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Terror funding took hawala route: NIA

NEW DELHI
 The NIA has levelled fresh allegations against four accused in a case of terror funding in the Kashmir Valley. Masarat Alam, the "poster boy" of violent agitations, has revealed that there are rifts among the separatists regarding collection and use of funds pumped through the hawala route, the NIA said.

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Bhutan PM says China must maintain status quo on Doklam

No side should do anything near the trijunction point unilaterally, he says

SUHASINI HAIDAR
 THIMPHU

Calling for China to maintain status quo in the Doklam region, Bhutan's Prime Minister Lotay Tshering said "no side" should do anything near the trijunction point between India, China and Bhutan "unilaterally".

In an exclusive interview to *The Hindu* and the first public comments by the Bhutanese leader on the Doklam issue, which had seen a near conflict between the Indian and Chinese armies in 2017, he said that as long as status quo was maintained, "there will be peace and tranquillity in the region."



Pitching for peace: Lotay Tshering says the boundary talks between Bhutan and China have made good progress. ■AFP

Mr. Tshering was reacting to a question about the recent reports of an unprecedented build-up of military infrastructure on the Chinese side of the Doklam plateau that has been part of a boundary dispute between Bhutan and China.

He said the boundary talks between the two sides had made good progress, however, with 25 rounds completed. Asked whether the talks could lead to diplomatic ties being established, he reiterated Bhutan's policy of not establishing ties with any permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Mr. Tshering also called on India and Pakistan to work together for the growth of South Asia and said it was "too early" to call the SAARC unviable. His comments follow calls by Sri Lanka's President Maithripala Sirisena and Nepal's Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli to revive the SAARC, which hasn't held a summit since 2014.

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Doctors' safety: IMA calls for nationwide agitation today

All non-essential services to be withdrawn

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
 SUVOJIT BAGCHI
 NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) announced on Sunday that all non-essential services, including outpatient services, will be withdrawn for 24 hours from 6 a.m. on Monday across India in support of the striking junior doctors in West Bengal.

Only emergency and casualty services will be offered, the IMA said.



Junior doctors staging a protest at a hospital in Siliguri on Sunday. ■AFP

The protesting junior doctors, who have been demanding better security following an assault on duty doctors on June 10 at the NRSMCH in Kolkata, agreed

to meet Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

However, they said the meeting would have to be "in the full view of the media" and not "behind closed doors".

Till late in the evening, the Chief Minister's Office had not announced details of the proposed meeting.

IMA demand
 The IMA has demanded a comprehensive central law to deal with violence against doctors, healthcare staff and hospitals.

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Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed appointed ISI chief

He is said to be a hard-liner

REUTERS
 ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Sunday appointed a hard-line General as the new chief of the powerful Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) spy agency, replacing its current head, Lieutenant General Asim Munir, after only eight months on the job.

Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed, a former senior ISI figure, was appointed Director-General of the agency, according to a statement by the military's press wing, which did not explain the reshuffle.

The Army is arguably the

most influential institution in Pakistan, with the military having ruled the country for nearly half of its 71-year history since independence from Britain and enjoying extensive powers even under civilian administrations.

Important post
 By turn, the head of the ISI occupies one of the most important posts.

The agency has long been accused of supporting Islamist militants targeting neighbour India.

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India's lynchpins: Rohit Sharma celebrates with captain Virat Kohli after scoring a century during the World Cup match against Pakistan in Manchester on Sunday. ■REUTERS

Indian batting juggernaut crushes Pakistan by 89 runs

Golden run of Men in Blue in the World Cup continues

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
 MANCHESTER

India continued its golden run in the ICC World Cup as Virat Kohli's men registered an 89-run victory over Pakistan at a packed Old Trafford here on a pulsating Sunday.

The venue, bustling with boisterous Indian and Pakistani fans, witnessed a stop-start game due to multiple rain interventions and through the contest, the Men in Blue held their nerve.

After Pakistan won the toss and opted to field, India amassed 336 for five in 50 overs.

It was a tenure that also suffered a one-hour rain-

break towards the fag end. It was a minor blip for the Indian batting juggernaut that rode on Rohit Sharma's 140.

The opener's magnificent knock served as the spine while his top-order colleagues, K.L. Rahul (57) and Virat Kohli (77), also joined the party.

Makes no impression
 Pakistan's attack hardly made an impact as Kohli's men prospered.

Rohit had a nervous start but once he got past the tentative phase, shots cascaded from his willow and India found the perfect launchpad to ease into a high-stakes game and eventually

pocket it. Pakistan's pursuit had just one ideal partnership as Fakhar Zaman and Babar Azam added 114 for the second-wicket; the rest wilted with Vijay Shankar, Kuldeep Yadav and Hardik Pandya grabbing two wickets apiece.

The weather then had the last word as another wet spell paused Pakistan at 166 for six in 35 overs.

On resumption, based on the Duckworth-Lewis method, the target was revised to 302 from 40 overs and Sarfaraz Ahmed's men finished with 212 for six.

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Vardhan reviews situation as encephalitis toll touches 83

Two children died even as the Union Minister for Health was at the hospital in Muzaffarpur

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 PATNA

The toll of children suffering from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Muzaffarpur rose to 83 on Sunday even as Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan visited the State-run Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) in the district and announced several measures to tackle the disease.

Meanwhile, a severe heat wave in the southwestern districts of the State has claimed 56 lives.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, his junior in the Cabinet Ashwani Kumar Choubey and State Health Minister Mangal Pandey visited the SKMCH to review the situation. Even as Dr. Vardhan was at the hospital, two children died.



Never-ending saga: Children with AES under treatment at the SKMCH in Muzaffarpur in Bihar on Sunday. ■PTI

The Minister, who spent over four hours talking to doctors and relatives of the sick children, lauded the efforts taken to ensure efficient treatment. "I appreciate the efforts put in by the doctors to ensure efficient treatment to everyone despite all odds and hur-

dles", he told local journalists. For over four hours, Mr Vardhan was in the hospital speaking with the doctors and relatives of the sick children.

Stress on virology labs
 "We are extremely shocked at the situation here. We've

taken every effort to save the lives of the diagnosed children. It has now become necessary to set up well-equipped virology labs in five districts to ensure detection and prevention of the disease. One virology laboratory will start functioning in Muzaffarpur within a year," Dr. Vardhan said, while speaking to reporters.

He added that there was "a need for starting research on AES".

The Minister was met with black flag demonstrations in Patna and Muzaffarpur by supporters of the Jan Adhikar Party.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has announced an ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh to families of every person who died of encephalitis.

The Chief Minister also

directed the Health Department, district officials and doctors to take all possible measures to tackle the spread of AES.

Record temperatures
 Most parts of Bihar are reeling under a heat wave with 56 deaths from heat stroke reported as temperatures touched 45.8° Celsius on Saturday.

Most of the deaths were reported from Aurangabad, Gaya and Nawada districts of southwest Bihar.

"The toll may go up as more such people are coming to the hospital," said Aurangabad civil surgeon Surendra Prasad Singh.

The district officials of Nawada and Gaya too have confirmed death of 7 and 17 in their respective areas.

Nervous officials pass the buck on Air India's priceless collections

Many paintings await their new home in NGMA

JAGRITI CHANDRA
 NEW DELHI

Even as the complex process to sell the beleaguered state-run Air India is under way, a cloud hangs over the airline's massive art collection, which includes works by M.F. Husain and S.H. Raza and the iconic Salvador Dali ashrtrays.

While the collection was to be transferred to the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) before the national carrier is sold to a private player, the immense value of these works has made officials wary of participating in any procedure to do so, lest they face charges of mishandling or theft.

"We are working on chalking out a mechanism for handing over the paintings and other art works. We will gift them for free to NGMA in return for which there will be a public exhibition in the name of Air India," said an airline official with direct knowledge of discussions on the matter.

Apart from Hussain and Raza, the collection of nearly 4,000 paintings includes works by many of India's best known artists - V.S. Gaitonde, K.A. Ara, Anjolie Ela Menon, Arpana Caur and B. Prabha. There are also stone sculptures dating back to the ninth century, wood work, a collection of exquisite clocks and a costume collection.

Artefacts in the collection recall the heyday of the airline such as ashtrays designed by surrealist Salvador Dali which were meant



Vignettes from Air India's design manual. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

to be gifted to first-class passengers.

Rich history
 The art works were collected over a period of six decades between early 1950s and 2007 and started when the erstwhile Tata Airlines was expanding its global reach and needed to showcase "a little of India", in the words of its founder J.R.D. Tata, in its booking offices across the world.

A 2017 proposal to set up a museum at the Air India building at Mumbai's Nariman Point had to be abandoned when the Union Cabinet decided to privatise the airline. Subsequently, a decision was taken to donate these national treasures to the NGMA.

Two years on, most of the artworks remain stored in a godown in Mumbai, while some are yet to be retrieved from foreign offices abroad. The task of preparing an

inventory was initiated in 2016 and has not concluded yet.

Government decisions pertaining to Air India are currently being probed by several agencies, like the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate.

The Director General of NGMA, Adwaita Gadnaya, who has visited Air India's Mumbai office in the past to take stock of the collection said, "There is no progress so far (on transferring of artworks). There is a plan. If we get possession, we can do something. With elections over we expect this to happen soon."

With airline officials playing safe, Air India headquarters has decided to put in place a foolproof procedure. "Officials are wary of facing allegations of pilferage. This will be a long-drawn procedure because of the sheer size of the collection," said an official.

Now, eco-friendly flats for Members of Parliament

The buildings on North and South Avenues will be constructed using fly ash and waste bricks

DAMINI NATH
 NEW DELHI

With the first round of redevelopment of flats for MPs on North Avenue complete, the remaining flats on the North and South Avenues here are also likely to be demolished and reconstructed using fly ash and construction and demolition (C&D) waste bricks, Central Public Works Department officials said.

Around 400 flats on North Avenue and South Avenue are likely to be rebuilt along the lines of the 36 flats on North Avenue that have just been rebuilt after being demolished in 2017.



Swanky pads: A view of the newly built flats on North Avenue in New Delhi. ■SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

According to a CPWD official, the next phase is likely to include 144 flats on North Avenue, after the MPs vacate

the spaces. With the 36 flats ready and another 76 under construction at a multi-storey complex on B.D. Marg,

the newly elected parliamentarians could be accommodated in them, the official said.

The new flats have four bedrooms, offices for the MP and his or her secretary and parking spaces and are centrally air-conditioned. In addition, the flats have elevators that connect the basement parking, the ground floor office and living spaces and the first floor bedrooms.

The official said fly ash bricks were used for the construction of the structure, while C&D waste bricks were used for the external walls.

There are also five rainwater harvesting pits on the premises, the official added. The project cost, according to the tender, was around ₹57.32 crore.

The next phase of redevelopment is likely to include similar features, the official said, adding that the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha House Committees would allot the homes and finalise the plans.

With the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha starting on Monday, the allotment and the future plans would be decided by the new Speaker and the committees.

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Water, power crises: Goel urges people to speak up

NEW DELHI Addressing a meeting convened by a federation of group housing societies in Dwarka, senior BJP leader Vijay Goel appealed to the people of Delhi to protest against CM Arvind Kejriwal and speak up against the issues of water and electricity.

IGNOU to start certificate programme in yoga

NEW DELHI IGNOU's School of Health Sciences (SOHS) on Sunday announced that it will be launching a Certificate Programme in Yoga (CPY) from the July session this year.

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Exhibition: Bahaar-e-dilli, a solo exhibition by Bahaar Jain and calligraphy in Urdu by Dr. Touseef Sheikh at Delhi 'o' Delhi Foyer, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Talk: A Life of Cultural Resistance: Paying Tribute to Girish Karnad, speakers include Ashok Vajpeyi, T.M. Krishna, M.K. Raina, Anuradha Kapur and K. Satchidanandan. Chaired by Githa Hariharan at Seminar Rooms 2 and 3, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay Block, India International Centre (IIC), Lodhi Road, 6.30 p.m. onward.

Screening: a screening of "George Orwell...in the land of Satyagraha", a 2016 documentary film which depicts the social attitudes with respect to Gandhi and Orwell at Gulmohar Hall, IHC, 7 p.m. onward.

(Mail your listings for this column at cityeditor@thehindu.co.in)

Registrations continue to pour in at DU after HC order

First cut-off list for admissions now expected by June-end

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI Nearly 11,000 additional registrations for Delhi University's undergraduate programmes have come in so far since June 14 afternoon. The registrations were meant to close on Friday but were extended till June 22 following an HC order.

The court had also directed the university to allow students to apply for courses under last year's eligibility criteria, stating that a minimum six-month notification should have been given to the public regarding changes. Following this, DU informed on its website that the revised eligibility criteria will be notified at 5 p.m. on Monday through an updated bulletin of information. The court was hearing multiple petitions with regard to eligibility criteria such as com-



Registrations have been extended till June 22.

pulsory inclusion of mathematics in consideration for admission to BA Economics and to do with the eligibility of BCom courses among others.

'Admissions branch'

Commenting on the court's directive, admissions committee member, Rasal Singh said that the university required a separate 'admissions branch' which could work round the year to engage with stakeholders and iron out various issues.

Since the court's order, registrations have continued to pour in. While the total number of registrations stood at 3,31,064 on June 14 afternoon, on Sunday afternoon, it stood at 3,42,694. Among the paid applications, the number of applicants under the unreserved category increased by 8,219 and the OBC category by 4,206. The SC and the ST categories saw a rise of 1,723 applicants and 355 applicants respectively, whereas, the EWS category saw an increase of 874 applicants.

While the university was expected to release the first cut-off list on June 20, it is now expected by the end of the month, a university official said.

Sisodia sanctions release of funds to govt.-aided colleges for 3 months

DUTA calls off protest outside Chief Minister's house today

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia sanctioned the release of funds to 28 colleges funded by the Delhi government on Saturday after being approached by representatives of the Delhi University Teachers' Association. The association had highlighted the hardships faced by the teachers.

The government and the

university are at loggerheads over the appointment of governing bodies at these colleges. In a letter to the Education Secretary, Mr. Sisodia blamed the university for stalling the functioning of the colleges as it did not extend the tenure of the governing bodies going by precedent.

The Deputy CM sanctioned the release of funds to these colleges for three

months, stating that it did not want to cause hardships for the teachers. Following the assurance, the DUTA decided to call off protests to be held outside CM Arvind Kejriwal's residence on Monday. DUTA office-bearers said that they would pursue the matter of formation of these governing bodies with Mr. Sisodia and the university V-C to resolve the matter without further delay.

Performing arts enthusiasts flock to DU

College societies help in making choices

LYDIA JAYAKUMAR NEW DELHI

Delhi University admissions are in full swing and for many aspirants, extra curricular activities such as theatre, dance and music are a major factor in deciding which college they apply to. Certain college societies are even known for their legacy of catapulting people to fame.

For Pew Banerjee, a theatre aspirant, choosing Kirori Mal College (KMC) was necessary to have any future in theatre. "Theatre groups and companies hunt for students in certain societies and KMC is one of them". Boasting of alumni like Bollywood actor Vijay Raaz, KMC's theatre society - The Players - is highly sought after.

S. Karthik Srinivasan, an Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) student in Hansraj College, said that the music society of the college was the main reason he decided to come here. "As a percussionist, I knew I had to choose a college that had a good music society and Hansraj was at the top of my list".

While theatre enthusiasts flock to KMC, acappella performers often apply to Lady Shri Ram College.

Every year, unofficial lists

of Delhi University societies are put up on blogs and websites that cover the university space, which help students make their choices.

ECA quota

To encourage participation in ECA, Delhi University reserves seats for students who have excelled in various fields during their time in school. For admission through the ECA quota, students have to appear for trials that carry 75 marks, another 25 marks are based on certificates.

Many students who come through the ECA quota have their hearts set on pursuing a career in the performing arts. Applying to Delhi University ensures that they do not have to give up their goals while also allowing them to pursue an academic course, which acts as a safety net. For Mahima Rawat, a zoology student at Gargi College, a career in dance is her dream. "DU gives a huge platform through fests and tournaments for people like me who see a future in dance. We get the opportunity to be judged by dancers who are actually in the industry," she said.

The ECA trials are likely to be held in the last week of June.

Overcast sky, light rain bring relief from heat

Dust storm, rain likely today: Met Dept.

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhiites woke up to an overcast sky and light rainfall in some areas on Sunday that brought the temperature from a maximum of 43.4 degrees Celsius recorded on Saturday to 36.3 degrees Celsius.

The humidity, however, was high as it ranged between 28% and 75%. The minimum settled at 28.3 degrees Celsius. The city received 0.6 mm

of rainfall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. with only traces of rainfall overnight. Najafgarh received the maximum rainfall at 2.0 mm.

The forecast for Monday by the Met Department reads: "Generally cloudy sky with the possibility of dust storm, thunderstorm, accompanied by light rain and gusty winds [40-50 kmph] and lightning."

The temperature is likely to settle between 37 and 28 degrees respectively.

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Campaign to discourage open defecation launched

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An awareness campaign to discourage open defecation was launched by the North Delhi Municipal Corporation in its jurisdiction on Saturday. Ward level officers have been deployed to take stock of the number of additional toilets needed in different wards.

Driver held for attacking policeman with sword

NEW DELHI
A Grameen Seva driver, Sarabjeet Singh, was arrested and his minor son apprehended for allegedly attacking a policeman with a sword in Mukherjee Nagar, said the police on Sunday.

Youth flees with iPhone to make TikTok videos, held

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI
A call centre employee, who escaped with an iPhone to make better quality TikTok videos, was arrested during a vehicle check at Vikas Marg, the police said on Sunday.

The accused, Jatin Nagar (20), a resident of Dadri, was arrested on Saturday evening.

DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh said that Jatin Chhabra, a resident of north Delhi's Gujranwala Town, filed a complaint on June 12 alleging that his iPhone was stolen by a man, who posed as a potential buyer.

"The complainant had posted an advertisement regarding sale of his iPhone on an online site. He got a call from a potential buyer and he agreed to meet him near Preet Vihar traffic signal. After reaching the location, Nagar borrowed the phone from Mr. Chhabra, diverted his attention and sped away with the phone," said Mr. Singh.

Court breather for civil service aspirant on quota

Was denied benefits as caste certificate shows him as 'Jat Sikh'

SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has come to the aid of a civil service aspirant from Rajasthan, who was denied OBC reservation benefits, on the ground that his caste certificate described him as belonging to 'Jat Sikh' community.

The High Court observed that a person professing Sikh religion belonging to 'Jat' community in Rajasthan, except Bharatpur and Dhaulpur districts, is entitled to get OBC certificate.

Anuragbhan Singh had secured the overall rank of 673 in Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2017, but was not allocated any service while another OBC candidate, with overall rank of 675 was allocated the Indian Revenue Service. The reason given by the Centre for not se-

lecting and allocating a service to Mr. Singh as an OBC candidate was that 'Jat Sikh' did not figure in the class enlisted as a backward community in the Central list for Rajasthan.

CAT order

Mr. Singh, on the other hand, contended that the Central government recognized 'Jat' as 'OBC' in Rajasthan except in two districts, and being a resident of Sri Ganganagar district he was entitled to claim reservation. Subsequently, he approached the Central Administrative Tribunal, which on March 11 this year, ruled that he was entitled to be treated as 'OBC' and directed the Centre to allot him the appropriate service, duly extending the benefit of reservation. The Centre then moved HC against the order of the tribunal.

A Bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar rejected the Centre's petition noting that, "The enlistment of the backward class for the purposes of grant of reservation is religion neutral".

The Bench highlighted a November 2001 circular of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment which said any caste/community irrespective of its religion can be considered for inclusion in the Central lists of OBCs provided the community fulfil the criteria.

"That being the position, merely because the respondent's [Mr. Singh] religion i.e. Sikhism was mentioned in class certificate issued to the respondent, it did not take way the fact that he belonged to the 'Jat community' which is a reserved class," the Bench remarked.

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The Capital needs systemic change in its drainage master plan that dates back to 1976; desilting of drains is not enough. As a new plan devised by IIT-Delhi still awaits the official nod, expect the familiar sight of waterlogged streets again this monsoon

CITY MATTERS

NIKHL M BABU
NEW DELHI

Around 4 p.m. on July 13, 2018, a red-coloured city government bus ferrying passengers drove into a waterlogged road under Minto Road Bridge near the iconic Connaught Place. Half submerged in water, the bus broke down and the passengers had to be rescued by police and fire service personnel. Photos and videos of the bus became the face of a capital crisis: urban flooding. Since then, not much has changed in the city, according to urban planning experts, and a 'Drainage Master Plan for NCT of Delhi' - seen as a solution to the problem - is yet to be implemented, despite being commissioned in 2012 and a draft of the plan being submitted to the government in December 2016.



This monsoon, more rain pain for Delhi

arrive in Delhi by July 1, two-three days later than its usual onset, according to the India Meteorological Department. Experts told *The Hindu* that the city will be flooded this season too, as Delhi needs systemic changes to tackle the problem and measures such as desilting of drains are not effective enough.

The master plan has various solutions to control flooding, ranging from rejuvenation of waterbodies and not allowing encroachment on storm-water drains to one agency managing all the

drains in the city.

Delay in master plan

The last drainage master plan for Delhi was made in 1976 and since then the population of the city has increased exponentially. The Sheila Dikshit government in June 2012 commissioned a new master plan to be developed by the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, in 18 months. But a draft version was submitted only in December 2016 and the final plan in July 2018. Even after submission, the plan hasn't been accepted yet - an expert committee headed by R.K. Sinha, member (river management), Central Water Commission, is vetting it for feasibility.

"Everything is moving at a very slow pace. There should also be a policy-level decision on investment needed for its implementation," said Professor A.K. Gosain, who headed the IIT team that devised the master plan.

"After we submitted the draft in December 2016 to the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, we kept waiting for responses from different departments. The final report was almost the same as the draft submitted in 2016; there were hardly any comments," said Mr. Gosain.

The IIT professor said that the expert committee should have met soon after the final plan was submitted in July 2018 and it's "not a good sign" that meetings are still under way.

"There was a meeting more than a month ago. Now we will have another meeting," said Mr. Sinha. The expert committee head declined to give a deadline for the vetting process, but

an official in the know said the committee is currently taking responses from different departments involved.

Problems and solutions

Manoj Misra, convener of Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan, a civil society initiative for the river's rejuvenation, said though the problem of waterlogging started in the 1970s, it became severe in the 1990s. "Even if it rains for half an hour, the whole city goes under - there is a serious drainage crisis in the city," he said. "Also, waterbodies have been en-

croached upon. There is no place for water to collect, seep in and recharge the groundwater," he said.

Mr. Misra said that every drain has a carrying capacity and it is reduced by waste and sewage; the width of the drains has been shrunk by encroachment and construction by the authorities.

"Implement the master plan religiously, that is the way forward. There is no political will to do it," said the IIT convener.

Manu Bhatnagar, principal director, Natural Heritage division of Indian Na-

In this July 13, 2018, picture, a bus is seen submerged in water under Minto Bridge after a heavy spell of rain.

• SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

tional Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, said that development activity in low-lying areas and over-concretisation of the ground are the main reasons for flooding.

"Porous paving should be done through tiles which have perforations or gaps in between so that water can seep into the ground," Mr. Bhatnagar said.

Experts and the master plan state that multiplicity of agencies is a major problem as drains in the city are spread across 11 different agencies.

'Ready for rain'

The Public Works Department has 1,034 drains and these are divided under three zones - East, South and North. PWD Minister Satyendar Jain said that as of June 12, 77% of desilting of drains has been done and the same will be completed by June 22.

In east Delhi, the civic body claims to have cleared 91% of the silt in 222 drains spanning a length of 122.73 km. In north Delhi, the municipal corporation says it has cleared up to 73.72% of its drains. Here there are a total of 194 drains spanning 116 km.

According to the south Delhi civic body, 89.08% of the silt in 247 drains spanning 163.36 km has been removed. SDMC councillors, however, in a meeting on Thursday, alleged discrepancies in the data submitted by officials.

(With inputs from Jatin Anand, Sidharth Ravi)

Woman attacks partner with acid, arrested

Man wanted to part ways with her

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 19-year-old woman has been arrested for allegedly attacking her boyfriend with acid in west Delhi's Vikaspuri as he wanted to part ways with her, the police said on Sunday.

Priyanka from Vikaspuri, a complainant in the case, had acted as the victim but later confessed to the crime.

On June 11, the police said they received a PCR call at 4 p.m. from DDU Hospital that two persons have been attacked with a chemical substance, suspected to be acid, by a few unidentified men.

The 24-year-old victim was with Priyanka on a two-wheeler at that time.

The man suffered burns on the face, neck and chest while the accused sustained minor burn injuries.

"When the accused was questioned over the sequence of the events, her role was found suspicious," said an officer.

The man allegedly told the police that during the ride, the woman had asked him to remove the helmet as it was disturbing her. "As soon as I did that, someone threw corrosive substance on my face," he said.

During interrogation, the accused said she was in a relationship with the victim for the last three years.

However, he was insisting on parting ways while she wanted to marry him.

She then decided to throw the chemical on his face and hence planned the attack.

Priyanka said she was confident that the victim will not have any suspicion on her, the police added.

'Thief' beaten to death in Rohini

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 23-year-old man died after allegedly being beaten up in Rohini on the suspicion of theft, the police said on Sunday.

An officer said they received information from one Amit on Saturday that a thief has been caught near Prem Nagar. On reaching the spot, they found that a man was lying unconscious with injuries. The victim was taken to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. Amit said, in May, one mobile and a DVR of the CCTV were stolen from his shop. He said he has footage of the thief. The

victim, along with another person, had come to his shop again on Saturday, the police said. Amit then recognised him and caught both of them. They started beating the duo when others joined.

Meanwhile, the other man, who had come along with the victim, managed to flee the spot. Amit then kept the victim in his shop, thinking someone from his family would come and give him the money of the stolen items. When the victim started feeling uneasy, Amit called the police. A case under relevant sections of the IPC has been registered, they added.

Three arrested for robbery

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

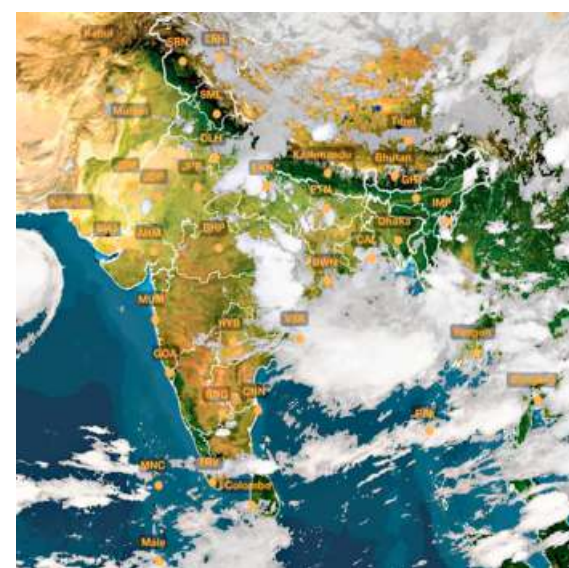
Three suspected members of Gala Ghotu gang have been arrested for alleged robberies in the city, the police said Sunday.

The crime came to fore when Vakeel, Parvesh and Mithlesh robbed a person of his mobile phone near Nehru Chowk. The complainant alerted a patrolling officer

there and said the accused tried to choke him and then fled the spot. The officer chased the accused, travelling in an auto, and nabbed Vakeel. Later, on his instance, the others were held from Ajmeri Gate, the police said.

Two mobile phones and one aurickshaw were recovered from them, the police added.

WEATHER WATCH
RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



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CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	35.1	24.0	Kozhikode	16.2	33.7	25.4
Ahmedabad	3.4	37.2	27.6	Kurnool	...	38.9	28.0
Aizawl	1	29.4	20.0	Lucknow	...	41.6	32.5
Alhabad	...	45.3	33.4	Madurai	...	41.0	28.2
Bangalore	...	32.2	21.5	Mangaluru	...	33.6	24.5
Bhopal	...	5.7	36.7	Mumbai	...	34.2	26.6
Bhubaneswar	...	1.1	30.8	Mysuru	...	13.3	34.2
Chandigarh	...	37.2	28.2	New Delhi	...	33.0	20.6
Chennai	...	40.2	30.7	Patna	...	45.0	30.0
Coimbatore	...	35.0	24.2	Port Blair	...	2.5	29.4
Dehradun	...	34.2	26.3	Puducherry	...	39.8	28.6
Gangtok	...	2.5	20.4	Pune	...	0.1	33.8
Goa	...	4.9	33.2	Raipur	...	40.0	28.2
Guwahati	...	7	34.2	Ranchi	...	39.7	26.0
Hubballi	...	30.0	22.0	Shillong	...	3.2	26.2
Hyderabad	...	38.2	27.6	Shimla	...	26.7	17.6
Imphal	...	0.4	30.5	Srinagar	...	27.5	11.5
Jaipur	...	6.5	35.0	Trivandrum	...	3.4	32.8
Kochi	...	5.1	32.0	Tiruchi	...	40.8	28.8
Kohima	...	28.5	18.0	Vijayawada	...	41.5	30.2
Kolkata	...	37.6	29.0	Visakhapatnam	...	33.1	30.6

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Bangalore	17	50	70
Chennai	18	30	52	91
Delhi	10	84	77	104	239	...
Hyderabad	...	1	20	11	36	...
Kolkata	...	6	22	14	51	...
Lucknow	...	0	0	0	0	...
Mumbai	...	28	...	5	19	...
Pune	...	2	35	50	230	...
Visakhapatnam	34	58	33	74	137	...

