

## No Match

Rohit's century, Kuldeep's magic: India make it 7-0 against Pak in WC



(Left) Kuldeep Yadav bowls Babar Azam; Rohit Sharma celebrates his century in Manchester, Sunday. Reuters

India's total of 336 for five, which Rohit Sharma had helped set with a wonderful 140, looked way out of reach. In the end, Pakistan were stranded at 212 for six in 40 overs, losing by 89 runs under the D/L method when rain washed out the last stretch of play.

ended with "India" or "Pakistan", and "Bharat Mata ki Ji" was met with "Pakistan Pakistan".

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## ALL-PARTY MEET ON EVE OF NEW LS SESSION

# PM calls heads of all political parties to talk one nation, one election

Opp raises farm distress, jobs, 'weakening of federalism'

PRADEEP KAUSHAL & ABANTIKA GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Trinamool leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay in New Delhi, Sunday. PTI

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has called for a meeting with presidents of all political parties on June 19 to discuss the "one nation, one election" concept and other "important matters", including the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Prime Minister made the call Sunday during a meeting that was convened with floor leaders of all parties in both Houses on the eve of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha, according to Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi.

Taking to Twitter later, Modi wrote: "We had a fruitful all-party meeting today, the first one after the election results and before the start of the Monsoon Session. Thankful to the leaders for their valuable suggestions. We all agreed on the smooth running of Parliament so that we can fulfil people's aspirations."

Speaking to reporters, Joshi said the Prime Minister also called upon the floor leaders to "introspect whether Members of Parliament are able to fulfil people's aspirations as their

## EXPLAINED Prime Minister pushes pet theme

ELECTIONS TO the Lok Sabha and state assemblies were initially held simultaneously but got delinked. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been pushing to revive the concept, citing costs and the time spent on a continuous cycle of polls. But it remains to be seen if other parties are receptive to the idea.

## Water crisis in TN: Clashes erupt in Chennai, IT firms cut down operations

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
CHENNAI, JUNE 16



At Villivakkam, Chennai

WHEN MOHAN switched on the motor to draw water from the sump near his house in a Chennai suburb last week, neighbours tried to stop him. And when his wife Subashini rushed to his side in support, a neighbour, Aathimoolam Ramakrishnan at-

tacked her, stabbing her in the neck with a sharp weapon. Ramakrishnan, who is Tamil Nadu Speaker P Dhanapal's driver, was arrested last Thursday and Subashini is recovering at a Chennai hospital, according to a police officer. But the violent clash only highlights the worsening drinking water crisis in

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PROTESTERS ASK HONG KONG LEADER TO QUIT PAGE 12

## Online payment of bills: Four-fold surge in rural and semi-urban India

KARISHMA MEHROTRA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

WITH COMMON Service Centres (CSC) replacing pre-mobile era PCO booths, government data show a surge in electricity bill payments and insurance premium renewals, which have emerged as some of the fastest growing non-banking services across rural and semi-urban India over the last five years.

core worth online electricity bills over the last five years, rising from 25 lakh transactions in financial year 2014-15 to almost 1 crore in the last fiscal — a four-fold increase.

Similarly, insurance premium renewals have brought in Rs 1,600 crore, with transactions growing more than six-fold from 2.6 lakh to 17.34 lakh over the past five years.

The total value of CSC transactions that include banking, PAN and passport applications, insurance policies, IRCTC tickets, air and bus purchases, electricity

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4-YEAR RISE IN TRANSACTIONS					
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Value**	1,558.1	3,717.3	7,120.6	23,795.5	28,243.2
ELECTRICITY BILLS					
Transactions*	0.24	0.32	0.49	0.56	1.00
Value**	108.7	138.7	239.5	308.4	1,198.4
INSURANCE PREMIUMS					
Transactions*	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.11	0.17
Value**	2.1	9.1	23.9	48.7	77.3

\*Crore; \*\*Rs/Crore; Source: Common Service Centres data

## Bengal strike: Stage set for talks, doctors want end to deadlock

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA  
KOLKATA, JUNE 16

SIGNALLING A way forward to resolve their face-off with the West Bengal government, the junior doctors on strike for the sixth day in the state sought an "immediate end to this impasse" and said Sunday that they have decided to leave the choice of venue for talks to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The doctors, however, demanded that the venue should accommodate representatives from all medical college hospitals and the media. So far, the doctors had insisted that Banerjee visit them at NRS Medical College and Hospital for talks.

Sources in the government said the meeting is likely to be held at the state secretariat Monday afternoon. They said that the latest offer by the doctors still leaves two major points of contention: presence of me-



Junior doctors in Kolkata, Sunday. Express

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dia at the talks and the number of representatives that can be allowed on behalf of the doctors.

"The administration is not keen on allowing mediapersons

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## IMA call: No non-essential services today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

THE INDIAN Medical Association (IMA) has called for a nationwide withdrawal of non-essential medical services for 24 hours starting 6 am Monday to protest the violence against doctors at the NRS Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. The association, headed by TMC Rajya Sabha MP Santanu Sen, has also demanded a national law against violence in hospitals.

Responding to the call, the Delhi Medical Association declared that along with hospitals, health services at clinics and nursing homes will also be

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## In Maharashtra, rural incentives for doctors benefit mothers, children

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS  
PUNE, JUNE 16



Dr. Neeraj Kadam at work in Arvi, Wardha. Express

THE NEAREST railway station in Balharshah is 100 km away but doctor-couple Anant Jadhao, an obstetrician, and Ashelesha Gadgil, an anaesthetist, have made Aheri in Gadchiroli their home, spending most of their time at the 50-bed sub-district hospital.

In drought-prone Kavathe Mahakal in Sangli, gynaecologist Dr Vijay Hande has monitored an average of 100 normal deliveries every month and another 40-42 C-sections over the last year at the sub-district hospital.

In the Vidarbha region, the sub-district hospital at Arvi in Wardha has seen the number of women attending the ante-natal care OPD run by obstetrician Dr Neeraj Kadam jump from 60-70 per month a year ago to 650-660.

Connecting the dots from Gadchiroli to Sangli and Wardha, is an ambitious scheme launched in October 2017 by the

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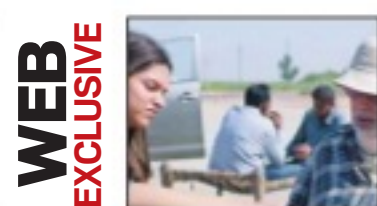
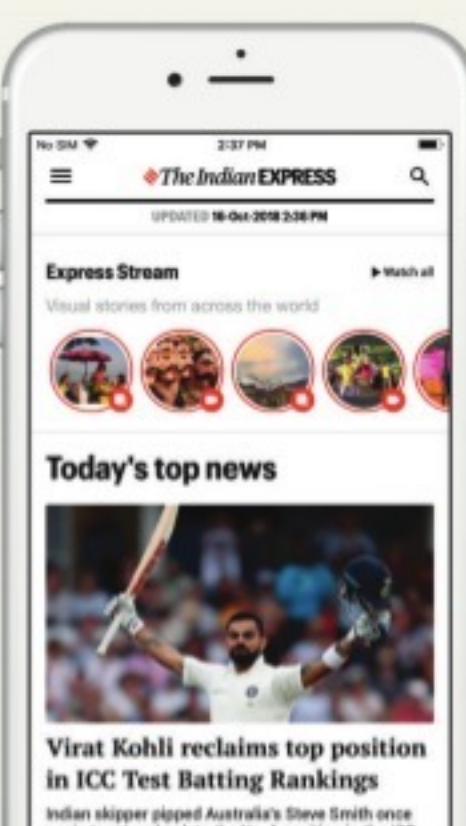
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Bengal strike

to cover the meeting. Secondly, while the junior doctors want five representatives from each of the 13 medical college hospitals, the government wants one from each. Ultimately, the government may settle for two representatives each," sources said.

The latest decision by the agitating doctors comes a day after they refused to meet the Chief Minister at the state secretariat. The doctors had earlier refused to attend meetings called by Banerjee on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday, the doctors met for four hours at the NRS Medical College and Hospital. "The last media interview of the Chief Minister (on Saturday evening) had a lot of discrepancies and was full of false propaganda of our protests. We want an immediate end to this impasse with discussions with the honourable Chief Minister, which should maintain transparency and not behind closed doors but in front of the media," they said in a press release.

"We believe that the decision to choose the venue for the meeting with our delegates should lie with the Chief Minister but it should accommodate representatives from all medical colleges and media. We hope that our honourable Chief Minister would be considerate and do something to help the health care system," it said.

"We leave it to the Chief Minister to choose the venue. We are ready to talk. We hope this discussion will be arranged and Chief Minister will consider our demands which will help restart medical facilities," the statement said.

The agitation was triggered by an attack on June 10 on two doctors at the NRS hospital allegedly by neighbours and relatives of a patient who died. Since then, the strike called by doctors has affected most health services, including at OPDs, in state-run hospitals — a number of doctors have also resigned from service.

IMA call

affected. While doctors at Safdarjung Hospital confirmed that they would join the protest Monday, those at AIIMS said they were yet to take a final decision. Emergency, casualty and ICU services will not be affected, they said.

"In view of the continued sufferings of medical professionals and health workers as well as repeated occurrence of such incidents without redressal... (the) Indian Medical Association hereby calls for an All India nation-wide withdrawal of non-essential services in all health care institutions on Monday, June 17, 2019. All non-essential services, including OPDs, will be withdrawn for 24 hours from 6am to 6am next day. All emergency and casualty services will continue to function," the IMA said in a statement.

The IMA also called for a law that would provide a minimum of seven years imprisonment for those indulging in violence at hospitals. It said to ensure that cases are registered, culprits arrested and conviction assured, mandatory provisions as provided in the POCSO Act should be instituted.

Hospitals should be declared safe zones and provision of appropriate security should be the responsibility of the state, the IMA said.

On Saturday, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan had written to chief ministers asking them to frame laws to protect doctors and wherever there is one in place, to ensure that it is imple-

PM calls chiefs of political parties

representatives and the manner in which last two years of the 16th Lok Sabha were wasted".

Joshi said the government has also invited all members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to a dinner on June 20 for a "free exchange of views" and to "build team spirit among all Parliamentarians".

In the all-party meeting before the Budget Session, sources quoted Modi as saying that because of disruptions in Parliament, the government's work was delayed over the last two years. He said that with the mandate given by the people this time, the government should be allowed to function "at least for the next three years".

In this Session, sources said, many of the Bills that have been stalled are set to be re-introduced. They include Bills related to Triple Talaq, Citizenship (Amendment), National Medical Commission, Surrogacy (Regulation), Aadhar and Land Acquisition that had lapsed after they were passed by the previous Lok Sabha but not Rajya Sabha.

Apart from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Sunday's meeting also included Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress MPs Adhir Ranjan Choudhary and Kodikunnil Suresh, National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, and Trinamool Congress leaders Sudip Bandyopadhyay and Derek O'Brien. The Shiv Sena was absent, sources said.

Sources said the government also wants to take all parties on-board while planning celebrations to mark the completion of 75 years of India's Independence in 2022 and 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary this year. During the meeting, Opposition leaders raised a number of issues, including farm distress, drought, unemployment, independence of institutions, "weakening of federalism", and the J&K polls.

"We congratulated the government. But we also told them that this is a fight of ideologies... and it will remain a fight of ideologies," Azad said.

"We also said that there are some issues that the government should pay attention to, such as those of the farmers, drought, lack of drinking water, and massive unemployment in the country. We also raised the issue of freedom of press and the behaviour of ruling party workers towards journalists. They (journalists) are being beaten and efforts are being made to muzzle their voice. We condemn that and urged the government to look into it," he said.

Azad, a former J&K CM, said he also raised the issue of polls in the state, and that "there was no need for President's rule".

"On the one hand, the government said the environment was not conducive for holding assembly polls and on the other, it claimed that panchayat elections were carried out peacefully last year. Lok Sabha elections had also been held in the state peacefully. So why not conduct state polls?" he asked.

Trinamool leaders Bandyopadhyay and O'Brien de-

manded that the Women's Reservation Bill be passed. The TMC, they said, had 35 per cent women MPs in the 16th Lok Sabha, and the number had gone up to 41 per cent. They also flagged their party's concerns over "weakening of federalism" and alleged that the Centre was "deliberately targeting states".

On electoral reforms, the TMC leaders said polls should be held through paper ballots. Referring to ordinances, Bandyopadhyay and O'Brien said the government must adhere to the "spirit of the Constitution" and that they were an "emergency" tool. "Unfortunately, in the 16th Lok Sabha, it had been blatantly overused. It had the highest percentage of ordinances in 70 years," they claimed.

Over the first two days of Parliament, the members will be administered the oath by the Protem Speaker — the Speaker's election will take place on June 19. The session will begin with the Presidential Address to a joint sitting of both Houses on June 20.

Four-fold surge in online payments

and water bills and mobile recharges since 2014 is Rs 64,400 crore. Data also show a four-fold increase in the number of transactions through CSCs since 2014.

Over the last five years, CSCs have been used mostly for banking services, but the next largest transaction group with almost three crore payments, mobile e-recharges, has dipped by more than half in the past two years, giving way to electricity bill payments.

Then, public services take the subsequent shares, with district-led government services under the "e-district" project seeing steady growth to 2.5 crore transactions. A total of 2 crore PAN cards, 1.3 crore digital literacy registrations under PMGDISHA, 1.2 crore EPIC cards, and 1 crore PVC cards have also been generated in the past five years.

Launched in 2006, the IT Ministry's WiFi-enabled CSC shops act as physical access points to avail government and business services online in almost all the 2.5 lakh gram panchayats.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first term, the CSC Special

IN 2018-19	
Service	Transactions (in crore)
Banking	9.54
Ayushman Bharat	1.54
PMGDISHA	0.66
PM Fasal Bima Yojana	0.41
E-Recharge	0.40
PMSYM	0.27
Labour Services	0.13
Bharat Bill Pay	0.13

Purpose Vehicles (SPV) entered CSC 2.0, expanding into private partnerships to sustain financial viability. Within the government's "Digital India" project, they also became a cornerstone in the "DigiGaon" project with six pilot villages in May 2018.

The goal was 700 digital villages to be completed by 2018-end, but only the beginning stages of village

identification and surveying have seen the most progress, with less than 40,000 total beneficiaries availing any service. The cost is estimated to be roughly Rs 10 lakh per village, said CSC CEO Dinesh Tyagi.

The Interim Budget in February called for one lakh new digital villages over the next five years. The budget did not allocate specific funds for the new benchmark, but Tyagi estimates Rs 3 lakh will be needed for each village in the next phase. There are roughly 6 lakh villages in India.

The villages are networked through "WiFi-Choupal" — the CSCs low-cost Internet connectivity scheme in rural India through BharatNet endpoints. Deployed in a little over 33,000 gram panchayats, a total of 47,000 GB of data has been consumed so far through this project. The WiFi connection provides mostly for banking services in the CSCs. With about 42 banks on offer, the 16 crore transactions with banking correspondents (BC) amount to more than a third of total payments. Transactions on CSC's own Aadhaar-Enabled DigiPay application saw the

steepest growth, collecting 12 crore transactions that make up a little over a quarter of total transactions through the CSCs.

Electricity bills make up the next share of transactions at six per cent over the last five years. The other high grossing transaction, mobile e-charges payments dipped in the past year. Some services with smaller numbers are making significant strides, such as insurance policies to 11 lakh, IRCTC tickets to 20 lakh, and labour registrations to 25 lakh.

The CSC system will pilot 50 water filtration systems in villages in the next three months as well as start work towards agricultural demonstration plots in the 700 chosen digital villages funded by IFFCO.

"In the past five years, we have been able to excite entrepreneurs in rural India using digital technology," Tyagi told the Indian Express. "Now, can I make a sustainable commercial model to make safe drinking water?" Tyagi also wants to work with other ministries to streamline government data collection under CSCs.

mented. He had also sent a draft Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act, 2017 to all states while urging them to form a law.

Referring to the attack on two doctors at the NRS hospital in Kolkata last week, which triggered the latest crisis, the IMA said it "condemns the violence" and "demands exemplary action by the state government".

TN water crisis

Tamil Nadu's capital. With few signs of rains across the state and reservoirs running dry, Chennai's IT firms and restaurants have cut down operations, residents struggle to book tankers and the state government has begun disconnecting water connections to houses for illegally drawing water.

And the crisis is not limited to Chennai. As frustration and anger built over long hours without water and longer queues outside government tankers, police confirmed that

a 33-year-old social activist Anand Babu was beaten to death by his neighbours for objecting to their attempt to store a large quantity of water.

According to police, Kumar (48), the main accused in the case, tried to fill water in large plastic barrels from a nearby overhead tank. "Babu questioned their storing of too much water for one house when other families were struggling to get water in the neighbourhood. It became a heated argument and Kumar and his two sons in their early 20s started beating Babu with logs and sharp objects. Babu succumbed to injuries later," said a senior officer at Thanjavur who probed the murder at Vilar South Colony, about 5 km from Thanjavur town.

As the crisis deepens, Opposition leader and DMK chief M K Stalin demanded the resignation of Municipal Administration Minister S P Velumani and urged Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami to dismiss him from the Cabinet if he refused to quit. The Madras High Court, too, has sought a report from the government on the looming water crisis.

The AIADMK government has issued an order to take up a traditional water body restoration scheme worth around Rs 500 crore in the current financial year. The government claims that implementing this scheme in 29 districts will improve the groundwater table.

The Chennai metro water authority has also been tasked with waging a battle against "water

thieves". A senior official said they have disconnected water connections to several houses in the last two weeks for illegally drawing water from water pipes using high-power suction motors.

Incidentally, some restaurants in Chennai have reduced operational hours and a few IT firms have reportedly told their workers to work from home. The water shortage has also hit Southern Railways, too, forcing them to transport water from afar to Chennai for operational needs and passenger services.

TN Hariharan, managing director of Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board, told The Indian Express that the situation is not as alarming as being projected. He said the regular supply of water from Chennai metro water was 830 million litres a day (MLD)

Rural incentives

tied in with the Directorate of Health Services' initiative to encourage institutional deliveries at rural areas and fill vacancies for specialists. Officials say that of the 409 specialists enrolled by the state government so far under the rural incentive scheme, 167 are obstetricians, 160 anaesthetists and 82 paediatricians.

According to government data, 5.60 lakh normal deliveries and 1.64 lakh C-sections were performed across 248 First Referral Units (FRUs), which employ contractual and public health staff, from April 2018 to March 2019. In 2017-18, they saw 5.56 normal deliveries and 1.47

lakh C-sections (see box).

"These FRUs are basically health facilities that are identified at the tertiary level, where all emergency and essential services are available. These could be district, general, rural or sub-district hospitals or a women's hospital," says Dr Archana Patil, in-charge at the State Family Welfare Bureau and Additional Director of Health, Maharashtra.

Officials say the government initiative works for the specialists, too. "Specialists were not willing to join government service on a regular basis, and that too in rural areas. Also, they were not happy with the pay structure. So the state decided to bring in specialists on a contract basis with performance-based incentives," says Dr Satish Pawar, Additional Mission Director (Maharashtra), National Health Mission.

"Of the 409 specialists, eight earned over Rs 3 lakh per month, seven between Rs 2-2.99 lakh, 53 between Rs 1-1.99 lakh and 78 between Rs 50,000-1 lakh," says Shridhar Pandit, state programme officer on maternal health.

Jadhao and Gadbail from Aheri together take home around Rs 4 lakh every month, while Hande and Kadam earn in the range of Rs 2-3 lakh. "We completed our post-graduation in Mumbai and shifted to Nagpur. While I was earlier travelling to peripheral areas in Nagpur, getting performance-based incentives at one location was appealing. Also, we have a one-year-old son... my wife and I decided to stay at

Aheri so that we can be together," says Jadhao, 34.

"I do not mind being placed anywhere in the state as there are really very poor people who do not get access to skilled surgeons. Nowadays, people come to our sub-district hospital from as far as 80-100 km away," says Hande, 32, a farmer's son from Parekarwadi village in Atpadi tehsil in Sangli.

"I quit as lecturer at Rajawadi municipal hospital at Ghatkopar to join the state's scheme. We have started getting several referral cases, too. Recently, we assisted a 27-year-old pregnant woman with a ruptured uterus who was referred by a private hospital in Arvi. Earlier, such surgeries were rarely performed at the sub-district hospitals," says Kadam, 42.

For the patients, access to quality care closer to home has come as a relief.

Kajal Dabhade, a 22-year-old old from Sonand village in Solapur, had initially registered for her first pregnancy at the rural hospital about 100 km away. "But then, we came to know about better facilities at Kavathe Mahakal. Since this was my first delivery, my husband and mother decided to shift me here in case there was an emergency. The decision was a good one because eventually I had to undergo a C-section, which went smoothly," she says.

India-Pak

But once the game started, it was clear that the Indians outnumbered the Pakistani fans by roughly 3 to 1. And by the time of Yadav's double strike, it seemed the stadium was filled only with Indians.

The true worth of Yadav's achievement can be gauged by understanding his pre-game mindset. Here was a young Chinaman bowler, who was low on confidence. This year, he was benched by his IPL franchise after a few average games. And on Sunday, Azam, one of the classiest young batsmen in the world, had added over 100 runs with Fakhar Zaman, who is usually attacking but was restrained today.

At 117 for one in the 24th over, Pakistan were behind, but not down yet. It seemed they had a plan, a high-risk one. Caution against the mainline bowlers and aggression against Vijay Shankar and Hardik Pandya — and force India to look elsewhere to fill the quota of overs from Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who had limped off early. They were making steady progress, too.

But that's when Yadav let one rip. It whirred across, swerved in the air, and drifted further away towards the offside. So far so good, Azam was too good a batsman to be bothered. But as soon as he took a short step forward, he realised he had to cover for the drift. He took his second step. Somewhere at that point, he would have realised that this ball might need the best of his skills.

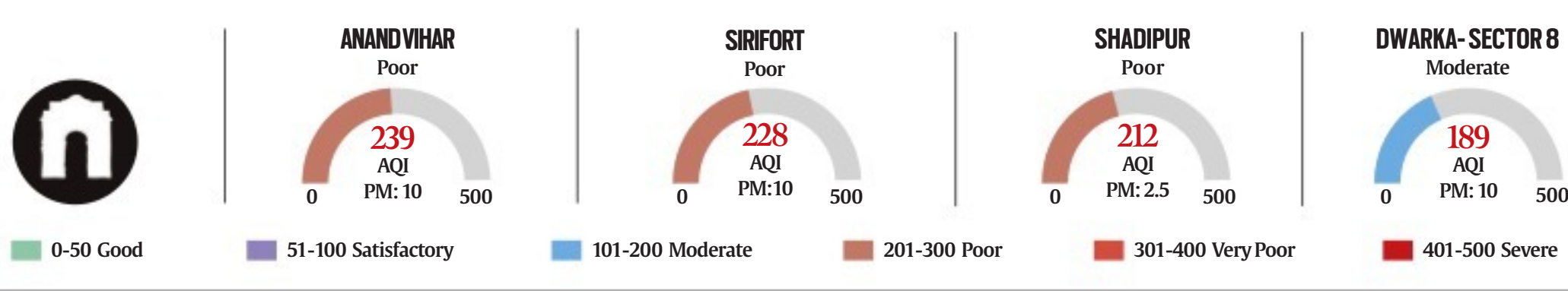
It was then that the ball spun viciously back into him. Stunned, he tried to get his bat down in a hurry but now faced two devils: spin and pace. The ball fizzed in, deviated sharply, and the stumps rattled behind Azam.

If the game wasn't over then, it did a few balls later when Yadav took out Zaman. Until then, Zaman had looked at ease with the sweep shot. He deployed it to pick singles and smack the odd four and six. He did it well, too — got down real low and tried to reach the pitch of the ball.

This delivery won't fetch Yadav much praise and is likely to slip under the radar. But a post-mortem would reveal that it was the dip that neutralised Zaman's favourite attacking option against spin. The ball dipped rapidly and dropped, forcing Zaman to stretch way in front of his body, a move he couldn't control. The bat almost dragged parallel to the ground and too low, and the ball lopped off the toe end of the bat for a dolly at short fine-leg — 126 for three, the big two gone, game over.



# 3 THE CITY



## AIIMS WON'T JOIN PROTEST OPD, surgeries to be hit today as city hospitals join nation-wide strike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

WITH THE Indian Medical Association (IMA) declaring a nation-wide strike on Monday, non-essential services such as out-patient departments and elective surgeries at hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and diagnostic centres will be affected in Delhi.

While doctors at Safdarjung Hospital are supporting the strike and keeping only casualty, labour room and ICU services functional, the AIIMS Resident Doctors' Association (RDA) is not participating in the strike.

In a statement, the AIIMS RDA said: "It has been decided to resort to a protest wherein patient-care services will not be hampered to ensure that the backlog of patients, including patients affected by the strike, is addressed appropriately."

The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association India said in a statement that 10,000 resident doctors from 22 hospitals will remain on strike on Monday. Emergency services, it said, will not be hampered.

The Delhi Medical Association (DMA) also held a



15,000 doctors were on strike Saturday. Amit Mehra

meeting on Sunday and decided to support the IMA's call for a strike. "Emergent Executive Committee Meeting convened today decided to support the call given by the IMA for withdrawal of non-essential services on Monday for 24 hours, starting 6 am... All clinics, nursing homes, diagnostic centres, hospitals are requested to shut down routine services," said the DMA statement.

Private hospital administrations said they support the protest and if doctors want to strike work, they can do it at an individual level.

Since Friday several doctors in the city, including those at government and private hospitals, have been striking to protest violence against doctors in West Bengal. While some went back to work on Saturday, others remained on strike.

As emergency and casualty services are the only ones functional on Sunday, the effect of the strike was reduced.

On Saturday, around 15,000 resident doctors from AIIMS, Safdarjung, Lok Nayak and GTB hospitals, along with several private hospitals, refrained from attending to patients at the OPD.

## At first semi-open jail for women, Tihar inmates get taste of life outside

SOMYA LAKHANI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

OF ALL the things the 59-year-old forgot in the last 12 years, the one that came back quickest to her was how to add *tadka* to a dish. The woman, serving a life-term for killing her husband, is one of five to be shifted from a closed prison to India's first semi-open one for women at Delhi's Tihar Jail a few months ago. And like her, many women are recalling things they had long forgotten behind bars.

The semi-open prison for women is being inaugurated on June 20, Tihar Jail Director General Ajay Kashyap told *The Indian Express*. "We did a soft-launch last October and five female inmates have been lodged there since. On Friday, I directed that five more women inmates be lodged there, after I interviewed them and evaluated the recommendations of the Selection Committee," he said. Of the five women set to join, three have been sentenced for murder and two for dowry deaths.

The premises are a four-minute drive from Jail No. 6 where, as of Monday, 375 women inmates are lodged. Located near the residential buildings of Tihar Jail personnel inside the main complex, it is a duplex surrounded by a tiny garden, with tomatoes and chillies growing on a patch of land. On the first floor is a work station, where the five women make *sewian*. Upstairs is their dormi-



The semi-open prison is being inaugurated on June 20

tory, comprising 10 wooden beds and thick mattresses, two coolers, a television set, a new refrigerator and an open kitchen.

"They all work in the jail complex and get paid for it, and use the money to buy supplies. They do their own budgeting, decide what they want to eat, when and where... we don't interfere at all," said Sarita Sabharwal, the women's jail superintendent.

Semi-open and open prisons for men have been functioning at Tihar Jail for a while now. "In open prisons, inmates can go around the city to work, meet their family, and then return. The selection criteria is that inmates should have spent two years in semi-open prisons, and have an exemplary record. Female inmates will be applicable for this in two years," said Kashyap.

Sabharwal said that the female inmates selected to occupy the semi-open jails have to submit Rs 10,000 as security. "Their families are more than happy to

do that," she said.

Preparing tea, a 50-year-old inmate said: "We don't miss anyone at the closed prison. We wake up and do yoga, water the plants, clean the 'house', decide the menu and cook, before starting work so we can earn." The group requests Sabharwal for a "mixer grinder", and tells her their Monday menu - porridge for breakfast, ladyfinger and lentils for lunch, and *arbi* for dinner.

Sabharwal said that "at least two female inmates refused to shift to the semi-open jail even after they were selected because they said they'll miss their friends at the closed jail".

Unlike closed prisons where inmates don't have access to cash, inmates at semi-open prisons are allowed to keep Rs 1,000 each. "I had forgotten what money looked like, its texture and smell... now I remember. This shift is training us for life outside, you see. I am re-learning how to maintain a house," said the woman.

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SARITA SABHARWAL  
WOMEN'S JAIL SUPERINTENDENT

Kashyap said the criteria for selection for semi-open prisons, as per the Delhi Prison Rules 2018, is that the "convict should have completed at least two-third of her total punishment in a closed jail, including remission; she should have maintained excellent conduct inside the prison and performed labour, if allotted to her, with devotion".

Apart from this, "nothing adverse should have been noticed during the inmate's parole or furlough; and there should be no pending cases against her". After Sabharwal recommends inmates "on the basis of their record", the Selection Committee forwards a list to Kashyap, who then interviews them.

"I try to understand their resolve, aspirations, future plans, when they will leave, and take a call. Foreign nationals who are convicts, members of organised crime groups and terrorists are not applicable... basically people with a high flight risk," said Kashyap.

### BRIEFLY

#### Govt nod for college grant

*New Delhi:* After withholding funds to 28 Delhi University (DU) colleges for several months, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia directed the Directorate of Higher Education to release a three-month grant to the colleges to enable them to pay teachers. The withholding of funds was the result of an impasse between the Delhi government and DU over the constitution of the governing bodies in colleges. **ENS**

#### 'Thief' beaten to death

*New Delhi:* A 23-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death by a shopkeeper who suspected him of stealing from his shop in Rohini's Prem Nagar, police said Sunday. Police said they received a call from the shopkeeper about the victim, who he alleged stole from his shop last month. The victim was taken to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital where he was declared dead on arrival.

#### Cop hangs self

*New Delhi:* A 34-year-old Delhi Police constable allegedly committed suicide Sunday after hanging himself in Kanjhawala, police said. **PTI**



## CLOUD COVER

Dark clouds over Lodhi Garden, Sunday. Abhinav Saha

Trace amounts of rain and a strong breeze reduced the heat during the day with the maximum temperature settling at 36.3 degrees Celsius and minimum temperature at 28.2 degrees Celsius, a MeT official said

For Monday, IMD has predicted a generally cloudy sky, with a dust storm or thunderstorm accompanied by light rainfall, gusty winds and lightning. Temperature is expected to be between 37 and 28 degrees Celsius

## Man steals phone to make TikTok videos, arrested

SOMYA LAKHANI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

ZIPPING FAST on his KTM bike and intense workout sessions at the gym — the 31 videos posted on Jatin Nagar's Tik Tok profile are a cheat-sheet to his life. There is even a video of the 22-year-old unwrapping an iPhone XS Max with 'Dheeme dheeme' by Tony Kakkar playing in the background — the phone he allegedly snatched from a person he was supposed to buy it from on June 12.

