoices) system, an extension to National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA), the revenue position of states and the new return filing system will be discussed in the 35th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council slated for June 21. Levy of GST on extra-neutral alcohol (ENA) used in manufacturing liquor for human consumption is also expected to be discussed in the meeting of the Council, the first one to be chaired under Finance

Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The GST Council was earlier scheduled to meet on June 20 but has now been deferred to June 21. An extension for NAA, before

its two-year sunset clause, is being seen necessary as there are many pending cases. The antiprofiteering rules are in relation to Section 171 of the CGST Act,

which provides that any reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services, or the benefit of input tax credit shall be passed on to the recipient (consumer) by way of a commensurate reduction in prices. The NAA's term commenced on November 30, 2017, after B N Sharma assumed charge as its Chairman. The inclusion of ENA under

GST was discussed in Council's meetings earlier as well, after which the legal opinion was sought from AG. The AG is then learnt to have opined that given that ENA is not fit for human consumption, bringing it under GST

won't require a Constitutional amendment. Currently, ENA for potable alcohol is not taxed by either the Centre or state govern-

ments. **ENA** EXPLAINED used for industrial alcoholis, however, taxed at per cent and its raw

material sugarcane molasses is charged the peak GST rate of 28 per cent. Inclusion of ENA under GST ambit will help manufacturers to claim input tax credit. ENA is a derivative of sugarcane molasses (95 per cent of high-purity ethyl alcohol) and is not an alcoholic liquor for human

consumption. The GST Council will also take a final decision on the turnover threshold for issuance of e-invoice for B2B sales after consultation with the states. The Centre is in favour of fixing the turnover threshold for e-invoices for B2B sales at Rs 50 crore. The government is planning to roll out

The GST Council has already set up two sub-groups to look into the policy and technical aspects, such as turnover threshold and mode of generation, for e-invoice generation by businesses. Depending on the success of the project in the B2B segment, the revenue department would look at extending it to business-to-

e-invoice system by September.

consumer(B2C) sales, especially in sectors where the probability of tax evasion is high.

SITHARAMAN TO CHAIR FIRST MEET

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MOVE COMES INTO EFFECT FROM TODAY

India imposes retaliatory tariffs on 28 products imported from the US

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

India has decided to impose its long-promised retaliatory tariffs on more than 28 products imported from the US, including almonds, fresh apples and phosphoric acid, amidst rising trade tensions between the two countries. The move will take effect from Sunday, stated a notification by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) late Saturday.

In a separate notification, the CBIC also raised the standard customs duty (applicable for all countries) for lentils, boric acid and some diagnostic reagents.

The standard duty for lentils has been raised to 50 per cent from 40 per cent, for boric acid to 27.5 per cent from 17.5 per cent and for diagnostic reagents other than those for pregnancy confirmation and diagnosing AIDS to 30 per cent from 20 per cent.

The Indian Express Saturday reported that the government was planning on notifying these retaliatory tariffs before the Sunday deadline.

According to the latest notifications, the import duties on fresh or dried shelled almonds has been raised to Rs 41/kg, while the tariffs on fresh apples, earlier 50 per cent, has gone up to 70 per cent. The import duty on phosphoric acid has been set at 10 per cent.

India is one of the largest importers of almonds from the US, with imports worth \$615.12 million of fresh or dried shelled almonds in 2018-19. Its imports of fresh apples stood at \$145.20 million and phosphoric acid at \$155.48 million during the same period, shows information from the Indian commerce ministry. The import of diagnostic

CUSTOMS DUTY FOR LENTILS, BORIC ACID RAISED

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reagents stood at nearly \$145 million that year.

The move comes around two weeks after the Trump administration notified its decision to withdraw India's duty-free benefits under the US' select trade programme. Indian commerce minister Piyush Goyal last week indicated that India may not pursue a resolution to the withdrawal of trade benefits under the programme, known as the Generalised System Preferences (GSP).

India had first notified the retaliatory tariffs on over \$200 million worth of goods in June 2018 after the US imposed tariffs on steel and aluminium products. However, the government deferred the move several times over the course of the last year.

Meanwhile, New Delhi and Washington were engaged in negotiations over the office of the United States Trade Representative's review of India's benefits under GSP, which allows some countries duty-free exports of thousands of items to the US. The USTR announced its decision to withdraw India's beneficiary status in March, but initially held off on notifying the withdrawal in May while the Indian general

elections were taking place.

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However, soon after the reelected Narendra Modi government was sworn in, US president Donald Trump announced he was terminating India's benefits under the GSP scheme, a move that the Indian commerce ministry called "unfortunate". India was the largest beneficiary under the GSP scheme.

"India. like the US and other

nations, shall always uphold its national interest in these matters. We have significant development imperatives and concerns and our people also aspire for better standards of living, the ministry had stated earlier. Experts feel the move to retaliate, despite the delay, signals that India can adequately respond when there are affronts on its trading rights.

The US is one of India's largest trading partners, exporting \$33.1 billion worth of goods to India in 2018. However, India still had a goods trade surplus of \$21.3 billion with the country.

Officials from the Trump administration earlier this week reportedly said that the US was open to dialogue to resolve these differences, but demanded that India drop its trade barriers. Trump has in the past called India a "tariff king".

BRIEFLY

Holitech inaugurates 1st plant in India

New Delhi: Smartphone major Xiaomi Saturday said Holitech Technology one of its global component suppliers - has inaugurated its first component manufacturing plant in India (Greater Noida). Holitech Technology has built its operations in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh and was first invited by the Chinese tech major in the first quarter of 2018 to investigate local manufacturing opportunities during its 'Supplier Investment Summit', Xiaomi said in a statement.

South Indian Bank to raise ₹500 crvia debt

New Delhi: South Indian Bank Saturday said it will raise Rs 500 crore through issuance of debt securities on private placement basis in domestic and overseas markets. The board approved a proposal of raising of funds in Indian/ foreign currency by way of issuance of debt securities including but not limited to non-convertible debentures, bonds, of up to Rs 500 crores in domestic and/ or overseas market, on a private placement basis and/ or for making offers and/or invitations, it said in a BSE filing. **PTI**

'Nissan considers giving Renault seats on panel'

Tokyo: Nissan Motor Co is considering giving its alliance partner Renault SA some seats on planned oversight committees after the French automaker expressed discontent with the envisioned governance reform, according to a source. **REUTERS**

13-15%

Cargo capacity of airlines is expected to grow at a higher CAGR, given the impending fleet expansions. This will further shift the market towards airlines

7 AIRCRAFT

Domestic dedicated freighters fleet currently stands at just seven planes compared with about 680 passenger aircraft, including of the grounded carrier Jet Airways

GLOBAL FLEET: as per Boeing data, the global freighter fleet stood at 1,870 aircraft as of 2017,

'Air freight demand may touch 1.1 MT by 2025'

The domestic air freight demand is expected to touch 1.1 million tonne by the fiscal 2025 propelled by rapidly growing e-commerce activity, as per a report by Crisil

compared with a commercial fleet of 24,400 aircraft **RESTRICTING FACTORS:**

Shorter lead distances compared with global freighters, and intense competition from airlines which also carry cargo in aircraft belly are expected to continue restricting growth of domestic dedicated freighters 15% SHARE: In terms of revenue per tonne kilometre, dedicated freighters have just about 15 per cent share of the domestic air freight market, compared with 50-55 per cent globally

IMMEDIATE-TERM: Drop in capacity expansion of airlines due to grounding of Jet Airways is expected to drive volumes

part of the cargo FY

2014-2019 period was transported in aircraft belly, it said a 14 per cent CAGR spurt in domestic airline capacity provided adequate room to support this growth

Increased freight

concentration on

integration with

in-house logistics

requirement will

ensure growth

SUPPORT TO

GROWTH: Larger

global freighters, and

select routes,

PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

Trade unions demand hike in minimum monthly wages, assured work for 200 days, social security

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

HIKE IN minimum wage, providing social security to workers, quality of job creation and rehabilitation of workers who have lost their jobs were some of the issues discussed by the representatives of trade and labour unions in their pre-Budget meeting with the Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur on Saturday. Representatives of trade

unions suggested to the government to raise the minimum wage to Rs 20,000, provide 200 days of assured work under the rural employment guarantee scheme and ensure minimum monthly pension of Rs 6,000.

The unions during a prebudget meeting also demanded hiking slabs for exemption of income tax for salaried persons and pension-

ers to Rs 10 lakh per year. They asked for Rs 8 lakh income tax slab for senior citizens and exemption of all perks and fringe benefits like housing, medical and education facilities and



MoS for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur chairs Pre-Budget consultations with representatives of trade unions and labour organisations, in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

running allowances from income tax. They also expressed their reservation against the privatisation and divestment in profitmaking public sector undertakings and stressed on increasing investment for job creation in the pre-budget meeting.

Suggestions were made regarding "fixation of minimum wages on the recommendation of the 15th Indian Labour Conference, increase in allocations on social sector and basic essential services like health, education and food security; stopping disinvestment and strategic sale of public sector units; extension of MGNREGA to remaining all rural

areas and introducing it in urban areas besides increasing number of workdays under the scheme to 200 days and creation of National Fund for Unorganised Workers to provide social security among others," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) General Secretary Amarieet Kaur said. "We, the 10 central trade unions group, put up all of our points. We have demanded for Rs 20,000 minimum wage, Rs 6,000 minimum monthly pension and guaranteed employment of 200 days under MNREGA (100 days at present)." WITH PTI

IT industry, startups discuss data protection and tax issues with Thakur

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

REPRESENTATIVES OF tech sector and industry bodies like Nasscom, IAMAI and MAIT met Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur Saturday to discuss various issues, including tax structure, and share their views on strengthening digital economy.

The pre-Budget consultation meeting also focussed on data issues such as use of Big Data technology in improving the forecasting of economic, financial, climatic etc phenomena by analysing large data sets, for providing a fillip to the SME sector and for public governance, official statement said.

Other issues, which dominated the discussion, included digital infrastructure and role of government, regulation of digital economy especially in privacy, consumer protection and financial regulation and software as service among others, it said.

The meeting was also attended by officials from the Finance Ministry, Electronics & IT Ministry, Department of Telecommunications, CBDT and others.