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How Mamata damaged the party she founded

'All her problems stem from issue of fractured organisation'

SUVOJIT BAGCHI
KOLKATA

On the last Thursday of May, a week after the general election results, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee made a confession in public.

"Till today," she said, "I have not allowed the Trinamool Congress (TMC) to run the trade unions properly so that industry can function... Now I will strengthen the unions." She referred to her welfare and conditional cash transfer schemes, four dozen in number, and made a similar argument, admitting that she did not dedicate enough time to her organisation, founded in 1998. Her associates argue that she made a mistake as all her problems stem from the issue of fractured organisation.

A district magistrate (DM), who is close to the Chief Minister, told *The Hindu* that weakening the party to enhance the government's performance "could be a mistake".

"The CPI(M) channelised services through local committees or gram panchayats (GPs), underscoring the party's relevance in the daily life. In the TMC's case, the administration replaced the party. Today, a person does not need to make rounds of party offices to avail of conditional cash transfer [and other] schemes. He can meet government officials who coordinate the disbursement," the DM said. This massively improved service delivery, indicated impartial international agencies like the United Nations, but weakened the party.

Mamtaz Begum, a dedicated TMC activist, explained how and why effi-



Bengal CM and Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee.

cient delivery of freebies weakened the party.

"The benefits are not delivered by the GP members who are affiliated to the party and marshal the elections, but by *adhikariks* [government officials] who do not organise elections for the party," said Ms. Begum, the TMC chief of Nayarhat GP in Cooch Behar district. The 49-year-old activist argued that when a government official hands over benefits, voters tend to feel that it is a government project and they have "an unconditioned right" to receive it.

'A mistake'

"How would a party benefit from that," she said. Besides, "extending all facilities to all indiscriminately was a mistake".

"Everyone feels that even if they do not vote [for the TMC] they would be able to avail of the benefits and we politicians proved powerless," Ms. Begum argued. She refused to accept that the fear of corruption compelled Ms. Banerjee to implement schemes through officials. "If you cook fish at home, cats will come. Will you stop cooking fish?" she asked.

With the weakening of the organisation, three prob-

blems surfaced. One, the party management's links with the grassroots weakened. As a result, the party, at the village or ward level, deeply became lumpen. The case of a political science professor in south Kolkata illustrates the point.

A week before the election, a TMC councillor publicly "threatened" the professor in Jadavpur area, right outside his residence, for appearing on television talk shows. He told the professor, "I should stop criticising the TMC on television channels as 'he knows nothing about Bengal'" and his family's votes - 13 altogether - should go to the TMC. In the end, all the votes, barring the professor's, went to the BJP, only to deepen the TMC crisis. "If they can threaten in Kolkata, imagine what they must have done in villages," the professor said.

Secondly, at the macro level, the TMC filed cases after cases against CPI(M) activists, even allegedly killing many, creating a vacuum, which is filled up by the BJP.

According to a recent CPI (M) data, between May 2011 and May 2019, as many as 213 Left Front supporters were killed. While the claim cannot be independently verified, a TMC MP told *The Hindu* - even before the elections - that "decimation" of the CPI(M) is what the TMC fears in the 2019 election. Thirdly, the TMC's use of brute force, being uncertain of its organisational might, in the 2018 panchayat polls severely harmed the party.

These and all other problems, however, stems from collapse of the organisation, Ms. Banerjee founded.

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Eight members of a Greater Noida family on their way to the Taj Mahal were killed when their car rammed a truck on Yamuna Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district on Sunday, police said.

Five members of the family from Jewar in Gautam Budh Nagar district died on the spot when their car rammed the truck moving ahead of it around 8.30 a.m. in the Baldeo police station area, about 30 km from Mathura city.

Three others succumbed to injuries at a hospital. Superintendent of Police (Rural) Aditya Kumar Shukla said.

According to a police statement, the family was going to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal. Mr. Shukla said the car was completely mangled and they had to use gas cutters to bring out the bodies.

The deceased have been identified as Neeraj (30), Anita (30), Vishnu (23), Taruna (21), Santoshi (19), Shalu (20), Anjali (11) and Gabbar (24), the police officer said.

Truck driver flees

The truck driver fled with his vehicle from the spot after the accident, the officer said.

The 165-km-long Yamuna Expressway, connecting Greater Noida with Agra, has witnessed hundreds of deaths in road accidents over the years, with officials saying that many of them occurred due to overspeeding.

Last Tuesday, three men returning from a wedding in Aligarh to their homes in Ghaziabad died on the expressway after their speeding car crashed into a truck, the police said.

Abandoned newborn in Rajasthan gets saviours

Journalist couple to adopt her

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A newborn girl abandoned by her biological parents on a heap of garbage in Rajasthan's Nagaur district has met her saviours in the form of a journalist couple who have volunteered to adopt her. Some passers-by shifted the infant from the trash bin in Barnel village to Nagaur's Jawaharlal Nehru Government Hospital, where she is recovering.

Journalist and film-maker Vinod Kapri and his wife Sakshi Joshi, a news anchor with a television channel, have decided to adopt her. They took the decision after a video of the infant soaked in blood went viral on social media on Friday. They enquired about her and announced that they would adopt her through the legal process.

After sharing on Twitter the video showing the little girl sleeping on the hospital bed, Mr. Kapri left for Nagaur on Saturday to meet

her. He tweeted that though it was a tough road ahead because of the long queue at the Central Adoption Resource Authority, he would try his best to get his 'daughter' at the earliest.

"June 14 brought the biggest joy of our lives... Just the feeling that our sweet daughter is coming to our home is elating [for us]. We know that the process for adopting her is long and arduous, but we do hope that your prayers will help us surmount all difficulties," Mr. Kapri tweeted.

Harsh Vardhan steps in Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan called the doctors at the hospital on Saturday and asked them to give the best possible medical attention to the infant girl.

The couple received a flood of applause from commentators on social media platforms, who also wished a speedy recovery to the infant.

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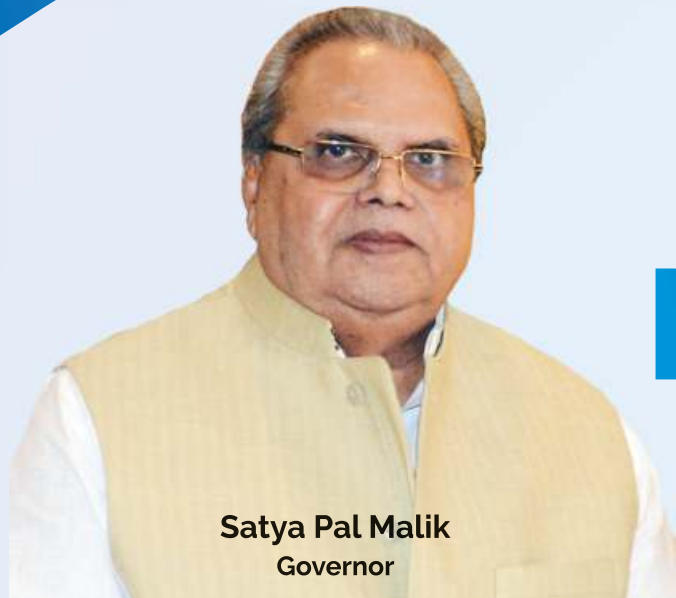
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Telugu Desam Party national general secretary Nara Lokesh, talking to Twitter on Sunday, warned the ruling YSR Congress Party not to test the patience of the party cadre and sympathisers by resorting to physical attacks on them. Mr. Lokesh said the victory should not pave the way for anarchy and lawlessness. He alleged that a hundred workers of the TDP had been attacked.

Maharashtra releases water from Rajapur dam

BELAGAVI
Water reached the Krishna basin in Belagavi district of Karnataka on Sunday after Maharashtra released around 1,500 cusecs from Rajapur dam into the river course. This is expected to meet the drinking water needs of villages on the banks of the river. The district administration has urged farmers on both sides of the canal not to pump water to irrigate their crops. "[It is] only to fulfil the drinking water needs of Athani taluk," a senior officer said.

Man from Bengaluru drowns in UAE

DUBAI
A 40-year-old man hailing from Bengaluru drowned after suffering a cardiac arrest at the popular Jumeirah beach in the UAE during an outing with his family, a media report said on Sunday. John Preetam Paul was with his three children and relatives when the incident happened on Saturday. He had gone to take a dip in the water when the tragedy happened. Paul was working with a radio station in the UAE. He had been a resident of the country for more than 14 years. PT1

Police detain Karnataka BJP leaders, workers after protest

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BENGALURU

The day-and-night protest by the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party for the last two days against the Karnataka government ended in an anti-climax on Sunday.

The BJP has been protesting against the government's proposal to sell 3,667 acres to JSW Steel, a Jindal company, and the government's alleged poor response to drought relief.

The BJP tried to end its protest on a strong note by trying to lay siege to Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's home office Krishna. However, to pre-empt the BJP's plans, Mr. Kumaraswamy offered to meet its leaders to discuss all issues at their convenient time.

However, BJP State president B.S. Yeddyurappa and other leaders turned down the offer and went ahead with their plan to lay siege to his home office.



BJP State president B.S. Yeddyurappa and others holding a rally in Bengaluru on Sunday. ■ SUDHAKARA JAIN

As a rally of BJP workers led by Mr. Yeddyurappa marched from Maurya Circle towards Krishna, the police stopped them at Gandhi Bhavan. The Bengaluru City Police took hundreds of leaders, including Mr. Yeddyurappa, R. Ashok, and K.S. Eshwarappa, into preventive custody and later released them. MLA for Honnali M.P. Renu-

kacharya escaped the police net to reach Krishna and staged a protest alone. He too was taken into custody.

Earlier in the day, Animal Husbandry Minister Venkatarao Nadagouda from the JD(S) visited the protest site and handed over a letter from the Chief Minister to Mr. Yeddyurappa, in which he sought time from the BJP

leader to discuss all issues raised by the BJP.

Turning down the offer, Mr. Yeddyurappa said: "There is nothing to discuss with Mr. Kumaraswamy. Let him first look into the demands placed before him and work towards improving the situation on the ground."

'True colours exposed'

Soon after his request was turned down, the Chief Minister tweeted that he had expected the Leader of the Opposition to give him time to discuss the issues he had raised over the past few days. "But the true colours of BJP are now exposed. What they want is cheap publicity and not a discussion on development," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, JD(S) national president H.D. Deve Gowda said: "I will not talk today. I'm keeping quiet to have some entertainment. I know the facts in Jindal case."

Jose K. Mani made KC(M) chairman

Elected unanimously at parallel meet

HIRAN UNNIKRISHNAN
KOTTAYAM

The long-running schism in the Kerala Congress (M) finally came to the open with a parallel meeting of the party's State committee convened here on Sunday, electing Jose K. Mani as the new chairman.

The meeting, which began at the CSI Retreat Centre here around 3 p.m., unanimously nominated the heir apparent of the party's founder chairman K.M. Mani. With senior party leader K.A. Antony leading the proceedings, as many as 312 members of the State committee attended the event, which progressed under tight police security.

The meeting began by commemorating the party's founder leader K.M. Mani. Soon, senior party leader E.J. Augathi proposed Mr. Jose K. Mani's name before the State committee as the next chairman. The nomination, which was seconded by P.K. Sajeew and Thomas Joseph, was unanimously adopted by the committee.

Expressing his gratitude, Mr. Jose K. Mani vowed to uphold the political philoso-



Jose K. Mani

phy espoused by the founder chairman.

"A lot more is left to be done. As your leader, I promise you that I will work hard to achieve the goals set by K.M. Mani, our visionary founder leader," he told the workers amidst a huge round of applause.

The elevation of Mr. Mani against the objections raised by the KC(M) acting chairman P.J. Joseph also marks yet another split in the party along the lines of the two competing leaders.

The latest round of the feud, which escalated after K.M. Mani's death in April, has its roots in the State-wide rally led by Mr. Jose K. Mani ahead of the recent Lok Sabha election.

Woman killed for rejecting marriage offer, say police

STAFF REPORTER
ALAPPUZZHA

A day after woman civil police officer Soumya Pushpakaran was killed after being set on fire by a man at Vallikunnam here in Kerala, the police said she was murdered for rejecting his marriage proposal.

District Police Chief K.M. Tomy on Sunday told *The Hindu* that attacker Ajas, 33, also a civil police officer with the Aluva traffic station, was in love with the victim. "They had known each other from their time at the police academy. Soumya had borrowed ₹1.25 lakh from Ajas. When she tried to return the amount, he didn't accept it and instead proposed marriage. Soumya, married and a mother of three children, rejected the proposal," Mr. Tomy said.

The DPC said the arrest of Ajas, admitted to the Government Medical College, Alappuzha, with burns, would be recorded soon. Meanwhile, Indira, Soumya's mother, said her daughter had been attacked by Ajas before.

Arrange stay for 16 tribal families: HC

Heads of families evicted from forest brought to residence of acting CJ

MARRI RAMU
HYDERABAD

The Telangana High Court on Sunday directed the State government to provide accommodation with basic amenities to members of 16 tribal families, who were evicted from a forest in Komalgodi village of Kumram Bheem district.

The order was passed by a Division Bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Raghendra Singh Chauhan and Justice Shameem Akther after heads of the 16 families

were presented before the Bench on Sunday following a habeas corpus petition filed by the Telangana Civil Liberties Committee. The heads of the tribal families, some of them women, were brought in a bus to the residence of the ACJ at Kundanbagh by 5 p.m. as per the Bench's order issued the previous day.

As a battery of media persons waiting outside vied with one another, clicking pictures and recording videos, the officials ushered in the tribals amid tight securi-

ty. University professors Jayadheer Tirumala Rao and Guduru Vanaja, who were requisitioned by the Bench, interacted with the tribals.

Land allotment ordered

After hearing the government counsel and CLC president G. Laxman's counsel V. Raghunath, the Bench instructed the government to ensure that the tribal families being evicted from the forest were provided with all amenities, complying with the provisions of the govern-

ment's rehabilitation and resettlement policy.

As per the Bench's direction, the government agreed to accommodate them in a welfare hostel at Wankhade.

Acting Chief Justice Raghendra Singh Chauhan and Justice Shameem Akther directed the government to provide them with 91 acres of land within six months.

The government should also build houses and ensure facilities like borewells for the 16 evicted families, the order said.

Four of Telugu family found dead in U.S. with gunshot wounds

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

Four members of a Telugu-speaking family were found dead with gunshot wounds at their West Des Moines house in Iowa, U.S., on Saturday.

Information reaching here said the victims had been identified as Chandrasekhara Sunkara, 44, Lavanya

Sunkara, 41, and two boys - aged 15 and 10.

Four other family members, who were staying with them as guests, found the bodies lying in a pool of blood. They ran outside and requested the help of a passer-by, who called 911 for help. The police identified apparent gunshot wounds on all the victims, but autop-

sy would be performed to determine the cause of the deaths, said a local news website, quoting a release from the Des Moines police.

When contacted from Hyderabad, representatives of the Telugu community in the U.S. said they were already in touch with Indian Embassy officials and trying to help the family.

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Versus
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Whereas in the above noted case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that above named Respondents are avoiding service of summons and cannot be served in the ordinary way. Hence, this proclamation is hereby issued against him/her/ them to appear in this court on 11.07.2019, at 10.00 A.M. sharp to defend the case personally or through an authorized agent or pleader failing which, ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him/her/ them. Given under my hand and seal of this court this 4th day of June, 2019. Sd/- (Dr. Parvinder Singh Arora) Senior Civil Judge, Shimla, H.P. Seal

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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IN BRIEF



Petrol price down by 6 paise across metros

NEW DELHI
The petrol price across the four metropolitan cities have declined by 6 paise on Sunday, data from the IOC's website showed. Fuel prices declined for the fourth straight day. The price of the other key transportation fuel, diesel, fell by 9-10 paise in the four cities. The fall in domestic fuel prices came on the back of the decline in the global crude oil prices. IANS

1 held for creating Kolkata mayor's fake profile

KOLKATA
One person has been arrested from Nadia district of West Bengal for allegedly opening a fake account in the name of Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim on social media and posting objectionable comments, police said on Sunday. Tarun Kumar Ghosh was apprehended on Saturday night from his residence, a senior police officer said. PTI

Maharashtra farmer makes suicide bid

BULDHANA
A 39-year-old farmer allegedly tried to commit suicide at an event in Buldhana district where two Ministers were present, as he was upset over not getting a power connection, police said on Sunday. He allegedly consumed poison at the event attended by ministers Ranjeet Patil and Madan Yerawar. PTI

Two officials suspended for sexual assault

NEW DELHI
Two senior Customs officials posted at the Indira Gandhi International airport at Delhi have been suspended for allegedly sexually assaulting a woman from Uzbekistan who was visiting India for medical treatment of a relative, officials said. PTI

Cyclonic storm Vayu may recurve, turn into a depression

It is likely to make landfall in Porbandar and Junagadh districts of Gujarat

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

The very severe cyclonic storm Vayu is expected to "recurve" and make landfall as a "depression" by mid-night Monday near Porbandar in coastal Gujarat, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast on Sunday.

"The system is very likely to move west-northwestwards for about 06 hours and gradually recurve north-eastwards thereafter and cross the north Gujarat coast by mid-night of June 17, 2019, as a depression," it said in a statement.

Multiple districts

A map of the tropical storm's trajectory shows it is likely to make landfall in a swathe of area adjoining Porbandar



Taking stock: NDRF officials carrying out an evacuation drive at Porbandar earlier this week. •PTI

and Junagadh districts.

A depression is the lowest grade of a cyclonic storm and brings wind speeds of 28-33 knots (or 55-65 kmph).

As of Sunday morning, Vayu lay 480 km west-southwest of Porbandar, 445 km west-southwest of Dwarka and 555 km west-southwest of Bhuj. Most of these regions reported wind speeds

of 15-25 kmph.

Initial reports from the IMD on June 14 had said that while Vayu might recurve, it was likely to head to Kutch, which is much more north of Porbandar and Junagadh.

Along with the cyclone, according to the IMD, the monsoon had further advanced into the remaining parts of northeast Bay of

Bengal, some more parts of northwest Bay of Bengal, most parts of northeast India and some parts of north Bengal and Sikkim.

Climate trends say that while there has been an increase in the number of tropical cyclones in India's neighbourhood, there is no clear trend in recurring ones. While the typical cyclone in the southern hemisphere tends to have a westward slant, the recurring ones can suddenly incline east. That makes them harder to predict, according to meteorologists.

While recurring cyclones don't usually threaten Indian coasts, Ockhi - that skirted through Kerala's and Tamil Nadu's coasts in 2017 - was a notable re-curling cyclone.

Pollution board seeks explanation on dead fish in Maharashtra river

MPCB sends collected water and fish samples for analysis

**JANICE SAJI
PUNE**

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has sought an explanation from the Dehu Gram Panchayat for the thousands of dead fish found floating in the Indrayani river last week.

"We have sent a notice to the Dehu gram panchayat on Wednesday, directing them to submit their response about the incident within the next 48 hours," said Dilip Khedkar, regional officer, MPCB.

Mr. Khedkar said the MPCB would take action if the villagers failed to explain the incident in which around 4,000 fish, mostly mahaseer, were found dead.

"The cause of this incident was the release of untreated sewage, which resulted in the depletion of oxygen levels in the river.



The MPCB will take action if villagers fail to explain why around 4,000 fish were found dead. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

We believe 2-2.5 million litres of untreated sewage was released into the river per day by the village," he said.

The fish were spotted floating on the Indrayani in Dehu, 30 km from the city on Sunday, sparking panic among residents in the area.

The dead fish included the mrigal carp or white carp fish, rated as 'vulnera-

ble' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, and a large number of mahaseer fish, which holds significant spiritual value among the local people.

"We have sent the collected water and fish samples for analysis and expect the results in a few days," said Upendra Kulkarni, sub-regional officer, MPCB.

M.P. seer's plan to entomb himself foiled by the police

He had predicted Digvijaya Singh's victory in the polls

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHOPAL**

A Madhya Pradesh seer's plan to take 'samadhi' (entombment) at 2.11 p.m. on Sunday following a failed Lok Sabha poll prediction was thwarted by the police in Bhopal.

After his prediction of Congress leader Digvijaya Singh's victory from the Bhopal Lok Sabha seat fell flat, Baba Vairagyanand Giri had written, through a lawyer, to Bhopal Collector Tarun Kumar Pithode to allow him to take 'samadhi'.

Mr. Pithode rejected the request and asked the police to ensure that nothing untoward took place.

The seer had taken the 'samadhi' vow during a yagna.

Mr. Singh, a former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and multiple-time MP, was defeated by BJP's Pragna Singh Thakur by over 3.64 lakh votes.

The seer, who returned from the Kamakhya temple in Assam, could not venture out of his hotel premises due to the restraining presence

of the police, his advocate Majid Ali told PTI. "I want to say publicly that the yagna has failed. I respect the mandate of the people. I want to take 'samadhi' as I could not pull off a victory for Digvijaya Singh using yagna and other traditional means," he told reporters, claiming that he would "take samadhi for sure".

Incidentally, the seer, accused by his Niranjani Akhada of indulging in politics after predicting a win for Mr. Singh, was expelled from the order.

Goa move to promote casinos for tourism opposed

'Gambling is against public policy and is prohibited by law'

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PANAJI**

The Aam Aurat Admi Against Gambling (AAAAG), an umbrella body of women's collectives and other groups fighting casinos have opposed the decision of the Goa government to promote gambling for tourism, which it said was "against public policy".

"Gambling is against public policy and is prohibited by law. The objective of the Goa Gambling Prevention Act was to stop it and has several provisions to prevent

gambling and its advertisement," said Sabina Martins, convenor of AAAAG in a statement here on Saturday.

She said the subsequent governments have gone against the objective of the Act and have brought about several amendments to promote casino gambling instead of curtailing it.

Ms. Martins said the promises made by successive governments to remove casinos from the river Mandovi have not been kept and instead the plan now is to provide special zones on land at

Mopa for gambling.

The organisation demanded that no land or rivers of Goa be given for gambling. It said promotion of gambling along with the associated evils of prostitution, alcoholism, money laundering, goondaism, forgery, robberies, mafia, intimidation, debt, and suicides is not the mandate given to the government.

Goa has six floating casinos on river Mandovi off Panaji and 10 onshore casinos in hotels of five star and above category.

Policeman dismissed for seeking Yogi govt. dismissal

**INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE
ETAWAH**

In a bizarre incident, a Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) trooper has been dismissed for demanding the dismissal of the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh.

Constable Munish Yadav on Saturday wore a red Samajwadi cap with his uniform and went to the District Collectorate carrying a placard, which said, "Yogi sarkar ko barkhast karo (Dismiss the Yogi government)."

'Govt. has failed'

He told the media that the State government should be dismissed because it had failed to control the law and order situation.

He said that he had come to give a memorandum in this regard to the Governor, through the District Magistrate.

District Magistrate J.B. Singh said that the constable had not met him but he had come to know about the incident from mediapersons.

Mr. Yadav, a resident of Etawah, is presently posted in Noida.

Disciplinary charges

Director General of Police O.P. Singh took cognisance of the incident and issued dismissal orders for the constable on grounds of gross indiscipline.

Mr. Yadav's family members said that he was mentally disturbed.

Stuntman missing after underwater escape bid

Lahiri was dropped into the Ganga in chains

**AGENCE FRANCE PRESS
KOLKATA**

An Indian stuntman, who went into river Ganga on Sunday tied up with steel chains and rope, is missing, police said.

Chanchal Lahiri, known by his stage name "Jadugar Mandrake", was lowered into the river by crane as family members, media and police watched from the banks.

But the 40-year-old failed to emerge from the water, triggering a frantic search by authorities. "We are still searching," a family member said late in the evening.

Mr. Lahiri claimed that he had successfully pulled off a

similar stunt 21 years ago at the same venue.

"I was inside a bullet proof glass box, tied with a chain and locked and dropped down from the Howrah Bridge. Then I came out within 29 seconds," he said.

However, he admitted it would be tough to free himself this time. "If I can open it up then it will be magic, but if I can't it will be tragic," he said.

When Mr. Lahiri tried the stunt at the river in 2013, he was assaulted by onlookers who saw through his escape from a locked cage via a door that was clearly visible.

Drugs of 18 pharma firms found substandard since 2018

Bureau bars firms from supplying to Janaushadhi scheme

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI**

The Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), which implements the Centre's flagship affordable medicine scheme PMPJP, has found 25 batches of drugs of 18 pharmaceutical companies to be of substandard quality since January 2018, according to an official document.

While 17 out of the 18 companies are private, one is a public sector unit (PSU), the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), according to the document.

Both the BPPI and the

IDPL work under the Department of Pharmaceuticals of the Central government.

Janaushadhi Kendras

Once the affordable generic drugs are procured from the pharmaceutical companies by the BPPI, they are supplied to various Janaushadhi Kendras that are managed under the Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMPJP).

There are 4,677 Janaushadhi Kendras functional in the country, as on December 31, 2018.

Sachin Singh, Chief Executive Officer, BPPI, said, "Stringent action has been taken against the suppliers whose products were declared 'Not of Standard Quality'." He gave a list of companies debarred or blacklisted for selling "not of standard quality" products.

Seven companies - Overseas Health Care, Hanuchem Laboratories, Legen Healthcare, AMR Pharma India Private Limited, Jackson Laboratories, Mascot Health Series and Terrace Pharmaceuticals - have been blacklisted for two years.

Man stabs daughter who wants to study

**INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE
SHAHJAHANPUR**

In a shocking incident, a man from Shahjahanpur district in Uttar Pradesh allegedly stabbed his 15-year-old daughter with a knife and pushed her into a canal when she insisted that she wanted to continue her studies.

"My father took me to a desolate place near the canal. My brother joined him. While my brother restrained me with a cloth on the neck, my father repeatedly slashed at me from behind with a knife. I begged him to stop but he did not. He wanted me to stop my studies and get married instead," the girl told reporters.

The girl managed to swim and escape. Her brother-in-law told police that she had been living with his family because her parents wanted to marry her off. No arrests have yet been made. Police are investigating into the girl's complaint.

Made in London, a washing machine for Divya

Moved by his friend's plight, a British-Sikh engineer has developed a manual washing machine

**T.C.A. SHARAD RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI**

It took London-born Sikh engineer Nav Sawhney just a year in Puducherry to realise that his calling was to use his engineering skills to help those at the bottom of the pyramid. He is now close to releasing a hand-cranked washing machine that will save hours and 75% of the water used by conventional hand-washing.

Born to Indian immigrants in the U.K., 28-year-old Mr. Sawhney took a sabbatical from his job in Dyson's innovation department to "make his engineering do more for the people that need it". And so, he travelled to India in 2016-17 and spent a year in Puducherry.

"I was living next to a really impoverished family - I was basically living with them. There was a lady called Divya. She was the only lady on the street who spoke English. She was my friend. She was 30 and



Problems washed away: Nav Sawhney with the family in Puducherry that inspired the creation of the hand-cranked washing machine. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

already had three kids," Mr. Sawhney said in an interview.

Washing woes

"We sat for hours in front of her house catching up on the day's activities and she would spend those hours washing clothes by hand," Mr. Sawhney recalled. "They faced very simple problems.

At night, Sukumar, Divya's son, would have to study for his exams, but didn't have any lights. He used the torch on my phone to study."

That's where the idea for a hand-cranked washing machine that didn't need electricity was born.

The solution: Mr. Sawhney developed is a 5.5 kg hand-cranked washing

machine that can wash 10 kg of clothes per cycle. To put that in context, most electronic washing machines can handle a range of 7.5-12 kg of clothes per cycle. The machine has a wash phase, clean phase, and a dry phase. It runs all three phases - an entire cycle of washing clothes - in just 15 minutes.

According to Mr. Sawhney, his manual washing machine uses only 10 litres of water per cycle. However, the most important issue he was trying to address was the impact such strenuous activity had on health.

"Divya used to complain so much of muscle pain, joint pain and back pain," Mr. Sawhney said.

Pricing problems

"The only products out there are for the western markets - the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. And they are doing that because there is a wave of green thinking and environmentalism, not to make the lives of the poor better."

This attitude towards green products, he said, was reflected in the price. While manual washing machines aimed at the developed countries are priced at \$300, Mr. Sawhney said he was pricing his machine at just \$35 (about ₹2,400).

**HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
NOTIFICATION No.5/2019-RC, Dated 17.06.2019**

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A different tent

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is becoming vital to India's Eurasia policy

Terrorism, regional cooperation and the future of Afghanistan were major themes at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Heads of State summit in Bishkek. The grouping, led by Russia and China, which includes Afghanistan and the Central Asian states of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, inducted India and Pakistan in 2017, and has become an important forum for India's Eurasian neighbourhood. In a world riven by geopolitical contestations, SCO membership provides India a vital counter to some of the other groupings it is a part of, balancing out its stated policy of pursuing "multi-alignments". It is a platform also for alignments on issues such as energy security, connectivity and trade. With India indicating that it sees little use for SAARC, the SCO provides the only multilateral platform for it to deal in close proximity with Pakistan and Afghanistan. While the failure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan to hold substantive talks at the summit was marked, the occasion provided a setting for them to exchange what India called the "usual pleasantries" at the least. Beyond the summit, the two countries are committed to engaging at several other levels, including the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure. Pakistan leads the effort to coordinate between the SCO and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime. In a paragraph on Afghanistan and the SCO-Afghanistan contact group, the Bishkek declaration stressed on an inclusive peace process led by "Afghans themselves". SCO countries committed to strengthening economic cooperation and supporting the World Trade Organisation structure, while building more people-to-people ties, tourism and cultural bonds within the grouping.

It is significant to see that where the group has failed to find consensus, such as on India's opposition to China's Belt and Road Initiative, the declaration has mentioned only the other countries in a paragraph praising the project. On the sidelines, Mr. Modi held bilateral meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin. This month, Mr. Modi will meet U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Osaka. While the current India-U.S. trade impasse and plans for Indo-Pacific military cooperation will take centre stage there, it is likely that the U.S.'s specific demands on curbing defence deals with Russia, including on the S-400 anti-missile system, and denying access to Chinese telecom major Huawei for India's 5G network bids will also come up. India's strategy of balancing and straddling the competing interests of these emerging blocs will be tested. But the SCO collective and the bilateral meetings in Bishkek are an important indicator early in the Modi government's second tenure of the foreign policy arc it is attempting.

Missing remedies

West Bengal CM must reach out to doctors, and an upgrade of public health care is vital

An attack on doctors at a medical college hospital in Kolkata over the death of a patient has become the focal point of an agitation by medical professionals that is causing distress to tens of thousands. There can be no argument against the doctors' primary demands – a safe working environment and measures to ensure that unsuccessful treatments do not become a trigger for reprisals. The Indian Medical Association, which seeks to look after doctors' interests and the well-being of the community, has endorsed the demands and called for a strike on June 17. Whatever the provocation, the violence that severely injured a doctor is indefensible, and the guilty must be brought to book. Yet, the remedy cannot lie solely in new legal provisions for offences that are already covered by special laws in some States, and in the Indian Penal Code. On the other hand, there are clear factors that are deepening the social divide. Chief among these are neglect of the public health sector, unaffordable treatments under a predominantly commercialised care delivery system, State governments' reluctance to fill vacancies in public hospitals, and the increasingly high cost of medical education in the private sector. Some of these concerns were underscored in a review of violence against doctors by the *National Medical Journal of India* two years ago.

The effort to end violence against doctors and medical professionals must start with the understanding that doctors and patients do not have an antagonistic relationship, and barriers to care created by systemic deficiencies need to be eliminated. In the Kolkata case, it should be ascertained whether there was a delay in treatment due to manpower shortage, as the patient's kin claim. The police statement indicates that a communication breakdown aggravated the situation. It did not help that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee took a hard line against the agitating doctors early on, without giving negotiations a fair chance. Considering the consequences of the breakdown for patients in several States where doctors have responded to protest calls, it is essential for Ms. Banerjee to reach out to the medical community and restore normality. The IMA should help arrive at a solution that can address the concerns of both doctors and patients: to institute better systems to counsel patients and remove unreasonable expectations about treatment outcomes. Structural change is needed. The NDA government's National Health Policy, which commits to raising public expenditure on health to 2.5% of GDP, must pay as much attention to scaling up infrastructure and the capabilities of government hospitals, as to providing financial protection for treatment in expensive private hospitals. It is the public hospitals that the poor come to, looking for compassion.

The Gujarat model, nationally

The 2019 outcome is proof that the Gujarat model is scalable at a national level, as long as it has a charismatic champion



VARGHESE K. GEORGE

"Minorities have been made to live in fear by those who believe in vote-bank politics," Prime Minister Narendra Modi told newly elected MPs of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), among whom members belonging to his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) command a clear majority in the 17th Lok Sabha. "We have to end this deception and take everyone along."

During the election campaign, however, on April 6, Mr. Modi had said about Congress president Rahul Gandhi contesting from Kerala's Wayanad constituency: "The Congress dynast... selected a seat where the majority is in minority." He was referring to the demographic projection of Hindus constituting less than half the electorate in Wayanad.

The strategy

Between the two statements lie clues about Mr. Modi's winning strategy. Winners in multiparty contests in a 'first past the post' system often emerge with a plurality of votes, leaving several minorities that could add up to a majority on the opposing side. Electoral strategies tend to focus on assembling a plurality of voters on one's side and preventing the consolidation of opposing voters. Groups based on static identities such as caste, gender and language are individual components that are usually aggregated to form social coalitions, while class, a more porous identity, has increasingly become an impossible instrument of mobilisation. Fresh realignments of the electorate are always possible until you define majority and minority in terms of a static meta-identity of religion, which precludes further negotiations.

The construction of that meta-

identity and potentially a permanent majority is the singular achievement of Hindutva 2.0. Mr. Modi's innovation to Hindu cultural nationalism. The pre-eminence of religion as the defining matrix to identify the minority and the majority is illustrated in the statements above. In secular politics, religious minorities were treated as monoliths, while Hindu identity was subordinate to its various components that were individually minorities. Manmohan Singh, India's first non-Hindu Prime Minister, led a coalition of religious, caste, linguistic and cultural minorities represented through a multitude of parties, from 2004 to 2014. He repeatedly demonstrated that he had the confidence of a majority of the members of the Lok Sabha. But the legitimacy of his authority was constantly questioned, notably by the Hindu nationalists, in an attempt to harvest the notion, which probably existed independently, of a minority-majority rule that harms national interest. The fact that the other prominent faces of that coalition were Sonia Gandhi, a Christian, and Ahmad Patel, a Muslim, fuelled this campaign.

In 1980, the Congress had built a mighty social coalition in Gujarat labelled KHAM – acronym for Kshatriyas, Harijans, Adivasis and Muslims – that commanded 56% of the votes. The KHAM formula eliminated from positions of power three powerful groups – Brahmins, Vaniyas and Patidars. The Congress remained unassailable until 1990, but the relentless Sangh Parivar campaign unravelled this coalition and replaced it with a Hindu identity. Turning KHAM against M was the critical tool in this transformation – these caste groups were amalgamated into a hierarchical unity of the Hindus. Mr. Modi layered it with Gujarati pride and dismantled the Patidar dominance in the BJP. The violence against Muslims climaxed in 2002 and what followed was complete exclusion of the community from the mixture of electoral plurality. The 2019 Lok Sabha



G. RAMAKRISHNA

outcome is proof that the Gujarat model – where the BJP got 62% of the vote in the State – is portable and scalable at a national level, as long as it has a charismatic champion.

Mapping the successes

The BJP won 37.4% of the vote and 55% seats nationally this summer. How and where these votes are garnered and how it impacts various social groups will have implications for India's survival and progress as a pluralist democracy. Of the total 84 seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs), the BJP won 54; and of the 47 seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (STs), the BJP won 32. It is only partly explained by the BJP's outreach – the sweep of reserved seats by the party is largely due to the endorsement of the party's SC/ST candidates by 'higher castes'. In contrast, the Bahujan Samajwadi Party, an autonomous Dalit party, fared miserably in the SC seats even in Uttar Pradesh. It is clear that other castes are the determining factor in Dalit representation, a concern that weighed in B.R. Ambedkar's mind when he demanded separate electorates for Dalits. While the SC/ST representation of 15% and 7.5%, respectively, is fixed, so-called upper castes are increasing their parliamentary representation in BJP strongholds at the expense of the Other Backward Classes (OBC).

An analysis of caste representation in the Hindi heartland by Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Ver-

niers showed that a decade-old trend of the return of the 'upper castes' over-representation and the erosion of OBC representation was reinforced in 2019. The highest representation for the OBCs and Muslims in this region in the period since 1989 was in 2004, when the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance came to power. Besides the geographical core, there is also a pan-Indian social core of 'upper castes' that drives the growth of the BJP. Hindutva, which is increasingly indistinguishable from Indian nationalism, could grow well in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, where sub-nationalism has limited appeal, but Gujarat is an example of sustaining a strong local culture as a subset of the larger pan-Indian religious identity. The success of the BJP in Karnataka, and its inroads in West Bengal and even Kerala are clear indications of the ability of the party to subsume minority cultures.

Issue of delimitation

If another principle of representative democracy, 'one person, one vote', is applied mindlessly, the representative weight of the present geographical core of the BJP could increase at the cost of regional peripheries. There is currently a constitutional freeze on a national delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies (that is, reassignment of constituencies among States and Union Territories in proportion to their population) till 2026. Since the linguistic minorities have been more successful in stabilising their populations, they stand to lose when representation in Parliament is redistributed across State borders. It is evident that post-delimitation, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala will have far fewer MPs as a percentage of the total strength of the Lok Sabha. The seats that these linguistic minorities lose will shift to the Hindi-speaking States, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar and U.P. All these States overwhelmingly voted for

the BJP in 2014 and 2019. The consequences of such a change have still not been adequately addressed.

The renewed debate on language education in the country only complicates the situation further. Overall, the irony is that by application of the principles of democracy, the representative nature of the democracy is being undermined.

Other than electoral politics where numbers matter, most segments of the Indian polity, such as the judiciary, media, academia and bureaucracy, have always been inadequately representative in nature. The rise of OBC politics since the 1990s increased their representation in bureaucracy and politics, held back the march of Hindutva and also tamed the most unrepresentative of all modern institutions, the market, in the following decades by forcing increased social spending. The social churn in India since the 1990s must therefore be understood not from a Mandal-Mandir binary perspective, but as a triangular dynamic that includes the market as well. Markets do not run by the principle of 'one person one vote', but by voting rights proportional to one's ownership of capital. This market principle has leached substantially into western democracies such as the U.S., where corporations are now counted as 'people' and allowed to spend unlimited money to influence elections. Electoral bonds in India are a step in this direction.

Factoring in the market

A permanent majority unburdened by constant negotiations and the need for representation could subordinate democracy to the market, rather than the other way around – that is, the Gujarat model. Hindutva politics understands the market in national, not global, terms and that could cause tensions between the two, however. But that is a whole different dynamic.

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In the absence of good law

Why the Central government must pass legislation on public procurement



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Recently, the Supreme Court expressed its growing concern over the award of tenders being challenged in writ proceedings almost as a matter of routine. In anguish it added, "It however appears that the window has been opened too wide as almost every small or big tender is now sought to be challenged in writ proceedings almost as a matter of routine."

Absence of legislation

The court's observations fail to appreciate the fact that these challenges, exasperating as they may be to constitutional courts, are the unfortunate effect of inadequacies in our national public procurement laws. Therefore, one is tempted to respond to the court's laments using the words of Portia in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*: "Tarry a little. There is something else."

The rude fact is that India has

still to enact parliamentary legislation to comprehensively deal with public procurement. Consider this. Procurement by the government accounts for 30% of the GDP; yet notwithstanding such fiscal significance, there is no comprehensive parliamentary legislation till date to regulate such public procurement by the Central government. Instead there is a maze of regulations, guidelines and rules.

In the past, instances of charges of corruption in public procurement have brought down elected governments. It is therefore nobody's case that existing processes are squeaky clean or enviably efficient. Given such a scenario, parliamentary legislation to regulate public procurements which provide adequate means for aggrieved parties to challenge inequities and illegalities in public procurement needs to be put in place. The government is also well aware of this inadequacy. For example, the United Progressive Alliance introduced the Public Procurement Bill in the Lok Sabha in 2012, "to regulate public procurement with the objective of ensuring transparency accountability and probity in the procurement process". The sad fact is that it was



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not passed by Parliament. The National Democratic Alliance, in 2015, revamped the provisions of the earlier Bill to come up with the Public Procurement Bill, 2015; it was a significant improvement to the 2012 Bill. Unfortunately, this Bill too is floundering. The significant point is that both versions had provisions for robust internal machinery for grievance redress arising out of public procurement. Sadly, they never became reality. Against such a background, it is hardly surprising that the award of tenders is being challenged in constitutional courts.

Existing constitutional provisions are themselves no great help in this area. While Article 282 provides for financial autonomy in public spending, there are no further provisions that address any guidance on public procurement principles, policies, procedures or

for grievance redress.

Inadequacies in State law

While this is the position with regard to public procurement by the Central government, laws to regulate State public procurement are not any better in providing effective alternate dispute resolution mechanisms. State public procurement is regulated by a State Act only in five States: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Assam. The grievance redress mechanisms provided in these Acts are not confidence-inspiring as they are neither independent nor effective. They fall woefully short of the prescriptions set out by the Supreme Court in *Madras Bar Association v. Union of India*, in which the court spelt out the requirements that tribunals must possess to qualify them as being "efficacious alternative remedy" – a phrase so wisely provided in Article 226 by our founding fathers. The emphasis being on the word "efficacious". The Madras High Court, in a judgment, while testing the efficacy of these mechanisms, denounced them as mere "Caesar to Caesar appeals".

Further, getting back to the issue of tenders being challenged, courts have imposed such strin-

gent self-imposed restrictions in the area of judicial review *vis-à-vis* tenders that the power to interfere is very sparingly exercised, if at all. The procuring officer is empowered by judicial principles such as "Government must be allowed a play in the joints". Given such a feeble legal framework which demands so little accountability, the award of tenders can become a happy hunting ground for the unscrupulous.

While such restraints imposed on courts by themselves would be admirable if alternative efficacious remedy is available, they, unfortunately, would only encourage the growth of other negative aspects of public procurement, in the absence of an alternate efficacious remedy to redress grievances. In such a depressing legal scenario, it is no surprise that public procurement tender awards are often challenged in constitutional courts. Till such time as a robust efficacious alternative remedy is provided, one would only appeal to the constitutional courts using the words of the Bard of Avon: "Upon the heat and flame of thy distemper sprinkle cool patience."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doctors stir

There is no crime more deplorable than an assault on the saviours of human life. A doctor who enters the medical profession taking the Hippocratic Oath will never deliberately harm a patient. Those in the medical profession must be given moral and emotional support. The government must also assure doctors that criminal acts against them will be punishable (Page 1, "Doctors stir: Home Ministry sends advisory to West Bengal", June 16).

Dr. GEORGE VAREKAL, Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh

While the concerns of the striking medical doctors may be genuine, as no doctor can discharge his or her duties properly when in constant threat of retaliation for acts

done in good faith, a tough political stance too can end up vitiating an already surcharged atmosphere. The government needs to initiate confidence-building measures. At the same time, the NDA government should not view the crisis in West Bengal as an opportunity to enhance its political prospects. Health is not an issue where one can resort to the detestable act of fishing in troubled waters.

V. SUBRAMANIAN, Chennai

GMO concerns

Genetically modified (GM) crops come with their share of concerns. Opponents argue that GM organisms have not been studied extensively to determine the effects and are pushing for GMO food labels. It is surprising how GM brinjal

seedlings were sold in Haryana ("Ground Zero" page, "The mysterious case of GM brinjal cultivation", June 15). Unregulated selling of seeds has serious consequences for India's biodiversity, especially as the country is not adequately equipped to detect GM contamination. Also, the effect of GM crops on pollinator populations remains, surprisingly, poorly understood.

The paradox of India's agricultural policies is that it is still unable to conserve its present food grain, fruit and vegetables output or ensure the welfare of our farming community. Mergers and acquisitions over the last few years have given a few multinational firms a dominant position to control over 60% of global seed sales. The same seed

companies, curiously, appear to sell more than 60% of pesticides too.

H.N. RAMAKRISHNA, Bengaluru

While the government may claim that the case is an isolated event, it is important to investigate the nexus behind the supply of seeds. We cannot afford to be fostering a Frankenstein's monster as far as Indian agriculture is concerned. GM crops have probably entered our food chains and the situation is ripe to debate the issue transparently.

RISHAV AGARWAL, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Water conservation

The depletion of water tables is causing unprecedented rural distress. Rainwater harvesting, conservation, recharge and increasing

green cover need to be prioritised. Farming needs to adopt scientific methods and technological techniques to get optimum yields ("PM writes to village chiefs to save rainwater", June 16).

N. SADHASIVA REDDY, Bengaluru

Go far, go together

It is the fact of being together and mutual camaraderie which gives elderly/senior citizens a lot of confidence and keeps us fully charged. Let me cite an example. A

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS:

A story titled "Activists and memes push for women's reservation Bill" (June 15, 2019) erroneously said that Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian to land on the moon. He should have been referred to as the first Indian in space.

The second deck headline in a Business page interview, "Coal will remain the dominant source" (June 15, 2019), read: "We are chasing a 600-million tonne target this fiscal, says Coal India chairman." It should be 660-million tonne.

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Qualifying for Leader of the Opposition

The Lok Sabha Speaker should consider the leader of the largest pre-poll alliance



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After the election of the Lok Sabha Speaker, the question of a formally recognised Opposition party and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) of the Lok Sabha under the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977, will arise. The Act extends to LoPs in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha the same official status, allowances and perks that are admissible to Cabinet Ministers. In the case of the Lok Sabha, however, this is subject to recognition of the leader by the Speaker. In the 16th Lok Sabha, the largest party in the Opposition, the Congress, had 44 seats. After careful consideration, it was decided not to recognise the party's leader as LoP. Now, the matter needs to be revisited in the context of the 17th Lok Sabha.

The election to the 17th Lok Sabha was the most fiercely and bitterly fought one in the history of the Republic. The decisive victory of the ruling alliance and its leadership has been widely welcomed as being in the best interests of the polity and the people. Above everything, the nation needs a stable government and a strong leader capable of taking firm decisions to ensure security, development and good governance within the rule of law. However, for the success and survival of democracy, an effective Opposition is also a categorical imperative. It is said that if no Opposition exists, one may have to be created. Also, if there is no Opposition outside, there is every danger that it may grow within.

Leaders of Opposition over time Historically, the first officially designated Opposition party in Parliament emerged from the break up of the all-dominant Congress party in power. In 1969, when Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister, the Congress split to form the Indian National Congress (Requisitionists) and the Indian National Congress (Organisation). The Leader of INC(O), Ram Subhag Singh, became the first person to be formally recognised as LoP in the



"An effective Opposition is an imperative for the success and survival of democracy." PM Manmohan Singh with the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Sushma Swaraj, during the golden jubilee celebrations of the Central Vigilance Commission in New Delhi in February 2014.

Lok Sabha.

In the 6th Lok Sabha, the Congress sat in the Opposition. Following splits in the Congress as well as the Janata Party, Yashwantrao B. Chavan, C.M. Stephen and Jagjivan Ram were successive LoPs.

Until 1977, there were no emoluments and perks attached to the position of LoP. There is no provision in the Constitution or even in the Lok Sabha Rules of Procedure in regard to the recognition of the LoP. Right from the first Lok Sabha, the practice has been to recognise the leader of the largest party in Opposition as the LoP provided that party has a strength that is enough to constitute the quorum for a sitting of the House, or one-tenth of the total membership of the House – at present that comes to 55 members. From the 9th to the 15th Lok Sabhas, since the requirement of having a minimum strength of 55 members was fulfilled, the Lok Sabha had duly recognised Opposition parties and LoPs, including Rajiv Gandhi, L.K. Advani, Atal Bihari Vaj-

payee, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Sharad Pawar, Sonia Gandhi and Sushma Swaraj.

The 1977 Act defines LoP as that member of the House who is the "Leader in that House of the party in opposition to the Government having the greatest numerical strength and recognised as such by the Chairman of the Council of States or the Speaker of the House of the People, as the case may be." The Speaker's decisions in this regard have so far been determined by Direction 121(c) which laid down one of the conditions for recognition of party or group as having "at least a strength equal to the quorum fixed to constitute a sitting of the House, that is one-tenth of the total number of members of the House". The Leaders and Chief Whips of Recognised Parties and Groups in Parliament (Facilities) Act, 1998 also refers to a recognised party in the Lok Sabha as a party that has not less than 55 members.

In the recently concluded election

to the Lok Sabha, the Opposition was decimated, but thankfully not obliterated. In fact, the largest party in Opposition, the Congress, has improved its position from 44 in 2014 to 52 now. It is short of only three members to reach the magical number of 55. Given the level at which ground-level politics has been operating in recent decades, it should not be difficult for the Congress leadership to augment its party strength by three members. At the same time, the ruling dispensation is expected to show magnanimity at this hour of its splendid victory, and the new occupant of the office of Speaker, realising the importance of an effective and respected Opposition in a democracy, may reconsider the content of Direction 121(c) suitably.

The Speaker's discretion

Since there is no constitutional provision, the 1977 law does not provide for the requirement of 55 members as an essential pre-requisite. As it all depends on the Speaker's directions and discretion, it may be hoped that rightful action will be taken. The simple way out is to substitute 'pre-poll alliance' for 'party' or say 'party or pre-poll alliance'. In any case, pre-poll alliances are a fact of our political life and are already being extended credibility and legitimacy in the matter of the President and Governors deciding on who to call first for forming the government in cases where no party secures a clear majority support in the House.

Incidentally, what is decided in the matter of recognition of the LoP, and in treating pre-poll alliances at par with parties, may hold tremendous potential for the growth of a sound two- or three-party (or alliance) system. It could end the present system, a preposterous one, of more than 2,000 parties being registered with the Election Commission. If and when the much-awaited law for political parties is enacted, it may provide for candidates of an alliance contesting on a common symbol and an agreed common minimum programme with only national alliances or parties contesting for the Lok Sabha. These aspects, however, call for separate in-depth analysis, consideration and debate.

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FROM THE READERS' EDITOR

Ethics cannot be outsourced

Why having an external news ombudsman may not work



A.S. PANNEERSELVAN

How effective is the office of the news ombudsman in this age of polarisation? Are news ombudsmen inherently liberal? Are they fair to conservative views? Some readers saw a liberal bias in my handling of complaints relating to a report in this newspaper on the food served by The Akshaya Patra Foundation. The Organization of News Ombudsmen and Standards Editors and the Columbia Journalism Review (CJR) in New York discussed these contentious issues at length recently.

Growing distance

It was a distinguished panel. Todd Gitlin, Professor and Chair of the Ph.D. programme at the Columbia Journalism School, articulated the liberal view. John Carney from *Breitbart News*, a right-wing news and opinion website, sought more space for conservative voices. Mr. Gitlin argued that workers today spend all their time in soul-crushing conditions and therefore need stimulation. Their need for sensation is fulfilled by various media, which have fostered a society of disposable emotions and short attention spans. Such a society, he said, threatens to make democracy a sideshow. Mr. Carney said that liberals due to their biases refuse to grant a fair space for conservative viewpoints on a range of issues. Kelly McBride, the Craig Newmark Journalism Ethics Chair at The Poynter Institute, was brought in as a neutral voice. The issue was not resolved, but the discussion helped in realising the growing distance between the two strands of thought and the strain of this on the information ecology.

Is there a takeaway for a Readers' Editor from such an interminable debate? How do we look at publications that are removing the position of Readers' Editor? Is it possible to externalise this role? In the eyes of CJR, Public Editors and ombudsmen have historically stood as critical advocates for consumers of news, identifying blind spots that outlets can't see themselves and operating as collectors of critical opinion when decisions go awry. CJR argued that the flameout of Public Editors in the U.S., which reached a point of despair in 2017 when *The New York Times* sent its last Public Editor packing, is the most visible sign of the growing distance between news organisations and the people they

serve. To restore a sense of fairness, and to handle difficulties in journalism in an election cycle when issues are going to be contentious, and voices partisan and vicious, the journalism magazine has appointed four new public editors, for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, and MSNBC.

A delicate balance

While I understand the reasons that prompted CJR to have four public editors for these major U.S. media outlets, I am not sure whether it will be effective. A news ombudsman is given unbridled access to the process of news-gathering. Post-publication of a story, he or she discusses with the Editor the thought process behind the decision to publish that story. Ombudsmen, editors and reporters share the ethical framework of journalism. I am not sure what the level of access the CJR-nominated Public Editors will have to the reporting and the editing teams of



their respective news organisations. Further, to have a Public Editor is to have a self-regulation mechanism; hence, it would be better for publications to nominate a designated person with clearly formulated terms of reference, rather than have an external body. The relationship between the news ombudsman and the Editor is rather nuanced and I am not sure whether an external ombudsman can maintain that delicate balance.

As a journalist, I was not only inspired but also shaped by George Orwell's writings. Some of the phrases he used helped me understand the misuse of language in our political landscape: Newspeak, Big Brother, the Thought Police, the Two Minutes Hate, doublethink, unperson, memory hole, and the Ministry of Truth. However, as a Readers' Editor, I realise that my job should exhibit a certain level of restraint. It should not hamper the free flow of information and the blooming of diverse and contrarian ideas. A good copy editor helps the text gain its full glow without drawing any attention to the act of editing. A news ombudsman performs a similar task for journalistic ethics.

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Self-serving nations

National interests are taking precedence over international issues such as terrorism

RADHIKA CHHABRA



Last month, China lifted its 'technical hold' on the designation of Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar, paving the way for him to be labelled as a global terrorist under the 1267 Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council (UNSC). This marked a high point in India's diplomatic endeavours. However, there is a need to analyse the decision-making process leading to the adoption of the resolution.

Both China and Pakistan have questionable track records when it comes to condemning terrorist attacks around the world. China, on the behest of Pakistan, repeatedly refused to list Azhar, despite receiving proof from Indian diplomatic missions regarding his role in many terrorist attacks. Additionally, China labels anyone with a dissenting opinion as a terrorist, giving Beijing a free hand to suppress any kind of dissent, as can be seen through the accusations levelled against the Dalai Lama and Dolkun Isa, leaders of the minority Tibetan and Muslim Uyghur communities, respectively. The accusation against the Dalai Lama as engaging in "terrorism under disguise" was met with strong international condemnation, a fact that China chooses to ignore as it suits its domestic policy objectives regarding control over Tibet.

Pakistan has been successfully evading responsibility for the JeM's actions despite Azhar's designation. India has been unable to attribute JeM's actions to Pakistan under the Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts and subsequently hold the country responsible for the breach of its international obligation to comply with the sanction requirements. This is largely due to the systematic loopholes inherent in the Articles on Responsibility relating to the ascription of acts of a non-state actor.

Placing Azhar on the list without formally associating him with either the Pathankot or Pulwama terror attack reduces the possibility of Pakistan being on the receiving end of strong sanctions from the international community. The UN's actions are telling of the diplomatic clout China wields in the international arena where the Chinese foreign spokesperson claims a victory for Chinese and Pakistani diplomacy, while ensuring that India's demands are not fully met.

Blacklisting terrorist organisations in the past has proven to be futile as evidenced by Hafiz Saeed's active involvement in terrorist activities despite being designated as a terrorist under the same sanctions committee.

Global challenges like terrorism require global cooperation. However, countries continue to think and act in terms of self-interest. In a bid to become powerhouses in a multipolar world, countries like China will keep dictating terms, which is bound to make the forging of any global agreement against terrorism difficult.

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DATA POINT

Peace position

The world has been more peaceful in 2019 compared to 2018, according to the Global Peace Index. This is the first time the peace score has improved in the last five years. Afghanistan replaced Syria as the least peaceful nation following the defeat of the Islamic State. India dropped five ranks. By **Varun B. Krishnan**

Region split

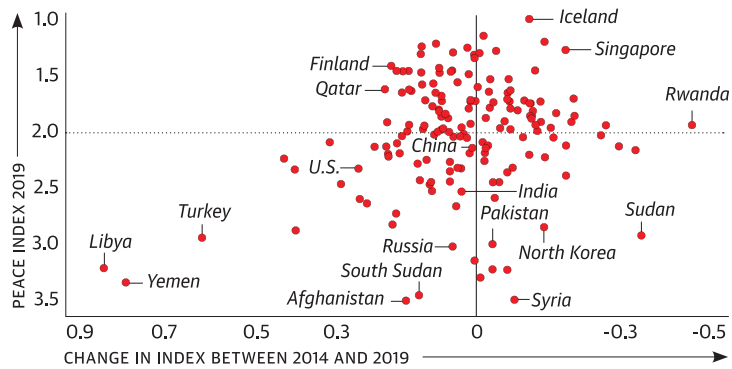
After WANA*, South Asia is the least peaceful region in the world. Central America and the Caribbean experienced the largest fall in the peace index due to civil unrest. A negative change indicates that the region became more peaceful

Region	Score in 2019	Change in score since 2018	Change since 2014
WANA*	2.511	-0.016	0.151
South Asia	2.411	0.009	0.01
Russia & Eurasia	2.301	-0.038	0.008
Sub-Saharan Africa	2.252	0.009	-0.017
CAC*	2.132	0.03	0.022
South America	2.101	0.018	0.062
Asia Pacific	1.897	-0.015	-0.026
North America	1.864	0.029	0.142
Europe	1.666	-0.01	0.057

*CAC: Central America and the Caribbean; WANA: West Asia and North Africa

Conflict theatres

The graph plots the peace index score in 2019 against the change in score from 2014. The lower the score, the higher the peace in a nation. Countries to the left of the vertical zero line became less peaceful in this period



India slips

India's ranking and scores have deteriorated largely due to "internal conflicts", the country's relation with Pakistan, and border tensions with China. In 2018, the report noted that India's score was high on the "Political Terror Scale"



The Global Peace Index ranks 163 countries according to three broad themes: extent of conflict, safety & security, and level of militarisation. It is based on an assessment of 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators

FROM THE HINDU ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 17, 1969

Opposed to separate Telengana

A two-hour discussion on the Telengana issue at the Executive Committee of the Congress Parliamentary Party here this morning [New Delhi, June 16] revealed a consensus in the party against the demand for a separate Telengana State, imposition of President's rule and resignation of the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr. K. Brahmananda Reddi. Most of the participants not only opposed the demands of the pro-Telengana leaders but also urged the Central leaders to strengthen the hands of Mr. Brahmananda Reddi and give him all assistance to deal with the agitation firmly.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 17, 1919.