Three days later, on June 15, Nagar — who works at a Kaushambi restaurant — was arrested by officers of East Delhi's Vikas Marg police station. "Nagar said he snatched the phone as it had all features for shooting good Tik Tok videos. He said he earns Rs 3 per 'like' he gets on the Tik Tok videos he uploads," said DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh.

A police officer investigating the matter confirmed that the iPhone XS Max seen in the Tik Tok video is the one he snatched from the complainant, Jatin Chhabra.

Singh said, "Chhabra filed a complaint at Preet Vihar police station, where he alleged he had put up an ad on an online portal to sell an iPhone XS Max and Nagar agreed to pay Rs 80,000. On June 12 at 6 pm, the two met near the Preet Vihar signal, where Nagar suddenly snatched the box containing the phone and charger, and ran away".

Police said Nagar does not have a criminal record. "He had bought the KTM bike from a friend, and was paying a monthly installment. He badly wanted a good phone, but couldn't pay, so he decided to snatch it instead," said an officer.

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न्यूनतम शैक्षिक अहर्ता: वानिकी/वनस्पति विज्ञान/पर्यावरण विज्ञान/पारिस्थितिकी/जलवायु परिवर्तन या समकक्ष में पीएचडी डिग्री के साथ जलवायु परिवर्तन और जीआइएस और रिमोट सेंसिंग में अनुभव

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**STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019** (₹ in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended		Year Ended		Year Ended	
	31.03.2019	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
	Standalone		Consolidated		Consolidated	
1. Total Income (Gross) ★	33767.43	38620.89	138391.25	135426.14	140951.90	139116.40
Less : Excise Duty	-	-	-	2918.06	-	2918.06
2. Total Income (Net)	33767.43	38620.89	138391.25	132508.08	140951.90	136198.34
3. Earnings before Interest, Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	3121.27	6601.30	10218.97	15717.74	10321.77	17076.34
4. Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	2113.79	1842.15	8019.74	7156.53	8237.98	7396.84
5. Finance Costs	515.51	325.87	1808.74	1139.39	2046.99	1331.42
6. Net Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items & Tax (3-4-5)	491.97	4433.28	390.49	7421.82	36.80	8348.08
7. Exceptional Items (Refer Note No.2)	(23197.75)	-	(23197.75)	-	-	-
8. Net Profit / (Loss) before Tax (after Exceptional items) (6-7)	(22705.78)	4433.28	(22807.26)	7421.82	36.80	8348.08
9. Tax Expense - Net	(434.64)	1167.35	(14.31)	2074.46	94.97	2254.90
10. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations (after Exceptional items) ( 8 - 9 )	(22271.14)	3265.93	(22792.95)	5347.36	(58.17)	6093.18
11. Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations (Net of Tax Expense)	-	-	-	-	(17327.83)	(10987.76)
12. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing and Discontinued Operations (after Exceptional items) ( 10 + 11 )	(22271.14)	3265.93	(22792.95)	5347.36	(17386.00)	(4894.58)
13. Other Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax Expense)	132.97	210.06	31.09	160.64	1472.26	245.66
14. Total Comprehensive Income for the period ( 12 + 13 )	(22138.17)	3475.99	(22761.86)	5508.00	(15913.74)	(4648.92)
15. Paid-up-Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97
16. Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	63074.38	86979.06	48993.08	65612.46
17. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from continuing operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/-) in Rupees :						
(a) Basic	(23.49)	3.45	(24.04)	5.64	(0.06)	6.43
(b) Diluted	(23.49)	3.45	(24.04)	5.64	(0.06)	6.43
18. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from Discontinued operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/-) in Rupees :						
(a) Basic	-	-	-	-	(18.28)	(11.59)
(b) Diluted	-	-	-	-	(18.28)	(11.59)
19. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from Continuing and Discontinued operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/-) in Rupees :						
(a) Basic	(23.49)	3.45	(24.04)	5.64	(18.34)	(5.16)
(b) Diluted	(23.49)	3.45	(24.04)	5.64	(18.34)	(5.16)

**Notes:**

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Year Ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and Company's website [www.pricol.com](http://www.pricol.com).
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- The consolidated financial results does not include the amount of impairment loss of investments in subsidiaries (stated in Note 2 above) as recognised in the Standalone financial results consequent to the elimination of investments in the books of parent company and paid up share capital in the books of subsidiaries.
- ★ Total Income for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 includes Income from Sale of Land held as Stock-in-Trade amounting to ₹ 1183.50 Lakhs (Previous Year ₹ 8375.63 Lakhs) which has resulted in a profit of ₹ 1010.36 Lakhs (Previous Year ₹ 7129.77 Lakhs). Similarly, Total Income for the Quarter Ended 31st March 2019 includes Income from Sale of Land held as Stock-in-Trade amounting to ₹ Nil (Corresponding Quarter in the Previous Year ₹ 4554.00 Lakhs) which has resulted in a profit of ₹ Nil (Corresponding Quarter in the Previous Year ₹ 3876.69 Lakhs).

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# HARDLOOK SEWER CLEANING MACHINES



For families of men who died cleaning the capital's sewers, the Delhi Jal Board's mechanised machines offer a chance to make a living without putting lives on the line. MALLICA JOSHI speaks to a family that received one such machine, and the men who operate it, to understand what it means to them

## WINDS OF CHANGE

THE IMAGE stuck in Jaspal Singh's head is of his father hunched over three other men inside a septic tank in Ghitorni on July 15, 2017. That is the last time he saw him alive, before jumping in behind him. "Everything went black after that. I woke up an hour later, being rushed to the hospital. I was told my father and cousin, along with two men from the neighbourhood who entered the tank before me, were dead," said Jaspal, the lone survivor.

Two years on, the 24-year-old regularly runs from Patiala House Courts Complex to the Delhi High Court trying to ensure justice for the dead.

April, though, brought some good news — Jaspal and his mother Gurmeet Kaur became the first owners of specially designed sewer cleaning machines, which the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI) helped them get.

The plan is for the Delhi government to help relatives of manual scavengers who died cleaning sewers or septic tanks, by getting them bank loans at low interest rates, registering machines in their names, and starting small companies so they can become contractors. The Jal Board has assured them contracts for seven years to make sure they can earn roughly Rs 40,000 per month and repay the loan.

It was a spate of sewer deaths in the national capital over the last two years that sent government officials and social workers into a huddle. They eventually came across a similar model being followed by DICCI in Hyderabad.

The Delhi government and DICCI started work on the project proposal last year, and in August — a year after the Ghitorni incident — the DJB announced it was working on a project to help manual scavengers become financially independent.

Two hundred such machines were supposed to be rolled out, with sanitation workers, manual scavengers and their families getting priority.

Convincing them the project could work was the second challenge. "People discouraged them, said we were trying to fool them, but we persisted. Some started receiving threats — no one wants to see these people rise. Many pulled out of the project because they had been paid off by contractors or building owners after their relatives died and they did not want conflict with them anymore," said Mukesh Virat (34), a Dalit activist who, for the past two years, has been working with families of men who have lost their lives in dark sewers.

Jaspal's mother Gurmeet and aunt Maya, whose son also died in the Ghitorni incident, said they too were sceptical. "Men died doing this before my son Inderjeet, and men died after. This case was widely reported so we knew we would get some compensation from the government. Then, a month later, Mukesh came to us and said we would get a machine that would provide a steady income. We thought this might just be another promise but because these were the people who had helped us out since the beginning, we took interest," said Maya.

"But it was only in February, when the chief minister (Arvind Kejriwal) called us all for an event at a big stadium, that we believed it. Before that, the machines were shown to us at the DJB's Keshopur office. When the CM said it in public, I knew something would happen for sure," she added.

Two machines belonging to Gurmeet and Maya have been on the ground for two months, but the first payment is yet to come. "Unhone bola hai 2-3 mahine lagenge. Hum wait karenge (They told us it will take 2-3 months, we will wait)," said Gurmeet.

**All in a day's work**  
Over 30 km away in Mukherjee Nagar's Nehru Vihar, three men gear up for a long day under the sun.

Vijay Singh (30) drives into a narrow lane from where the DJB received a sewer blockage complaint. Dilip (33) and Parvesh (27) deboard the six-foot-wide blue, green and white mini-truck, which has a tank, pipes and an external power source on the bed.

The three men drive and operate Gurmeet and Jaspal's sewer cleaning machine, but have never met either of them. When Vijay hears the story of how the mother-son duo got the machine, he said, "Kaam toh bohot dangerous tha. Hum bhi akhbaar mein padhte the. Par humein training mili thi aur ye samajhyaya tha ki kabhi bhi naadi mein nahi utarna (The work was very dangerous. We would read it in the papers. When we were trained for the machine, we were warned never to enter a drain)."



**Billing process has begun. Some formalities are being sorted out. People will get payments in a month. Machines developed some glitches but the manufacturer helped work those out."**

**RK NARRA, NATIONAL WORKING PRESIDENT, DICCI**

**Since this is a new model, there were some initial hiccups. It took almost a year to implement it. But now, 100 machines are on the road."**

**DINESH MOHANIYA, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, DJB**

At Mukherjee Nagar's Nehru Vihar, a three-member team attends to a sewer blockage complaint. The sewer cleaning machine is mounted on six-foot-wide blue, green and white mini-truck, which comprises a tank, pipes and an external power source on the bed. Photos: Tashi Tobgyal

Sunil Rana, the dhaba owner, said he had filed several complaints about the blockage, and was used to a team of three-four people landing up. "They would open the lid and a man would be sent in. That was the usual practice and that's what we are used to. We've heard about people dying in sewers and it was always at the back of my mind, but what was the option?" he said.

What arrived instead was the new machine and the team of three men.

Of the 200 machines that are to be deployed across the city, 100 have already got permits and are now running. The machine does three things — grabbing, roading and jetting. There are different tools for each purpose and they are powered by the battery on the truck bed. A 1,000 litre tank provides a water source where there is none.

The easiest, Dilip said, is grabbing. A jaw-like tool attached to the metal wire, the grabber goes into the tank or sewer line and grabs any dry garbage that might be blocking the line. They mostly find plastic waste and leaves.

At the dhaba, power from the truck stops midway through the process. After a scramble, the dhaba owner allows the men to draw a line from the premises. The work resumes. "It happens. It's a machine, such problems are expected. People usually offer help. After all, they want the work to end as soon as possible," Vijay said.

The team moves on to the second stage — roading. They pull out the wire, remove the grabbing tool, and replace it with a hook-shaped one. It is used if

there is wet waste or solid objects that is difficult to get to during grabbing, such as clothes, rocks and coagulated masses. Another tool used for roading is a diamond-shaped attachment that can cut through stone and pull out rags. At the dhaba, this works. A long piece of cloth is finally pulled out and the blockage is removed. To make sure all is well, the team finally uses the jetting tool. It sends a pressurised stream of water inside the line to make sure there are no obstructions.

"It is usually the first thing we use, but if we pump in water and see that it is bubbling back up, we proceed to other options," said Parvesh.

Vijay said that in the last two months, they haven't encountered any major problems. "Small things crop up here and there. If the sewer is too deep for us, we tell the DJB and they send in their super sucker machines," he said. The super sucker machines, which have been with the DJB for several years now, are the size of a 10-12 wheel truck and cannot enter narrow lanes.

### Capital's shame

To many, the machines offer a ray of hope at the end of a very dark and deadly tunnel. Despite a ban on manual scavenging, the capital has failed when it comes to keeping the most disenfranchised out of its sewers. Since February, when Kejriwal announced that machines will be introduced, five men in Delhi-NCR have died while cleaning sewer lines or septic tanks. While the machines should, in the long run, be used to clean sewer lines and septic tanks in areas under the government, private property remains unregulated and largely unchecked.

When they undertook the contract to clean the tank in Ghitorni, Jaspal and the others were told it was a rainwater harvesting tank. "My father spoke to the farmhouse owner in Ghitorni. He was told there was no danger and that's why he wasn't even on the spot that day. When the first man went in, he fainted within minutes. The second went in to save him, and then the third. I called my father in panic. He came rushing, tied a rope around his waist and went into the pit. He too fainted almost immediately. Finally, it was my turn. I think by then some bystander had figured out we were in trouble and called the police as soon as I fainted," he recalled.

A process to fix accountability for non-government projects is sorely lacking. Till date, Jaspal spends hours in court to make sure the accused's bail gets cancelled. "He stayed in jail for around seven months but was granted bail in March. We filed a petition in the Delhi High Court to oppose that, and the case is on," he said.

"Many such cases are never reported. The poor are threatened and asked to cut deals with property owners, who pay a few lakhs and hush up the matter. They are intimidated by courts and police and decide it's better to be silent than to pursue justice," said Mukesh.

For Gurmeet, every death inside a sewer is a painful reminder of her personal tragedy: "Just two weeks ago, Maya and I saw three men hunched over a sewer at a market. I wondered then, will this ever end?"

### A SAFER OPTION



**7** relatives of men who died while cleaning sewers, septic tanks among applicants

**1** applicant was rescued from a sewer line

**₹40LAKH (APPROX)**  
Cost of machine, including bank security paid by government

**5 YEARS:** EMI duration  
**7 YEARS:** Minimum contract duration (assured by Delhi Jal Board)



### SELECTION PROCESS

- Families of people who died in accidents and Dalit applicants given preference. There are 8 general category and 148 Dalit owners
- A consortium that manages the machines has been formed under supervision of DICCI. Consortium hires drivers and helpers
- Money transferred into accounts of owners each month after first three months

### THE EARNING

<b>₹17.40 PER METRE</b>	ASSURED CONTRACT
<b>500 METRES</b>	ASSURED DISTANCE COVERED IN A DAY
<b>₹8,700</b>	EARNING PER DAY
<b>₹2,50,000</b>	AVERAGE EARNING PER MONTH
<b>₹40,000</b>	ESTIMATED EARNING PER MACHINE

### THE EXPENDITURE

EMI	about ₹80,000
Driver salary	₹16,982
Two helpers' salaries	₹14,922 each
Fuel and maintenance	Varies

Vijay used to drive a garbage tipper for municipal corporations on a contractual basis. "We weren't paid regularly so I quit. I would earn around Rs 12,000 a month; here I make a minimum wage of Rs 16,982. So far, the payment is on time," he said.

Dilip and Parvesh, meanwhile, put on their hard hats, gloves and masks.

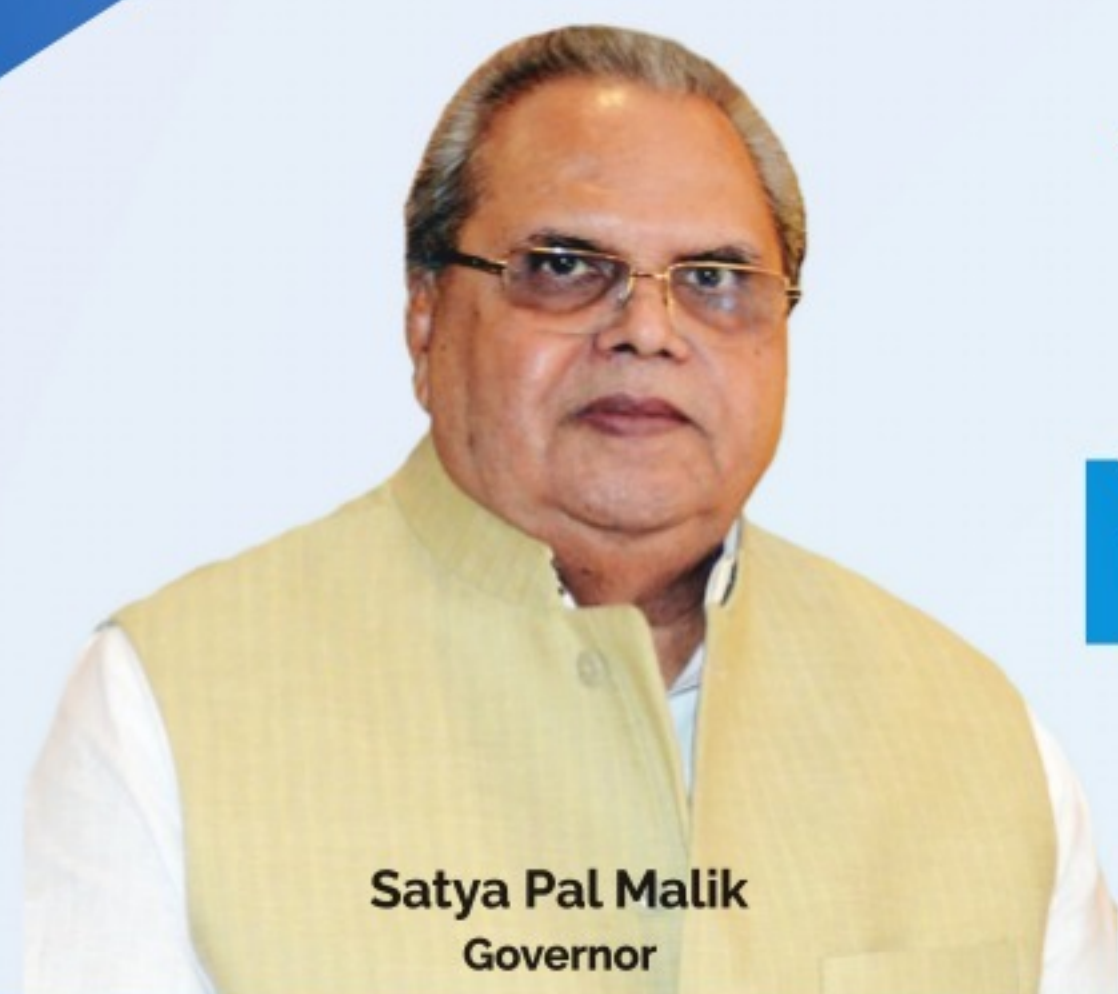
Dilip used to be a cleaner at a private bank until 2017, when he lost his job after demonetisation. He was unemployed when a contractor told him about this job. "I was cleaning then and I am cleaning now. I would barely earn Rs 8,000, so this is much better. I know never to enter a sewer line," he said, pulling a long, thick wire off the bed of the truck. He earns Rs 14,922 as a helper on the sewer cleaning machine.

Parvesh worked as a movie ticket salesman at a Faridabad mall before he took this job. "The company shut down and I was jobless. This work is okay. Sometimes the smell is overwhelming but I can support my family this way," he said, attaching a grabbing tool to the end of the metal wire.

Among the first jobs the trio undertook was in a narrow lane in Okhla Industrial Area Phase II in April. As customers ate at a roadside dhaba, a foul stench emanated from a blocked sewage pipe running under it.



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## Towards 24x7 Power to All

### Generation

- Power projects with 2500-MW generation capacity accelerated
- Foundation of 624-MW Kiru Hydroelectric Project laid
- MoU signed between J&K Power Development Corporation Ltd and NHPC for development of 850-MW Ratle Hydropower Project
- Ujh Multipurpose Project to generate 196-MW electricity
- J&K to get 20% electricity from Shahpur Kandi Dam Project
- 9-MW Dah Hydropower Project in Ladakh commissioned
- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) implementing 23-GW of ultra-mega solar power projects in Ladakh – in Phase-I, 2500-MW Solar Power Capacity to be set up in Kargil, 5000-MW in Leh

### Transmission & Distribution

- Alternate power corridor to Kashmir created with commissioning of 1000-MW capacity 400-KV DC Jalandhar-Samba-Rajouri-Shopian-Amargarh (Pattan) Transmission Line
- Ladakh connected with Northern Grid with commissioning of 220-KV Srinagar-Leh Transmission System

- First of its kind 400/200 kV Gas Insulated Power Substation (GIS) commissioned at Magam in District Budgam
- J&K achieved the target of 100% household electrification under 'SauBHaGYa' scheme on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, much ahead of the target date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018
- J&K got award of Rs 100 Cr for improvement of power infrastructure and Rs 50 lacs for PDD employees, for being amongst first states in the country to achieve 100% Households' electrification
- Power transformation capacity in J&K augmented to 4793-MVA at 132 kV Level
- Transformation capacity at distribution level augmented to 5273-MVA at 33 kV Level and 6892-MVA at 11 kV Level
- Work on augmenting and strengthening local distribution within the State to be completed by December 2019
- Underground cabling at tourist spots of Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Patnitop apace to ensure 24x7 power supply in these areas
- Smart metering being implemented in Jammu and Srinagar and pre-paid metering in rest of the State
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Details of Request for Expressions of Interest along with Terms of Reference and prescribed format for submission of Request for Expressions of Interest proposal are available on ICFRE website ([www.icfre.gov.in](http://www.icfre.gov.in)). Last Date for submission of REOI proposal is **15 July 2019** and date for participation in the interactive discussion at ICFRE Hqs. for selection of consultant is **29 July 2019**.

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**ACCIDENT BETWEEN TEMPO, POLICE CAR SPARKS VIOLENCE**

**Tempo driver swings sword at cops, they beat him with lathis**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A MINOR accident involving a police vehicle and a Gramin Sewa tempo in North West Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar Sunday took a violent turn. A five-minute video of the incident shows sword-wielding tempo driver Sarabjeet Singh being "controlled" by a group of officers, as they beat him up with lathis and drag him across the road.



**A five-minute video of the incident shows tempo driver Sarabjeet Singh chasing after the officers with a sword, who then beat him up with lathis and drag him across the road**

As the officers surrounded Singh and beat him in a bid to control him, the tempo, allegedly being driven by his son, hits the officers, the video shows. Officers then subdue the boy. DCP (PRO) Madhur Verma said, "The incident took place at 6.45 pm when the tempo and the Emergency Response Vehicle met with an accident." The video shows a police officer and Singh talking as he brandishes a sword, after which the officer walks into the police station nearby. When Singh sees

a group of officers holding lathis approaching him, he chases after them with the sword. When an ASI, in plainclothes, tries to control him from behind, Singh attacks him with the sword. Police released a statement which said the "alleged incident followed an accident caused by a Gramin Sewa tempo to a police vehicle. Thereafter, an officer was also assaulted by the tempo driver with a sword." The son alleged, "We were beaten up inside the police sta-

tion as well; they dragged my father up the stairs and beat him up. They also hit me." The DCP (North West Delhi) said an inquiry is being conducted in the matter by the additional DCP. BJP-SAD MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa, who rushed to Mukherjee Nagar station, told *The Indian Express*: "These officers should be dismissed. Police told me that disciplinary action is being taken against three personnel. Who gave police the right to hit a man like this? If you hit him, will

he not hit back?" Sirsa also tweeted: "Tomorrow, I will meet the police commissioner and lodge a complaint against these policemen. Even if I have to go to the Home Ministry or court, I will get these policemen suspended". AAP Tilak Nagar MLA Jarnail Singh also reached the station. Demanding Singh's release, locals protested in Mukherjee Nagar and vandalised public and police property. Police said personnel from other districts have been called in.

**Electricity next on BJP agenda**

*New Delhi:* After water shortage, the BJP now plans to take on the Delhi government over electricity and education. BJP MP Vijay Goel said he will hold protests on fixed charges that has "led to a 30% rise in electricity rates". Senior AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj refuted the claims. **ENS**

**DU registrations re-open, new eligibility criteria to be out today**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

IN COMPLIANCE with the Delhi High Court's directives, Delhi University has re-opened registration for admission to its undergraduate courses. The admission portal will be open till June 22. However, the varsity is yet to share a revised date for the first cut-off list, which was supposed to have been published on June 20.

**EXPLAINED**

**Some of the changes**

AMONG THE changes in the eligibility criteria introduced this year was to include mathematics in the 'best of four' subject computation for BA (Hons) Economics and 50% or more marks in mathematics or business mathematics for BCom (Hons) as opposed to just passing in these subjects.

missions, the High Court Friday had directed the university and the UGC to allow students to apply this year based on the eligibility criteria for 2018-2019 and to extend the deadline till June 22.

The university's admission committee has now announced that the revised eligibility criteria will be notified today. The court's judgment had stated that the directions in the current situation "shall not preclude the University of Delhi from making changes in the eligibility criteria for the forthcoming years to its undergraduate courses as required, to keep education in tune with the necessities of the present day, as also for maintenance of high standards of education," but specified that this would require a minimum of six months of public notice in order to enable aspirants to prepare for their qualifying examinations accordingly.

for admission to various UG programmes on May 29, one day before the commencement of ad-

**'Woman held for orchestrating acid attack on boyfriend'**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

FIVE DAYS after a 19-year-old woman and her boyfriend sustained burn injuries after an alleged "chemical attack" in West Delhi's Vikaspuri, police have arrested the woman for allegedly orchestrating the same.

**Customs official suspended**

*New Delhi:* Days after a customs superintendent posted at the Delhi airport was suspended for allegedly sexually assaulting a foreigner last month, another customs official was suspended following the department's internal inquiry, confirmed a senior Delhi Customs official.

"In May, the office received the complaint via FAX from an anonymous person. Efforts were made to reach out to the woman mentioned in the complaint, who first said 'yes' to the allegations but later retracted her statement. The official mentioned in the FAX complaint was suspended and an inquiry was set up," said the official. Another senior Customs official confirmed that the two employees have been suspended and that a confidential investigation is underway. The official said that since the matter came to light, "the department has interacted with staff about being more compliant, following guidelines and that when it comes to a female passenger, a female officer must be present in the room". The internal inquiry committee report is awaited. **ENS**

In the incident on June 11, the woman's 24-year-old boyfriend, who was riding the two-wheeler the couple was on, also sustained burns to his face, neck and chest. DCP (West) Monika Bhardwaj said, "Prima facie, it appeared that someone threw a chemical on the woman's face to exact revenge... on Sunday, she disclosed that she threw a house-cleaning liquid at the man as he insisted on breaking up with her while she wanted to marry him. She said the two were in a relationship for three years."

Police said the man first suspected a friend of the woman's. "During questioning, the woman's behaviour was suspicious; she was a little apprehensive and wasn't cooperating." Police said she eventually revealed that "she kept the house-cleaning liquid in her purse and wanted to throw it on the man's face". "He was riding the two-wheeler so he couldn't tell where the liquid came from," said a police officer.

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**DELHI UNDERGROUND**

**Revamping spree**

Months after taking charge as the SHO of a police station in the South district, the officer started renovating the premises in a bid to win the best police station award. He painted the building in red and blue - the colour of the police flag - and invited several journalists to take a look. However, the new colour scheme was not appreciated by senior officers and the SHO was asked to change it in a day. The SHO then hired around 50 men to paint the building in a shade of white. Seniors visited the police station and, this time, they asked the SHO to change the blue colour curtains in his office.



**Third in a row**

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's son Pulkit has become the third member in the family to have cleared the entrance to the prestigious IITs. Kejriwal's daughter is an IIT-Delhi graduate. Kejriwal himself graduated from IIT-Kanpur.



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## Vikhe Patil among 13 new faces as Fadnavis rejigs team

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 16

FOUR MONTHS before Assembly polls in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis Sunday announced a third change to his Cabinet, inducting as ministers former Congress leader Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil and Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar among eight others.

While dropping six ministers, Fadnavis also inducted five junior ministers in the Cabinet expansion, which comes a day before the state's monsoon session starts Monday. The new ministers were administered the oath of office by Governor C Vidyasagar Rao at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.

Sources said that the changes to the Cabinet were also aimed at replacing six controversial and non-performing ministers with suitable candidates and that care was taken to strike a balance in caste, community and regional representation.

Of the 13 new ministers — six are OBCs, four are Marathas, two are from Scheduled Castes and one from Scheduled Tribes. The new OBC faces are Sanjay Kute (Buldhana), Anil Bonde (Amravati), Parinay Phuke (Gondia-Bhandara), Atul Save (Aurangabad), Jaidutta Kshirsagar (Beed) and Yogesh Sagar (Mumbai Suburbs).

And while the Maratha candidates comprise Vikhe-Patil



Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil with his family after the swearing-in ceremony in Mumbai on Sunday. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

(Ahmednagar); Shelar (Mumbai), Tanaji Sawant (Solapur) and Sanjay Begde (Maval), Dalits include Suresh Khade (Sangli) and Avinash Mahatekar (Mumbai) and Ashok Uike (Yavatmal) represents tribals. Among them, ten are from the BJP, including Vikhe-Patil, two from the Shiv Sena and one from the RPI(A). The region-wise division shows four ministers from Vidarbha, two from Marathwada, three from Western Maharashtra, one from North Maharashtra and three from Mumbai.

Vinod Tawde has been divested of the school education portfolio, which has been handed over to Shelar. Tawde will continue to retain the ministry of parliamentary affairs. Vikhe-Patil has been given the housing portfolio. The crucial

agriculture portfolio has been given to Bonde. Water conservation has been given to Sawant.

Fadnavis said the Cabinet expansion will bring greater strength to the administration. "It was to provide an opportunity to fresh and able candidates. The Cabinet expansion has ensured adequate representation to every region, caste and community across Maharashtra," he said. While underplaying the controversy and non-performance of six ministers who had to be dropped, Fadnavis said, "There are multiple factors which necessitated a change in the Cabinet. If ministers have been asked to resign it was not solely because of poor performance."

The six ministers asked to resign are Prakash Mehta (housing), Vishnu Sawara (tribal wel-

fare), Rajkumar Badole (social justice), Pravin Pote (MoS industries and mining), Dilip Kamble (MoS social welfare) and Ambarish Raje Atram (MoS tribal welfare and forest).

BJP sources said that non-performance was the only criteria weighed before dropping the six ministers. In the case of Prakash Mehta, a controversial slum redevelopment project coupled with poor performance in the housing department is cited as the reason. A senior Cabinet minister said, "The Ministries of Social Justice and Tribal Welfare are driving departments when it comes to ushering social transformation in the state. The CM felt those entrusted with the job failed to deliver results."

Fadnavis, according to BJP leaders, also wanted to signal that a strong and able Cabinet will face the elections later this year and hoped to expose cracks in the Opposition by giving Vikhe-Patil a Cabinet post before the monsoon Assembly session.

Sources also said that accommodating the RPI(A), which does not have a single elected (MLA), was a strong message to Dalits in the state. Vikhe-Patil said, "It marks a new beginning as I move from Congress to BJP. I look forward to constructive politics." The RPI(A)'s Mahatekar said, "The BJP has always ensured that it has accommodated Dalits in its mainstream politics. I will work to keep up expectations."

