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**SONIA BACK AS CPP CHIEF**  
**Rahul to his MPs: No institution will back you... it's like the British**

**MANOJ CGG**  
 NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

RE-ELECTED chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) on Saturday, Sonia Gandhi endorsed Rahul Gandhi's leadership, saying he had fought "valiantly" in the elections.

Amid continuing uncertainty over whether he would stick to quitting as the Congress president or head the Congress in the Lok Sabha, Rahul asked MPs to brace for a bigger battle, saying they have to fight against "every single institution", like during the British period. Promising that the Congress's 52 MPs would fight the BJP tooth and



Congress voting for Sonia at the meeting on Saturday. PTI

nailed, he urged them to be more aggressive. "I have no doubt the Congress is going to rejuvenate."

The Congress said Sonia, who has now been heading the CPP for two decades, would decide whether Rahul would be the party leader in the Lok Sabha, as is the tradition.

In her speech, Sonia called for introspection to find out what went wrong, but praised Rahul's leadership and "his valiant and

**NCP DENIES MERGER RUMOURS** PAGE 6

**Air India probe: ED summons former minister Praful Patel**

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
 NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has summoned NCP leader and former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel for questioning in its probe connected to irregularities in Air India. The NCP leader has been asked to appear before the investigating officer of the case on June 6 and will mark the first time Patel appears before the agency in this case.

The ED had named Patel in its chargesheet filed on May 1

**SIT identifies Kalburgi killers; links to Lankesh, Padmaavat attacks**

**JOHNSONTA**  
 BENGALURU, JUNE 1

A 27-YEAR-OLD youth arrested earlier this year for an attack on a theatre screening the film *Padmaavat* in Belagavi in January 2018, and a 27-year-old from Hubli accused in the 2017 murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh, have been identified as the two men who killed Kannada scholar M.M. Kalburgi in August 2015.

Praveen Prakash Chatur alias Masalawala, 27, had been arrested in April by the Belagavi police for the attack on Prakash

Theatre, allegedly by a right-wing extremist group linked to the Sanatan Sanstha. He was taken into custody on Friday by an SIT probing the Kalburgi case. The SIT identified the second man involved in the killing of Kalburgi, who was shot on the doorstep of his Dharwad home, as Ganesh Miskin.

Earlier, in its November 2018 chargesheet in the Lankesh case, the Karnataka SIT had identified Miskin as the one who drove the motorcycle carrying shooter Parashuram Waghmore, 26, to Lankesh's residence. Miskin's

**MP govt college principal held for 'insulting' Goddess**

**MILIND GHATAI**  
 BHOPAL, JUNE 1

A GOVERNMENT college principal who allegedly made derogatory remarks about Goddess Saraswati and boasted about not allowing photographs of deities on the walls of the department he had headed in the past has been arrested and sent to a jail in Gwalior. Another professor of the same college has been booked for allegedly circulating a video of the remarks.

Dr S S Gautam, the principal of a government college in Seondha in Datia district, allegedly made some comments about Saraswati a few days ago. The remarks were filmed on a mobile phone.

After the video was circulated widely on May 26, workers cutting across political lines took to the streets in Seondha, demanding the arrest and dismissal of the 52-year-old, who was appointed principal a few months ago. Gautam surrendered after police approached his close relatives, two of whom are state government officials.

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Amit Shah takes charge of Home, Rajnath Singh of Defence on Saturday. Praveen Khanna/PTI

**Shah starts off with series of meetings, says security priority**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
 NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

TAKING CHARGE of the Union Home Ministry on Saturday, Amit Shah held a series of meetings, including with governors of states, his junior ministers and BJP leaders. Among those who called on him was Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik, who briefed Shah on the security situation in the state and

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 5**  
**US ends India's benefits under select trade list**

Will uphold national interest, offered resolution, US did not accept: Govt

**PRABHARAGHAVAN**  
 NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

AFTER NEARLY a month of uncertainty over whether the US would ease its stance on trade relations with India, President Donald Trump Saturday announced that he is terminating India's benefits under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) scheme which provides preferential, duty-free access for over \$6 billion worth of products exported to the US, come June 5.

Washington had earlier held off on notifying its decision close to the Lok Sabha elections. India has been a beneficiary of the GSP programme, one of the largest and oldest trade preference

**Rajnath's first call: choice for top civil, defence posts**

**SUSHANT SINGH**  
 NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

ONE OF the first tasks before Rajnath Singh, who took over as Defence Minister on Saturday noon, is setting in place a new team, both civilian and military, under him. This will be critical for him as he is seen as someone who will bring political stability to a post which saw four ministers in

**EXPLAINED**

**Challenge for new ministers**

TRUMP DELAYED withdrawing GSP benefits until polls ended. So with this, trade tensions will deepen and a way out will need deft handling. Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar is a known negotiator and with Piyush Goyal in Commerce, both have their task cut out.

**BIG PICTURE**  
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**SUNDAY STORY**  
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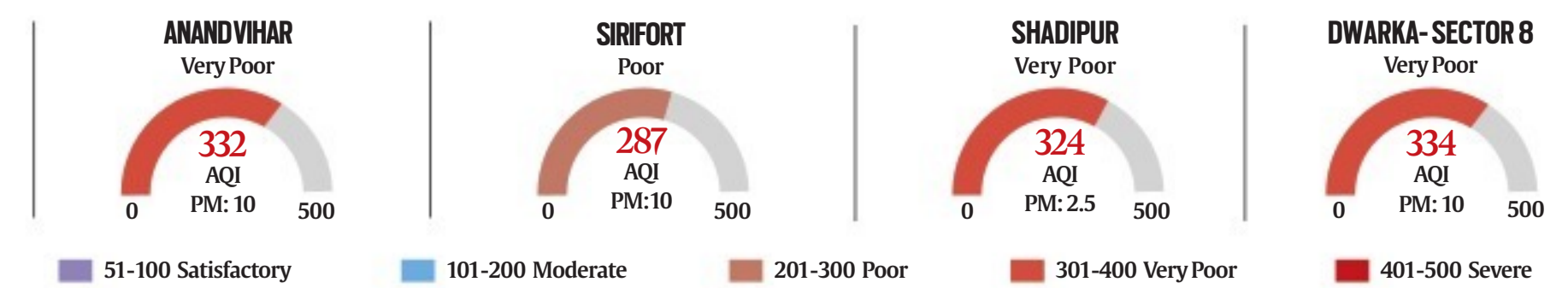
The journey from Jalgaon to Mumbai of Dr Payal Tadvi



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## EAST CIVIC BODY CRACKDOWN

# Two coaching centres sealed in Laxmi Nagar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

DAYS AFTER the three MCDs began surveying coaching centres across the city — in the wake of a fire at a Surat coaching centre that killed 22 students — the East civic body has sealed two coaching centres and issued notices to two others in Laxmi Nagar.

The coaching centres were either found violating safety standards or had not paid conversion charges, said East MCD Mayor Anju Kamalkant.

Following a survey, the East civic body had issued notices to 27 coaching centres, all situated in Laxmi Nagar, operating from unsafe premises.

A senior official said two coaching centres — one in Gurunanak Pura and the other in Vijay block — were sealed for not paying conversion charges and violating fire safety norms.

Conversion charge is the amount an owner needs to pay to the MCDs for using a residential property for commercial purposes.

The other two, operating on Vikas Marg, were issued notices for not following fire safety



The three MCDs are surveying coaching centres in the wake of the Surat fire that killed 22 students

norms, said the official. He said the establishments were found to have two exits, with fire safety equipment and electric meters situated along the staircases. "Such an exit is not permissible, as it leads to stairs being blocked in case of a fire," the official said.

Laxmi Nagar is a hub of coaching institutes which caters to students preparing for banking services, chartered accountancy and commerce exams.

While some of these centres are run from multi-storied buildings, some operate out of a single room.

"We are further assessing the scale of such coaching institutes, the number of students in each

institute, batch timings for classes, building plans of complexes from where they are functioning, and whether a coaching centre is permitted in case of a fire," said an official.

"Based on the seriousness of the report, we will take the matter to the next level," he added.

During its survey, the civic body is making a note of all violations in order to formulate a plan to regulate coaching centres. As of now, no such provision exists. "We are taking action on two grounds — not paying conversion charge and unsafe buildings. But the law needs to be clearer on it," an official said.

## End of Day 2, DU has 1.4 lakh UG applications

New Delhi: Forty-eight hours after Delhi University began registrations to its undergraduate programmes, the university has already received 1.4 lakh applications. However, only 64,773 of these applications have been completed till the stage of payment of the registration fee.

This time, in addition to the reserved and general categories, the university is also going to admit students under the EWS (economically weaker section) category, for which 10% seats have been increased.

As per data from the admission committee, the varsity has already received 1,133 forms under the EWS category.

DU's admission process has begun later than in recent years. UG registrations will close on June 14 and the first cut-off is likely to be out on June 20. ENS



At DU's first Open Day, The varsity received 1,133 forms under the EWS category

## Accused of theft, two men tied to a pole and beaten up; four arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NOIDA, JUNE 1

NOIDA POLICE arrested four people for allegedly beating two men, after tying them to a pole, on the suspicion of theft. The incident came to light when a video of the accused beating up the two men went viral on social media a day ago.

Police said the accused—Mohd Saleem (60), Ajay (36), Jibraail (25) and Akhil Biswas alias Govind (28)— were arrested late on Friday. "The accused were arrested after a case was registered against unidentified persons at Sector 20 police station. They were

identified on the basis of their appearance in the videos. The arrests were made from a local auto stand, after police scanned the area. Further investigation is pending," said Dr Kaustubh, Circle Officer (Noida 1st).

According to police, the accused suspected the two men had stolen batteries from an auto. The two victims were confronted by a crowd and beaten up by the accused, as another person standing close to them recorded the incident and uploaded it on social media.

The victims were treated for injuries. Police said the accused have been sent to judicial custody.

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## BRIEFLY

### Hotel owner duped of Rs 53 lakh

New Delhi: Diplomat Hotel owner Sanjiv Lamba has registered an FIR of cheating against a travel agent Friday for allegedly duping him of Rs 53.75 lakh on the pretext of booking flight tickets to France for his daughter's wedding guests in 2016, police said. "We have registered an FIR against the travel agent, who is absconding. Further investigation is on," said DCP (New Delhi) Madhur Verma.

### Fire at NDMC building

New Delhi: A fire broke out on the second floor of the NDMC building in Connaught Place Saturday, the DFS said. No casualty was reported.

### 18-yr-old stabbed to death

New Delhi: An 18-year-old boy was stabbed to death allegedly by unknown assailants in Central Delhi Friday. ENS

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DISMISSES PLEA CHALLENGING DELHI MAINTENANCE RULES

Authorities can evict children who don't care for parents: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

THE DELHI High Court has upheld the power of the district administration to evict children who do not maintain their parents/senior citizens, observing that "ageing has become a major social challenge and there is a need to give more attention to the care and protection of older persons".

The HC's ruling came while dismissing a plea by two minors, filed through their mother, who had sought to quash Rules 22(3) and 22(4) of the Delhi Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, for being ultra-vires the parent Act — Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 — and the Constitution.

The plea challenged the legal validity of a Rule in the Act, wherein the district magistrate or deputy commissioner, after verifying the title deeds, could evict any person on the allegation by a senior citizen that she/he has been ill-treated and abused. They have claimed that the property was part of the Hindu Undivided Family and the children or their parents could not be removed by the grandparents. A bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V K Rao, however, said: "We must bear in mind the objective for which the Parliament has enacted the Act... as because of withering of the joint family system, a large number of elderly are not being looked after by their family."

"Consequently, many older persons, particularly widowed women, are forced to spend their twilight years all alone and are exposed to emotional neglect and lack of physical and financial support, which clearly reveals that ageing has become a major social challenge and there is a need to give more attention to the care and protection of older persons. "Though parents can claim maintenance under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the procedure is both time consuming as well as expensive. Hence, a need was felt to have a simple, inexpensive and speedy mechanism for parents/senior citizens to claim maintenance," it noted in its 52-page verdict. The bench further noted that

the "Act also provides for protection of life and property of senior citizens/parents. The 'protection of property' must be understood to mean where a senior citizen retains the property in his name and possession for his welfare and well being".

The impugned Rules stipulate a summary procedure empowering the district magistrate to effect the eviction of a senior citizen's son/daughter/legal heir from his self-acquired property on account of his non-maintenance and ill-treatment. Taking into account the contention of the minors, the bench referred to its 2017 judgment in which it had held that the Maintenance Tribunal can order eviction of children if they deliberately neglect parents.

Dhananjay Singh did not respond to queries by The Indian Express. A senior official said, "I don't know about accommodation at IIT, but the arrangements in JNU are in place. Students requested to vacate rooms were either those who have completed their course or those who were earlier allocated double-seater rooms but didn't move..."

IIT-D Associate Dean, Hostel Management, Arvind Nema told The Indian Express that the institute would accommodate around 200 guests: "We have made arrangements... No student has been asked to vacate their rooms."

According to police, the man was not "happy to live with the boy". On April 23, he allegedly rammed the child's head on the wall of their rented house and buried his body the next day with the woman's help, said police.

"The woman had told her husband that their son had died in an accident, following which he informed his relative. The latter called police on April 24. When police reached the woman's house, they found that she had told neighbours that her son had fallen off the stairs three days ago and succumbed to his injuries," a senior police officer said.

Sensing that her husband had gotten suspicious, the woman and her partner went on the run, said police.

"Police, meanwhile, sought permission from the sub-division magistrate concerned and exhumed the child's body... A post-mortem was conducted and the report is awaited," the officer said.

The woman's husband, in his statement to police, said he and the woman got married in 2013, adding that she had been living with her partner since 2018.

"The duo were absconding since April, but came back to their rented accommodation in Bindapur Friday. During questioning, the woman's partner confessed that he was not happy with the child and wanted to live with her alone. He admitted that he killed the child by hitting his head on the wall, and then strangling him. When he confided in the woman, she helped him dispose of the body and tried to mislead her husband," the officer claimed.

1 day to go, confusion over JNU golden jubilee event accommodation continues

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

WHILE ACADEMICIAN and SPIC MACAY founder Kiran Seth said Jawaharlu Nehru University (JNU) hostellers will not have to make room for guests for their event beginning June 3 — as part of the varsity's week-long golden jubilee celebrations — students and officials told The Indian Express that the arrangements are continuing as it is.

On May 28, The Indian Express had reported that senior wardens of seven hostels were asked by the JNU administration to vacate a section of students from their dormitories by May 30 for about 10 days, to accommodate nearly 1,000 guests for their Golden Jubilee celebrations. The notice was for the P-III category, which includes students who are residents of Delhi or have five or fewer points.

The move had attracted criticism from the JNU students' union as well as hostel residents. Speaking to The Indian Express Saturday, Seth had said that space was being made at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.

A student at JNU's Narmada Hostel, who is out of town, said her room had been "double-locked". "I asked the caretaker today if we will no longer have to vacate rooms, but he said this was not true. He told me the room has been double-locked so I can't access it, and asked me not to come till June 10," she claimed.

Gautam Jha, senior warden of the Mahi-Mandavi hostel, said they had made space for guests and that no students were forced to vacate. "We have a dormitory free. It was almost vacant, only one or two students were there..." he said, adding that they had not received any communication regarding accommodation at IIT-D.

Additional Dean of Students



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More than 50 cars were gutted in a fire at the Sagarpur police station malkhana, Saturday. Praveen Khanna

Mother, friend held for 'killing' 4-yr-old boy; told husband he died in accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

THE MOTHER of a four-year-old boy and the man she was allegedly in a relationship with were arrested Friday in connection with the child's murder in Dwarka district's Bindapur, said police. The incident took place on April 23 and the duo had been absconding, said police.

DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse said that the man is 21 years old and the woman 25.

According to police, the man was not "happy to live with the boy". On April 23, he allegedly rammed the child's head on the wall of their rented house and buried his body the next day with the woman's help, said police.

The woman had told her husband that their son had died in an accident, following which he informed his relative. The latter called police on April 24. When police reached the woman's house, they found that she had told neighbours that her son had fallen off the stairs three days ago and succumbed to his injuries," a senior police officer said.

Sensing that her husband had gotten suspicious, the woman and her partner went on the run, said police.

"Police, meanwhile, sought permission from the sub-division magistrate concerned and exhumed the child's body... A post-mortem was conducted and the report is awaited," the officer said.

The woman's husband, in his statement to police, said he and the woman got married in 2013,

adding that she had been living with her partner since 2018.

"The duo were absconding since April, but came back to their rented accommodation in Bindapur Friday. During questioning, the woman's partner confessed that he was not happy with the child and wanted to live with her alone. He admitted that he killed the child by hitting his head on the wall, and then strangling him. When he confided in the woman, she helped him dispose of the body and tried to mislead her husband," the officer claimed.

Advertisement for a search for kidnapped child named Raj. The ad provides contact information for Nand Nagri, Delhi, and mentions a reward of ₹75,08,70,730.

Advertisement from West Central Railway, Kota Division, for E-Tender Notice No. WHQ/Br-Line/Tender/KTT, dated 28.05.2019. It lists three tender items for bridge work and vehicle hiring.

Advertisement from Government of Tamil Nadu, District Rural Development Agency, Coimbatore, for Garbage Collection Bins tender notice dated 30.05.2019. It details the terms and conditions for supplying bins.

Advertisement for the 141 Medium Regiment (Kargil) on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas. It mentions Capt PV Vikram, SM and provides contact information for the CO & All Ranks.

Advertisement for State Bank of India, Cantt Branch, Meerut Account No. 11047201099. It provides details about the account and the bank's services.

Advertisement from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur (C.G.) for recruitment of various posts. It provides details about the application process and the posts available.

Advertisement for the Ministry of Defence tender notice. It details the requirements for the supply of various vehicles and provides contact information for the Director AIIMS, Raipur.

Advertisement from East Central Railway for tender notice No. ENHM-RJR/GIR-19-20. It provides details about the tender for the supply of various materials and services.

Advertisement from East Central Railway for tender notice No. ENHM-BEHS-19-20. It provides details about the tender for the supply of various materials and services.













Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR (Telefax No. 0194-2496089, E-Mail ID:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in) GIST of e-Tender NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2019-20/18/e-tendering Dated: 30.05.2019 For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir state, e-tenders, valid for 180 days, are invited from the Original equipment manufacturers of Lifts or their authorized dealers/ representatives or Registered/ reputed and experienced firms for the following works-

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused, Rajiv Verma @ Ramu S/o Rajesh Verma, R/o A-3, Gali No.1, Ambedkar Basti, Maujpur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.154/16 u/s 406/34 IPC, PS Seelampur, Delhi, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Rajiv Verma @ Ramu, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rajiv Verma @ Ramu, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rajiv Verma @ Ramu, Under the FIR No. 154/16 u/s 406/34 IPC, PS Seelampur, Delhi, is required to appear before the court on or before 05.07.2019.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD E-Tender Notice No.: CEN04AGC0719 E-Tender Notice Dated: 30.05.2019 Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)/NCR Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India, invites, E-Tenders on the prescribed forms for the under noted works:

Dakshin Gujarat Vij Co. Ltd. CIN U40102GJ2003SGC042909 Regd. & Corp. Office: "Urja Sadan" N. V. Road, Kapodara Char Rasta, Surat 395 006 GUJARAT DGVCL Toll Free No. 19123 OR 1800 233 3003 Tender Notice Tender Notice No. DGVCL/SP/19047/TMR Book Details are put up on www.dgvcl.com (for view and download tender documents) and on www.dgvcl.nprocure.com (for view, download and online tender submission).

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HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT "NOTICE INVITING TENDER" Online Bids on Item Rate Basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, IPH Division No.1, Kasumpti Shimla -9 (HP) on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh in Electronic System in Two Covers for the under motoned work from Contractors/Firms of Appropriate Class Enlisted with HPI&PH Department.