Presidency Association Protest.

The Bombay Presidency Association met on the 10th and 13th instant [of June in Bombay] to consider what steps should be taken in connection with the deportation of Mr. B.G. Horniman and placing of the 'Bombay Chronicle' under an order of precensorship, and resolutions were passed by majority (1) strongly condemning the action of the Government of Bombay in deporting without trial Mr. B.G. Horniman, a leading member of the Association and also of its Council and an English journalist held in highest esteem by a large body of public opinion for his fearless advocacy of Indian aspirations and for his love of liberty and fair play and asking the Government in the interest of justice that the said order be immediately cancelled; (2) Strongly protesting against the unusual and drastic order of precensorship passed against the 'Bombay Chronicle' and expressing the opinion that the same is entirely unwarranted and oppressive and respectfully urging the Governor of Bombay in Council to cancel the order immediately in order to allay public feeling.

CONCEPTUAL Crown shyness

BIOLOGY

This refers to the natural phenomenon wherein certain trees located near each other grow in such a way that their branches do not touch each other. This causes clear spaces or gaps to form between the branches of adjacent trees, thus creating different natural patterns. Scientists have proposed various hypotheses to explain this phenomenon. Some speculate that crown shyness may be a mutually beneficial arrangement that can help prevent destructive competition between trees that are located near each other. Others believe it is the result of the damage caused to the branches when trees are close to each other.

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FROM PAGE ONE

IMA calls for nation-wide doctors' stir today

"Security measures and the determinants leading to violence should also be addressed. Exemplary punishment of perpetrators of violence should be a component of the Central law," it said.

Doctors are also asking for a structured safety measures including 3-layer security, CCTVs and restriction of entry of visitors which should be enforced uniformly across the country. "Healthcare violence has its origin in high expectations, lack of infrastructure and inadequate human resources," said Dr. R.V. Asohan, member of the Association.

Patients turned away

Medical services continued to be affected for the sixth day on Sunday in the emergency wards, outdoor facilities and pathology units of many State-run hospitals across West Bengal, leaving several patients in distress.

Sayantana Adhikari, a private teacher, had to return home to Nadia district after failing to get his mother, who urgently needs kidney dialysis, admitted in any pu-

blic facility. "I do not have enough money to admit her in private facility," he said.

Earlier, the junior doctors while agreeing to talks with the Chief Minister provided the meeting was held in public, said, "The venue should be big enough to accommodate members of various doctors' association and media personnel." This would mean a very large public venue to accommodate representatives of every private and public medical college and hospital.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) leadership welcomed Sunday's decision of the junior doctors to meet the Chief Minister. Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, a senior TMC leader, said the impasse should be resolved now as both sides agreed to talk.

"Both sides have shown some flexibility and it is expected that the problems will be addressed now," Mr Chattopadhyay said. However, he also asked whether it is a reasonable decision to conduct the meeting in front of the media. "Ms. Banerjee will decide about it," he said.

Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed is new ISI chief

More recently, the ISI has been accused of muzzling the press, trying to skew last year's elections, and intensifying a crackdown against human rights groups, including the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), an ethnic rights movement that the military accuses of being funded by neighbouring countries.

Activists allege a pattern of growing authoritarianism by the military, which they say has become even more influential since Prime Minister Imran Khan swept to power last year. The military denies harbouring mili-

tants, intervening in politics or stifling dissent.

The military's backers also say Pakistan faces external threats from most of its neighbours, especially India, and is working within the law to defend the country. Lt. Gen. Hameed was seen to be hugely influential within the ISI during his previous stint at the agency, according to analysts. He was one of the figures who brokered the Faizabad agreement in late 2017, when protesters blocked off roads into capital Islamabad, in an incident that further stoked civilian-military tensions.

Cong. takes on EC over Gujarat RS election

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AHMEDABAD

Termining as "unconstitutional" the Election Commission's decision to hold separate bypoll to two Rajya Sabha seats in Gujarat, the State Congress on Sunday accused the ruling BJP of pressurising the poll body so that it could win both the seats.

The Opposition party also raised questions over the impartiality of the EC and threatened to move the Supreme Court.

"Elections to two vacant Rajya Sabha seats in Gujarat should be held together. But in order not to lose either of the two seats, the BJP has pressurised the EC into holding the polls to the two seats separately, which is unconstitutional," Gujarat Congress president Amit Chavda told reporters here on Sunday.

Pak. fails to take measures to curb terror funding

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NEW DELHI

Pakistan has failed to complete 25 of the 27 action points given by the international terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to check funding to terrorist groups such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Jaish-e-Mohammad and frontal groups like the Jamat-ud-Dawah and the Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation.

With this, multilateral lenders like the IMF, the World Bank and the EU may continue downgrading Pakistan, making its financial situation more precarious.

DEVESH K. PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has alleged that a substantial jump in seat entitlements and Indian points-of-call (airports) for the operation of foreign airlines, due to bilateral agreements struck with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar between 2005 and 2009, resulted in huge losses to the national carriers.

Being a signatory to the Convention of Civil Aviation, India has to comply with its principles. As part of the arrangement, two countries hold talks to decide routes and allocation/increase of seats on the basis of equality and reciprocity.

Under these agreements, traffic rights and capacity entitlements are exchanged based on market requirements. They specify the entitlements in terms of fre-

PM calls meet on 'one nation, one poll'

Let's keep differences aside and work for nation's progress, Modi tells leaders of Opposition parties

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday invited heads of all parties in Parliament to a meeting on Wednesday to discuss "one nation, one election".

Ahead of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha, Mr. Modi addressed leaders of the Opposition at an all-party meeting where he asked them to introspect and urged Parliament to "reflect upon a new way of thinking along with new faces who have entered the august House".

"We are for the people, we cannot win hearts by disrupting the functioning of Parliament. All parties must keep political differences aside and commit themselves to tirelessly work in the direction of nation's progress," he was quoted as saying by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi.

The June 19 meeting had also been called to discuss celebrations of 75 years of Independence in 2022 and 150



Sharing views: Prime Minister Narendra Modi at an all-party meeting ahead of the Budget session of Parliament on Sunday. •PTI

years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary this year, Mr. Joshi said.

The Prime Minister will be hosting a dinner for all parliamentarians on June 20.

Will carry on fight: Cong. Though the Opposition seems in disarray, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad said they would continue with their ideological fight.

"We have told the government that we will help pass all the bills that are in the interest of the people and the country," he said, without indicating its stand on the triple talaq ordinance.

Along with triple talaq, there are 10 ordinances that need to be converted into law within six weeks of the Parliament session that gets under way on Monday and will continue until July 26.

Another ordinance is on extending President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir. "If the government can conduct Lok Sabha poll peacefully, there is no reason why Assembly election can't be held. It's because the government; the result won't be in their favour and that's why they want to rule through Central rule," Mr. Azad said.

After the first three days of oath taking, President Ram

Nath Kovind will address a joint sitting of Parliament on June 20, and on July 5, the government will announce the Budget for 2019-2020.

The Opposition raised issues such as unemployment, farmers' distress, drought, press freedom, women's safety and price rise.

Trinamool's Sudip Bandyopadhyay raised the issue of a threat to the federal structure and constant interference in the working of a State government, while his colleague Derek O'Brien demanded the immediate passage of the women's reservation Bill. He said the ordinance route was being used extensively.

Communist Party of India leader D. Raja talked about how Mr. Modi saluted the Constitution while starting his second term, and mentioned the need to protect the "constitutional values of secularism and pluralism".

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Mr. Joshi and his deputies represented the government side.

BJP MPs meet ahead of House session

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NEW DELHI

The BJP on Sunday held its parliamentary party meet here with Prime Minister Narendra Modi assuring the nation that his government will be at the forefront of facilitating legislation that manifests the spirit of "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas." (With all, for everybody's development and having everyone's trust.)

A day before the first session of the newly constituted 17th Lok Sabha, a meeting of the NDA was also held.

After the ruling coalition's meet on Sunday, Mr. Modi tweeted that 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," Mr. Modi said and posted pictures of both the meetings.

Heritage gone



Security personnel at the demolished British-era Gole Market in Patna on Sunday. The over 100-year-old market has been demolished as part of a Smart City project. •PTI

War of the rooms in new Lok Sabha

Established players to lose prime space

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha landscape is in for a makeover with many losing their coveted rooms and many others for the first time managing to get space to put up their nameplates.

A party's strength in both Houses dictates who gets prime real estate in the building which usually is the ground floor. Those with poor presence are pushed up to the dank third floor. The proximity to the ruling dispensation equally is a deciding factor.

The Telugu Desam Party, which is now down to three MPs from the earlier 16, could lose the capacious ground floor office it has been occupying since 1999 when it was allotted to it by then Speaker G.M.C. Balayogi. "There is no official notification, but last week Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi took a tour of the office. Since then, we are seeing a steady stream of various BJP functionaries," a TDP leader said.

YSRCP's demand

The TDP's regional rival, the YSR Congress Party, whose ranks swelled from nine in 2014 to 22 now, is eyeing the prized space. "We have only one room on the third floor which was okay till now. But now with 22 in the Lok Sabha and two in the Rajya Sabha, we have put in a request for a larger space," the party's Lok Sabha floor leader, Mithun Reddy, told *The Hindu*.

The YSRCP is not the only one to eye the TDP rooms. In 2014, an unseemly squabble had broken out between the Trinamool and the TDP over the rooms with Trinamool MPs Sudip Bandyopadhyay and the late Sultan Ahmed trying to move into the room claiming that it had been allotted to their party. The TDP though stood its ground and refused to vacate the premises. Speaker Sumitra Mahajan intervened to allot a much smaller space to the Trinamool and let the TDP, who were then a key BJP ally, keep its office.

The changes in the for-



A file photo of workers sprucing up the Parliament building. •PTI

tunes could affect the AIADMK too which holds a spacious office on the ground floor, right next to the Central Hall. In 2014, the party had 37 members in the Lok Sabha and 13 in the Rajya Sabha. Now with a lone Lok Sabha member, their rival DMK has shown interest in the space. "The Lok Sabha rooms are allotted by the Speaker as per his or her discretion. And the Lok Sabha strength is not the only factor dictating this," a senior AIADMK MP said.

The DMK with 23 Lok Sabha MPs is now hopeful of moving out of the third floor office. "In 2009, when we got 18 MPs, we were allotted a bigger space on the ground floor but we never got to move in as the JD(U) refused to move out. But this time around, we will fight for a bigger office," DMK Rajya Sabha member T.K.S. Elangovan said.

The CPI(M), which has been steadily losing presence in the Lok Sabha, might lose its third floor office. Though the party had nine MPs in 2014, the Lok Sabha Secretariat wanted it to vacate the space. Now with just three MPs, the party will find it hard to hold on.

"There is speculation but we have not got any official notification asking us to vacate," a party leader said.

BJP leader Arun Jaitley's nameplate will be replaced by that of the Leader of the Rajya Sabha, Thawar Chand Gehlot. Mr. Jaitley was allotted the room next to the entrance to the Upper House and used to have a steady stream of visitors — both journalists and leaders from all parties.

Aviation pacts hurt national carriers: ED

'Deals struck between 2005 and 2009 helped airlines in UAE, Qatar gain more seat entitlements, airports'



Undue advantage: Both Air India and the erstwhile Indian Airlines had said that traffic rights should not be enhanced.

quency of operations, number of seats and airport.

Between 2005 and 2009, India held bilateral meetings with the UAE and Qatar.

Substantial increase

After each meeting, the ED alleges, a substantial increase in seat entitlements and airports was made, from which the airlines of both the countries allegedly gained

more than the Indian carrier. In case of the UAE, the agreements were held separately for Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Ras-al-Khaima.

According to the data quoted by the agency, under the agreement with respect to Dubai, seat entitlements for the Emirates were 8,400 up to 2001. However, after three agreements in 2005, 2007 and 2008, they went

up to 54,200. "Finally, the seats were increased to 54,200 and points of call to 10 during the meeting held on April 23, 2008," the ED says.

As part of the Sharjah agreement, the seat entitlements — that was 4,536 till April 2006 — jumped to 17,841 in June 2008. As for Qatar, the number rose from 1,288 in June 2002 to 24,292 in February 2009.

Under the agreement dated June 9, 2008, the points of call stood at eight, says the ED.

"Every time [agreements during the check period] the foreign carriers obtained more points of call, which resulted in the loss to the Indian carrier as India got only one... the foreign airlines were exercising the benefit of 6th freedom traffic. It means they are carrying the traffic of the countries other

than their own," says the agency.

The ED probe revealed that both Air India and the erstwhile Indian Airlines were of the firm view that traffic rights on these routes should not be enhanced as the existing ones were sufficient to take care of the requirement for to-and-fro traffic. They had also highlighted the "undue advantage flows" to the foreign carriers as the national carriers were unable to take benefit of the "sixth freedom" traffic right.

Despite these reservations, the foreign airlines allegedly managed to get more allocations.

The ED, in its chargesheet against lobbyist Deepak Talwar, alleges that in lieu of the favourable traffic rights, the beneficiary airlines made huge payments to him through various routes.

Congress needs a major surgery: Moily

'Rahul should carry out complete overhaul of party and quell internal bickering'

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NEW DELHI

Asserting that the Congress needs a "major surgery" in the wake of the Lok Sabha election debacle, senior party leader M. Veerappa Moily said Rahul Gandhi must carry out a complete overhaul of the party by holding elections at every level and quell internal bickering with an "iron hand".

Emphasising that Mr. Gandhi alone can lead the party, Mr. Moily said it was the national leaders in charge of the States and the State presidents who should be held accountable, and not



M. Veerappa Moily

the Congress president.

Mr. Moily said Mr. Gandhi continued to be the Congress president and he had not stepped down.

"He [Mr. Gandhi] said that

owning moral responsibility, he would step down. [The Congress] Working Committee (CWC) has been unanimous in saying that he has to continue. That holds good even today," he said.

Mr. Moily said it was not fair that Mr. Gandhi, who took over the reins of the Congress in 2017, quit as president after being at the helm only for about a year and a half, and said that he must be given substantial time to prove himself.

He said that with elections due in States such as Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Haryana, Mr. Gandhi had to im-

mediately step in.

"This is not the time to deliberate on who should be the next president. He has to put proper people in charge of the States in the AICC, start the process right now, without any loss of time. Proper candidates for elections will have to be selected... One has to take the reins in his hands and that should be done only by Rahul Gandhi now," the former Union Minister said.

Appealing to Mr. Gandhi to bring about dynamic changes, he said the idea was that "we have to have a major surgery".

APPEAL

19 years old Pavithra has been diagnosed to have BILATERAL ANOTIA/ABSENCE OF EXTERNAL EARS. She needs a Bone Anchored Hearing Aid which cost Rs. 6,00,000/- at Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre, Chennai. This Hearing Aid will help her to restore her studies and to brighten her future. Donations sent by CH.D.D. favouring Sri Shankara Heart Foundation will be acknowledged. The donation sent through CH/D/D/NEFT Transfer (Syndicate Bank, Nungambakam Branch, A/C No.80182010063310, IFSC No. SYNB000618) favouring WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE is exempted under 80G IT (Please do not mention patient name on the cheque).

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INTERVIEW | LOTAY TSHERING

'It's too early to call off SAARC and say it isn't relevant or viable'

Bhutan PM says that if India and Pakistan don't work together for the region, nothing can move ahead; we must march together without countering each other

SUHASINI HAIDAR

Six months after he was sworn in as Prime Minister of Bhutan, Dr. Lotay Tshering is still treating his patients and had a surgery scheduled just hours before travelling to Brussels for talks with EU leaders. In his first major interview since the elections, Dr. Tshering speaks about major themes in Indo-Bhutan relations, the SAARC region as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit, widely expected in July.

Is the delay in PM Modi's visit to Bhutan, which was expected in the past year, due to delays in completing the Mangdechhu hydropower project, which he is due to inaugurate?

■ No, I want to correct you, there is no delay, as no timeline was set. I am very happy Mr. Modi accepted my invitation to visit when I was in Delhi, but I also told him that there was no need to rush. He has so many engagements laid out in his new tenure, and we look forward to his visit here when that is possible. As far as Mangdechhu project is concerned, high-level visits are not connected to inaugurations or media events. Mangdechhu is in the final stages of com-

pletion now, and we have other bilateral projects that are being worked on: for example the South Asia Satellite programme. In my party's (DNT) manifesto we had promised a stand-alone, multi-disciplinary hospital outside of the planned expenses, and India is willing to support us on that. We have requested another government-to-government mega-hydropower project on the Sankosh river, which may see some progress as well.

Have other bilateral issues, such as the tariffs and Cross-border Trade in Electricity (CBTE) guidelines, now been sorted out?

■ It was never a big issue

between us, although the CBTE policy that first came out in India (in 2016) wasn't friendly to our interests. After we requested some changes, New Delhi agreed to change them and we are very grateful for that. While people believe hydropower is the cornerstone of our ties, I think our relations rest on the mindset of the visionary leadership in our two countries. Any change of government in New Delhi or Thimphu doesn't change the depth of our friendship, which makes it unique, and it has only grown in strength over the decades. It is an unconditional relationship, and I don't think we should tag it to any one project or issue.

On the issue of connectivity, does your government plan to move forward on the Indian proposal of a Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA) within the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) grouping?

■ I can say or promise anything, but this is an issue



where we may not be able to move forward quickly. The same party (DPT) that stopped the MVA going forward in the National Assembly with the previous government is also in Opposition now, and they are stronger this time, so they could stop it again. I believe we need connectivity to enhance our economic growth, but Bhutan is the smallest country in this partnership, and we have a very high commitment to environmental conservation. We are different from our neighbours in the choices we

I believe that we in South Asia need to develop as a region and we must work together

make, and signing on to BBIN for the economic benefits must be balanced with our desire to preserve our environment, tradition and culture too.

Bhutan is also part of the BIMSTEC grouping that India says it is now promoting over the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

(SAARC). Is SAARC no longer viable, according to you?

■ I think it is too early to call off SAARC and say it isn't relevant or viable. SAARC has a long history and emotionally connected to us all. I believe that we in South Asia need to develop as a region and we must work together. Geographically, we are grouped together but we aren't doing well economically together.

But given the current relations between India and Pakistan, how do you see that happening?

■ We must open our hearts and march together without countering each other. If India and Pakistan don't work together for this region, nothing can move ahead. So my prayers and wishes from our deeply spiritual country are for the leaders in the region to go ahead together.

Two years after the confrontation between India and China at Doklam, there are reports once again

of a military build-up by the PLA on parts of the Doklam plateau. How worried are you about a recurrence of the confrontation we saw in 2017?

■ Anybody in my position will always worry about that, as these are issues that could hamper bilateral relations between any two countries in the world. We are aware of the situation, and whenever we discuss border issues (with China), we stick to our stand that the status quo must be maintained. No side should do anything without informing the other side at the border. The problem comes when you work unilaterally and have a unilateral agenda. So long as the status quo is maintained, there will be peace and tranquillity in the region.

Has there been any progress in the boundary talks between Bhutan and China? There were reports that a "package" agreement involving a trade between Doklam and northern areas

had been considered once...

■ I think the progress has been in clarity of what the issues are between us on the boundary. I don't believe in trading on boundary issues, we need to create a strong consensus for the way forward. I am very clear about this. In 24 rounds of border talks between China and Bhutan, we have progressed a lot, and it has become a forum for us to know each other better.

Is there any move towards diplomatic relations between your two countries?

■ No. Bhutan does not have diplomatic relations with any of the P-5 (UN Security Council Permanent members), which is our policy. China is different from others in the P-5, because we share a physical boundary with it, but even so a small and underdeveloped country like ours cannot afford to spend efforts on foreign relations with those big countries.

Terror funding took hawala route: NIA

Agency says interrogation of accused revealed rifts among separatists over collection of funds

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has levelled fresh allegations against four accused, taken into custody this month, in a case of terror funding in the Kashmir Valley.

Masarat Alam, the "poster boy" of stone-throwers and violent agitations in the Valley, has revealed that there are rifts among the separatists regarding collection and use of funds pumped through the hawala route, the NIA said in a press statement on Sunday.

It said Alam revealed in his custodial interrogation that "Pakistan-based agents route the funds through hawala operators which were transferred to the separatist leaders including Syed Ali Shah Gilani, chairman, All Parties Hurriyat Conference." "Masarat Alam also revealed that there were rifts in the Hurriyat Conference



Masarat Alam, second from left, the poster boy of stone-throwers and violent agitations in the Valley. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

regarding collection and use of funds," the agency said.

The NIA said these revelations were in continuation of a terror funding probe in a case registered by the agency in 2017.

The NIA arrested Yasin Malik, leader of proscribed organisation JKLF, Asiya An-

drabi, leader of proscribed organisation Duktaran-e-Milat, separatist leader Shabir Shah of the JKDFP and Masarat Alam of the Muslim League earlier this month. All the four accused were taken into police custody for interrogation. They were already behind bars in other

cases registered against them by the NIA and the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Alam has been in jail since 2015 and Andrabi since last year.

According to the NIA, Malik also confessed that the Joint Resistance Leadership and the Gilani faction of the Hurriyat Conference "collected funds from the business community as well as certain other sources and ensured that economic shutdown and violent protests continue to disrupt the daily life of common citizens in the Kashmir Valley in 2016." After Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani was killed in an encounter in July 2016, there was wide unrest in the Valley.

"During interrogation, Yasin Malik revealed that he was instrumental in bringing together the disparate factions of the Hurriyat Conference and formed the JRL, which spearheaded the vio-

lent agitations in 2016 in the Kashmir Valley by issuing 'protest calendars' leading to economic shutdown for over four months and also caused death and injuries to civilians and security forces during the violent protests," the NIA said.

In 2017, the NIA arrested Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Ahmad Watali as one of the main suspects in the terror-funding probe. The NIA then said that Watali is one of the main hawala conduits who used to generate and receive funds from Pakistan's ISI and the UAE and had floated shell companies to disguise foreign remittances for further transfer to separatist leaders and stone-throwers.

Andrabi reportedly admitted "that she had been collecting funds and donations from foreign sources and Duktaran-e-Milat had been organising protests by Muslim women in the Valley."

Biren to stay on as CM in Manipur

IBOYAIMA LAITHANGBAM
IMPHAL

BJP Ministers and most of the party MLAs who returned from Delhi to Imphal on Sunday told the media at the airport that there is no plan to change the leadership and that N. Biren shall continue as the Chief Minister.

T. Radheshyam, the Education Minister and government spokesperson, said, "It is customary for the Ministers in the States to make courtesy calls whenever there is a new ministry at the Centre. That is exactly what some Ministers had done." He further said that he was assured of additional funds for the education sector in Manipur.

BJP spokesperson S. Rajen said, "There is no plan to change the leadership. The Ministers had gone to seek additional funds to tide over the overdraft of nearly ₹300 crore."

J&K police officer dies of injuries at AIIMS

Was wounded in Anantnag attack

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Jammu and Kashmir police officer Arshad Ahmed Khan, who was air-lifted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, earlier this week after being grievously injured in a terrorist attack during a CRPF deployment in south Kashmir's Anantnag, died of his injuries on Sunday.

Five CRPF personnel were killed in the attack on Wednesday.

Mr. Khan, 40, who was the Station House Officer of the Saddar police station in Anantnag, sustained bullet

wounds when he rushed to the spot of the attack after the initial burst of gunfire.

Five CRPF personnel were killed in the June 12 Anantnag attack, which was the first major militant offensive since Pulwama. An AK-47-toting unidentified Pakistani militant opened fire on a CRPF team on the busy Khanbal-Pahalgam road when the security personnel were withdrawing from duty.

The area where the attack took place is the main approach road to the Amarnath shrine. The Amarnath Yatra commences on July 1.

6 Bangladeshi girls rescued by T.N. police reunited with families

Efforts by NGOs with diplomatic support helped them return home

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Half-a-dozen Bangladeshi girls, rescued by the police in Chennai and Madurai, were reunited with their families at the Fulbari border near Siliguri on Sunday.

The victims were rescued during raids on suspected brothels and were handed over to a State-run home for women through the local courts. Four of the six girls were minors when they were smuggled to Kolkata before being moved to other parts of the country, where they were allegedly forced into the flesh trade, police sources said.

According to R. Isabel of the Madras Christian Council of Social Service, the victims had gotten used to living in Chennai and Madurai since they had lost all hope of returning to their country. The NGO helped three of them get employment in stores or restaurants. "But the girls always wanted to return home, though they hardly remembered any contact details like addresses, telephone numbers. However, with whatever details they shared with us, we got in touch with Light House, an NGO in Dhaka, who managed to locate their families. We then took custody of the girls and organised travel permits through the District Legal Services Authority, the



The rescued girls being handed over to Border Security Force personnel on the Indian side of the Fulbari border near Siliguri in West Bengal on Sunday.

Bangladesh High Commission and the Foreign Regional Registration Office, Chennai," she said.

Appreciating the role played by the immigration authorities and the State police, Ms. Isabel said two other NGOs - Impulse Network in Meghalaya and Brac in Dhaka - also played a key role in reuniting the victims with their respective families on Sunday. "There is a well-organised crime network that smuggles these minor girls into West Bengal and then hands them over to agents in Bengaluru, Chennai and other places. Had the police not conducted raids and rescued the victims, they would have never been able to escape from the clutches of these agents," she said, adding that the girls were subjected to a routine health screening before being taken to the border for the handover pro-

cess.

The District Legal Services Authority, Chennai, formally shared the relevant documents with the Bangladesh High Commission in Mumbai and in New Delhi for processing the one-time exit of the victims. Foreign Regional Registration Officer Xavier Dhanraj confirmed that exit permits were given to the victims after obtaining NOCs from the authorities concerned and confirmation of the nationalities of the girls from the Bangladesh High Commission. In a communication to the Superintendent, Government Children's Home for Girls, Kellys, Chennai, Selim Md. Jahangir, Minister (Consular), High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, New Delhi, complimented the Ministry of External Affairs and other Indian authorities for their efforts.

Second-rung separatist leaders held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The security forces have arrested two second-rung leaders close to Hurriyat chairman Syed Ali Geelani and incarcerated Muslim League chief Masarat Alam, days after the separatists' meetings to counter the Centre's tough stance.

Mohammad Rafiq Ganie, the close aide of Muslim League chief Alam who is in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) custody, was arrested from his in-laws' house in north Kashmir's Tangmar on Sunday. Mr. Geelani-led Hurriyat's chief spokesman Ghulam Ahmad Gulzar was arrested from his house in Srinagar on Saturday evening.

"Ganie and Gulzar were arrested because of their involvement in unlawful activities. They were evading arrest," said a police officer on the condition of anonymity.

MKM head summoned
Meanwhile, Yasmeen Raja, head of the all-female separatist group Muslim Khawateen Markaz, has also been summoned to Delhi by the NIA on June 17.

Ms. Raja's residence was raided by the NIA in Pam-pore in south Kashmir in the first week of March in connection with the "illegal funding" case filed in 2017.

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Hong Kong protesters seek leader's exit

Despite Carrie Lam's decision to suspend the extradition Bill, demonstrations have continued

REUTERS
HONG KONG

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.

Lam's pledge

A government spokesman said that poor government work over the Bill had led to "substantial controversies and disputes in society, causing disappointment and grief." Ms. 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.



Lam should go: People in Hong Kong demanding the ouster of its leader on Sunday. • REUTERS

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 Ms. Lam's ability to continue to lead the city.

Some of Sunday's marchers held signs saying, "Do not shoot, we are Hong Kongers" — an appeal to police

who fired rubber bullets and tear gas at protesters on Wednesday, injuring more than 70 people.