## UDDHAV THACKERAY IN AYODHYA 'PM has courage, ordinance on temple a must'

ASAD REHMAN  
LUCKNOW, JUNE 16

SHIV SENA chief Uddhav Thackeray, who visited the makeshift Ram Lalla temple on Sunday, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had the courage to bring an ordinance to build the Ram temple.

He was accompanied by 18 newly-elected party MPs, his son Aditya and senior leader Sanjay Raut. "Everyone knows that be it the Shiv Sena or the BJP, both are Hindutvavadi and Hindu. Their government is one that will make Hindus stronger... The previous time the number of MPs was high, this time it is higher. This government has come to power after getting a good amount of votes. In a democracy, the sentiments of the people must be respected and the people of this country want a temple here and hence, a temple will definitely be built here," said Uddhav.

Talking about the PM's "courage" to decide in this regard, Uddhav said there was no one to stop the government.

"We all feel that the Government now is a strong one, we are with them. There is no one to stop the government. Modiji has the courage... If the government takes a decision, no one can stop it. We will also support it. The Hindus of the entire country and world will support this decision."

Asked if Shiv Sainiks would lead the way in construction of the Ram temple the same way they had taken the lead when the structure had been demolished in Ayodhya in 1992, Uddhav said, "If needed, we will definitely do it again. This issue concerns all Hindus and all Hindus are united."

Questioned if he would put pressure on the government to build a temple in Ayodhya, Uddhav said, "We are saying make a law, then build the temple."

When asked if Shiv Sena would be foraging into UP politics as well, Uddhav in turned questioned, "What is wrong if we field candidates here?"

Asked if the Shiv Sena will extend its alliance with the BJP beyond Maharashtra, Uddhav said, "This question depends on both parties. We want what Balasaheb [Thackeray] wanted



Uddhav Thackeray in Ayodhya on Sunday. *PTI*

### EXPLAINED

#### Polls done, but Ayodhya still an issue

UDDHAV THACKERAY had visited Ayodhya before the Lok Sabha polls. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had also recently gone to the temple town, unveiled a statue of Ram, participated in birth-day celebrations of Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas chief Mahant Nityagopal Das and expressed hope for resolution of issues related to Ram Janmabhoomi. Now, with Uddhav visiting Ayodhya again, it seems the issue will not fade even after polls. And with Assembly polls due this year, it appears that Shiv Sena may want to keep the issue alive.

which is that all Hindus must be united."

Reacting to Uddhav's demand, BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi told *The Indian Express*, "All judgments in this case have been in favour of a temple to be built at Ram Lalla's birthplace. We hope that the honourable Supreme Court also gives a final judgment in support. Bringing an ordinance is the last resort for the BJP." He said the BJP will need a majority in both houses of Parliament for a law.

### LONG TERM BENEFIT

AS UNION Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to continue as BJP national president until the seven-month-long exercise of the party's membership drive and organisational elections concludes, BJP presidents of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra are hoping to benefit from the situation. UP BJP chief Mahendra Nath Pandey is a Union cabinet minister whereas BJP's Bihar chief Nityanand Rai and Maharashtra chief Raosaheb Patil Danve have also been inducted as Union Ministers of State. Organisational elections in states will take place before the election of the party's national president.

### PITCH FOR WOMEN

MAKING A pitch for the women's reservation Bill to be brought to the Lok Sabha in the first week of the Budget Session, Trinamool Congress at the all-party meeting called out to the three women in the room — Supriya Sule of NCP, Agatha Sangma of NPP and Anupriya Patel of Apna Dal — to make it "33% and 1/3". The party that supported it though was BJD represented by Pinaki Mishra. Trinamool had fielded 41% women in the Lok Sabha elections — it has 41% women MPs in the House too — while BJD had fielded a third.

### NAME BUZZ

WHILE UNCERTAINTY on who would lead the Congress continues, party circles are abuzz with speculation on who would lead it in the Lok Sabha. With Kerala giving the party 15 seats, names of senior parliamentarians from there are doing the rounds. Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor is a frontrunner but there is also a strong buzz about Suresh Kodikunil. A section of leaders pointed out that the leader should be able to speak Hindi and English, and suggested former Union minister Manish Tewari's name. Another name is Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Both Suresh and Chowdhury participated in the all-party meeting called by the government on the eve of Lok Sabha session.

### BENGAL POST-POLL VIOLENCE

## Govt must establish rule of law: Bhagwat

VIVEK DESHPANDE  
NAGPUR, JUNE 16

REFERRING TO the post-poll violence in West Bengal, RSS Sarsangchalak Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said it is the duty of the government to establish the rule of law and stop such "uncivilised conduct".

"Jeet wale apne jeet ki guman me aur harne wale apni har ki bhadas nikalne ke liye amaryadit vyavhar kare to deshka nuksan hai. Aaj kya chal raha hai Bengal me? Chunar ke bad aisa hota hai? Kisi aur prant me ho raha hai kya? Nahi hona chahiye. Lekin kuchch goonda pravrutti ke logon ke karan aisa hota hai to shasan prashasan ke logon ko uska bandobast karna chahiye. Rajya ke dand ka kartavya hai ke samaj ke hit me desh ki akta alkhanda ko surakshit rakhnawale, kanun aur suvyavastha rakhnawale vyavhar sthapit kare. (If those who won, in their pride, and those who lose, in their sense of revenge, carry uncivilised conduct forward after election, then it affects the nation as a whole. What is happening in Bengal today? It should not have happened. Is it happening in any other state after the elections? But if anti-social elements are doing it, then the government must stop it. It is the duty of the government to establish the rule of law.)"

Addressing participants of all-India third-year annual train-



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat at an event in Nagpur on Sunday. *PTI*

ing camp of swayamsevaks here, he said, "In the last five years, several such cases came to the fore. On one hand, there is talk of unity, and on the other hand, people are pitted against each other. Why is talk of encouraging those elements going on? It is not yet known as to which party they [anti-social elements] belong. Can the love for power and the possibility of not being able to grab it drive someone to such an extent?"

In his first speech after the polls, Bhagwat said, "After an electoral contest, all should work together to take the nation on the path to glory. Some people talk of unity but actually try to achieve their selfish goals by pitting different sections of society against each other... Those being killed (in Bengal) belong to a specific party and who knows if the killers belong to a particular party. Can the shock of loss (in polls) drive anyone to this extent?"



Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha Sumitra Mahajan before the all-party meeting at Parliament, on Sunday. *Renuka Puri*

## NDA holds meeting before new session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The principle of 'sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas' was reiterated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address at a meeting of the BJP parliamentary party here on Sunday.

"We assure our fellow Indians that we will be at the forefront of pro-people governance and facilitating legislation that manifests the spirit of sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas," he tweeted.

The meeting took place a day before the 17th Lok Sabha is convened.

The Budget Session will formally commence on June 20. Members of the ruling NDA

also held a meeting later. At this meeting, Modi said the "NDA family" looks forward to fulfilling the dreams of 130 crore Indians who have reposed "unparalleled faith" in the alliance. "We shall fulfil regional aspirations and work untiringly for national progress," the PM said.

A packed schedule awaits the two Houses of Parliament. Apart from discussing and passing the Budget and Motion of Thanks for the Presidential Address, they have to consider Bills for substituting the 10 ordinances that are in force. Among them is the ordinance pertaining to triple talaq.

The session, spanning over 30 sittings, will conclude on July 26. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the budget on July 5.

## Gujarat Cong to move apex court against separate RS bypolls

Vadodara: A day after the Election Commission (EC) announced the date of by-elections to the Rajya Sabha in three states, including Gujarat, state Congress president Amit Chavda on Sunday said the party will move the Supreme Court against its notification of separate polls for the two Upper House seats from the state.

The EC has declared by-elections for six Rajya Sabha seats, which have fallen vacant, on July 5. Two of the six seats are from Gujarat — vacated following the elections of Amit Shah and Smriti Irani to the Lok Sabha.

Chavda said, "In 2017, Amit Shah and Smriti Irani were elected to the Rajya Sabha. After that in 2019, both were elected from their respective Lok Sabha seats. We had our concerns that Constitutional laws might get disregarded and power (be) misused by the ruling BJP government to influence the Election Commission to not hold the by-

elections together."

"On June 2, both Paresh Dhanani (Leader of Opposition in the Gujarat Assembly) and I had approached the EC as well as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and demanded that the by-elections be held together for both the seats. Keeping in mind the ratio of the MLAs in the Gujarat Assembly, we were sure that the Congress and BJP would win one seat each if the bypolls are conducted together. But the BJP has used the EC to favour their interests to win both the seats," Chavda alleged.

Reacting to Chavda's statements, Gujarat BJP chief Jitu Vaghani said Vaghani, "It has become the Congress's habit of spreading lies and making allegations against the Constitutional authorities when their decisions are against them. Separate elections for Rajya Sabha have taken place even during the Congress's time," Vaghani said. **ENS**

## J&K: BJP seeks fresh delimitation, de-freezing of Assembly seats

ARUN SHARMA  
JAMMU, JUNE 16

THE BJP in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday sought fresh delimitation of Assembly constituencies and de-freezing of at least eight of the 24 seats in the Assembly reserved for areas in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

A resolution was adopted by the party's working committee, which expressed concern over "gross injustice done to Ladakh and Jammu regions by previous National Conference governments through inequitable delimitation of Assembly constituencies favouring Kashmir region".

"It has reinforced the party's demand for fresh delimitation of Assembly constituencies in the state, besides the demand for de-freezing of one-third of 24 seats kept reserved for areas of PoK

(Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir)," the resolution said, adding that "these Assembly seats shall be allotted to Jammu region where people displaced from PoK have been living since 1947-48".

The party's working committee also sought political reservation for Scheduled Tribes in the state, and abolition of the practice of Kashmiri Pandit migrants having to fill up 'M Form' for voting in the Valley. Muslim Gujjars and Bakarwals comprise a large group among the communities declared STs in the state, and they predominantly inhabit areas in Pir Panjal and Chenab valley, besides Kashmir. Pandits, too, account for a good number in some places in the Valley.

In the 111-member Assembly, elections are held in only 87 constituencies. As people in the remaining 24 Assembly constituencies have never voted in view of

their areas falling across the LoC, their seats have been kept vacant.

According to BJP leaders, one-third of the population that migrated from areas of the state forcibly annexed by Pakistan during 1947 have been living in various parts of Jammu here. Though 24 seats are kept vacant for the people of PoK, these displaced people have been voting for election of representatives in other areas. The party wants them to be allowed to vote to fill the seats. This, party leaders feel, will not only enable these displaced people to have their own representatives but also strengthen India's claim on PoK areas.

According to Rajiv Chuni, chairman of SOS International, an organisation of displaced persons from PoK, nearly 3 lakh people migrated to this side of the LoC after 1947 and the number is now 12-13 lakh.

LALMANI VERMA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

THE SAMAJWADI Party (SP) is set to go it alone in the 2022 Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, with sources in the party saying that the party leadership is in no mood to wait for Mayawati after she blamed a split in Yadav votes for the alliance's poor performance in the Lok Sabha polls.

At a closed-door meeting with party workers last week, SP president Akhilesh Yadav asked them to prepare for the upcoming Assembly bypolls and to ensure that the SP forms the government in the state in 2022.

Asked about Akhilesh's remark, SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary told *The Indian Express*, "The party president has asked the workers to prepare for the 2022 elections, to work on

the ground and visit door-to-door. We are preparing to form the government of SP. It will contest on all the Assembly seats."

On June 4, Mayawati declared in a statement that her party will fight the bypolls alone. She had then said she can work with the SP in future if Akhilesh "fulfils his political duties" and added that the decision was not a "permanent break" with the SP.

Mayawati had also said that the SP's support base — the Yadav community — could not remain with the party because of "some unknown displeasure".

An SP leader said, "When the alliance has broken once, it is meaningless to speculate about the future. Everything cannot happen as per her (Mayawati) decision. The BSP has broken the alliance without consulting the SP. Results were comparatively better for the BSP, as it won 10

Lok Sabha seats while the SP won five." The BSP and SP had contested 38 and 37 seats, respectively. "The alliance was forged in the Lok Sabha elections because the SP had accepted that it was not in race for the PM's post. Hence, Akhilesh had made compromises in seat distribution too. SP contested on urban seats where it has always been weak. But this cannot be repeated."

He added, "We will contest separately. Because we have no moral pressure of alliance anymore."

Another SP leader said, "The BSP has discredited itself by saying that Yadavs did not vote for the alliance. After such allegations, the Yadav community will not like to go with the BSP. Dalits are feeling that the SP regarded them in the Lok Sabha polls and gave more seats to BSP."

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

AT A time when Haryana Assembly elections are less than four months away, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday announced a host of measures in favour of the Scheduled Castes, who comprise 20 per cent of the state's population.

In Jind, where he was chief guest at a function organised on the 621st birth anniversary of Sant Kabir Das, Khattar announced in-principle approval for implementation of the 'Scheduled Caste A and B categorisation' in educational institutions from the upcoming academic session.

Explaining the issue, architect and Dalit activist Devi Das Valmiki said Dalits are divided into two categories — chamar and non-chamar. "We from non-chamar communities have been demanding separate reservation within the SC quota for government jobs and admission in educational institutions. Today, the CM has announced categorisation of SCs in two categories for admission in educational institutions. But in our point of view, this reservation system is more needed for government jobs."

The CM announced that about 25,000 government jobs would soon be advertised and pending posts meant for SCs, that are lying vacant will be filled. He also declared that 11 new government hostels would

be set up across the state. Khattar said that from July 1, the state government would organise tours for SCs to visit the birthplace of Sant Kabir Das and Sant Ravidas at Varanasi, and the pilgrimage of Maharshi Valmiki at Amritsar. Those interested can get their registration done in the deputy commissioner's office and would be provided second class reserved train tickets free of cost. Initially, 100 devotees each from every Assembly constituency will be given the opportunity every year on a first come, first serve basis and each family will be given this benefit only once.

The CM also said that in the first week of July, 1.25 lakh BPL card-holders will be given their cards at their doorstep. He said that the present state government has started celebrating the birth anniversaries of all great men be it Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti or Bhim Rao Ambedkar Jayanti.



CM Manohar Lal Khattar at a function in Jind on Sunday.





**NORTH**

**History-sheeter killed in Saharanpur shootout**

**Lucknow:** Saharanpur police gunned down a history-sheeter in a shootout in Mundikhera village Saturday. Adnaan alias Musa (28) had a bounty of Rs 25,000 on his head. Police said Adnaan's brother Nomaan, 22, and local resident Shahjad, 25, were injured in the crossfire. SHO, Rampur Maniheran police station,

Praveen Kumar Yadav, said, "On Saturday night, we got a tip-off that Adnaan was heading to Mundikhera. Police intercepted Adnaan and Nomaan, who were on a bike. Adnaan fired and police retaliated. When he tried to flee, police chased and shot at him. He was taken to hospital where he was declared brought dead." **ENS**



**A multi-storied building caught fire in Kolkata on Sunday. No casualty was reported. Express**

**WEST**

**Goa: Father-son killed, wife critically hurt in road accident**

**Panaji:** A man and his son were killed and his wife was critically injured when a jeep hit their car on the Goa-Mumbai highway on Sunday morning, police said. The accident took place around 7 am on Siolim-Chopdem bridge on the highway when the family was returning to their home in the Morjim vil-

lage in North Goa district after attending Sunday Mass, Anjuna police station's inspector Navlesh Desai said. The jeep, which was coming from the opposite direction, entered a wrong lane and hit the car, he said. The victims have been identified as Judas Fernandes and his son Joao Fernandes, he said. **PTI**

**EAST**

**TMC worker killed in Hooghly, four suspects detained**

**Kolkata:** A Trinamool Congress Panchayat Samiti member was allegedly beaten to death by unidentified assailants in Hooghly's Khanakul area on Saturday evening. The 56-year-old leader was identified as Monoranjan Patra. Sources said he was assaulted with bamboo sticks and rods. Local residents later found

his body and informed the police. He was then rushed to Khanakul Rural Hospital where the doctors declared him brought dead. Four people have been detained in connection with the case, the police said. "His body has been sent for autopsy. Multiple injury marks were found on his body," they added. **ENS**

**SOUTH**

**Kerala Cong (M) splits, faction elects Mani's son as chairman**

**Kottayam:** Kerala Congress (M), a key partner of Congress-UDF, split on Sunday with a faction in the party electing Rajya Sabha MP Jose K Mani, son of its founder late K M Mani, as Chairman. The development came amid infighting between supporters of Jose Mani and working chairman P J Joseph following the de-

mise of KM Mani in April. Jose K Mani was elected as chairman by the leaders supporting him at a meeting of State Committee members. Joseph said Jose Mani was elected by "a crowd" and not by the state committee and all of them will be treated as having quit the Kerala Congress (M). **PTI**

**Alam said Hurriyat leaders got funding from Pakistan: NIA**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 16**

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday claimed that Kashmir separatist leader Masarat Alam, who was arrested last month in a case of terror funding, has confessed that Hurriyat leaders received funds from Pakistan to foment trouble in the Valley. According to the agency, former chief of Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, was among those Alam named.



**Masarat Alam**

"Masarat Alam, the so-called poster boy of stone pelters and violent agitations in Kashmir Valley, during his custodial interrogation, revealed that Pakistan-based agents route funds through hawala operators, which were transferred to separatist leaders, including Syed Shah Geelani, Chairman APHC(G)," an NIA statement said.

The central investigating agency is already probing Geelani in connection with a ter-

ror funding case involving Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) co-founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul-Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin. It has questioned Geelani's sons on multiple occasions but never arrested or chargesheeted any of them so far.

In an FIR filed on May 30, 2017, the NIA had alleged that Kashmiri separatists were receiving funds from Pakistan, including from Saeed and Salahuddin, to foment trouble in the Valley. So far, 13 people have been chargesheeted by the agency.

It recently arrested Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Yasin Malik and separatist leader Shabbir Shah in

connection with the case. Last year, it arrested Dukhtar-e-Millat chief Asiya Andrabi in connection with the same case.

According to the NIA, Yasin Malik revealed during interrogation that he was instrumental in bringing together disparate factions of the Hurriyat Conference and also that he formed the Joint Resistance Leadership (JRL) which spearheaded violent agitations across the Valley in 2016 by issuing "Protest Calendars".

"Yasin Malik admitted that the JRL and Hurriyat Conference Geelani Group collected funds from the business community and several other sources and ensured that an economic shutdown and violent protests continued to disrupt the daily life of common citizens in the Valley," the agency's statement said. The agency has also said that Andrabi admitted during questioning that she had been collecting funds and donations from foreign sources and that Dukhtar-e-Millat had been organising protests by Muslim women in the Valley.

"Asiya Andrabi was confronted with evidence regarding

funding of educational expenses of her son in Malaysia from 2011 onwards through foreign remittances made by Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali (one of the arrested accused in the case). NIA has already approached the concerned authorities for providing evidence relating to certain bank accounts used by Mohammad bin Qasim (son of Asiya Andrabi) while he was studying in the University," the agency had said.

The agency has said that Shabir Shah was confronted with evidence relating to transfer of money by Pakistan-based agents and representatives of APHC factions to parties affiliated to Hurriyat in J&K.

"He was also confronted about his investments in various hotels and businesses in Pahalgam, properties in Jammu, Srinagar and Anantnag. Evidence regarding many of his benami properties is being collected. He was confronted with some of his personal staff and associates who have provided vital information regarding the sources of fund-raising and investment details," the NIA statement said.

**Anantnag terror attack: J&K cop succumbs, toll climbs to six**

**ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, JUNE 16**

A JAMMU & Kashmir police inspector, who was critically injured in a terror attack in South Kashmir's Anantnag district earlier this week, succumbed to his injuries in New Delhi on Sunday.

Earlier in the day, Arshad Khan, Station House Officer (SHO) of Anantnag, was airlifted to Delhi's AIIMS for specialised treatment.

"We deeply mourn the sad demise of our brave heart Inspector Arshad Khan who was injured while fighting terrorists on 12th of this month on K P Road Anantnag. The entire Police Pariwar is behind the bereaved family in this hour of grief. We salute your valour," J&K police tweeted on Sunday evening.

With Arshad's death, the number of security personnel killed in the attack has climbed to six.

Five CRPF personnel were killed when militants on Wednesday targeted a CRPF deployment in Anantnag district. The attack was the first major attack after the attack in Pulwama that prompted the Balakot air strikes, in February.

Soon after the attack, SHO Khan and three CRPF personnel were shifted to Army's 92 base hospital in Srinagar for specialised treatment.

Subsequently, Khan was shifted to Srinagar's Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) for treatment. The condition of the three CRPF men is stated to be stable, said the officials.

Khan is survived by parents, wife and two sons aged two and five years.

**AES DEATHS IN MUZAFFARPUR**



**A doctor treats a child showing symptoms of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome at a hospital in Muzaffarpur on Sunday. PTI**

**Health minister faces protest as toll rises to 91; CM announces aid**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, JUNE 16**

UNION Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Sunday visited the Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) in Bihar's Muzaffarpur, where the death toll of children suffering from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) has climbed to 91.

The Union Minister, who faced protests from the relatives of patients, has assured that a 100-bed children ward would be set up at SKMCH. During his visit, supporters of Jan Adhikar Party waved black flags at the Union Minister.

Since January 1, 358 children with AES have been admitted to

SKMCH and Kejriwal Matrisadan. A total of 108 patients are currently undergoing treatment at the two hospitals for the condition.

"A 100-bed paediatric ward would be constructed at SKMCH and a branch of Patna's virology laboratory would be opened at SKMCH," Vardhan said. He added that all the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) of Muzaffarpur would have a 10-bed children's ward. "Since most deaths are reported because of low blood sugar levels, all PHCs would also have glucometers," he said.

Patients' relatives complained to the Union Health Minister about lack of facilities and ill-response from doctors and nurses. Meanwhile, Bihar Chief

Minister Nitish Kumar has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh for each of the children killed in the outbreak. He has also directed officials of the Health department, the district administration and doctors to take all possible measures to tackle the situation.

Principal Secretary (Health) Sanjay Kumar had said a few days ago that the disease had affected 222 blocks in 12 districts, especially in Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Sheohar and East Champaran.

Meanwhile, extreme heat in the state has so far claimed 42 lives across from Aurangabad, Gaya and Nawada. The state government has announced ex-gratia compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kin. **WITHPTI INPUTS**

**NIA PROBES 'IS MODULE' IN TN**

**Arrested man's kin: 'He never had crime record, never faced social media trouble'**

**ARUN JANARDHANAN COIMBATORE, JUNE 16**

DAYS AFTER searches by the NIA at Ukkadam, a Muslim-dominated area on the outskirts of Coimbatore town in Tamil Nadu, the lane leading to the house of Mohammed Azarudeen (32) wore a deserted look Friday. Two elderly men sat on the portico of his double-storeyed house as his four-year-old son played with other children.

Azarudeen, who has been arrested by the NIA, is facing probe for a Facebook page he ran — "KhilafahGFX" — to allegedly propagate IS ideology. An NIA statement had alleged that he was the Facebook friend of Sri Lankan suicide bomber Zahran Hashim and other members of the module behind the Easter Sunday attack.

Besides Azarudeen, the NIA has arrested one of his associates and is questioning five others. The NIA is also examining items seized during the searches, including cellphones, pendrives, laptops, hard disks, a dagger, air gun pellets and pamphlets of Popular Front of India, an Islamic outfit with roots in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Investigators are yet to ascertain if Azarudeen was only a follower of Hashim or they were in touch. According to them, such information would emerge during examination of the seized devices.

The elderly man at Azarudeen's home is his father, a neighbour said. The man refused to identify himself and spoke from the other side of the gate, locked from inside. Stating that he is clueless about the case, he said, "He is married. He has a child. He never had a criminal record. He never faced any trouble for his behaviour in social media too. We do not know, let us not talk about the case."

A woman who lives in the house next to Azharudeen's said, "He is so silent. I never heard his voice." Another elderly woman said Azarudeen "rarely speaks to

anyone" unless there was something to convey. "I cannot believe that he can do anything problematic," she added.

"Every second Saturday, half-a-dozen children used to come to his home to learn to recite Quran. He (Azwarudeen) recites Quran beautifully," said a neighbour.

A kilometre from Azarudeen's home is the office of Qibla Tours and Travels, where he worked. The owner of the agency, Basheer, reportedly went to Kochi recently after a call from investigators. Basheer was not available for comment. "Basheer or Azarudeen would sit at the agency. Some of their friends were regular visitors. All of them, including Basheer, are in late 20s. They were kind and helpful," said a tailor who has a shop nearby.

Meanwhile, the three youths picked up by Tamil Nadu police on Thursday for their alleged activities on social media have been placed under arrest and cases registered against them. The three had allegedly celebrated the Easter Sunday attack, but police said they were watching them from before that.

None of the three has any criminal record. One of the youths, A Shajahan, lives at Anbu Nagar in Ukkadam. His mother Tajunnisa said that about six months ago, Shajahan was summoned by police to Chennai. "They said he had shared a friend's Facebook post. He was in Chennai for two days. We were told that it was a deradicalisation project and police explained to him, with the help of an Imam, to not engage in such social media posts. His phone was confiscated then," she said.

His sisters said that after returning from Chennai, he was scared to use social media or cellphone. "He rarely touched his phone. His laptop was mostly used by us to watch movies. The police team had brought his old phone on Thursday and were checking it with his new phone. After about five hours of search, the police team left with him," said one of his sisters.

**No threat to Amarnath pilgrims: separatists**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JUNE 16**

THE JOINT separatist leadership has said there is no threat to Amarnath pilgrims in Kashmir, and accused television channels of running a "smear campaign" against the people of the Valley.

The separatists asked Amarnath pilgrims and tourists to not pay heed to "false propaganda" and focus on their Kashmir visit "without any fear or intimidation".

"The warm hospitality of the people of Kashmir is a globally acknowledged fact. The Kashmiri people will continue to retain and nourish this tradi-

tion of brotherhood and communal amity," the joint separatist leadership, comprising two factions of Hurriyat and JKLF, said in a release.

"Some electronic channels are hell bent to spread hate and falsehoods on Kashmir. There is no threat to Amarnath Yatris from Kashmiris as reported by some mischievous media outlets from their cozy studios in New Delhi. These pilgrims are very much safe in the Valley."

They said that the pilgrims and tourists should "feel ensured that there is no threat or danger to their lives from Kashmiris and that they can perform their religious rituals without any worry".

**Envoy to Nepal leads yoga practice above Everest base camp**

**YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, JUNE 16**

INDIAN AMBASSADOR to Kathmandu Manjeev Singh Puri led a group of people from Nepal and India in "Yoga Practice" at the 3,780-m high Syangboche above the base camp of Mt Everest.

The symbolic practice was part of International Yoga Day celebrations for June 21, and is believed to send the message that India is willing to pitch in to restore Everest to its pristine state.

While a large number of adventurers throng to Nepal each climbing season to make it to the top of Everest, the resultant pollution on the mountain has become a cause for concern.



**Manjeev Singh Puri at Syangboche**

**Cop killed colleague after she spurned marriage proposal, say victim's kin**

**SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 16**

THE BRUTAL murder of a woman police constable, allegedly by her male colleague, is a fallout of a spurned marriage proposal, according to the victim's family.

Woman police constable Soumya Pushpakaran, posted with the Vallikkunnam police station in Kerala's Alappuzha district, was hacked and set on fire, allegedly by her male colleague Ajas, on Saturday evening. Soumya died on the spot and Ajas, who worked at Erakulam rural district, sustained burn injuries.

Police have found that Soumya and Ajas had known each other for many years. Soumya's mother Indira told the media that Ajas had been repeatedly harassing Sou-



**Soumya Pushpakaran**

couple have three children.

"Ajas held a grudge towards my daughter after she rejected his marriage proposal. Soumya had taken Rs 1.50 lakh from Ajas and when she wanted to returned the amount, Ajas refused to take it back. She had credited the sum to his bank account, but he returned it. He wanted to marry my daughter. When she rejected the proposal, Ajas threatened to kill her husband and children. He came to Soumya's house twice with the proposal. On one occasion, he even

thrashed her with shoes," said Indira.

Soumya's eldest son Hrishikesh, 12, indicated that he was aware of the threat his mother faced from Ajas. "Two weeks back, mother had told me that if anything happened to her, Ajas would be responsible. He used to repeatedly harass her over the phone," said Hrishikesh.

Alappuzha SP K M Tomy said police are yet to record the statement of Ajas, now in hospital with burn injuries. "We are looking into the relation between the victim and the accused and what led to the murder," he said.

Although Soumya's family alleged that she had complained to police against Ajas, police sources said they hadn't received any such complaint at Vallikkunnam police station. Ajas is unmarried and was on leave since June 9.

**ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR, JUNE 16**

THE DEATH of six-year-old Gurpreet Kaur, a Punjabi girl who died of heat stroke in an Arizona desert last Tuesday after her mother allegedly left her with other migrants and went searching for water, has put a spotlight on the common practice of Punjabis taking the help of unscrupulous travel agents to enter the US.

According to reports by American news agencies, Gurpreet and her mother were two of five Indians who were trying to enter the country through Lukeville town, where they were dropped by "human smugglers" on Tuesday morning.

A large number of Punjabis are entering North America from Mexico illegally after paying a lot



**Many raids, but cases go cold**

AFTER SEVERAL incidents of Punjabis going missing while trying to cross the border, police conducted raids to catch travel agents involved in such activities. While they file cases, that is about as far as police action goes. The number of cases where the agents are caught is very low.

of money. Law enforcement agencies have little control over this racket and around a dozen people have either died or gone missing on the way.

On August 21, 2018, 18-year-old Davinderpal Singh from Begowal town in Kapurthala district had died of starvation in a Mexico forest while trying to get into US via Moscow, Greece, then Italy, claimed his family. He left home on June 13, 2018, and landed in Mexico on July 1. After July 6, his family could not reach him.

Sukhwinder Singh, Davinderpal's father, said they had paid Rs 24 lakh to a Hoshiarpur-based agent who had promised to take their son directly to the US. He said the agent had taken money in two installments of Rs 10 lakh and Rs 14 lakh. Police had booked the agent, but no further action was taken, he said.



SIMPLY PUT

# A little more water than usual, not everywhere

Storage in the country's reservoirs is just over what is normal for this time of the year. But those in Western and Southern Regions are way short of those levels

AMITABH SINHA  
PUNE, JUNE 16

THE overall storage position in the 91 major reservoirs monitored by the Central Water Commission (CWC) across the country this week is better than the situation in the corresponding week of last year, as well as the corresponding average storage of the last 10 years, the CWC has said in its latest report, published on June 13.