North Eastern Railway Tender Notice On Line open E-Tenders are invited by Sr. D.M.E/C&W.N.E. Railway/ Lucknow for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works: Tender Notice No. 07-2019-CW 29,85,935.20 59,700.00 Hiring of 09 MT Capacity truck for transportation of railway material on point to point basis by road for a period of two years. Contract period- Two Years.

PRADHANMANTRI AWAS YOJANA AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HOUSING PROJECT TENDER NOTICE Construction of Affordable EWS Houses at various locations in Ahmedabad Phase VI Part - 2

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR (At:- Ambapua, Po:- Engineering School Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011) E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com Tel/FAX:- 0680-2404287 NOTICE FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"-Procurement Bid Identification No. Online Tender/06-2019-20/PMGSY/BPR The Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids (EXCLUSIVE OF GST) in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads Works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of Ganjam 01 (One) number of packages with estimated cost totalling to Rs 2.86 Cr (Approximate) including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd. 03.06.2019 Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB at Three places i.e. O/O Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Rural Works, Odisha, Bhubaneswar // Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur // Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Bhanjanagar on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. Last Date / Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 17.06.2019 upto 3.00 P.M For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to www.pmgstenders.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer R.W. Circle, Berhampur 25071/11/0005/1920

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) TAWI BRIDGE CUM MEDICAL COLLEGE DIVISION JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDERS ENIT No. MCD-12/05 of 2019 Dated 27.05.2019 For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works-

Govt. of Bihar SHORT TENDER (2<sup>nd</sup> Call) NIT: 1/CME/PMC/2019 Date: 30.05.2019 Construction of Vending Market at Shekhpura, Baily Road, Patna Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) invites competitive bids from reputed and experienced agencies for Construction of Vending Market at Shekhpura, Baily Road, Patna with Defect Liability Period of 3 years. Brief details of the tender are as follows:

Govt. of Bihar SHORT TENDER NIT: 38/CME/PMC/2019 Date: 30.05.2019 Request of Proposal for Licensing of Kiosks at Ganga River Front Under Patna Municipal Corporation Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) invites competitive bids from reputed and experienced agency for "Request of Proposal for Licensing of Kiosks at Ganga River Front Under Patna Municipal Corporation" The preferred bidder would be selected through a single-stage two-part competitive bidding process based on evaluation of technical and financial proposals. The bidders are expected to submit their Proposals in accordance with the instructions provided in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) incorporating instructions for submission of bids and other relevant information is available on the website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. The bidding documents will be available with effect from 07.06.2019. The deadline for bid submission is 21.06.2019 at 15:00 hours IST. The bids will be opened on the same day at 16:00 hours IST. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 12.06.2019 at 16:30 hours IST at PMC office, Patna. There is a non-refundable fee for RFP documents which is INR 10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand only) payable through Demand Draft/Online Payment in the name of 'Patna Municipal Corporation' at Patna. The bidders are also required to deposit Earnest Money of INR 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh only) through Demand Draft/ Bank Guarantee in the name of 'Patna Municipal Corporation' payable at Patna. Patna Municipal Corporation Maurya Lok Complex, Buddha Marg, Patna, Bihar, 800001 W: www.pmc.bihar.gov.in E: patnamc-bih@gov.in M: 829200765 For further details please visit website www.prbihar.gov.in Municipal Commissioner Patna Municipal Corporation PR. No. 01584 (Ni.Ni) 2019-20

Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department E-procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS(FBI) The Executive Engineer Nalagarh Division HPPWD, Nalagarh on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the on line bids on item rate in electronic tendering system in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible & approved contractors/firms Registered with H.P.PWD, Department.

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## WHY KAILASH VIJAYVARGIYA

Since winning two seats in West Bengal in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP has been working to increase its footprint in the state. Kailash Vijayvargiya was appointed the party's state in-charge four years ago and has since been travelling across Bengal to strengthen the BJP's organisation on the ground. In the general elections this year,

the BJP emerged as the main challenger to the Trinamool, and won 18 of the state's 42 seats. The party's vote share also increased to 40.25 per cent from 16.8 per cent in 2014. Vijayvargiya, who was appointed national general secretary in 2015, was also in charge of Haryana polls, and has served as a minister in the Madhya Pradesh government



“If there is a BJP government in Bengal, we will conduct the NRC drive. Over a crore intruders will be identified. These people are taking away the resources and jobs of Bengal's people”

### LIZ MATHEW: What were some of the challenges that you faced in Bengal?

After three decades of Left rule, Mamata Banerjee rose to power in Bengal after a big struggle. People expected things to change, they wanted democracy to be reinstated, they wanted an end to dictatorship and violence, they wanted peace and development... Unfortunately, nothing changed. An era of atrocities and murders began. At first, Congress workers were killed, then BJP and CPM workers. In the last four-and-a-half years that I have been the BJP in-charge of the state, 103 BJP workers have been killed, including a few after the election results were announced.

There is 'syndicate raj' in the state. While the government runs the state, syndicates control the districts. People affiliated to the ruling party in the state are part of this syndicate. One cannot even build a house in Bengal without the involvement of the syndicate.

There was an apprehension among people about which way to go, especially since the Congress doesn't have any presence there and the Left is almost over. When I was made in-charge, our party president Amit Shahji told me that two states, Kerala and West Bengal, were tough to win and that I should take charge of West Bengal. When I first went to Bengal, I thought it would take us at least 15 years to be in a position to challenge the ruling party. After doing a tour of the state twice, I met the party president again. He said, 'I have sent you for five years, not 15. I am standing behind you, just tell me what you need.' Then, I got a flat in Bengal and began to visit districts to understand the problems of the people. I, along with Suresh Pujari, a party worker from Odisha, and Shiv Prakashji, our national *sangathan* mantri, travelled across the length and breadth of the state, both clockwise and anti-clockwise. By doing so, we were able to take two rounds of a district in one cycle within two to two-and-a-half months. This led to large-scale mobilisation and our party workers gained confidence.

Subsequently, attacks on our workers also increased. No one was spared. Even the Trinamool and the syndicate in the state have two-three different groups. They fought amongst themselves, and in the last three years of Mamataji's tenure, 65 Trinamool workers have been murdered by fellow workers. I think West Bengal is the only state where workers of the ruling party kill each other, and then blame the Opposition. More than 150 BJP workers, who haven't even killed a mosquito, have been booked under Section 302 (murder). Amid all these atrocities by the ruling party, it was an uphill task to strengthen our party base in the state. I think it is because of the leadership of the Prime Minister, political strategies of our party chief, and our efforts on the ground that we have been able to build and strengthen our network in every district of Bengal. We kept a low profile, didn't do any publicity and just worked to strengthen the organisation.

Everyone thought since we had two (Lok Sabha) seats in Bengal, we would probably get four to six seats this time. I had set a target of 25 seats. People would laugh at it. But I told everyone it will be an astonishing result. We would have won 25 seats had there not been violence during the elections, because of which many people did not step out to vote. But even then, the people helped us win 18 seats.

### LIZ MATHEW: Why were you chosen to handle the elections in Bengal?

You should ask Amit Shahji that (laughs). I think I have the most amount of experience among all party general secretaries. I have been a councillor, a mayor and an MLA for six terms. Besides, I have seen violence very closely. In the '80s and '90s, Indore had many textile mills and trade unions. My father was a mill worker there. I lived in the *mazdoor basti* (workers' colony). I have seen fights closely... In those days firearms or explosives were not as common, it was mostly swords and sticks. Amitbhai knew all about me and so he probably thought I could work in Bengal as I have seen it all.

### RAVISH TIWARI: Your opponents say communal politics has helped your performance in Bengal.

We are not responsible for the situation in Bengal; Mamataji is. When I went to Kolkata for the first time, I saw big hoardings of people offering namaaz in the Salt Lake area. When I looked closely, I realised that the hoardings had Mamataji's face on them. I was told that she often visited the area and offered namaaz. I have never seen a Hindu leader offer namaaz like this anywhere in the country. There is always a reaction when things are stretched too far. Durga Puja is the biggest festival in Bengal. When a Durga *visarjan* procession

## ‘Shattered belief that TMC can't be defeated.. When we create that mood in Kerala, BJP will win’

BJP's general secretary in charge of West Bengal, Kailash Vijayvargiya, says Bengal's vote for the party was a “reaction” to the violence in the state, claims BJP got not just Left's, but also TMC and Congress votes, and talks about “change of demography” in Bengal districts



BJP's national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya with Associate Editor Liz Mathew in *The Indian Express* newsroom. Abhinav Saha

is stopped because of Muharram, it will evoke a reaction. People had to go to the court and get permission for the procession. This also led to more than 10,000 people assembling at Durga Puja pandals, which otherwise would not have had more than a thousand people. That reaction was not ours, it was the people's reaction.

(In 2016), the police station in Kaliachak area of Malda district was torched. Most of the Hindu families there were thrown out of the area. None of the media houses initially reported the incident, till a senior reporter from a big television channel went to cover the incident. That story showed how AK-47 rifles were used in the violence, and how so many people had to leave.

Therefore, despite the fact that we did not have workers to assist us in the election process, people still voted for us. This shows their sentiment towards the ruling party. In villages, despite bomb blasts at night, women gathered to vote in the morning. They called police and voted under their protection. It was all a reaction. Not a single BJP worker was involved in any of it (the violence). So, when they say that we did it (communal politics)... we did not. We might have benefited from it, but we are not responsible for it. The responsibility lies with the state government.

### LIZ MATHEW: You say that there is fear among the people in the state. In that case, why didn't all the Hindu votes come to your party?

That is why I am saying that the allegation that there was polarisation is baseless. Had that been the case, we would have got all the Hindu votes. We did not polarise. We put forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's face and spoke about jobs for the youth, women empowerment, quality education and healthcare services... That is why we did not get 100 per cent of the Hindu votes.

### ABANTIKA GHOSH: Did the Vidyasagar College incident harm the BJP in the seventh phase of the polls?

It is a matter of research for us. There were nine Lok Sabha seats (in the phase) and they were all very difficult for us. The Trinamool has more influence in the region, and above that, there was *gundagardi* (hooliganism).

### RAVISH TIWARI: In the Lok Sabha elections, you sought votes in Narendra Modi's name. The BJP does

### not have a face in Bengal. Will that affect the results in the state polls?

Before the Assembly election, there is the local body election. We might only get 10 per cent of the votes in the local body election. It is not an election. The state election commissioner, the police, the Trinamool and its goons, together fight the local body elections. You must have seen the last panchayat elections. The situation there is very bad. The demographic of eight districts has changed entirely. When we visited some villages in these parts, it appeared that we were not in our country. To save Bengal, it is necessary to stop the entry of infiltrators and illegal operations.

### KRISHN KAUSHIK: You claim that you don't polarise, but then you say that certain areas in Bengal don't look like our country. Your party didn't give tickets to Muslims, you don't talk about Muslim voters...

We had Muslim candidates. Our candidate came second in Murshidabad. We have also received Muslim votes. I never said that we didn't receive Muslim votes. We have got Muslim votes, though less in numbers, but we have got them.

### ABANTIKA GHOSH: In its campaign, the BJP spoke out against dynasts. But now you have Arjun Singh and his son, Mukul Roy and his son, in the party.

We had no other option. We had no candidate from Arjun Singh's constituency (Barrackpore). I am not ashamed to say that Arjun Singh is very powerful there and our

party didn't have a *sangathan* in the region. We made our party's office in his area, but his men captured it. We still had the office but with their party flag. (Arjun Singh defected from the Trinamool to the BJP in March.) In a democracy, the end result of an election is not a gold, silver or bronze medal. You either win or lose. In order to win, you need a good candidate.

### LIZ MATHEW: Did you get all the CPM cadre votes in Bengal?

Remember the slogan Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave: '*Chup chap, kamal chaap* (Quietly vote for the lotus)'. It is interesting to see how intelligent the voters have become. In villages, people knew they wouldn't be allowed to vote if they said they wanted to vote for the BJP. So they put on the Trinamool's tag and went to vote. But, at the polling booth, they secretly pressed the lotus button (the BJP's party symbol). The political violence and undemocratic activities are causing problems for the Trinamool in the state. We have got the Trinamool's votes. We have also received the Congress's and the CPM's votes.

### RAVISH TIWARI: On one hand you say that Muslims voted for you, on the other you claim that in certain parts of the state, which have a larger Muslim population, it doesn't feel like your own country. These are contrary viewpoints.

When we talked to the people there, it felt like this was not a part of our country. Their behaviour, mannerisms, implied that

they are not a part of this country.

### VANDITA MISHRA: What kind of behaviour?

If you go to any part of the country, people have a welcoming attitude. In any village, if you ask people for directions, they will first ask you if you have had any food or water. This is the culture of our country, *atithi devo bhava* (the guest is god). But when we went to some of the places in Bengal, it felt like we were a burden on them. It's a mindset. I go to a lot of Muslim areas where I get a lot of love from the people. I attend many Muslim events in Indore. I have also got Muslim votes in Indore. It's not like we don't go to Muslim areas, but in that particular area, we felt unwelcome.

### RAVISH TIWARI: You have worked in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and now West Bengal for the BJP. The political violence aside, what difference do you see in the politics of these states?

In Uttar Pradesh, there is a politician in every second house. If you talk to a Jat in UP, he will tell you the entire history of the community. A Yadav will tell you how they have been oppressed for ages. The voter in UP is very politically aware. Haryana's voters are the most honest. I went to Haryana for an event of transporters. They gave me buttermilk and looked after me well. When I asked them whether they will vote for the BJP, they said we are Chautala's men (laughs). I have never met such honest people anywhere else in the country. In West Bengal, people read a lot of newspapers. They read and they think. It is tough to talk to a Bengali because they don't open up easily. They are very proud of their culture and language and are very emotional. Women in West Bengal are very concerned about their children's education and how the quality of education is falling.

### RAVISH TIWARI: Why did the BJP lose the Madhya Pradesh polls?

There are two reasons. Firstly, we were in power in the state for 15 years. In this time period, we built roads and infrastructure. We had nothing new to show this time. Someone who was four-five years old when we started in Madhya Pradesh, could now vote. He didn't know what the BJP had done in these 15 years. Rahul Gandhi said he will waive off farm loans in eight days, but nothing happened. He said he will give pension to the unemployed. No money

was given. The Lok Sabha results were an answer to this politics of cheating.

### ABANTIKA GHOSH: Ram Navami celebrations are now held with much more fervour in Bengal. Some Bengalis have stopped eating non-vegetarian food on Tuesdays because they worship Hanuman. People from West Bengal have always been Durga worshippers. How did this happen and how did it affect the voting?

Every action has a reaction. Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti were not celebrated in West Bengal till four years ago. The celebrations were curbed. Children who wore Hanuman costumes and went around with *gadas* (maces) were slapped with cases under the Arms Act. People holding Ram Navami processions without permission were thrown into jails. So there was a reaction from society. If people said *Jai Shri Ram*, they were slapped and arrested. (In these elections), a whole village voted while chanting *Jai Shri Ram*. This is Newton's law, every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

### ANANT GOENKA: How do you think the social fabric of Bengal will change in the next 10 years?

If there is a BJP government, we will conduct the National Register of Citizens drive. Over a crore intruders will be identified. These people are taking away the resources and jobs of Bengal's people. Strict action will be taken against them.

### ANANT GOENKA: And if Mamata Banerjee continues to be CM, how will the Centre-state relations play out?

The Prime Minister recently said that we are with the people who trusted us, and those who didn't, we will strive to win their trust. We go by his motto of '*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas*'. The PM called Mamataji after the cyclone, she didn't pick up his call and then said that she doesn't consider him the Prime Minister. That's her prerogative. The PM did his duty.

### KRISHN KAUSHIK: Why didn't the BJP perform well in Kerala?

We have shattered the belief that the Trinamool cannot be defeated. Once that happens in Kerala, when people start believing that the BJP can win, we will get their votes. We haven't been able to create that environment in the state yet. The day it is created, the BJP will win in Kerala too.



“No BJP worker was involved in it (violence). When they say that we did it (communal politics)... we did not. We might have benefited from it, but we are not responsible for it. The responsibility lies with the state government



## Front row, eighth from left

For her Tadvi Bhil tribe, she was a symbol that one among them could make it 'big'. For her family, she spelt hope for a life out of poverty. For her husband, she was love at first sight. SADAF MODAK & TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA trace the long journey from Jalgaon to Mumbai of Payal Tadvi, the 'strong', 'bold' girl, broken allegedly by caste

IN SMALL villages across Jalgaon, every day since Payal Tadvi's death, there have been spontaneous protests, prayer meetings and candle marches. At one such march in Lohara village in Raver taluka, as Sana, 8, says "there cannot be more Payal *didis*", and that she too wants to become a doctor like her, there are loud cheers.

In Jalgaon, they know Payal as the medical officer who spoke their language Bhili and, encouraged by whom, Adivasi women started visiting the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Dhanora village in Chopda taluka where she was posted. They also remember the 26-year-old as "strong" and "bold".

Which is why the news of her suicide at a hospital in Mumbai on May 22, allegedly due to harassment by colleagues for her Scheduled Tribe status, has hit Jalgaon hard — both those who knew her, and those who are getting to know her now. Payal was the first among her Tadvi Bhil community to enrol for postgraduation in medicine.

Ashabai Tadvi, who has just returned from a day's work in the fields in Lohara, says most of them end up as farm labourers or collect forest produce for a living, earning Rs 100-odd a day. "With few options, our children either work with us or balance school and work. Some are in ashram schools, where education is bad. Through these odds, when one of us tries to make it big, she is treated this way. What's the use then?"

Among the districts with the highest tribal population in Maharashtra, Jalgaon has around six lakh tribals. Among them, the Tadvi Bhils are a sub-caste of the larger Bhil ethnic group. When Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb visited Burhanpur, an important Mughal outpost (in modern day Madhya Pradesh), in 17th century, several Tadvi Bhils had converted to Islam. Centuries later, though Muslims, they continue to retain aspects of Hindu culture, like bowing before idols.

District Collector Avinash Dhakne says Jalgaon has 17 government ashram schools for tribals, and 42 grant-in-aid schools. "There is also a programme under which 2,700 children are sent to residential schools within the state. These schools are filled below capacity. We have to plan special programmes to bring them to school," Dhakne admits.

The literacy rate in Jalgaon is 78.2%, compared to the state average of 82.3%. Former Jalgaon MLA Shirish Chaudhary says only 50% Tadvi Bhil children study up to Class 12.

Payal studied till Class 10 at a private Progressive English Medium School, 10 minutes from her home in Jalgaon city. With summer vacations on, there is minimal staff at the school these days. The principal, who joined after Payal left, doesn't know about her or her death. But administrator Mangale Dunakhe, who used to be the principal of the school's Marathi wing, remembers her clearly as "a quiet, obedient girl".

In the staff room, a mention of Payal starts a discussion on caste. As a teacher says any

kind of discrimination is "unforgivable", another says, "I wrote on my WhatsApp how another girl from a Scheduled Tribe had lost her life due to institutional failures. Nobody responded, though over 90 people saw it."

After their son Ritesh was born with a defect that left him disabled in both legs, Abeda and husband Salim thought long and hard before having another child. "We were scared the second child would also have a birth anomaly. So we didn't plan one for four years. Later a doctor encouraged us," says Abeda.

Once Payal was born, the parents waited with bated breath for her to start walking. She was nine months old when she took her first steps. "The doctor had said that seeing a sibling walk would encourage Ritesh, and it did. He started attempting to stand. Payal was a gift of god," Abeda says.

Growing up, Payal remained protective of her brother. "She knew we were both busy with Ritesh so she would not bother us much. Once when she was two, she soiled herself, and dragged a cloth herself to clean the floor," laughs Abeda.

She was interested in swimming, would participate in every school marathon but her passion lay in dancing. While in school, she participated in auditions of TV reality show *Dance India Dance*. Salim remained unemployed for most of her childhood, sometimes getting work as a daily wager. Abeda worked as a clerk with the zila parishad. With finances low, Payal helped out by doing the cooking, laundry and cleaning.