Loud cheers rang out when activists called through loud hailers for Ms. Lam's resignation and the cry "step down" echoed through the streets.

Throwback to 2014

The protests have plunged Hong Kong into political crisis, just as months of pro-democracy "Occupy" demonstrations did in 2014, heaping pressure on Ms. Lam's administration and her official backers in Beijing. The city's independent legal system was guaranteed under laws governing Hong Kong's return from British to Chinese rule 22 years ago, and is seen by business and diplomatic communities as its strongest asset.

Asked repeatedly on Saturday if she would step down, Ms. Lam avoided answering directly and appealed to the public to "give us another chance."

'U.S. doesn't want war with Iran'

Pompeo vows to guarantee free passage through Hormuz

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON/DUBAI

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo vowed on Sunday that the U.S. will guarantee free passage through the vital Strait of Hormuz, as he accused Iran of recent attacks on oil tankers and the downing of a U.S. drone.

Mr. Pompeo confirmed in an interview with CBS that a U.S. MQ-9 "Reaper" drone was shot down June 6 with a missile fired from Yemen "that we assess had Iranian assistance."

Mr. Pompeo would not be drawn on what options the U.S. is considering to protect shipping — or to punish Iran — in the wake of Thursday's attacks on two tankers in the Gulf of Oman, but reiterated that President Donald Trump is not seeking war with Iran.

"What you should assume is we are going to guarantee freedom of navigation throughout the Strait," he said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday."

Iran has denied the U.S. charges as "baseless" and

said they were made without "a shred of factual or circumstantial evidence."

"We don't want a war. We've done what we can to deter this," Mr. Pompeo said.

The Secretary would not lay out U.S. evidence for Iran's involvement in the Gulf of Oman explosions, but insisted: "It's unmistakable what happened here."

"These were attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran on commercial shipping, on the freedom of navigation, with the clear intent to deny transit through the Strait."

The Pentagon had previously released a video showing what it said was an Iranian boat that pulled up alongside one of the stricken tankers and removed a limpet mine attached to its hull.

Tankers arrive in UAE

Earlier on Sunday, the two damaged tankers arrived safely at locations off the Emirati coast.

The Japanese-owned *Kokuka Courageous* was carrying highly flammable metha-

nol through the Gulf of Oman on Thursday when it came under attack along with the Norwegian-operated *Front Altair*.

The Japanese vessel's Singapore-based owners BSM Ship Management said in a statement on Sunday that it had "arrived safely at the designated anchorage" and that its crew were "safe and well". The other ship, the *Front Altair*, was under safe tow by tug boats towards an area off the coast of the eastern Emirati port of Fujairah.

"First inspections are under way and no hot spots have been identified following the fire," the vessel's owners said in a statement on Sunday. It said all crew members were in Dubai, where they will "assist with the debrief to the owner's legal team and the appropriate authorities, before returning home". The UAE's Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan on Saturday called on world powers "to secure international navigation and access to energy".

Saudi Crown Prince warns countries against 'exploiting' Khashoggi murder

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RIYADH

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman warned against "exploiting" the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi for political gains, in what appeared to be a veiled attack on Turkey.

Turkey's ties with Saudi Arabia have come under strain since the brutal murder last October of Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Turkish officials were the first to report the murder and have continued to press Saudi Arabia for information on the where-



Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman. • AFP

bouts of his dismembered body, which has yet to be found. "The death of Jamal Khashoggi is a very painful crime," Prince Mohammed told pan-Arab daily *Asharq al-Awsat* in an interview pu-

blished on Sunday. "Any party exploiting the case politically should stop doing so, and present evidence to the (Saudi) court, which will contribute in achieving justice," he added, without directly naming Turkey. The Prince, however, added that he wants strong relations with "all Islamic countries including Turkey". The CIA has reportedly said the murder was likely ordered by Prince Mohammed.

Prince Mohammed said the kingdom was committed to "full justice and accountability" in the case.

Israel PM's wife convicted of misusing public funds

Sara Netanyahu pleads guilty to buying catered meals using state funds despite the presence of a cook

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JERUSALEM

An Israeli court on 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.

While the ruling cut short a high-profile trial, the Netanyahu family's legal woes are far from over: the veteran Premier himself faces possible indictment for bribery, fraud and breach of trust in the coming months.

In a deal approved by judge Avital Chen at Jerusa-

lem magistrates' court, Sara Netanyahu was found guilty of exploiting the mistake of another person. She was also fined 10,000 shekels (\$2,800) and ordered to reimburse the state a further 45,000 shekels. "The deal reached between the sides is worthy and appropriately reflects the deeds and their severity on the criminal level," Mr. Chen said in his ruling.

Ms. Netanyahu was initially charged in June 2018 with fraud and breach of trust for buying catered meals despite the presence of a cook at the PM's official residence.

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

In a small room at the Jerusalem magistrates' court, packed with journalists, Ms. Netanyahu told the judge she was aware of the charges. Her lawyer and a prosecutor then requested that the court accept the deal. "As in every plea bargain, each side makes concessions, sometimes hard concessions," prosecutor Erez Padan said. "It is right and proper for the public interest to bring this case to an end."

Ms. Netanyahu's attorney



Sara Netanyahu. • AFP

loopholes to receive state funding for her household's relatively high expenses.

The original charges accused her of paying \$1,00,000 for hundreds of meals from a variety of well-known Jerusalem businesses while falsely declaring that there were no cooks available at the residence.

She is also being sued by a former cleaner who claims she mistreated her. In 2016 a court awarded some \$47,000 in damages to a former housekeeper who accused her of repeated workplace abuse in a similar case.

ELSEWHERE



Sudan ex-President Bashir charged with graft

Sudan's ex-President Omar al-Bashir was charged with corruption-related offences on Sunday, as he appeared in public for the first time since he was overthrown in April. "The prosecution... accused him of... possession of foreign currency, accepting gifts in an unofficial manner," said prosecutor Alaa al-Din Abdallah. • REUTERS

Pak. issues death warrant for mentally ill prisoner

A court in Pakistan has issued a death warrant for a mentally ill prisoner, paving the way for his execution on June 18 amidst growing concern among human rights groups, a media report said on Sunday. Ghulam Abbas, 36, was sentenced to death in 2006 by a court in Rawalpindi for stabbing one of his neighbours. • PTI

Iran to increase stock of enriched uranium

Iran will announce further moves on Monday to scale back compliance with the nuclear pact, increasing stocks of enriched uranium and production of heavy water at Arak reactor. "Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation tomorrow... will announce preparatory steps that have been taken to further decrease Tehran's commitments..." Tasnim agency said. • REUTERS

'China prepared for long trade battle with U.S.'

The U.S. has underestimated the Chinese people's will to fight a trade war and Beijing is prepared for a long economic battle, a Communist Party journal said on Sunday. China would not give way on major principles in its negotiations with the U.S. on ending the dispute, the commentary in *Qiushi*, or *Seeking Truth*, said. • REUTERS

Trump launches fresh attack on London Mayor

Calls Sadiq Khan a 'national disgrace'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump launched a fresh attack on Saturday on London Mayor Sadiq Khan, backing a right-wing British columnist who has been widely accused of Islamophobia.

Mr. Trump attacked his latest denunciation of the Mayor to a retweet by Katie Hopkins about crime in "Khan's Londonistan" — using a term widely perceived as a pejorative reference to the British capital's Muslim population and Mr. Khan's Pakistan ancestry. "LONDON needs a new Mayor ASAP. Khan is a disaster — will only get worse!" Mr. Trump wrote in response to Ms. Hopkins's tweet, later adding the Mayor was "a national disgrace who is des-



Mayor of London Sadiq Khan. • REUTERS

troying" the city. Earlier this month, the President's plane had not even touched down in London for the start of a state visit when he tweeted that Mr. Khan was a "stone cold loser."

Mr. Khan had criticised the red carpet treatment being given to Mr. Trump for the visit. Mr. Trump said the Mayor should "focus on crime in London, not me," and made a derisive reference to Mr. Khan's height.

Power outage hits Argentina, Uruguay

REUTERS
BUENOS AIRES

Power had been restored to one-third of Argentina by early afternoon, hours after a massive blackout hit South America on Sunday morning, leaving tens of millions without power.

Argentina's grid "collapsed" around 7 a.m. local time, leaving the entire country without power, said its Energy Secretariat. The outage also cut electricity to swaths of neighbouring Uruguay and Paraguay. Argentina's energy agency said in a statement it had begun investigating the causes of the outage.

The massive blackout left Buenos Aires dark, hobbling public transportation, cutting off water supply and crippling phone and Internet communications.

Ghana's free high school programme earns accolades as well as brickbats

Enrolment has increased but infrastructure is inadequate

MASLIN NIR
ACCRA

At dawn on a recent Tuesday, Jane Newornu, 18, pulled on her school uniform, stuffed her books into her knapsack and ran off to school.

Her twin sister, Jennifer, watched with envy. Ms. Jennifer was staying home from school on a two-month hiatus mandated by the government. The twins, like all high school students in Ghana, now must take turns.

The problem is the result of the tumultuous roll-out of a government programme intended to expand access to free secondary education. When President Nana Akufo-Addo took office in 2017, he made good on one of his chief campaign promises: tuition-free high school for all. The programme has



A girl getting ready to go to school in Accra. • NYT

proved so popular — 4,30,000 students are enrolled this school year, up from 3,08,000 in 2016, according to the Education Ministry — that demand has overwhelmed capacity.

Under what Ghana's government calls a two-track system, some children go to

school while others take a break. Supporters say it is a temporary solution while more teachers are hired and schools are built and put it down to growing pains.

But many parents, watching their children sit idle for two months, are furious. If sidelined, children slip behind in their studies, some adults and students say, then free school comes at too high a cost.

But the government is unwavering in its support of the new system, saying it delivers adequate education to more children. Before the programme, 67% of children who attended elementary went on to secondary school. But since the new programme began, it climbed to 83% in 2018, according to the Education Ministry. • NY TIMES

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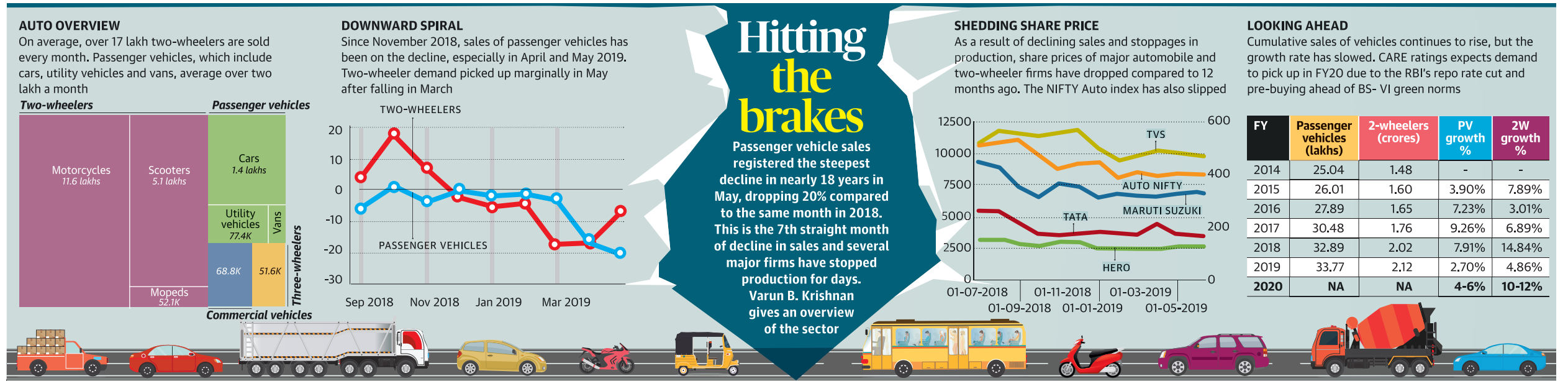
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INTERVIEW | A. BALASUBRAMANIAN 'Fixed income can also be volatile'

The crisis is done... we're at its peak

ASHISH RUKHAIYAR

The negative news flow and the record downgrades of debt instruments has made investors wary of investing in fixed income funds, but such schemes should still be a part of an investor's portfolio, says A. Balasubramanian, CEO, Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company. Mr. Balasubramanian, who manages assets totalling ₹2.65 lakh crore, believes that the ongoing crisis in the debt segment is at its peak and should subside soon as corporates are in the midst of resolution processes. Excerpts:

There have been a record number of debt downgrades in this year. Do you think debt schemes are going through their worst phase?

Definitely the last eight-nine months have been a tough time for mutual funds because of the fact that they have grown in size, and also because they've offered innovative products such as credit risk fund and accrual kind of funds. And these funds have a focus on investing in fixed income bearing securities.

And then if a downgrade happens, it has an effect on the price and the net asset value (NAV) of the scheme. Generally, people are not used to that kind of development under fixed income, as the assumption is that one will get linear return.

While you get return in the long run, you have to go through cycles because these schemes are completely pass through vehicles. While this is understood very well in equity, it's not so much understood in fixed income. But after the current mayhem, investors will understand that fixed income can also be volatile. Debt capital market is going through a tough time which is due to local issues or our country specific issues in the credit market.

Is it because of so many downgrades in the recent past such products have invited a lot of criticism though there are no fundamental issues with the products as such?

One must appreciate that mutual funds' 100% disclosure practice does enable a better understanding of the portfolios.

At the same time, given the 100% disclosure, analysis both on exposure and its impact on the NAV is quite instantaneous, which leads to increase in noise levels. The news flow too has been quite frequent.

Hence, one has to stay patient to such noise level, as the recovery of loss is

high due to the interest accrual component in a fixed income portfolio. As a result of this, if there is at all any loss, it is in the overall income or returns and not in the absolute value.

In May, the outflows from credit risk funds saw a three-fold rise compared to April. Do you expect a similar trend going ahead?

I think it's done. I think we are at the peak of the crisis. We might stay here for some time and then we will see that it is coming down. We need one or two resolutions. The moment Zee resolution happens, one problem will be out. NCLT is looking at IL&FS and once a resolution is done, that problem would be out. Similarly for DHFL and ADAG. All the processes are on track. But the question mark is on the time frame and hence we all need patience.

So, do you think this is a time when investors can look at debt funds or will they be better off with equity?

Fixed income has to be a part of the portfolio, without any doubt. Around 50% of the portfolio should be in fixed income and the other 50% in equity and one should be flexible in the allocation. And, both equity and debt should be looked upon as long term bets.

Both assets can lose money, but you should hold for long term. Debt should not be looked upon as something with a one-year horizon. So, while one should always have fixed income in the portfolio, one must also remember that fixed income can also stay volatile.

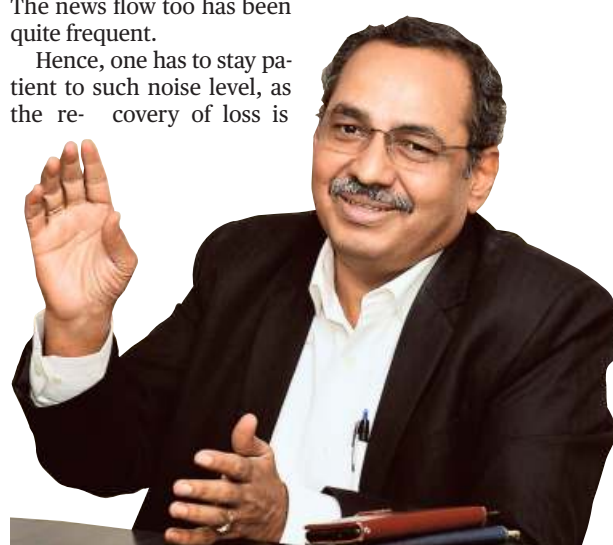
How do you see the inflows in MFs going ahead considering that the markets have been quite volatile?

We are seeing a very high level of commitment by the newly elected members to drive the Indian economy to the next level among emerging markets.

There is optimism returning to the market.

Now, the question is about earnings coming back, which takes time. But overseas investors look at India more seriously now because of political stability.

We might probably see a decade of stability. So, if you look at a decade of stability, then economic growth has to come back along with that. Therefore, my view is there will be an increase in flows into the mutual funds, both in equity and fixed income.



This will be a tough budget to balance

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has the unenviable task of pushing growth, while maintaining fiscal discipline

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN

Over the next 20 days, two major policy events will take place – the Budget and a GST Council meeting – that will reveal the government's intent and vision for the next five years. While there are a number of issues that it can take up at both these events, there are three main problems that are relatively more noteworthy.

The first is the issue of private investment and how, despite the government's best efforts so far, it has not recovered enough to shoulder its share of the burden as a prime driver of economic growth. The second issue is the fiscal deficit and whether the government is artificially hamstringing itself by curtailing public expenditure in order to meet an arbitrary target. In other words, can the government afford to shift the target meaningfully to, say, 4% from the current 3.4%?

The third important policy element is whether the government can afford to reduce GST rates even further and whether there are any more steps it can take to widen the tax net. The first two issues are to be addressed in the Union Budget, while the third is the exclusive domain of the GST Council. However, in all three, it has only limited options.

Private performance

The consensus view among economists seems to be that the government has pretty much done all it can in terms of creating the right environment for the private sector to grow. Policy measures such as the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the 'Make in In-

dia' initiative, power sector reforms, easing of FDI norms, and the concerted effort to improve the ease of doing business are all considered welcome steps.

"All of these provide a better environment for the private sector to work in," Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Care Ratings said. "One can't practically expect the government to come up with anything more in most of these areas."

In the Budget, however, there are a few steps the government can take that can make it more attractive for the private sector to invest.

"On the expenditure side, if it continues spending what

Capex undertaken in this financial year will begin to boost the private sector only in the next financial year

it has been on capital expenditure, it will definitely have a positive impact on the private sector," Mr. Sabnavis added. "For example, if the government spends on roads, it automatically creates demand for cement and steel, which is produced by the private sector. Similarly, if the government spends on power infrastructure."

However, the caveat here is that this positive impact on the private sector will not be felt in the very short term. That is, capital expenditure undertaken in this financial year will only begin to boost the private sector in the next financial year.

"The other thing the government can do in the Budget is giving certain kinds of tax concessions," Mr. Sabna-

vis added. "For example, if you're talking about the corporate tax rate, which was to be lowered to 25% from 30%, they have done it only for the smaller companies. They have said they would do it for the rest of the companies over a period of time, but there have not been any steps taken."

Here, too, while there is no guarantee that reducing corporate tax rate will definitely lead to increased investments, it is definitely seen as a good first step.

Fiscally constrained

So, if increased capital expenditure and reduced corporate tax collections are the major way private sector investment can be encouraged, then the natural extension of that argument should be that the government give itself some more flexibility when it comes to the fiscal deficit. While this might seem logical, the government's own actions have rendered this option nearly impractical.

"The central government is relying quite heavily on the public sector for its own infrastructure expansion programme," D.K. Srivastava, chief policy advisor at EY India, explained. "Last year, the increment in government debt was considerably higher than the fiscal deficit. The difference is about 1% of GDP, which are all extra budgetary resources. These constitute liabilities of the government, but are not includ-

ed in the fiscal deficit calculations."

"On the revenue side, a lot of the expenditure on food subsidies is being picked up by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), which has borrowed from the National Small Savings Fund on behalf of the government," Mr. Srivastava added. "And so, when FCI has to service that debt, the government will have to come to rescue. So, these are all government liabilities that are just gathering up."

In other words, since tax revenues either through direct taxes or indirect taxes did not meet their targets last year and don't look like they will this year, the only way the government can increase its expenditure is by borrow-

ing more. However, by committing to repay debt taken on by the public sector on its behalf, the government has tied its hands in this regard as well.

The only practical option before the government is for a favourable recommendation by the Bimal Jalan committee on the quantum of the Reserve Bank of India's reserves that can be transferred to the Centre.

"The information is that if you estimate how much of reserves the RBI has got based on its past profits, then that comes to about 28% of its total assets and the global norm is 14%," Mr. Srivastava said. "It looks like there is room available for it to transfer the excess to the government. That should close some of the shortfall in tax revenues that happened in 2018-19."

Boosting consumption

There is another engine of economic growth, which, while firing strongly so far, has now begun to show signs of weakness – private consumption expenditure. Individuals, driven by static salaries but increasing costs, have begun to defer purchases and this can be seen in a number of metrics that have slowed down, such as car sales. Boosting personal consumption can also

go a long way in reviving the private sector.

One way to encourage individuals to spend more is to increase the amount of money in their pockets. That is, reduce the tax burden. There is some talk in the Finance Ministry about reducing GST rates and addressing the revenue shortfall by widening the tax net. The view among tax experts is that the tax rates currently are already significantly lower than those in the pre-GST era. And, while the impact of a cut in rates affects revenues immediately, the positive impact of trying to increase tax compliance is felt with a delay.

"While the existing GST rates for products are generally lower or at par with the rates prevailing prior to the introduction of GST, there could be some cases where there is scope for further reductions, keeping in mind the revenue implications," M.S. Mani, Partner at Deloitte India said.

"While rate reductions would lead to an expansion of the tax base in the medium term, it needs to be noted that collections go down immediately while the compliance and expansion of the tax base happens over a period of time," Mr. Mani added.

"In the next one year or so, the government could look at collapsing the 12% and 18% categories into a 15-16% single category," Pratik Jain, partner and national leader of Indirect Tax at PwC India, said. "While there is scope for expanding the tax base by plugging the tax leakages, that is a process and cannot happen immediately."

Sugar industry needs a shot of insulin

Current year expected to end with a high closing stock of 14.5 MT; industry urges government to facilitate higher exports

M. SOUNDARIYA PREETHA

It is one of the unprecedented years for the sugar industry in the country, as the sugar season of 2018-2019 is expected to end in September with a high closing stock of nearly 14.5 million tonnes. Though sugar production in the next season might be lower compared with the current one, the focus of the industry and the government will largely be on reducing the inventory.

The estimated sugar production this year (October 2018 to September 2019) is 32.9 million tonnes as against the domestic consumption of 26 million tonnes. Exports are likely to be three million tonnes, according to data available with the Indian Sugar Mills' Association (ISMA). The government had targetted five million tonnes for export.

Sugar exports will have to continue next year too and the government should facilitate higher exports, say industry sources.

With deficit rains, sugar production may drop next season in Maharashtra and north Karnataka.

Even if there is a decline next year, the association ex-



Fair share: Apart from revising the minimum selling price to ₹35 a kg, the government should come out with a revenue-sharing formula for sugarcane price. ■ REUTERS

pects the total production to be higher than the consumption. The 2019-2020 season will commence with an opening stock of 14.62 million tonnes, one of the highest. As sugar will start flowing into the market in the new season only from mid-November, it is better to retain two months' stock (about five million tonnes). So, about seven million tonnes should be exported next season and the govern-

ment should come out with a policy for this in July 2019. Only then, the mills can plan and go ahead with contracts,

GREEN SHOOTS

says Abinash Verma, Director General of ISMA.

International price International price for sugar (white sugar) in the current season is nearly ₹10 a kg less compared to the domestic

price. In an effort to encourage exports and to make it attractive, the government had not only fixed mill-wise export quota, but also linked some of the subsidy schemes to exports.

Yet, almost 35% of the industry did not participate for various reasons such as lack of adequate production or stringent conditions to avail the subsidy.

As such, the industry has suggested to the government

to make the export quota as an industry-wide quota, rather than mill-specific, and to modify the subsidy schemes, so that they are WTO-compatible. "There are mills that are unable to meet the export quota and some mills that want to export more than the quota. So, the government should leave it open," says Mr. Verma.

On the international front, next season, a deficit of nearly four million tonnes is expected. But its impact on the price will be known only later. If the norms are relaxed for the subsidy schemes, more mills will get into exports. There will be no delay in getting the subsidy and the cash flow will improve for the mills. In March this year, the cane arrears pending for farmers was expected to be almost ₹30,000 crore. This should be lesser now. "The policies of the government should attempt to solve both problems – cane price payment and sugar inventory," according to ISMA.

Industry sources point out that the production cost works out to ₹34 a kg, while the minimum selling price in the domestic market fixed by the government is ₹31 a kg. Apart from revising the mini-

mum selling price upward to ₹35 a kg, it should come out with a revenue-sharing formula for cane price. If India should export sugar, it should be competitive.

In Tamil Nadu, the industry points out that the support schemes of the Central Government are all oriented to surplus production States. The mills in Tamil Nadu, numbering about 40, face a peculiar situation of low capacity utilisation (35%) due to reduction in cane production. The mills cannot export sugar as the production (8.5 lakh tonnes) is not adequate even to meet the domestic needs of the State (18 lakh tonnes).

Tamil Nadu was the third or fourth largest producer of sugar in the country five years ago, with an annual production of 23 lakh tonnes. Now, it is just one-third of that. "We have created capacities and invested substantially. Tamil Nadu mills should be exempted from the mandatory exports and the norms for subsidy schemes should be relaxed to benefit the mills in the State," says Palani G. Periasamy, chairman of the South India Sugar Mills' Association.

ASK US



PARVATHA VARDHINI C.

Buying a home

Q. I'm 35 years old and want to invest ₹10,000 a month in SIP (systematic investment plan). I can take moderate or high risk and want to generate wealth in next five years to purchase a home. Could you please suggest funds?

GULAB SAVAGE

A. There are some things you should consider before you start investing. While the tenure of five years to the goal of buying your home is not too short, it is not too long either. This pegs up the risk as investment in equity mutual funds are subject to the ups and downs of the stock market. More so, if you choose higher risk categories such as mid- and small-cap funds to provide a boost to your returns as your time to goal is not very long. Recent events reiterate that debt-oriented mutual funds are not immune from market risk either, even as they generate lower returns than equity funds. The track record of the last five years may show double digit returns for many categories of funds. But past is not an indicative of the future. You can invest in mutual funds only if you are willing to postpone the goal by a few years in case the returns are below par. You can invest in categories such as aggressive hybrid or large-cap oriented funds which will suit a moderate risk appetite. That said, even in the best case scenario that your portfolio of mutual funds earn 10-12% compounded annual return, an investment of ₹10,000 a month for the next five years will translate into a corpus of only about ₹7.8 lakh (pre-tax). While this may suffice for down payment or only part-fund your home purchase, you may still have to muster the rest of the amount through a loan or other investments. You can invest in recurring/ fixed deposits or NSC (National Savings Certificate) alongside.

Investing salary

Q. I am a 29-year-old drawing a salary of ₹20,000 per month on hand. I want some investment suggestions for the salary as it is lying in my bank account.

VIKAS DARASANAPALLI

A. Most banks offer an interest rate of only 4% on the savings account. To optimise your returns, you can make use of the sweep or flexi-deposit facility offered by many banks. Here, you can flexibly move your money from the savings account to a fixed deposit and vice-versa. You will earn higher returns on the amount moved into the deposit. In case the savings account falls short when executing a transaction, the funds in the deposit will be reversed to the savings account without any penalty for pre-closure. If you have an idea of your investible surplus every month after meeting your expenses, you can set up a fixed outflow towards investments. You can either set up a recurring deposit or a SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) in a mutual fund depending on your risk appetite. This can be increased over the years as your income increases. If you are a taxpayer, investment in instruments mentioned under Sec 80 C of the Income Tax Act will serve the twin purposes of reducing your tax burden as well as saving for your future. Hence, you can invest in PPF (Public Provident Fund) up to ₹1.5 lakh a year. Like an RD or a SIP, you can also spread the PPF investment over 12 months. Remember though to create an emergency corpus of six months' expenses, insure your life with a term insurance and health with a medical insurance before you plunge into other investments. The premiums you pay here will also give you the benefit of tax deduction under Sec 80 C for life insurance and Sec 80 D for health insurance.

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PLAY IT SMART when rates fall

It pays to be prudent and watchful and not get carried away by higher yields that come with extra risk

AARATI KRISHNAN

In an environment of falling interest rates, how does one manage higher returns from regular income investments while keeping risks within check? Here's a strategy.

If there's any regular income option that is safer than bank deposits, it is the India Post's small savings schemes, which are direct borrowings by the Government of India.

The interest rates on small savings instruments are reset at the beginning of every quarter by the government. But they've not been revised for a while now and are therefore well above market interest rates. Regular income investors should lock into the high rates on these ultra-safe instruments.

Investors who are not senior citizens can consider the Post Office Monthly Income Scheme which currently pays an interest

Pick and choose

- India Post's small savings schemes
- Senior Citizens Savings Scheme
- FDs of small finance banks
- 'AAA' rated NBFC FDs

of 7.7% per annum, credited monthly to your account. The scheme caps the total investment an individual can make at ₹4.5 lakh, but if you open a joint account, that can be doubled to ₹9 lakh. The scheme matures at the end of five years. It earns no tax benefits either on the initial investment or on interest but suffers no TDS. The Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, with an 8.7% annual interest rate, presently offers the best deal among regular income options to those who are 60-

plus. The scheme caps individual deposits at ₹15 lakh, but by investing jointly you can invest upto ₹30 lakh. It has a five-year term and can be extended at maturity.