However, this situation is not uniform across the country. Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka are facing drought conditions and an acute water shortage, and reservoir levels in all states of the Southern and Western Regions are significantly lower than the 10-year average — known as the "normal" level.

The southwest monsoon hit Kerala on June 8, a week behind the June 1 schedule. The timing of the onset does not have a bearing on the quality or amount of rainfall over the June-September monsoon season. A delayed onset over Kerala also does not mean that the monsoon would be delayed elsewhere in the country.

The CWC, which is an attached office with the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, is the country's premier technical organisation in water resources. It issues detailed bulletins on reservoir levels and storage every Thursday. The reservoirs, which store water for irrigation, drinking, and generation of hydro power, are a key component of regional and the national economies. Reservoir levels are low before the arrival of the monsoon, and they gradually fill up as the season progresses.

As of June 13, the major reservoirs together held 29.189 billion cubic metres of water, which was 18% of these reservoirs' combined storage capacity. This is slightly better than the situation in the same week last year, when reservoirs had storage of 28.013 BCM. The normal storage at this time is expected to be 28.972 BCM.

The situation in the reservoirs of the Western and Southern Regions, however, reveals why these areas are going through an acute water shortage. The 27 major reservoirs in the Western Region, essentially in Gujarat and Maharashtra, are together holding just 10% of their combined storage capacity, well below their normal levels of 17% for this time of the year. The 31 reservoirs in the five southern states are filled to only 11% of their combined capacity as against a normal level of 15% at this time of the year.

The situation is particularly critical in Maharashtra, where the total water in reservoirs is 68% below normal, and in Andhra Pradesh, where reservoirs are at 84% below normal storage.

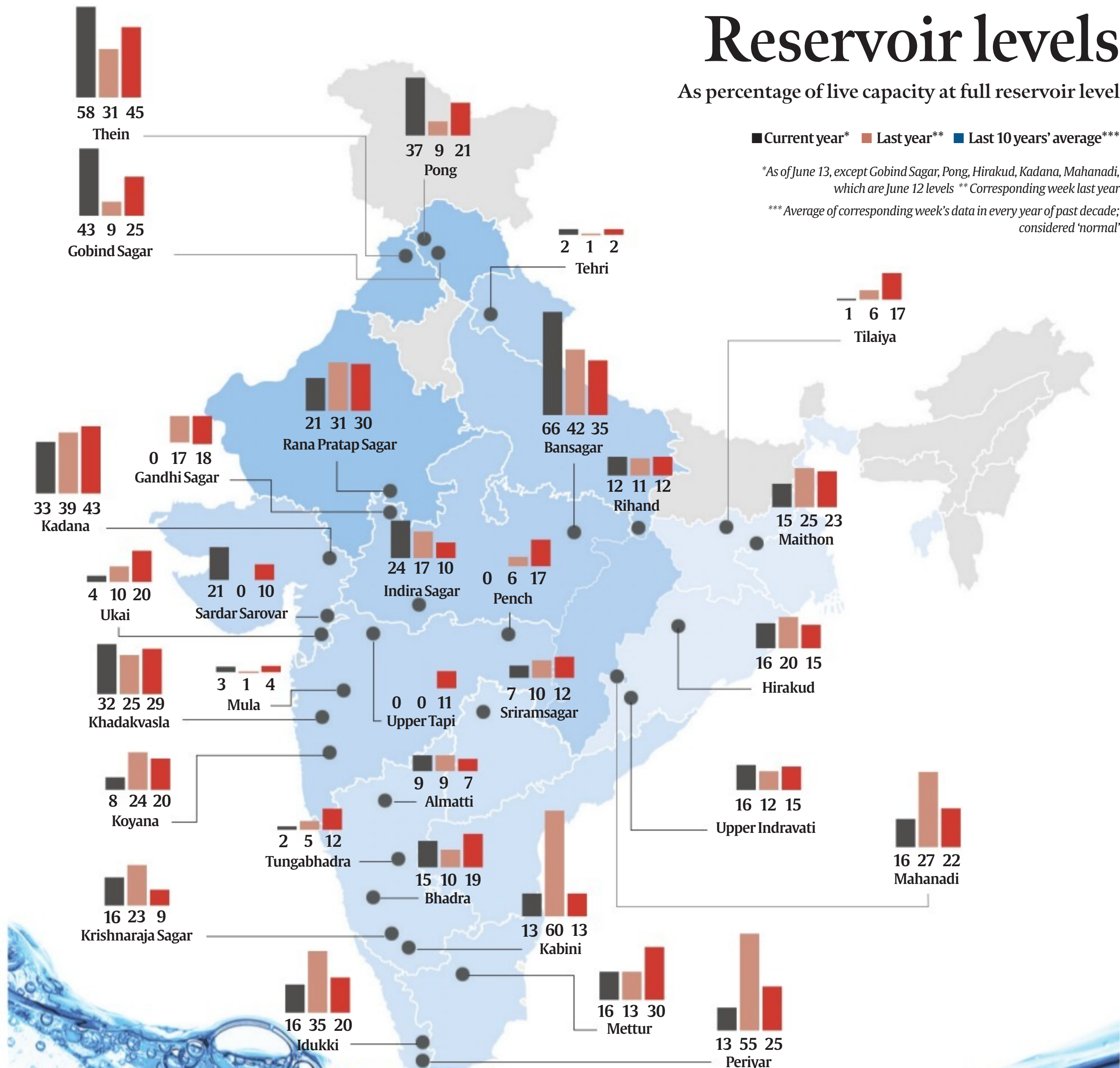
Reservoirs in the Northern Region (Himachal Pradesh, Punjab), Eastern Region (West Bengal, Odisha, Tripura), and in Madhya Pradesh were in healthy condition.

There has been very little rain this year, with the pre-monsoon season of March to May witnessing 25% below normal rainfall. In the last one year since July, there has been just one month, February this year, that has witnessed normal rainfall. All other months have been deficient.

The storage in the reservoirs, however, depends not only on the total amount of rainfall, but also on where the rainfall happens. The catchment areas, from which water drains into the reservoirs, need to receive good rainfall for the reservoir levels to rise.

## Reservoir levels

As percentage of live capacity at full reservoir level



### REGION BY REGION

How full are reservoirs

Current year	Last year	10-yr avg
40%	16%	26%

### NORTHERN REGION

Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan (6 reservoirs)

### EASTERN REGION

Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Tripura (15 reservoirs)

### WESTERN REGION

Gujarat, Maharashtra (27 reservoirs)

### CENTRAL REGION

UP, Uttarakhand, MP, Chhattisgarh (12 reservoirs)

### SOUTHERN REGION

Andhra, Telangana, Kerala, Karnataka, TN (31 reservoirs)

■ This year's live storage as of June 13. Last year's figures and 10-year averages are for the corresponding weeks in earlier years.

■ Figures in parentheses are the numbers of reservoirs monitored by CWC in each region.

■ Checks and crosses compare this year's status with last year's and the average status of 10 years. The checks denote fuller reservoirs and the crosses, emptier in comparison to last year's level or the average level over the last 10 years.

### MOSTLY DRY AS MONSOON HITS

85 of 91 major reservoirs are at 40% of their full level, or lower

### REGIONWISE FILLING POSITION AS %AGE OF FRL\*

	81%-90%	71%-80%	61%-70%	51%-60%	41%-50%	40% and below
Northern	-	-	-	1	1	4
Eastern	-	-	-	1	-	14
Western	-	-	-	-	-	27
Central	-	-	1	-	1	10
Southern	1	-	-	-	-	30
Overall status	1	0	1	2	2	85

\* No reservoir in any region is full to the extent of 91%-99%, or 100%, of FRL. Data as of June 13

### ANDHRA PRADESH, MAHARASHTRA RESERVOIRS DRIEST

Departure from normal storage: All states in the Southern Region are in deficit

#### NORTHERN REGION

Himachal Pradesh	77%
Punjab	29%
Rajasthan	-5%

#### EASTERN REGION

Jharkhand	-16%
Odisha	9%
West Bengal	29%
Tripura	15%

#### WESTERN REGION

Gujarat	-22%
Maharashtra	-68%

#### CENTRAL REGION

Uttar Pradesh	-11%
Uttarakhand	37%
Madhya Pradesh	39%
Chhattisgarh	-9%

#### SOUTHERN REGION

Andhra & Telangana	-51%
Andhra Pradesh	-83%
Telangana	-34%
Karnataka	-8%
Kerala	-24%
Tamil Nadu	-41%

Data as of June 13

### WATER WORDS

#### FULL RESERVOIR LEVEL (FRL)

■ Highest possible level of water in a reservoir, including active and inactive (water below the level of dam outlets) storage, and flood storage if provided for

#### STORAGE LEVELS CLASSIFICATION

NORMAL: Average storage of the last 10 years

CLOSE TO NORMAL: Shortfall up to 20% of normal storage

DEFICIENT: Shortfall more than 20% and up to 60% of normal storage

HIGHLY DEFICIENT: Shortfall more than 60% of normal

#### BASINWISE STORAGE

Southern and Western river systems have the least water

#### BETTER THAN NORMAL

Ganga, Indus, Narmada

#### CLOSE TO NORMAL

Mahi, Kutch rivers, Mahanadi and neighbouring east- and west-flowing rivers of the South

#### DEFICIENT

Sabarmati, Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery, neighbouring east-flowing rivers

#### HIGHLY DEFICIENT

Tapi

Source: Central Water Commission

## AN EXPERT EXPLAINS

# Why healthy animals mean healthy humans, and how to meet that goal



TARUN SHRIDHAR

NOT SO long ago, the widespread prevalence of avian influenza in poultry, or bird flu as it commonly became known, created nationwide panic resulting in the culling of millions of poultry birds. It was concern for human health that prompted the extreme reaction and subsequent establishment of protocols; containment of avian influenza is managed quite effectively now. Similarly, in 2003, SARS or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome emanated suddenly in China. This too vanished soon, but not before an emergency response that included extreme measures like travel bans and restrictions.

In both cases, panic spread much faster than the virus. Besides drawing a response from governments, these events also brought

forth the hitherto forgotten philosophy of One Health, which recognises inter-connectivity among human health, the health of animals, and the environment.

### The One Health concept

The World Organization of Animal Health, commonly known as OIE (an abbreviation of its French title), summarises the One Health concept as "human health and animal health are interdependent and bound to the health of the ecosystems in which they exist". Circa 400 BC, Hippocrates in his treatise *On Airs, Waters and Places* had urged physicians that all aspects of patients' lives need to be considered including their environment; disease was a result of imbalance between man and environment. So One Health is not a new concept, though it is of late that it has been formalised in health governance systems.

As human populations expand, it results in greater contact with domestic and wild animals, providing more opportunities for diseases to pass from one to the other. Climate change, deforestation and intensive farming further disrupt environment characteristics, while increased trade and travel result in closer and more frequent interaction, thus increasing

the possibility of transmission of diseases. According to the OIE, 60% of existing human infectious diseases are zoonotic i.e. they are transmitted from animals to humans; 75% of emerging infectious human diseases have an animal origin. Of the five new human diseases appearing every year, three originate in animals. If this is not scary enough, 80% biological agents with potential bio-terrorist use are zoonotic pathogens. It is estimated that zoonotic diseases account for nearly two billion cases per year resulting in more than two million deaths — more than from HIV/AIDS and diarrhoea. One-fifth of premature deaths in poor countries are attributed to diseases transmitted from animals to humans.

### The approach needed

This builds a strong case for strengthening veterinary institutions and services. The most effective and economical approach is to control zoonotic pathogens at their animal source. It calls not only for close collaboration at local, regional and global levels among veterinary, health and environmental governance, but also for greater investment in animal health infrastructure. Developing countries like India have much greater stake in strong One Health

systems on account of agricultural systems resulting in uncomfortably close proximity of animals and humans. This calls for strict health surveillance to incorporate domestic animals, livestock and poultry too. Humans require a regular diet of animal protein. Thus, loss of food animals on account of poor health or disease too becomes a public health issue even though there may be no disease transmission, and we lose 20% of our animals this way.

The size of India's human and animal populations is almost the same; 121 crore people (2011 Census) and 125.5 crore livestock and poultry. A network of 1.90 lakh health institutions in the government sector form the backbone of health governance, supported by a large number of private facilities. On the other hand, only 65,000 veterinary institutions tend to the health needs of 125.5 crore animals; and this includes 28,000 mobile dispensaries and first aid centres with bare minimum facilities. Private sector presence in veterinary services is close to being nonexistent. Unlike a physician, a veterinarian is always on a house call on account of the logistic challenge of transporting livestock to the hospital, unless they are domestic pets. There could not be a stronger case for reinventing the entire

animal husbandry sector to be able to reach every livestock farmer, not only for disease treatment but for prevention and surveillance to minimise the threat to human health. Early detection at animal source can prevent disease transmission to humans and introduction of pathogens into the food chain. So a robust animal health system is the first and a crucial step in human health.

We are slowly but surely moving towards a strong and effective One Health regime, establishing a collaborative mechanism for joint surveillance and monitoring, strengthening disease reporting and control programmes. While the institutional mechanism for One Health governance is in place, the concept would really catch the imagination if the critical importance of animal health in human well-being were underscored continuously. Disease surveillance has to go beyond humans and encompass preventive health and hygiene in livestock and poultry, improved standards of animal husbandry for greater food safety, and effective communication protocols between animal and public health systems.

### Why it matters for India

The World Health Organization (WHO)

was set up in 1948 to, among other objectives, promote cooperation to control human diseases. India, a founding member, also hosted the first meeting of WHO's South East Asia Regional Committee in October that year. That cooperation and collaboration among nations to control and contain animal diseases is a *sine qua non* for achieving the WHO objectives had been recognised as early as in 1924 when OIE was established to fight animal diseases at the global level. Somewhere down the line, animal health got pushed back, more so in developing countries where scarce resources and popular priorities needed a delicate balance.

Interestingly, the trigger for OIE was the unexpected occurrence of rinderpest cattle disease in Belgium. The disease was attributed to Zebu cattle originating from India and destined for Brazil via Antwerp. So, India has been at the forefront of both these apex bodies, though for different reasons. Let us keep ourselves healthy — human, animal and environment.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Case for compassion

Violence incubates in our society. Insensitivity to it makes the doctor vulnerable



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THE RECENT ASSAULT on junior doctors in a medical college in Kolkata — that caused serious injuries to two interns — needs to be strongly condemned. Such violence is unique to the Indian Subcontinent. A number of studies have shown that violence at the workplace can have negative and disastrous effects on employee satisfaction and work performance. Having said that, doctors too are not completely innocent. It appears that the mob mentality has come to rule our social consciousness, preying on even the most elite members of the society. This needs deeper introspection by the society in general and the medical fraternity in particular. It is important to remember that we have institutionalised violence through politics, caste, religion, economics and gender discrimination. We have created a hierarchical social order through such institutionalised violence. Doctors are amongst those who sit at the top of this hierarchy.

Broadly speaking, India has two types of healthcare facilities — public and private. The latter delivers nearly 80 per cent of the country's healthcare. Doctors in both public and the private sectors are at the receiving end of violence. The public sector is in general blamed for most of the faults of the services sector. We need to understand, therefore, why reactions are different when it comes to doctors.

Violence as a means of effecting "justice" is common in Indian society but a large part of the intellectual class, including doctors, remains insensitive to this problem, till they are affected. I have worked with some of the best minds in the profession. But I wonder how many of my seniors, colleagues and juniors would even know about the tombstones in India's graveyard of injustice and violence. Most of my professional brethren haven't even heard about the Khairlanji massacre, they don't understand the reasons behind the Bhagalpur blindings, don't care about what happened at Naroda Patiya and fail to understand the logic behind the Adivasi protests in Chhattisgarh's forests. We doctors have an insulated existence, unaware of the institutionalised violence faced by common people. This

is the most important reason for violence coming back to haunt doctors, painfully so. The young Indian doctor is angry at the injustice meted out to him/her without realising that Dalits, minorities, women and other underprivileged sections of Indian society suffer such violence on a regular basis.

Some may argue, correctly so, that injustices and tragedies should not be compared. But in the case of doctors, this argument does not hold much ground because doctors in India are considered next to god. Most doctors wear this idolisation with pride and this leads to hubris. The doctor-patient relationship in India is thus more than merely "professional". The acceptance of this god-like status by Indian physicians is problematic, in fact, it works against them. Gods are not supposed to mint money and they are not supposed to have flaws. And, when they fall short of such standards of divinity, the illiterate and the deprived faithful unleash violence on them. India's doctors should realise that their acceptance of a divine status makes them vulnerable to violence by patients.

The rampant corporatisation of medical practice and erosion of medical ethics in private and public set-ups is another reason for doctors facing the music. Corporatisation is known to have changed the behavioural patterns of healthcare personnel. Misbehaviour, over-treatment, under-treatment and blatantly over-priced treatment today constitutes an important part of the medical culture. Unfortunately, not many amongst us are willing to fight it. I am yet to read a statement by an authorised/statuary body of medicine or surgery in the country that condemns outright the malpractices of its members. Such hoodwinking goes on till coercion from the other side assumes threatening proportions.

The country's medical fraternity, especially young doctors, should realise that we work with limitations of infrastructure. The poor conditions of government hospitals, particularly those in large parts of rural India, is no secret. Lack of proper infrastructure leads to improper care — this creates

conditions rife for violence. With one doctor for every 2,000 people, the situation is bound to get out of hand at times. The working hours for residents, who form the backbone of public-funded healthcare, is dreadfully irrational but no one, not even the medical fraternity, wants to raise the issue with the administrative authorities concerned.

It would, therefore, be wrong for doctors, including those involved in the current agitation in West Bengal, to turn against patients. Their anger should be directed at the systemic failures, which leads to infrastructure shortage. The doctors should, in fact, send out the message that they are not against patients. A simple way to assert this point would be to run out-patient clinics outside their hospitals on days when they are on strike. Strikes by doctors can also be tricky from an ethical standpoint. It is correct to fight injustices but a doctor under the Hippocratic Oath is contractually obliged to care for the patient — this overrides all other responsibilities of a physician. Striking work complicates the issue in other ways too: Loss of public sympathy, brinkmanship of the administrators and demonising by the media erodes the moral standing of the doctors.

Solutions like beefing up security within hospital premises can only provide temporary relief. In contrast, sensitising a young doctor towards the problems of the poor and underprivileged can be a simple solution that could reap dividends in the long-run. Compassion, unfortunately, cannot be taught. Teaching behavioural sciences at undergraduate and post-graduate levels can be helpful. Acquainting the young doctor to social prejudices could also be a way to inculcate compassion.

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BISHKEK LESSONS

SCO summit underlined that manoeuvring among US, China and Russia is now a permanent condition for Indian diplomacy

ALTHOUGH THE shadow of Pakistan followed him to the Bishkek summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had bigger fish to fry at the forum that is constructing a new region, now widely described as Eurasia. The SCO brings together two of the world's great powers — China and Russia — and four central Asian nations — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — with India and Pakistan. Launched by China and Russia nearly two decades ago, the SCO has also been billed by some as the "Alliance of the East" and as a continental counter to the US and more broadly, the maritime West. For that very reason, it is seen as a major diplomatic challenge to Delhi that has moved steadily closer to the US in recent years and embraced the Indo-Pacific maritime construct.

India's navigation between the two competing worlds had become even more difficult as the US President Donald Trump ratchets up tensions with both China and Russia. His renewal of American confrontation with Iran and the threat to pull out of Afghanistan have thrown the region into fresh turmoil. Undaunted at Bishkek, Modi appeared to revel in India's emerging possibilities in the new dynamic. The big political mandate at home has raised PM's regional stature that he is happy to flaunt. Even as he demonstrated great personal warmth toward China's Xi Jinping, Modi stood his ground on opposing the Belt and Road Initiative and turning down China's advice to begin talks with Pakistan. With President Vladimir Putin of Russia, Modi sought to expand the strategic partnership with Russia to new areas of defence and energy. Modi, however, joined Xi and Putin in opposing the new threats to global trade from new American unilateralism under Trump. The need to manoeuvre between Moscow, Beijing and Washington is now a permanent condition for Indian diplomacy and will be put to test again at the G-20 summit later this month.

On the regional front, PM's bilateral engagement with the host nation Kyrgyzstan underlined the new political commitment to realise the full potential of India's relations with the Central Asian republics. Bishkek summit also revealed India's deepening challenges with Afghanistan and Pakistan. While India continues to emphasise an "Afghan-owned and Afghan-led" peace process, Kabul has become increasingly marginal as major powers negotiate with the Taliban. On a positive note, the forum strongly endorsed India's concerns on cross-border terrorism. Modi did exchange pleasantries with Prime Minister Imran Khan, but is in no mood to revive talks without major steps from Pakistan on shutting down its terror factories. And, Imran's domestic standing is diminishing by the day as a series of political and economic crises envelop Pakistan. Modi, then, is willing to wait.

IF THE RAINS FAIL

Low retail food inflation, ample stocks of pulses and cereals give government leeway to plan for the exigencies of a poor monsoon

IT'S EARLY days yet, but the prospects of a failed monsoon loom large in the first year of the Narendra Modi government's second term, as in 2014 and 2015. The first half of this month has seen the country receive 43 per cent below-normal rainfall, on top of a 25 per cent deficiency in the pre-monsoon season (March-May). Moreover, Gujarat, Maharashtra, northern Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and large areas in the Northeast have been experiencing an extended dry spell since the last post-monsoon period (October-December). If current conditions persist — the US Climate Prediction Center has forecast an 81 per cent chance of El Nino, the abnormal warming of the equatorial eastern Pacific Ocean waters known to adversely impact rainfall in India, continuing till July and 66 per cent up to August — kharif crop production will take a hit. The agriculture ministry's data already shows a 9 per cent fall in plantings so far this kharif season compared with last year's corresponding acreage, with even sharper declines for pulses (51 per cent) and coarse cereals (26 per cent).

There is a difference, though, in the situation now relative to five years ago. In May 2014, retail food inflation was at 8.89 per cent year-on-year. In May 2019, it was only 1.83 per cent, while ruling below general consumer price inflation for an unprecedented 33 months in a row. Also, this time, government agencies are holding huge stocks of not just wheat and rice, but also pulses. While most pulses, barring arhar, are still trading below their minimum support price levels, even the little inflation now building up in many vegetables, milk or poultry products should not ring alarm bells. If anything, they represent a healthy price correction after a prolonged bearish phase in agricultural commodity markets, triggered both by global factors (collapse of exports) and domestic policies (inflation targeting and demonetisation).

Given the delayed onset of monsoon and likely rainfall deficit, farmers should be advised to sow short-duration pulses (moong and urad), soyabean, groundnut, sesame, guar and fodder crops, apart from maize and cotton that need less water than paddy or sugarcane. More important, however, is to think beyond the immediate. That would mean freeing up agricultural markets by totally abolishing stocking, movement and export restrictions on produce; giving farmers the freedom to sell their crop to anybody and anywhere; and replacing all input and output subsidies with per-acre direct benefit transfers. The farm sector must no longer be viewed as a source of wage-goods for meeting industrialisation or inflation-targeting goals, but a potent instrument for raising rural incomes and reducing poverty.



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READING GANDHI IN TEHRAN

A decade later, the peaceful Green Movement continues to inspire Iranians worldwide

TEN YEARS AGO, the world watched in admiration the peaceful, non-violent protests of young Iranians in the aftermath of Iran's fraudulent presidential elections of June 2009 that re-elected Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as president. On June 12, interior minister Sadeq Mahsouli, an ally of Ahmadinejad, declared that the president had won the election with 62.6 per cent of the vote against 33.7 per cent for Mir Hossein Mousavi, a reformist politician, who served as prime minister from 1981 to 1989. The protests in Tehran began by denouncing the presidential election results. When the administration clamped down, the people created a massive civil movement. In the days and months that followed, the state authorities were challenged by what came to be known as the "Green Movement", the biggest non-violent challenge to Iran's rulers since they gained power in 1979.

In what is now understood as a Gandhian moment in post-revolutionary Iran, young men and women from all walks of life protested for fundamental changes in the leadership of the Islamic Republic, its economic system, and many other civic issues. Also, for the first time in three decades, Iran's public spaces saw extraordinary heroism from women demonstrators, who were beaten up, arrested, and killed. Neda Agha-Soltan, a 26-year-old philosophy student, who bled to death after being shot during a peaceful demonstration in Tehran, became the symbol of the fighting Iranian women. The demonstrators condemned violence

and the exercise of power without ethics by the authorities. The Iranian political society had abandoned ethical values since the constitutional revolution of 1906-1911 and adopted violence as a means to force regime change. So, the non-violent action by the Iranian Green Movement was proof of a new political maturity and moral integrity. The Green Movement chose civil disobedience, particularly silent demonstrations, to unify people, which gave it a "Gandhian" tone. This rather spiritual and peaceful spirit of the Green Movement that saw the participation of a large number of young Iranians, was a huge motivation for the young Arabs, who two years later, took to streets in Tunis, Cairo, Damascus and Bahrain to challenge the undemocratic order in their countries.

The Green Movement was quickly crushed by the authorities. But it impressed the civil society actors in Iran about the need to go beyond all forms of violence in political action. The brutal policies of the authorities, since the 1979 revolution, have made many people inside and outside Iran believe that only a violent showdown can force regime change in the country. However, the atmosphere that precipitated the Green Movement has promoted radically decentralised political associations and non-hierarchical values among the Iranian youth. Living through two revolutions, one coup d'état, one armed occupation and sporadic guerilla warfare in one century, several generations of Iranians are exposed to the horrors of violence. In this context, the Green Movement is

not only an important moment in Iranian history, but also a milestone in the history of non-violent initiatives across the globe. For those who seek a more tolerant, pluralistic and democratic order in Iran, the rise of the Green Movement represents an explosion of democratic thought and action, which created a "new unity of purpose" among Iranians around the world since the downfall of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in 1979. A decade since its eruption, the Green Movement is viewed as a promising indigenous movement for democracy.

It's useful to remember that two out of three people in Iran today are under 35. They make up one-third of the electorate in the presidential elections. These young Iranians, many of them well-educated, may not pose a threat to the regime in Tehran, which has vast paramilitary and police resources at its disposal. But given the demographics, policy decisions that do not factor in the views of the young Iranians could severely threaten the very foundations of the Islamic regime.

The idea of the Green Movement as a democratic learning community has not disappeared. Many Iranians see the moral claims made by it as a legitimate counter to the values claimed by the Iranian theocracy. Young Iranians will continue to read Gandhi in Tehran, though it may take another generation to make the Gandhian dream of non-violent political change a reality.

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FREEZE FRAME

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JUNE 17, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

US-SOVIET TALKS  
US PRESIDENT JIMMY Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev planned to talk business in the first east-west summit meeting in nearly five years. They open their formal talks with an exchange of verbal statements outlining often-conflicting positions on global, regional and bilateral issues. Carter and Brezhnev exchanged brief pleasantries last night in a call on Austria's president and shared a box at a glittering first night performance of the Austrian state opera.

POWER CRISIS  
MAHARASHTRA IS UNDER the worst power crisis in the annals of history. A five-day total

power cut to all general industries, including textile mills has been announced. The continuous process industries will be subjected to 75 per cent energy and demand cut on their basic quotas. They will be allowed to retain 25 per cent quota to prevent damage to equipment. The drastic measures to curtail consumption were announced by Chief Minister Sharad Pawar at a press conference after getting cabinet approval and post consultations with representatives of labour and industries.

L N MISHRA PROBE  
THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, Patna, reserved orders on the petition of four Ananda Margis, accused in the L N Mishra murder case, re-

newing their plea for release on bail. He also reserved orders on another petition submitted by them for the production of four documents which had acquired importance in the context of "newspaper reports that there is going to be fresh probe in Mr Mishra's murder case". The magistrate fixed July 17 as the next date for hearing the case. The petitioners, who are lodged in the Phulwari Sharif camp jail in Patna, are Santoshanand, Arteshanand, Sudevanand and Krishna Mohan Singh alias Gopaljee. Referring to the rejection of their earlier petition for bail, they sought to reiterate their plea on the ground that "there is no chance or possibility of the case being opened in the near future".



## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"As trade protectionism and unilateralism are bringing unprecedented impacts to free trade and multilateralism, the BRI and the SCO show their outstanding value."  
— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

# Democracy and tyranny

There is an intimate connection between the two seemingly opposed concepts



**IN GOOD FAITH**  
VIJAY TANKHA

ALTHOUGH THEY APPEAR as polar opposites, there is, or at least was, an intimate connection between democracy and tyranny, one which also troubled people in the past. The Athenian state's experiment with democracy, almost 25 centuries ago, lasted 200 years (its demise is fantastically dated to August 2, 338 BCE, even more precisely to three in the afternoon, when the Macedonians overwhelmed the Athenians and their allies in the battle of Chaeronea), proving once again the truism, nothing lasts.

Though the first democracies arose earlier, possibly influenced by the colonisation of coastal territories in the late 700s, the Athenian version is best known. Elsewhere, monarchies gave way to tyrannies, so smoothly sometimes there was little perceived difference between monarch and tyrant; dynastic succession did not always distinguish them. Phaidon of Argos, though a legitimate ruler, notes Aristotle, "was a king who became a tyrant" (because of his despotic acts). The ideology of the *turanos* is complicated by the fact that although demonised by the intellectual elites, many of these tyrants had popular support and indeed came to power with the help of the *demoi* (public): Though their detractors show them as taking advantage of the ignorance of the populace and, once having gained power, of holding on to it by force and deception.

The odium now associated with the word *turanos*, was slow to grow (Sanskrit and classical Chinese have no equivalent term). The tyrant was a usurper, one who seized power, or even came to power through illegitimate means (illegitimate as far as the ruling class were concerned at any rate: The tyrant was not born to rule). Tyrants could come to power in one of several different ways. Usually some member of the ruling elite would take control during times of emergency (like Pericles at Athens, who was called "the first citizen of the democracy"). Such a person might, and often did, decline to step down when the crisis had passed, like Dionysus at Syracuse. Other ways of becoming sole ruler was to marry a widowed queen and thereby become king (or tyrant), as did Oedipus at Thebes who "saved the city from pestilence". Of course, he had unknowingly widowed the queen-mother!

Tyrannical rule was not necessarily tyrannical in our sense of the term. The tyrant, like all rulers, had to balance the interests of the rich and the poor, while maintaining if not enhancing his own prestige and honour. Greek tyrants were patrons of the arts, attracting poets and singers to their courts. Naturally, the dominant poetic mode of the time were songs of praise, eulogising powerful patrons, though often with an undercurrent of irony increasingly laced with hope-filled moralising. Tyrants were also big on monumental construction — temples, palaces,

amphitheatres and baths. Designed both to impress their subjects as well as to glorify themselves. Indeed fame and glory, through war or competitive games, became the conceptual handmaids of absolute rulers.