Despite all this, in her Class 10th exams, Payal scored 87%, and after Class 12, sat for multiple exams for engineering and medical. Ritesh believes his health problems prompted Payal's desire to become a doctor. "She saw me going to *sadhus*, doctors, and decided she wanted to help people."

Recalling Payal's promise to "look after Ritesh all her life if needed", Abeda adds, "She never told us she wanted to become a doctor until the common entrance test result came." To admit her in Government Medical College in Miraj in 2011, her parents took a loan. Her father had by then got a job as a clerk in the same office as Abeda's. "Due to my condition, I do not work. She would have been the sole bread-earner for the family after my parents retire in a few years," Ritesh says.

Several in the family were not as keen about Payal's career choice, advising the Tadvis to get her married off. "But we were the happiest parents in Jalgaon when our daughter told us she wanted to become a doctor," Abeda says, wiping her tears.

Still, with girls her age getting married, the mother was worried. "I didn't want people to say we planned to live off our daughter's money," Abeda says.

In June 2014, when Payal was 21, her family introduced her to Salman during a wed-



(Top) Payal with her MBBS batch, at her graduation ceremony, in 2016; Jalgaon has been seeing daily protests since her death. Express/Prashant Nadkar

ding in Raver, Jalgaon. She was in her third year of MBBS at the time. He was smitten, Salman, a native of Raver, recalls. "She told me she was not ready for marriage. (But) I thought even I was a doctor, so things would work out." He told her to think about the proposal and they exchanged mobile numbers.

Two months later, on August 20, on Salman's birthday, she rang him. "She said she was ready for marriage. It was my happiest day," he says. They got engaged in December, and married after her graduation, in February 2016. "She wanted to go to Kerala for honeymoon, but I insisted on the Ajmer Sharif dargah to seek blessings," he says.

After marriage, Salman returned to Mumbai, where he was a PG student of anaesthesia at KEM Hospital. Payal joined Sangaleti Medical College to serve out the year-long compulsory bond MBBS students have to with government hospitals.

In 2017, she took up work as medical officer at the Dhanora PHC, while preparing for the post-graduation entrance exam. The same year, Salman finished his PG and moved to Aurangabad to be close to her. "In our two years of marriage, we lived together for only those six months," he says.

In 2018, Salman got a job as a lecturer at Mumbai's Dr R N Cooper Hospital, and Payal got admission for post-graduation in the gynaecology department of Mumbai's T N Topiwala National Medical College. With work load high as a resident doctor, Payal could hardly leave the hospital and hence moved into a hostel. Salman would meet her once in two-three days, sometimes bringing dinner he cooked for her. Both would eat in the gynaecology ward's side room, sharing an hour of quiet, as patients slept.

Cousin Tanuja, 30, says one of the reasons Payal chose her own taluka when she started work as a medical officer was that she wanted to work with tribals, many of whom remain apprehensive about formal medical care. So, every day, she would travel over 30 km from home to Dhanora (sometimes in a

successful delivery and she and her son continue to visit the PHC for check-ups. In fact, he adds, during Payal's stint, the number of Adivasi patients coming to the centre rose substantially. She also went with polio teams to villages for immunisation drives.

"The impact of her work can be felt till today," Dr Wadekar says.

At TN Topiwala National Medical College though, she could sense the difference, Abeda says. "Payal had immense self-control, I never saw her get angry. But she changed after she started PG, got disturbed."

Initially, Payal shared a hostel room with Dr Bhakti Mehare, now an accused in the case. "Bhakti had a cot, while Payal slept on the floor. Bhakti would wipe her feet on her mattress, so Payal started sleeping in a side room of the ward to avoid her," Abeda claims.

Her relative Hanif Tadvi says she stopped answering their calls. Abeda claims she suspected Payal was being harassed due to her caste, but she denied it. "Payal told me not to bring up casteism. She thought no medical student could ever discriminate over caste."

In December 2018, Salman says, Payal broke down before him. Naming three seniors — Dr Anika Khandelwal, Dr Hema Ahuja and Mehare — as constantly harassing her, she said she wouldn't go to work. Salman met Payal's department head Dr S D Shirodkar to lodge a complaint, and she transferred Payal to the paediatric ward for two months. Salman says Shirodkar, who has been issued a show-cause notice, also told him she was happy with Payal's work.

In February this year, Payal was posted back to the old unit. Her three seniors reportedly started harassing her again, frequently scolding her over work, not allowing her to conduct deliveries and threatening that they would not let her study. "In the medical college, juniors learn from seniors and Payal didn't want to fight. But she claimed the torture increased after she returned," Salman says.

He adds that he visited the gynaecology unit head, Dr Y I Ching Ling, in May to complain. But an anti-ragging report by BYL Nair Hospital, to which T N Topiwala Medical College is attached, states Ching Ling took no action in the matter.

Khandelwal (27), Ahuja (27) and Mehare (26), all in their final year of post-graduation, are under arrest. Denying the charges, their parents say the three worked under immense pressure and only wanted to ensure Payal did her job properly. "If my daughter was discriminating over caste, she should be punished. But she has friends from every community," says Kailash Khandelwal, Anika's father.

Ahuja's mother Kavita insists she is very sensitive. "She kept crying on the phone when she saw Payal's body. Whenever a patient would die, she used to cry. How can she harass another student?"

Abeda denies their claim that Payal may have been pushed to the edge due to work pressure. "My daughter saw pressure during

MBBS. She would work for 24-36 hours. It is not possible that she succumbed to work pressure. There was definitely harassment."

On Friday, the Mumbai Police informed the Sessions Court that they had evidence suggesting the three had made casteist remarks against Payal.

It's seven days since Payal's death. At the Tadvi home in Jalgaon city's Sai Sanskar Colony, incense sticks have been lit in a corner of the living room, next to Payal's MBBS degree certificate, kept in a frame. Under a *shamiana* outside, there is a constant stream of visitors, including neighbours and friends.

Over at a freshly painted 1BHK at Byculla in Central Mumbai, that he rented a month ago, Salman sits amidst photos of him and Payal on the walls. It was in this house that the two planned to finally start a married life.

Thinking back to the signs they "missed", Ritesh says, "Payal would say she had worked with tribal communities in backward areas and she would be able to manage in Mumbai too... When she began facing harassment, she told our mother. But she also said they are students as well and she did not want their lives spoilt by complaining against them."

Salman talks about how Payal had forbidden him from visiting her at the hospital in the last one month, due to fear of her seniors. Salman says he dismissed it as rivalry between medical students. "There are only girls in the gynaecology department. Not everyone gets along well," he says. "I will regret this all my life. I did not pursue the matter thinking about the career of the three of them."

After a while, Salman adds, Payal and he planned to move back to Jalgaon to start a hospital for the Tadvi Bhils.

While that may not happen now, some change may have already started. Nasima Tadvi, a 37-year-old doctor who is a Tadvi Bhil too, and who knew of Payal through her brother, talks about the time a senior colleague harassed her during practice. "If anything went wrong, he would blame me and paint me as inferior. This is one way of subtle discrimination. Fortunately, when I complained to my senior, he took immediate action. The institutional mechanisms to prevent this are not adequate. There is fear that no one will listen to us," Nasima says.

Through an NGO, Nasima, who works at a PHC in Yawal Taluka, now holds motivational talks for children. "This year, I want to tell them to not keep quiet, to raise their voice."

Arifa Tadvi, a teacher who lives at Dombivali near Mumbai and is enrolled for a PhD, is hopeful. "By creating fear, they prevent us from seeking our right. There is fear that nobody will support us. Perhaps Payal feared that too. We have to change this," Arifa, who has just returned from Jalgaon, says.

Sana, the 8-year-old who resolved to be like "Payal *didi*", is her daughter.

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### The Tadvi Bhils

GIVEN ST status, the Tadvi Bhils are found in small pockets in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. They are a sub-caste of the larger Bhil ethnic group. While many of them are Muslims, they retain many aspects of Hindu culture still. Most are employed with anything related to forest, while others do farm labour. Payal Tadvi was the first among them to enrol for a post-graduation in medicine.

state transport bus, often riding her scooter), and drop in at Tanuja's home for lunch.

"She would discuss work as she was passionate about it," says Tanuja, also remarking on Payal's "strong will", making it difficult to accept what has happened.

At the PHC, they vividly remember Payal, especially for one incident. A Tadvi Bhil woman in her final trimester of pregnancy had been brought to the centre for a check-up. The doctors realised she was severely anaemic. While they wanted to do immediate blood transfusion, the family was reluctant. "We attempted to convince them, but they did not agree. I asked Payal to intervene," says Dr Ajit Wadekar, the medical officer at the centre. Payal along with an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) headed to the family's village. Bharti Sonawane, the ANM who accompanied Payal, says Payal spoke to the family, explaining to them in Bhili about the woman's condition. "Eventually, the woman was rushed to the Civil Hospital in Jalgaon."

Dr Wadekar says the woman had a suc-



## TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES  
OF NEWSANGREZ SINGH,  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,  
KISHTWAR**'Many officials run  
own businesses or  
take part in politics.  
People are angry'**

To check absenteeism in government offices, Singh's office ordered video recording at market places with high footfall to identify employees "wandering during duty hours". The move comes a month after a govt school teacher and forest department employee were identified among a mob that ransacked Singh's office, while protesting the killing of a BJP leader, RSS functionary last year



"Recording will be done discreetly by our video surveillance teams." *Express*

**1 Why did you order the recording?**

We have been receiving complaints about government officials being absent from duty. According to some of the complaints, many of these employees are either running their own businesses in towns or participating in political activities. This has led to a lot of anger among the public.

**2 How will it help check absenteeism?**

Any video footage that shows a government employee at a market place during office hours, or sitting at his business establishment, will be sufficient evidence to initiate action against them, including recommendation for their termination.

**3 How will you identify employees?**

The drawing and disbursing officers in all government offices across the district have been asked to compile details of their employees, along with their photographs, and submit it to the Deputy Commissioner's office. These details will be computerised. If we suspect a person to be a government employee in any of the videos, his photograph will be matched with our data. It will all be done at the click of a mouse.

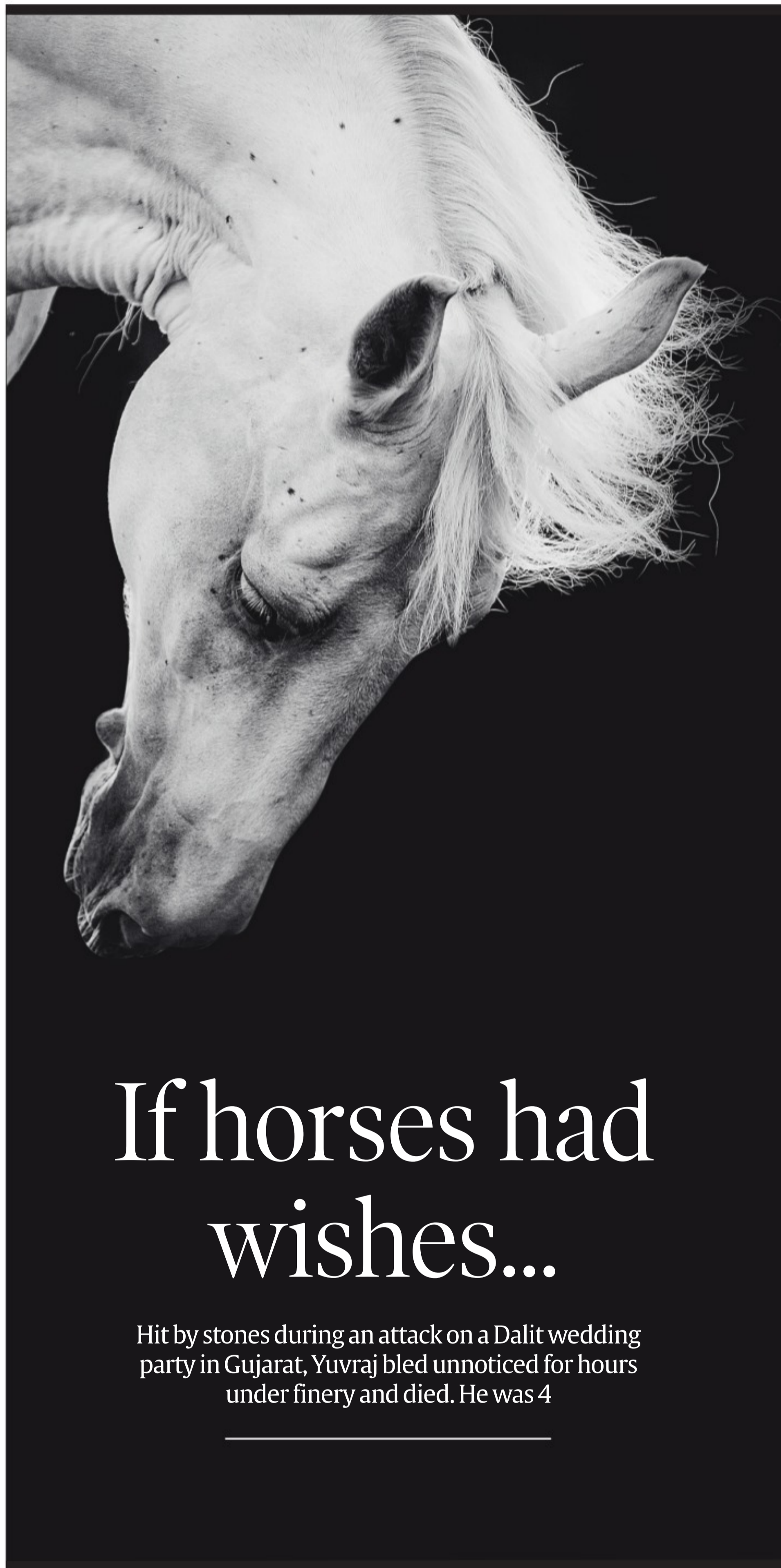
**4 Who will do these recordings?**

These will be done discreetly by our video surveillance teams. They will be positioned across Kishtwar. These teams will keep a tab on the movement of employees during office hours. Video footage from CCTV cameras at strategic locations in the town will also be examined.

**5 What have you found so far?**

Recently, an employee visited one of our officers to seek clarification on the order. The latter was shocked to learn that the visitor was a government employee, as until then he knew him only as a shopkeeper.

ARUN SHARMA



# If horses had wishes...

Hit by stones during an attack on a Dalit wedding party in Gujarat, Yuvraj bled unnoticed for hours under finery and died. He was 4

## PARIMAL DABHI

**Y**UVRAJ WAS a mix-breed, a cross between a Kathiawadi and Marwari horse. Kesrisinh Chauhan says he picked him from among hundreds of horses at an animal fair in Balotara, near Ranuja of Rajasthan, after looking around for four days. It cost him Rs 2.5 lakh to buy, Rs 15,000 in transportation, and another Rs 15,000 to get him dance training from a trainer in Sikar — the whole process taking a month. In the month that Chauhan had him, Yuvraj got 12 bookings, many of them in advance, with the demand shooting up as his popularity rose. By his fourth booking, the four-year-old horse was dead.

On May 12, a wedding procession for which Yuvraj had been hired came under attack at Khambhisar in North Gujarat's Modasa taluka. The upper caste Patidars of the village objected to the groom, a Dalit, riding a horse — no one in Khambhisar had seen this before — and pelted stones at the wedding party.

As the incident led to outrage, coming as it did in the midst of the Lok Sabha elections, and in the wake of several such attacks in the state, the Gujarat government acted swiftly to book 45 Patidars and a mob of around 150 under various provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the IPC.

Thirteen days later, Yuvraj, whose wounds from the stone-pelting were discovered late, died. All the accused remain absconding.

The family of Jayesh Rathod had hired Yuvraj for Rs 9,500, says Chauhan. Along with his three brothers, the 50-year-old Chauhan, who belongs to the Thakor-Kshatriya caste group, runs the family trade of hiring out horses for weddings. Together they own eight horses, and after Yuvraj's death, Chauhan is left with three. "None of them is as beautiful or active as Yuvraj was. I am suffering losses with Yuvraj gone," Chauhan says.

According to him, other families in his village of Vanta-Rampur too are in similar business and provide horses for various occasions.

That day, Chauhan adds, he hadn't been well and so while he accompanied Yuvraj to Khambhisar, around 4 km away, he took along three nephews to attend to the horse. He did not anticipate any trouble, he adds.

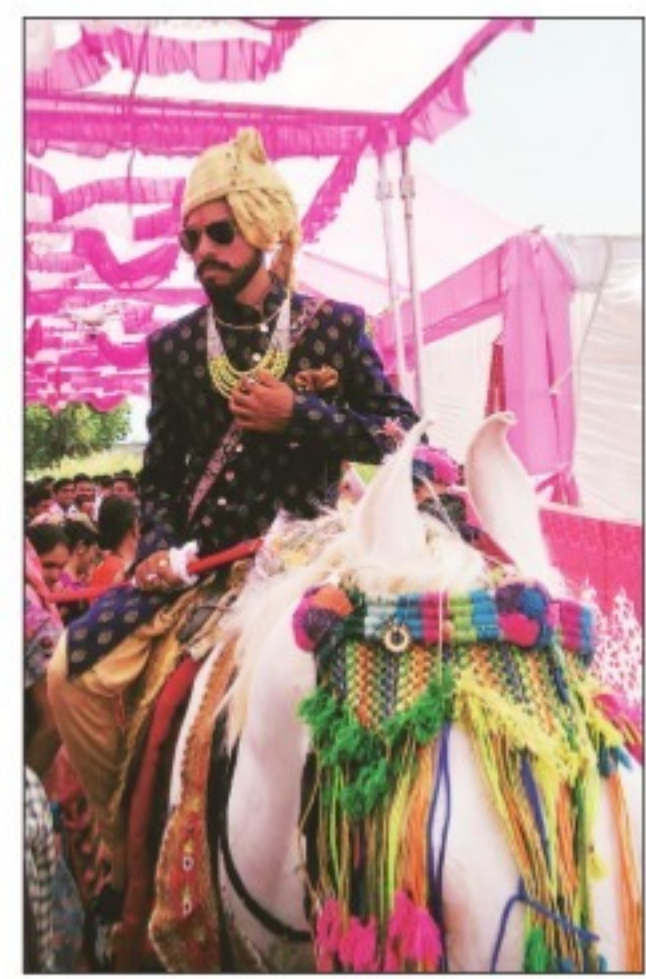
"But, as soon as we reached Khambhisar, some Patels threatened us to leave. They said that if we do not go back, neither we nor our horse would survive. We got frightened and headed for the Khambhisar bus stop, but the Dalit family reassured us that they had got police protection and nothing would happen to us. So we went with them," Chauhan says.

Despite the police presence though, there was heavy stone-pelting on the wedding procession. "One after the other, three alternative routes taken (by the Dalits) were blocked by the Patidars. They first cut off the power supply. I overheard somebody ordering this while I sat in my car near the village dairy, as my nephews attended the wedding with Yuvraj," claims Chauhan.

As soon as he heard about the stone-pelting, he phoned one of his nephews to run away with Yuvraj, he adds. The horse bolted with the groom, thus saving him. "While running with the horse, some Patidar youths chased my nephews to attack them too," Chauhan says.

They eventually made their way home late in the night. It was only when they removed the finery put on Yuvraj for the wedding that they realised that his head was covered in blood. Since it was very late by then, Chauhan provided Yuvraj some primary treatment and took him to Government Veterinary Hospital in nearby Berna village the next morning.

It took seven stitches to close the wound. "The doctor also prescribed five injections and a spray. However, Yuvraj could not recover," says Chauhan. He could read the signs, he



(Top) As the stone pelting began, Yuvraj bolted with the groom, thus saving him; (above) Chauhan buried Yuvraj in Vanta-Rampur's grazing land. *Javed Raja*

adds. "Horses never sit if there is the slightest movement by man or animals nearby. On May 25, he fell down, and I realised he was gone."

Chauhan says he wanted to bury Yuvraj on the ground in front of his one-storey house. "But doctors advised me not to bury it there since the horse's body had been cut open for post-mortem." So Chauhan buried him in the Vanta-Rampur village's grazing land.