"The representatives of digital economy and start-ups shared their views and suggestions regarding Big Data, data mining, building of digital infrastructure as the big challenge before Indian economy besides scaling-up and incentivising Research & Development(R&D) within India. While the experts discussed the issues ailing their respective fields, they also suggested a variety of solutions to the sector specific problems," it said.

Development of startups and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in the country also featured in various suggestions, it added.

India will achieve the target set under Paris Agreement: R K Singh

REUTERS BAGHDAD, JUNE 15

UNION MINISTER R K Singh Saturday assured international community that India will achieve the target set under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change to reduce emissions, saying that the country "is moving towards those goals". India had committed to reduce its emissions by 33 to 35 per cent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels under the Paris agreement

(COP21). "India is implementing one of the largest Renewable Energy expansion programs, Energy Efficiency programmes and moving towards the achievement of our target to fulfill our commitment made in Paris Agreement on Climate Change," Singh said while making interventions at the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Environment for Sustainable Growth, being held in Karuizawa, Nagano Prefecture, Japan on June 15-16. The power and new & renewable energy minister highlighted the path breaking achieve-

Fortis calls off process of

stake sale in RHT, RHTTM

India had committed to reduce its emissions by 33 to 35 per cent by **2030** compared to **2005** levels under the Paris agreement

ments in household electrification and providing energy access to all in India. He also mentioned about the progressive steps towards the achievement of the target to fulfill commitment made in Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

He also expressed confidence that India will achieve 40 per cent renewable in energy mix by 2030. In addition to this, Singh mentioned various energy efficiency programmes such as through PAT UIALA, Standard & Labelling, ECBO etc and reiterated the country's commitment for greener and

healthier planet. The minister said that India is achieving one of the largest expansion of renewable energy in the world, and it has become a net exporter of power in past five years.

REPORTS EMERGE THAT US INITIATING ANTI-TRUST VIOLATIONS PROBE AGAINST GOOGLE Pichai cautions: Don't regulate tech firms just 'for sake of it'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, JUNE 15

GOOGLE'S INDIAN-AMERICAN CEO Sundar Pichai has said that it is "perfectly fine" for big companies to be scrutinised but cautioned against doing it just "for the sake regulating" them amid reports that the US is initiating an anti-trust violations probe against the internet giant.

Pichai made the comments for the first time after reports emerged earlier this month that Google's search business and advertising practices may come under scrutiny during the potential anti-trust violations probe by the US Department of Justice (DOJ).



Google CEO Sundar Pichai. AP file photo

The DOJ and Federal Trade of Google, Facebook, Apple and Commission are said to be divid-Amazon to probe their market ing up responsibility for oversight dominance. Pichai told CNN fectly fine" for companies like Google to be scrutinised when they get big enough. "Scrutiny is right, and we will

Business on Friday that it's "per-

participate constructively in these discussions," he said. "I worry that if you regulate for the sake of regulating it, it has a lot of unintended consequences," he said, focusing on the issue of artificial intelligence in particular.

Pichai said, "it will have implications for our national security and ... for other important areas of society. Having leadership ends up being really critical."

This is not the first time Google

has come under scrutiny. The

company was under investigation

by the Federal Trade Commission

in 2013, but emerged relatively unscathed after the firm pledged to change certain aspects of its business, such as how it handles content from third-party travel or shopping sites.

"We have gone through similar situations in Europe, so it's not a surprise to us," Pichai said, adding "for some of the other companies, maybe the scrutiny is newer."

He said that there are countries that aspire to be the next Silicon Valley, and they are supporting their companies too. "This doesn't mean you don't

scrutinize large companies, but you have to balance it with the fact that you want big, successful companies as well," Pichai added.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA **NEW DELHI. JUNE 15**

FORTIS HEALTHCARE said Saturday it has decided to close the bidding and search process to explore the possibility of sale of interest in RHT Health Trust and RHT Health Trust Manager Pte Ltd (RHTTM).

In an earlier filing to bourses, the company had said its group Fortis Healthcare International Ltd had commenced deliberations to explore sale of interest in RHT and RHTTM.

"No firm proposal which is commercially viable was received and no agreement (bindNo firm proposal which is commercially viable was received and no agreement has been reached with any of these parties in connection, it said

ing or non-binding) has been reached with any of these parties in connection with the Potential Transactions or any other transaction involving RHT RHTTM," and/or **Fortis**

Healthcare said. RHT Health Trust Manager Pte Ltd is a subsidiary of Stellant. Stellant and Fortis Healthcare International Ltd (FHIL) are direct/ indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of the company, Fortis Healthcare said in a filing to BSE.

Pursuant to an open invitation to interested parties to submit proposals in connection with the potential transactions, a process to evaluate proposals was undertaken with professional advisers, and preliminary discussions were held with certain third parties concerning the Potential Transactions, it added. Since the process to explore

the potential transaction was inconclusive, it was decided to close the bidding and search process, it added.

BRIDGE

This hand which demonstrate a play which helps in cutting the communication between opposing hands:Dlr: South; Vul: North-South



SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST Dbl. Pass 5D 2D Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: SK East plays the S9. Plan the play

♣J42

If West has the HK, you can't go down no matter what you do at trick one. However, if East has the HK it is right to win the first spade if East has a singleton spade, but wrong if East has a doubleton spade. Which is more likely? The doubleton scenario is more likely. If East had a singleton spade, West would have started with KQJ10xx and would be more likely to have overcalled 2S, weak, particularly at the prevailing vulnerabilty. Win the second spade, draw trumps, and take the heart finesse. If it works you have an overtrick, if it loses, you still make your contract.

The West hand: S-987H-KQ82 D-876 C-Q108 The East hand: S-QJ H-J10762 D-5432 C-KJ

With Axx facing xxx, wining the second round of the suit cuts the communications between the defenders' hands if the suit is divided 5-2.

Dlr: West; Vul: Both

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♠ A9753	♠ None
❤ AK4	♥ 86532
♦ J973	◆ AQ108654
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EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 2 S(1) Pass 3C 3D 3S 6D1 Pass Pass Dbl. Pass Pass Pass (1) Weak

Opening lead: SK Plan the play

the answer for the given quip.

HNSEI

GORSS

JUMBLED WORDS

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2221

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Buckthorn laxative (7) 5. Regarding Norse poetry (7) ____ against time (1,4)
- 10. It removes impurities from entering your car's carburetor (3,6)
- 11. Birds do it bees do it ... (6)
- 12. Non-conformists (8) 14. Farm school student (5)
- 15. Italian noblewomen (9) 18. Ancient amphitheatre in Rome (9)
- 20. Bite-size seafood (5) 22. The remains of a building which has been destroyed by an explosion
- during war?(8) 24. A medicated ointment — "create"
- anagram?(6)
- 26. Like iron with "a" following gives a
- famous rock group (9) 27. Artless (5) 28. Becomes dispersed (7)
- ?(7)
- 1. Old tourist coach (9) Wagering, risking or betting (7)
- ... to buy ___ hen (1,3)
- 8. Carbohydrates, abbr. (5)
- 17. Lacking moral fibre (9)
- 19. Something that restricts or restrains (7)
- 21. Chattrapati Shivaji Terminus for
- one, Churchgate for another?(7)
- 22. ____away! (5) 23. Alabama city (5)
- **CRYPTIC CLUES**
- **ACROSS**

25. Drops bait (4)

- not much hope of strong drink (7)
- 9. Around New York is 6-50 plastic (5)
- example, one man about fifty (9)
- 12. After two notes I let on about the cancellation (8)
- 14. A South Indian upside-down matone left! (5)
- time(3,2,4)
- 18. Volume of noise mind out!(9)

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SUDOKU

- 20. It's not on the level to go off unnoticed (5) 22. A way to earn extra money in court
- (4-4)24. A playwright's right to be a
- playwright(6) 26. Because held by a loose rein, is not
- to be trusted (9) 27. A sail across the world under a different name (5)
- 28. Beginning after midnight is seen dancing(7)29. Business people in the drink (7)
- DOWN: 1. Recommended legal representative with degree (9)
- 2. Money covering strange part of backbone (7) 3. Cad accepted meal ticket before girl
- stopped short of Lake District mountain
- 4. A neck to knees for example may be
- one's strong point? (4) 5. Giving the impression that you're
- proposing?(10) 6. Change of a dime thus funds which derivative of ammonia? (5)
- 7. Divine colour captured by an old Northerner (7) 8. Radon not in turmoil (5)
- 13. Still, the meeting can't resolve such a issue (10) 16. Cain's fate may prove of charming
- 17. Its spruce reconstruction for

- Pavers, 23 Leper, 26 Cole, 28 Tce.
- CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Sequel, 4 Impinges, 10 Ice pack, 11 Spangle, 12 Park, 13 Insatiable, 16 Gutted, 17 Deviant, 20 Deliver, 21 Ignore, 24 Automation, 25

26 Haul, 28 Alf.

topping pastry (9)

run perhaps? (2,5)

New York (7)

perhaps(5)

border(4)

19. Maids performing on an avenue in

21. A stroke by a batsman, going for a

23. Streets of Angolan establishments?

25. Basil, for example, from another

Solutions to 2220

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Safety, 4

Open, 13 Legitimate, 16 Ecarte, 17

Foresees, 10 Piranha, 11 Transom, 12

Decapod, 20 Get away, 21 Petite, 24

Addlepated, 25 Thai, 27 Estoile, 29

Down: 1 Supposes, 2 Forged ahead, 3

Samiel, 9 Gaped, 14 Abolishment, 15

Tana, 5 Obtained, 6 Eradicated, 7 Eds, 8

Strategist, 18 Mama bear, 19 Register, 22

Erodent, 30 Smelters, 31 Fester.

22. A weapon attached to a rifle,

Lags, 27 Guanaco, 29 Trawler, 30 Rafferty, 31 Alfred. Down: 1 Slippage, 2 Queer street, 3 Evan, 5 Mistakes, 6 Imaginings, 7 Gig, 8 Scenes, 9 Skink, 14 Bingo caller, 15 Medium wave, 18 Left port, 19 Censured, 22 Banger, 23 Bouts,

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If it's your Birthday

Sunday June 16

You could combine a wonderful sense of drama with shrewd business-like skill. So, as it's your birthday, why don't you plan to be the centre of attention in your very own spectacle — if it's not too late?