Although he was one of them, the tyrant was feared by the aristocrats, for it was their wealth he was likely to seize. Many tyrants in those days came to power through the help of the people. Thus the close link between democracy and tyranny: Tyrants with popular support could seize and retain power. Aristotle notes as much in his study of Greek constitutional history: "And in old times whenever the same man became leader of the people and general, they used to change the constitution to a tyranny; for almost the largest number of the tyrants of early days have arisen from being leaders of the people."

Winning popular support and retaining it was not always easy: Peisistratus rode into Athens once on a chariot driven by an actor dressed as the goddess Athena. Grandiloquence and persuasion were keys to the bellies if not the minds of the citizens. Once in place, the tyrant was difficult if not impossible to dislodge; it often needed outside help. The Athenians lived with the embarrassment of having their democracy restored with the aid of their anti-democratic arch rival Sparta in 403 BC when the short-lived but bloody reign of the 30 tyrants was brought to an end. Politics was never not about estranged bedfellows.

Anticipating Shakespeare, the Athenians likened the tyrant to "a serpents egg which, hatch'd, would as his kind grow mischievous", and took rather elaborate if questionable steps to prevent his growth. Their chief instrument was ostracism: Any citizen could bring a charge against any (prominent) person who, in his view, might violently seize power; the whole citizen body could then vote him into exile. Like extradition today, potentially undesirable persons could be legally got rid of (without their actually having committed a crime).

But while tyrants were feared and hated, they were also the subject of adulation. The hubris of Gyges, tyrant of Lydia, appeared as "an unrestrained sensuality that went hand in hand with unrestrained political power". Plato too touches upon the theme of tyrant envy. All men envy tyrants in the way that all men worship wealth and power. The tyrant is above the laws and can do what he wants; a complete lack of restraint or moderation (an aristocratic virtue) typically characterised his rule.

The chief difference between tyranny and democracy was the place accorded to free speech. Not surprisingly, tyrants didn't like to hear what they didn't like. Poetic speech was usually duplicitous, not merely delighting, but seeking refuge in ambiguity. Comedy itself was said to have arisen among uncouth peasantry, along with the democracy, in Megara. Political comedy only flourished in democratic Athens. It suffered, like most political discourse, a quick demise. In the later Greek anecdotal tradition, those who stood up to tyrants were usually philosophers, unimpressed by either wealth or power and unapologetic in the face of death. "For to oppose evil men is the chief aim we set ourselves." Philosophy reminds Boethius, as she recounts her loss of prestige and increasing neglect.

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# Let me count the ways

Girish Karnad's phenomenal creativity was fuelled by the fact that he tapped into several different linguistic traditions, contexts and resonances



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THE FLOOD OF obituary encomia speaks of Girish Karnad's clearly immoderate pursuit of distinction. Even a fraction of what he achieved in diverse fields — in theatre and cinema, as a writer and a performer, actor, director, institution builder, as a public intellectual who embodied courage but also grace — would have been sufficient. More than, Karnad's career is an amalgam of many different kinds of excellence. Excellence such that, for instance, the Rhodes Scholarship and the Oxford Union presidency are barely visible in the glow that emanates from all the other marks of recognition: The numerous Padma awards, President's awards, Sahitya Akademi, Sangeet Natak, Jnanpith, you name it — awards for direction, for acting, for writing; for positions held with distinction. And even, on occasion, forsworn with distinction: He resigned from the directorship of the Film and Television Institute of India following the declaration of Emergency in 1975. All things considered, so to speak — the sums don't add up: All of this couldn't just relate to one man. It is entirely appropriate then that this is no longer about one man — Karnad has become an icon. And this is my brief, preliminary exploration of the meanings of this iconicity. (Forgive me, my friend.)

The last time I saw Girish Karnad was at the memorial meeting for Gauri Lankesh, in Bengaluru — on the first anniversary of her murder. Many people have recalled his showing up at the auditorium that day. He was in frail health, he was strapped to his wheelchair and was carrying breathing apparatus as well as an oxygen cylinder, and a placard that read "I am an urban naxal", alluding to the idiot accusation that is being bandied about by the geniuses in the home ministry to quell dissent. As I recall, the memorial meeting was conducted mainly in Kannada. But I remember feeling very moved by the occasion itself — and by Girish's noble, exemplary presence

there. He was already being absorbed into myth: A figure from a lost world of intellectual distinction and of moral courage, in which honour could coexist with grace and subtlety and nuance, and not degenerate into toxic machismo. My own Kannada being somewhat limited, I left early.

In the Delhi I know, such a meeting would have been conducted in English, it would have been attended by people who are effectively — and all too often, I fear, ineffectively — Anglophone. In the Allahabad I live in now, such a meeting could only be in Hindi — but a memorial meeting for someone who had attracted the ire of the Hindu right would be inconceivable. It would be attacked by mercenary louts whose headbands reflect the colour of the ruling dispensation — currently, saffron. Between the metropolitan Anglophone possibility and the mofussil vernacular impossibility, there is a story waiting to be told, about the fate of bilingualism in our India.

The fate of bilingualism has drawn the attention of scholars from time to time. Ramachandra Guha's reflection on the phenomenon of Girish Karnad, written on the occasion of his 80th birthday, remarked on Karnad's multilingual being — he was revising the proofs of the Marathi translation of his original Kannada work. Apropos Karnad, the argument is a relatively simple one: Karnad's monstrous creativity was fuelled by the fact that he tapped into several different linguistic traditions, contexts and resonances. Culturally promiscuous, Karnad tapped into different languages, into myth and folklore, into the classical and the popular, into what was indigenous and what was foreign but only until it had been assimilated — so *Yayati*, so *Hayavadana*. As moralists have always warned, promiscuity breeds — which is why the cultural nationalists in khaki shorts are so committed to cultural virginity. Creativity has consequences. There is an irony in the fact that Karnad the "urban naxal" first came to national attention with his epoch-marking representation of the much-reviled Nehru as Tughlaq, back in the 1960s. Because, of course, in a time of cultural vigilantes, that same Nehru is now also much-missed.

But there is a larger argument there. Many of the leaders of the freedom movement — Gandhi, Nehru, Ambedkar, Azad and Bose — were fluently multilingual. (Even Savarkar was bilingual, but he probably had rather less to do with the freedom movement.) However, it

has been remarked that there has been a decline of bilingual competence in our political leadership. Some might even suggest a decline of linguistic competence generally, and a replacement thereof by a certain post-lingual reliance on muscle and machismo. However, that is not germane to my argument which, by way of obituary tribute to Karnad, seeks to raise the question of what has happened to our polity as a consequence of these developments.

At a popular level, of course, multilingualism has always been the norm in India. Perhaps the only difference is that a kind of English — like this only — has become part of the assertive vernacular mix. However, at the level of public discourse, there has been a total fracture: The Anglophone universe — Lutyens' Delhi, Khan Market Gang, whatever — is counterposed, in a reciprocally abusive relationship with its vernacular others. This is a multiple tragedy, of which the present denouement is a mere prelude, mere appetiser.

In an essay on "bilingualism", Guha refers to U R Ananthamurthy's notion of "vernacular anxiety" — the familiar avidity with which the vernacular intellectual seeks "English" recognition. As a counterpart to this vernacular anxiety, Guha proposes a notion of "cosmopolitan anxiety" — the complex condition of the metropolitan Anglophone, locked in a contradictory position that is compounded of social privilege and a longing for secularism and progress and modernity. These complementary anxieties, the tense stand-off between English and the "vernacular" languages imparts a kind of toxic, Cold War-like stability to the status quo. But English is too deeply implicated with privilege to be an adequate guardian for secularism and modernity — indeed, it might even be a liability. Further, the Anglophone elite is ill-positioned — too burdened with social guilt — to call out the pseudo-democrats who conceal their commitment to caste privilege behind the mask of the vernacular. The resultant political impasse is ominous — and is, I suggest, the explanation for why an ailing Karnad dragged himself in his wheelchair, to a meeting in memory of the murdered Gauri Lankesh. And why it matters that Kannada was the predominant language there.

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## VIEW FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



A weekly look at the public conversations shaping ideas beyond borders — in the Subcontinent. Curated by Aakash Joshi

## TWO BUDGETS

LAST WEEK, governments in both Bangladesh and Pakistan presented their budgets, and a look at the editorials on the subject in leading newspapers in both countries presents the contrasts in their economic trajectories and political structures. The June 16 editorial in *The Daily Star*, for instance, appears somewhat disappointed at the Sheikh Hasina government for "failing to address old concerns". *Dawn*, on June 13, on the other hand, calls the Pakistan budget "ambitious and risky" since the "the real GDP rate is set to fall by 2.4 per cent next year".

In Bangladesh, the fact that a government which has had "the luxury of seven continuous budgets" did not use the opportunity to address the "issues from past budgets and make use of its budgetary intervention to now address some of the more burning economic concerns — such as lack of employment generation, rising non-performing loans and others — that we have. That, however, does not seem very likely from the budget proposal." In a rising and successful economy, Bangladesh's media appears to be impatient for a more aggressive reform agenda from the government.

In Pakistan, meanwhile, as the prospects for the economy are far more bleak, and the "government has presented a harsh budget

and must now perform the high-wire act of keeping its balance while adhering to its targets." With inflation rising and revenue falling, the ambitious targets set by the Imran Khan government will be tough to meet. The austerity measures may bring "a smile on the face of the IMF, but the people of Pakistan have very little to cheer about". The finance minister, according to the editorial, "Having made the choice to let Pakistanis feel the pain first, the government has asked they make a large sacrifice for the sake of the macroeconomic health of the state. Now it must wait for their answer as the budget measures are implemented."

## HOME AND THE WORLD

THE JUNE 14 editorial in *The Himalayan Times* touches upon an issue of increasing significance for young Nepalis, both in the country as well as around the world. Many students go abroad to study and work, given the paucity of opportunities domestically, and "Recently, even students who have not passed XI and XII, which have been categorised as secondary school education, are opting for diploma and language courses, hoping to get good jobs abroad. The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) assists them by providing a No Objection Certificate (NoC) along with for-

eign currency exchange facility."

The Nepal government's decision to impose a ban on issuing such NoCs especially to those opting for non-academic courses in Australia and New Zealand, according to the editorial, is in principle against the constitutionally-guaranteed right to education.

It is also an example of the government trying to cover up its own failures by acting in a parochial manner. The editorial demands that the order be rolled back: "Going by the number of students opting for non-academic courses abroad, it is a clear indication that the government has failed to offer similar courses which could provide more jobs within the country. These courses are very popular and practical in developed countries to drive their economies forward. The ministry has not given any convincing reason as to why it took such a radical move. It also did not consult the stakeholders and experts before taking this decision. It will affect a large number of youths, especially from the rural areas, who find it hard to get past the foreign language tests (TOEFL or IELTS), which are necessary for tertiary education. Evidently, every move taken by the government recently has landed in controversy, be it the Media Council Bill or Guthi Bill. It appears as if it wants to take everything in its grip. The only way to correct the mistake is to roll back the decision."

## BROKEN GOVERNMENT

ACCORDING TO the June 12 editorial in *The Island*, the Sri Lankan government is divided and bickering over the parliamentary select committee (PSC) setup to probe the Easter Sunday bombings. This is in keeping with the newspaper's line since the bombing, from when it has consistently pointed out that the government has been unable to handle the crisis presented by terrorism and, in fact, has often blamed it for negligence. It says: "One need not be surprised if the blame for ignoring intelligence warnings of impending terror attacks is laid at President Sirisena's feet. The PSC process has been abused under successive governments, and the President's fear is not unfounded."

The editorial's disappointment at the cabinet borders on despondency, as it highlights the differences between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe: "Prime Minister Wickremesinghe has said the Cabinet has no control over matters concerning PSCs. What he says is true, but it is not the whole truth. The President cannot be unaware of what the PM says; what he is trying to do is to leverage his position as the Head of the Cabinet to pressure the government to suspend the PSC. Parliament does as the Speaker says, and the Speaker does as the PM says."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DEJA VU

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Let him go' (IE, June 14). The resignation drama has played out in the past and we know how such episodes end. If Rahul Gandhi really wants to go, the Congress should let him do so and choose someone from outside the family to lead the party. But, where is the party? Congress working committee members are nominated members. It is too much to expect from them to approve Rahul's exit.  
MC Joshi, Lucknow

### FOR PEACE'S SAKE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Calling attention' (IE, June 14). The continued terrorists attacks on the security forces show that anti-India elements are alive and active. They can defy the intelligence set up. The CRPF leadership needs to take note. The weak points must be identified and corrective measures adopted.  
Subhash Vaid, Noida

### LET US JOKE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Joke is on Kerala' (IE, June 14). It is sad that satire,

### LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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one of the most potent weapons of free speech, is under threat. We need to understand that a society that lampoons itself is not lampooned by others.  
Sangeeta Kampani, Delhi



# 12 THE WORLD

INDONESIA

## YOUTUBE STARS GET UNIVERSITY CHANCE

An Indonesian university is offering would-be students a novel way to gain admission — become a YouTube star first. Through a special scheme, the National Development University, Jakarta, is offering places to YouTubers who have a channel with at least 10,000 subscribers and have original content that has been viewed more than 100,000 times.

TOP OF THE WORLD



ISRAEL

### Golan Heights settlement named for Trump

**Ramat Trump:** The Trump name graces apartment towers, hotels and golf courses. Now it is the namesake of a tiny Jewish settlement in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet convened in this hamlet Sunday to announce the inauguration of a new settlement named after US President Donald Trump. The settlement will be known as "Ramat Trump", or Trump Heights. Israel hopes the community, first built in the 1980s, will attract a wave of people to what is currently little more than an isolated outpost with just 10 residents. The decision comes just over two months after the US leader recognised Israeli sovereignty over the territory.

UAE

### Indian boy, 6, falls asleep in school bus, dies

**Dubai:** A six-year-old Indian boy was found dead after he dozed off in his school bus and was left behind alone for several hours in the UAE Saturday. Mohamed Farhan Faisal, who hailed from Kerala, was a student of Islamic Centre in Al Quoz and had dozed off after boarding the bus. He was left behind after all other students disembarked outside the centre at 8 am, the *Khaleej Times* reported. "The child was found as the driver took the bus out to drop the students back home," a police official was quoted as saying by the paper.

SUDAN

### Bashir appears before prosecutor

**Khartoum:** Ousted Sudanese leader Omar al-Bashir was Sunday seen in public for the first time since being ousted, as he was driven in an armed convoy to the prosecutor's office. The former strongman, who ruled his north-east African nation with an iron fist for three decades, was toppled on April 11 after weeks of protests against his reign. Dressed in a white traditional robe and turban, Bashir rode in a heavily-armed convoy from the notorious Kober prison in the Sudanese capital Khartoum to prosecutors' office to face charges of alleged corruption.

# Hong Kong's leader apologises amid massive march calling for her to quit

JAMES POMFRET & FARAH MASTER  
HONG KONG, JUNE 16



**“The chief executive apologises to the citizens and promises to accept criticism with the most sincere and humble attitude.”**

—OFFICE OF CARRIE LAM, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF HONG KONG

## EXPLAINED E

### City's leadership changes tone, but protests rage on

HONG KONG leader Carrie Lam apologised on Sunday as hundreds of thousands of black-clad protesters maintained calls for her to resign over her handling of a Bill that would have allowed people to be sent to mainland China for trial.

The chief executive issued the rare apology one day after she indefinitely delayed the extradition Bill, which sparked one of the most violent protests in the city in decades.

A government spokesman said that poor government work over the Bill had led to "substantial controversies and disputes in society, causing disappointment and grief." Lam "apologised to the people of Hong Kong for this and pledged to adopt a most sincere and humble attitude to accept criticisms and make improvements in serving the public," the statement added.

Protesters formed a sea of black along roads, walkways and train stations across Hong Kong's financial centre to vent their frustration and anger at the bill and the government's handling of the resulting demonstrations.

Saturday's dramatic suspension of the bill was one of the most significant political retreats by the Hong Kong government since Britain returned the territory to China in 1997, and it threw into question Lam's ability to continue to lead the city.

The protests are also the largest in Hong Kong since Chinese President Xi Jinping came to power in 2012 and pose a challenge to the leadership in Beijing just as they grapple with escalating trade tensions with the US and slowing economic growth.

Critics say the planned extradition law could threaten Hong Kong's rule of law and its international reputation as an Asian financial hub. **REUTERS**

CARRIE LAM, the chief executive of Hong Kong, on Saturday suspended her push to pass the controversial extradition Bill that triggered massive protests and fears that Hong Kong's autonomy and freedoms would be eroded. Amid another massive protest on Sunday, she apologised for the way her government tried to pass the Bill. But for many protesters, these are too little, too late. They want the Bill to be scrapped entirely. The protest has also evolved into a broader pro-democracy movement, especially after police violence and earlier comments by Lam dismissing the protesters as rioters further angered citizens. They are now also demanding her resignation.



Protesters march in Hong Kong on Sunday. AP

## China stays mum as Hong Kong protests

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
BEIJING, JUNE 16

CHINESE STATE media remained largely silent Sunday as hundreds of thousands took to the streets in Hong Kong to protest against a controversial extradition Bill, with social platforms scrubbed clean of any pictures or mentions of the rally.

Except for a short opinion piece in the Communist Party mouthpiece *People's Daily*, Chinese state media — which has drummed up support for the Bill in recent weeks — remained mum Sunday after the climbdown by Chief Executive



'No extradition to China,' say Hong Kong protesters. Reuters

Carrie Lam.

China's state broadcaster, CCTV, avoided the subject in its main news bulletins through-

out the day.

The proposed law that would allow extraditions to the mainland was "supported by mainstream

public opinion in Hong Kong", the *People's Daily* article said.

China has blamed the protests on what it says is a small group of organisers who are colluding with Western governments.

Searches on China's Twitter-like microblogging site Weibo for "Hong Kong protests", only yields official Chinese foreign ministry statements that have called such rallies, "riots" or "behaviour that undermines Hong Kong's peace and stability". There were no photos of black-clad protesters walking with banners critical of the Bill, or people leaving flowers at the site where a young man fell to his death protesting against the law.



## 1st Mass At NOTRE DAME AFTER FIRE

The Archbishop of Paris, Michel Aupetit, leads the first Mass in a side chapel on Sunday, two months to the day after a devastating fire engulfed the Notre Dame de Paris cathedral. The Mass, which commemorates the cathedral's consecration as a place of worship, was attended by a group limited to about 30 people wearing protective headgear. **Reuters**

## Damaged tanker arrives at UAE anchorage amid regional tensions

Saudis blame Iran; Tehran hints US may be behind attack

AGENCIES  
DUBAI, JUNE 16

A DAMAGED Japanese tanker arrived Sunday at a UAE anchorage site after it was rocked by explosions in Gulf waters as Saudi Arabia accused arch-rival Iran of being behind the attack.

The *Kokuka Courageous* was carrying highly flammable methanol through the Gulf of Oman on Thursday when it came under attack along with the Norwegian-operated *Front Altair* — the second assault in a month in the strategic shipping lane.

US President Donald Trump has said the twin attacks had Iran "written all over it" — rejecting Tehran's vehement denial — and its key Gulf ally Saudi Arabia has also lashed out against Tehran.

In his first public comments since the attacks, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in remarks published Sunday he "won't hesitate" to tackle any



An oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday, after it was attacked. Reuters

threats to the oil-rich kingdom.

"The Iranian regime did not respect the presence of the Japanese Prime Minister as a guest in Tehran and responded to his (diplomatic) efforts by attacking two tankers, one of which was Japanese," he told pan-Arab daily *Asharq al-Awsat*.

"Kokuka Courageous has arrived safely at the designated anchorage at Sharjah," the vessel's

Singapore-based BSM Ship Management said on Sunday.

Iran's Parliament Speaker said Washington could be behind the "suspicious" tanker attacks, the official news agency IRNA reported. "The suspicious actions against the tankers... seem to complement the economic sanctions against Iran considering that (the US) has not achieved any results from them," he told MPs.



Sara Netanyahu

## Israel PM's wife convicted of misusing funds

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
JERUSALEM, JUNE 16

AN ISRAELI court Sunday convicted the wife of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of fraudulently using state funds for meals, under a plea bargain which saw her admit to lesser charges.

Sara Netanyahu was found guilty of exploiting the mistake of another person and ordered to pay a fine and compensation, in a deal approved by Jerusalem magistrates' court justice Avital Chen.

Netanyahu was also fined 10,000 shekels (\$2,800) and ordered to reimburse the state a further 45,000 shekels, the latter of which she will pay in nine installments, at her request.

"The deal reached between the sides is worthy and appropriately reflects the deeds and their severity on the criminal level," Chen said in his ruling.

The 60-year-old, a high-profile presence at her husband's side throughout his long tenure in office, was initially charged in June 2018 with fraud and breach of trust for buying catered meals despite the presence of a cook at the minister's official residence.

The amended indictment, approved Sunday, dropped the graft charges.

## 44 million people lose electricity in massive South America blackout

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BUENOS AIRES, JUNE 16

A MASSIVE blackout left more than 44 million people without electricity in Argentina and Uruguay on Sunday after an unexplained failure in the neighbouring countries' interconnected power grid. Authorities were working frantically to restore power but only about a half a million in Argentina had electricity back by early afternoon.

Voters cast ballots by the light of cell phones in gubernatorial elections in Argentina. Public transportation halted, shops closed and patients dependent on home medical equipment were urged to go to hospitals with generators.

In Uruguay, power was being more steadily restored, with lights back on in at least three regions by early afternoon. Officials said they expected most of the country of 3 million people to have light back soon.

Argentina's power grid is generally known for being in a state of disrepair, with substations and cables that were insufficiently upgraded as power rates remained largely frozen for years. The country's energy secretary said the blackout occurred around 7 am local time when a key interconnection system collapsed, but the causes were "being investigated and are not yet determined". **AP**

## IN THE US PRESIDENTIAL RACE, MEN ARE INCREASINGLY BEING ASKED ABOUT HOW THEY JUGGLE PARENTHOOD WITH PUBLIC LIFE

# Finally a question for dads on campaign trail: Who's taking care of the kids?

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JUNE 16

REPRESENTATIVE ERIC Swalwell can rattle off the best places to pump breastmilk in an airport. Julián Castro broke from the campaign trail for the last day of preschool. And Governor Steve Bullock postponed the announcement of his presidential campaign for a true test of personal endurance — the Advanced Placement exams his 17-year-old daughter had to take.

Welcome to 21st-century fatherhood, presidential campaign style. For decades, mothers running

for office have faced scepticism: "Who's taking care of the kids?" wondered voters. As American families evolve, a number of fathers of young children are slowly being forced to grapple with the same politically loaded question. That has left them making a calculation that women have made for decades: how to pursue public life and parenthood at the same time.

And at least a few of the 15 fathers who are running for president in 2020 are eager to talk about it, including the day-to-day caregiving tasks that most politician moms generally consider just, well, business as usual.

"This morning, I changed a diaper before I got on a plane," said

Swalwell, of California, who has a 2-year-old son and an 8-month-old daughter. "Last night, I came back for bath time. I generally do the wake-up... change the diaper and feed them."

It is a shift that reflects changing American expectations around what, exactly, makes a good dad. While academic research and survey data show that female candidates still confront a steeper double standard when it comes to their family life, male politicians with young children suddenly find themselves facing something totally new — a standard.

"Bill Clinton had a youngish daughter but there was no discussion about what his life was like as



US Presidential candidate Julian Castro with his son. NYT

a parent," said Jill S. Greenlee, a political science professor at Brandeis University. "Now these men need to acknowledge their

role as fathers, in part, because to ignore it would be potentially harmful to their candidacy."

The eight male candidates

with school-age children see their balance of work and family as a political strength, a reflection of the political rise of women in the Democratic Party and the changing terms of the debate over the economics of American family life. Fathers today spend far more time on child care than their fathers ever did, and are far less likely to be their family's sole breadwinner.

Rep. Seth Moulton of Massachusetts announced his bid for the nomination when his daughter was six months old. When asked about his child-care situation, he offered a description of his week with the now 8-month-old, Emmy, that was detailed enough to get a fill-in

babysitter up to speed.

"Sometimes I look at Emmy and I think, 'What is she thinking?', if she can tell I'm always in and out," he said. That week, Emmy had been with her grandparents and Moulton in Massachusetts on Monday, with a babysitter on a train from Boston to New York, where her mother was working for a few days, on Tuesday, and back at home by Thursday. "Intellectually, it was the right decision to make. Emotionally, it's tough."

In 2016, fathers reported spending an average of eight hours a week on child care — about triple the time they provided in 1965, according to an

analysis by the Pew Research Center. Two-thirds of couples with children younger than 18 live in dual-income families, a significant jump from the nearly half who did so in 1970.

The new realities of American family life provide a political opportunity for candidates raising young children, said Swalwell, who has posted video clips of himself changing a diaper on social media, along with fundraising pleas for his White House bid.

Like the candidate, his wife also frequently travels for her job. "It's a day-to-day challenge to make the child care part of it work," he said. "We just can't afford to not have both of us work." **NYT**



# 13 ECONOMY

MARKET WATCH

FPIs REMAIN NET BUYERS IN JUNE

New Delhi: Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) remained net buyers in the domestic capital markets in June, pouring in a total of Rs 11,132 crore on a net basis so far this month, according to depositories' data. PTI

FROM ₹13.64 LAKH CR AT SEPT-END 2018 TO ₹14.14 LAKH CR AT APR-END 2019

## Churn in NBFC sector: Mutual funds invest more, but pick safer options

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

EVEN AS investment by mutual funds in debt papers of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) fell sharply starting September 2018, when the IL&FS default rattled debt markets, the mutual funds industry funding to better-run and retail-focused NBFCs jumped sharply since September last year.

The funding squeeze for NBFCs seems to be company specific and not across the board, according to discussions with industry people.

For example, while the total MF funding to DHFL group fell from Rs 18,235 crore at September-end 2018 to Rs 6,501 crore at April-end 2019, in the case of retail-focused NBFC Bajaj Finance, the MF industry holdings jumped from Rs 7,599 crore at September-end 2018 to Rs 13,520 crore at April-end 2019.

Other such NBFCs that did not have much wholesale loans on their books — such as Muthoot Finance, Magma Fincorp group, HDB Financial Services among others — also attracted higher resources from the MF industry.

Despite the churning of investments by MFs away from certain NBFCs, their overall investment in the space has risen by Rs 48,857

### EXPLAINED Higher exposure to NBFCs focussed on retail

OVER THE last few months, mutual funds have been seen shifting their exposure from wholesale business oriented NBFCs to retail focussed ones and those with no asset liability mismatch, instead of totally stopping funding to the sector.

While this reduces the risk of a contagion within the sector and will lead NBFCs to focus on models that do not expose them to ALM, industry players say that evolution of long term funding for the financial sector is a key challenge in the market and it needs to evolve.

crore from Rs 13.64 lakh crore at September-end 2018 to Rs 14.14 lakh crore at April-end 2019, according to data from industry sources.

However, MF lending to NBFCs and housing finance companies fell to Rs 3,12,308 crore in April 2019 from Rs 3,79,425 crore in September 2018.

Industry players said that while there does not seem to be a risk of contagion on account of funding woes of DHFL and a few others companies, there could be some consolidation in the NBFC sector and ultimately investors and mutual funds would look at the business model and finance those that have no asset liability

mismatch (ALM) or those with a positive ALM. ALM can occur when NBFCs borrow short term but lend long term such as housing loans. There is no trouble in such a business model till the time NBFCs are able to rollover their debt obligations. When debt rollover is not possible, the business model crumbles.

"There will be a temporary hiccup. There will be a kind of a shakeout, some consolidation might happen, but again (funds and investors) closely see what is the business model, where are you lending, who is your customer, what is your ability to collect," Thomas John Muthoot, CMD of the Muthoot Pappachan Group

### SHIFT IN MUTUAL FUND EXPOSURE ACROSS FINANCIAL GROUPS SINCE IL&FS DEFAULT

Who lost the most	Sept 2018	Apr 2019	Change over 7 months
Indiabulls Group	35,477	13,264	-22,213
Piramal Group	24,749	12,930	-11,819
DHFL Group	18,235	6,501	-11,734
Yes	15,879	5,152	-10,727
Edelweiss Group	16,042	6,426	-9,616
IIFL Holdings	14,252	6,101	-8,151

Who has benefited	Sept 2018	Apr 2019	Change over 7 months
Bajaj Finance	7,599	13,520	5,921
Muthoot Finance	6,935	9,657	2,722
HDB Financial Services	5,538	8,255	2,717
Kotak Mahindra Investment	804	2,878	2,074
Fullerton India	2,040	3,426	1,386
Sundaram	3,469	4,659	1,190

Source: Industry, All figures in Rs crore

(MPG), which runs NBFC Muthoot Fincorp, told *The Indian Express* when asked whether the present crisis could turn into a contagion.

"In the months of October and November, right after the IL&FS default, we had slowed down lending activity and were holding cash but since then business is back to normal," he said.

MFs and investors have started differentiating between

wholesale and retail NBFCs. While earlier MFs had been investing heavily in commercial papers and NCD (non-convertible debentures) of all NBFCs, now they are doing pick-and-choose based on the kind of business model," an industry source said. Funding to the microfinance industry, meanwhile, has not suffered after the IL&FS crisis and banks continue to aggressively lend to them.

## Digital transactions set to rise four times by 2021: RBI

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, JUNE 16

INDIA'S PUSH to build a less-cash economy seems to be gathering momentum with the central bank recording a phenomenal growth in digital transactions till March 2019 and setting an ambitious target to push up the volumes by four times by 2021

Total digital transactions in volume terms recorded a growth rate of 58.8 per cent during 2018-19, on top of a growth of 50.4 per cent during 2017-18, the Reserve Bank of India said in a report.

The RBI says digital transactions in value terms grew by 19.5 per cent during 2018-19, compared to the growth of 22.2 per cent during 2017-18. Though the bulk of digital transactions in value terms (82.8 per cent) are accounted for by RTGS transactions, retail component of digital transactions (excluding RTGS customers and interbank transactions) witnessed a volume growth of 59.3 per cent during 2018-19, as against 50.8 per cent growth in the previous year.

Given the current trend in cheque usage and the thrust to shift to digitised transactions, the RBI's vision document expects the volume of cheque-based payments would be less than 2.0 per cent of the retail electronic transactions by 2021. Payment systems like the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) are likely to register average annualised growth of over 100 per cent and NEFT at 40 per cent over the vision period. The number of digital transactions is expected to increase more than four times from Rs 2,069 crore in December 2018 to Rs 8,707 crore in December 2021, it says.