The post-mortem attributed the death to the head injury.

After Yuvraj's death, police added Section 429 of the IPC — mischief by killing or maiming of cattle — against the accused. Deputy Superintendent of Police S S Gadhi, who is investigating the case, says police are trying to trace the 45 accused, and that a search of the village hadn't yielded anything. A district court has rejected the anticipatory bail petitions filed by 43 of them.

Chauhan says he will never provide a horse to Khambhisar now. "Is this how people treat an animal? We have been providing horses to people of all castes in the region. But we never experienced such brutal behaviour. Yuvraj had a two-inch deep wound. It was so deep because of the sharp-edged stones used in the stone-pelting."

The Rathods say they want to compensate Chauhan for his loss. Eight of the family suffered injuries in the stone-pelting that day, on their head, chest, legs, back, stomach. The wedding went on as scheduled, and was completed the next day, under heavy police *bandobast*.

While the groom, Jayesh, 25, works for Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited as a meter reader in Surat, his 24-year-old bride, Palak, is enrolled for B.Ed.

Says Dahyabhai Rathod, Jayesh's father, "We feel really bad that an innocent animal lost its life during our ceremony. The primary target of the stone-pelting was my son."

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ABDUL GANI SHEIKH, 45, 'SEHAR KHAN' IN SOUTH KASHMIR

# Curfewed nights

Despite encounters and search operations keeping South Kashmir on the edge, the Sheikhs ensure a Ramzan tradition — walking down the streets and waking up people for the pre-dawn meal of *sehri*

## ADIL AKHZER

AT 2.15 am, in the dead of the night, Abdul Gani Sheikh and his son Showkat Ahmad step out of their house in Tikina village in South Kashmir's Pulwama district — Sheikh with a drum slung around his neck and Showkat holding a solar lantern. Sheikh is the traditional 'Sehar Khan', whose job is to wake up people for *sehri*, the pre-dawn meal during the holy month of Ramzan.

But this Ramzan month is different. With daily encounters and military operations, South Kashmir has remained tense. The streets are usually deserted by early evening and few people step out unless there is an emergency.

Tikina village has no street lamps and Showkat's solar lantern and Sheikh's torch — held in place by the ropes on his drum — light up a patch of the mud road ahead of them. They have about an hour to ensure that around 450 households across Tikina, Shah Mohalla, Herpora, Apherpora, Banepora, Jamia Mohalla and Sontabug villages wake up in

time for the *sehri*.

The first village after Tikina is Shah Mohalla. As they walk past the houses, Sheikh beats his drums and recites the *Naat*, verses in praise of Prophet Muhammad. Inside a few homes, some lights turn on. He stops outside one of the homes. "Ali Mohammed, *wathew, sehar wout* (Ali Mohammed, time to wake up for *sehri*)," he calls out in Kashmiri. Sheikh waits till the light comes on in one of the rooms.

"I don't do this very often. I call out the names of only those people with whom I share a personal relationship... Sometimes, I even knock on their doors," he says.

By 2.45 am, Sheikh and Showkat have reached the neighbouring village of Benpora. In between smooth rolls of his drum, Sheikh talks about himself and his family. A cobbler who owns a small shop in the town, he lives with wife and son, while his two daughters are married.

Just then, Sheikh spots a shadow in the dark. "Shhh... it is a bear," he whispers, pulling Showkat back by his elbow. After a few hesitant moments, Sheikh begins beating his drums again and slowly moves ahead. "Ahh...



Sheikh and his son Showkat (right) begin their rounds at 2 am. He says despite phones and alarm clocks, people still wait for Sehar Khan to wake them up. *Express*

it's only a dog," he says, relieved as the light from the torch falls on the animal.

"It is tough to be a Sehar Khan in South Kashmir... can't be done by one person. That's why I get Showkat along. Recently, a neigh-

bour told me that some people spotted a leopard in one of the lawns. He told me that when the animal heard the drums, it moved out," he says.

But it's not these encounters of the wild

**"Sometime last week, there was heavy firing in the area at night. We were worried for some time, but then, the next morning, we woke up at the regular time and went out to do our job. We leave everything to God," says Showkat, Sheikh's son, a Class 12 student**

that have South Kashmir in their grip these days. Not a day passes without search operations, followed by encounters between militants and security personnel, and civilian protests.

Sheikh says his family had warned him before he decided to be Sehar Khan again. "They didn't say don't go. But they asked me to take care of myself and Showkat," says Sheikh. However, he adds, so far this Ramzan, they haven't come across any militant or Army personnel in the village — Tikina village has an Army camp located on the outskirts.

"Sometime last week, there was heavy firing in the area at night. We were worried for some time, but then the next morning, we woke up at the regular time and went out to do our job. We leave everything to God," says Showkat, a Class 12 student who has been helping his father during the Ramzan months since he was 14.

"Before me, my uncle was the Sehar Khan. After me, I would want my son to take up this work for the sake of God," says Sheikh,

looking at his son.

Showkat nods, saying he would be happy to take up the task.

But with cellphones and alarm clocks to do the job, is theirs a dying tradition? "No," says Sheikh. "One of these days, I was unwell and couldn't go in the morning. When I went the next day, several people scolded me... maybe some of them couldn't wake up in time for the *sehri*. I don't think people rely on their phones; they wait for Sehar Khan."

It's now around 3 am and Sheikh and his son walk back home. "See, most homes now have their lights on. They have woken up," he says.

Once home, father and son eat their *sehri* of rice and vegetable curry. Sheikh soon heads to a local mosque for morning prayers and then returns, where he will briefly catch up on his sleep. Over the last few days, he has stopped going to his shop as he has another Ramzan routine to follow — during the last few days of the holy month, every Sehar Khan visits households in the neighbourhood to collect alms. As he steps out around 11 am, Sheikh insists he never asks anyone for anything — "it's their choice and wish".

At Shah Mohalla, outside one of the homes where Sheikh has stopped, as the man of the house fills half of Sheikh's cloth bag with rice, he says, "Sehar Khan is doing god's work. He will surely earn rewards."

Around 6.30 pm, Sheikh is back home, where the family breaks its fast with an *iftar* of dates. After dinner at 8 pm and another visit to the mosque, Sheikh is back home at 10 pm. As he prepares to sleep, he says, "I don't get to sleep much during Ramzan, but we are doing this for God. Hopefully, He will reward us," he says.

# The ladder that could have saved Surat students

The Surat Municipal Corporation now has a firefighter-cum-rescue lift vehicle, with ladders that can reach up to 55 metres high. But it was delivered two days after 22 students died in a blaze at a coaching centre in the city



The new vehicle (left) is fully automatic; (above) the May 24 fire, where firemen could reach only up to the third floor. Hanif Malek

## KAMAAL SAIYED

ON MAY 26, Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) finally got the delivery of a fire engine with a turntable ladder that can reach up to 55 metres (around 180 ft) high. That was two days after 22 students died in a fire on the top floor of a building, from where summer coaching classes were being run illegally, in the city.

The fire engines that rushed to the spot had ladders that could rise a maximum of 35 metres (114.8 ft). With firemen unable to reach them, many of the students jumped to safety. Most of them who died were too scared to jump.

Neither Kapodara nor Mota Varachha fire station, closest to the site at Sarthana, have modern hydraulic platforms, which can fight fires simultaneously with rescuing people. The vehicles with 55-m-high and 70-m-high ladders reached the spot around 45 minutes to one hour later, from Katargam and Adajan fire stations (8 and 18 km away, respectively). Says Surat Municipal Fire Officer Kirtibhai Modh, who was arrested on Thursday, "Earlier there was one hydraulic platform at the Mota Varachha fire station, but during the 2015 Patidar agitation, government properties and vehicles were targeted, so the vehicle was shifted to the Katargam fire station for safety. The vehicle is costly."

In November 2017, SMC had placed an order for a turntable firefighter-cum-rescue lift vehicle, with ladders which could reach up to 55 metres high. An expert committee had shortlisted the Magirus vehicle as the best for Surat, given

the spurt in high rises in the city. In 2018, a global forecasting firm had ranked Surat as the world's fastest growing city.

18 months after the order was placed, the vehicle reached the Mumbai port on May 16. A municipal corporation officer says they were waiting to finish certain procedures for Customs clearance etc. Once the fire broke, these procedures were hurriedly completed and the vehicle was released from Mumbai port. It took two days to travel via road to Surat.

Says Surat Chief Fire Officer Basant Pareek, "The cost of the vehicle is around Rs 8 crore, and we have kept it at the Adajan fire station. Magirus company official Tobias Larch is training our staff on how to use it." Adajan fire official Ishwar Patel says their station was chosen as it has sufficient parking and broader roads around.

Listing the benefits of the new vehicle, Larch says it takes 90 seconds to set up, is fully automatic, its turntable ladder can rotate 360 degrees, and it can reach up to 55 metres high in a minute. "The vehicle can also carry three persons to safety at one time." Further the vehicle has wind sensors which raise an alarm if the wind speed goes beyond 12 km per second, which can prove dangerous.

Diamond polisher Dinesh Kevadiya, whose daughter Yashvi died in the fire, says one of the first things they noticed on reaching the spot was that the fire team's ladder fell way short of the fourth floor, where Yashvi was stuck. "We have come to know SMC has got a new fire vehicle now. If its delivery had been earlier, many lives could have been saved."

## TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

ANUJ DAYAL,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CORPORATE  
COMMUNICATIONS,  
DELHI METRO



"On complaints about loud music, we counsel passengers." Express

## 'We position messages on popular events for appeal'

In a tweet on May 20, the Delhi Metro urged passengers to use earphones while watching the final episode of *Game of Thrones's* (GoT) Season 8, to avoid spoilers. "Sansa is catching up on the Train of Thrones she uses headphones. She does not spoil it for others. Be like Sansa," the tweet said

### 1 Why did you post the tweet about the show?

The social media team of the Delhi Metro tries to position its messages around popular events. This is to ensure that the messages are appealing and engaging. When the last season of *GoT* was announced, we planned this tweet.

### 2 Is there a particular age group that listens to music, videos without earphones on the trains?

We cannot generalise it. There are constant announcements on the train about the arriving stations. If people hear any kind of content without earphones, the other passengers may miss the announcements for their stations.

### 3 How often do you receive such complaints?

Most travellers are disciplined and this helps us in running the system efficiently. However, when we receive a complaint, we try to counsel the passenger. Penalties are imposed rarely.

### 4 Apart from the tweet, have you taken any other such steps?

We use many offline methods. A puppet show campaign was held in over 500 schools to teach children travelling etiquette.

### 5 Have the audio messages you play on the train helped?

Audio messages help in sensitising passengers.

ANANYA TIWARI  
(The writer is an intern)

# Once again in Dadri

12 km from Bisara, tension hangs over a village after 2 arrests over meat. Families deny charges, including of illegal arms, in an area 'cautious' since Akhlaq's case

## ANKITA DWIVEDI JOHRI

AROUND 3 pm on May 24, Zahid (24) was taking his afternoon nap, his family says. A few homes away, 70-year-old Yakub's family says he had just returned from a funeral and was looking for medicines for his knee pain.

Moments later, a fleet of 12-15 vehicles arrived in Noorpur village in Dadri block in Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar district, and policemen stormed into Zahid and Yakub's homes. Both the men were allegedly beaten and arrested for "killing cattle and storing its meat" — bringing back memories from nearly four years ago when Mohammad Akhlaq was beaten to death by a mob in Dadri's Bisara village, just 12 km away, following rumours that he and his family stored and consumed beef. Akhlaq's 20-year-old son Mohammed Danish had also received severe head injuries during the attack.

"Zahid had brought the meat a day ago. It must have been around 20-22 kg, I am not sure. It's Ramzan, and he said we could use it for *iftar*. I don't know if it was cow meat," says Zahid's wife Malka, 23, sitting in their two-room house on the outskirts of the village. The couple have two children, ages two and four.

"At first, we didn't realise they were policemen as they were in civil clothes. Then they ransacked the house, hit Zahid in the face... They took away the meat, along with our Kelvinator fridge. It was around four feet

high. They also took away the country-made pistol that we had kept for our safety," says Zahid's mother Momina, standing next to a bull in the verandah. Zahid earned Rs 30,000-35,000 a month selling fodder in Dadri and Ghaziabad, the family adds.

They have met the 24-year-old only once, at Kasna jail, since his arrest. "He didn't say much. But there was a band-aid on his toe, it was cut. There were injury marks on his face," adds Malka.

Yakub's wife Sameena claims Zahid named her husband in the case to avenge an old fight. Sitting at her home in a lane next to Zahid's, she says, "We don't eat meat. We cooked chicken once, nearly two months ago, when a relative insisted. We have been breaking our fast with *bhindi* and *tori*. How can Yakub kill a cow? Last year, I had a fight with Zahid during the panchayat elections, he abused me and I filed a complaint. He was in police custody for 10-12 days. He is just trying to get back at our family."

The 50-year-old is a cancer patient. She and Yakub have eight children. While four of the sons work as welders in Rajasthan, another is a mechanic in Meerut, and one of the three daughters is married. Yakub is a farmer.

Says Saista, Yakub's youngest daughter, while sewing a blouse, "They named two of my brothers as well. How is that possible? They are away in Rajasthan. They work in a Chinese company which has CCTV cameras. Police can check those easily... We are so poor,

we don't even have mobile phones. We don't know why we are being dragged into this."

Sameena says police took away a knife, a sword, which "one of my sons had made while practising welding work", a torch, and a country-made gun. "There are no meat here. Zahid had got that gun for my husband. We live in the jungles, on the outskirts of the village, it was for our safety," she says, breaking down. "My husband could barely walk, I wonder how he is doing in jail." The family hasn't met Yakub since his arrest.

At the Jarcha Police Station, three cases have been filed against Zahid and Yakub. In the first FIR, a case has been registered under the UP Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and under IPC Section 429 (mischief by killing or maiming cattle) — all non-bailable offences. Two other FIRs have been filed against the men separately for illegal possession of weapons under Section 3/25 of the Arms Act. The complainant is SHO Prabhash Chandra.

The FIR says police seized "20 kg *gaumaas* (cow meat)" from Zahid's fridge, another 10 kg from a "tasla (vessel)", a weighing scale, and a chopping board from Zahid and Yakub's homes, apart from two 12-bore country-made pistols and seven live cartridges. According to Sub-Inspector Shiv Kumar Malik, the investigating officer, Yakub was at Zahid's home when the police arrived. "The two men were carving and weighing the meat. It has been sent to the forensic lab-



Zahid's mother, wife say they are not sure if the meat seized by police, along with their fridge, was beef. "Zahid had got it for Ramzan." Gajendra Yadav

oratory at the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry in Mathura."

Superintendent of Police (Rural), Gautam Buddha Nagar, Vineet Jaiswal says the test results are awaited. "The local police was tipped off by a source... We are not sure when we will get the results," he said.

In Akhlaq's case too, the meat seized had been sent to the Mathura laboratory — the only centre in UP authorised to conduct tests to determine if a sample is beef or not. In June 2016, nearly eight months after his death, the lab had said the sample recovered from the 50-year-old belonged to "a cow or its progeny".

The forensic laboratory could not be reached for comment on the meat found at Zahid and Yakub's homes.

On taking 12 vehicles with policemen to arrest the two men, IO Malik says, "It was only to ensure things don't spiral out of control. For next two days, our men guarded the

village. We didn't want any tension."

Head Constable Yatendra Kumar, who maintains case records at the Jarcha Police Station, says since the Akhlaq incident, no "big cow slaughter case" has been reported in the area. "Since 2015, we have got one or two such cases a year, concerning 3-4 kg meat. This time it is nearly 30 kg," he says.

Noorpur has a population of nearly 4,000. Apart from 250 people belonging to SC/ST communities, all are Muslims. Most claim not to know Zahid and Yakub "since they lived near the jungles, not in the village".

Nafeez Ahmed, 38, who stands in for his sarpanch wife Nahid Zabi (34), says the case has left him "shocked". "After the Akhlaq incident, everyone in Dadri has been careful. In fact, right after I took charge in 2016, I formed a committee to ensure that there are no cow slaughter incidents here. A fine of Rs 10,000 is imposed on anyone involved in such a case. A person who reports the incident gets

Rs 5,000," he says, adding, "Noorpur has been cautious not just because of the Akhlaq case, but since 1995, when a man shot a cow in the jungle nearby. There are a lot of Hindu villages around and there was a lot of tension back then. We don't want to hurt any community."

Ahmed believes "the incident has been blown out of proportion by troublemakers from nearby villages to spark communal tension". "Such attempts have become common in these parts. After the Akhlaq incident, many small Bajrang Dal kind of groups came up here. Sometime ago, a man was murdered in a nearby village. Someone from one such group put a skull cap on his head to anger Muslims. Later, it was found that he was Hindu. Yakub and Zahid's case is a similar attempt," he says.

Back at Zahid's home, with little clarity over her husband's bail, his wife Malka says, "At least they should return my *aata tasla*. That was the only one we had to knead flour."







## 18 ECONOMY

MOP UP LOWER THAN ₹1,13,865 CRORE COLLECTED IN APRIL

## Government's GST collections in May remain above ₹1 lakh crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUN 1

GOODS AND Services Tax (GST) collections stayed above the Rs 1 lakh crore mark in May, rising 6.7 per cent from Rs 94,016 crore collected in the year ago period, data released by government showed Saturday.

The gross collection in May at Rs 1,00,289 crore is, however, lower than the highest level of Rs 1,13,865 crore collected in April.

The revenue in May, 2019 is only 2.21 per cent higher than the monthly average of Rs 98,114 crore of GST revenue in financial year 2018-19, the finance ministry said.

The compliance rate improved slightly, with 72.45 lakh GSTR-3B returns being filed in the month of May, higher than

## REVENUE 2.21% HIGHER THAN MONTHLY AVERAGE

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**EXPLAINED**

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enue stabilisation but lower than expected revenue will lead to more compliance related measures by the government. MS Mani, Partner, Deloitte India said, "The trend in collections indicates revenue stabilisation, however since this is short of the targets, more focus on compliance and anti-evasion can be expected by businesses."

Pratik Jain, Partner and Leader, Indirect Tax-PwC India said, "While the collection has crossed 1 lakh crore mark, it's only 2.2 per cent higher than average monthly collection of FY 18-19. As the projected GST collection for FY 19-20 is around 20 per cent higher than FY 18-19, the government would need to explore immediate measures to garner more revenue or taper down the projection in the

upcoming budget."

GST collections have been under strain, with the Central government even revising down its Budget target for 2018-19. GST targets have been challenging in view of a slew of relief measures and rate cuts that have been estimated to create a dent of Rs 80,000 crore a year along with revenue loss due to leakages and tax evasion.

Measures to plug evasion and simplify compliance are already on the anvil. The GST council has constituted a committee to explore introduction of electronic invoices (e-invoices) through Goods and Services Tax (GST) portal and has also set up two sub-groups to look into the policy and technical aspects, such as turnover threshold and mode of generation, for e-invoice generation by businesses.

## Car sales continue to decline in May due to weak demand

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUN 1

PASSENGER VEHICLES sales in May continue to decline for top carmakers due to weak retail demand. Sales at Maruti Suzuki India, Mahindra & Mahindra, Honda Cars India and Toyota Kirloskar Motor India dropped up to 28 per cent year-on-year during May over the same month a year ago, as companies curtailed dispatches to dealers amid slowing sales. While Maruti Suzuki's PV sales in the domestic market fell sharply by 25.1 per cent in May, for Honda the slip was 28 per cent over last year and Toyota it was 7 per cent over last year, the companies said on Saturday.

M&M reported 1 per cent y-o-y decline in monthly sales in May. The automakers count dispatches to dealerships as sales. The companies remain cautious of stock piling at dealerships.