Monday June 17

Venus, planet of love and affection, is raising social costs while Mercury is deep in your sign. You're heading for a charming, emotional and often passionate weekend, while the next year will see intense new relationships.

Tuesday June 18

You'll accomplish more by being friendly than by going it alone, or by resenting the world for being mean to you. If there are rewards to be handed out, you must be sure to get your fair share.

Wednesday June 19

You're passing through a sensitive period, and you're bound to be thinking about your romantic and emotional hopes a little more than usual. If you ignore wider facts, you might end up making careless choices.

Thursday June 20

It's hard to pin down, but feelings will well up from the deep, stirring emotions and desires which you had forgotten. A surprising financial choice could trigger a long-term shift in your major life direction.

Saturday June 22

You've got big ideas, that's for sure. I doubt if anyone can hold you down, even though you have this one weakness: you may forget the facts. Your emotions are taking a move forward, and you'll be looking for romantic security.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)



your personal ruler, and its new location means that odds are stacked in your favour. Do not let anyone get the better of you.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Those two lively planets, Mercury

and Venus, are both supporting you this week. You will therefore get whatever you want in personal matters, mainly because other people are bound to fall for your undoubted charms. The only cloud on the horizon is your tendency to be provoked by people who let you down – but, then, who can blame you?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You may be right in

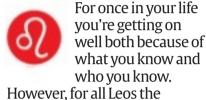
insisting that something needs explaining, but what exactly? The air of general mystery is such that you may have to wait a little while longer for the dust to settle, or the fog to clear. Plus, set aside some time for pleasure.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



Saturn, symbol of control and discipline. This is a dynamic combination which presents you with the opportunity to set routine chores to one side and pursue some of your intensely personal ambitions, especially romantic ones.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



chances of emotional and irrational confrontation are strong, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday. Watch out for the warning signs and take evasive action. **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**

You have another



worthwhile and designed to help others as much as please you. Be prepared for the sparks to fly at home early in the week, but expect plenty of fun and excitement as well; the two seem to go together.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Finally, the personal stress level drops.

Wednesday emphasise your financial affairs. The Moon indicates a reluctance to increase your expenses, but there are other signs that domestic costs may be about to escalate. This may be no bad thing, especially if you are reaping the rewards of a partner's worldly success.

Tuesday and

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) You stand to benefit

more than most people from this week's stunning Martian movements. Those areas of your life which will receive a fresh shot of inspiration include all overseas contacts and connections, higher education and legal questions. Partners will share

your general good fortune,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23) Your financial stars

you'll see to that.

have been strong for a number of months now, so much so that your attitudes to money may have been through a complete U-turn. You're now entering a brief period when you'll be much better at giving money away than earning it. Indulge

your charitable instincts, and

always do your best by partners.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

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grasp it. The next weekend may be the ideal romantic moment, but please don't expect your hopes to work out in the way you planned. The stars may have different ideas. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

You may feel a little

overburdened with

responsibilities. Try to see this phase of your life as a valuable one to be of service to other people. Your turn to be waited on will come soon. Be patient.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Your romantic and social stars are exquisite, perfect, marvellous and wonderful. Let me remind you that relations with

children are about to improve.

Relations with children are about to improve and that artistic Fish will soon be discovering their forte. Just don't get in a Piscean muddle.

SOLUTION: SHINE, GROSS, DENIMS, PABLUM Classifieds

Answer: The secret of business is to know something that nobody else knows - Aristotle

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to

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the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

The secret of ___ is to know something that nobody else knows - Aristotle Onassis (8)

PERSONAL

purposes.

I, Arun Kashyap s/o Anil Kashyap R/o-A-1/8, Street.No.1, Dayalpur, Delhi-110094.have changed my name to Arun Kumar, permanently.

0040499373-7

W/O Rajesh Rana R/O 82, Vidya Vihar West Enclave, Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Geeta Rana after marriage. D.O.B 17-09-1971. 0040499498-2

I. Geeta Devi D/O Ballu Ram and

Dohrey R/o-C-90, Street No.4,

I, Sikta Singh D/o Siddharth

GangaVihar, Gokalpuri, Delhi-110094 dohereby declares that mine & myfather's name in **Educational & Other** Documents has been wrongly

Father is Sikta Singh & Siddharth Dohrey. 0040499497-3

mentioned as Sikta & Siddarth.

The Correct name of Mine & my

I. Saurya Singh S/o Upender Singh, R/o:RZH-A/69/1, Street No-10, Raj-Nagar-2, Palam, New Delhi-77. Have Changed My Name to Sonu Kumar.

0040499483-9 I, Satish S/o Shiv Charan R/o-173. Block-C. Pocket-01. Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi-110086. have changed my name to Rishi for

all purposes. 0040499483-10

I, Sarla Devi D/O Hansraj W/O Subhash Bishnoi H.No-193, Awho, Ambabari, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302023 Have Changed My Name To Sarla

Bishnoi. 0040499478-5 I, Santu Lata Yadav D/O R.A.S. Yadav R/O-S-174, Opp-Mother Dairy, Pandav Nagar, ShakarPur, Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name To Sanjana

0040499478-8 I, Urmila Devi W/O Surender Kumar R/O F-120, 1st-Floor Dilshad-Colony Delhi-110095

Changed My Name To Urmil

Garg, For All Purposes. 0040499483-8

I, Rravindr Singh Kalra S/o Joginder Singh Kalra R/o 5 Gurunanak Market, Freeganj Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, have changed my name to Arvinder Singh Kalra permanently.

I, Ritu Rani Gupta W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o H.No.109, 2ndFloor, Pocket-8, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Ritu Singhal.

0040499490-2

0040499463-3

I, Neelam D/O Gariba Ram H. No-24/10, Railway Colony, Delhi Kishanganj, Delhi-110007 Have Changed My Name To Neelam

I, Lavkesh Choudhary S/o Sh. Gokul Choudhary R/o Ward No. 7. Talwadia, Post - Attar, District Khandwa, have changed my name from Lavkesh to Lavkesh Choudhary for all future

I, Kanwar Pal Singh and Kunwar Pal Singh S/o Ganga Dass, R/o W-1/905, Shiv Nagar, Garh Road, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh-245101, are one and same person and known as Kunwar Pal Singh for all purposes

0040499457-

0040499430-1

I, Jeetender Kumar Kampani S/o Ved Prakash Kampani R/o C-2/2367, Vasantkuni, Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Jeetender Kampani. 0040499490-1

I, Jasmeet Singh Marwah R/o

Tierea, Sector 137, Noida Have

Apt. 101, Tower 11, Paras

Changed My Minor Child's Name From Aliya Marwah To Aliya Kaur Marwah

0070660555-**I,** Dr.Nidhi Jain, resident of 3C/44, Ground floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my daughter's surname from Riddhima Gupta (DOB 26.03.2013) to Riddhima Agarwal after adoption by Mr.

0040499490-7 purposes. I, Dinesh Pal S/o Shri AMI Chand R/o H.No. 60-A, Block-A, OM Vihar, Phase-5, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 hereby solemnly confirm that Dinesh Pal and Dinesh, both are the same person and both are my name

Vibhore Agarwal for all

for all future purposes. 0040499420-1

I, Dhara Singh Meena S/O Sh.Pal Ram Meena R/O-Rz-F-942/A Gautambudh Marg, Raj-Nagar Part-II, Palam-Bagdola, New Delhi-77, Inform That Sahil Meena Is My Son And His Correct Date-Of-Birth Is-10.02.2006. 0040499497-2

I, Brijesh Kumar Rewadia S/o

No.1288, Sector-17C, Gurgaon-

122001. have changed my name

Roshan Lal Rewadia, H.

to Brijesh Kumar. 0040499483-7

I, Ashok Kumar s/o Sushil Kumar r/o 227, B-8, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to ASHOK 0040499419-1 KUMAR.

I Neetu Kaushik W/O Satish R/O H. NO-494, Village-Mundka, Delhi-110041 Have Changed my Name to Nitu.

0040499478-3

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nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

9 I, Raman Kumar S/o Dhirendra I, Anand Kumar Pal S/o Singh Chauhan, H. No. A-32, Mahender Pal R/o AO-15 Near

> permanently. I hitherto known as Agnel Shiji K.A Wife of Sabu A.V.and residing at Arrackal House Chackalakkal-Road, Perumanoor (PO), Ernakulam (Distt) Kerala-682015.have

Sabu. I Yamini D/o Sushil Bansal R/o 171, Shubham Apartments, Pocket-4, Sector- 12 Dwarka New Delhi 110078 Have Changed My Name To Yamini

13.06.2019. UttamNagar New Delhi-110059. have changed my name to

Upinder Singh Malhotra. 0040499483-4

R/O-313/90 B Tulsi Nagar Keshav Puram Delhi-110035. Have Changed My Name To

Changed my Name to Harish Khanna. Gh-14 Near-Bosco Public School Paschim-Vihar Delhi-

110087. Changed My Minor

I Shaji S/o Gorge Residence-1C/58 Namdhari-Colony in the Baptism Register of PunjabiBagh New-Delhi my as JESSY instead of KUMARI SHAJI. I want the name

corrected as KUMARI SHAJI.