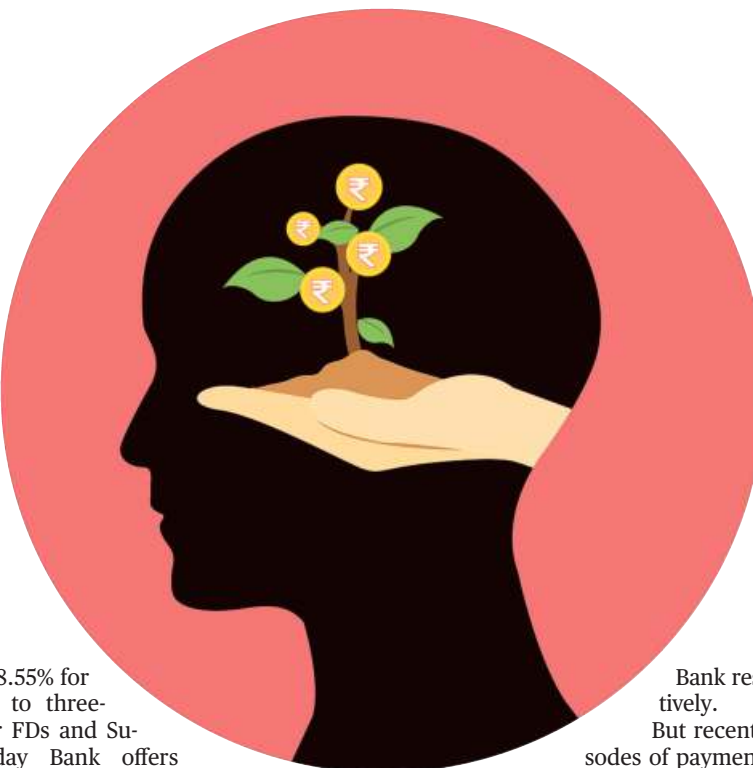
Remember that the rates mentioned above apply only for investments made in the April 1 to June 30 quarter, after which a cut is quite likely. Do maximise your investments in these schemes before June 30 to make the most of this opportunity.

Established PSU banks don't offer you the best interest rates. To earn higher interest on fixed deposits, you may have to open accounts with regional banks or small finance banks both of which are well-regulated by the RBI. They are also covered by deposit insurance, making them safer than company or NBFC FDs.

To cite some instances, Equitas Bank presently off-

ers 8.55% for two to three-year FDs and Suryoday Bank offers 8.75% to 9% for similar terms. Rates are higher by 0.50-0.75% for senior citizens. Most of these banks offer options to receive interest on a quarterly or monthly basis, with slight variations in the interest rate.

However, do not get carried away by these mouth-watering interest rates to shift all your fixed income investments to small finance banks. Though they are regulated, they are in a position to offer higher rates mainly because they lend to riskier segments of small borrowers. Therefore, it is prudent to cap



your investments in small finance banks to about 25-30% of your savings and diversify your investments across three or four such banks.

Be aware that the deposit insurance is restricted to ₹1 lakh per depositor per bank.

Play it safe on NBFCs
NBFC deposits are riskier than banks' because they are both uninsured and unsecured. Deposit-taking NBFCs and housing finance companies (HFCs) are regulated by the RBI and National Housing

Bank respectively. But recent episodes of payment delays, defaults and rating downgrades faced by some NBFCs show that even NBFCs that enjoy the highest credit ratings at the time of your making the deposit can be downgraded later if their finances deteriorate.

So, if you are thinking of investing in an NBFC deposit in the current circumstances, you must run three additional checks. One, go only for NBFCs backed by well-established industrial groups with a long track record of servicing public deposits. Two, stick to AAA-rated NBFCs but also check out

the company's rating history in the rating report, to see if the high rating has been sustained for the last five years. Three, stay off NBFCs or HFCs that are outliers on rates, as high returns are always a sign of high default risks in debt instruments.

Sticking to reputed deposit takers such as Sundaram Finance, HDFC and Mahindra Finance, even if it means settling for slightly lower rates is best under present circumstances.

Don't forget to cap NBFC deposits at 30% of your investments and to diversify across two-three NBFCs.

Both in NBFC and small finance bank deposits, stick to two to three-year terms to take advantage of any turn in the interest rate cycle.

With liquidity tightening in the debt markets, a number of NBFCs are turning to retail issues of non-convertible debentures (NCDs) to raise funds.

They've been offering interest rates of 9% to 10.5% with maturity dates ranging from two to 10 years. NCDs are less regulated than public deposits and carry higher risks. Therefore, regular income investors should consider NCDs as an option only if they have exhausted all the above options and do not mind putting some of their capital at risk.

IN FOCUS - GROWTH, DIVIDEND PLANS

Getting the most out of MFs

ANAND KALYANARAMAN

When you invest in mutual fund (MF) schemes, you will, in most cases, be better off choosing its growth plan option over its dividend plan. Here's why.

If your goal is to generate wealth for the long-term, growth plans can help you do this far better than dividend plans. In growth plans, the gains made are re-invested into the scheme and so, your investment can potentially grow and compound automatically over the long-term. On the other hand, in dividend plans, the gains made by the scheme may be paid to you as dividends. So, the gains do not get re-invested into the scheme, and compounding does not happen automatically.

Note that in MF schemes, dividends are paid only from the gains made on the investment. Essentially, money belonging to investors is returned to them. So, the net asset value (NAV) of the dividend plan unit falls to the extent of the dividend declared.

Tax efficiency

Even if your goal is regular income receipts from your MF investments, dividend plans are not the way to go. One, the dividends are not assured. A MF scheme can declare dividends only from its distributable surplus. There may be times when a scheme is going through a rough patch and might not have enough to distribute as dividends. Even if times are good, the fund house is under no obligation to declare dividends.

Next, dividend payouts by MF schemes fare poorly on the tax-



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Weigh the returns

- Under growth plans, gains are reinvested and returns compounded
- Under dividend plans, gains made are paid as dividends
- Dividend payouts by MF schemes score poorly on taxation front

ation test; and the investor bears the brunt. Dividends on equity-oriented MFs are subject to dividend distribution tax (DDT) of 10%. Add surcharge (12%) and cess (4%), and the effective rate of DDT is about 11.65%. On non-equity oriented MF schemes, the DDT is 25%. Add surcharge (12%) and cess (4%), and the effective DDT rate is a mighty 29.12%.

If you plan to hold your equity fund for 12 months or less, the dividend plan is better than the growth plan since dividends will be taxed at a lower rate (10.4%) than the STCG (15.6%). But if you plan to hold the equity fund for more than 12 months or longer periods - this is usually recommended - the growth plan will,

in most cases, score over the dividend plan. Since LTCG on equity funds up to ₹1 lakh a year is exempt from tax, the tax outgo will be lower. Also, if you can calibrate your redemptions and restrict the LTCG in a year to ₹1 lakh, you can avoid the tax completely.

On non-equity MFs, gains on sale of units held for 36 months or less are considered STCG - this is taxed at the investor's slab rate (5, 20 or 30%, plus cess). LTCG on sale of such funds (held for more than 36 months) are taxed at 20% (20.8%, including cess) after indexation benefit.

The takeaway here is growth plans invariably score over dividend plans in non-equity funds.

That's because on STCG in non-equity funds, the tax rate for most investors (5.2% or 20.8%) is lower than the DDT (29.12%). For investors in the highest tax slab (31.2%) looking to sell within 36 months or less, dividend plans may be somewhat better but the difference between the tax rates is not much.

For investors who will be holding non-equity funds for more than 36 months, the growth plan is a clear winner since the tax rate on LTCG (20.8% after indexation) is lower than the DDT (29.12%).

In both equity and non-equity plans, the entire amount of dividends are taxed while only the gain portion on sale of investments is taxed.

If you seek regular income from your MFs, it is better to go for the systematic withdrawal plan (SWP) option - after 12 months in equity funds and after 36 months in non-equity funds - to qualify the gains as LTCG.

COVER NOTE: TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel easy and safely

Overseas travel policy covers even loss of passport

K. NITYA KALYANI

We saw the benefits of a hospitalisation policy while travelling abroad in the previous instalment of Cover Note. What about several other niggling fears and threats that interfere with enjoying your break abroad or focussing on work?

Your typical overseas travel policy does cover many of these as well. It is a package policy which protects you against the financial impact of loss of baggage, loss of passport and travel documents, flight delays and trip cancellations, missed connections departures, hijack distress, emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains to name some.

Cash advance

Some policies offer emergency cash advance, twice the SI as benefit in case of accident (as different from treatment expenses in case of an accident), a built-in personal liability cover and even a burglary cover for your home while you are away.

The sum insured (SI) of the policy applies across all sections and a specified SI out of this is allocated for each section or each type of cover. For example, loss of passport could bring \$250 or \$300 by way of claims while for loss of baggage it is around \$1,000 whereas per-



Air of security: Loss of baggage could bring around \$1,000 in claims. * GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

If you are travelling against medical advice or for the purpose of medical treatment abroad, claims will not be payable. The important thing about a travel policy is that you should buy it before undertaking the journey. You can cancel it only if the entire journey is cancelled (this does not apply to multi-trip policies which we discussed earlier). If your trip is extended, you can extend your policy period as well and that is a convenience. Some companies allow you to do it online.

Claims for these policies are administered by claims settling agencies in various destination countries and they are similar in function to the third party administrators (TPAs) here. Their contact information will be on your policy document. Travel policies are also available abroad from insurance companies and do present an option. But with an Indian policy, you would have better access back home to the companies' claims' mechanism and the complaints and grievances' procedures of the company and the regulator, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) as well.

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LOOSE CHANGE

RAVIKANTH



"Yes, I've changed the password to the shopping site - it's d, o, n, t, dot, s, p, e, n, d, now"

Bank fixed deposit rates				
Bank Name	Interest Rates (%)			
	Highest Slab	1-year tenure	3-year tenure	5-year tenure
SMALL FINANCE BANKS				
Suryoday Small Finance Bank	9.00	8.50	8.75	8.25
Equitas Small Finance Bank	8.55	8.20	8.55	7.00
ESAF Small Finance Bank	8.50	8.50	7.30	7.30
Jana Small Finance Bank	9.00	8.50	9.00	8.50
Fincare Small Finance Bank	9.00	8.00	9.00	8.00
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	9.00	8.50	7.00	8.00
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	8.60	8.30	7.50	7.00
North East Small Finance Bank	8.75	7.25	7.25	6.75
AU Small Finance Bank	8.10	7.01	8.10	7.77
Capital Small Finance Bank	7.85	7.65	7.65	7.50
PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS				
Indian Bank	6.90	6.75	6.75	6.90
Syndicate Bank	7.15	6.60	7.15	6.50
Bank of Maharashtra	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.25
State Bank of India	7.00	7.00	6.70	6.60
Andhra Bank	6.80	6.80	6.75	6.75
Canara Bank	6.75	6.75	6.60	6.00
Bank of India	6.75	6.70	6.50	6.50
Union Bank of India	6.75	6.75	6.60	6.70
Indian Overseas Bank	6.80	6.60	6.80	6.80
Corporation Bank	7.00	6.80	6.50	6.50
Allahabad Bank	6.75	6.75	6.50	6.50
IDBI Bank	7.30	7.25	6.85	6.85
Central Bank of India	6.65	6.65	6.55	6.55
United Bank of India	6.50	6.50	6.25	6.00
Bank of Baroda	7.00	6.70	6.70	6.70
Bank Name				
Interest Rates (%)				
Bank Name				
Interest Rates (%)				
PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS				
Punjab National Bank	7.15	7.10	6.80	6.30
UCO Bank	6.60	6.60	6.50	6.50
PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS				
Karnataka Bank	7.20	7.20	7.00	7.00
South Indian Bank	7.45	7.40	7.25	7.25
Federal Bank	7.40	7.30	7.25	7.25
Axis Bank	7.30	7.10	7.25	7.00
Karur Vysya Bank	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00
City Union Bank	7.35	7.35	7.00	7.00
Catholic Syrian Bank	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.50
Yes Bank	7.65	7.25	7.25	7.25
ICI Bank	7.50	6.90	7.25	7.00
HDFC Bank	7.40	7.30	7.40	7.25
Kotak Mahindra Bank	7.20	7.10	7.00	6.50
IDFC First Bank	8.25	7.00	7.50	7.50
DCB Bank	8.25	7.00	8.25	7.75
RBL Bank	8.05	8.00	7.60	7.60
Bandhan Bank	7.65	7.35	7.50	7.50
Dhanlaxmi Bank	7.25	7.00	6.50	6.50
IndusInd Bank	7.75	7.75	7.45	7.45
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	7.25	7.25	6.90	6.90
FOREIGN BANKS				
CitiBank	6.50	5.50	6.00	6.00
Standard Chartered Bank	7.50	7.40	6.50	6.50
Deutsche Bank	8.25	6.50	7.50	8.25
HSBC Bank	6.75	5.00	6.75	5.00
DBS Bank	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00

Source: Paisabazaar.com

Home loan interest rates				
Name of Lender	Loan Amount (₹)			
	Upto 30 lakh	Above 30 lakh & upto 75 lakh	Above 75 lakh	(In %)
PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS				
Andhra Bank	8.80-8.85	8.80-8.85	8.90-8.95	
Bank of Maharashtra	8.60-9.10	8.60-9.10	8.60-9.35	
Canara Bank	8.70-8.80	8.70-8.90	8.70-8.95	
State Bank of India	8.55-8.95	8.80-9.25	8.90-9.40	
Bank of Baroda	8.70-9.95	8.70-9.95	8.70-9.95	
UCO Bank	8.65	8.65-8.75	8.80-8.90	
Indian Overseas Bank	8.65	8.75	8.90	
Oriental Bank of Comm.	8.70-8.80	8.70-8.80	8.70	
United Bank of India	8.50-8.60	8.50-8.60	8.50-8.60	
Punjab & Sind Bank	8.75	8.75	9.00	
Indian Bank	8.75-8.85	8.85-8.95	9.00-9.10	
Union Bank of India	8.70-9.05	8.70-9.05	8.75-9.35	
Bank of India	8.75-9.65	8.75-9.65	8.75-9.65	
Corporation Bank	8.60-9.00	8.60-9.00	8.60-9.25	
Central Bank of India	8.55-9.55	8.55-9.55	8.55-9.55	
Allahabad Bank	8.55-9.55	8.55-9.55	8.60-9.55	
Punjab National Bank	8.65-8.85	8.65-8.85	8.70-8.90	
PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS				
South Indian Bank	9.10-9.50	9.10-9.50	9.10-9.50	
Karnataka Bank	8.90-9.05	8.90-9.05	9.25-9.75	
Axis Bank	8.90-10.60	9.05-9.55	9.10-9.55	
Bandhan Bank	12.41-13.40	12.41-13.40	12.41-13.40	
Yes Bank	9.85-13.00	9.85-13.00	9.85-12.50	
ICI Bank	8.80-9.10	8.80-9.20	9.20-9.25	
Karur Vysya Bank	8.90-11.65	8.90-11.65	8.90-11.65	
Kotak Mahindra Bank	8.85-9.20	8.85-9.20	8.85-9.20	
IDBI Bank	8.75-9.70	8.75-9.95	9.00-10.20	
NAME OF LENDER				
LOAN AMOUNT (₹)				
Name of Lender				
Loan Amount (₹)				
City Union Bank				
Ujjivan Small Fin. Bank	10.25-12.00	10.75-12.50	11.25-12.75	
AU Small Finance Bank	<=22.00	<=22.00	<=22.00	
HSBC Bank	8.85-8.95	8.85-8.95	8.85-8.95	
Standard Chartered	>=9.41	>=9.41	>=9.41	
Lakshmi Vilas Bank	10.10	10.10	10.10	
CitiBank	9.65-10.65	9.65-10.65	9.65-10.65	
DBS Bank	<=9.65	<=9.65	<=9.65	
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	8.95-9.20	8.95-9.20	8.95-9.20	
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	8.85	8.85	8.85-9.20	

Rohit leads the charge as India asserts superiority over Pakistan

Bowlers get into the act after his century and Kohli's 77 take the side to a mammoth total; Zaman-Babar stand the only bright phase for Sarfaraz's men



K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
MANCHESTER

Under Manchester skies, bright one moment, brooding the next second, India found its sunshine at Old Trafford here on Sunday. In their World Cup clash against Pakistan, Virat Kohli's men proved they are far too superior with an 89-run triumph.

Rohit Sharma's masterly 140 (113b, 14x4, 3x6), his second in the current championship, helped India post 336 for five. Though the Indian innings suffered a one-hour break when the skies opened up at 1.45 p.m., Kohli's merry bunch placed at 305 for four in 46.4 overs, cruised upon resumption.

Later, Pakistan scored 166 for six in 35 overs but following another rain-intervention, the target as per the Duckworth-Lewis method was pegged at 302 from 40 overs. Sarfaraz Ahmed's men finished with 212 for six.

During Pakistan's reply that was delayed by another drizzle, openers Imam-ul-Haq and Fakhar Zaman were watchful. India then had a bitter-sweet moment as Bhuvneshwar Kumar retreated to the dressing room with a left hamstring strain. Vijay Shankar stepped into complete the over and with his first ball in a World Cup, struck Imam on his pad and in line with the stumps.

Joining hands

Much hinged on Zaman and Babar Azam and the duo built a 114-run second-wicket partnership. Jasprit Bumrah offered width and the batsmen also tucked into Shanar, Hardik Pandya, Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal. Zaman survived a stumping appeal but India found its breakthrough when Kuldeep slipped one through Babar's defence. The chinaman bowler then snapped up Zaman.

More was to follow when Pandya scalped Mohammad Hafeez and Shoaib Malik. Pakistan had lost four wickets for a mere 12 and India was on top. Once Shankar dismissed Sarfaraz and another shower descending upon the turf, India was well ahead. Pakistan could never compete in the remainder of the pursuit.

Earlier the day dawned



Rocking start: Rohit Sharma made the Pakistan bowlers pay for the wayward length with an assortment of pulls and cuts en route to a big century. • REUTERS

bright, suffered a drizzle and once the droplets paused, Sarfaraz won the toss and elected to field. After the national anthems were played, Kohli put an arm around Rohit and patted K.L. Rahul. The last two named emerged as India's openers. Mohammad Amir commenced the attack and Rahul played out a maiden over.

Lull before storm

It was the lull before the storm. Rohit, who nearly dragged a Hassan Ali delivery onto his stumps, eased his nerve once he drove the seamer and pulled Amir's bouncer. Amir, warned twice for running onto the danger-area, bowled a nagging line but the pressure he built, was dissipated at the other end. Rohit cut Ali and when the seamer erred down the leg-side, the mighty willow-wielder pulled a six.

A run-out seemed a probable deal-breaker and one almost happened but Rohit survived and he instantaneously square-drove Wahab Riaz for four. India was 53 for no loss in 10 overs and it was time to consolidate. Rahul (57) shed his twitchiness and launched into the spin-

ners. Imad Wasim was swept and Shadab Khan got cut.



When leg-spinner Shadab gifted a full-toss, Rohit tucked into it like a hungry

Mumbaikar relishing his pav bhaji and the six smacked of disdain.

No respite

Sarfaraz swapped his seven bowlers but there was no respite as Rahul greeted Malik with a six. When Riaz returned for his second spell, he was warned for running onto the danger area. The left-arm speedster switched to around the wicket and Rahul perished in the inner circle but by then the lanky batsman had added 136 for the opening wicket.

When Kohli arrived, the acoustic limits were breached. The Indian cap-

tain stole his singles and twos besides etching fours and when Rohit reached his ton, Kohli dispensed a warm hug and India was in batting paradise. Rohit and Kohli shared a 98-run second-wicket partnership which concluded when the former

scooped Ali to Riaz at short fine-leg. The rain-intermission affected Kohli's rhythm but Pandya dished out a cameo while M.S. Dhoni missed out on the run-feast. Yet, by then, India had done enough to acquire pole position.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
K.L. Rahul c Babar b Riaz 57 (78b, 3x4, 2x6), Rohit Sharma c Riaz b Hassan 140 (113b, 14x4, 3x6), Virat Kohli c Sarfaraz b Amir 77 (65b, 7x4), Hardik Pandya c Babar b Amir 26 (19b, 2x4, 1x6), M.S. Dhoni c Sarfaraz b Amir 1 (2b), Vijay Shankar (not out) 15 (15b, 1x4), Kedra Jadhav (not out) 9 (8b, 1x4); Extras (b-1, lb-1, w-9): 11; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 336.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-136 (Rahul, 23.5 overs), 2-234 (Rohit, 38.2), 3-285 (Pandya, 43.5), 4-298 (Dhoni, 45.1), 5-314 (Kohli, 47.4).

PAKISTAN BOWLING
Amir 10-1-47-3, Hassan 9-0-84-1, Riaz 10-0-71-1, Wasim 10-0-49-0, Shadab 9-0-61-0, Malik 1-0-11-0, Hafeez 1-0-11-0.

PAKISTAN
Revised target: 302 in 40 overs.

Imam ul-Haq lbw b Vijay Shankar 7 (18b, 1x4), Fakhar Zaman c Chahal b Kuldeep 62 (75b, 7x4, 1x6), Babar Azam b Kuldeep 48 (57b, 3x4, 1x6), Mohammad Hafeez c Vijay Shankar b Pandya 9 (7b, 1x6), Sarfaraz Ahmed b Vijay Shankar 12 (30b), Shoaib Malik b Pandya 0 (1b), Imad Wasim (not out) 46 (39b, 6x4), Shadab Khan (not out) 20 (14b, 1x4); Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-6): 8; Total (for six wkts. in 40 overs): 212.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-13 (Imam-ul-Haq, 4.5 overs), 2-117 (Babar, 23.6), 3-126 (Zaman, 25.2), 4-129 (Hafeez, 26.5), 5-129 (Malik, 26.6), 6-165 (Sarfaraz, 34.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 2.4-0-8-0, Bumrah 8-0-52-0, Vijay Shankar 5.2-0-22-2, Hardik 8-0-44-2, Kuldeep 9-1-32-2, Chahal 7-0-53-0.
Toss: Pakistan.
Man-of-the-Match: Rohit Sharma.
India won by 89 runs (DLS method).

Next assignment

INDIA
June 22 vs Afghanistan, Southampton, 3 p.m.
PAKISTAN
June 23 vs South Africa, Lord's, 3 p.m.

STAT SPHERE

1 Rohit (358) has smashed most international sixes by an Indian, surpassing Dhoni's 355. Tendulkar (264), Yuvraj (251), Ganguly (247) and Sehwag (243) follow in that order

1 Kohli has become the fastest to reach 11,000 ODI runs (222 innings), eclipsing Tendulkar's record (276). The India captain was also the quickest to 8,000, 9,000 and 10,000 runs

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1 India's 336/5 is its highest total against Pakistan in the World Cup, surpassing

the 300/7 it scored in 2015 (Adelaide)

2 Rohit notched up the second highest individual score against Pakistan in the WC, after Symond's 143* (Jo'burg, 2003)

2 Rohit recorded only the second hundred by an Indian against Pakistan in the WC. The first one was scored by Kohli (Adelaide, 2015)

3 Rohit's 85-ball century is the third fastest by an Indian against Pakistan in ODIs. Both the fastest hundreds were scored by Sehwag (80 & 84b)

4 Vijay Shankar became the fourth bowler to pick a wicket off his first ball in World Cup after Ian Harvey, Malachi Jones and Mohammad Yousof

5 Number of consecutive 50-plus scores by Rohit in ODIs. He is the fourth Indian to do so after Tendulkar, Kohli (twice) and Rahane

100%

India has won all the seven matches it has played against Pakistan in the WC

MARGIN OF WINS
1992: 43 runs
1996: 39 runs
1999: 47 runs
2003: 6 wkts
2011: 29 runs
2015: 76 runs
2019: 89 runs (DLS method)



THE FACE-OFF
WEST INDIES vs BANGLADESH
TAUNTON

	Mat	WI	Ban	Tied	NR
Overall	37	21	14	0	2
World Cup	4	3	0	0	1

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1, 2 & SELECT 1 (SD & HD), 3 P.M.

Where they stand

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	NR	PTS	NRR
Australia	5	4	1	0	8	0.812
New Zealand	4	3	0	1	7	2.163
India	4	3	0	1	7	1.029
England	4	3	1	0	6	1.557
Sri Lanka	5	1	2	2	4	-1.778
West Indies	4	1	2	1	3	0.666
South Africa	5	1	3	1	3	-0.208
Bangladesh	4	1	2	1	3	-0.714
Pakistan	5	1	3	1	3	-1.933
Afghanistan	4	0	4	0	0	-1.638

*Till the India-Pakistan match on June 16



The magician: Kuldeep Yadav is cock-a-hoop after deceiving Babar Azam with a beauty. • AFP

A very good phase in my life, says Rohit

Feels that having a new-born daughter has left him in a good space

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
MANCHESTER

On Father's Day, Rohit Sharma attributed his current purple patch to him being in a relaxed state following the birth of his daughter.

"It is a very good phase in my life. Having a new-born daughter has left me in a good space. Plus I have had a good IPL and the focus here was to start well. For us as a team, it is important to keep ticking all the boxes," the opener told the media here on Sunday night.

Asked about his splendid 140 that laid low Pakistan in a crucial World Cup game at Old Trafford, Rohit highlighted the batting approach: "As a batsman,

The focus here was to start well. For us as a team, it is important to keep ticking all the boxes

when the conditions are challenging, you got to assess it. The pitch was under cover for the last two days and we needed to assess and ensure that you don't lose too many wickets upfront. The idea was not to lose wickets, build a platform and then take the game forward. It was a satisfying knock."

Rohit also allowed his new partner K.L. Rahul to bat first: "Rahul also likes to take first strike, so I wanted

to give him that space. Nothing specific, I wanted to make sure he is comfortable because he is opening after a while."

The Indian vice-captain staunchly supported spinner Kuldeep Yadav: "He is someone who needs a lot of confidence before going into a spell. He is a match-winner and has a good record. He got us two crucial wickets. He didn't start the tournament the way he would have liked to but we wanted to give him the confidence. He is one of our premier bowlers."

Handling pressure better
Meanwhile, Sarfaraz Ahmed said that India tended to

handle pressure better in high-stakes games. "I think in World Cup matches where the pressure is more, India has had an upper hand and they have won more matches. We won a good toss but we didn't capitalise on the conditions and we didn't hit the right spots," the Pakistan captain said.

Sarfaraz lauded Rohit's superb ton and said: "Rohit played really well and initially he had his luck and we missed a run-out and these are the chances you got to grab in such a big game." On the road ahead, Sarfaraz said: "We need to win the remaining four to stay in contention for a semifinal. We need to play good cricket."

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On target: Gurjit struck twice, once off a penalty corner and the other off a penalty stroke.
*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gurjit powers India to victory over Poland

Her brace helps the team register a 5-0 result

WSF

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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 here on Sunday.

Right from the outset, India was on the attack, the left flank causing problems for Poland's defence time and time again.

Though Poland enjoyed the lion's share of possession, India's speedy attacks put it on the backfoot.

Put under pressure by Sunita Lakra, Poland faltered in playing out from the back, and the ball fell to Navjot Kaur on the left. Her

cross was inch perfect, directed towards the far post, found Jyoti who deflected it home.

Flurry
India won a flurry of PCs in the final five minutes of the quarter. From one of them, Vandana Katariya pounced on a loose ball – after Gurjit's dragkick had been saved by Gabara – to score India's second. Off another, Gurjit slotted home into the bottom left-corner to give India a 3-0 lead at half-time.

A 3-0 win a penalty stroke in the 35th minute, and Gurjit duly dispatched it to score her second and India's fourth goal.

The final quarter was an ill-tempered affair, with both

teams reduced to 10 at times, after a few players earned cards.

India was in firm control, though, and its regular circle penetrations kept Poland on the defensive.

Brilliant effort
India's fifth and final goal came through a brilliant effort from Navneet Kaur in the 56th minute.

She took the ball with her back to the goal, turned away from her marker and unleashed a shot into the bottom corner.

Gabara got a hand to it, but the power of the shot proved too much for her.

The result: India 5 (Gurjit 2, Jyoti, Vandana, Navneet) bt Poland 0.

Sweden routs Thailand

WOMEN'S WC

REUTERS
NICE

Sweden produced a breathtaking display of attacking football to thrash Thailand 5-1 in Nice on Sunday and book its place in the last 16 of the women's World Cup.

Centre back Linda Sembrant broke the deadlock for Sweden with a thumping header off an Elin Rubensson free kick, before midfielder Kosovare Asllani pounced on a rebound to

double the lead.

Fridolina Rolfo hammered in a third from outside the box while, forward Lina Hurtig and Rubensson scored in the second half.

The results:
Group F: Sweden 5 (Linda Sembrant 6, Kosovare Asllani 19, Fridolina Rolfo 42, Lina Hurtig 81, Elin Rubensson 90+6-pen) bt Thailand 1 (Kanjana Sung-ngoen).

On Saturday:
Group E: Canada 2 (Fleming 48, Prince 79) bt New Zealand 0.