During the month, the largest domestic automaker, Maruti Suzuki, delivered 1,21,018 units as compared to 1,61,497 units in May 2018. This decline, for the third consecutive month, came as buyers deferred purchases due to increased cost of finance and ownership. Sales of mini cars, comprising the Alto and old Wagon R, fell 57 per cent y-o-y during May 2019 over last year while compact segment including Baleno and Dzire registered a dip of 9 per cent y-o-y. The mid-sized sedan Ciaz sales contracted by 11 per cent y-o-y last month. Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) Saturday reported 27.87 per cent

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decline in domestic sales to 11,442 units in May as against 15,864 units in the same month last year. HCIL said it also exported a total of 450 units during last month.

"The market continues to be tough for the auto industry with two consecutive months of such a high de-growth. It is unprecedented in the last two decades.

"After elections, we were expecting an upswing which has not yet come. Factors like liquidity that is affecting capital to auto sector along with increase in fuel prices have remained a challenge to revive consumer sentiments," HCIL Senior Vice President and Director, Sales and Marketing Rajesh Goel said.

Tata Motors Saturday reported 26 per cent decline in domestic sales to 40,155 units in May. The company had sold 54,290 units during the same month last year, Tata Motors said in a statement.

"Tata Motors commercial and passenger vehicles business sales in the domestic market in May

2019 at 40,155 units witnessed a drop of 26 per cent, as against 54,290 units sold in May 2018, as market sentiments continued to be muted," it said in a statement.

In the domestic market, sale of Mahindra & Mahindra were down 1.7 per cent to 43,056 units last month compared to 43,818 units in May 2018. Exports dropped by 21.9 per cent to 2,365 units as against 3,030 units in the year-ago month. In the passenger vehicles segment — which includes UVs, cars and vans — it sold 20,608 vehicles in May this year, against 20,715 vehicles in the same month last year.

"While consumer sentiment and demand continued to be subdued during the pre-election phase, our focus has been on correcting the channel inventory," said Rajan Wadhwa, President, Automotive Sector, M&M Ltd.

In the domestic market, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) reported sales of 12,138 units last month, down 7.4 per cent as compared to 13,113 units in May 2018.

"The company exported 928 units of the Etios series this month thus clocking a total of 13,066 units... The company exported 827 units of the Etios series (in May 2018)... thus clocking a total of 13,940 units," a statement said.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Deputy Managing Director N Raja, said, "The customer demand had witnessed a continued slowdown before the election results. Customers have been cautiously spending which has led to sluggishness in the domestic auto sales..." FE & PTI

## BRIEFLY

## SpiceJet says it may take over Jet's aircraft

Seoul: budget airline SpiceJet Ltd is examining the prospect of taking over widebody jets previously operated by Jet Airways Ltd, but initial studies show they need significant maintenance work, its chairman Ajay Singh said on Saturday. REUTERS

## Tata completes acquisition of Bhushan Energy

New Delhi: Tata Steel Saturday announced that it has completed the acquisition of debt-ridden Bhushan Energy Ltd, the firm said in a BSE filing. The announcement came after the National Company Law Tribunal approved the resolution plan of Tata Steel to acquire Bhushan Energy for around Rs 800 crore. Pursuant to the acquisition, the firm holds 99.99 per cent of the total equity share capital of BEL. PTI

## Lawyer for Ghosn slams bail limits

Tokyo: The lawyer for Nissan's former chairman Carlos Ghosn has slammed a ban that prevents his client from seeing his wife, which was set as a bail condition as Ghosn awaits trial on financial misconduct charges. A judge has forbidden Ghosn from seeing his wife, Carole, including in the presence of lawyers, or talking to her on the phone. Prosecutors say restriction is needed to prevent evidence tampering. Lawyer Takashi Takano said Saturday that the ban is unfair and cruel. AP

## 'Total M&amp;A, PE deal value drops 79% in April'

Despite strengthening of rupee and encouraging domestic sentiment on the back of easing inflation, merger and acquisition and private equity deal values witnessed 79 per cent drop in April, as per a report by Grant Thornton

## \$4,579 mn

Total merger and acquisition (M&A) and private equity (PE) deal value was at \$4,579 million (about Rs 31,950 crore) in April 2019 against \$21,766 million in the same month last year

96% Despite 96 per cent fall in M&A deal value in April compared to same month last year, PE investors did not fail to impress with increased investment activity recording one billion-dollar investment

## \$735 mn

Total M&A value in April was \$735 million against \$19,142



million in the same month a year ago

46% April saw 46 per cent increase in deal values in private equity, while

volumes remained muted

## \$3,844 mn

The deal value for private equity was at \$3,844 million

in April this year as compared to \$2,624 million last year

80 PE/VC transactions: As anticipated, the deal turnout remained suppressed in April 2019. About 35 M&A transactions and 80 PE/VC transactions aggregated to \$0.7 billion and \$3.8 billion, respectively in April 2019

6% Volume shrunk Compared to overall deal statistics of April 2018, deal values shrunk by 79 per cent and volumes by 6 per cent, it said

18% Compared to March 2019, April recorded 18 per cent rise in deal volumes

## 'Will work with full strength to increase MSMEs job opportunities'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JUN 1

MICRO, SMALL and Medium Enterprises Minister Nitin Gadkari Saturday said he would work with full strength to increase job opportunities in the sector.

Gadkari, who has also been given charge of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, said that he has set a new target of laying 40 kms of road everyday over the next one-and-a-half years.

The minister was speaking to reporters at his residence here. On his new responsibility of the MSME Ministry, he said, "This portfolio is associated with the most important issue - the country's growth rate and employment potential. And it is the PM's expectation that employment should increase from this sector, which is very low now and there should be creation of employment".

"I will work with my full



Newly-appointed Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in Nagpur on Saturday. PTI

strength on this factor," he added.

The minister also said that he has decided to create roadside amenities across the country. "I got an opportunity to work on road transport... this time, I have decided to plant 125 crore trees, as much as the country's population, along the

roads in the next five years.

"I am thinking to work on creating roadside amenities in a big way and 2,000 such amenities would be set up. Work has started on the Mumbai-Delhi Expressway and 12 other expressway projects will be completed in next three months," he said.

## Total takes on Toshiba's US LNG business

REUTERS  
PARIS/TOKYO, JUN 1

TOTAL WILL take over Toshiba's US liquefied natural gas business and get \$800 million cash from the Japanese group as part of the deal, the companies said on Saturday, weeks after attempts to sell it to a Chinese buyer fell through.

The French energy major is paying \$15 million for the shares in the Texan assets, the firms said.

Toshiba will also pay Total \$815 million to take over all the contracts linked to the business, Total added. The Japanese group had previously said that its US LNG operations may cause it losses of as much as 1 trillion yen (\$9 billion).

Toshiba was locked into a contract to pay a fixed processing fee for LNG over 20 years from Freeport LNG.

## 'US Justice Dept prepares Google antitrust probe'

REUTERS  
WASHINGTON, JUN 1

THE US Justice Department is preparing an investigation of Alphabet Inc's Google to determine whether the tech giant broke antitrust law in operating its sprawling online businesses, two sources familiar with the matter said.

Officials from the Justice Department's Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission, which both enforce antitrust law, met in recent weeks to give Justice jurisdiction over Google, said the sources, who sought anonymity because they were not authorised to speak on the record.

The potential investigation

represents the latest attack on a tech company by the administration of US President Donald Trump, who has accused social media companies and Google of suppressing conservative voices on their platforms online.

One source said the potential investigation, first reported by the Wall Street Journal, focused on accusations that Google gave preference to its own businesses in searches.

A spokesman for the Justice Department said he could not confirm or deny that an investigation was being considered. Google declined comment.

Early in 2013, the FTC closed a long-running investigation of Google, giving it a slap on the wrist.

## US begins collecting higher tariffs on Chinese goods arriving by sea

REUTERS  
WASHINGTON, JUN 1

THE UNITED States began collecting higher, 25 per cent tariffs on many Chinese goods arriving in US seaports on Saturday morning in an intensification of the trade war between the world's two largest economies and drawing retaliation from Beijing.

US President Donald Trump imposed the tariff increase on a \$200 billion list of Chinese goods on May 10, but had allowed a grace period for sea-borne cargoes that departed China before that date, keeping them at the prior, 10 per cent duty rate.

The US Trade Representative's office in a May 15 Federal Register

notice set a June 1 deadline for those goods to arrive in the United States, after which US Customs and Border protection would begin collecting the 25 per cent duty rate at US ports. The deadline expired at 12:01 am EDT on Saturday.

The tariff increase affects a broad range of consumer goods, and intermediate components from China including internet modems and routers, printed circuit boards, furniture, vacuum cleaners and lighting products.

Earlier on Saturday, China began collecting higher retaliatory tariffs on much of a \$60 billion target list of US goods. The tariffs, announced on May 13 and taking effect as of midnight in Beijing (1600 GMT), apply additional 20 per cent or 25 per cent tariffs on more than half of the 5,140 US products targeted. Beijing had previously imposed additional rates of 5 per cent or 10 per cent on the targeted goods. No further trade talks between top Chinese and US negotiators have been scheduled since the last round ended in a stalemate on May 10.

## China raises maximum 25% punitive tariffs on US goods

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
BEIJING, JUN 1

CHINA ON Saturday increased tariffs on billions worth of US goods as it prepares to unveil a blacklist of "unreliable" foreign companies that analysts say aims to punish US and foreign firms cutting off supplies to telecoms giant Huawei.

Beijing's move hits \$60 billion worth of US goods with new punitive tariffs ranging from five to 25 per cent, and comes in retaliation for Washington raising punitive tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods to 25 per cent.

Washington and Beijing resumed their trade battle last month when trade talks in the US ended without a deal, with American negotiators accusing Chinese negotiators of reneging on previous commitments.

## Niti Aayog VC: Govt committed to take new reform initiatives

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JUN 1

THE GOVERNMENT is committed to take new reform initiatives to accelerate economic growth, increase private investment and modernise agriculture sector, Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar said Saturday.

The government will launch new reform initiatives in the next 100 days, which will spur India's economic growth, Kumar said while speaking on the sidelines of an event organised by the Ayush Ministry.

His statement assumes significance as it comes a day after the CSO data, which showed the economic growth slowed to a 5-year low of 5.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2018-19.

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"We will launch new initiatives in the next 100 days to accelerate growth, increase private

investment and modernise agriculture sector," he said.

Kumar also welcomed the new government's decision to extend PM-KISAN scheme to all 14.5 crore farmers in the country, saying it will provide stimulus to rural economy.

The vice-chairman stressed on the need to provide more resources for research in Ayurveda medicine. "We want to set up a National Council of Integrated Medicine which will prepare new curriculum for traditional medicine system," he said.

He also pointed out that there is need of quality control of exports of Indian Ayurvedic products.

BRIJ MOHAN KHAITAN

## Williamson Magor Group founder Khaitan dies at 92

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUN 1

WILLIAMSON MAGOR Group founder Brij Mohan Khaitan passed away Saturday morning at his residence in Kolkata. He was 92 years old.

A tea industry veteran, Khaitan had recently retired as non-executive chairman from the boards of Eveready Industries and McLeod Russel - both WMG companies. He continued to serve as chairman emeritus in both these firms.

The Indian Tea Association, of which McLeod Russel is a member, said, "Members of the Indian Tea Association deeply condole the passing away of B M Khaitan, chairman emeritus, McLeod Russel, this morning. His demise marks the end of an era and loss of a leader and guide for the Indian tea industry. May his soul rest in peace."

Business chambers and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have offered their condolences.

In a tweet, Banerjee said, "Saddened at the passing away



Brij Mohan Khaitan. Express file Photo

of noted industrialist BM Khaitan ji. He was a much respected elder statesman of the business community of Bengal. My condolences to his family, his colleagues and his friends".

Indian Chamber of Commerce said, "ICC is extremely grieved to learn the sad demise of B M Khaitan ji. We deeply mourn his sad demise as he was our revered guide and patron. His passing away is a great loss to the family and to the Business fraternity as well.

He was a doyen of the Indian industry".

Khaitan got the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ICC in 2013.

He is known for buying out the Indian business of Union Carbide in the 1990s. It gave him a dominant position in the dry-cell battery business, which continues till today.

Khaitan ran the world's biggest teasop from his home town Kolkata. McLeod Russel has remained the world's largest bulk tea producer at least till recently.

His tea empire began with Assam and later he had expanded his geography to Uganda, Rwanda and Vietnam.

However, the group is currently struggling with high debts at the company and group level. The group has already appointed a merchant banker to find a strategic partner or buyer for Eveready Industries. While the McLeod was selling many of its tea gardens to raise funds, its infrastructure company McNally Bharat was also looking ahead for a debt recast. WITHPTI

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### BRIDGE

When responding to a 1H or 1S opening bid with three card support, 6HCP (even some 7 HCP hands) along with a 4-3-3 hand, pattern it is usually right to respond 1NT rather than raise the major. An immediate raise should show a slightly more encouraging hand. This 6 point hand is borderline because it has two kings.

Dir: South; Vul: Both

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠ 432		♠ AKJ76	
♥ K83		♥ AQ75	
♦ K84		♦ 76	
♣ 10753		♣ J4	
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

**OPENING LEAD:** D Q  
You duck the opening lead and duck again when West continues with the D10. At trick three West exits with the D2 to East's ace.

**PLAN THE PLAY.**  
You have lost two diamond tricks, you are going to lose two clubs tricks so you have to hold your major suit losers to one trick. Your best shot for one loser is to ruff the third diamond and play the AK of spades, disdaining the finesse. Assuming spades are a civilized 3-2 (68%), play the AK of hearts. If a high heart is ruffed with the SQ, no matter - that was a loser anyway and you still have a spade in dummy to ruff your remaining heart.

**THE WEST HAND:** ♠ Q98 ♥ 96♦ QJ102♣ AQ62  
**THE EAST HAND:** ♠ 105 ♥ J1042 ♦ A953 ♣ K98  
A 4-3 fit in a side suit including the A K Q facing a 5-3 trump fit that includes the AKJ is usually better served by playing the AK of trump and then the AKQ of the side suit. If trumps are 3-2, at most one trick will be lost. If a trump finesse is taken and it loses, there is a good chance of losing two tricks if the side suit breaks 4-2. However, if a trick cannot be afforded to lose, a finesse in the trump suit is the proper play.

**YOUR PROBLEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
Dir: West; Vul: Neither

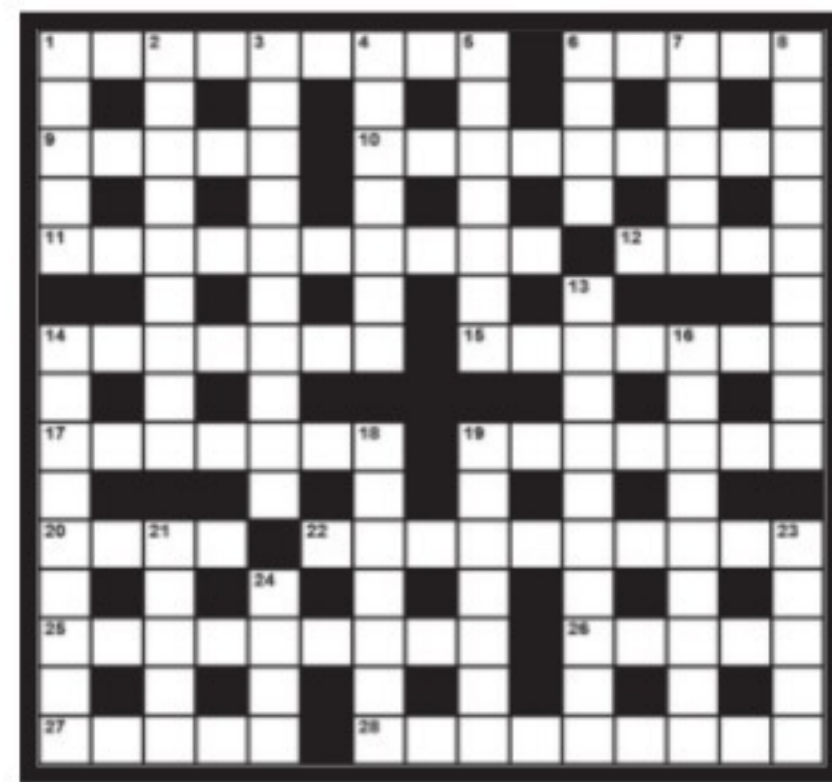
<b>NORTH</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠ 9876		♠ AK1054	
♥ J109		♥ 765	
♦ K98		♦ Q104	
♣ K65		♣ A2	
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1NT (1)	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass

Pass  
(1) 15-17  
**OPENING LEAD:** H Q (Q from AK Q)  
West cashes three hearts. East following up the line, and shifts to the C Q. You win the ace and play the A K of spades, West having Q x, East J x. How do you play diamonds for one loser?

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### QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Acts of acceptance without objection or a murmur (9)
  - Face the \_\_\_\_ : bravely face one's critics (7,5)
  - Courtroom excuse (5)
  - Brilliance, excellence or prominence (9)
  - A brilliant notion or thought (6,4)
  - Old tune: "Oh, \_\_\_\_, What can the Matter Be?" (4)
  - Lacking guile (7)
  - Began (7)
  - Wards off a blow (7,7)
  - Spell of reckless generosity (7)
  - Down Under state, for short (4)
  - Big apple residents (10)
  - In which to heat the water for our afternoon refresher (7-3-6)
  - A medal or prize (5)
  - Multitudes (5)
  - Italian noblewomen (9)
- DOWN**
- As gentle as \_\_\_\_ (1,4)
  - One who starts or sets something going (9)
  - Addition and subtraction, for example (10)
  - Clay: AKA Mohammed Ali (7)
  - They are just the opposite of buyers (7)
  - \_\_\_\_ times have tried to call you... (4)
  - Beamed steadily (5)
  - A small container for ready insertion into a mechanism (9)
  - Describes clothing made for a particular customer (6-4)
  - Cuts off or severs a limb by surgery (9)
  - Seventy two hours (5,4)
  - One who maintains a doubting attitude (7)
  - Tofu source (7)
  - A sudden outpouring, as of words (5)
  - '50s drugstore refreshments (5)
  - British tax (4)



- CRYPTIC CLUES**
- Fish and leaf beet served in lager (9)
  - Irishmen collectively blend, we hear (5)
  - Prisoner-of-war is heard of in Wales (5)
  - Skimish causing suffering, disease, everything (9)
  - One who made great play of Juno and Paycock (4,15)
  - Loved ancient portion of scripture (4)
  - On foot one passes away for rice (7)
  - Wicked king's imbibed enough to get drunk (7)
  - Asians found among one's ark wreckage (7)
  - Cruise's disguised tracks (7)
  - Does farm work with pigs (4)
  - Haphazard success together with girl (3,3,4)
  - Everything, including meat, in stew is nutritious (9)
  - What she feels, around morning time (7,5)
  - Clenched ones show determination (9)
  - Cleaning block, squire (9)

- DOWN**
- Water carriers, or music makers if given bag (5)
  - A Dutch-Scot (7,9)
  - Famous for telling us what's happened (10)
  - Agent scoffs, but goes over it again (7)
  - Splinters with the shakes (7)
  - Baseball team stock rising (4)
  - A flying machine (7,5)
  - One had one of them, another has three (9)
  - 51 rise, perhaps, should get one a kitchen-appliance (10)
  - A fish with hands, plain as plain can be (9)
  - Cain's fate may prove of charming interest (7,9)
  - Fit it out in the shed and have it moved (7)
  - Bead-moulding placed initially in holiday home (7)
  - Most writers produce such documents but leave Elizabeth out (5)
  - The bookie was given ten, but it's all gone now (5)
  - Experiences drop of student revenue (4)
  - Cock-a-hoop, very quietly, in the grass (5)
  - Beware of that hole! (4)
  - Arrest using firm pressure (3)

### Solutions to 2218

- QUICK CLUES Across:** 1 Peshawar, 5 Osbert, 9 Rye bread, 10 Defile, 12 Spades, 13 Rameses, 15 At death's door, 16 Shyam Bengal, 23 Estolled, 24 Salsa, 26 Carded, 27 Federate, 28 Sphee, 29 Protected, 29 Penuse, 2 Stefan, 3 Aliest, 4 A far, 6 Skewers, 7 Epismen, 8 Treasure, 11 Battled, 14 Referee, 16 Essences, 17 Hysteria, 19 Maltese, 20 Anapest, 21 Titans, 22 Patens, 25 Kerr.
- CRYPTIC CLUES Across:** 1 Dustcart, 5 if only, 9 Trawling, 10 Degree, 12 Heeled, 13 Fressed, 15 Infiltration, 18 Protest march, 23 Attached, 24 Wasabi, 26 Lloyds, 27 Herewith, 28 Dessy, 29 Funsters. **Down:** 1 Dutchy, 2 Stayer, 3 Colleen, 4 Rant, 6 Fressia, 7 Narcotic, 8 Yielding, 11 Fret saw, 14 Tiptoes, 16 Sprawled, 17 Footnote, 19 Epitomes, 20 Claret, 21 Camise, 22 Wishes, 25 Menu.