I, hitherto known as AKASH SAXENA son of Vinod Saxena residing at K-11/E SFS Flats Saket New Delhi-110017 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AAKASH SAXENA. Information that I, Amit kumar

shaw,R/o.h.no-69 top-floor gupta-house gautam nagar green park Delhi-49. inform that name of mine has been wrongly-mentioned as Amit shaw in my class-10th education documents.the actual name is Amit kumar shaw.which may be amended 0040499483-3 IT Is For General Information That I Shiksha W/o Late Manoi Bhardwaj D/o Anant Ram Sharma R/o A- 504, Anmol Apartments, Plot No. 3A, Sec-2, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075, Declare That My Ex Husband Expired On 12th May 2011 And The Death Certificate Was Issued With Registration No. MCDOLIR-0211004354424. Further I Remarried With Prashant Shyngle Vide Marriage Certificate No. 90730000073194 On Dated 06.04.2019 Henceforth Name Of My Minor Son Maadhav Aged About 14 Years May Be Known As Maadha Shyngle And Also The Name Of Father Of My Minor Son May Be Known As Prashant Shyngle In Future For

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SOLUTION

All Purposes. 0070660547-1 I, Jasbir Singh S/O Dayal Singh R/O 1749-B, Street.No-5, 3RD Floor Govind Puri Extn Kalkaji New Delhi-110019, Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Jasmeen Kaur To

0040499456-4 Purposes. I,Kishen Varma S/o Late Samai Singh Verma, R/o:C2C/13. Pocket-2, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58.Have Changed My

Jasmine Kaur For All Future

I,Rajeev Singh S/o-Karan Singh R/o-Village-Tugalpur, Greater Noida, U.P), have changed my name from Rajeev Singh Chechi to Rajeev Singh for all

future purposes. 0040499456-2 I,Sunesh @ Sunesh Kumari W/o Hitesh Kumar, R/o 7 Bharat Nagar, Ashok Vihar Ph-4, Delhi-110052, have changed my name Sunesh Sehrawat for future.

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through Public Notice that my client Mrs Sushila Devi, W/o Mr. Kishan Chand Gupta R/o E-66, Top floor, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have disowned and debarred her son Bhushan Gupta S/ Mr. Kishan Chand Gupta and his wife Mrs. Geetika Gupta from all her noveable and immoveable property and cancel all relations with him as the above nentioned son misbehaved and disober my client's instructions. My client shall not be held responsible for any acts, deed and things in whatsoever in any manner made by him or his behalf. myone deals with him shall deal as per his/her own risk, cost and consequences. So he shall have no righ or claim in my properties in future.

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disowned their brother Shin Vimal Kumsa Malu and his family members namely Smt. Memta Malu (wife), Nitin Malu (son) and Harshita Malu (daughter), presently residing at A Block, 1/193, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I Delhi-110052 from their all moveable and mmoveable assets and severed all relations with them due to their disobadient and unfaithful behaviour. My clients shall have no elations with them in future. They are strained to misuse their name and address resisance to misuse their name and address in future. Any person dealing with them in any manner shall do at his own risk and consequences. My dients shall not be responsible for any act, commission, omission and deals done by Shri Vimal Kumar Malu and his family members in

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declare that my client namely Mrs.

below:

Vihar Phase-1 Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 wants to disown her son's namely Himanshu and his wife Mrs. Hemlata and his minor son namely Piyush Gandhi, from self acquired movable and immovable property for future all actions and above statements are true and correct in the best of my

PUBLIC NOTICE

knowledge and belief.

HARPHOOL SINGH R/O B-1/1. TYPE-POLICE COLONY, PITAMPURA elations from his son SHRI AKSHAY not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.

> **RAKESH KUMAR** (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the public at large that My clients, Mr. Nagraj Malu, son of Late Shri Chhagan Mal Malu and my wife Smt. Saroj Devi Malu, both resident of 8G-113, 3rd Floor, Shallmar Bagh, North West, New Delhi-110088 have discovered their son Shri Virnal Kumar Malu and his family members namely Smt. Mamta Malu (wife), Nitin Malu (son) and Harshita Malu (daughter), presently residing at A Block, 1/193, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110052 from their all oveable and immoveable assets and ivered all relations with them due to their sobedient and unfaithful behaviour. My ients shall have no relations with them in future. They are restrained to misuse their name and address in future. Any person dealing with them in any manner shall do at his own risk and consequences. My Clients shall not be responsible for any act, commission, omission and deals done by Shri Vimal Kumar Malu and his family

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the public at large that My client, Mamta Malu, wife of Shri Vimal Kumar Malu, presently residing at A Block, 1/193, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110052 have disowned her usband Shri Vimal Kumar Malu from her all moveable and immoveable him due to his disobedient and unfaithful behaviour. My client shall have no relations with him in future. He is restrained to misuse her name and address in future. Any persor dealing with him in any manner shall do at his own risk and consequences. My client shall not be responsible for any act, commission, omission and deals done by Shri Vimal Kumar Malu

Bharat Bhushan (Advocate)

Ch. No. Y-51, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sushma Aggarwal W/o Mr. Surender Kumar Gupta R/o 3775 Main Road, Pahari Dhirai Delhi Owner of CGU096 in DL Capital Greens Ph-2, Shivaji Marg, ND informs that we have lost the following receipts:-CG2/CRB/01446/0909 CG2/CRB/00124/1209 CG2/CRB/00067/0510 CG2/CRB/00213/0710 CG2/CRB/00136/0810 CG2/CRB/00230/0611 CG2/CRB/00312/0612 CG2/CRB/00019/0113

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PUBLIC NOTICE that Sh. Raiender Kumar Tanwar Slo Sh. Amir Singh Tanwar & his son Sh.

Akash Tanwar both R/o Qtr. No. A-4,

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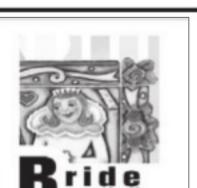
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Ch. No. 504, Saket Court, New Delhi-17

Sunil Kumar Choudhary (Advocate)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT **NEW DELHI** (ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION) CS(OS) No.47 /2019

Versus. Deepak Garg & Anr.

nas instituted a suit against you for AND WHEREAS it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Court that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before the Joint gistrar(Judicial) of this Court or 03.09.2019 at 11:00 a.m. Take notice that in default of you

> Assistant Registrar(O) for REGISTRAR GENERAL

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29. Heart - ____: one's deepest feelings **DOWN**

Openness, or frankness (9) Customer option (6,4)

Ablaze, burning (5) Lists, itemises or describes ? (7)

13. Unconventional ones (10) 16. Oriental person, in a way ? (9)

1. Everything about the firm giving

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Difficulty Level 1s To solve a Sudoku puzzle, must appear in each of the

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changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shiji 0040499483-2

0070660546-1 Upinder Pal Singh Malhotra S/o Chanan Singh Malhotra R/o.7-E Block-E Chanakya-Place Part-1

I Satinder Kaur W/o Harminder Singh Vohra R/o-D-41, Rajouri my name to Satinder Kaur Vohra.

Indu Agarwal. 0040499478-6 I Harish Kumar S/o Mohinder Kumar R/o-70A/3 Sayed wara, Old Faridabad Haryana have

Daughter Name Vrinda To Vrinda Dudeja. 0040499478-7 Ramesh-Nagar, New Delhi.That St.Mark's Church 35/41 West wife name is wrongly entered

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I. SHUBHAM PAUL S/o

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the public at large that My clients, Manoj Kumar Malu, son of Shri Nagraj Malu and my wife Smt. Ekta Malu, both resident of BG-113, 3rd Floer, Shalimar Bagh, North West, New Delhi-110088 have disowned their brother Shri Vimal Kumar

Madan Gopal Vacher, Adv.Ch.234, Tis Hazari Court, Delh

Bharat Bhushan (Advocate) Ch. No. Y-51, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

FOR SALE

Davinder Kaur W/o Shri Darshan Lal R/o C-16, Ram Nagar, Om

nformed to General Public, that my Client SATBIR SINGH S/O SHRI

Through ADVOCATE SURVPRIYE

C-27, Subhash Park, Uttam Nagar, ND-59

KUMAR aged 25 years S/O SHRI SATBIR SINGH and his wife SMT MANISHA aged 26 years W/O SHRI AKSHAY KUMAR, as they are disobedient, rude and not under the control of my clients aforesaid. From hereon my clients have debarred their son SHRI AKSHAY KUMAR aged 25 vears S/O SHRI SATBIR SINGH and his wife SMT. MANISHA aged 26 years W/O SHRI AKSHAY KUMAR, from all their moveable and immoveable properties & Bank Accounts. If any person, organization, institution does any transaction with them does so a their own risk, for that my clients shall

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...Defendan efendant Nos. 1 & 2 Deepak Garg, S/o Late Sh. Pawar Kumar Garg, R/o AG-1/94B, Firs Floor Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 Savita Maliwal, D/o Late Sh. Pawa Kumar Garg, R/o AG-I/176-C, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018

WHEREAS the above named plaintif

appearance on the day above mentioned, the suit will be heard and letermined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, in terms of order dated

5. Give a good tip to, as a writer (7)

interest?(9)

My Name To Raman Kumar Singh Chauhan. 0070660556-1 I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Om Parkash R/O Shop. No-28 Ward No-04, New Anaj Mandi, Gohana, Haryana-131301, Have Changed My Name To Rajesh

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Gali No. 1, Tanki Road Shakti

Vihar Mithapur Badarpur, New

Delhi (110044) Have Changed

Kumar Lathwal For All Future

I, Puneet Jain S/o Adish Kumar

Prakriti Jain for all purposes.

Jain R/o-P-51 Gali No.3, Shankar

Nagar, Extension Delhi-110051,

daughter name from Prakrity Jain(dob-22/03/2005) to

have changed my minor

Purposes.

I, Neelam Baniwal D/o Ranjeet Singh W/o Sahdev Dahiya R/o 96 Akash Kunj Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Neelam Dahiya permanently. 0040499463-1

I, Monika W/O Madhusudan

Apartments-145, G.T. Road,

I, Mohammed Imran R/o H.

Nagar, Delhi-110035 have

Rehman for all purposes.

I. Megna Sharma D/o Sunil

Sharma R/o 153-A DDA Flats

Shukla, R/O A-35, Annapurna

Sahibabad, Ghaziabad U.P.201005, Changed My Name To Monika Shukla.

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changed the name of my minor son from Syed Adeel Hashmi to Mohd Adil Hashmi. 0040499421-1 I. Moazzama Sultana D/o Basheer Ahmed R/o 486. Shahzada Bagh, Phase-I, Onkar

changed my name to Munnaza

No.816, Chatta Sheikh Mangloo

Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have

Mansarovar Park Shahdara Delhi-110032 have changed my name from Megna Sharma to Meghna Sharma for all purposes. 0040499422-1 I. Mayank S/o Manieet Kumar

Sharma R/o WZ-77A, Street-09,

110015 have changed my name

Ramgarh Colony, N. Delhi-

to Mayank Sharma.