Slotting in: Elin Rubensson scores Sweden's fifth goal from the penalty spot.
*REUTERS

La Rondine claims Mayor's Cup

BENGALURU: La Rondine (Neeraj) won the Mayor's Cup, the chief event of the races held here on Sunday (June 16). The winner is owned by Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. rep by Mr. & Mrs. K.N. Dhanjibhoy and Mr. & Mrs. Z.K. Dhanjibhoy and trained by Vishal Gaikwad.

1 ICH DIEN PLATE (2,000m), rated 15 to 35; **HERE AND NOW (Suraj)** 1, Ice Speed (John) 2, Extremelydangerous (T.S. Jodha) 3 and Track Striker (Antony) 4. 11-1/4, 1-1/2 and Nk. 2m, 07.28s. ₹17 (w), 11 and 18 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 71, FP: 36, Q: 30, Trinella: 754 and 604, Exacta: 1,484 and 475. Favourite: Here And Now.

2 HIS MAJESTY PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **ABIRA (Neeraj)** 1, Brothers In Arms (Suraj) 2, Desert Combat (Trevor) 3 and Mr Humble (Dhanu Singh) 4. 10-3/4, 5-1/4 and 1-3/4. Im, 11.05s. ₹17 (w), 10, 13 and 12 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 33, FP: 32, Q: 19, Trinella: 50 and 21, Exacta: 421 and 270. Favourite: Abira.

3 ABOLINE PLATE (1,100m), rated 15 to 35; **ANFIA (John)** 1, Morrane Gabriella (R. Pradeep) 2, She's Superb (P.S. Chouhan) 3 and Industrialist (Dhanu Singh) 4. 5, Shd and Nk. Im, 06.32s. ₹18 (w), 13, 13 and 12 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 41, FP: 81, Q: 61, Trinella: 80 and 27, Exacta: 231 and 160. Fa-

Woodland hangs on for one-shot lead

Rose follows behind, with Koepka and two others also in contention

US OPEN

REUTERS
PEBBLE BEACH (USA)

An ice cool Gary Woodland held his nerve under mounting pressure to secure a one-shot lead heading into the final round of the U.S. Open after seeing off challenges from Justin Rose and Brooks Koepka on Saturday.

Woodland, who could not manage a top-10 finish in his first 27 Majors, looked as if he played for the big prizes in the game every week as he carded a third round two-under 69.

“We just got to play golf shots and hopefully come up with one less than anyone else,” said Woodland.

Both Woodland and Rose were pursued by Koepka, who had a tidy bogey-free 68 that left him four off the pace with his hopes of becoming the first player in ov-

er a century to sweep three straight U.S. Opens very much alive.

Also lurking four back were South African Oosthuizen, the 2010 British Open champion who carding a one-under 70, and Chez Reavie, who fired a 68 to move into contention.

Woods and Mickelson disappoint

Two of the Pebble Beach headliners Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson had disappointing third rounds that saw them drop out of contention. Woods even-par 71 left him at even par for the tournament and 10 behind the pacesetter Woodland.

The leaderboard: 202: Gary Woodland (68-65-69); **203:** Justin Rose (65-70-68); **206:** Louis Oosthuizen (66-70-70), Chez Reavie (68-70-68), Brooks Koepka (69-69-68); **207:** Rory McIlroy (68-69-70); **208:** Chesson Hadley (68-70-70), Matt Kuchar (69-69-70).



In the chase: Chez Reavie carded a three-under 68 in the third round to stay in pursuit on Saturday.
*AFP

Colombia stuns Argentina

VAR denies Peru twice against Venezuela

COPA AMERICA

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SALVADOR (BRAZIL)

Roger Martínez and Duvan Zapata put a dent in Lionel Messi's hopes of finally landing a major international title as Colombia began its Copa America campaign with a 2-0 win over Argentina on Saturday.

Martínez 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 quarterfinalists Colombia's hardest group test with matches against Paraguay and Asian champions Qatar to come.

Argentina hasn't won a major tournament in 26 years and was beaten finalists in the last two editions of the South American showpiece, as well as the 2014



Contrasting emotions: Duvan Zapata, who scored Colombia's second, takes the match ball even as Argentina's Lionel Messi looks despondent.
*AFP

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.”

Ten-man Venezuela held on following the dismissal of Luis Mago to claim a 0-0 draw with Peru, which had two goals chalked off by VAR, in their opening match

on Saturday. The point left the two sides joint second in Group A behind host Brazil.

Peru had the better of the match at a near empty Gremio Arena in Porto Alegre but was twice denied victory after offside decisions taken following consultation with the video assistant referee.

The results: Group A: Venezuela 0 drew with Peru 0. **Group B:** Argentina 0 lost to Colombia 2 (Martínez 72, Zapata 87).

Mangaonkar and Joshna triumph

SQUASH NATIONALS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Sunayna Kuruvilla took a game off defending champion Joshna Chinappa, while Abhishek Pradhan made top seed Mahesh Mangaonkar work for points. But the favourites could not be denied their due at the MSRA 76th senior National squash championship at the Amanora Mall.

Joshna's wristy winners and smooth movements eased her to a 11-5, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5 win, her 17th National crown bettering Bhuvaneshwari Kumari's 16 triumphs. “The new crop of young players are promising and need exposure on the PSA circuit,” said the women's champion.

Mangaonkar quelled a spirited Pradhan 12-10, 11-7,

11-9 in the men's final. **The results: Women: Final:** Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Sunayna Kuruvilla (TN) 11-5, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5.

Men: Final: Mahesh Mangaonkar (Mah) bt Abhishek Pradhan (Mah) 12-10, 11-7, 11-9. **Semifinals:** Mangaonkar bt Veer Chotrani (Mah) 11-6, 11-4, 11-2; Pradhan bt Abhishek Agarwal (Mah) 11-3, 11-7, 11-9.

Pro Coach: Vikas Jangra (Raj) bt Abhinav Sinha (Mah) 11-8, 11-5, 11-2.

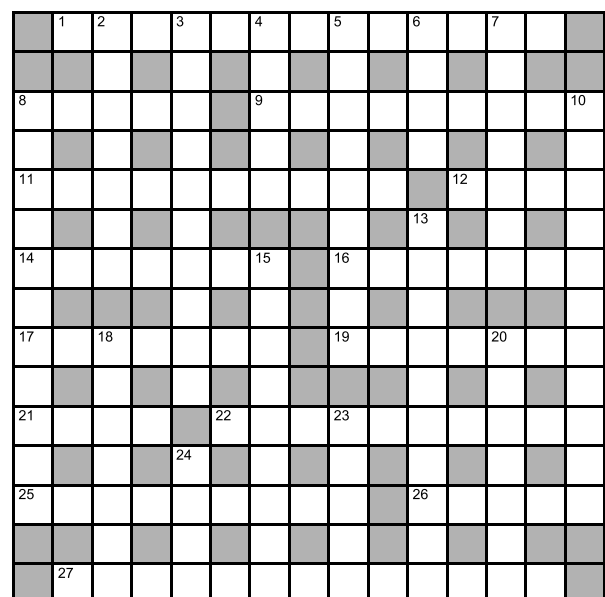
Mens 35+: Amitpal Kohli bt Aditya Maheshwari 11-6, 11-8, 4-11, 11-3; **40+:** Saurabh Nayyar bt Sachin Jadhav 11-8, 11-4, 11-9; **45+:** Dalip Tripathi bt Vikas Nayyar 7-11, 9-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-8.

50+: Vivan Khubchand bt Saurabh Deokuljar 7-11, 11-4, 8-11, 11-9, 11-4; **55+:** Dushyant Jamal bt Vishnu Bahl 11-5, 11-5, 11-4; **60+:** Ajay Jaini bt Ravikrishna Burla 11-6, 9-11, 11-3, 11-6; **65+:** Rajiv Reddy bt Kishan Lal 1-6, 11-9, 12-10.



Winners: Joshna Chinappa and Mahesh Mangaonkar pose with their spoils.
*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

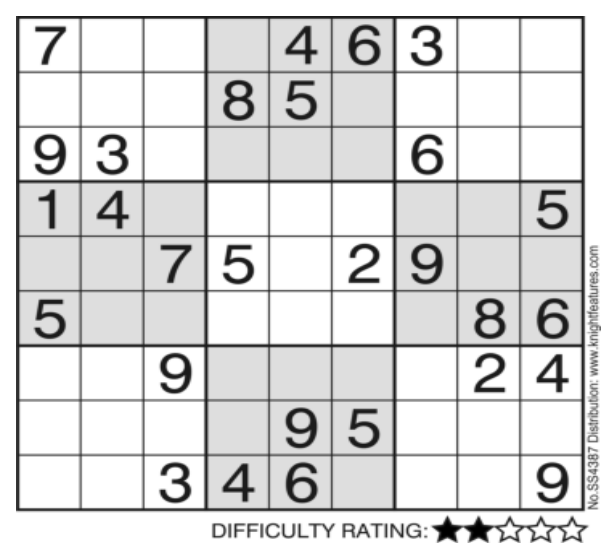
THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12654



- ACROSS**
- 1 What a trekker in desert might be very close to finding? (3,2,3,5)
 - 8 Rechecked it! Totally shows the same thing (5)
 - 9 Associate, presumptuous, rues silly cracks (9)
 - 11 Free issue includes film review (10)
- DOWN**
- 2 Brutality of Republican curbed by loss of power (7)
 - 3 When one might wear nice clothes from time to time (2,8)

- (set by Dr. X)
- 12 Drunkard's love for girl in group (4)
 - 14 Delighted by request to have intercourse endlessly (7)
 - 16 Author involved in creating opus speaks freely (5,2)
 - 17 Positive particles from uranium leaking out! Warn head of security (7)
 - 19 Many tucking into hot German bread (7)
 - 21 Feeling sick, queen discarded a piece of cake (4)
 - 22 Star and model entering home to cheat (10)
 - 25 Made up any rubbish answer in disdain (4,1,4)
 - 26 Growing old? Getting angry! Not right (5)
 - 27 Drives, drinks, crushes man on track and gets ruined (4,2,3,4)
 - 4 Man overwhelmed by work around March (5)
 - 5 A little stunned after Left topples Right in assembly polls (9)
 - 6 Not good to annoy judge (4)
 - 7 Public houses around Uri bombed and destroyed (2,5)
 - 8 Abundant financial resources? Peep happily through bills (4,7)
 - 10 One given to customer dancing over a little bargain in slump (8,3)
 - 13 Assessment of learner's performance in vehicle after crash – primarily disastrous (6,4)
 - 15 Law-breaker's burst of speed on precarious road (9)
 - 18 Toe accidentally broken by macho guy making shield for troops (7)
 - 20 Passing time, grin and talk about playing tricks (7)
 - 23 Shoot leader of bandits leaving farm (5)
 - 24 Mauls jerk about to throttle woman (4)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12653

B	L	O	W	N	E	S	T	A	C	K			
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

4	2	6	5	1	9	8	7	3
5	9	1	7	8	3	4	2	6
7	8	3	6	2	4	1	5	9
6	3	2	1	9	5	7	4	8
9	4	8	2	3	7	5	6	1
1	5	7	8	4	6	9	3	2
2	7	5	9	6	8	3	1	4
3	1	9	4	5	2	6	8	7
8	6	4	3	7	1	2	9	5

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

FAITH

Veil of Maya

The purpose of human birth is to know the Supreme Brahman and it is the only goal worth pursuing, say the scriptures. They try to answer the query who this Brahman is and how to recognise Him. They hail Brahman as the One Imperishable, Infinite and Highest Truth who creates and sustains all that is manifest as the Many in this entire creation. To understand Brahman in these two aspects of the One and the Many is the true knowledge that liberates, pointed out Sri R. Krishnamurthy Sastrigal in a discourse.

In the Supreme Brahman, Knowledge, Vidya, and Ignorance, Avidya, are skillfully hidden by the web of Maya. Brahman casts this Maya as one would cast a net on the entire creation. He holds everything under His sway and also stands apart from all these. Brahman is the cause for the birth, growth and decay of all living beings. He is the creator of individual characteristics of all the objects and beings. But such is the power of His Maya that it deludes one into believing that the apparent manifest world is alone the truth. One identifies with the body and does not realise the atma within. Unless the spiritual aspirant is keen to seek the Truth and aims to attain the jnana pertaining to the real and the unreal, he cannot cross the samsara. Brahman's all pervasiveness has to be intuitively grasped.

For example, a piece of cloth is woven with the help of threads. Suppose one identifies with the thread alone, can it become the cloth that has its own identity in terms of shape, size, texture, utility value, etc? The truth that ghee is present in milk has to be uncovered by the awareness of the processes by which it is extracted. If realised souls know the Supreme Brahman as the Eternal Creator of manifold form, it is owing to His grace alone.

TV PICKS

ICC World Cup: Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 3 p.m.
FIFA Women's World Cup: Sony Ten 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 9.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Marquez wins at home, stretches lead

MONTMELÓ (SPAIN)
Spain's Marc Marquez, on a Honda, stretched his lead atop the standings after streaking to victory in Sunday's Catalan MotoGP. It was the five-time World champion's first victory on his home region Montmelo track since 2014. French Yamaha rider Fabio Quartararo, started from pole and came in second, 2.66s off Marquez. Marquez, on 140 points, benefited from a fall by Italian rival Andrea Dovizioso to consolidate his lead in the World championship rankings and is now 37 points clear. Earlier, Marc's younger brother Alex, on a Kalex, stormed to victory in the Moto2 race to take the lead in the category's standings. AFP



Aditi slips after a brilliant round

GRAND RAPIDS (USA)
Indian golfer Aditi Ashok slipped on the third day of the Meijer LPGA Classic here with a two-over 74, shortly after playing out one of her best rounds on the LPGA Tour. Aditi completed her second round on Saturday with a seven-under 65 and was eight-under and tied-fifth. She, however, dropped to T-38th as she managed only a 74 which had double bogey on the 17th, after three birdies and three pars on the first 10 holes. Brooke Henderson birdied the final three holes for a three-under 69 and built a two-shot lead over Annie Park. PTI

Mohit gets top billing

SPORTS BUREAU CHANDIGARH

Former National champion Mohit Mayur, V.M. Ranjeet and Dalwinder Singh have been seeded one to three in the ₹200,000 AITA-ranking tennis tournament to be played at the CLTA Complex from Monday.

Dalwinder and fourth seed Suraj Prabodh had to come through the qualifying event.

The results (final qualifying round): Men: Dalwinder Singh bt Ganesh Srinivasan 6-3, 6-2; Suraj Prabodh bt Mandeep Yadav 6-2, 7-6(8); Raghav Jaisinghani bt Puru Upadhyay 6-3, 7-5; Megh Bhargav Patel bt Pranash Babu 6-3, 6-1; Ganta Sai Karteek Reddy bt Oges Theyjo 6-2, 6-4; Abhimanyu Vannem Reddy bt Aaryan Pandit 6-1, 6-2; Mohit BONDRE bt Shubham Malhotra 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Kartik Sharma bt Sanket Tomar 6-1, 6-1.

Women: Salsa Aher bt Chandana Potugari 6-0, 6-1; Ayush Singh bt Aareyalee Chavan 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; Sarah Dev bt Harleen Kaur 6-4, 6-3; Bhargavi Kalaga bt Medhavi Singh 6-0, 6-1; Lakshmi Sahithi Reddy bt Ruju Chauhan 6-0, 6-1; Kaavya Balasubramanian bt Shreya Chakraborty 6-4, 6-3; Prinkle Singh bt Princy Panchal 6-0, 6-2; Bela Sandeep Tamhankar bt Pooja Ingale 6-0, 6-2.

The seedings: Men: 1. Mohit Mayur, 2. V.M. Ranjeet, 3. Dalwinder Singh, 4. Suraj Prabodh, 5. Jagmeet Singh, 6. Neeraj Yashpaul, 7. Karan Singh, 8. Shashank Theertha.

Women: 1. Yubrani Banerjeet, 2. Vanshika Chaudhary, 3. Kashish Bhatia, 4. Sravya Shivani, 5. Renne Singla, 6. Prerna Bhambrri, 7. Avika Sagwal, 8. Himaanshika Singh.

Indian recurve team clinches silver

After leading midway through the first set, the trio crumbles under pressure

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The Indian men's recurve team crumbled under pressure against China and finished with a silver in the archery World Championships here on Sunday.

Seeking a maiden gold in the World Championships, India led 27-26 midway through the first set but the trio of Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das and Pravin Jadhav let the opportunity slip.

The Chinese squad of Ding Yiliang, Wei Shaoxuan and Feng Hao produced a solid and consistent performance to seal a 6-2 win.

India ended its campaign with one silver and two bronze medals in the women's compound team and individual events.

Sixth silver

The men's recurve team was featuring in the final of the World Championships after a

gap of 14 years. This was India's sixth silver at the event where the country is yet to win a gold medal.

"Feeling good and also bad. It was a big chance for us. We have won so many silver medals (at the World Championships) but we have never won a gold. This time, too, we were not able to convert this into gold," rued Tarundeep. Tarundeep, along with Jayanta Talukdar and Gautam Singh, had lost to Korea 232-244 in the final.

The men's recurve team, which had slumped to No. 17 in the rankings from No. 1 in May 2011, had surprised everyone by sealing the Olympic quota place ahead of the fancied women's team.

This was also for the first time since 2014 that the Indian men's team made the final of a World event. India had ended up with a silver at the Wrocław Stage IV World Cup in 2014 with Tarundeep a member of the team, alongside Das and Jayanta Talukdar.



Shooting silver: The Indian archers gave it their best shot before finishing second to China. *COURTESY: TWITTER

IPL non-selection does play on your mind: Porel

'But everyone has told me that the goal should be to play for India at Test level'

N. SUDARSHAN HUBBALLI

Match-turning performances in an U-19 World Cup are sure to fast-track most cricketers' careers. But for young Bengal speedster Ishan Porel, it has been markedly different.

His four for 17 (all frontline batsmen) in the 2018 U-19 World Cup semifinal flattened Pakistan, and his two-wicket burst (of both openers) in the final against Australia sliced open the match for India.

Yet, the 20-year-old right-arm has had to bide his time, battle injuries and swallow snubs at two back-to-back IPL auctions even as some of his teammates have rocketed to fame.

"It does play a bit on your mind," says Porel about the IPL non-selection. "But everyone, from Vibhash sir [childhood coach] to others, has told me that the goal should be to play for India at Test level."

"Yes, IPL is a great plat-



Work and reward: A debut for India-A in the just-concluded series against Sri Lanka-A was his prize for battling past a serious heel injury. *N. SUDARSHAN

form for youngsters and a good four overs can change your life. And when fellow players from the World Cup are picked by franchises, it does get you thinking. But these things do not hold me back now."

Dravid's role

Coach Rahul Dravid's role in building up his resilience has been immense, Porel says. In the 2018 Cup-opener, he hobbled off with a serious

heel injury after landing awkwardly during his follow-through. But he remained part of the squad and was allowed time to recover, with Dravid even going on to say that he could have hit speeds in excess of 140kmph if not for the injury.

"Anybody else would have sent me back [to India]" Porel says. "But Rahul sir and the support staff assured me that I would be the first one to be picked for the knock-

outs if fit. So I was putting ice on my left leg 12 times a day while others went out and enjoyed. The World Cup was going away from me but I pulled it back. Those ups and downs have made me better."

A debut for India-A in the just-concluded series against Sri Lanka-A was his reward for battling through. Performances were middling against Lanka but the very fact that he was in the mix was reassuring.

"It was a great opportunity," he says. "In the IPL, things are in the franchises' hands and not everyone gets a chance to play. But here I can show fans and BCCI that I have the potential."

Porel hopes that this experience will set him up well for the upcoming domestic season. "Good performance in Ranji Trophy will take me far. Seniors like [Ashok] Dinda, Manoj [Tiwar], [Wriddhiman] Saha have helped me a lot. So I have high expectations from myself."

Nirmal makes it four out of four

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU

Nirmal Umashankar dominated the second round of the JK Tyre-FMSCI National karting championship for the X-30 class at the Meco Kartopia track here on Sunday. The Chennai racer won all four races in the senior category to earn 40 points and pull away further at the top of the drivers' standings.

In the junior section, Bengaluru's Ruhaan Alva won three races to climb to the top of the leaderboard.

Provisional results after two rounds:

Cadet: 1. Ishaan Madhesh (77 points); 2. Shriya Lohia 52; 3. Sai Shiva Makesh Sankaran 45.

Junior: 1. Ruhaan Alva 57; 2. Arjun Nair 51; 3. Shahan Ali Mohsin 38.

Senior: 1. Nirmal Umashankar 76; 2. Debarun Banerjee 49; 3. Shahan Ali Mohsin 32.

Jyothi Surekha brooks no distractions

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM HYDERABAD

The long wait for V. Jyothi Surekha continues!

Well, not out there in the arena, where she seems to have developed a medal-winning habit – a stunning 31 medals in 37 international events and three of India's eight in the World championship.

But, away from the world of bows and arrows, Surekha quietly awaits allocation of the Andhra Pradesh Government's much-publicised 1000-square yard plot, promised when she won the Arjuna Award two years ago.

"Frankly, these thoughts don't cross my mind once I go out there to compete. And, for the moment I want to bask in the glory of being the first Indian woman to win an individual medal (compound category) and

another in the team event at the Worlds on Saturday," Surekha tells *The Hindu* from the Netherlands on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Surekha, whose first international medal was in 2011 (bronze in the Asian championship), is not even inclined to speak on the crisis in the national federation.

"If you start thinking about these things, you will not be able to perform. My job is to perform and the pride of winning laurels for the country takes precedence over everything else," she says.

"Efforts are on to get the compound category included in the Olympics and hope day one day I will be there and return with a medal," signs off a confident Surekha as she sets sights on her next big event – the World Cup in Berlin next month.



Unwavering! Jyothi Surekha says the pride of winning laurels for the country takes precedence over everything else. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Anand joint seventh after losing to Aronian

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA STAVANGER (NORWAY)

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 here.

Anand, who will soon be 50, has had a mixed year so far and the trend continues here with a mediocre finish in the 10-player round-robin tournament.

The 'novelty' of having decisive games in every round might have gone well with the chess buffs but for

Anand it turned out to be four wins, and five losses in all including a loss in the Classical game against Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan early in the event.

Magnus Carlsen won with 13.5 points and took home €75000.

The results: Round nine: V. Anand (Ind, 8) lost to Levon Aronian (Arm, 10.5); Fabiano Caruana (USA, 10) bt Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 13.5); Yu Yangyi (Chn, 10.5) bt Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 5.5).

Ding Liren (Chn, 8.5) lost to Alexander Grischuk (Rus, 5.5); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 8.5) lost to Wesley So (USA, 10).

Lakshit Sood triumphs



Lakshit Sood, right, beat Paras Dahiya in the final of the Col. KK Uppal memorial ₹3,000 Asian men's tennis tournament. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ASIAN TENNIS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GURUGRAM

It was the court craft of Lakshit Sood that prevailed against the power-play of Paras Dahiya, as the fifth seed tamed the third seed 7-5, 6-2 in the final of the Col. KK Uppal memorial ₹3,000 Asian men's tennis tournament on Sunday.

The first set was key, with the players missing many chances and the rain driving them off the court repeatedly. What stood out was Lakshit's ability to stay focused and play the ball with purpose, testing his opponent by driving into the corners. He also had an all-round game to lend variety to the attack.

Thus, it was no surprise that Lakshit was able to break serve decisively in the 12th game to pocket the first set.

Lakshit had the experience and the game to pull through, without much fuss. Once he got a grip over

the proceedings by holding serve early in the second set, Lakshit was able to shift into the next gear.

As the match continued in blazing sun in the afternoon, Paras lost belief in his game and stumbled to an early exit in the second set, which was so much in contrast to the first.

Dispute

There were some line calls by chair umpire Ravneet Singh that Paras tended to dispute but there was no questioning the faith of the two players in each other. In fact, Lakshit had picked up Paras in his car while driving to the venue earlier in the day.

Davis Cupper Vishaal Uppal recalled the splendid role that his grandfather Col. KK Uppal had played in his tennis career, and promised to do a better event next year. The entire family of Col. KK Uppal assembled at the venue and presented the trophies.

The results (final): Lakshit Sood bt Paras Dahiya 7-5, 6-2.

Fortune favours Alonso's Toyota team

LE MANS 24 HOURS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LE MANS

Fernando Alonso celebrated his second straight Le Mans 24 Hour race title on Sunday in a Toyota, the two-time Formula One champion sharing the driving with Sebastian Buemi and Kazuki Nakajima.

Another Toyota driven by Mike Conway, Kamui Kobayashi and Jose Maria Lopez, was in the lead and on course for victory only to suffer a puncture one hour from the finish.

Entering the closing stag-



Reign continues: Fernando Alonso celebrates his second straight Le Mans crown. *KER ROBERTSON/GETTY IMAGES

es Alonso's car lagged over a lap behind the other Toyota hybrid, before lady luck in-

tervened an hour from the 1300GMT finish to gift them the advantage, and victory in

the 87th edition of Le Mans. Alonso's No. 8 car crossed the line 17 seconds clear of the pole-sitting No. 7 after 385 laps of the iconic circuit.

The outcome was a carbon copy of 2018 and it handed Alonso, Buemi and Nakajima the endurance drivers' title with Toyota having taken the constructors' crown last month.

A distant third was the SMP entry driven by Vitaly Petrov, Mikhail Aleshin and Stoffel Vandoorne.

Alonso lined up in the classic race after having failed in his latest bid to complete motor racing's 'Triple

Crown' when he missed out on qualifying for the Indy 500 last month.

Guaranteed win

A Toyota win this year was all but guaranteed as for the last two seasons it has been the only manufacturer on the grid after Porsche and Audi pulled out of the elite LMP1 class which this year featured just six other cars.

Although Alonso will not be with it in 2020, Toyota will be on the grid after confirming it will enter a 'hyper-car' under new regulations aimed at boosting competition and trimming costs.

Punjab Police hoopsters reign supreme

Eastern Railway women too good for Tamil Nadu

FED. CUP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GREATER NOIDA

Punjab Police and Eastern Railway won the men's and women's titles respectively in the 33rd Federation Cup basketball tournament here on Sunday.

Punjab Police beat Indian Army 91-71, with Harshpreet Singh Bhullar and Amjyot Singh doing the bulk of scoring along with Ranbir Singh.

Eastern Railway looked to have preserved its best for the final, as it beat Tamil Nadu 86-67 after leading 46-42 at half time. M.J. Libina and the towering Poonam Chaturvedi were in fine form against the team which had beaten it in the league phase. Libina and Harshpreet



The best: The Eastern Railway team that had the last laugh. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



On top: The victorious Punjab Police squad. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Singh Bhullar were adjudged the 'most valuable players' in the women's and men's sections.

The top three teams were presented ₹100,000, ₹50,000 and ₹25,000 respectively. Union Sports Mi-

nister Kiran Rijju presented the trophies. **The results: Men: Final:** Punjab Police 91 (Harshpreet Singh Bhullar 24, Amjyot Singh 20, Ranbir Singh 18, Amritpal Singh 10) bt Indian Army 71 (Sunit 18, Gopal Ram 16, Suresh Kumar Bijarna 10)..

Third place: Income Tax, Chennai, 96 (G. Sivabalan 34, P. Jeevanathan 17, P. Akhilan 12, M.A. Raghu 11) bt Shri Guru Gobind College, Chandigarh, 70 (Mitun Das 21, P. Pandey 17, A. Rai 14). **Women: Final:** Eastern Railway 86 (M.J. Libina 28, Poonam

Chaturvedi 26, Sitamani Tudu 13, Madhu Kumari 12) bt Tamil Nadu 67 (T. Dharshini 19, M. Nishanthi 13, Iswarya 11). **Third place:** Kerala 91 (P.G. Anjana 26, K.S. Poojamol 16, Stephy Nixon 15, K.G. Rojamol 14) bt Maharashtra 70 (Shruthi Aravind 41, Shakshi Pande 11).

Her stint in television and her experiences as the lone woman of colour on sets bring honesty, relatability and comedy to *Late Night*, the Sundance record-breaker that released worldwide over the weekend

Nisha Ganatra's

big ticket

Queer and proud



In April, Ganatra made public a thank you letter she'd written her mother. In it, she thanked her for divorcing Ganatra's father and deciding not "to stay with a man who no longer had love for you or your children". She added: "Years after that, when I told you I was never going to marry a man because I loved women, you chose to tell me you love me and that nothing would ever change that. Even though you again suffered the humiliation of ignorant friends and family, you still chose love."

Do it like Thompson



Ganatra has repeatedly stated how invested she was in "showing everybody what a comedic force Emma Thompson is. We've used some of her real [stand-up] clips in the film, [made when] she was in her 20s. That's how she started in the business".



AASEM CHHABRA

Nisha Ganatra was not the first pick for *Late Night*, the film that broke records at the Sundance Film Festival this January when Amazon Studios bought it for \$13 million. Paul Feig (*Bridesmaid*, *The Heat*) had to drop out due to scheduling reasons. But, as Ganatra, 44, told *Vanity Fair* magazine, Mindy Kaling – actor, producer and the film's screenplay writer – signed her on after she delivered her pitch like a "good Indian nerd".