## If it's your Birthday

### Sunday June 2

You can dispense with anything that is of no long-term value if you want to adopt a truly forward-looking approach to opportunities and situations.

### Monday June 3

Financial matters now seem to be on course. Just how long the status quo persists is largely dependent on how rapidly you respond to new and even unusual offers over the coming months.

### Tuesday June 4

You're bound to have very strong feelings. You may be carrying such emotions with you over the next twelve months. But what really seems to be important is your need to understand your motives, and why you are attracted to particular people.

### Wednesday June 5

Although change is broadly to be welcomed, you are very sensitive to disruption. You are now moving towards a period characterised by stability. The choices you make now will bring rewards in about two months' time.

### Thursday June 6

Family affairs seem to be moving along nicely, although there have been one or two hold-ups. The final outcome in a romantic or social adventure should be very much to your liking. It's all a matter of keeping an open mind.

### Friday June 7

You're in the right mood for romantic commitments. Always do the right and proper thing. Changed conditions could be here quicker than you think.

### Saturday June 8

You're thinking hard. You don't want to wear your mind out, but then the same thoughts have a tendency to run around your brain, like a cat chasing its tail. Who knows what inventive plans you might conceive as a result?

## YOUR WEEK AHEAD

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

This is the time when you'll be facing up to family and domestic issues, very much from a position of personal control. Until then, follow your imagination, listen to your intuitions and learn from your dreams.

### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Although in general you seem to be having things your way, there is a risk that you'll blow your chances by losing your temper. Agreed, you may have good cause to feel angry, but what you'll have to ask yourself is whether conflict is the best way to achieve your aims? It's far better to stop, think, and listen.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may still feel a little uncertain about partners' motives or intentions. However, there is potentially so much happening socially that you can escape personal complications by throwing yourself into group activities right now.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Mercury, the planet of communication, is bringing a gradual but pronounced shift in your ideas. However, much as you may want to get things off your chest, you seem to be under some sort of pressure to keep certain facts to yourself. Is there some embarrassment, perhaps connected to a friend or family member?

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

This is a rather argumentative week. You may consciously channel stressful planetary energies towards constructive dialogue. Friends, partners and family members will thank you if you play the peacemaker. But it may also be useful if you allow them to clear the air.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The week opens on a rather busy note. You'll be relieved to see that close associates really do share some of your aims. It will be easier than you think to achieve your personal goals.

### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Money stars rise up your celestial agenda, so keep a close eye on your finances and don't do anything rash. Wonderful bargains may turn out to be anything but good buys, while even sound investments may go wrong. As you can see, this is a week to play safe, not to speculate. Expect weird and wonderful social invitations.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

It's time to face up to your responsibilities. This may require one or two unpopular actions but, as a true Scorpio, nothing can daunt you. Partners who have stepped out of line need putting back in their place. You're still bound to face a few delays at work but, then, that's life, as they say.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

This may be an ideal time to restore confidence, mend fences, tie up loose ends and generally take charge. Friends and colleagues will be offering invaluable advice, so sit up and listen, for once.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Press ahead with repairs, decorations and improvements at home, but bear in mind that unusual problems require radical solutions. You may therefore have to break the habits of a lifetime. Family members may have their own ideas, though. Please be diplomatic, say the right thing, and they'll respect you all the more.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Mercury, the planet of dreams and ideas, is bound to rouse creative impulses and endow you with a feeling that you can indeed enjoy life on your own terms. It's a time to make plans for the future. Younger family members need your help and sympathy.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Thursday and Friday will be your most interesting days, mainly because the Moon, which rules your emotions, will be cruising through a commensense region of your chart, encouraging you to put your dreams into practice. Whatever stresses and strains you come under during the week, you can be sure that you'll be rewarded before the weekend.

## JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Who \_\_\_\_ more is evermore a \_\_\_\_ - Robert Herrick (6., 5.)

SVAAEE

DEUCLT

DSRSO

IKSYVV

SOLUTION: EAVES, DROSS, DULCET, SKIVVY  
Answer: Who covers more is evermore a slave. - Robert Herrick

## SUDOKU 3866

### Difficulty Level 1s

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

### Difficulty Level

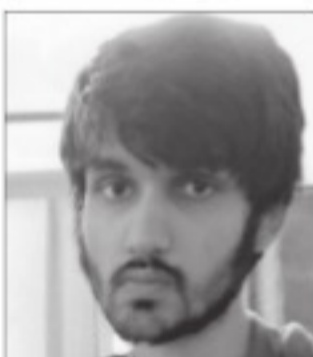
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 3865



## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON



General public is hereby informed that this person namely Tarunesh Dubey S/o Indersh Dubey R/o E-58, College Lane, Bengali Market, New Delhi Age : About 22 years, Height : 5'11", Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, Build : Normal, Identification : A tattoo of SHIVA EYE back side of neck, he is mentally disturbed, wearing blue & white colour printed shirt, blue colour jeans pant and slipper in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 08.11.2018 from his house. In this regard FIR No. 51/19 dated 25.04.2019 u/s 365 has been lodged at P.S. Barakhamba Road, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in  
Website: http://cbi.nic.in  
SHO : P.S. Barakhamba Road, New Delhi  
Ph. : 011-23413800, 23413999

## TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-tenders are invited for Printing and Supply of 75000 Nos of TTD Desktop Calendars for the year 2020. For Tender Notice & details of e-tender please log on to the web site http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in or https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details if any please contact 0877-2264292. EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Roc.No:PR/13907/ADV.No:93/PRO/2019, Dt.01-06-2019 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

The employee Sh. Rajesh Kumar s/o Sh. Surjeet Kumar designation Helper Carriage Cleaner, Ticket no-668 working under SSE/C&W/DLI, Northern Railway. According to this office record employee residential addresses are Shrichand nagar, gali no-01, malot mandi distt-Muktsar Punjab and H.No-50/13 Rani mahal, new sabzi mandi, panipat Haryana pincode-132103. From the date-31/10/2016 to 22/03/2017 and from 20/04/2017 to till date employee is on unauthorized absent from his duty as per this office record. The employee has been issued Two SF-5 by the competent authority in this matter on 10/02/2017 and 12/08/2017. SF-5 case inquiry reports were already sent to him through registered AD which were not received by the employee. Therefore, the employee is informed again through this notice that competent authority has decided to Remove him from his service from dated- 15.10.2018. 1732/2019

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**UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867/2358  
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun  
Tel. No. 0135-2763672-75, Fax -0135-2760289. Website: www.uktenders.gov.in

**E-TENDER NOTICE (SPECIFICATION NO. CCP-II/1/2019-2020)**  
Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., Dehradun invites e-tender for purchase of following item:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Items	Tender Quantity (in Nos.)	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Average yearly Turn Over of preceding Three Financial year (Rs. in Crores)	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of tender Document including GST (Rs.)	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and submission of tender in online & off line mode	Date of opening of Part-I of tender in online & off line mode
1.	33kV Line Isolator	50	0.334	1.005	0.67	2360/-	28.06.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs.	29.06.2019 at 15:30 Hrs.
	33kV Bus Isolator	25						

For further details, please visit our website [www.uktender.gov.in](http://www.uktender.gov.in).

No.- 290/EE(cm)/UPCLA-2 Date - 01/06/2019  
Superintending Engineer, Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

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**ARMED POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K SRINAGAR**  
aphq@jkpolice.gov.in, Phone No. 0194-2455133 (Srinagar)

**PRE-BID MEETING NOTICE**  
Subject: Pre-Bid Meeting in respect of e-NIT No. 08 of 2019 dated 08.05.2019 of APHQ J&K for supply of Yellow Silver Ceremonial Dresses.

In view of clarifications sought by various intending bidders with respect to e-NIT No. 08 of 2019 dated 08.05.2019 floated by Armed Police Hqrs. J&K for supply of Yellow Silver Ceremonial Dresses, a pre-bid meeting with all intending bidders (who may choose to attend the same on their own expenses/costs) shall be held at Armed Police Hqrs. Batamalo Srinagar on 07.06.2019 (at 1100 hours). Other contents/terms & conditions of the said tender as available on J&K State e-Procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-  
Staff Officer,  
For Addl Director General of Police,  
Armed J&K, Srinagar

Dated: 30.05.2019  
No. APHQ/Prov-142/2018/17342-46  
DIPK-NB-889/19

**कार्यालय प्राचार्य**  
**शासकीय दन्त चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय**  
रंजबंधा मैदान, मरही माता मंदिर के सामने रायपुर (छ.ग.)  
फोन नं. 0771-2222990, वेबसाईट- [www.govdentalcollegeraipur.in](http://www.govdentalcollegeraipur.in)  
क्रमांक/3196/जीडीसी/का.अ./2019 रायपुर/दिनांक 29.05.19

//निविदा सूचना//

शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय रायपुर के लिये वर्ष 2019-2020 में ग्रंथालय के उपयोग हेतु जर्नल्स के क्रय हेतु मोहरबंद निविदाये, निर्माताओं तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं (Dealers or sub-dealers) से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा महाविद्यालय की वेबसाईट [www.govt.dentalcollegeraipur.in](http://www.govt.dentalcollegeraipur.in) से डाऊनलोड किये जायेंगे। इसके लिये राशि 500=00 बैंक ड्राफ्ट (राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक का) जो शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय रायपुर (छ.ग.) के नाम पर देय हो संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है अथवा राशि रु. 500=00 बैंक ड्राफ्ट (राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक का) तैयार कर महाविद्यालय से दिनांक 26/06/2019 तक निविदा प्राप्त किया जा सकते है। जो वापसी योग्य नहीं है।

निविदा बिक्री की अंतिम तिथि - 26/06/2019 समय 5.30 बजे सायंकाल तक  
निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि - 28/06/2019 समय 5.30 बजे सायंकाल तक  
निविदा खोलने की तिथि - 29/06/2019 समय दोपहर 12.00 बजे  
निविदा जमा करने का स्थान - शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रायपुर  
निविदा खोलने का स्थान - शासकीय दंत महाविद्यालय, रंजबंधा मैदान मरही माता मंदिर के सामने, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

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शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय  
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**(AHILYA BAI COLLEGE OF NURSING)**  
GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI  
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT  
LOK NAYAK HOSPITAL: NEW DELHI-110002

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For applying to B.Sc (Hons) Nursing Programme (Four Year) in Ahilya Bai College of Nursing, LNH, (For female candidate only) candidate are advised to see website: - [www.abconadmission.in](http://www.abconadmission.in) for all details. Candidates can apply on line by their own facilities system from 04.06.2019 to 20.06.2019.

Sd/-  
(Sanjeev Kumar)  
Director (Admin-02)  
LNH, New Delhi-110

DIP/Shabdarth/0114/19-20

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**1ST CORRIGENDUM**

An open tender notice of even no. dated 30.05.2019 was issued by this office for the work of "Mechanized Cleaning & Watering of Coaches & Depot Housekeeping Coach Care Centre, Shakurbasti". In the tender document of this, following correction/s have been made :-

S.No.	Top Sheet/Item No./Page	Existing	Modified/Corrected
1	Earnest Money Amount at Page No. 2	Rs. 1,72,260/-	Rs. 1,72,300/-

Other terms and conditions will remain same. Corrected documents has been uploaded on website [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in)  
No. 197-S/195/Mech-Clg/SSB/19/MC-IV Date : 01.06.2019 1756/2019

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**KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED**  
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)  
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL, GRBCC Div No. 2, Hidkal Dam Office Tel. No. 08333-263242 / Fax No. 08333-263405 / e-mail: [eegrbc2@gmail.com](mailto:eegrbc2@gmail.com)

No.KNNL/GRBCC-2 /DRIP/DG Set/2019-20/462 Dated: 31-05-2019  
INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION WITH ALL NECESSARY ACCESSORIES OF 88.5 KVA (66 KW) 3 PHASE DG SET TO THE DRAINAGE GALLERY OF HIDKAL DAM UNDER NATIONAL SHOPPING PROCEDURES

1.You are invited to submit your most competitive quotation for the following work:-

Sl No.	Brief Description of the Item	Specifications	Approx Quantity required	Delivery period	Place of Delivery	Installation requirement if any
1	DG Set	(A) Supplying of DG 82.50 KvA (66 KW) 3 Phase DG comparing of Diesel engine developing of 104 BPH at 1500 RPM conforming to BS 5514. The engine should be turbo charged water cooled with 10% over load for 1 hours in every 12 hours of operation couple to suitable capacity alternator rated at 415 V/0.8 PF (log) 50 Hz 3 phase 4 wire system, confirming to BS 5000/IS 4722. The alternator shall be of brussels type, screen protected, revolving field mounted on suitable capacity fuel tank required nos of batteries of 12/24 V as per requirement Acoustic enclosure as per CPCB approved Norms (B) Installation charges for 82.5 KVA( 66 KW) 3 phase 3 DG set including suitable capacity UG cable 10 meter length 1 No change over switch earthing 4 Nos with all required earthing material and electrical material for internal wiring connecting required civil work with preparation of concrete plate form to keep the DG set necessary fabrication work for sidedness testing transportation, uploading etc., complete (excluding fuel cost etc.,)	1	30 days	Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC Div No.2, Hidkal Dam-591107, Tq: Hukkeri, Dist: Belagavi	To be installed site of the work

\*Where ISI certification marked goods are available in market, procurement should generally be limited to goods with those or equivalent marking only. 2. Government of India has received a credit from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)in various currencies equivalent to US\$ 315millions towards the cost of the Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation for quotations is issued. 3.Bid Price: a)The contract shall be for the full quantity as described above. Correction, if any shall be made by crossing out, initialling, dating and re-writing. b)All Duties, Taxes and other levies payable on the raw materials, components and finished items shall be included in the total price. c)The rates quoted by the bidder shall be fixed for the duration of the contract and shall not be subject to adjustment on any account. d)The Prices shall be quoted in Indian Rupees only. 4. Each Bidder shall submit only one quotation. 5.Validity of Quotation: Quotation shall remain valid for a period not less than 30 days after the deadline date specified for submission. 6.Evaluation of Quotation: The Purchaser will evaluate and compare the quotations determined to be substantially responsive i.e., which. (a)Are properly signed; and (b)Conform to the terms and conditions, and specifications. The Quotations would be evaluated for all the item together. 7.Award of contract: The Purchaser will award the contract to the bidder whose quotation has been determined to be substantially responsive and who has offered the lowest evaluated quotation price. 7.1. Not with standing the above, the purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any quotations and to cancel the bidding process and reject all quotations at any time prior to the award of contract. 7.2.The bidder whose bid is accepted will be notified of the award of contract by the Purchaser prior to expiration of the quotation validity period. The terms of the accepted offer shall be incorporated in the purchaser order. 8.Payment shall be made immediately after the satisfactory supply and installation,inspection by the competent authority and receipt of certificate from the consignee. 9. All supplies, installations should be completed within 30 days from the date of issue of work order. Beyond this date liquidity Damages at 0.5% per day will be levied for delayed supply and installations. 10. Normal commercial warranty/guarantee shall be applicable to the supplied goods. 11. You are requested to provide your offer latest by 15.30 hours on 10/06/2019. 12. We look forward to receiving your quotations and thank you for your interest in this Project.

Sd/-Executive Engineer  
KNNL, GRBCC Div No.2 Hidkal Dam



## Bowlers, openers star in Aus win

**Bristol:** David Warner (89\*) and captain Aaron Finch (66) hit fifties as defending champions Australia defeated Afghanistan by seven wickets at the Bristol County Ground in Bristol on Saturday. Australia's Pat Cummins and Adam Zampa took three wickets each as Afghanistan were bowled out for 207 in 39 overs in their World Cup opener. In response, Australia reached the target in 34.5 overs. Paceman Cummins finished with figures of 3-40 and leg spinner Zampa took 3-60 as the holders kept the brakes on their inexperienced but flamboyant opponents. Afghanistan lost both of their openers in the first two overs but rallied with a half century from captain Najibullah Zadran and an aggressive cameo from Rashid Khan to creep over the 200-run mark.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Afghanistan 207 all out in 38.2 overs (N Zadran 51, R Shah 43; Cummins 3/40, Zampa 3/60) lost to Australia 209/3 in 34.5 overs (Warner 89\*, Finch 66) by 7 wickets.

## SCORECARD >>

### SL vs NZ

Cardiff | Toss: New Zealand

**SRI LANKA 136 IN 29.2 OV**

**L Thirimanne** lbw b Henry 4 (2b, 1x4)

**D Karunaratne** not out 52 (84b, 4x4)

**K Perera** c de Grandhomme b Henry 29 (24b, 4x4)

**K Mendis** c Guptill b Henry 0 (1b)

**D de Silva** lbw b Ferguson 4 (13b, 1x4)

**A Mathews** c Latham b de Grandhomme 0 (9b)

**J Mendis** c Neesham b Ferguson 1 (4b)

**T Perera** c Boulton b Santner 27 (23b, 2x6)

**I Udana** c Henry b Neesham 0 (3b)

**S Lakmal** c Santner b Boulton 7 (13b, 1x4)

**L Malinga** b Ferguson 1 (2b)

■ **Extras:** (b 1, nb 2, w 8) 11

■ **Fall of wickets:** 1-4 (HDRL Thirimanne, 0.2 ov), 2-46 (MDKJ Perera, 8.1 ov), 3-46 (BKG Mendis, 8.2 ov), 4-53 (DM de Silva, 11.5 ov), 5-59 (AD Mathews, 14.4 ov), 6-60 (BMAJ Mendis, 15.2 ov), 7-112 (NITC Perera, 23.4 ov), 8-114 (I Udana, 24.4 ov), 9-130 (RAS Lakmal, 28.1 ov), 10-136 (SL Malinga, 29.2 ov)

■ **Bowling:**

**M Henry** 7-0-29-3

**T Boulton** 9-0-44-1

**L Ferguson** 6.2-0-22-3

**C de Grandhomme** 2-0-14-1

**J Neesham** 3-0-21-1

**M Santner** 2-0-5-1

**NEW ZEALAND 137/0 IN 16.1 OV**

**M Guptill** not out 73 (51b, 8x4, 2x6)

**C Munro** not out 58 (47b, 6x4, 1x6)

■ **Extras:** (lb 3, nb 1, w 2) 6

■ **Bowling:**

**L Malinga** 5-0-46-0

**S Lakmal** 4-0-28-0

**I Udana** 3-0-24-0

**T Perera** 3-0-25-0

**J Mendis** 1.1-0-11-0

■ **New Zealand won by 10 wickets**



## FLATS, TRACK

Defending champions Australia took on Afghanistan in their World Cup opener at the Bristol County Ground on Saturday. Australia won by seven wickets. Reuters

# Where's the promised batting paradise?

After the bouncer barrage by England and West Indies on the first two days, NZ bowl Test lines and lengths on a green pitch in Cardiff



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

**SRIRAM VEERA**  
CARDIFF, JUNE 1

IT'S NOT the meek capitulation by Pakistan or even the startled face of Hashim Amla when a bouncer rattled his helmet that captures how unprepared and surprised were the teams who perhaps anticipated batting beauties at the World Cup. It's, in fact, best reflected in the way the South African pacers bowled in the first game against England. They had Kagiso Rabada, Andile Phehlukwayo and Lungi Ngidi, and yet what did they bowl? Cutters. Slower ones. As if they didn't even try to flex their muscles to check if it had any life in it. They had decided it was clinically dead. Clearly, all the pre-tournament talk about surfaces had dulled their senses.