0040499490-3 I, Madhubala W/o Aman Kumar R/o-D-117, Gali No.3, East Vinod-Nagar, Delhi-110091.have changed my name to Kumari Madhubala for all future purposes. 0040499483-1

I Seema Chouhan W/o Bijender

Garden Nawada Uttam Nagar

Chauhan R/o-272A Vipin

New Delhi-110059 have

Chauhan.

changed my name to Seema 0040499478-1 I Satish Chander S/O Ram Niwas Vats R/O H. NO-494, Village-Mundka, Delhi-110041 Have Changed my Name to Satish. 0040499478-2 accordingly.

Prem Bari Underpass Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, have changed my name to Anand Pal 0040499463-2

Bansal As Per Affidavit Dated

Garden Delhi -27 have changed 0040499497-1 I Indu Bala W/O Vijay Agarwal

0040499285-1 I Geetika Dudeja R/O.Flat No.653

0040499456-1 Shaw S/o Raj kumar

Name to Kishan Singh Verma. 0040499478-9

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0040499425-1 Shri.Manoj Paul R/o-WZ-14C, OmVihar Ph.-1. Uttam-Nagar. New Delhi-110059, have lost my

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A song of ice and fire... or water?

Buoyed by the recent head-to-head record and strong side, India's mantra is 'keep calm and carry on'. Under pressure Pakistan, however, will be psyched up and going for the jugular. That is, if the heavens permit the money match in Manchester today



Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur has told his players that Sunday's match against India is an opportunity for them to enter cricketing folklore. AP



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA MANCHESTER, JUNE 15

FORMER PAKISTAN pacer Aaqib Javed narrates a story about bowling to Viv Richards for the first time. It's a rave about Imran Khan's captaincy, but also reveals Pakistan cricket's ecosystem. Sensing Aaqib was nervous, Imran told him, "Maaro $b^{******}d$ ko bouncer". The effect on Aaqib was startling: "After that I started to feel like a lion". Conventional wisdom says that you need to stay calm to handle high-pressure games. Pakistan don't do such banality. Therefore, Mickey Arthur, Pakistan's South African coach, has told his players: "It doesn't get bigger than this, doesn't get more exciting. I am telling the players that you could be a hero tomorrow. Your careers are going to be defined by a moment in the game. You do something incredible; you will be remembered forever." Basically, talk-

I'm telling our players in the dressing room, 'you could be a hero tomorrow. Your careers are going to be defined by a moment in the game. You do something incredible tomorrow, you'll be remembered forever'."

MICKEY ARTHUR PAKISTAN COACH

ing up the game, using pressure as an inspiration. Arthur knows that all that piffle about trying to keep them calm isn't the Pakistan way. No wonder, in their last game against India in an ICC tournament — the two teams have played each just once after that — when Hasan Ali tried to be calm and subdued in the 2017 Champions Trophy final, thinking it would help, Sarfraz Ahmed shouted at him: "Calm sab chodd de, bhaag!"

There is a story how MS Dhoni told his team-mates not to celebrate after beating Ricky Ponting's men in Australia. He even coached Rohit Sharma how to shake hands with the Aussies — firm, don't show joy, stay calm. The idea was to show the Australians this wasn't a big deal but just another day at work. No wonder then that a day before the biggest game of the World Cup, Virat Kohli went the opposite way to Arthur. "It's to understand that the game starts tomorrow at certain time and it finishes at a certain time, so it's not going to last a lifetime for you, whether you do well or you don't. The tournament doesn't finish tomorrow."

Arthur talking about a moment lasting a lifetime; Kohli saying the world doesn't end tomorrow. Extremely different ways of handling a pressure game; effectively tailored to each team's philosophy. The Indians staying calm suits their team, Pakistan ratcheting it up suits their psyche.

For all the firebrand presence of Kohli, India are a pretty calm and collected unit. Dhoni gets excited only in advertisements (or, lately, in IPL matches). Mumbai Indians' captaincy has calmed Rohit Sharma and matured him a great deal. KL Rahul, unless he is on a chat show, likes to keep a lid on his emotions. Vijay Shankar, the possible middle-order inclusion, isn't the overthe-top kinds. Hardik Pandya comes with a combustible tag, but he is one of the more composed big-hitters out there. Perhaps, he thinks it's cool to be like that. Hit and swagger down the track. In other words, this team should

be okay on Sunday. Serenity, now, is India's way, and it makes sense to try to continue living in that bubble.

Pakistan, on the other hand, are different. They can get too mellow and almost self-defeating if they try to play things down. Hence, Arthur's urges to go

for the jugular. As for us, the Indian watchers, how have India-Pakistan matches turned in character in the last few decades? There was that Miandad six moment in the '80s, of course. But for someone from that generation, the last straw that broke the camel's back, the one that dispelled any notion that Miandad's game might have been one-off and matches against Pakistan don't have to be fretted about, came when Salim Malik pulled off an

The best way to approach something like this... it's not going to last a lifetime for you, whether you do well or you don't. Our tournament, whether we do well as a team tomorrow or we don't, is not going to finish."

VIRAT KOHLI INDIA CAPTAIN

even bigger heist.

Malik's robbery came after Miandad's, and it happened at home, in Kolkata. Malik carted, carved and sliced India to a loss. Those two games combined to make the '80s generation look at the '90s warily. That premonition wasn't misplaced as until nearly the end of that decade, an Indian win retained surprise. Things rapidly changed in the 21st century. Captured perfectly by Wasim Akram's jest about the highlights of games shown on Indian television during his frequent recent visits to India: "Hum ney bhi bahut jeete hain, bhai! They only show the recent years!"

The complexion of the teams changed. Pakistan lost quite a few big names and India surged ahead not just against Pakistan but in world cricket. Where the '80s and '90s games against Pakistan prepared you for rejections, the subsequent triumphal decades delivered abundance.

It's a sentiment that's shared by Pakistani fans in England. "India ka palda bhaari hai," they say about India's dominance. But of course, they all believe that Pakistan retain that indefinable part in their psyche which can push them to create magic.

"That unpredictability tag always sort of hangs around that makes us very ex-

citing. I don't particularly like when commentators talk about, oh it depends which Pakistan team turns up today, because as coach we prepare these guys exceptionally well every time. But we are exciting," Arthur said.

Would the weather allow us a game, though? Friday afternoon was dry, infusing hope in one and all, and it only rained later in the evening. Saturday too dawned bright and dry, but there was drizzle in the afternoon. There is forecast of light rain with sunny spells on Sunday, but the possibility of an ironical end to the muchawaited game remains.

Not that it has dampened the fans' mood. As a Pakistani cabbie put it: "Theek hai na, baarish hua toh hua, (if it rains, it rains, its fine). Maybe the two teams can meet in the final."

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

IND VS PAK

3 pm onwards from Old Trafford



Intermittent rain and a moderate breeze

WEATHER FORECAST

PACER-TURNED-YOUTUBER

On Akhtar TV: Blunt opinions, sharp analysis, Indo-Pak bonhomie

GAURAV BHATT JUNE 15

"Yaar Harbhajan, hum cricketers ko TV pe kya ho jaata hai? We just had this lovely cricketing discussion. But hum jab koi channel me baithe hote hain, hum kyu mukhtalah ho jaate hain? (What happens to us cricketers on television? When we are at some news channel, why are there such differences?)"

Shoaib Akhtar's previous question to Harbhajan Singh, the interviewee of the day on his YouTube channel, was an innocuous "what will you do tomorrow if you win the toss". After discussing the art of chasing, spin bowling, batsmanship and probable lineups for Sunday's clash, Akhtar dropped the loaded question, and Harbhajan responded without skipping a beat.

"See it depends on who is there. If you listen to my statements, they are never like that," said Harbhajan. "Political context should be kept separate. But I have always said that my cricketing heroes are from India, from Pakistan. Even from Australia."

Akhtar pressed some more. "No, this happens from both sides. Why do we play into their hands? Main bas mahaul banana chahta hun, that we can sit with each other

and enjoy cricket. Remember when Chennai clapped for the Pakistan team?"

"A part of it is because of the media," Harbhajan finally broke. "A simple match is scandalised like anything. It should be fun. Two countries come together, sit with each other. Ek dusre ke jaise dikhte ho, ek dusre ke jaise bolte ho. Enjoy the match together."

Mission accomplished. Welcome to the channel of diplomat-cum-YouTuber Shoaib Akhtar.

The ongoing cricket World Cup has resulted in a free-for-all, with those boasting of even the slightest of cricketing credentials being pinched and seated in a studio or mic'd up for a news channel. Conversations in the commentary boxes and panel discussions in turn have been overtly sanitised, plain banal or simply cringe-worthy.

This is also the first World Cup where the internet has challenged television's status as the obvious mothership of broadcasting. Star Sports' streaming platform Hotstar racks up viewers by the millions, and every major media house has a web-exclusive show. Akhtar, a regular at TV panels, jumped ship to YouTube, where he is again melting the speed guns. From terrorising batsmen and rebelling against the authority, Shoaib Akhtar 2.0 now requests his audience to like and subscribe to his channel.

Akhtar started the channel in January — the minute-long teaser shows a borderline-disgusted Akhtar switching off his television sighing: "Kya bakwaas analysis hai yaar" — and grew it to a respectable 80,000 subscribers by late May. With the World Cup, it has gone into overdrive. Currently, it's at 675,000, outdoing decade-old media houses and sports websites. But this is hardly a case of Akhtar piggybacking off cricket's biggest event. The relationship has largely been symbiotic.

Much like his playing days, Akhtar has been a wellspring of headlines and clickbait-fodder, with a blunt opinion on everything under the shy sun in the United Kingdom. Sometimes two, contrasting opinions. Akhtar's most recent Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde routine came last week as news broke of AB de Villiers' late request to join the South Africa squad.

"Be a man!" chided Akhtar. "Aapne sirf paise ki khaatir apne mulk ko chhod diva. Banda mard ka baccha tab banta hai jab paise chhod deta hai."