"In value terms, retail transactions grew by 38.2 per cent, on top of 45.8 per cent growth last year. They accounted for 99.4 per cent and 17.2 per cent of total digital transactions volume and value, respectively," the RBI said in its report 'Payment and Settlement: The Plumbing in the Architecture of India's Financial System'.

### 58.8% GROWTH IN VOLUME IN FY19

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The central bank report says, over the years, the payment and settlement landscape has witnessed unprecedented waves of innovation. "Mobile wallets have literally made banking services available 'on tap'; digital-only banks have done away with the need for brick and mortar presence. Biometric authentication has made doing transactions much safer and more convenient than the conventional modes of payment. Blockchain may be a potentially disruptive technology but it is creating strong tailwinds in the area of payments for automating and decentralising financial transactions," it said.

Another technological wave is being generated by the application of artificial intelligence (AI) to financial technology, or fintech, industry in the form of automated data analysis, chatbots and robo-advisors. AI is being employed to detect fraud by monitoring patterns of customer behaviour. Near field communication (NFC) technology and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) are other path-breaking innovations that have emerged into the payment and settlement landscape, the central bank has said.

According to the RBI, volumes

under UPI, an instant real-time payment system, reached a peak of 799.5 million in March 2019, 4.5 times the volume in March 2018.

For the fiscal as whole, the total UPI volume was six times larger than the volume during 2017-18. In terms of value, UPI transactions witnessed an eight-fold increase over the previous year. The average value per transaction stood at Rs 1,670 in March 2019, the RBI said.

UPI is an immediate money transfer system that enables round the clock interbank fund transfer, throughout the year. Since its commercial launch in August 2016, it has seen a mammoth rise in volumes by far exceeding the transactions done on the IMPS platform.

The volume of cards in point-of-sale (PoS) transactions grew 30.1 per cent during 2018-19 (36.2 per cent last year) and in value terms, by 30.2 per cent (39.6 per cent last year). During 2018-19, debit cards grew by 19.5 per cent and 16.3 per cent in volume and value terms (9 per cent and 24.9 per cent last year), the RBI says.

However, credit cards witnessed higher growth of 25.4 per cent and 31.4 per cent in volume and value, respectively, during 2018-19 (29.2 per cent and 39.7 per cent a year ago).

"Though ATM usage accounted for major share of debit card transactions (69.1 per cent in volume and 84.8 per cent in value), there is evidence of increase in usage of debit cards at PoS consistently, from 4 per cent in 2011-12 to 15 per cent in 2018-19 in value terms," it said. During 2018-19, debit card PoS usage grew by 32 per cent and 29 per cent for volume and value, respectively (39.3 per cent and 39.5 per cent a year ago).

The Reserve Bank is now pushing for a 34 per cent increase in PoS terminals to 50 lakh in merchant establishments, mainly involving 44 per cent of total debit card transactions, in the next two years while aiming for "cash-lite economy" and digital modes for e-commerce.

BRIEFLY

### PNB puts on block six NPAs worth ₹1K cr

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank (PNB) has put on sale six non-performing loans amounting to over Rs 1,000 crore, namely Vandana Vidyut, Visa Steel, Temptation Foods, Helios Photovoltaic, Cabcom Cables, and Zoom Vallabh Steel. Asset reconstruction companies, non-banking financial companies, other banks and financial institutions can submit binding bids till June 26, with the bids being opened on the following day. PTI

### UP power rates may be hiked by up to 25%

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation (UPPCL) has sought the state power regulator's nod for average tariff increase of 20-25 per cent for domestic consumers for 2019-20. Defending the UPPCL's move Principal Secretary, Energy and chairman of UPPCL, Alok Kumar said that there was an urgent need to increase the energy rates. The state discom had not sought any tariff revision last year in light of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls. ENS

## 'NBFC crisis to pull down home loan growth'

Housing finance growth is set to slow down to 13-15 per cent this fiscal, due to lingering liquidity issues faced by non-banking lenders, warned a report by Icra

15% Overall industry loan growth for housing finance companies in FY18

64% Overall market share of banks in FY19, as against 62 per cent a year ago



₹19.1 LAKH CRORE Outstanding housing credit as of March 2019, which could see an adverse impact

₹4-4.5 LAKH CR Funds required by housing finance companies in FY20 to meet growth requirement of 10-14 per cent

13-15% Expected growth range of the housing credit in FY20, lower than last three years

4.6% NPAs in affordable new housing segment as on March 2019, as against 5 per cent in December 2018

1.5% Gross NPAs (non-performing assets) as on March 2019, as against 1.4 per cent in Dec 2018 and 1.1 per cent in March 2018

10% Credit growth of dedicated housing finance companies in FY19

1.8% Expected overall NPAs of housing finance companies in FY20

There could be some pressure on the asset quality owing to the challenging operating environment and the emerging risk factors

ICRA

### AMID US-CHINA TRADE WAR

## Commerce Min sees export boost in 354 items

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

THE TRADE war between the United States and China has opened a window of opportunity for India to record additional exports in case of at least 354 items — ranging from capital goods to base metals — worth billions of dollars, according to a new Commerce Ministry study.

Of the 774 American tariff

lines (items) on which China has imposed extra duties, India can ship out more and replace the US, especially in 151 items, the study suggests. In these 774 items, China's imports from the US stand at an annual \$20.4 billion.

However, while India exports these items worth \$32.8 billion to the world, it ships out only \$2.9 billion to China. This means there is a huge scope for India to replace the US. However, as has been pointed out by analysts, benefits

to India are contingent on greater competitiveness as well as its ability to scale up production to meet higher demand.

Similarly, of the 531 tariff lines on which the US has imposed additional duties on China, India can export more, more so in 203 items. In these 531 items, China's supplies to the US are to the tune of \$30.6 billion a year. While India ships out these items worth \$22.2 billion to the world, it exports only \$2.4 billion to the US.

Indian products that can tap the Chinese market include rubber, paper/paperboard, copper ores, equipment for transmission voice/data in a wired network, tunes and pipes, while goods that can grab exports opportunities in the US market include industrial valves, vulcanised rubber, carbon or graphite electrodes and natural honey. Raising exports could help India narrow the trade deficit with China, which stood at around \$52 billion in 2018-19. FE

### Swiss accounts: Details of at least 50 Indians being shared

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA  
BERNE/NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

SWISS AUTHORITIES are in process of sharing details of at least 50 Indian nationals having accounts in Switzerland-based banks, with regulatory and enforcement agencies in the two countries tightening their noose on individuals suspected to have amassed illicit wealth.

Officials involved in process of mutual administrative assistance between the two nations said that these individuals largely include businessmen associated with firm, including the dummy ones, in sectors ranging from real estate, financial services, technology and telecom to paints, home decoration, textiles, engineering goods, gems and jewellery.

Switzerland has been trying hard to shed a long-standing perception of it being a safe haven for black money, while the issue has been a politically sensitive one in India as well.

## RBI recommends four officials to be promoted to executive directors

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 16

THE RESERVE Bank of India has recommended names of four senior officers for empanelment for promotion to the rank of executive directors (EDs).

While the RBI originally empanelled five senior officials, one officer has already taken over as ED. The remaining four include N S Dave, Chief General Manager (CGM); Anil K Sharma, CGM; S C Murmu, Regional Director; and T Rabi Sankar, CGM.

Rabi N Mishra, CGM, who was also recommended for the post, has already been appointed as ED following the retirement of Rosemary Sebastian. "The remaining empanelled officers will get the ED post as and when vacancies arise," said an official.

RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan will complete his three-year tenure on July 4, 2019. Prior to his elevation as Deputy Governor, Vishwanathan was ex-

Rabi N Mishra, chief general manager, who was also recommended for the post, has already been appointed as executive director following the retirement of Rosemary Sebastian

ecutive director. A new Deputy Governor will be selected from the EDs serving the central bank.

The Central Board of the RBI had recently decided to create a specialised supervisory and regulatory cadre within the RBI in order to strengthen the supervision and regulation of commercial banks, urban cooperative banks and non-banking financial companies. The decision follows a series of events including the IL&FS defaults, ICICI Bank loan issue, Punjab National Bank fraud and the liquidity issues in the NBFC sector in the last two years.

### ACKNOWLEDGES COMPANY MADE MISTAKE IN FAILING TO DISCLOSE DEFECTIVE COCKPIT WARNING LIGHT ON ITS 737 MAX

## Boeing CEO says will take time to win back confidence of customers

ERIC M. JOHNSON  
PARIS, JUNE 16

THE HEAD of Boeing Co said on Sunday that the aircraft manufacturer had made a mistake in implementing a faulty cockpit warning system on the 737 MAX plane and predicted it would take time to rebuild the confidence of customers in the wake of two fatal crashes.

Chairman and chief executive officer Dennis Muilenburg said Boeing failed to communicate "crisply" with regulators and customers, but defended the broad engineering and design approach to nose-down control software at the centre of probes into the accidents

that led to the plane's worldwide grounding.

Muilenburg acknowledged the company made a mistake in failing to disclose a defective cockpit warning light on its 737 MAX to regulators and customers, and said that failure has been part of reviews by global regulators.

Muilenburg, who has been under fire over the MAX design and Boeing's handling of the crisis, said "we are seeing over time more and more convergence among the regulators" on when the MAX should return to service.

He said he expected the MAX to return to service this year and that 90 per cent of customers had participated in

simulator sessions with its upgraded MCAS software as the company works towards a certification flight with regulators soon.

Boeing says it followed long-standing engineering procedures when designing the 737 MAX. Asked how the procedures failed to capture apparent flaws in MCAS control software and sensor architecture, Muilenburg said: "Clearly, we can make improvements, and we understand that and we will make those improvements."

He added: "When I make comments about the previous MCAS design and how we followed those processes, that's something we put a lot of thought and depth of analysis



CEO Dennis Muilenburg told reporters Boeing expected to announce some orders at the Paris Airshow, but that its main focus at this year's industry gathering was safety. Reuters file photo

into. That doesn't mean that it can't be improved."

Muilenburg's comments on the eve of the Paris Airshow highlight efforts by Boeing to strike a different tone than it did in the days after the Lion Air crash in October, when it raised questions over pilot and maintenance issues.

Muilenburg said the US planemaker expected to announce some orders at the show for wider-body jets, but that its main focus at this year's industry gathering was safety.

He forecast a \$8.7 trillion marketplace for Boeing's products and services over 10 years, up from the \$8.1 trillion it projected last year, and predicted the world would need 44,000

commercial jets over the next 20 years, up from the 43,000 Boeing forecast in last year's estimate.

He stuck to a previous timeline for the all-new 777X twin-aisle jet, which Boeing aims to fly later this year and deliver to airlines in 2020.

Muilenburg said a possible new jet dubbed NMA had fallen behind the MAX's return to service as a priority, but that the timeline on decisions and entry to service remained unchanged.

He took aim at European rival Airbus' planned new extended-range A321XLR, saying the aircraft would only "scratch an edge" of the market segment targeted by the NMA,

which would replace Boeing's 757s and 767s.

Whether or not Boeing moves forward with the new mid-sized plane to serve a niche market falling between narrow- and wide-body aircraft is expected to reshape competition with Airbus, which dominates the top end of the medium-haul sector.

Asked whether he had been interviewed or submitted evidence in an ongoing criminal investigation launched by the United States Department of Justice in the wake of the 737 MAX crashes, the Boeing chairman said, "We are fully supporting any government inquiries and providing information." REUTERS



## THE RULE OF LAW

## Hong Kong

Huge demonstrations have rattled the territory's government—and the leadership in Beijing



Demonstrators hold signs during a protest to demand authorities scrap a proposed extradition bill with China, in Hong Kong on June 9. Reuters

THREE THINGS stand out about the protesters who rocked Hong Kong this week. There were a great many of them. Hundreds of thousands took to the streets in what may have been the biggest demonstration since Hong Kong was handed back to China in 1997. Most of them were young—too young to be nostalgic about British rule. Their unhappiness at Beijing's heavy hand was entirely their own. And they showed remarkable courage. Since the "Umbrella Movement" of 2014, the Communist Party has been making clear that it will tolerate no more insubordination—and yet three days later demonstrators braved rubber bullets, tear gas and legal retribution to make their point. All these things are evidence that, as many Hong Kongers see it, nothing less than the future of their city is at stake.

On the face of it, the protests were about something narrow and technical. Under the law, a Hong Kong resident who allegedly murdered his girlfriend in Taiwan last year cannot be sent back there for trial. Hong Kong's government has therefore proposed to allow the extradition of suspects to

Taiwan—and to any country with which there is no extradition agreement, including the Chinese mainland.

However, the implications could not be more profound. The colonial-era drafters of Hong Kong's current law excluded the mainland from extradition because its courts could not be trusted to deliver impartial justice. With the threat of extradition, anyone in Hong Kong becomes subject to the vagaries of the Chinese legal system, in which the rule of law ranks below the rule of the party. Dissidents taking on Beijing may be sent to face harsh treatment in the Chinese courts. Businesspeople risk a well-connected Chinese competitor finding a way to drag them into an easily manipulated jurisdiction.

That could be disastrous for Hong Kong, a fragile bridge between a one-party state and the freedoms of global commerce. Many firms choose Hong Kong because it is well-connected with China's huge market, but also upholds the same transparent rules that govern economies in the West. Thanks to mainland China, Hong Kong is the world's eighth-largest exporter of goods and home to

the world's fourth-largest stockmarket. Yet its huge banking system is seamlessly connected to the West and its currency is pegged to the dollar. For many global firms, Hong Kong is both a gateway to the Chinese market and central to the Asian continent—more than 1,300 of them have their regional headquarters there. If Hong Kong came to be seen as just another Chinese city, Hong Kongers would not be the only ones to suffer.

The threat is real. Since he took over as China's leader in 2012, Xi Jinping has been making it clearer than ever that the legal system should be under the party's thumb. China must "absolutely not follow the Western road of 'judicial independence'", he said in a speech published in February. In 2015 Mr Xi launched a campaign to silence independent lawyers and civil-rights activists. Hundreds of them have been harassed or detained by the police. The authorities on the mainland have even sent thugs to other jurisdictions to abduct people, including a publisher of gossipy books about the party, snatched from a car park in Hong Kong and a tycoon taken from the Four

Seasons hotel in 2017. The message is plain. Mr Xi not only cares little for the rule of law on the Chinese mainland. He scorns it elsewhere, too.

The Hong Kong government says the new law has safeguards. But the protesters are right to dismiss them. In theory extradition should not apply in political cases, and cover only crimes that would incur heavy sentences. But the party has a long record of punishing its critics by charging them with offences that do not appear political. Hong Kong's government says it has reduced the number of white-collar offences that will be covered. But blackmail and fraud still count. It has said that only extradition requests made by China's highest judicial officials will be considered. But the decision will fall to Hong Kong's chief executive. That person, currently Carrie Lam, is chosen by party loyalists in Hong Kong and answers to the party in Beijing. Local courts will have little room to object. The bill could throttle Hong Kong's freedoms by raising the possibility that the party's critics could be bundled over the border.

It is a perilous moment. The protests have

turned violent—possibly more violent than any since the anti-colonial demonstrations in 1967. Officials in Beijing have condemned them as a foreign plot. Ms Lam has been digging in her heels. But it is not too late for her to think again.

In its narrowest sense, the new law will not accomplish what she wants. Taiwan has said that it will not accept the suspect's extradition under the new law. Less explosive solutions have been suggested, including letting Hong Kong's courts try cases involving murder committed elsewhere. Anti-subversion legislation was left to languish after protests in 2003. There is talk that the government may see this as the moment to push through that long-shelved law. Instead Ms Lam should take it as a precedent for her extradition reform.

The rest of the world can encourage her. Britain, which signed a treaty guaranteeing that Hong Kong's way of life will remain unchanged until at least 2047, has a particular duty. Its government has expressed concern about the "potential effects" of the new law, but it should say loud and clear that it is wrong.

With America, caught up in a trade war with China, there is a risk that Hong Kong becomes the focus of a great-power clash. Some American politicians have warned that the law could jeopardise the special status the United States affords the territory. They should be prudent. Cutting off Hong Kong would not only harm American interests in the territory but also wreck the prospects of Hong Kongers—an odd way to reward its would-be democrats. Better to press the central government, or threaten case-by-case scrutiny of American extraditions to Hong Kong.

But would this have any effect? That is a hard question, because it depends on Mr Xi. China has paid dearly for its attempts to squeeze Hong Kong. Each time the world sees how its intransigence and thuggishness is at odds with the image of harmony it wants to project. When Hong Kong passed into Chinese rule 22 years ago, the idea was that the two systems would grow together. As the protesters have made clear, that is not going to plan.

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## RUSSIA

## Five days that rattled the Kremlin

What Ivan Golunov's ordeal reveals about Russia

A WEEK ago few people had heard of Ivan Golunov, a freelance journalist who reports on corruption in Moscow. His work was published by Meduza, an independent news website that operates out of Latvia. Police and prosecutors ignored him.

That changed on June 6th, when police arrested Mr Golunov in central Moscow, beat him up and charged him with the possession and distribution of drugs. They denied him access to his lawyer, and refused to conduct forensic tests. The case was clearly fabricated. Photos purporting to show a drugs lab in Mr Golunov's flat were taken elsewhere, the police later admitted.

Russian social media exploded. Hundreds of journalists and citizens queued up in front of police headquarters to stage "single pickets", the only permitted form of protest, demanding Mr Golunov's immediate release. Some were promptly bundled into police vans, further increasing the general outrage.

The Kremlin had spent millions of dollars staging a summit in St Petersburg with Xi Jinping, the Chinese president, on the day of Mr Golunov's arrest. In the event, the formerly obscure journalist overshadowed the

powwow. The story of his arrest circulated widely; international and Russian media ran pictures and posted videos of him in tears inside a cage in a courtroom. Actors, singers and other public figures denounced his treatment.

On June 10th three mainstream business dailies, none of them radical, came out with identical front pages, spelling out in large print: "We Are Ivan Golunov". By 10am that day newsagents had sold out. Journalists announced a mass protest for June 12th, a holiday that marks Russia's independence from the Soviet Union. But 24 hours before the march was supposed to start, something changed. The police abruptly dropped the case and cleared Mr Golunov of all charges. Almost simultaneously, and surely not coincidentally, a court in Chechnya released another victim of the police's drug-planting tactics, Oyub Titiev, a human-rights campaigner. There is no doubt that the order to release both men came from the Kremlin. Yet Mr Putin is better known for encouraging rather than restraining his security services. So why the reversal?

First, Mr Golunov's release shows that the

Kremlin is worried about losing its monopoly on force. An investigation by activists and supporters concluded that the journalist was nabbed by members of a corrupt group of FSB officers who work with the criminal underground, connections that Mr Golunov has exposed. Mr Titiev was arrested and jailed for crossing Ramzan Kadyrov, a strongman in Chechnya who commands a small army. But although neither arrest was sanctioned by the Kremlin, the gangs were only following the Kremlin's example. Having observed their ultimate bosses act with impunity against their opponents, the police and local FSB men decided there was nothing stopping them from doing the same.

By slapping them down, the Kremlin hopes to portray Mr Putin as the only true source of justice, a good tsar who can pardon and punish as he sees fit. This is no thaw. On June 12th the police broke up a peaceful rally against their tactics, detaining hundreds of protesters including some of the journalists who helped to get Mr Golunov freed. Alexei Navalny, Russia's most prominent opposition leader, was also arrested, but later bailed. He said that the Kremlin's



Russian journalist Ivan Golunov cries as he leaves a Investigative Committee building in Moscow on June 11. AP

actions only seemed illogical: "They are fantastically scared of consolidation in Golunov's case, so they first need to break up the solidarity and then intimidate and jail those who persevere."

The outpouring of support for Mr Golunov shows the power of online media

and a growing mood for protest. Five years of declining incomes, added to brazen corruption and injustice, make a combustible mix; the Kremlin is keen not to add a spark. But it is also keen not to let protesters seize the initiative. As Mr Putin prepares for his annual televised phone-in show on June 20th,

and contemplates ways of retaining power after the end of his final presidential term under the constitution, he needs quiet on the streets. Mr Golunov's case suggests he is unlikely to get it.

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## WEEK AHEAD



### Song for the Soul

POPULAR SUFI singers Nooran Sisters, who have lent their voices to popular numbers such as *Patakha Guddi* and *Jogan*, will be performing some of their famous renditions as part of Sufiyana Night. At Siri Fort auditorium, August Kranti Marg, Asian Games Village Complex, Gautam Nagar, on June 22 at 5 pm. Tickets priced at Rs 599, are available on [Bookmyshow.com](#)



### Unjust Treatment

RAISING QUESTIONS around the biases held against people, the play *Tafteesh* written by Rajesh Kumar tells the tale of an innocent man who is roped into an enquiry by investigating agencies for his possible involvement in a terror attack. At Lok Kala Manch, 20, Lodhi Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, on June 23, 7 pm onwards. Tickets priced at Rs 100 are available on [Bookmyshow.com](#)

### Colonial Treat

GET A peek into the Cuzco School of Painting, the most distinctive school of painting in Spain's American colonies which evolved during the 17th and 18th

centuries in the old Inca capital of Cuzco. Replete with bright colours and a decorative aesthetic, the exhibition "The Colonial Art of Peru - Paintings of the Cuzco School" is on display at India International Centre till June 18. Entry is free.



(From left) Lakshmi Shankar with George Harrison; with artiste Sachin Shankar; with niece Anoushka Shankar, Pt Ravi Shankar and granddaughter Devika Shankar

# One Day, When the Glory Comes

A new book narrates the journey of Indian music to the West through the life of Lakshmi Shankar, India's first female vocalist to be nominated for a Grammy

### SUANSHU KHURANA

IN THE album *Dancing in the Light* (World Village, 2008), 83-year-old Hindustani classical singer Lakshmi Shankar can be heard navigating the depths of Hindustani classical music through five pieces — a khayal in raag Puryadhanashree, two thumris and two Meera bhajans. The voice is mature, quite dazzling at straight notes, hitting them with a rousing elan in rhythmic precision. Sometimes, the same voice is slightly insipid and also a reminder of other, sometimes better, renditions. But *Dancing in the Night* has to its credit what many don't — a Grammy nomination in 2009 for the Best World Music Album (Traditional).

That year, South African band Ladysmith Black Mambazo took the golden gramophone home, but Shankar, too, was suddenly a name people were curious about. Hers was the first Grammy nomination for an Indian female vocalist. After the announcement, the name found mention in music circles and newspapers, even as it drew a blank among the masses. And that bothered New York-based Kavita Das, 44, who knew Shankar as a family friend since childhood, and wondered why an artiste of her stature was not as celebrated.

"As a woman of colour in the US, I was always amazed at how she did what she did," says Das, whose new book *Poignant Song: The Life and Music of Lakshmi Shankar* (Harper Collins, Rs 399) chronicles the life and times of an artiste who lived her life across continents, was a cultural ambassador, toured extensively with Pt Ravi Shankar and George Harrison, reinvented herself from being a dancer to a singer, and garnered a Grammy nomination, but the world wasn't talking. So Das decided to.

A couple of years after the Grammy nomination, Das — whose parents, both doctors in New York, organised Lakshmi's concerts for many years — visited the artiste in Los Angeles. By this time, Das was working with social change and racial justice for New York-based Race Forward. During half a dozen meetings she had with Lakshmi, the artiste spoke of her life and its contours. The passing of sitar maestro and Lakshmi's brother-in-law, Pt Ravi Shankar, in 2011, led Das to understand that "these figures don't live forever and it was significant to chronicle". So, even after Lakshmi passed away in 2013, she continued to go into the depths of a relatively unsung artiste.

Born into a Gandhian Tamil family in 1926, Lakshmi began dancing when most girls didn't. Her mother Visalakshi, also associated with the Indian freedom movement along with her husband, was in thrall of the then young Bharatanatyam artiste, Balasaraswati, whose concerts she would attend in Chennai. She decided to send her daughter to Balasaraswati's guru — the iconic Kandappan Pillai. Lakshmi then auditioned for Uday Shankar's new dance academy in Almorá. "If it was unspeakable



Lakshmi Shankar in a still from the 1947 film *Bhakta TulSIDas*  
Photos courtesy: *Poignant Song: The Life and Music of Lakshmi Shankar*

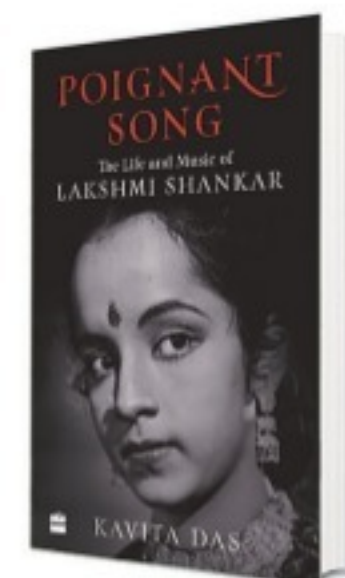
for a South Indian Brahmin girl to dance, it was inconceivable for her to move to the other side of the country to join a dance troupe," writes Das in the book.

It's in the foothills of the Himalayas, that Lakshmi studied the Uday Shankar style — the merger of various classical styles into a cohesive whole. At 13, she was learning alongside famed ballerina Anna Pavlova, sisters Uzra and Zohra Sehgal, and Amala Shankar. When Lakshmi was 15, Uday sent a marriage proposal for his younger brother Rajendra Shankar, 21 years her senior, and the troupe's manager. A simple ceremony later, Lakshmi was married into the family.

For the next two years, she travelled with the troupe, starred in a series of productions until the western donors stopped funding the centre due to the Second World War and it was shut down. That's when

Lakshmi — along with her husband and son — moved to Mumbai to pursue opportunities in the film industry. Soon, Pt Ravi Shankar also joined them with wife Annapurna Devi and son Shubhendra. Lakshmi starred in the Tamil Talkies film, *Bhakta TulSIDas* (1947) but couldn't find more work. So she pursued opportunities as a playback singer and found work with composer Madan Mohan and sang for her brother-in-law in KA Abbas's *Dharti Ke Lal* and Chetan Anand's *Neecha Nagar*.

After a bout of illness, she could not dance anymore. Mohan had once introduced her to Ut Rahmat Ali Khan of Patiala gharana, and thus a Tamil-speaking Bharatanatyam dancer and Carnatic musician began learning Hindustani music. Soon, there were a few concerts here and there. In 1974, she collaborated with Ravi and the famed Beatle —



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**KAVITA DAS**  
AUTHOR OF *POIGNANT SONG: THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF LAKSHMI SHANKAR*

George Harrison — for a Hindustani pop song, *I am missing you*, as the finale on a tour in Canada. This is when the West heard a female Hindustani classical vocalist on a global stage. By this time, MS Subbulakshmi had already performed at the UN and was doing classical concerts in the US. But Harrison's involvement gave this tour and Lakshmi a different level of exposure. "This book is for anyone who is curious about this era, this moment in time when Indian music made its way to other parts of the world. Also, it is significant to understand the barriers that Lakshmi transcended," says Das.

But more than that Grammy that registered her presence in 2009, for Lakshmi, it was giving voice to one of Mahatma Gandhi's favourite bhajans, *Vaishnav jan toh*, for Richard Attenburgh's *Gandhi* that remained special. "To have met Gandhi as a child and then to sing for the film was not just nationally significant, it was personally significant for Lakshmi," says Das, whose research also involved studying Shankar's autobiography *Ragamala* and Peter Lavizzoli's *The Dawn of Indian Music*. Lakshmi's niece Anoushka Shankar has written the book's foreword. A large section is based on Das' conversations with Lakshmi, while some have come from conversations with Lakshmi's granddaughter Gingger Shankar (violinist L Subramaniam and Viji Subramaniam's daughter).

"She managed to stay authentic and yet was open to collaborations. That was unique," says Das. Lakshmi died in 2013, at 87, a life quite extraordinary in a world that will perhaps know her better in the years to come.

# The Enlightened One

A new dastangoi production looks at the life and times of Gautam Buddha

### SURBHIGUPTA

THE DASTAN starts with an apology, and a *Jataka* tale. It's autumn and Buddha is travelling with his disciple Anand in a jungle, when he picks up a few leaves. "Do I have all the leaves in the forest in my hand?" he asks. It surprises Anand, who says, "What are you saying Tathagat? It's such a huge jungle and its autumn, how can you have all the leaves in your palm? It is then that Buddha says, 'Likewise, there many truths lying around, I'm giving you whatever I could grab in my palm.' In the same vein, dastangos Poonam Girdhani and Rajesh Kumar pick up bits and pieces from Buddha's life and teachings and present it in the form of *Dastan-e-Irfaan-e-Buddh*.

While Girdhani has been performing Dastangoi, a form of storytelling in Urdu, for the last five years, it is for the first time that she has penned a dastan, which has been in the works since October 2018. "When you read Buddhist literature, it deals a lot with the idea of loss and how life and death are two important truths in life. I have lost so many people close to me recently that through the process of reading, I could process the loss too," she says. *Jataka* tales helped her cope, and she soon moved on to reading works by Pakistani writer Intizar Hussain, who was heavily influenced by Buddhism, and the stories found place in his work. "There are various sources to acquaint oneself with Buddha. You see him in the *Jataka* tales, in the contemporary world, you can find him in the writings of BR Ambedkar and Kancha Illiah. When Hussain writes about Buddha, he gives him a new face and colour. And you realise how the *Jataka* tales were as relevant in 1947 as they were 2,500 years back," says Girdhani, who has also incorporated languages such as Pali, Hindi and Sanskrit, apart from Urdu, in the dastan.

"What I learnt about Buddha was how he practised meditation. Nowadays, we want an empty and silent room, but for him, meditation was about being present in the moment; even when you're eating, you should experience each morsel, or when you're walking, you should be aware of your movement," she says.

What she loved about the *Jataka* tales was how women, men, trees, lizards or plants, each had their own individuality and undertook the journey together. "But the most interesting thing that I explored was the *Therigatha* — a collection of poems and songs



(Top) Dastangos Poonam Girdhani; and Rajesh Kumar  
Monica Dawar

written by women nuns that reveal a parallel universe. They are talking to their eyes, to their mindsets," she says, adding that Illiah is one of the few who talks about it in his work. "He brings to the fore the narratives of Dalits and women in relation to Buddhism," she says, adding, "while Ambedkar writes about the rationality of Buddhism, and how it is the religion of science for him".