It required the gutsy and the inexperienced Jofra Archer to call dibs on the bouncers. It perhaps needed that kind of naivety, ego and confidence to say: "Stuff what the South Africans did for 50 overs, I will decide

it for myself. The excessively planned pre-game templates were out of the window once he did what he did to Amla. That ball turned the Cup on its head.

Rabada had bowled almost within himself for the major part with the newish ball, hardly hitting the deck as viciously as he could. Phehlukwayo sensed that the pitch was a bit slow and immediately resorted to the slower ones. Then Archer sneezed at them, and set the pattern that was picked up by West Indies in the next game when they brutally roughed up Pakistan.

New Zealand then went the other way with Test-match fields against Sri Lanka, who have been hapless in ODIs for a while now. This time around, there was no need to dig deep for any inspiration. The pitch had a fair grass covering, and boy, did they pile it up with a packed slip cordon, sowing the illusion of a Test match scenario in Sri Lankan batsmen! Only one Karunaratne treated it accordingly and carried his bat through; the rest, unsurprisingly, floundered. They were all out for 136. The Blackcaps cruised to a 10-wicket win.

Here too, expectations overwhelmed the reality. The Sri Lanka team had seen a fair sprinkling of grass when they turned up for training couple of days ago, but they decided to disbelieve their eyes. "We saw grass on it day before yesterday but thought they would cut it off," Karunaratne later said. Didn't anyone in the team have a look -- a day before the game, or even at the toss -- and tweaked their approach?

Consider Pakistan, for example. Forget their tame batting, but the team selection for starters. They benched Mohammad Hasnain,



Sri Lanka's Thisara Perera plays an evasive shot off a bouncer during the match against New Zealand in Cardiff on Saturday. Reuters

their paciest kid, and plunged for two spinners. Clearly, another pre-tournament trope was swallowed hook, line and sinker.

On the evidence of the first few matches, can it be said the pitches would be like this for

the rest of the tournament? Can we really be joyous at the heartwarming return of the bouncer and the swinging ball, and see the batsmen fed on paata tracks face some harsh reality check on their skills?

Not really, if you are to believe one of the more accomplished curators in England and one who has been producing pitches for this tournament. "The brief for us curators from England cricket board for a few years now has been to produce flat tracks. That's how we have gone about it. Whether it's north of England or south of England, the brief has been to produce run-filled tracks. You will see the runs increase soon," said the curator who didn't wish to be named.

But how does he explain what has happened so far?

"It's a long tournament -- a 50-day affair. We don't want to present bald, dry pitches at the start. If it proves to be a hot summer, then they will get so fatigued and become sluggish turners by the business end. Hence, there would be some grass and bounce now. But as far as I saw, there wasn't anything alarming. Some fast bowlers didn't do much, some did. Would you be seriously calling them as fast bouncy tracks?"

He is right. The truth is that batsmen have been so mollicoddled in limited-overs cricket that even a bit of bounce and carry can make them look bad.

Before he got tricked by a crafty bit of length-variation from Oshane Thomas, Babar Azam had shown where the bouncers needed to end up: beyond the boundary rope. Twice, he absolutely thumped Thomas

to midwicket boundary. Not behind square, not one of those pulls that look like a top-edge but because of the thickness and the quality of the wood that goes into modern bats, they end up breaching the boundary. No, he smacked them way in front of square. This was the same West Indies attack that had terrorised the rest of his team-mates. So, what's the fuss, all about?

What we should be celebrating is the skill of Andre Russell and the likes. His imagination too. So often, even on pitches that have some bounce, we have seen bowlers defeating themselves as they resign philosophically to the rule of two bouncers per over. What did Russell do? At one stage, he fired six bouncers in 10 deliveries. He had control over them, he could guide his missiles not to breach the rule but still possess enough load to torment the batsmen. Not many bowlers do that these days. The management has told him that he can breathe fire in three-over spells and use his gym-toned physique to its maximum use. It's not easy of course as it takes a lot of your body to hurl that ball down hard onto the pitch and get it to scream up, ball after ball but also one suspects, they don't have the control to make it hover around chest and face area, and not go over the bar.

Graham Thorpe, England's batting coach said they have carefully watched how West Indies went against Pakistan and would consider unleashing pacer Mark Wood against them on Monday. He also talked about how teams need to prepare for all eventualities and not get carried away by expectations about the nature of the pitches. Clearly, thus far, a few teams haven't done that.

## Rabada thinks Kohli is immature

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SOUTH AFRICAN fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has described Indian captain Virat Kohli as "immature" and someone who can't take abuses, while talking about a face-off between the duo in an IPL match. Rabada and Kohli had a verbal exchange during one of the IPL matches between Delhi Capitals and Royal Challengers Bangalore. Kohli is the captain of RCB while Rabada plays for Delhi.

Asked about that particular face-off with Kohli in the IPL match, Rabada said, "I was just thinking about the game plan, really, but Virat, he hit me for a boundary and then he back a word. And then when you give it back to him, he gets angry."

"I don't get the guy. Maybe he does it because it gets him going, but that comes across as very immature for me. He is a phenomenal player, but he can't take the abuse." Rabada was quoted as saying by The Cricket Monthly from ESPNcricinfo.

Rabada said Kohli always seemed to be angry on the field. "... But later that evening, on the bus back to the hotel, I asked myself: That guy (Kohli) always seems to be angry on the field. Is he really angry?" Then I thought to myself what it would take for me to become really, really angry. That is going to happen very few and far times in between. And becoming



Kohli had an exchange with Rabada during a match in IPL 12.

angry like that -- is that what gets him to play well? Do you know what I am saying? I can't psyche myself to be angry."

Rabada, however, admitted that those things did distract him. "In fact, for me it just wakes me up, if anything. If somebody comes at me and says, 'I'm going to hit you. I'm going to clobber you. You are soft', it wakes me up because -- it's a fight-or-flight response."

Rabada, 24, was beaten by Kohli for the ICC's Player of the Year award for 2018. He was also beaten by Kohli to the title of the Test Player of the Year award. But the young South African

said Kohli deservedly got those recognitions.

"That is a huge honour. Kohli undoubtedly deserves it. He has been phenomenal. He has been a pillar for Indian cricket over the past five years. You can't fault the guy. It is not something that you play for, but if an award of that calibre comes your way, it is great," said Rabada. "I feel very honoured to be talked about as the best cricketer in the world without the distinction of being a bowler or a batsman. It is not something that I always think about, but when I do think about it, it gives me goosebumps."

## Aggression key to WI's success: Holder

WEST INDIES skipper Jason Holder Friday attributed their crushing seven-wicket win over Pakistan to an "aggressive" approach but advised his team to "not get ahead of themselves" at the World Cup. "I think our style was just to be aggressive. We just want to be aggressive with whoever we're playing against. It's just something that we need to do in order to pick up wickets," Holder told reporters. "I think with the modern-day game, if you are not picking wickets up throughout the innings you're going to struggle to contain teams. So we just want to be aggressive even if we give up a few runs up front, trying to get wickets."

Electing to bowl, West Indies used the short ball to dismiss Pakistan for 105 in 21.4 overs and then returned to overhaul the target, scoring 108 for three in 13.4 overs. West Indies will next take on five-time champions Australia on June 6. "We want to remain aggressive. I think every single team in the competition that's going to be looking to pick up wickets throughout the entire innings has been a common trend," Holder said. "It's something you have to do, whether it be through spin, or whether it be through good fast bowling, which is the direction we've been going."



BRIEFLY



## Russell hopes to be fit for Australia game

WEST INDIE all-rounder Andre Russell says he is confident of recovering from a knee problem in time for his side's match against Australia on Thursday. Russell limped off at Nottingham after a hostile spell of fast bowling during which he took two wickets for four runs against Pakistan. "I've been playing for years with these knee injuries," Russell told reporters. "I have five days, so that is more than enough time to get my knee back to normal and get it settled."

## Younis warns Pak of Archer test

England quick Jofra Archer will be salivating at the prospect of bowling at Pakistan's batsmen after witnessing the South Asian side's meek surrender against the West Indies pacemen, the team's former captain and coach Waqar Younis has said. Sarfaraz Ahmed's side take on tournament hosts and favourites England on Monday. "It will be difficult for the team to bounce back quickly enough for Monday against England -- a team who are on such a high," former Pakistan captain Younis wrote in a column for the ICC. "They have probably never played better, and I think they have all the ingredients to go all the way and end their long wait for a World Cup." Barbados-born Archer represented West Indies at youth level and was named in England's 15-man squad despite only having made his one-day international debut last month. He picked up three key South African wickets in England's comprehensive 104-run win on Thursday, bowling with lot of pace and bounce in London. "... you can be sure that a certain Jofra Archer will be licking his lips," said Younis, himself a tearaway fast bowler in his playing days. AGENCIES

# Concussion could force Amla to sit out

REUTERS/PTI  
LONDON, JUNE 1

SOUTH AFRICAN opener Hashim Amla sat out practice on Saturday after suffering concussion in the World Cup opener, and he is a doubt for South Africa's second game at the tournament against Bangladesh.

The 36-year-old Amla was forced to retire hurt after being struck on the helmet by a short delivery from Jofra Archer in the fourth over of Thursday's opening match against hosts England at The Oval, although he returned to bat briefly later as South Africa were beaten by 104 runs.

Amla had been diagnosed with mild concussion after being hit on the grill of his helmet and went through several tests on Thursday before being allowed to return to the crease. But the after-effects of the blow were the likely reason behind his absence as his teammates went to the nets on Saturday to prepare for Sunday's clash against Bangladesh at The Oval on Sunday.

Fast bowler Dale Steyn, who sat out against England because of injury concerns, continued to work out in the nets but is not likely to play against Bangladesh either, with South Africa saving him for their third game, against India on Southampton on Wednesday. England all-rounder Moeen Ali has paid a big compliment to teammate Archer, saying the rising star is the fastest bowler he has faced and someone who makes "good batters do different things".

Archer catapulted himself into the England squad on the eve of the World Cup and had only made three ODI appearances before ripping apart the South African batting in the tournament opener on Thursday.

Touching speeds of 94mph, he accounted for Aiden Markram, captain Faf du Plessis and



Hashim Amla was hit on the grille by a bouncer from Jofra Archer.

Rassie van der Dussen to finish with 3/27 on his World Cup debut.

"Jofra is amazing. He just makes good batters do different things, that pace he has is incredible. He is the fastest I have ever faced. It is unbelievable. He gives us that something else, he can win you games even if he goes for a few runs," said Ali. "Knowing you have him in your side makes a big difference."

Meanwhile, South Africa captain Faf du Plessis has challenged his side to make amends for the painful start to their World Cup campaign as they aim to bounce back against Bangladesh. "This is where it's important for us to make sure that you look at the World Cup for what it is. You know, you're going to play games. You're going to come up against quality opposition," Du Plessis said.

"England were better than us in all three facets of the game. They showed why they are such a good cricket team, and now we have to look at the league. It's a league competition. For me, it's about making sure we look at the areas that we got it wrong and just move on."

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# Is cricket doing enough to protect players?

HASHIM AMLA was struck on the helmet by a 90mph snorter, was forced to retire hurt, returned to bat later and now remains a doubt for South Africa's second game. The episode has again raised the need for a well-defined concussion protocol in cricket.

## What is a concussion?

A type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly. The sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging brain cells. A second concussion soon after the first does not have to be very strong for its effects to be permanently disabling.

## Is there a cause for concern in cricket?

Though the incidents are fewer when compared to contact sports such as football or rugby, no enforceable guidelines for how to manage players after they have been hit on the head remains an issue. Peter Brukner, Australia's team doctor from 2012 to 2017 who previously worked for Liverpool FC, told *The Times* last year that cricket isn't doing enough to protect players. Brukner highlighted three main areas to address — concussion substitutes being prohibited in international cricket, the need for a standard head injury assessment and the lack of full-time team doctors among most Test nations.

## What reforms have been implemented?

Last month, MCC issued a module — a layman's guide on how to deal with concussion in the game. Concussion substitutions have been trialled in domestic cricket in England and Australia for the past 18 months. Players are not allowed to continue playing if they demonstrate signs of concussion and in English county cricket and Australian Sheffield Shield cricket a "like for like" substitute is allowed.

## How are concussions handled in football?

FIFA issued a new set of guidelines in 2018, which proved largely useless at the World Cup. According to reports, the protocol was not followed in at least 63.3 percent of the head collisions that resulted in two or more signs of concussion. Of the 90 incidents, 33 players were evaluated by healthcare personnel for anywhere from 13 to 253 seconds, 39 were evaluated by the referee for less than a minute and 18 were evaluated by another player or not at all.

## What is the situation in other sports?

In 2017-18, 291 concussions were reported in the NFL. In 2015 some 5,000 former players successfully sued the NFL, winning payouts to the tune of \$1bn, a part of which will go to families of players who have died. A similar suit is being brought against the governing body of Australian rules football. English rugby union also recorded 18 concussions per 1,000 hours of play in 2015.



# Sepia gets a coat of reality

In 1992 too Pakistan lost their opener to West Indies, but Aaqib Javed tempers the nostalgic high of the fans

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
JUNE 1

PAKISTAN FANS are clinging onto a silver lining after Sarfaraz Ahmed's team was thrashed by West Indies in their World Cup opener. Most of them have gone nostalgic, recalling sepia-toned memories of the team's glorious run in 1992, which began with Imran Khan's side losing by 10 wickets to the West Indies.

But former pacer Aaqib Javed is quick to burst the bubble and isn't too hopeful about a 1992-like comeback. He has good reason to believe so.

Javed was one of Imran Khan's trusted lieutenants in the Pakistan World Cup-winning side that came back from the brink 27 years ago.

Desmond Haynes had survived a dropped catch on his way to a 93 not out in Pakistan's first game of the 1992 edition. It was such a dolly that the great West Indies opener had broken into a smile. West Indies chased down a target of 221 without losing a wicket! Pakistan had also folded for 74 against England in that tournament before rain saved them the blushes.

Pakistan's total against the Windies on Friday — 105 all out — was their second-lowest in the World Cup. It was their 11th loss on the spin as well. Their last win in an One-Day International came in January. Little wonder then that Javed all but ruled out a comparison with the Class of '92.

"Imran Khan, a born leader, captaining the side makes a difference. And that was Imran's team. Almost every player — Wasim Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, I, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Moin Khan, Waqar Younis (he missed the '92 World Cup) — was handpicked and nurtured by him. Sarfaraz is captaining a side which is not his own team. Sarfaraz doesn't have the Imran's aura. He doesn't have the performance either to demand his own team. "We used to fight for Imran because he backed us to the hilt. These guys are playing for their own spots. Nobody seems to be willing to sacrifice. If Sarfaraz asks a bowler to bowl cross-seam for example, he might laugh in his face and say, 'Have you ever backed me? When did you back me?'" the former Pakistan fast bowler told *The Sunday Express*.

Pakistan batting yesterday was softened up by Oshane Thomas's pace, who took four wickets. The batters struggled to cope with the short ball. According to Javed, Pakistan picked the wrong team. "See, I would like to think that Pakistan had a bad day. Pakistan and West Indies are the only two teams capable of such batting implosion. (At the same time) I was shocked that Asif Ali was left out. Nor did they pick Shoaib Malik. Haris Sohail played from nowhere."

"Mind you, the 1992 team had Wasim Akram. I complemented him. Bowlers don't complement each other in this team. Mohammad Amir no longer remains a 150kph bowler. He got three wickets alright, but he didn't bowl wicket-taking deliveries."

"Aapse toh kaptani bhi nahin ho rahi hain, aur run toh aap kar nahin rahe hain. Aap teen haftoh ke liye khudko drop kar dijiye (you can't do captaincy and you are not scoring runs as well. So drop yourself for three weeks)."

It was around midnight UAE time and in the cramped media room at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, there had been a feeling of seething resentment among the Pakistani cricket hacks. Pakistan had fallen to Bangladesh and were knocked out of the 2018 Asia Cup. Sarfaraz had to take the brunt.

The Pakistan skipper smiled at the suggestion of dropping himself for three weeks. "It's not my job to decide who plays and who doesn't. It is the job of the selection committee to decide whom to play and whom to



Pakistan cricket fans express their disappointment during the game against West Indies at Trent Bridge. Reuters



Mickey Arthur must be proud of the fitness of our captain! Is this how the captain of an int team should look like? @SarfarazA\_54 you are leading the Pakistan cricket team and you cant even motivate yourself to lose that weight? This is embarrassing! @HAMZASH86974076

drop," he had said.

His poor captaincy was a reason why Pakistan had failed to reach the Asia Cup final. And as an acrimonious press conference wore on, it felt like Sarfaraz had been edging closer to the captaincy trapdoor.

But the 32-year-old 'keeper-batsman survived. Winning the Champions Trophy a year previously worked to his advantage. Also, Pakistan didn't have a better alternative. The country's cricket setup decided against turning back the clock and handing over the reins to Mohammad Hafeez or Shoaib Malik.

Sarfaraz's job appeared to be yet again on the line after the stump mic picked his alleged racist remark to South Africa's Andile Phehlukwayo earlier this year. He was handed a four-game ban but as the Pakistan skipper apologised, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) stood by him. During an interview with this paper in February, PCB chairman Ehsan Mani had made it clear that Sarfaraz would be the Pakistan captain for the World Cup.

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AAQIB JAVED

"Look, he immediately apologised. There was no need to have a word with him about the incident. Because, what he said in Urdu was quite innocent. Actually what he was saying to the player was that 'your mother has been praying special prayers for you'. He just used the word, 'black', which was totally unacceptable. And he understood that, when it was explained to him. And he apologised straightaway. The PCB apologised straightaway. Everyone accepted our apology on the South African side," Mani had said.

Grooming a captain is not part of the Pakistan cricket culture or for that matter of the sub-continent. Sarfaraz is an exception. Right from the U-19 level, he has been groomed for the top job. Three years ago, when he took charge of the senior team, he needed a performance to prove his mettle. The 2017 Champions Trophy triumph saw his stocks rise sharply. He was given the charge in all three formats.

Things, though, started to go downhill after that. With runs drying up, Sarfaraz found himself under even more pressure. Over the past two seasons since June 19, 2017 till the World Cup, Sarfaraz has scored 484 runs at 30.25 in 31 ODIs. Pakistan have won just 14 of those 31 matches. And according to Mudassar Nazar, the former Pakistan opener and coach, Sarfaraz must bat up the order and lead from the front at the World Cup.

"Look, Sarfaraz is a positive man. He gets on with the job. He tries to get the best out of his team. But I think he should promote himself in the batting order. He should lead from the front and take the bull by the horns. He should go and perform, and score runs in critical situations and win games for Pakistan. He plays spin well; all the more rea-

son why he should bat up the order," Nazar said, speaking to this paper.

"I would like to go back to the 2015 World Cup in Australia, because I was there as the UAE coach. I saw the drama — that Waqar Younis (then Pakistan coach) had been pilloried for not sending Sarfaraz up the order. Waqar eventually was sacked. But ever since Sarfaraz has become the captain he is pushing himself down at No. 8," Javed quipped.

A lot will depend on this World Cup. If Sarfaraz can lead his team to the crowning glory, he would be hailed as a Pakistan legend. An early exit, on the other hand, could have a serious negative impact on his career. "It's very crucial for Sarfaraz. Not in the captaincy issue only... I think the captaincy issue comes because he hasn't been getting runs consistently. He could help himself by batting up the order. One of the reasons why he is not getting big scores is because he bats way down the order," Nazar observed.