Two days later, on PTV, Lance Klusener nodded along to Akhtar's changed tune. "Come on! He deserves a chance to make a comeback. You don't know his finances and economics. What if he needs the money? Why are you forgetting so much

Akhtar's videos also have an unrefined, intimate air of listening to a

he's done for South Africa?" Akhtar's success as a YouTuber is down to tapping into a demographic which almost never tires of cricket discussions and extreme opinions. Former cricketers like Ramiz Raja, Rashid Latif and Aakash Chopra have done it with varying levels of success. But in addition to being a bigger star, Akhtar isn't afraid to stick his neck out. Calling it as he sees has stopped being a trait, and has become a necessity for the medium. Everybody saw Sarfraz Khan walk out for the toss, but only Akhtar called him the "most unfit Pakistan captain I have seen".

"Jab toss karne aaya. Itna pet uska nikla

particularly brash friend in his living room. hua hai. Itna mota uska muh hai."

> There's no way of knowing whether the outburst lit a fire under Sarfraz. It sure did wonders for Akhtar. The channel's daily subscriber growth to that day had ranged from 5 to 15k. Going after Sarfraz and Co got him 68,000 new subscribers in a day.

> Barring the stylised, well-produced minute-long teaser for the channel, Akhtar's videos also have an unrefined, intimate air of listening to a particularly brash friend in his living room. The eclectic mix of Urdu, Punjabi and Hinglish means phrases like "phenta laga dena" have entered the lexicon of subcontinental cricket fans.

Akhtar is at his raconteur best when he narrates snippets from his playing days. Like

the backstory behind the 161.3kmph delivery. "My teammates said I was slower than Allan Donald. I couldn't take wickets at Sharjah. I thought, ye syaapa hi khatam karta hun aaj." Another of Akhtar's shtick is to play the

seer. He criticised the Pakistan squad but also did predict that the team will defeat

England. He also foretold that out-of-favour Wahab Riaz and Mohammad Aamir will be on the flight to England. His latest prediction came during the chat with Virender Sehwag. Hosting his mo-

tor-mouthed counterpart from across the border, Akhtar went on record saying: "If Pakistan wins the toss and bowls first on Sunday, we will win." And during the chat with Sehwag,

Akhtar also made known his opinion of KL Rahul. "Bada player hai, but aisa lagta hai ki jagah ke liye khel raha hai." Akhtar also tried his statesman routine with Sehwag. "I can say for a fact that no Indian will want Pakistan to crash out of the

World Cup right now. I have worked in India for so long. I know that they would want India and Pakistan to face off in a final, or semifinal." But Sehwag, a Delhi Jat impervious to

the Punjabi charm that worked on Harbhajan, left it well alone. "I don't think we care what other team is

doing. We want India to win. Who's there in semifinals or finals doesn't matter."

Sehwag however did make one admission. "This chat was a lot of fun for me. It's different when you are on news channels," said Sehwag. "Ye chat alag hain. Ye direct jaati hain, dil se."

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A hostile jugalbandi

In Amir, Riaz & Afridi, Pakistan have three left-arm seamers who can make India's batsmen dance to their sinister tunes



Mohammed Amir has found his verve in this World Cup with a fifer against Australia. His swing and nip will pose a stern test to India. Reuters

SANDIP G JUNE 15

MOHAMMED AMIR is known for his sorcery, Wahab Riaz has the snarl and Shaheen Afridi showcases sharpness. Together the three Pakistan left-arm seamers can produce the most sinister tunes the Indian batsmen might have yet tuned into this damp English summer. And the fact that India's two main batting pillars, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, haven't quite mastered the arcs and angles of a left-arm pacer bowling adds an intriguing dimension to the must-watch Sunday duel.

Kohli, generally a competent player of any variety of bowling, has looked vulnerable while facing left-armers, especially the ones from across the border.

The unfortunate Junaid Khan, who narrowly missed out on a World Cup spot, used to brag about his one-upmanship over Kohli: 24 balls, 2 runs, 3 dismissals. Wahab Riaz has nailed him twice; so could have Amir but for the slip fielders greasy fingers in the Champions Trophy final. In 12 innings against Pakistan, on the 10 dismissed occasions, he has surrendered to left-armers six times. Such a frequency is no coincidence, but a definite weakness.

Kohli has also been dismissed in identical fashions. Riaz had him twice caught at point or backward point, when the Indian skipper had tried to stab at the ball angling across him. Junaid too has had him caught behind twice and once bowled with a lateswerving delivery.

And then the most famous of them all, not for its beauty but the sheer context, came

SITTING DUCK

Left-armers with the ability to hoop the ball into the pads are a waking nightmare for Rohit Sharma, who has been dismissed 24 times in his career by them. Of those, he has been expelled by an in-swinger on 13

as it did in the Champions Trophy final. Kohli almost walked across to work the ball on the leg-side. The previous delivery was an outswinger that had taken his edge, which the first slip had spilled. He second-guessed that the follow-up could be the late-bending inswinger, the one that had consumed Rohit.

But this one nearly straightened after the pitching and took the leading edge of his closed bat-phase. Kohli, here, was trying to get inside the line, so that he could get on top of the ball and force it leg-side.

Riaz's burst of energy

More than Kohli's, Rohit's lbw was the classical Amir dismissal. Then left-armers with the ability to hoop the ball into the pads are a waking nightmare for Rohit, who has been consumed 24 times in his career by them. Of those, 13 times he was expelled by an in-swinger.

They say Trent Boult has him in his pocket. With Riaz, you don't fear the lbws, because he seldom swings or seams the ball into the right-hander from over the stumps. But the Indian batsmen, as well acquainted with him as they are, would know that he can explode in a sudden burst of energy. He is known to

crank it up a notch or two, making the ball bounce and move without giving any hint.

He doesn't swing the ball as much as Amir with the new ball—though with the old ball in Tests he could—but he's quickest of the three, besides in possession of a heavy ball. He also has that pantomime villain aggro that makes him infuriatingly thrilling to watch.

His most intimidating weapon, arguably, is the bouncer, which's quite awkward to face as he generally targets the body, often pitching on middle-stump and congesting the batsman for any room whatsoever. Another dangerous gift is his ability to move the ball away from the right-hander from around the stumps.

The steadiest of them is the 19-yearold Afridi. Still cutting his teeth at this level, he hits the good length consistently, and the 6' 6 frame ensures that he procures more bounce from good length than Riaz. Sometimes, he gets too overawed with the bounce he generates and tries to bang the batsmen with a flurry of short balls. But he could be lethal if he corrects his length, apart from slipping in those devious yorkers that made him an instant PSL celebrity. The extra bounce can fool batsmen into thinking that they're misjudging his length.

What makes the three-pacers unit most difficult to face is the lengths they probe. Amir trades in fuller length, Riaz obsessed with back-of-length and Afridi a good-length predator. Amir beguiles you, Riaz intimidates and Afridi harasses. They could be a threeman jugalbandi emitting sinister tunes to the Indian ears, both batsmen and fans.



Right-handed batsmen vs left-arm pacers

The southpaw's in-swinger is the right-handed batsman's old foe. If it's angling away, he can just thrust his front-foot across and play outside the line. But if it's breaking in, the early commitment could entangle him. Since he has committed to the line early, he is bereft of time or space to make that second, smaller movement to adjust to the swing. He is left relying on just the hands, and when the ball bends back in, the front-pad invariably gets in the way. Like Rohit has on several occasions. To neuter this, several batsmen, most noticeably Sachin Tendulkar, press half-forward before the bowler releases the ball. That allows him to time and space to adjust to changing line and length of the ball. However, Indian batsmen of this generation tend to shuffle across, which is fatal.

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How can we not mention Mr Orwell

The London Times doesn't miss any Indo-Pak cliches while stressing the social, geopolitical, historical, cultural and all other worthy references while signifying the importance of the Manchester game. It goes with the headline — One billion pairs of eyes focused on a match that captivates region — that serious underestimates the country's millions cricket-haters and also those for whom sports still remains a pasttime that is beyond their means.

Cliches in bold: In a tournament being played in a host nation where television viewing figures are pitiful, the game in danger of being ghettoised by a generation of restricted broadcast coverage, the clash between these great rivals will generate one of the largest television audiences in global sport. It will bring much of the sub-continent to a standstill, one billion pairs of eyes focusing intently on the action. If sport is war minus the shooting, as George Orwell suggested, the backdrop of military tensions between two nuclear powers is unavoidable in the context of this fixture.

The immigrants song

The Japanese-owned English language business daily Financial Times looks at the match through the prism of complex loyalties of a British-Asian cricket fan. The newspaper calls it 'one of the fiercest rivalries in international sport' and goes on to claim that it will be played 'in front of the largest, and perhaps loudest, crowd of the tournament so far'. However, the writer does not delve into the usual India-Pakistan political rhetoric.

Instead, in these times of Brexit, he looks at it from the point of view of the South Asian émigrés, who often support their country of origin instead of England where they now live. The writer notes how 37 percent of 135,000 World Cup ticket holders told the ICC that they were supporters of one of the five Asian nations in the competition: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. The report talks about the Tebbit test, has an interview of the test's curator Norman Tebbit and mentions the overwhelming support for India during the match against Australia at The Oval last Sunday. "The strength of feeling for Asian sides may lessen any home advantage for England, the pre-tournament favourites. The hosts lost to Pakistan on Monday with some England players appearing to be rattled by the vociferous support for their opponents," the report adds.

Historical sweep of the

greatest rivalry

Peter Oborne wrote 'Not Cricket -

The Basil D'Oliveira Conspiracy' in 2004 on cricket in the time of apartheid. Writing for the *Spectator.co.uk* on the eve of Ind-Pak, Oborne, a political columnist with a fair amount of flair for cricket, headlines his essay with "It's not just cricket: Ind vs Pak is the greatest rivalry in sport". Oborne goes back in time to a cricketing rivalry, punctuated by war. He traces the period of no cricket from 1961-78, including a time around 1965: "By the time a ceasefire was declared. Indian tanks were on the outskirts of Lahore, where a 12-year-old Imran Khan was distraught not to be allowed to join a local militia," Oborne writes. He also writes of the two 5 match-series in 1950s and 1960 – when fans crossed borders, though the cricket was "petrifyingly dull." Cut to 2019, and Oborne presents the outsider's view with all the distortions of distance. He writes: "Life on the subcontinent

will halt this Sunday. An audience of more than a billion people is guaranteed. Even the Taliban in the remotest parts of the north-west frontier will lay down arms and pay attention. All the religions of the subcontinent — Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Parsi, Christian and others — will be transfixed by the excitement of a glorious, historic and all too rare sporting event. When India and Pakistan eventually, as they surely will, resolve their differences and find a way of living in harmony, cricket will have helped to bring about the solution. The two countries have so many things in common and cricket is one of the most important. I can't wait."