The Indian American director's "laptop presentation" had spelled out her inspiration and references for the film (*Working Girl*, *Broadcast News*), which coincided with Kaling's. "There was a point in the meeting when we realised, 'Oh we are two Indian American women working in comedy in Hollywood. That's so rare. When are we going to get a chance to tell our own story?'" says Ganatra, a happy laugh floating over the call from California.

"A lot of people talk about hiring female directors, but few actually do it. Mindy made that decision for her first film! She could've gone with a more experienced white man, but she decided to go with me." And the two – who've each been diversity hires or the lone brown face on all-white sets – "didn't have to explain the character's journey to each other".

Late Night follows Molly Patel (Kaling), a diversity hire

for a late night talk show hosted by Katherine Newbury (Oscar-winner Emma Thompson), a veteran in the field whose ratings are falling. Partly based on Kaling's own experiences as the only Indian American woman on *The Office*'s writing team, the film leads with comedy, while also exploring questions of diversity and sexism in the entertainment industry.

It's been 20 years since I first interviewed Ganatra. In 1999, the young Indian American filmmaker had burst into the indie film scene with the critically-acclaimed *Chutney Popcorn*. The comic *desi* Diaspora film, which she had developed while at NYC Film School, followed a single Indian mother in New York (Madhur Jaffrey) and her two daughters – the younger (Ganatra herself), a rebellious *henna*-tattoo artist living with her lesbian lover, and the older (Jaffrey's real-life daughter, Sakina), married to an American man.

It played at the Berlinale, and magazines like *Variety* predicted "a rosy future for the precociously talented" director. But, aside from a few indie films – including the charming *Cosmopolitan* (2003) with Jaffrey and Roshan Seth – Ganatra struggled. It was not until a few years ago that she got her big break in television, directing shows like *Mr Robot*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *The Mindy Project* and the recent *Black Monday*. In 2015, She won a Golden Globe for *Transparent*.

She is part of a small group of *desi* women filmmakers living and working successfully in the West. Mira Nair (partly based in New York), Deepa Mehta (Toronto) and Gurinder Chadha (London), all Punjabi filmmakers, have long since formed what they endearingly refer to as the "*behji* brigade". Now, if Ganatra, the fourth Punjabi, joins, this could become a proper club. Interestingly, Nair's *Mississippi Marsala* and Chadha's *Bhaji on the Beach* were two films that deeply resonated with the director as a young woman. Coming full circle, *Late Night* premiered at Sundance alongside Chadha's *Blinded by the Light*, which Ganatra told *filmindpendent.org* "was a dream come true".

Here are edited excerpts from an interview with Ganatra:

You've worked on major TV shows. How did that prepare you for this film?

It's so funny. While I made films, I could not get a job in television for 10 years. Now, for the last few years, I've been doing a lot of television and people are calling me a TV director... they think I'm a veteran. I'm from the indie films world and I've been telling diverse stories. But television is a very white, male, homogeneous world. [Breaking into TV] really helped me understand what Mindy's journey has been.

Is it still very white and male dominated?

Yes. If there is any big change, it is in the streaming services – Netflix and Amazon Prime, and to some extent Hulu. They're giving voices to people of colour and female-driven projects, more so than networks.

In comparison, is Hollywood changing?

I think so, though very slowly. I don't think four or five years ago a movie like ours would've been one of the biggest sellers at Sundance or if it would've gotten such a wide release.

Tell me about your brand of comedy.

It is character-driven comedy. I don't like campiness or over-the-top broad comedy. I really like when it is grounded in the characters.



Did you grow up watching comedies and sit-coms?

I had a really boisterous family. Punjabis are naturally just very funny and everyone is trying to make each other laugh. My brother [now a software engineer in Silicon Valley] and I would listen to stand-up routines over and over – Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy and Monty Python. We would imitate them. I think that's how you learn comic timing, by imitating the greats. Little by little, we learned to replace their monologues with our own.

What was it like directing Mindy, as this is her screenplay?

On TV, you are trying to capture the vision of the writer, but in film you are capturing your own. It was more cooperative than I would've normally done. I was trying to be more respectful of her experience. But film is definitely the director's medium.

But sometimes scriptwriters can be very possessive of their work.

There were some things she was very tied to, but ultimately she wanted the best for the film also. It was a matter of a little bit more persuasion on my part.

And Emma Thompson?

She is one of the finest actors working and she's so incredible to behold. Directing her was a dream. She is so generous; she really puts herself in your hands. There's no nonsense like 'I'm Emma Thompson and I know best.' She really respects the collaboration between the director and the actor, and is always willing to try anything you ask her to do. I think I'm spoilt for life.

What's next for you?

I am directing my first studio film. It's for Universal and Focus Features, called *Covers*, and stars Dakota Johnson and Tracee Ellis Ross.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

When nature has a premonition

Delhi's gory heritage of the Khalsa panth



R. V. SMITH

The Sis Ganj Gurdwara is a Chandni Chowk landmark that writers have extolled. Gaynor Barton and Laurianne Malone, who visited it some 30 years ago, described the goings-on inside this 300-year-old place of worship. Outside it is a shop selling four of the five "Ks" of the Sikh faith (except kesh or hair, which every Sikh must grow long): kangha (comb), kara (steel bangle), kirpan (dagger, for protection), and kacchha (underwear, for easier movement during sword fighting). Enter the gurdwara and you will find the holy book of 5,984 hymns, known as Granth Sahib, covered with marigold flowers and kept under a golden canopy, and placed for safety, in a special room at night. Attached to the gurdwara is the langar or eating hall which accommodates thousands.

The gurdwara is dedicated to Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth guru of the Sikhs, born in Amritsar in April 1621. According to a Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee publication, the Guru was on a tour of Assam and Bengal when he heard that Aurangzeb, the Mughal emperor, had issued orders



Sis Ganj Gurdwara When the Sikhs remember their guru • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

for the persecution of Brahmins. The historian Syed Mohammad Latif says hundreds of Brahmins had been thrown into jail and promised freedom if they converted to Islam. A number, under the leadership of Pandit Kirpa Ram of Kashmir, met Guru Tegh Bahadur when he returned to Anandpur to seek his help.

In 1675 the Guru reached Agra, where he courted arrest and was brought to Delhi. When he refused to perform miracles to please Aurangzeb, he was thrown into prison (actually the Kotwali where Gurdwara Sis Ganj later came up). His disciples, Bhai Dayal Das, Bhai Mati Das and Bhai Sati Das were tortured to death. He too was beheaded on 11 Nov, 1675 under a banyan tree, before a large wailing crowd. That night they say a terri-

ble storm (Kali Andhi) struck. The Moghul soldiers on guard lost their bearings and a man called Jaita took them by surprise. He picked up the head of the guru and fled into the night. Simultaneously, Lakhii Shah, a contractor of the Moghul Court, came with horses and bullocks, driven by his eight sons, and carried away the body, under the cover of darkness. They drove past the Red Fort and on to their house, situated in the wilderness of Raisina Hill. The body and house were both set on fire. With none suspecting their motives, they were able to bury the body in an urn, where the house stood.

The head was taken away to Anandpur in Punjab where it was cremated. Today, the site of the house which was set on fire is marked by Gurdwara Rakab-

ganj. The name Rakabganj is common to localities in North India, some of them associated with the sale of utensils, particularly plates (rakabis). But this one is different in that, along with Sis Ganj, it brings to mind the strange evening of 1675, when nature frowned on a ruthless act.

Part of the trunk of the banyan-tree trunk is still preserved in the gurdwara which has now expanded much more after acquiring the erstwhile Kotwali (now moved to Daryaganj) and the Majestic Cinema building. Opposite it the area around the fountain built by Lord Northbrook in the late 19th century has been renamed Bhai Mati Das Chowk to honour the Guru's companion.

The writer is a veteran chronicler of Delhi

Down in the valley

Dia Mirza and Mohit Raina, chat with us about *Kaafir*, the eight-episode series

KARUNA PANDITA AND SONAKSHI GOEL

In the way it is used today, *kafir* means infidel. But if you go by the dictionary, the word has its roots in the Arabic *kafara*, meaning to deny, or to refuse to believe. This is probably where the story of *Kaafir*, the new Zee5 series, lies – in justice denied, and in the system's refusal to take a person's word.

Inspired by the true story of Shainaz (Kainaaz on screen, played by Dia Mirza), *Kaafir* documents a woman's journey for justice. Escaping from Pakistan, Kainaaz jumps into a river with the intention to kill herself, only to cross the border into India, and be caught by the Indian army who believe she's a terrorist. Her daughter Seher (Dishita Jain) is born in captivity. Vedant Rathod (Mohit Raina) helps her fight her case, amidst many twists and turns to the story. Edited excerpts from an interview with Dia and Mohit.

Dia, how did the character Kainaaz transform you as a person?

A lot of people ask me how I will leave Kainaaz, and I say I hope she doesn't leave, because she has made me a better person. The one thing I have discovered is that we all have challenges; the challenges vary, but our response to the challenges makes



us people we are. When Sonam (Nair, the director) was describing Shainaz, the real woman she met, she said three things about her that really struck me as extraordinary: her sense of peace, her calm, and her grace despite what her experiences were.

Dia, the series marks your debut in the digital space. Were you wary?

I am so excited because as a woman, as a feminist, as an actor and as a human being, I think I could not have had a better story to launch in this part of career.

Mohit, you've played diverse roles. What is your take-away from each?

Every character gives you something or the other, and you can't calculate it unless you are living the character. You learn something about the character that stays with you. In *Kaafir*, I lived with Vedant for 65 days. He is very humble and he made me selfless, a better human being. In *Uri*, I got discipline; in *Battle of Saragarhi*, I understood what leadership is.

What were your challenges?

Mohit: This show has been made with a lot of love and hardship. The shooting was in Himachal, where the temperature would dip down to -3° to

Real life Dia Mirza with Dishita Jain in a scene from *Kaafir* • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

-5°C. We'd shoot in Bombay and shoot with those same heavy clothes in 43°C. That was a task itself. But what people can connect with right now is the soul of the show which is visible.

What was it like to have a child on the sets of such an intense story?

Dia: I already knew Dishita because I had done one workshop with her and was totally blown away. This child has the remarkable quality of being present 100% all the time. Dishita made me a mother. You don't need to biologically produce a child to be a mother. She really evolved the most intense maternal instinct in me. I went into withdraw on the last day of shooting with her. I couldn't stop crying. She still calls me Dia Ammi, so that helps.

Why do you think there is a sudden surge in Kashmir-related content?

Mohit: When there are conflicts there are bound to be stories which are intense, horrifying. Love and emotions that generate many stories.

Dia: Because it is necessary. The problem has always existed there and it needs solutions, for which art is the biggest instrument of change and the most powerful one too.

Kaafir is currently playing on Zee5

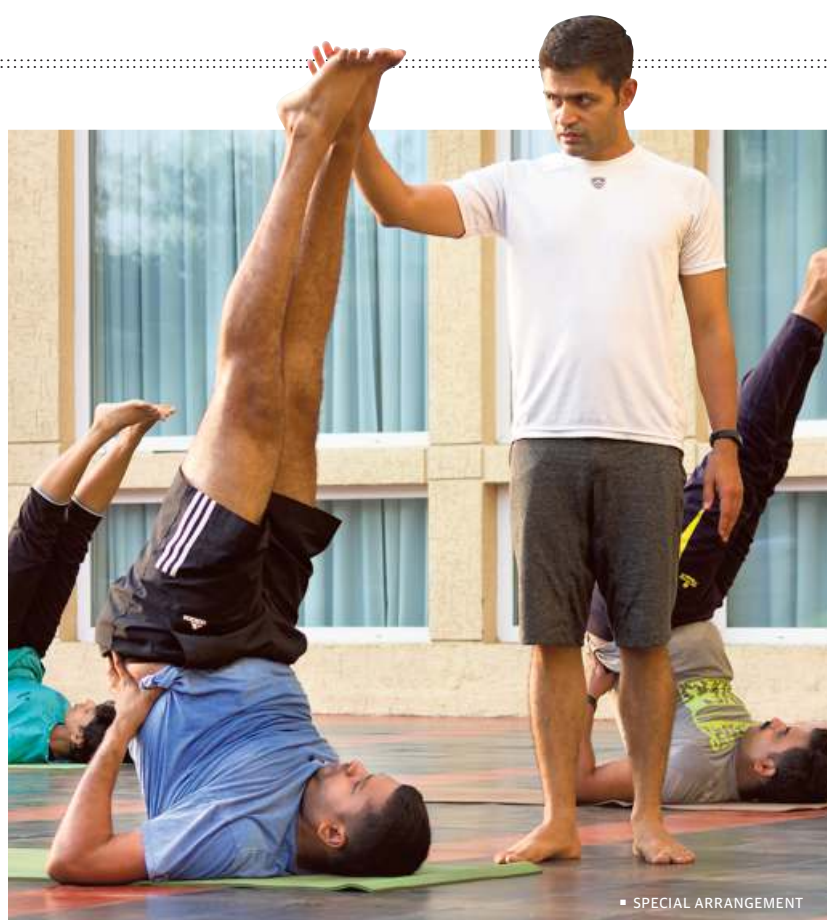
A long-distance relationship

Runners look for stability, flexibility, endurance and the ability to be present-in-the-moment, and certified instructor Prashanth C Anand says they will find all that and more in yoga



One for the road

- **Sukshma vyayama** or micro exercises are careful movements of joints to loosen up and give full range of movement to each joint, the way they are meant to be. When practised along with the right breathing, it will ensure the supply of oxygenated blood to the joints.
- **Suryanamaskara** is the ideal combination of several *asanas* required for runners to stretch and flex all the muscle groups and tendons.
- **Trikonasana** stretches and activates the hamstrings, calves and lower back.
- **Virabhadrasana** builds strength in the quadriceps, and lengthens the back.
- **Prasarita padottanasana** strengthens lower back and aligns the entire back.
- **Paschimottasana** and **janushirshasana** are a great way to stretch the outer side of the legs and back.
- **Vakrasana** twists and strengthens the lower back.
- **Ekapadasupta ardhha kapotasana** stretches and contracts quadriceps and hamstrings, and aligns the back.
- **Ushtrasana** is a back bend that compresses the back and stretches the front of the legs. This helps in keeping the back flexible.
- **Ardha setubandhasana** takes care of the back and builds core strength.
- **Sarvangasana** and **halasana** regulate the blood circulation to the legs. Over-working of the legs may lead to pooling of blood in the feet and calves, *Sarvangasana* helps to prevent that.



PANKAJA SRINIVASAN

"There are 15 serious runners amongst the students who come to me for yoga," says Prashanth C Anand. The 41-year-old techie-turned-yoga-instructor says it took some courage for him to move away from an IT services career, but has not had a moment's regret since having made that career switch. He is a certified yoga instructor from S-VYASA Yoga University, Bengaluru.

When he began practising regularly, "the physicality, the mindfulness and the connect with cosmos, caught my interest. I found myself through yoga, which taught me to be present in the moment." It is therefore no surprise, he says, that there are runners amongst his pupils who want the very same thing, especially when they run marathons. "It is a great way to build up their endurance, stamina and fitness and give them the impetus to step out of their comfort zone and enjoy their sport," says Prashanth.

Why do you think runners, particularly, need yoga?

● Yoga brings more benefits than one can imagine for runners. It helps them build strength and flexibility and inculcates in them better breathing and mental balance. There are yoga *asanas* specifically to strengthen core, quadriceps, hamstrings and hips. These build strength and flexibility in joints, ligaments and connective tissues and the lower body. This enables them to be efficient in running and remain injury-free.

How often should they practise?

● Ideally, thrice a week of yoga is benef-

icial. It helps fight recurring stiffness and keeps the limbs supple even if the runners have had a break of a week or 10 days from running or other exercises.

Are there pre-run warm-up asanas and post-run cool-down ones?

● Before their run, it's imperative that they practise *sukshma vyayama* or micro exercises to loosen their joints. And then do *asanas* such as *trikonasana*, *virabhadrasana*, *janushirshasana*, *ekapada paschimottasana*. To cool down, post run, and relax their legs and back, runners should do *bharadvajasana*, *vakrasana*, *balasana* and *vajrasana*.

I also make sure they build their core strength and alignment. For runners especially, the right alignment of the body is very essential. When running, the whole body works hard and having the right alignment is essential to make sure they run at their best without risk of injury.

What role does yoga play in building endurance, stamina, breath control...

● Breathing plays a vital role in running, where the demand of oxygen supply is at its highest. Practices such as *Pranayama* increase the efficiency of the lungs and teach the runners to breathe slowly and completely. This is a key factor for marathon runners and builds endurance in them. Slow, conscious breathing will enable them to remain calm and prevent performance anxiety. *Pranayama* techniques such as *kapalabathi*, *bhastrika*, *suryabedana* with *kumbhaka* and *nadi shodhana pranayama* give them great control over their breathing.

Q&A

I am a student preparing for my exams. My weight is 95 kg and I want to reduce it to 75 kg. What diet should I consider, so that my studies are not hampered?



■ **Eat freshly-prepared home-cooked food:** This rule sounds simple, but is the most effective aide for a student. Under stress, your instinct automatically moves towards eating high sugar, salty or fatty food. Packaged foods loaded with these ingredients may look even more tempting than usual, but can get you caught in a junk-food cycle hindering your attempts at weight-loss, and lowering stamina and alertness.

■ **Don't miss your meals:** When too busy studying, food might be the last thing on your mind, but take 15 minutes out for proper meals and eat without distractions (TV, books). Don't skip meals and focus on eating fruits or yoghurt in between meals to keep yourself energised.

■ **Fix sleep timings:** When studying endlessly for exams, you might end up compromising on your sleep. No fixed sleeping hours is a major hurdle to weight-loss. The lack of sleep plays havoc on your hunger hormones and makes you crave more food while studying.

■ **Move around:** Exam pressure can keep you tied to your desk. Being seated for more than 30 minutes at a time can add pounds to your waistline.

Is it true that apple cider vinegar is good for weight-loss?

■ Apple cider vinegar is a popular pick these days with the natural health community. It is a natural preservative and can help those with type-2 diabetes, those with insulin sensitivity and reducing glucose levels. There are various wild claims on the Internet about this 'magic' ingredient; unfortunately, these claims are not supported by science. Our health is defined by our habits; adding or subtracting a single food rarely has a noticeable effect.

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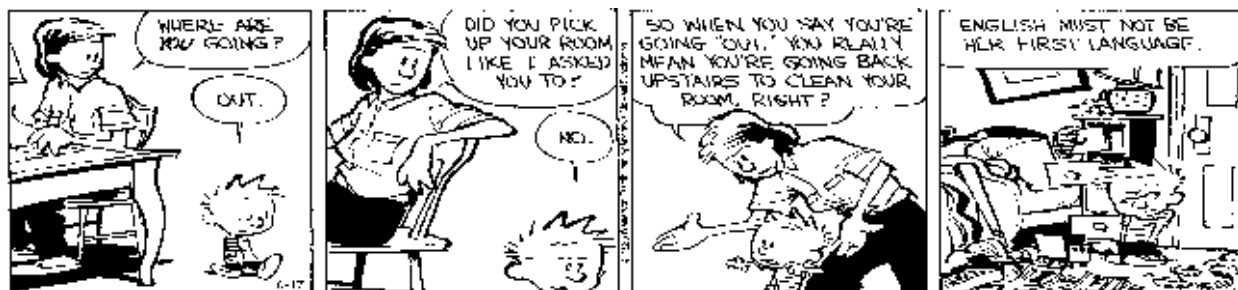
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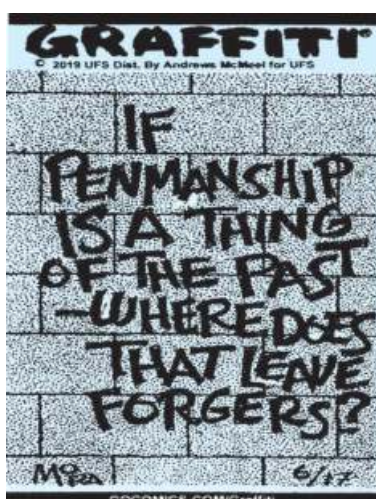
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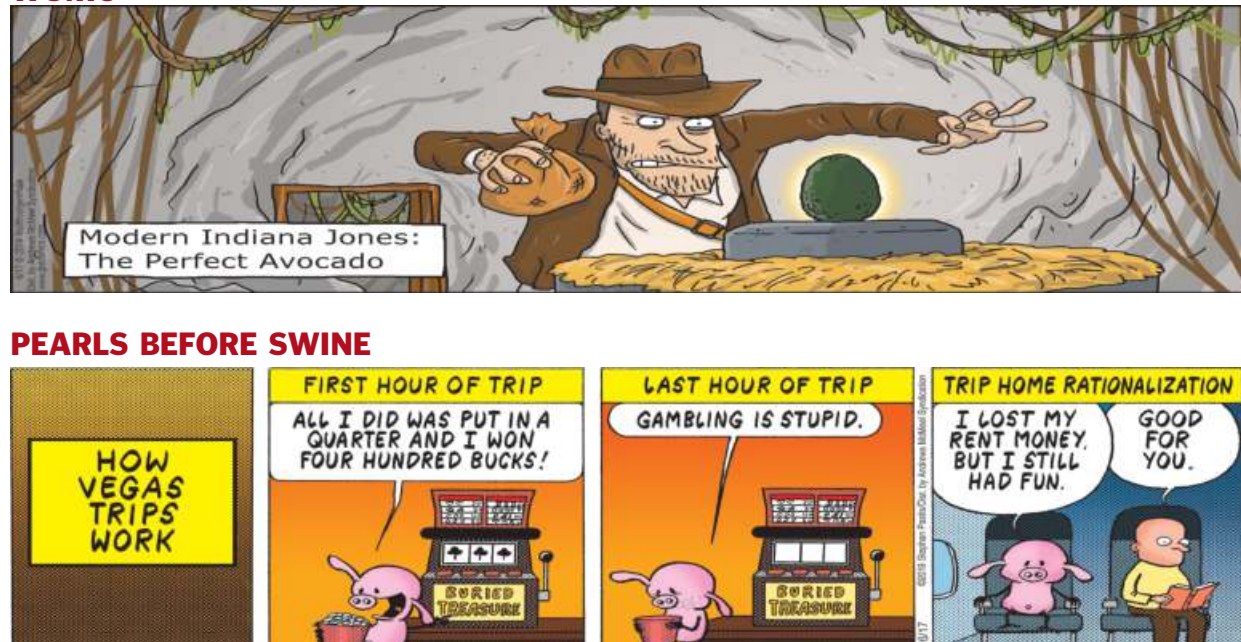
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



IN BRIEF


Wolf seen after decades killed in Bangladesh

DHAKA
The first Indian grey wolf sighted in Bangladesh in eight decades has been beaten to death by farmers after it preyed on their livestock, wildlife experts said on Sunday. The grey wolf was last seen in Bangladesh in 1949, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Locals in a town near the Sundarbans captured and killed the wolf. **AFP**


Italian dupes people by posing as Clooney, held

BANGKOK
An Italian who allegedly posed as Hollywood superstar George Clooney to sell clothes online has been arrested with his wife in Thailand after years on the run. Francesco Galdelli and Vanja Goffi tricked people into sending them money. **AFP**

For U.S. war veterans, dogs offer some solace

Pet therapy useful for those with PTSD



Canine comfort: A U.S. Army veteran with his service dog at the Paws of War office in New York. **AFP**

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
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Michael Kidd, now 84 years old, fought in the Korean War. His young German shepherd Millie helps calm him down when things start to swirl, usually at night.

Harry Stolberg — a 42-year-old former Marine — has a chocolate Labrador named Rocky who wakes him up from his troubled dreams.

The U.S. veterans suffer from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and have sought solace through pet therapy — namely, a loyal dog to keep them company. The shelter animals are

either trained or being trained to help them through difficult times by Paws of War, an association funded entirely by private donations that then provides the service dogs free of charge.

“The biggest thing is he wakes me up from nightmares,” Mr. Stolberg said of three-year-old Rocky. “He can open the door, come in my room, turn on the lights, take my blinders off me... and lick my hands so I wake up.”

Mr. Kidd, who suffers from severe PTSD, has been able to reduce his intake of medication thanks to Millie.

G20 agrees to tackle ocean plastic waste

Japan offers to lead the world in efforts to reduce trash

**REUTERS
KARUIZAWA**

Group of 20 Environment Ministers agreed on Sunday to adopt a new implementation framework for actions to tackle the issue of marine plastic waste on a global scale, the Japanese government said after hosting the two-day ministerial meeting.

Environment and Energy Ministers of the Group of 20 major economies met this weekend in Karuizawa, northwest of Tokyo, ahead of the G20 summit in Osaka, western Japan, on June 28-29.

One of the top issues was ocean plastic waste as images of plastic debris-strewn beaches and dead animals with stomachs full of plastic have sparked outrage with many countries banning plastic bags outright.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has said that he wants his country to lead the world in reducing marine plastic trash, including developing biodegradables and other innovations.



Call to action: An aerial view of a whale artwork made from marine plastic waste at a harbour in China. **AFP**

The new framework is aimed at facilitating further concrete action on marine waste, though on a voluntary basis, after the G20 Hamburg Summit in Germany adopted the “G20 action plan on marine litter” in 2017.

Life-cycle approach

Under the new framework, G20 members will promote a comprehensive life-cycle approach to prevent and reduce plastic litter discharge to the oceans through various measures and international cooperation.

They will also share best

practices, promote innovation and boost scientific monitoring and analytical methodologies.

“I’m glad that we, including emerging countries and developing countries, were able to form a broad international framework,” Yoshiaki Harada, Japan’s Environment Minister, told a news conference.

Japan plans to host the first meeting under the new framework this autumn when officials of environmental ministers in the G20 countries are due to meet for the G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue.

Dutch armed forces take part in Yoga Day

31 cities in the Netherlands host event

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A large number of people, including the representatives of Dutch armed forces, gathered in front of the Royal Palace on the prestigious Dam Square in Amsterdam on Sunday to participate in the largest ever yoga celebrations in the Netherlands.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Jai Ram Thakur, a statement issued by the Indian Embassy said.

Himachal Industries Minister Bikram Singh, India’s Ambassador to the Netherlands Venu Rajamony, cricketer Suresh Raina,

Dutch actor, model and photographer Micky Hoogendijk, among others took part in the opening ceremony.

This is the first time the Dam Square is host to a public event related to India.

Dutch Ministry of Defense has introduced yoga exercises for armed forces to enrich their training programme and reduce stress. Representatives of the Royal Dutch army also joined the celebrations for the first time.

International Yoga Day was also celebrated across 31 cities in the Netherlands - which included yoga workshops, meditation sessions.



Health is wealth: Participants take part in a group session of traditional yoga at the Dam Square in Amsterdam. **AFP**

Assam temple bids adieu to rare turtle hatchlings



Hatchling of Indian roofed turtle displayed at Hayagriv Madhab Temple at Hajo in Assam. **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

They are being shifted to a zoo for the greater cause of reintroducing the species into the wild

**RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI**

For the first time since it was established 294 years ago, a temple in Guwahati has let its presiding deity play second fiddle to the offspring of its resident reptiles — the rare black softshell turtle (*Nilssonina nigricans*).

The Ugratara Temple, one of the city’s landmarks, organised a special *darshan* of

34 hatchlings of the freshwater turtle on Sunday.

Members of the temple committee and devotees turned up for what was essentially a ceremony to welcome and bid goodbye to these hatchlings.

The welcome was because the eggs of black softshell were collected from temple ponds for incubation at the Assam State Zoo. And the

goodbye was because these hatchlings will be reintroduced in the wild, never to return.

“It was a sort of homecoming for the progeny of the turtles that have been part of our lives in Jorpukhuri,” said Kailash Sarma, member of the temple committee.

Jorpukhuri translates into twin tanks, one of which

abuts Ugratara Temple that is dedicated to Goddess Tara, a ‘fiery’ avatar of Kali.

“The black softshell turtle is extinct in the wild. The few that remain are in the ponds of some temples in Assam. We started the conservation programme by involving the temples and collected the eggs in December last year. Of the 70 eggs, 34 hatched in the zoo about 10 days ago,”

Jayaditya Purkayastha of conservation NGO Help Earth told *The Hindu*.

“We were sad to let the hatchlings, the pride of our temple, go back to the zoo. But it is heartening to know they are going away for the greater cause of reintroducing the species into the wild,” said Parameswar Sarma, the chief priest.

He agreed that the ponds

are too crowded for the hatchlings to be brought back. A similar homecoming of 11 hatchlings of the equally endangered Indian roofed turtle (*Pangshura tecta*) and the Indian tent turtle (*Pangshura tentoria*) was organised at the Hayagriv Madhab Temple in Hajo. Help Earth members had collected 150 eggs of these two turtle species a few months ago.

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