Another ex-Pakistan opener, Shoaib Mohammad, feels that Sarfaraz is always under pressure because the team hardly plays as a unit, relying on individual brilliance instead. "Of course, they have lost quite a few games and also, Sarfaraz is always up and about wanting to do something extra. Once the whole team gets together as a combined unit, then only the pressure fades away. But that hardly happens with the Pakistan team as you all know. It's mostly not a combined effort, but a single or individual act, which takes the game away from the other teams," Mohammad told this paper, advising the current Pakistan captain to approach this World Cup as an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the legends.

"He is a street-smart cricketer who has got a team of reasonably good players. They need some good days (during the World Cup) and some professionalism."

Pakistan fielding, though, makes the former opener despondent.

Pakistan are notoriously slow starters who shift gear at the business end. The 1992 fightback wasn't a case in isolation. Two years ago, Sarfaraz and company had been flayed after India had rolled them over in their Champions Trophy opener. Pakistan ended up winning the title defeating India in the final. "You cannot just ride the luck all the time. They have to perform. Simple as that," Nazar concluded.

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# Can bat, can bowl, will poll ... but perhaps after the cricket campaign

AHEAD OF Bangladesh's parliamentary elections in November 2018, there were murmurs that two of the country's most popular cricketers — captain Mashrafe Mortaza and all-rounder Shakib al-Hasan — would be contesting for the ruling party, the Awami League. In fact, both Mashrafe and Shakib had met Mohammad Abu Naser, the senior information officer of the ministry of Road Transport and Bridges to discuss their foray into politics. Bangladesh has seen retired sports personalities becoming active politicians in the past. For instance, former cricket captain Naimur Rahman Durjoy, footballer Arif Khan Joy and Abdus Salam Mursheedy are all incumbent MPs. But to have two active cricketers contesting elections would've been a watershed moment in the history of Bangladesh.

However, this news was not well received by their die-hard fans. They believed that the duo's entry into politics would be a distraction that could derail their team's World Cup campaign in England, which was just six months away. Not surprisingly, the reaction on various social media platforms was pretty intense.

Better sense prevailed after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina met the two and advised them to not get swayed by politics and focus on the showpiece event instead.

## Overstressing the underplaying

QUINTON de Kock was clear after South Africa's defeat to England at the Oval that noone from amongst the Proteas was attempting to save the world (Cup) like Superman. Or in South African parlance, to be the next AB. "There's only one guy out there like that (Superman/AB), and he plays for England," the opener said, parrying back post-match expectations pressure on Jos Butler and the home team. He might've shambled a lazy flick down fine-leg's throat to get out at the most inopportune timing in the innings chasing 311, but Quinton has set the tempo — or tempered it — of highly conservative self-expectations for the whole team. Captain Faf du Plessis too was pragmatic at his post-match presser saying cricket was very important, but not the most important thing in life, and he'd do everything to promote 'relaxedness' in the squad despite the trouncing by England and not get into familiar panic knots that've earned them an adjective — that completes 20 years now.

## Bangladesh fans regret 'no wrist' policy



#10YearChallenge: Ben Stokes sent in his late entry on Saturday. The England all-rounder tweeted photos of Jos Buttler, Joe Root, James Vince and himself from the 2010 Under-19 World Cup. Twitter

BANGLADESH IS yet to start its campaign, but reasons for potential failure are already being bandied about. The match against India was only a practice fixture, and the defeat has prompted many to already figure out what's missing in Mashrafe Mortaza's squad. Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav accounted for six Bangladesh batsmen

between them, and the country's media is already lamenting that they don't have any wrist spinner in the squad, apart from part-time leggie Sabbir Rahman. West Indies is the only other team missing that weapon from their attack, if one ignores the token presence of Shimron Hetmyer's leg-spin, which may not be used by Jason Holder at all.

Prothom Alo regrets that the lack of a wrist spinner prevents Bangladesh batsmen from getting used to the threat in nets, and it was telling by the manner in which the middle and lower order dealt with the threat against India. Also, there was no deception and scope to beat both edges of the bat, which allowed MS Dhoni to KL Rahul to up the ante. Bangladesh play their first match against South Africa on Sunday, and they are certain to be tested by the wily Imran Tahir and depending on the condition of the Oval pitch, there may be a temptation to even get chinaman bowler Tabraiz Shamsi in the eleven.

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## Bangalian Rhapsody

"Tumi ek sutoy ganthe paro, bandhte paro eki bandhane/satero cotir shiray shiray acho tumi praner spandane/... Mashrafe Bin Mortaza tumi Norail express (you unite a country of 17 crore people/your name runs through our veins/... Mashrafe Bin Mortaza you are the Norail express) — lyricist and composer Kabir Hossain's ode to Mashrafe Mortaza is going to be the Bangladesh fans' theme song for the World Cup. The song encapsulates the Bangladesh ODI captain as a patriot. Sohag Rahmat is the singer and the music video already has close to 2,000 views on YouTube.

## Played like boys (who didn't play well)

TWITTER MIGHT have democratised criticism, but cricket's ex-players will always be first amongst equals, as they pour disdain on current teams. South Africa's tattered batting against England got Herschelle Gibbs started. Jacques Kallis, the eternal optimist (he even willed Saffers into chasing 430-odd against Aus, remember), had placated fears saying he saw nothing terribly wrong with the Proteas against England, just some starting jitters.

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That was invitation enough for Gibbs to launch into everything that he saw wrong: "You want me to be honest jo... played like boys! Happy?" (frownie) His litany would then include: lack of depth in reserves, no dedicated batting coach, no batter with a WC average above 50, and how Quinny plays whatever he feels like. Rhodes would keep shying at the stumps, cackling about there being no batting group, and would dutifully end with the disclaimer: it was easy to talk for him, sitting in Mumbai, and Gibbs in Cape Town.

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## TRAMLINES



Monfils does a 'Wakanda Forever' salute after his third round win. The move is adapted from the movie Black Panther. Reuters

## FRENCH OPEN BIDS ADIEU TO MUCH-LOVED 'BULLRING'

Few showcourts draw crowds as close to the thunderous power of modern-day tennis as Roland Garros' 'Bullring', a brutalist-but-adored concrete arena that on Saturday hosted its final singles match before being razed. Inside this gladiatorial arena, legends have been born, top-seeds undone - and even shorts pulled down. It was in the Bullring that Mary Joe Fernandez in 1993 blew apart Gabriela Sabatini's 6-1 5-1 lead to win 10-8 in the third set; where the unseeded Gustavo Kuerten stunned Thomas Muster in the third round in 1997 on his way to an unexpected Grand Slam title.

**6-0** Former World no 1 Garbine Muguruza's record in third-round matches at Roland Garros. The 25-year-old was the 2016 champion.

**24** Number of consecutive wins at Grand Slams registered by World No 1 Novak Djokovic after his victory over Italy's Salvatore Caruso.

## LIVID PUILLE SLAMS EMPTY STANDS

Ticket-holders for the French Open's prime courts are more interested in drinking champagne and tucking into a good lunch than they are in the tennis, bemoaned Lucas Pouille after crashing out in the second round on Friday. In keeping with tradition at the French Open, Roland Garros' new-look Philippe Chatrier centre court is lined with hospitality boxes - a layout Pouille said would hardly deter the thirsty from leaving their seat for a glass of Bollinger. "That's the problem with putting the hospitality boxes where they are," Pouille was quoted as saying by radio RMC Sports. "They'd rather have a glass of champagne than watch the tennis, that's the main reason they come. They should (fill the stands) with people who want to watch the tennis." REUTERS

**This tournament I have had a feeling that was different to the other Grand Slams, or every other Grand Slam that I have played, because usually I find it very freeing and fun, and this time around I was kind of tense the entire time.**

NAOMI OSAKA  
AFTER HER EXIT



## CRASH LANDING

World number one Naomi Osaka slips during her match with Czech Katerina Siniakova in the third round on Saturday. Reuters

## Osaka third time unlucky

After pulling off comeback wins in first two rounds, World no 1 goes down to Siniakova; Serena ousted

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WORLD NUMBER one Naomi Osaka's hopes of winning a third successive Grand Slam ended Saturday when she was knocked out of the French Open in the third round by unheralded Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic. Japanese top seed Osaka, the reigning US and Australian Open champion, crashed to a 6-4, 6-2 defeat to the 42nd-ranked Czech. Also losing in the third round was Serena Williams, who was defeated by American Sofia Kenin 6-2, 7-5.

"Losing is probably the best thing that could have happened," said 21-year-old Osaka, the reigning Australian and US Open champion.

"I felt very tired. In the other matches I had headaches, maybe that's the stress. I felt there was a weight on me. This hasn't been the happiest of times."

Osaka's defeat left just three of the women's top 10 seeds in the tournament. Osaka was undone by a shocking 38 unforced errors as she finally ran out of luck in Paris having had to come back from a set down in her first two matches.

"I played my best tennis and I hope it continues," said Siniakova, who was the women's doubles champion in Paris in 2018 alongside Barbora Krejickova.

Osaka dropped the first set for the third successive match at the tournament, squandering seven break points in all.

Siniakova made her pay, breaking for 5-4 and taking the opener when Osaka sent back her 16th unforced error of the set. The Czech, who is the world's number one doubles player, kept up the pressure on the misfiring top seed, breaking for a 3-2 lead



Alexander Zverev beat Lajovic 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 1-6, 6-2 in gruelling contest.

in the second set. Siniakova backed it up with another break for 5-2 off Osaka's third double fault of the match. Victory was hers on Court Suzanne Lenglen when Osaka unleashed another misguided forehand.

The Czech goes on to face Madison Keys of the United States for a place in the quarter-finals in what will be her first appearance in the last 16 of the majors. Despite being seeded top for the first time at a Slam, Osaka never looked convincing in Paris.

She was two points away from defeat in the first round against Anna Karolina Schmiedlova and came back from a set and break down to see off Victoria Azarenka in round two. There were no such problems

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for men's world number one Novak Djokovic who eased into the last 16, stepping up his bid to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously for the second time.

The Serbian saw off unseeded Italian Salvatore Caruso 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 to set up a fourth-round tie with either Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff or Croatian 13th seed Borna Coric. "Finally, I think I found my best form in the second set," said Djokovic, who is yet to drop a set in the tournament.

It is the 10th successive year the top seed has reached the second week -- and 13th in total -- as he looks for a second French Open title after sealing his first 'Djoko' Slam in Paris in 2016. German fifth seed Alexander Zverev needed another five-setter to reach the fourth round, defeating Serbia's Dusan Lajovic 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 1-6, 6-2. Zverev, whose best run at a Slam came in Paris last year when he made the quarter-finals, will face Italy's Fabio Fognini for a place in the last-eight. Fognini needed four sets to defeat Spanish 18th seed Roberto Bautista Agut 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

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darkness just before 10:00pm on Friday.

## Breakthrough for Tsitsipas

On the resumption Saturday, Tsitsipas lost the set in a tie-break but sealed a 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (8/6) success on Court Philippe Chatrier. The 20-year-old will take on former champion Stan Wawrinka for a place in his second Grand Slam quarter-final. Wawrinka, the 2015 champion and a three-time major winner, recorded his 500th match win with a 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (10/8) win over Grigor Dimitrov. As temperatures nudged close to the 30-degree mark, Halep decided not to hang around.

**RESULTS: Men's** (Third round): Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Caruso, Italy, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.; Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Borna Coric (13), Croatia, 4-6, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 11-9.; Fabio Fognini (9), Italy, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut (18), Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.; Alexander Zverev (5), Germany, def. Dusan Lajovic (30), Serbia, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 1-6, 6-2.; Dominic Thiem (4), Austria, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 Juan Martin del Potro (8), Argentina, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0.; Stefanos Tsitsipas (6), Greece, def. Krajinovic, Serbia, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6); Stan Wawrinka (24), Switzerland, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8).

**Women's:** Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, def. Naomi Osaka (1), Japan, 6-4, 6-2; Madison Keys (14), United States, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-4; Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Lesia Tsurenko (27), Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1; Iga Swiatek, Poland, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.

## Former Arsenal player Reyes dies in car accident

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FORMER SEVILLA and Arsenal winger Jose Antonio Reyes has died in a traffic accident, aged 35, several of his former clubs said on Saturday. "We couldn't be announcing any worse news. Our beloved former youth player Jose Antonio Reyes has died in a traffic accident. Rest in peace," said a statement on Sevilla's official Twitter account.

Reyes was under contract at Spanish second tier side Extremadura. Seven second tier games due to be played on Sunday, including Extremadura's match against Cadiz, were postponed until Tuesday.

Reyes' last match was a 1-0 win at Alcorcon on May 18.

"With a shrunken soul and a broken heart Extremadura reports the death of our player Jose Antonio Reyes in a traffic accident. We ask everyone to pray for his soul," said a club statement. The left winger also played for Arsenal, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid among other sides and made 21 appearances for the Spain national team.

Spanish media said the accident occurred at 11.40am (0940 GMT) on Saturday morning on the road connecting his home city of Utrera and Sevilla.

Sevilla's statement said his cousin Jonathan Reyes also died in the accident.

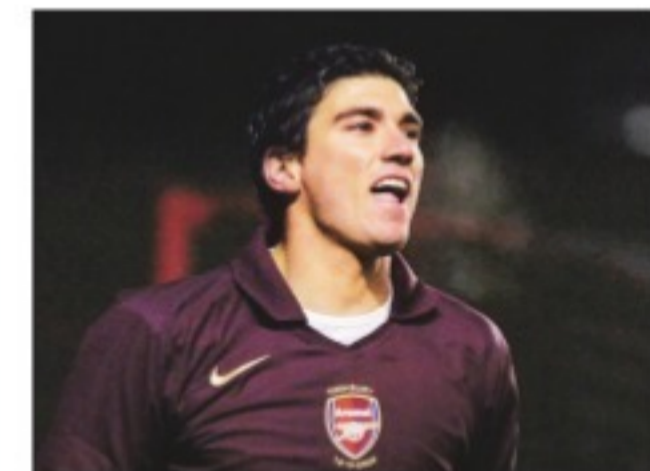
Reyes made his professional debut with Sevilla at the age of 16, moving to Arsenal in January 2004 for 17 million pounds and was part of the famous 'Invincibles' which won the Premier League that season without losing a game. "Jose, who was part of the Invincibles team, was a hugely popular figure at our club and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our thoughts are with all his family, friends and team-mates," said Arsenal on Twitter. He joined Real Madrid on loan in the 2006/07 season, winning the La Liga title and later joined neighbours Atletico before returning to boyhood club Sevilla in 2012, going on to lift three consecutive Europa League titles between 2014 and 2016.

He later played for Espanyol and then Chinese club Xinjiang Tianshan Leopard before returning to Spain to join Extremadura in January. Spain captain Sergio Ramos, a former team mate of Reyes at Sevilla said on social media "I'm broken, destroyed, I have no words. All my love to his family. We'll always remember him. Rest in peace brother."

Reyes' death comes 12 years after Sevilla left back Antonio Puerta died from a heart attack during a match.

The club's sporting director Monchi added: "It's impossible to believe this news, it's impossible to take in, how cruel. Rest in peace Jose Antonio Reyes...what a left wing you and Antonio are going to form up there in heaven."

Governing body UEFA and the Spanish soccer federation also issued their condolences.



Reyes was part of Arsenal's unbeaten 'Invincibles' squad. Reuters

## SAFETY CONCERNS

## Another child is hit by a foul ball, and the batter is devastated

## BILLY WITZ AND TYLER KEPNER

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A BROAD outcry after a small girl was hit in the head by a foul ball at Yankee Stadium two years ago spurred Major League Baseball to do something it had repeatedly resisted: It compelled all 30 teams to extend protective netting to the far end of dugouts.

The question, raised again after another episode on Wednesday night in which a young girl was injured by a line drive in Houston, is whether M.L.B. has gone far enough to keep fans safe.

In Wednesday's game, a scene eerily reminiscent of the one in the Bronx was repeated: Another small girl was cradled in the arms of a man as he hustled to the stadium steps to seek medical attention for her. The players who witnessed the episode were visibly shaken.

The girl was injured in the third inning, when a line drive off the bat of Chicago Cubs center fielder Albert Almora Jr. whistled into the seats in Section 111, just past the visitors dugout down the left-field line where there is no protective netting.

Almost immediately, Almora put his hands on his helmet and Houston Astros catcher Robinson Chirinos turned his head away. Almora took several steps toward his

dugout, then dropped to his knees. He had to be consoled by Manager Joe Maddon and his teammate Jason Heyward as the girl, who had a yellow bow in her hair and was crying, was carried away for treatment.

After a brief delay, the game resumed. An inning later, Almora was in tears when he talked to a security guard near Section 111, embracing her before being led by his teammates back into the dugout. The Astros said in a statement that the girl had been taken to the hospital, but they announced nothing about her condition.

"As soon as I hit it, the first person I locked eyes on was her," Almora, who has two young boys, told reporters after the game. He added: "Right now, I'm just praying and I'm speechless. I'm at a loss for words."

The episode brought renewed anguish for Geoffrey Jacobson. It was his daughter, weeks shy of her second birthday, who was hospitalized with multiple facial fractures and bleeding on the brain after being hit by a foul ball at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 17, 2017.

"Heartbreaking," Jacobson said on Thursday in a phone interview, calling on M.L.B. to extend netting to the foul poles at all stadiums. "Obviously it stirs up a lot of emotion, and it's very upsetting. You hope their daughter is O.K., but you can't help but think it's so unnecessary. It's like reliving it all over again — it's all over the news, the pho-



A girl was carried from the stands after being injured by a foul ball in Houston. AP

tographs, presumably her father carrying her out of the stands. It didn't have to happen."

Jacobson's daughter is doing well, he said, but has regular checkups with a neurologist and an ophthalmologist.

For more than 100 years, a disclaimer has been printed on the back of every Major

League Baseball ticket warning of the "risk and danger inherent to the game" and the possibility of injury from, among other things, "thrown or batted balls."

But the game and the viewing conditions have changed greatly in a century. Bulked-up pitchers and hitters are throwing and

swinging harder than ever, and seating is now closer to the action, with fans having many more sources of distraction, like smartphones, as they watch. Last season, for the first time, all major league stadiums agreed to extend protective netting to the far end of each dugout.

Even so, many foul balls can still reach the stands at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour and cause injury or death. Last August at Dodger Stadium, Linda Goldbloom, 79, was sitting in a second-deck seat behind home plate when a foul ball cleared the netting and struck her in the head. She died four days later.

"It was a straight shot," Goldbloom's daughter, Jana Brody, told The New York Times in February, adding later, "Yes, the netting got widened, but it didn't go vertical, and that would have been a huge change for my mom if it went up, too."

Brody told ESPN on Thursday that it was "unconscionable" that M.L.B. had not extended the netting further since her mother's death.

Major League Baseball said in a statement: "Clubs have significantly expanded netting and their inventory of protected seats in recent years. With last night's event in mind, we will continue our efforts on this important issue."

While a number of teams, including the

Yankees, had resisted extending protective netting, citing complaints from fans who said it detracted from the experience of sitting in the more expensive seats, the Astros were among the first to extend netting on their own, before the 2017 season.

The team's president, Reid Ryan, said in an interview during the 2017 playoffs that the Astros had visited other ballparks that had extended netting the previous season — in Minnesota, Kansas City, Washington and Texas — to measure distances from home plate to the stands and look at different types of netting to determine the best ways to keep fans safe while not detracting from their experience. The Astros constructed 12-foot-high netting that extended along both dugouts to go with the 32-foot net that already existed behind home plate.

But Andy Zlotnick, who has advocated extending protective netting since he sustained permanent eye damage after being hit by a foul ball at Yankee Stadium eight years ago, said that Wednesday's episode was proof that baseball's standards are inadequate. He said the current standards for protective netting would not have prevented his injury.

"For years we've been saying, 'What will it take, a fan to die?'" Zlotnick said. "And then a fan dies, and what does the owner do? What does Major League Baseball do? Nothing." NYT