Hyderabad or Lahore at Old Trafford

Russia TV, the state-owned Russian television network does not just call it the biggest match of the World Cup, but goes on to claim that it will 'generate interest to rival any other sporting event this year, including the American extravaganza of the Super Bowl and the recent UEFA Champions League final.'

The RT report talks about the political backdrop in which the 'one of the fiercest rivalries in sport' will play out. It also mentions the recent Pakistani advertisement, a parody on Indian Air Force pilot Abhinandan Varthaman, and the controversy over MS Dhoni's gloves, saying it has added 'spice to the encounter.' "India versus Pakistan is a match imbued with the cricket obsessions of both countries' populations, but also the broader rivalry between the two neighbours," the report says. "Added to that, the large number of Indian and Pakistani fans in the UK will ensure the atmosphere at the famous 26,000-seater Old Trafford is just as fervent as if the game was being played in Hyderabad or Lahore."

Current and exes weigh in

They are bound to run into them at some point as opponents, but interest in the Ind-Pak match spills over to stars from other teams too. Rajasthan Royals released a video during this year's IPL that has five of their foreign players — Steven Smith, Oshane Thomas, Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler and Ish Sodhi — admitting unequivocally that they were keenly looking forward to the 'match of the tournament'. "Playing an India-Pakistan match at Old Trafford or Birmingham is like playing in either Delhi or Karachi," Stokes said inviting guffaws. Smith and Stokes predicted an India win, while Buttler and Thomas said they were rooting for Pakistan. Sodhi broke the tie with: "India." He dubbed this the loudest

match of the decade.

On his twitter handle, Brian Lara put up a photograph of himself next to a privatejet with the caption: "One cricket match I always wanted to witness India vs Pakistan." The home veterans drowned in the familiar sulk. Pakistan's pitiful fielding got Ramiz Raja frowning. "I don't mean to be disheartening but this fielding from Pakistan is rubbish!!"Shoaib Akhtar who's been pouring scorn on Sarfaraz Khan, put up a meme – hinting at a damp squib owing to the incessant rains. In the image, the green field is replaced by sea, and Virat Kohli and Sarfaraz Khan are being chased by a shark. The caption reads: "Kohli and Sarfaraz returning to the pavilion after the toss," while Akhtar labelled the photo as "Sunday looking a bit like this." **ENS**

fire, dismantle Afghans for 125

Cardiff: Spinner Imran Tahir took four wickets as South Africa dismissed Afghanistan for 125 in 34.1 overs in their rain-affected on Saturday, giving Faf du Plessis' team a good chance of securing their first win at this year's World Cup. Tahir took two wickets in his first over and finished with figures of 4-29 off seven overs as Afghanistan collapsed after a second rain break at Sophia Gardens. Andile Phehlukwayo also helped engineer the downfall with two wickets in his first two overs after a 75-minute break as the Afghans slipped from 69-2 to 77-7. A cameo of 35 from Rashid Khan took them into three figures before he became Tahir's fourth victim. Chris Morris then finished off the tail with figures of 3-13.

Afghanistan took advantage of some sloppy bowling from the South Africans to make a positive start before Hazratullah Zazai was caught in the ninth over when Rassie van der Dussen took a low catch sliding in from deep midwicket off the bowling of Kagiso Rabada. At 69-2 after 20 overs, when rain stopped play, the Afghanis looked to have the potential to post a decent 200-plus score against a South African side lacking in confidence but failed to build on the promising start. South Africa have lost three of their opening four games, with the other one called off due to rain. **REUTERS**

BRIEF SCORES: Afghanistan 125 (Rashid Khan 35; Imran Tahir 4/29) vs **South Africa**.

Proteas breathe Sri Lanka fight, but Australia canter

REUTERS/AFP

LONDON, JUNE 15

AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN Aaron Finch struck a superb 153 and Mitchell Starc took four wickets to lead the defending champions to an emphatic 87-run victory over Sri Lanka in the Cricket World Cup on Saturday.

Finch and Steve Smith (73) shared a fine partnership of 173 as the Australians accelerated smoothly in the second half of their innings to post an imposing total of 334 for seven at The Oval.

Dimuth Kurunaratne and Kusal Perera got Sri Lanka's reply off to a flying start with an opening stand of 115, but Perera was bowled by Starc for 52 and Kurunaratne's dismissal by Kane Richardson for 97 ended their hopes of a record World Cup run chase.

Starc completed figures of 4-55 and Richardson picked up three wickets as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 247 in the 46th over. Australia's fourth win of the tournament lifted them top of the 10-team standings while Sri Lanka stayed fifth with only one win from five games.

Earlier in the day, captain Finch's century propelled Australia to their third consecutive 300-plus total and biggest yet of this campaign. Finch was well supported by Steve Smith, who made a splendid 59-ball 73. After Finch and Smith were out in the 43rd and 44th overs, Glenn Maxwell plundered 46 from 25 balls but, as against Pakistan, Australia wasted wickets in hand

POINTS TABLE

at the end by losing three wickets in the space of 10 balls. Still, Sri Lanka was left with a daunting chase in its first match in 11 days after two washouts.

Top 4 teams after the ninth round will

qualify for the semis.

Isuru Udana, the fast-bowling allrounder, starred with the wicket of Finch and Shaun Marsh, two run outs, and a catch. And this was after he hurt his left shoulder from sliding into the advertising boards in the fourth over. Finch lost the toss for the fifth match in a row but made all the running early for Australia. Opening partner David Warner, after his coming-out century on Wednesday against Pakistan at cozy Taunton, went back in his shell in the open plains of the Oval to try and preserve his wicket.

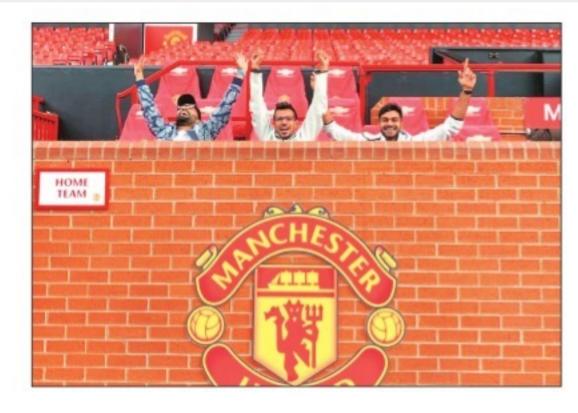
Despite Warner's restraint, Finch's placement and untidy fielding helped the openers tally their fourth half-century partnership of this World Cup. They were 80 without loss when Warner tried to cut Dhanajaya de Silva but the ball came on straighter and took the top of his middle stump.

Usman Khawaja was circumspect, too, and Australia went from overs 11-20 without scoring a boundary. Khawaja was out trying to up the pace, and it took the arrival of the equally aggressive Smith to free up Finch again.

Finch launched de Silva twice over long on, surged from 73 to 91, and reached his hundred off 97 balls with a six over long off. The floodlights came on as if to put more of a spotlight on the skipper, and he looked good for a double century. But as soon as he equaled his best ODI score of 153 not out in March against Pakistan, Finch skied Udana to a catch in the covers. He banged his bat against his pads and walked off to a deserved ovation.

Sri Lanka took three quick wickets, all of them involving Udana, to finish on a high, but the 334 total will intimidate a side which hasn't batted for 11 days.

BRIEF SCORES: Australia 334 /7 (Finch 153, Smith 73) beat **Sri Lanka** 247 (Karunaratne 97, Kusal Perera 52, Starc 4-55) by 87 runs.



THEATRE OF DREAMS

Dinesh Karthik, Yuzvendra Chahal and Vijay Shankar paid a visit to Manchester United's Old Trafford ground. Instagram/Yuzi_Chahal23

Women archers bag two Worlds

bronze

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DEN BOSCH, JUNE 15

JYOTHI SUREKHA Vennam produced a stellar show to help India clinch two bronze medals in the compound women's section of Archery World Championships here Saturday.

The Asian Games silver medallist first led the fight back in the team event by shooting six perfect 10s out of eight arrows as India, also featuring Muskan Kirar and Raj Kaur, bounced back to down Turkey 229-226 in the bronze play-off.

Ivothi then clinched another bronze in the evening session when she pipped world number two Yesim Bostan of Turkey 10-9 in the shoot-off after the duo were locked 145-all in five ends of 15 arrows each.

"Last time (Mexico City 2017) we won a silver but no regrets. We are happy to finish on the podium this time too," Jyothi said. "World Championship medal means a lot as it comes after two years," added the 22year-old from Vijayawada.

India are also in the fray for a possible first ever World Championship gold medal when the men's recurve team takes on China Sunday, in a bid to better their Madrid 2005 silver medal.

No Neymar, no problem

Coutinho helps Brazil overcome the absence of injured star by scoring twice in 3-0 win over Bolivia

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE SAO PAULO, JUNE 15

A BRACE from Philippe Coutinho handed hosts Brazil a winning start to the Copa America in a 3-0 victory over Bolivia as the absence of superstar Neymar was quickly forgotten. Barcelona's Coutinho scored from the penalty spot early in the second half and added a close-range header three minutes later. Substitute Everton netted a sensational third five minutes from time to clinch a Group A victory for coach Tite's tournament favorites in Sao Paulo.

The build-up to the competition had been dominated by Neymar's woes, firstly when he was accused of rape by a Brazilian model, and then when he damaged ankle ligaments in a friendly last week, forcing him out of the Copa. If Brazil's first half performance was anything to go by, the Paris Saint-Germain star was sorely missed, but Coutinho's brace at least silenced the jeers that met the team at half-time.

"Whistles are part of the game, the fans want us to win and play well, so that's why they ieer," said the match-winner. whose goals papered over the cracks of an at times disjointed performance.