Girdhani, who has previously performed *Dastan Raja Vikram ke Ishq ki*, *Dastan-E-Chauboli* and *Dastan Alice ki*, had to unlearn bits from her theatre training to write dastan. "My training is in theatre, so I think in terms of sequences and pauses. When I started writing, I didn't know where to start. Later, I realised that one has to tell the story, and not enact on stage," says Girdhani, one of the few women dastangos in the country.

The production will be staged on June 22-23, 7 pm, at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre. Tickets on [Bookmyshow](#)

## ON THE LOOSE

# True Blue

Why we wear what we wear



### LEHER KALA

IN A still from one of the handful of movies where Madhuri Dixit and Govinda starred together, he is wearing an oversized stone-washed denim jacket and holding Dixit in a tight embrace. In another image, Dixit is in an acid wash pair of overalls, the zig-zag white lines completely overpowering the denim. It's the fashion trend that nobody thought would ever return because acid wash has been written off as the worst innovation in denim since it debuted in the

'80s. However, in keeping with the usual life cycle of a trend, it's cropping up on international runways again. Bollywood sweetheart Alia Bhatt was spotted at an airport in a denim overcoat sporting this chemically induced finish, and versions of acid wash have been spotted in the latest collections of fashion labels such as Chloe and Isabel Marant.

"The true mystery in the world is the visible, not the invisible", said Oscar Wilde, and his observation certainly springs to mind at the sight of the profoundly unattractive acid-finished clothes and accessories currently flooding malls and our social media feeds. For those of us who remember how big acid finish denim was in the '80s, we may take solace in the fact that at least shoulder pads, neon shoelaces and big hair made cool by Cyndi Lauper and Madonna haven't infiltrated popular imagination, again. It must be duly noted that the acid finish clothes being resurrected are far



Govinda in an oversized stone-washed denim jacket in a still from an '80s film; (right) Alia Bhatt was recently spotted in an acid-wash denim overcoat

more sophisticated than their predecessors, styled and paired with monochromatic colours to tone down the kitsch.



There's no point ascribing deep meaning to clothing choices since most shoppers innocently (and rightly so) shop for whatever

they look best in, blissfully unaware of trends. So no self-respecting 40-something will hover near acid denim, its pattern being hopelessly unflattering for most shapes. If there's one advantage of ageing, it's a supreme indifference to what's in and what's out. The wildly young, who can't remember that notoriously awful fashion decade when acid denim was raging, may (briefly) fall for what they consider new and chic. For anyone who's ever wondered how fashion trends emerge after lying dormant, sometimes for decades, it's safe to say textures, forms and colours don't evolve purely by chance. There is no single origin point but a variety of small and complex world events that influence the public and manufacturers, and eventually, a particular cultural moment in time is visible on the shop racks.

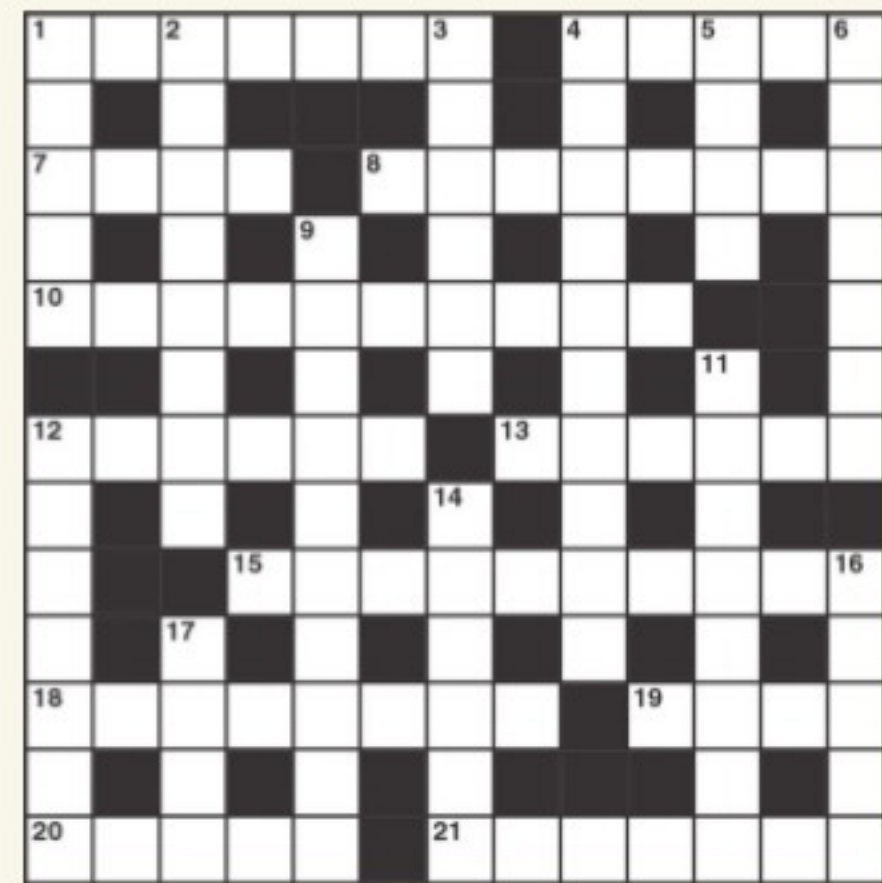
For example, the cult show *Game of Thrones* has been an unlikely source of inspiration for the fashion world; cape dresses like those seen on medieval princess Daenerys Targarian are available in high fashion stores such as Mango and Zara. Leather and fur accessories, so far relegated to kink fashion that have always been props to represent an air of decadence, have gone mainstream. Closer

home, the Benarasi sari is back in focus. Suddenly, every Indian designer is showcasing a version of the historic weave though sari aficionados may insist that for the discerning, it was always there. But the Benarasi rightly regained its place when Sanjay Garg of Raw Mango revived an interest in Indian handlooms by contemporarising them.

In the past couple of years, new intellectual currents have challenged fashion convention. Sex appeal will always be an integral part of fashion but surely it's not just by chance that #MeToo, the white sneakers or flats — with gowns and formal dresses — have become *de rigueur* for women too? The unconscious and accepted symbolisms of back breaking pencil heels paired with flimsy, skin showing dresses is finally being questioned: why should anyone be desperately uncomfortable or permanently starving to be considered well-dressed? It's about time fashion's centre of gravity shifted away from discomfort. Who knows, perhaps it's reverse psychology that's brought acid-wash denim back in fashion: the less you care, the more powerful you are.



## CROSSWORD 3834



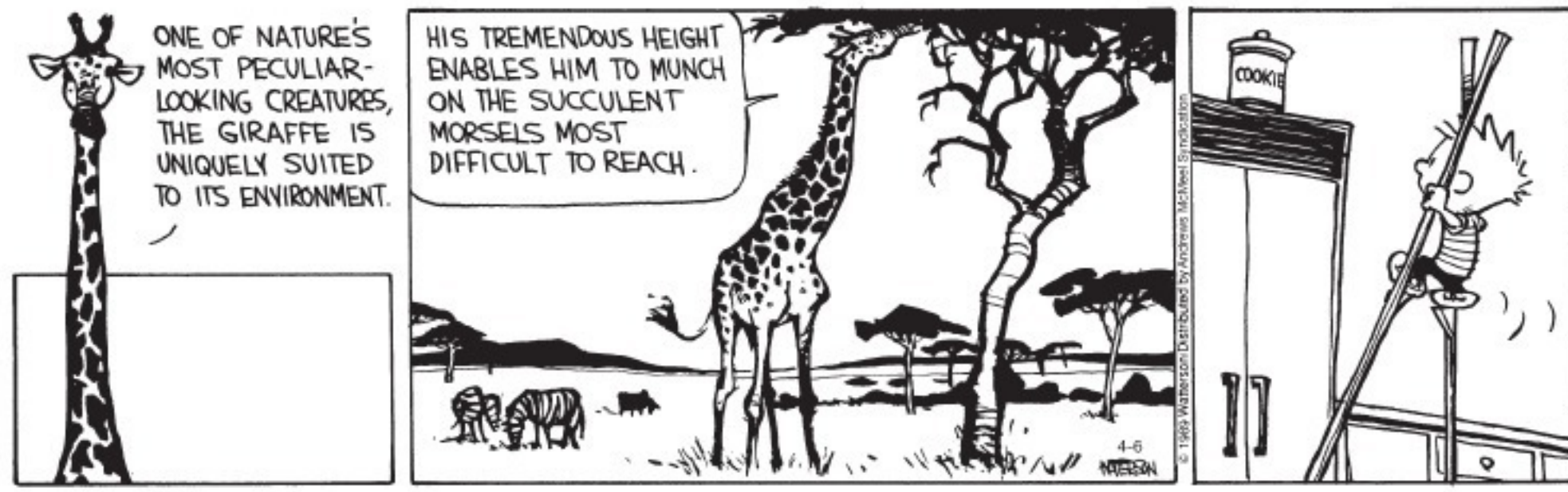
- ACROSS**
- 1 One who looks after guests has time for a captive (7)
  - 4 Requires a dense mixture (5)
  - 7 Dash from France (4)
  - 8 Remote chance a sniper may take (4,4)
  - 10 Enjoy increase in value (10)
  - 12 Put in orders (6)
  - 13 Let hope be unconfined for the moon goddess (6)
  - 15 Well-disguised ring of doom (2,4,4)
  - 18 Allowed income? (8)
  - 19 Bird in difficulty (4)
  - 20 One fat round Scottish landowner (5)
  - 21 Bank employees who provide one with accounts? (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Long in laughter, he is (5)
  - 2 Run out of stock? (8)
  - 3 Once found in the ear, altogether strange (6)
  - 4 Dark colour that might be deadly (10)
  - 5 A resounding voice in the choir (4)
  - 6 Stuff to eat as it is cooked (7)
  - 9 Specified an intention on the wrong date (10)
  - 11 Publicly accuse a stupid person holding one up (8)
  - 12 General in complete command, it seems (7)
  - 14 Spy has a way to interfere (6)
  - 16 Wins games with friends (5)
  - 17 Black militants (4)

**Solutions Crossword 3833:** Across: 1 Economic aid, 9 Opulent, 10 Loose, 11 Tied, 12 Keyboard, 14 Hard up, 16 Athene, 18 Becoming, 19 Just, 22 Lever, 23 Termini, 24 Freethinker. Down: 2 Coupe, 3 Need, 4 Mutter, 5 Cold bath, 6 Isolate, 7 Foot the bill, 8 Dead certain, 13 Submerge, 15 Recover, 17 Snatch, 20 Unite, 21 Iron.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

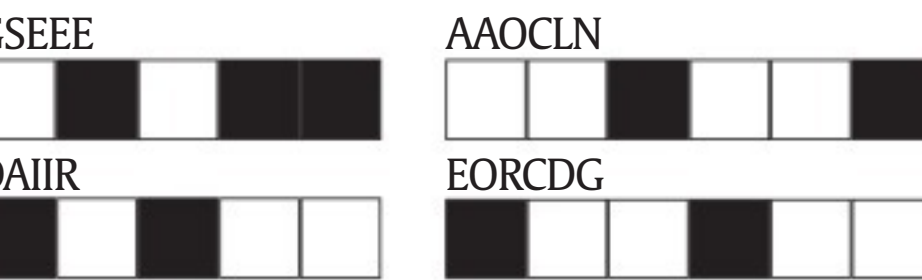


## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.  
\_\_\_and \_\_\_bring luck. - Thomas Fuller (9...4)

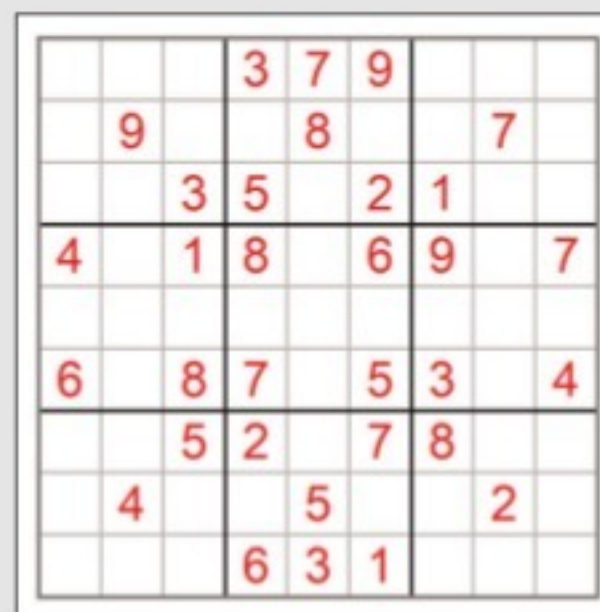


**SOLUTION:** CARE, DILIGENCE, RADI, CANOLA, CODGER  
Answer: Care and diligence bring luck. - Thomas Fuller

## Difficulty Level 2s

**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**SUDOKU 3880**



**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

**SOLUTION SUDOKU 3879**



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## EDUCATION

## CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS



### SUMMER SCHOOL PROG-AMITY UNIVERSITY

The "13th Amity University Summer School Program" concluded recently at University Campus, Sector-125, Noida. The Summer School program witnessed an enthusiastic participation from students across the country and the batch surpassed all its previous admission figures by registering over 435 students ranging from class IX to XII pass out. The students through this platform gained knowledge and familiarized themselves with their preferred programme in Higher education amongst wide array of courses such as Management, Science & Technology, Mass Communication, Fine Arts, Fashion etc.



### SHORT-TERM COURSE-IMS GHAZIABAD

IMS Ghaziabad, a 29-year-old flagship institute of IMS Society Ghaziabad, and CSC Academy, a society established by CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (CSC SPV), announced a strategic alliance to develop & deliver short term IT courses to students living in rural areas of India. As part of this alliance, IMS Ghaziabad & CSC Academy will work together for short terms courses which would ideally be suited to students in the rural areas of the country. IMS Ghaziabad and CSC Academy would work jointly to identify need-based courses & their delivery by CSCs in the rural heartland.



### FAREWELL-DIRD

Delhi institute of rural development Holambi Khurd organised a farewell party on May 21 2019 in Delhi. The programme started with lamp lighting ceremony by the Chairman Rafi Lal & Chairperson Jasmine Rafi Lal. Cultural performances of students of law department were the main attraction of the event. Principal Dr. Surendra Kumar, faculty members & juniors bid farewell to outgoing students with best wishes for their future.



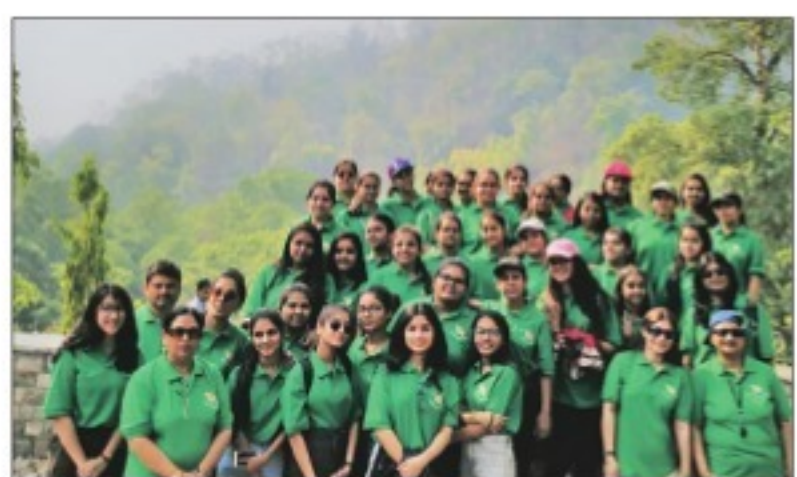
### ENVIRONMENT DAY-The Northcap University

The department of Civil and Environmental Engineering celebrated the World Environment Day on 5 June 2019. Dr Archana Dongre, HOD, C&EE stressed upon the segregation of dry waste, starting from our homes. Mr Lokesh Choudhary, Faculty, C&EE addressed everyone, expressing how important the day is. It brought together the staff and faculty members owing to a pledge towards growing more, taking a step towards reducing pollution. Everyone contributed their role by planting saplings withstanding a mark towards a new beginning.



### Environment Day-I.T.S. ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Reflecting the Indian philosophy and lifestyle of co-existence with nature, I.T.S Engineering College celebrated World Environment Day by planting saplings in its premises. Dr. Vikas Singh, Executive Director, I.T.S Engineering College urged every student and faculty member to come together in fighting the global menace of Air Pollution and the only way to achieve this is to plant more trees which act as lungs for our ecosystem. Dr. Singh in his statement said that this problem is an issue of tremendous magnitude that needs to be taken care of by each and every individual.



### EXCURSION-BHATNAGAR INT'L SCHOOL

Bhatnagar International School, Paschim Vihar organized another excursion to Jim Corbett. The luscious greens saw the learners imbibing new skills, become part of a close cohesive team and nurture cherishable friendship to last a lifetime. The trip enriched personalities and instilled a sense of responsibility towards the greens.

### COURSE-FORE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

FORE School of Management (FORE) has launched a unique 15-month Post Graduate Diploma in Management for Executives, (PGPX) from the academic year 2019-2020. This is a full time programme and approved by AICTE. Speaking at the announcement of the programme, Professor Asif Zameer, Dean- Corporate Relations, FORE School of Management said, "The Executive PGDM (PGPX) builds on the strong foundation and long experience of FORE in creating industry-ready business managers. Another strength is our Alumni base, spread across all continents and our robust industry-connect. Additionally a full time programme always gives extra edge in knowledge creation and peer-to-peer learning for the participants rather than other modes of delivery of management education."

**IGNOU** The entrance examinations of IGNOU's MBA (OPENMAT) & B.Ed programmes for January 2020 admissions will be conducted by National Testing Agency on 27th July 2019, at more than 100 cities across India. NTA has been conducting Computer-based Entrance Test for higher educational institutions. In order to assess the competency of candidates for admission and recruitment purposes, NTA conducts the Tests in an efficient, transparent manner following international standards. Now NTA is conducting Computer Based Entrance Test for IGNOU as done for JNU and Delhi University. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor of IGNOU said that the decision to seek NTA's help has been taken because of the agency's expertise in holding entrance exams transparently, efficiently and swiftly and also the fact that NTA is a government agency. If the experiment goes well, IGNOU is contemplating to go for Online Examination for its popular programmes as well.

**IGNOU** MA degree programme in Women's & Gender Studies has been on offer through the School of Gender & Development Studies at IGNOU. The prog addresses the need to examine gender issues from an academic perspective through the dissemination of the growing body of knowledge in the areas of women's and gender studies. It is open to all students with an undergraduate degree in any discipline who may be interested in acquiring conceptual, theoretical & analytical knowledge in the areas of women's and gender studies. Women's & Gender Studies being inter-disciplinary areas, the program focuses on developing analytical and critical perspectives by examining given knowledge discourses across various disciplines from a gender perspective. Career paths and employment opportunities can be sought in higher education, teaching, NGO's, public-private sector, govt agencies, counseling, media, mass comm, journalism, writing, editing etc.

## GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT O/O THE CHIEF ENGINEER (EAP) CUM PROJECT DIRECTOR, WORLD BANK AIDED PROJECTS, ARRTI CAMPUS, FATASIL AMBARI, GUWAHATI-25 RFQ No.: CE/APART/122/2019/5

**REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)  
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
(One-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)  
The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the APART Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the following works as detailed below in the table below.

SL. No.	Package no.	Name of the work	Approx. value of work (Rupees in Lakh)	Bid security (INR)	Cost of document (INR)	Completion period
1	APART/NO CP/DICC/BR-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the BARPETA District	34.71	69,420	2000	6 months
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3	APART/NO CP/DICC/DH-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Dhubri District	32.71	65,420	2000	6 months
4	APART/NO CP/DICC/GLP-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Goalpara District	26.44	52,880	2000	6 months
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6	APART/NO CP/DICC/SN-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Sonitpur District	29.26	58,520	2000	6 months
7	APART/NO CP/DICC/LKR-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Lakhimpur District	27.90	55,800	2000	6 months
8	APART/NO CP/DICC/NGN-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Nagaon District	30.03	60,060	2000	6 months
9	APART/NO CP/DICC/MR-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Morigaon District	30.03	60,060	2000	6 months
10	APART/NO CP/DICC/SIV-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Sivsagar District	28.33	56,660	2000	6 months
11	APART/NO CP/DICC/GLT-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Golaghat District	27.68	55,360	2000	6 months
12	APART/NO CP/DICC/JH-01	Renovation of official building of District Industries and commerce Centres in the Jorhat District	28.03	56,060	2000	6 months

The bidding documents are available online on <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in> from 18th June 2019 to 19th July 2019. Bidders will be required to register on the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Bids must be submitted online on <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in> on or before 14:00 on 19th July 2019. Other details can be seen in the bidding document.

**Chief Engineer, PWD (EAP)  
PWRD, Assam, FatasilAmbari, Guwahati-25**





# Hit-Manchester

Rohit Sharma's century sets up India's comprehensive win and helps maintain team's dominant 7-0 World Cup record against Pakistan



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA  
MANCHESTER, JUNE 16

YOU GOT to make Rohit Sharma move at the crease. Drag him forward. Upset his balance. Make him do something different. We know he has embraced minimalism and as much as possible, doesn't let that front leg wander too much.

Pakistan tried. For three balls with the new ball. Hasan Ali's first two deliveries at Sharma were full in length and induced couple of mistakes – he almost squirted the first back to the bowler and struck at crease, surprised by the nip-backer, he inside-edged the second one. Off his first 20 balls, 16 were from Ali.

Sharma just waited for the ball to come and did his thing. He went to score 140 from 113 balls; his restrained inning seeing India jog to 336/5. Pakistan was never in the game. After a rain-break, Pakistan's target was revised, they were asked to score 302 in 40 overs. That was way beyond their reach, they finished at 212/6, losing the game by 89 runs. India, meanwhile, extended their unbeaten run against Pakistan in the World Cups to seven games.

Back to Sharma innings that dictated the path the game took. Perhaps, the moment that forced Pakistan's hands about retreating to back of length was a Ali delivery in his second over. It was a bit too full and Sharma sort of waved his hands towards it: not a drive, to even call it a firm push wasn't fair.

There was no forceful intent whatsoever. A hand-wave, that was it, really. And the ball plummeted to the left of mid-on. Pakistan gave up trying. They drew their lengths back, to what comes more naturally to them, and bled runs all afternoon. The skies changed colour – from dark to light, sun played peek-a-boo – and the only constant was Sharma's wizardry.

We know he is a much-matured man. Ever since his IPL captaincy days, Sharma has calmed down a lot. Responsibility throws up varied reactions in people: it has helped him. We know he likes to play a waiting game at the start.

But still, this was a World Cup game. Against Pakistan. In England, where they had a bruising loss last time they met. The cloud cover was there, perhaps some dampness too due to rain and pitch covers – if he was worried, he didn't show it all.

He reached his 50 from 35 balls but it wasn't a turbo-charged start. As in, it wasn't a counter-attacking, aggressive start. Rather, he continued doing what he does, playing the merits, curtailing the leg-side play after one flick went aerially wide of the square-leg fielder – but with a combo of poor bowling and his intent, he just kept going on and on.

Did he intend to hit Shadab in the first over? Any pre-determination, if it was there, wasn't apparent in the huge six and the four. One was a rank long hop, Shadab's nerves jangling, and other was full and wide. Sharma wouldn't be Sharma if he hadn't put those two away.

But he doesn't let it all affect him. He just flows on. It's the opposition that usually cracks, unable to find a way through.

If the length or the line demanded, he flexed his upper body – stretched it, leaned forward, arched back, reached across, and



## SUPERMAN & RAHUL

India vice-captain Rohit Sharma's 136-run alliance with his new opening partner KL Rahul was the cornerstone of India's match-winning score of 336. AP

Happy with the way we played as a team. We know at times, it can get frustrating having lost out in the previous game. We had the intent of playing a solid game today. I was unhappy (when I got out), particularly the way I played that shot. He just pushed mid-on back and brought fine leg in, a little misjudgment from my side. When you're set you want to get as many runs as possible. Trust me, wasn't thinking of a double hundred."

ROHIT SHARMA,  
INDIA VICE-CAPTAIN

bent his knees to do the needful. Rest, his still head and the flowing hands did the magic.

### No panic, no problem

Pre-game, here is a list from a pessimist's notebook: 'Sharma would struggle against Mohammad Amir.

Remember those inswingers and lbw. In IPL, he had problems with legspin; Pakistan have Shadab Khan. He likes his pull but Wahab Riaz would make him fetch

from outside off and induce a mistake.' Nope, nothing like that happened. He just had to face four deliveries from Amir in the first spell – all four of them short of length and not bending back in.

By the time Shadab settled down, Sharma was well on his way. By the end, instead of slanting the short ones across him, Pakistan actually fed him with short and well outside off. And he kept scything them to point boundary.

The thing with Sharma, though, is that these days he makes most of his knocks look that way.

Here is a list of things he doesn't do: doesn't flick, no big forward stride. If you bowl on the middle and sometimes even middle-and-leg line, full on a length, he pushes it towards mid-on.

Other Indians would have wriested them through midwicket or square-leg. He doesn't. Which in theory, if the bowling unit gets it right, should make it difficult for him to rotate strike with the new ball. Nothing remotely like that happened, of course.

### Missing Pak plan

What was Pakistan's plan this game? Send a postcard if you know. Because they hid it well. The bowling was far too short and too often, wide. The unlikely bowler,

the left-arm spinner Imad Wasim, came up with the best performance of the day.

At one stage, Sarfaraz Ahmad gave up and returned to the 90s or so it seemed when he had Shoaib Malik and Mohammad Hafeez bowl in tandem. Both lasted just one over apiece.

They took a high-risk 90s route in the chase too, especially after Bhuvneshwar Kumar limped early in the piece. They thought they could go cautious against the mainline bowlers and try to take on Vijay Shankar, Pandya and try to force India's hands into getting Jadhav. It didn't come off, though. In the '92 game against India, Imran Khan and Javed Miandad had batted slow but Imran fell, and Pakistan collapsed.

Who knows, this could well be the last sighting of Shoaib Malik, the man who debuted in late 90s and slowly reduced to a withering shadow these days. He hung his bat out at a Hardik Pandya delivery that cut back in, collided with the inside edge and fell on the stumps.

Malik stood there, head down, and stared. 8,0,0 – his runs so far. It won't be a surprise if he is benched after this. The good news for Pakistan is that it still 1992 in some ways. One win, one washed out, three losses – in five games. As they were after five games in '92. No Imran & Co. now, though.

## PROLIFIC RUN

**3** This is Rohit Sharma's third fastest century in ODIs. His fastest was off 82 balls, against England at Trent Bridge last year.

**4** The 136-run opening partnership between Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul was the fourth century stand for India against Pakistan in World Cups. The previous three were Mohammad Kaif/Sachin Tendulkar at Centurion, 2003; Shikhar Dhawan/Virat Kohli, MCG, 2015 and Virat Kohli/Suresh Raina, also at MCG, 2015.

## ROHIT'S STEADY PROGRESS

BALLS	RUNS
0-20	25
21-40	26
41-60	16
61-80	27
81-100	25
101-113	21

## SCORECARD >>

IND vs PAK

Manchester | Toss: Pakistan

INDIA **336/5 IN 50 OV**

KL Rahul c Babar b Riaz **57** (78b, 3x4, 2x6)  
R Sharma c Riaz b Hasan **140** (113b, 14x4, 3x6)  
V Kohli c Sarfaraz b Amir **77** (65b, 7x4)  
H Pandya c Babar b Amir **26** (19b, 2x4, 1x6)  
MS Dhoni c Sarfaraz b Amir **1** (2b)  
V Shankar not out **15** (15b, 1x4)  
K Jadhav not out **9** (8b, 1x4)

Extras: (b 1, lb 1, w 9) **11**

Fall of wickets: 1-136 (KL Rahul, 23.5 ov), 2-234 (RG Sharma, 38.2 ov), 3-285 (HH Pandya, 43.5 ov), 4-298 (MS Dhoni, 45.1 ov), 5-314 (V Kohli, 47.4 ov)

Bowling:

M Amir	10-1-47-3
H Ali	9-0-84-1
W Riaz	10-0-71-1
I Wasim	10-0-49-0
S Khan	9-0-61-0
S Malik	1-0-11-0
M Hafeez	1-0-11-0

PAKISTAN (Revised target: 302 in 40 overs)

**212/6 IN 40 OV**

I ul-Haq lbw Shankar **7** (18b, 1x4)  
F Zaman c Chahal b Yadav **62** (75b, 7x4, 1x6)  
B Azam b Yadav **48** (57b, 3x4, 1x6)  
M Hafeez c Shankar b Pandya **9** (7b, 1x6)  
S Ahmed b Shankar **12** (30b)  
S Malik b Pandya **0** (1b)  
I Wasim not out **46** (39b, 6x4)  
S Khan not out **20** (14b, 1x4)

Extras: (lb 1, nb 1, w 6) **8**

Fall of wickets: 1-13 (Imam-ul-Haq, 4.5 ov), 2-117 (Babar Azam, 23.6 ov), 3-126 (Fakhar Zaman, 25.2 ov), 4-129 (Mohammad Hafeez, 26.5 ov), 5-129 (Shoaib Malik, 26.6 ov), 6-165 (Sarfaraz Ahmed, 34.1 ov)

Bowling:

B Kumar	2-4-0-8-0
J Bumrah	8-0-52-0
V Shankar	5-2-0-22-2
H Pandya	8-0-44-2
K Yadav	9-1-32-2
Y Chahal	7-0-53-0

India won by 89 runs (D/L method)

## POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
Aus	5	4	1	0	0	8	+0.812
NZ	4	3	0	0	1	7	+2.613
Ind	4	3	0	0	1	7	+1.029
Eng	4	3	1	0	0	6	+1.557
SL	5	1	2	0	2	4	-1.778
WI	4	1	2	0	1	3	0.666
SA	5	1	3	0	1	3	-0.208
Ban	4	1	2	0	1	3	-0.714
Pak	5	1	3	0	1	3	-1.933
Afg	4	0	4	0	0	0	-1.638

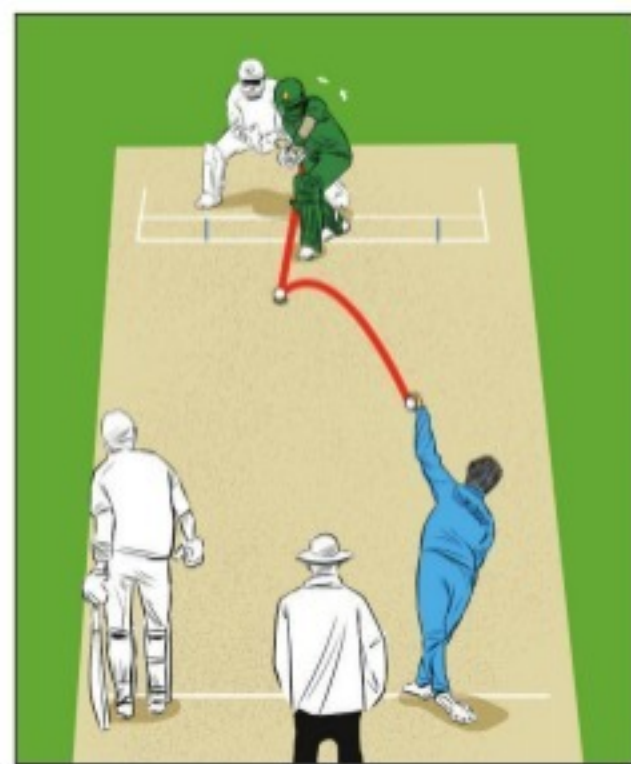
Top 4 teams after the ninth round will qualify for the semis.