Coutinho scored from the penalty spot early in the second half and added a close-range **header three minutes later.** *Retuers*

"We always want their support but we're focused on the objective, which is the match," Coutinho told Brazil's SportTV.

"Whistles or cheers, the important thing is to stay focused and get the win." Brazil made a bright start and predictably dominated the early possession and chances. But surprisingly their greatest threat came from set-

pieces with Coutinho's corner delivery causing panic in the Bolivian backline. Bolivia's goalkeeper Carlos Lampe made an instinctive block from a Roberto Firmino flick that came straight at him.

And a few minutes later, towering center-half Thiago Silva was left unmarked eight yards out to meet another Coutinho delivery,

but he inexplicably headed well wide. The pitch at the Morumbi stadium wasn't helping flowing football, with Bolivia in particular struggling to string passes together. "We've got to be honest, Brazil beat us and beat us well," said Bolivia coach Eduardo Villegas. Brazil, wearing white

shirts and blue shorts, weaved al-

most geometric patterns around

their unambitious visitors but struggled to test Lampe.

Their best chances came from Bolivian mistakes Richarlison should have scored into an open goal when a woeful Lampe clearance went straight to him, but the Everton forward failed to lift the ball over defender Adrian Jusino, who headed clear from the edge of the 18-yard box.

Barrage of jeers

With 10 men behind the ball, Bolivia were proving hard to break down but Casemiro went close with what appeared to be a shanked cross that drifted just beyond Lampe's far post with the goalkeeper scrambling to cover it.Tite's team were treated to a barrage of jeers from the 67,000 crowd when the half-time whistle went. Bolivia's best moment had perhaps been a cheeky nutmeg of Casemiro by Raul Castro on the edge of his own 18-yard box. It had been slim pickings.

Fans' spirits were quickly lifted after the restart, though, as Coutinho fired home from the spot on 50 minutes after a contentious penalty award.

Richarlison's attempted cross struck Jusino's arm, which was by his side and only slightly away from his body, but after consulting the video assistant referee, Argentine handler Nestor Pitana pointed to the spot.

US Open: Woodland on fire; Tiger fumes

REUTERS PEBBLE BEACH, JUNE 15

GARY WOODLAND shot out of the U.S. Open woodwork with an error-free six-under 65 to steal the halfway lead from Justin Rose on Friday, while a fuming Tiger Woods insisted he was still in the ball game after a bogey-bogey finish.

Out in the morning wave, overnight leader Rose set the target with a grinding one-under 70 and saw off all his early challengers on a chilly day on the Monterey peninsula.

But as the sun sank into the Pacific Ocean, Woodland knocked him from his perch in style by rolling in a monster 50foot birdie putt at the last to get to nine-under 133 and take a two-shot lead over the Englishman.

The 65 equalled the lowest round ever at a U.S. Open held at Pebble Beach set by Woods in 2000 and matched by Rose on Thursday.

Having finished no higher than a tie for 23rd in eight previous U.S. Opens, Woodland went about his business in anonymity as headliners Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy, Phil Mickelson and Woods took the spotlight.

Only three times in 26 rounds at the U.S. Open had Woodland scored under 70 but the 35-year-old American hardly put a step wrong at the Pebble Beach Golf Links with not a single bogey on his card.

For much of his career Woodland has been a non-factor at the majors.

Without a top 10 finish in his first 27 majors up to last year, he earned his first with a tie for sixth at the PGA Championship followed by a tie for eighth in

the same event this year. "It's not something that you're proud of," said Woodland. "From all those experiences you learn.

"I don't have to be perfect with my ball striking because 1 have other things that can pick me up. that's been a big confidence boost for me, knowing I don't have to be perfect I can still contend and have a chance to win."

Lurking three back was South African Louis Oosthuizen, shot a 70, with his erstwhile compatriot Aaron Wise and Northern Irishman McIlroy one shot further adrift at five-under.

McIlroy, U.S. Open winner in 2011, had a heart-stopping afternoon plunging up and down the leaderboard before signing for a two-under 69.

Women's World Cup: England and Italy advance

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ENGLAND AND Italy joined Germany and France in the last 16 of the women's World Cup as Jodie Taylor shot the Lionesses past Argentina and Cristiana Girelli's controversial VAR-as-

sisted hat-trick saw them hammer hapless Jamaica 5-0.

Taylor tapped home Beth Mead's inviting low cross just after the hour mark to send England to the top of Group Don six points, two ahead of Japan, and into the next round with a game still to play.

Phil Neville's side now need

a point against Japan in Nice on Wednesday to ensure they finish in first place and avoid a potential clash with European champions the Netherlands in the next round. Despite the defeat the 'Albicelestes', third in the group with a point, can still qualify for the knockout stages if they

beat Scotland in their final game

in Paris, although they will have to show more attacking intent than they have in their opening two matches. The were twice saved by goalkeeper Vanina Correa, who pushed Nikita Parris' 28th-minute penalty off the post and then pulled off a super stop to deny the excellent Mead four minutes before the break.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE

11 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Hazratganj, Lucknow-226001

(Including for e-auction mode)

Notice of intended sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 SCHEDULE The specific details of the assets, which are intended to be brought to sale, are enumerated hereunder:

SI. No.	Name & Address of Account/ Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Mortgaged/Hypothecated Assets item Wise- Description of Immovable Property- (All part & Parcel of the property consisting of)	Date of Possession	Reserve Price	EMD	Date/Time of E-Auction	Prior Encumbrano
1	Borrower/Mortgager: (1) Mr. Bharat Kalra S/o Mr. Hermesh Kumar, H. No. B -175, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095. (2) Mrs. Nidhi Kalra W/o Mr. Bharat Kalra, H. No. B -175, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095. Guarantor: Mr. Karunesh Kumar Shukla S/o Mr. Radha Krishna Shukla, M-57, Sanjay Gandhi Puram Faizabad Road, Lucknow - 226016. Builder: (as per Agreement) M/s Aftek Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Registered under the companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at M-57, Sanjay Gandhi Puram Faizabad Road, Lucknow -226016 Loan A/c No.: 6445859804 Branch: Lucknow Branch.	at First Floor, (Area: 2125 Sq. Ft.) in ALLAYAH AFTEK RESIDENCY, Municipal No. 498/212 situated at Khasra No. 83, 84, 85, 88 and part of 89 (Total area of land = 4229.08 Sq. Mtr.) near railway crossing, 10-Faizabad Road, Mahanagar, Lucknow. Boundaries of Flat: East: Flat No. 108, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat No. 110, South: Open to Sky. Boundaries of total Land: East: Arazi of Mohd Farookh, West: Arazi	12.06.2019 ₹ 79,79,045/- as on 28.08.2018 + interest & other Charges Amount due as on 11.06.2019 ₹ 85,46,241/-	₹ 81.13 Lacs	₹ 8.12 Lacs	and the property of the party o	NIL

Sub: Loan accounts of above Borrowers with Indian Bank, Lucknow Branch.

Above mentioned Accounts/Borrowers availed facilities from Indian Bank, Lucknow Branch the repayment of which are secured by mortgage/ "hypothecation of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "the Properties

Above mentioned Accounts/Borrowers failed to pay the outstanding, therefore a Demand Notice mentioned above dated under Sec 13 (2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorised Officer calling upon Above mentioned Accounts/Borrowers and others liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune mentioned below with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Above mentioned Accounts/Borrowers failed to make payment despite Notice mentioned above, Above mentioned Accounts/Borrowers failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorised Officer took possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on dated mentioned above after complying with all legal formalities.

As per Sec. 13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realise the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorised Officer intend selling the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode The sale proposed to be held is by way of public tender / auction adopting the e-auction mode.

As per Rule 6 (2), 8(6) and 9(1) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 framed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, notice of intended sale is required to be given and hence we are issuing this notice.

The amount due as on mentioned above with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

Please take note that this is resale notice of 30 days and the schedule mentioned property shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorised

Officer any time after 30 days. The date of sale is fixed as 19.07.2019 which would be by e-auction mode.

expense on 10.07.2019 between 10.00 am to 05.00 pm. The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule.

The Tender/bid Form with the terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website https://indianbank.auctiontiger.net and using the provision in the system / software, the same could be procured using the 'seal bid option' such that the activities could be done online. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website from 13.06.2019 to 18.07.2019, from 10.00 am to 04.00 pm.

The Inspection of the Schedule mentioned property and related documents and upto date EC may be had by the intending purchasers/bidders at his

The last date for submitting tenders/bids complying with all necessary terms along with EMD in the stipulated manner is 18.07.2019 by 04.00 pm. The tenders should be accompanied with EMD taken in DD / BPO/ RTGS /NEFT / Account Transfer and / or any other acceptable mode of money

transfer without time lag, failing which the tender becomes disqualified. The Nodal Bank account No./IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under: S.No. Nodal Bank A/c No. IFSC CODE

A/c No. 6127853725 in the name of E - AUCTION EMD ACCOUNT, LUCKNOW - ZONE IDIB000L002 The sale shall be conferred on the person making highest offer / tender / bid subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. The undersigned / Authorised Officer reserves right to accept or reject the bid / tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. Once the e-auction is completed and sale is conferred on the person making the highest offer / tender / bid, the successful bidder will be intimated in

person / by email, as the case may be, who has to remit 25% of the amount of the sale price (which is inclusive of earnest money deposited) immediately, i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day as the case may be by DD / BPO/ RTGS / NEFT / Account Transfer and / or any other acceptable mode of money transfer, failing which the EMD amount remitted will stand to be forfeited. The balance sale price shall be paid within 15 days of confirmation of sale or extended time in writing. If the balance amount is not remitted within

stipulated/agreed time, the amount of 25% remitted will also stand to be forfeited. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor.

The sale is made on "As is where is and As is What is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrances statutory liabilities etc. This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor.

Bidders are advised to visit the website https://indianbank.auctiontiger.net of our e-auction service provider M/s. E-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auctiontiger.net, Ahmedabad for auction bid form and detailed terms and conditions which are annexed to the bid form. The helpline No. to get assistance during the entire process, Land Line: 079-4023 0821 /826 /827 /800 /816 to 824, e-Mail ID: up@auctiontiger.net, and

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