# 2019 archives: Kuldeep's magic, Sachin redux and Sarfraz's yawn

GAURAV BHATT  
JUNE 16

THINK OF an India-Pakistan World Cup encounter and certain moments of individual brilliance or flashpoints will jump out, almost as sensory thumbnails. A hopping Javed Miandad, an animated Venkatesh Prasad sending off Aamer Sohail with choicest of expletives, and Sachin Tendulkar surviving four dropped catches and a dubious DRS call.

Sunday's encounter, however, threw up multiple talking points, all with the potential to command recall value for years to come. None more beautiful than Kuldeep breaching Babar's gates. For a while, it seemed Azam and Fakhar Zaman would pull off their gambit of negotiating away India's spinners in the middle overs. The two had put together 114 runs for the second wicket, picking off Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal for 46 of them from a combined nine overs. Then Yadav materialised a delivery straight out of an off-spinner's (or, in this case, a chinaman's) dreams. It needed to be a magical delivery to de-



**SUBLIME AND SLEEPY:** Kuldeep Yadav's ripper to dismiss Babar Azam and Sarfraz Ahmed's yawning after a rain break, will do the rounds on social media, for wildly different reasons.

ceive Babar, the opposition's most technically-correct batsman.

To begin with, Yadav didn't need to go



wider off the crease to push the ball across the right-hander. It started on middle-leg, and the drift kept taking it further left, to

what eventually ended up being a fifth-stump line. Bowled at 78kph, the ball had enough hang time to do its thing.

In the preceding overs too, Azam looked perturbed tackling the spinners on the front foot. There was the lbw appeal off Chahal that was never referred.

And the stumping attempt off Yadav which was, only for Azam to make it back just in time. Yadav's wicket-taking delivery was again tossed up. And the sharp dip meant Azam, despite taking two small steps, still ended a yard or two short.

The only respite for Azam would be the realisation that he didn't do a lot wrong, if you discount the aforementioned short stride. But the 24-year-old could be expected to replay the dismissal in his mind almost as many times as it would be replayed on mobile screens for days to come. The last time a clip of Azam getting out went viral was also to Yadav, at last September's Asia Cup.

That evening in Dubai, it was a wrong 'un which pitched on middle. The dip however was even sharper, to the point that even the two small steps, followed by a shimmy down the track, couldn't help

Azam reach the pitch off the ball, as it spun away and kissed the off-stump. A bewildered Azam could only do a double-take then. Was that dismissal playing somewhere the back of his mind? It would certainly explain the batsman trying to get outside of the line and the face of the bat, slightly open, resulting in crack of daylight the delivery needed to sneak in and crash into the stumps.

### Rohit's uppercut

The other moment evoking sweet memories came during India's innings. A Pakistani fast bowler, an Indian opener, a delivery short and wide and fast, and an uppercut disappearing over the third man boundary.

A Rohit Sharma innings will almost always lend entries for the highlight reel. There was the imperial cover drive off Wahab Riaz and the signature pick-up off Hasan Ali. But nothing caught the fancy of viewers much like the uppercut off Hasan. It wasn't as glorious as the 2003 encounter, what with the absence of a Shoaib Akhtar dashing in to melt the speed gun and a Sachin Tendulkar at the top of his game,

and the 150kmph bumper. But composite images of the two Mumbaikars playing almost an identical shot made the rounds nevertheless.

### Sarfraz's yawn

But no moment from Sunday's match is guaranteed to be preserved more on the internet than Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed yawning behind the stumps after taking the field post a half-hour long rain break.

The photos and the short clip, bouncing between the two contrasting captains – a lethargic Sarfraz and the Duracell-bunny Virat Kohli – had already made the rounds, making the wicket-keeper the latest meme to come out of this World Cup.

Contrarians and optimists can choose to believe that Sarfraz was instead employing some reverse psychology, perhaps hinting that an on-fire Kohli and marching India didn't bother him much. Mind games or not, expect former Pakistan players to take Sarfraz's case again. Akhtar might lead the charge, wildly gesticulating and chiding: "Itna bada uska muh khula hua tha."

## LEADING SCORERS

343 Aaron Finch (AUS), 319 Rohit Sharma (IND), 281 Dave Warner (AUS)

## LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

13 Mohammad Amir (PAK), 13 Mitch Starc (AUS), 11 Pat Cummins (AUS)



## How India reached 336 despite hitting just one six in the last 23 overs

Before their game against Pakistan, India's batting template in this World Cup was based on a steady accumulation of runs at the top of the order, followed by the no-holds-barred flourish in the end. At Manchester, they tweaked their approach. India's climb to Mt 336 was steady — they scored an above average 53 runs in the first 10 overs and they had just one six in the final 23 overs. Here's how India's run-worm never stopped or sprinted but it took measured steps to cross the 300 mark.



Rohit's aggression helped Rahul (in pic) ease into his innings. Reuters

**1 TO 10 OVERS: RUNS: 53; WKT: 0 (RR: 5.30)**

**ROHIT'S IMPETUS UPFRONT:** The opener is usually circumspect at the start of an innings and this is also when he is the most vulnerable. However, if Sharma manages to see off the early burst from the fast bowlers, he scores big, like he did against South Africa and Australia. There was a role reversal against Pakistan. In the absence of belligerent injured opener, Shikhar Dhawan, Sharma was fast off the blocks (strike rate of 125 in his first 20 balls). He was watchful against Md Amir but took on the rest. Sharma's audacious stroke-play gave KL Rahul, his new opening partner time to settle in. He was unbeaten on 29-ball 37.

**11 TO 30 OVERS: RUNS: 119; WKT: 1 (RR: 5.95)**

**ACCELERATION IN MIDDLE OVERS:** Quite often in this World Cup, we have seen bowling sides making resounding comebacks in the middle overs through some judicious use of the slow bowlers. The Old Trafford pitch was sluggish and was even assisting Pakistan's spinners. But they couldn't stop Sharma. The spread out field did little to diminish his aggression. He registered his 24th ODI century in just the 30th over. The openers added 100 runs. Between overs 11-30, India scored 119 runs for the loss of Rahul, scoring at a run-a-ball. This essentially was the cornerstone of India's humongous total.

**31 TO 40 OVERS: RUNS 76; WKT: 1 (RR: 7.6)**

**BATTING NOUS:** This was the period when the Indian batsmen stood out with their running between the wickets. The ability to convert the ones into twos helped Kohli keep the foot on the accelerator without playing risky strokes. Old Trafford is not a small ground by any stretch and taking advantage of the gaps in the field, Kohli took 12 out of his team's 25 doubles. In between all the frenetic running, the captain and his deputy kept peeling off a boundary in almost every over to ensure the run-rate remained healthy. This relentless two-pronged attack kept the pressure on Pakistan's bowlers as well as on the fielders.

**41 TO 50 OVERS: RUNS 88; WKT: 3 (RR: 8.8)**

**CONTROLLED FINISH:** With the score at 248/2 after 40 overs, India had expected a bombastic finish. Consequently, they sent Hardik Pandya at No.4 following Sharma's exit. He played a cameo, but Pakistan made decisive inroads through Md Amir, who accounted for Pandya and MS Dhoni in successive overs. Kohli's aggression was more controlled; flurry of ones and twos interjected by the odd boundary. The fact that India could not muster a six after the 43rd over says something about their approach as much as the pitch. Nevertheless, they stacked up 88 runs in this final passage of play, which proved to be good enough.



Kohli's running between wickets helped him play risk-free. Reuters

RUNS INDIA RAN: 177 (121 x 1; 25 x 2; 2 x 3) | RUNS INDIA SCORED IN BOUNDARIES: 148 (28 x 4; 6 x 6) | DOT BALLS: 118 | EXTRAS: 11

## W Indies have the firepower to go all the way: Lloyd

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
TAUNTON, JUNE 16

THEY MAY have won just one match so far but legendary Clive Lloyd feels the West Indies have got the firepower in both their batting and bowling to go all the way in the ongoing World Cup.

West Indies have won one match out of five till now, having lost two while the other two were wash-outs. "Eleven points will probably be enough to get a Team into the top four, and considering they still have the likes of New Zealand and India to play, it is now or never," Lloyd wrote in a column for the ICC website.

Lloyd, who captained West Indies to World Cup victories in 1975 and 1979, however admitted that it is high time that the Caribbeans come out fighting and show what they are made of. "Defeats and bad days are always going to happen in a tournament like this, and now we just have to hope that the West Indies have got all of theirs out of the way. They need to win nearly every group game from here on if they are to have a chance of making the semi-finals," wrote Lloyd. The 74-year-old felt the defeat against England was huge. "They picked a bad time to have their worst batting display of the tournament so far.

"Once you have got past the best of the England bowling attack, you really shouldn't be giving your wickets away to a partner like Joe Root. He is someone you should be looking to milk all day long," he said.

Lloyd said youngsters Shimron Hetmyer and Nicholas Pooran have managed to impress him. "Pooran in particular has really impressed me so far this tournament, but we shouldn't be asking two young guys to do it all. The rest of the batsmen left them high and dry, and there was ample opportunity there on a Southampton pitch that didn't have too much devil in it."

In spite of the West Indies batting lineup having a "lot of power", they might be missing someone who can stick around, according to Lloyd. "In my day we had Larry Gomes who could play that role."

## Pandya, Vijay answer Kohli's SOS

A bowler short after Bhuvneshwar Kumar suffered a hamstring strain, all-rounders fill in emphatically

SANDIP G  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

IN THE sixth over of the game, Virat Kohli lost one of his two specialist fast bowlers, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who was in the middle of a splendous spell. He is clutching his thighs. But Kohli doesn't seem to be bothered. He asks Vijay Shankar to loosen up. Shankar bounds in, hardly betraying nerves of a World Cup first-timer, and picks up the wicket of Imam-ul-Haq with his very first ball. Beaming faces abound.

Now imagine a similar sequence play out maybe three years ago. Cue ponderous visages, flapping nerves, lengthy mid-pitch talks, MS Dhoni lost in the characteristic glove on jaw frame.

But here Kohli is chuckling, clapping. Later, he's informed that Bhuvneshwar has pulled his hamstring so badly that he might miss the entire game. Kohli is upset but not nervous. He needn't be. He had Hardik Pandya and Vijay.

Together, the pair didn't make Kohli rue the absence of Bhuvneshwar. Among the two, they collected four wickets and conceded only 62 runs in 12.2 overs. If their shifts weren't spectacular, they certainly were influential in the context of the game.

For most of his predecessors, this luxury of medium-pace bowling all-rounders, forget two even one, would have been an illusion. His immediate one, MS Dhoni would readily vouch. For much of his tenure, the quest for one was as elusive. It seldom hurt India in the subcontinent, for spin-bowling all-rounders were found in abundance, but the moment they set afoot in pace-bowling friendly conditions, especially in England and Australia, India were repeatedly made to repent the absence of one.

Forget Kapil Dev, those were days India could have wished they had someone of Manoj Prabhakar's gifts. Instead, even as they cast envious glances on the Watsons and Faulkners of the world, forget the Kallis, they had to content with Laxmi Ratan Shukla, JP Yadav, Stuart Binny, Rishi Dhawan, even Joginder Sharma was projected as a medium-pace bowling all-rounder when he



Vijay Shankar (2 for 22) and Hardik Pandya (2 for 40) combined to fulfil the role of a medium-pace all-rounder. Reuters

burst forth into international cricket. Barring the seriously talented but mismanaged Irfan Pathan, most of them were forthright pretenders, neither proficient with the ball nor with the bat, like the quintessential bit-part players England used to churn out in the 90s.

Dhoni, the skipper for the most part of this decade was forced to include a specialist third seamer several times outside the sub-continent, almost resigned to the fact that India would never really unearth at least a passable all-rounder. "We are always forced to play with a 3-2 bowling combination as we don't have a genuine all-rounder. It af-

fects the balance, for we always end up with a batsman short, but that's all we can do," he'd complained during the last World Cup. And several times before and after that. It was the lone glitch of several otherwise strong Dhoni sides. The missing piece as Dhoni had reiterated several times.

Not any longer. Pandya, has blossomed into indispensable furniture in the side, and it's a reason he's sometimes cotton-wooled. Vijay is still largely untested at this level, but furnished an impressive account of himself. Though by accident, Vijay's inclusion seemed a blessing in hindsight.

### Stepping up

Had Shikhar Dhawan not injured his fingers, he would have warmed the benches or ferried drinks, and wouldn't have strolled in to complete the injured Bhuvneshwar Kumar's over. Then Kohli would have been left with the only alternative of Pandya. Vijay has been reluctantly used as a bowler, in fairness he's one-dimensional, endowed with neither pace nor the ability to swing.

But what he lacks in those dimensions, he makes up with his ability to bowl to the field. For Fakhar Zaman, Kohli set an off-side

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heavy field, for he's a predominantly a leg-side player. So he usually bowled a good length angling across the left-hander.

Zaman would busily drive, sometimes tap the ball into the gaps or dab through third-man, but he could hardly find the fence. With the run-rate escalating — nudging eight runs — singles didn't quite hurt. Zaman couldn't swat him across the line, as he had seen Vijay's ability to make the ball hold its line, or marginally shape it away, like the delivery that consumed his opening partner Imam-ul-Haq.

To the right-handed Babar Azam, he mostly preyed outside the off-stump, good length, again careful not to gift-wrap deliveries on stumps, silken a leg-side player as he is. That he conceded only two boundaries reflects the stifling channels he probed.

His discipline also meant that he could hold Pandya back a little. Pandya was summoned when Kohli generally summons him, around the ninth over. These days, Pandya plies his trade on auto-pilot mode, he knows his role, the lengths he needed to hit and the lines he needed to persist.

He mostly plugged back-of-length, striving for the extra bounce that his whippy action enables. One such delivery nailed Shoaib Malik for a first-ball zero, and with him blew Pakistan's last lingering hopes of salvaging an improbable comeback.

In the end, the dazzle of Rohit Sharma and rattle of Kuldeep's magic balls will outshine the labour of the two pace all-rounders. But Kohli would certainly appreciate the collective as well as individual value of Pandya and Vijay.

## Bangladesh ready for chin music

FOSTER NIUMATA  
TAUNTON, JUNE 16

SHORT BALLS are coming and Bangladesh is ready. The batsmen have been taking bouncers in the nets in expectation that West Indies tactics will not change when they meet in a Cricket World Cup group match on Monday at Taunton. Short-pitched deliveries have delivered for West Indies: seven wickets against Pakistan, five against Australia, and against South Africa before the match was rained out. "We back ourselves to get new ball wickets," West Indies captain Jason Holder says.

Asked if he regretted bowling short unsuccessfully in the loss to England last Friday, Holder says, "No regrets."

Bangladesh is fully aware of the West Indies fast bowlers' abilities, having faced them in four Tests (split 2-2), and nine one-day internationals (Bangladesh leads 7-2) in the past year.

The pitch, conditions and strategy will be different at Taunton, but Steve Rhodes, coach of Bangladesh over the past year, is confident they can handle the West Indies bouncers. "I'm very, very happy with the way we play the white ball, particularly when it's short," Rhodes says.

"We've played against the West Indies bowlers, recently. So we are well aware of what they have got and we know what's coming and we've got some plans to try and deal with that. We've got some good players ourselves. We'll be hopeful that they are going to worry about some of our players."

Because of the washed out game against Sri Lanka, Bangladesh has had almost a week off, which has been enough time for all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan to get over straining his left thigh while scoring a century against England. Meanwhile, the West Indies will



Oshane Thomas (R) is the top wicket-taker for West Indies with six wickets. File

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persist with its own star allrounder, Andre Russell, despite him limping off at the Rose Bowl against England after bowling only two overs. Russell's creaky knees are struggling

to allow him to complete games.

"We have been trying our best to keep him on the park, but it is proving difficult," Holder says.

"We have to persist. He is here for a reason. He can be a match-winner for us. We have just got to cope with him. Got to do everything we possibly can with him to keep him on the park."

The risk is worth it? "Yes."

After four games each, they have one win each. It's time to get moving if West Indies want to reach its first World Cup semifinals in 23 years, and Bangladesh for the first time.

Rhodes says, "All we can do is win our games coming up, one at a time. West Indies is next, and try and win that." AP

## Better late than never: Proteas record their first win of the Cup

BRIAN CHURCH  
CARDIFF, JUNE 16

IT MAY be too late — much too late — but South Africa finally kick-started its Cricket World Cup campaign with a nine-wicket win over Afghanistan under the DLS method at Sophia Gardens on Saturday. Quinton de Kock hit 68, including eight fours, and Hashim Amla was 41 not out in South Africa's 131 for 1 in 28.4 overs in reply to Afghanistan's 125 all out in 34.1 overs.

The 40-year-old leg-spinner Imran Tahir did most of the damage for South Africa, finishing with 4-29 off seven overs, and captain Faf du Plessis was a happy man at the end. "Very relieved. Feel a little bit lighter," du Plessis said. "But I think all our cricket today was much better and much more competitive."

Because of two rain disruptions, the match was reduced to 48 overs per team with South Africa chasing a new target of 127. Andile Phehlukwayo (17 not out) sealed victory by smashing the only six of the game. Amla was cautious but effective in his 83-ball knock which took him to within 24 of the 8,000 ODI runs milestone.

De Kock's innings lasted 72 balls and he shared an opening partnership of 104 with Amla before he was caught by Mohammad Nabi off the bowling of Gulbadin Naib in the 23rd over. It was South Africa's first century stand of the tournament. After defeats to England, Bangladesh and India, and a washout against West Indies, this was a must-win game for four-time semifinalist South Africa. But it still looks unlikely to advance to the final four. South Africa is level



Imran Tahir took four wickets for 29 runs against Afghanistan.

on three points in the bottom half of the table with West Indies, Bangladesh and Pakistan but has played one more game.

Afghanistan, which has lost all four matches and remains last in the 10-team standings, won't forget its first-ever one-day international against South Africa.

Put in to bat, Afghanistan was all out after collapsing from 69-2. Tahir took a wicket with his first ball, and claimed a second in the same over, after the second rain break. He also preserved his record as the only spinner at this World Cup to have bowled more than 100 overs and not been hit for six. "Imran, as always, is special, but I think especially on a wicket like that today where it's

not suited for spinners, straight boundaries, to get four wickets like that was an amazing bowling performance," du Plessis said.

Seamer Chris Morris was even meaner than Tahir, taking 3-13 in 6.1 overs, and Phehlukwayo finished with 2-18 from eight overs. Before the second break for rain, Afghanistan appeared on the brink of building a reasonable score. However, it lost four wickets in 10 balls for a single run at one stage and stumbled to 77-7 before staging a mini-recovery as Ikram Ali Khil and Rashid Khan shared a 34-run partnership for the eighth wicket. Rashid top-scored for Afghanistan with 35 off 25 balls, including six boundaries, followed by Noor Ali Zadran's 32 runs off 58. Both men fell to Tahir.

Afghanistan had also failed to use up its batting overs in its previous three games, reaching 207 in 38.2 overs against Australia, 152 in 32.4 versus Sri Lanka and 172 in 41.1 against New Zealand.

Rain and Afghanistan clearly do not get on at this tournament. The first weather interruption, a 26-minute delay, disturbed a promising start as the team had advanced to 33-0 off 5.5 overs. Opener Hazratullah Zazai pulled a delivery from paceman Kagiso Rabada and was caught by Rassie van der Dussen running in from the boundary for 22 off 23 balls. Rahmat Shah was then out leg before wicket to an impressive Morris for 1/29.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Afghanistan 125 all out in 34.1 ovs (Noor Ali Zadran 32, Rashid Khan 35; Imran Tahir 4/29, Chris Morris 3/13) vs South Africa 131/1 in 28.4 ovs (Hashim Amla 41 n.o., Quinton de Kock 68; Gulbadin Naib 1/29)



**BRIEFLY**

**Eastern Rlys, Punjab Police triumphant**

*Noida:* Punjab Police and Eastern Railway emerged triumphant in the men and women's categories of the 33rd Federation Cup Basketball Championship, organised by the Uttar Pradesh Basketball Association, in Noida on Sunday. Punjab Police beat Indian Army 91-71 in a well-contested final. In the women's final, Eastern Railway outplayed Tamil Nadu 86-67 to be crowned champions.

**Sweden pummel Thailand 5-1**

*Nice:* Sweden produced a breathtaking display of attacking football to thrash Thailand 5-1 in Nice on Sunday and book their place in the last 16 of the women's World Cup. Thailand, coming off a record 13-0 loss to defending champions United States of America in their Group F opener, conceded twice in the opening 20 minutes as they struggled to win aerial battles against a much taller Swedish team.

**Hockey: India beat Poland 5-0**

*Hiroshima:* Gurjit scored a brace to lead the Indian women's hockey team to a dominant 5-0 victory over Poland at the FIH Women's Series Finals Hiroshima 2019 Sunday. Right from the outset, India were on the attack, their left side causing problems for Poland's defence with regularity. Jyoti gave India the lead in the first quarter. Vandana Kataria doubled the advantage soon after via a penalty corner. Gurjit scored India's third, yet again from a penalty corner to extend the advantage. She scored her second in the 35th minute from a penalty stroke. Navneet Kaur completed the rout in the 56th minute by showcasing some brilliant individual skills.

**Anand joint seventh in Norway chess**

*Stavanger:* Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand failed to capitalise on his chances and went down to Levon Aronian of Armenia in the ninth and final round Armageddon game to finish joint seventh in the Altibox Norway chess tournament. Anand, going to be 50 later this year, has had a mixed year so far and the trend continues here with a mediocre finish in the 10-player round-robin tournament.

**Jinson betters own NR in 1500m**

*New Delhi:* Asian Games gold medalist Jinson Johnson marginally bettered his own national record timing in 1500m while competing at the Next Generation Athletics Meet in the Netherlands. Johnson clocked 3:37.62 to finish sixth in the event at the Dutch city of Nijmegen on Saturday to eclipse his earlier national record timing of 3:37.86, which he set during the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

**Joshna crowned national champion**

*Pune:* Joshna Chinappa won the national squash title for the record 17th time after she outplayed her Tamil Nadu rival Sunayna Kuruvilla in the final on Sunday. Chinappa, the top seed, defeated 'giant-killer' Kuruvilla 11-5, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5 in the summit clash of the 76th Senior National Squash Championship being played in Pune. Mahesh Manganar emerged champion in men's category, beating Abhishek Pradhan 12-10, 11-7, 11-9 in the final.

ENS, REUTERS & PTI



Argentina's Sergio Aguero (L) and Colombia's goalkeeper David Ospina fight for the ball during a Copa America Group B match in Salvador on Saturday. AP

# Country blues continue for Messi

Martinez, Zapata score in second half as Colombia stun favourites Argentina 2-0 in Copa America

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE  
SALVADOR, JUNE 16

ROGER MARTINEZ and Duvan Zapata put a dent in Lionel Messi's hopes of finally landing a major international title as Colombia began their Copa America campaign with a 2-0 win over Argentina on Saturday.

Martinez struck a stunning opener on 72 minutes and fellow substitute Zapata sealed the win three minutes from the end after Argentina had dominated the second half of this Group B encounter in Salvador. It had been 20 years since Colombia last beat Argentina at the Copa America. "We knew it had been many years, I'm delighted but the Copa isn't finished," said Zapata. "We're going to enjoy this win."

This was supposed to be World Cup quarter-finalists Colombia's hardest group test with matches against Paraguay and Asian champions Qatar to come. Argentina haven't won a major tournament in 26 years and were beaten finalists in the last two editions of the South American showpiece, as well as the 2014 World Cup. "The players know there is a long way to go and we have two matches left," said Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni. "The important thing is to stay on the right path and correct our mistakes."

On paper at least, this promised a thrilling attacking spectacle between two star-studded forward lines. For Argentina, five-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi was joined by Sergio Aguero and Angel Di Maria, while Colombia could count on James Rodriguez, Radamel Falcao and Juan Cuadrado.

But it was two players who began the game on the bench that took the chance to steal the headlines. "The most important thing is that we all put in a huge effort, it's a great day for everyone," said James.

It was a fast and furious opening that proved too helter skelter to produce any genuine chances. Colombia were the first to threaten on 16 minutes when Falcao laid off a Cuadrado cross for Martinez, whose shot was deflected behind. Argentina gifted Colombia an opening with time running down in the first period as goalkeeper Franco Armani and center-back Nicolas

**We are disappointed because they scored a great goal when we were playing better. It will take some time to accept this defeat, but we have to take the positives from today and move on to try to win the next match. We leave here feeling bitter."**

LIONEL MESSI  
FORWARD, ARGENTINA

Otamendi played themselves into trouble deep inside the area.

Falcao robbed Otamendi and tried to tee up James but Guido Rodriguez got back to nick the ball off the talented playmaker's toes. Moments later, Martinez wriggled free down the right and picked out Falcao but his shot was blocked. Colombia had been much the better side, dominating possession and chances, with a subdued Messi, as so often for his country, a peripheral figure in a goal-less first half.

**Decisive substitutes**

"I think we were a bit nervous in the first half because it was the first match of the tournament," admitted Messi. Argentina created their best chance so far in the opening minute of the second period as Leandro Paredes let fly from 30 yards, sending the ball whistling past the post with goalkeeper David Ospina scrambling to his right.

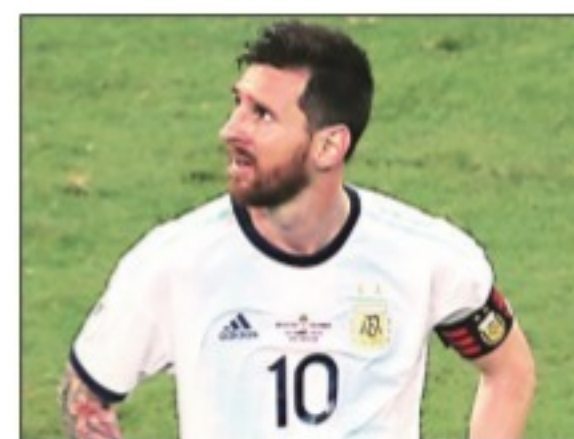
Messi briefly came to life, nutmegging Davinson Sanchez to burst into the area, but the tireless Wilmar Barrios got back to crowd out the Barcelona superstar. Argentina had their tails up and Paredes thrashed in a shot from an angle that Ospina did well to punch clear. What had been a petulant affair threatened to boil over when Cuadrado was booked for a foul on Messi that sparked a brief melee of pushing and shoving. Colombia were in danger of losing their heads and Cuadrado was quickly withdrawn by Portuguese coach Carlos Queiroz.

## Caught between ideas

Lionel Scaloni is faced with similar problems as previous Argentina coaches — how to best utilise Messi?

**SYSTEM REBOOT**

Argentina went through a massive rebuilding phase after a disastrous World Cup campaign. The first change was bringing in rookie manager Lionel Scaloni to replace Sampaoli last July. Former Argentina and Valencia midfielder Pablo Aimar, Messi's idol, was appointed as Scaloni's assistant - a decision seen as a signal to woo Messi. In January, the 1978 World Cup winning coach Cesar Menotti, another Messi ally, was appointed as national teams director. Subsequently, Messi returned in March. Angel di Maria was recalled too, and so was Sergio Aguero.



**CONFLICTING STYLES**

Scaloni has stressed on playing direct football rather than elaborate midfield passing moves. He fields two wingers and the midfielders are expected to deliver the ball quickly into wide spaces. Since Messi's return, Scaloni hasn't been able to use this method effectively as he's had to sacrifice one of his wingers, making it tough to stretch the rival defence and open up space. The direct route wasn't fetching results so they turned to Plan B. But failure to pass their way through midfield meant they couldn't bring Messi and Aguero into the game in a manner that could threaten the Colombian defence.

**WEAK TEAM**

Scaloni began the rebuilding process with this new generation, which has players like Inter forward Lautaro Martinez and Tottenham defender Juan Foyth, both 21, or veterans without international experience, such as defender Milton Casco and striker Matias Suarez, both of River Plate and both 31. However, it is considered to be one of the weakest squads Argentina has fielded in a major tournament.

**Even people that we consider geniuses work with other people in order to develop their style. In Argentina, even though Messi is wonderful, they have problems winning the World Cup. My advice to young people is that we have to recognise very few people achieve great things on their own**

BARACK OBAMA, ON ARGENTINA'S STRUGGLES

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**BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL AT NEW DELHI, COURT NO. III CAA - 144(ND)/2018**

In the matter of Companies Act, 2013; And In the matter of Sections 230-232 of the Companies Act, 2013, the rules framed thereunder and other relevant provisions thereof; And In the matter of the Scheme of Amalgamation between Freecharge Payment Technologies Private Limited, the Transferee Company, and Accelyst Solutions Private Limited, the Transferor Company, and their respective shareholders.

Freecharge Payment Technologies Private Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, bearing CIN: U74140DL2015PTC275419 having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Plot No. 25, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005; also referred to in the Petition as the "Transferee Company"

.....Petitioner Company

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION ON 5TH JULY 2019**

A Petition ("Petition") under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation between Accelyst Solutions Private Limited and the Petitioner Company and their respective shareholders was presented by the Petitioner Company and was last heard by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, at New Delhi, Court No. III ("Tribunal") on 24th May 2019. The Tribunal has, vide its order dated 24 May 2019, fixed the Petition for hearing on Friday, 5th July 2019.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition, should send to the Petitioner Company's advocate at the address mentioned below, a notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Company's advocate and the Hon'ble Tribunal, at Block No. 3, Ground, 6th, 7th and 8th floor, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003, not later than 2 (two) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished along with such notice.

Dated 17th day of June 2019  
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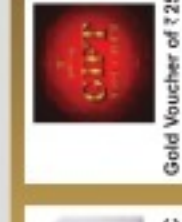
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