



Sri E.S.L. Narasimhan
Hon'ble Governor of Telangana & A.P.



Sri Devendra Fadnavis
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra



Sri Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

World's Largest Multi-stage Multi-Purpose Lift Irrigation Scheme

Pride of India and boon to Telangana

KALESHWARAM

MULTI-PURPOSE LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECT

The Kaleshwaram project, foundation stone laid by Honorable Chief Minister **Shri K. Chandrashekhar Rao** at Kannepally, often described as a wonder created by human beings, honoring the people with the construction of World's Largest Lift Irrigation Project.

Water is supplied for two crops in a year to 45 Lakh acres

40 TMC of water through 'Mission Bhagiratha' to supply safe drinking water daily to every household

Drinking water to be supplied to one crore population in Greater Hyderabad city daily

Supply of 16 TMC of water to thousands of industries in the state for the industrial usage

Opportunity for Hydel power generation

The project to Irrigate 45 Lakh Acres of land across the State for Agriculture, Drinking Water and Industrial Purpose

Highlights of Kaleshwaram Project

Length of water supply route - 1,832 Kms	Reservoirs - 16
Gravity Canal - 1531 Kms	For Agriculture - 169 TMC
Tunnel routes - 203 Kms	For Domestic use - 40 TMC
Pressure Mains/Delivery Mains - 98 Kms	For Industries - 16 TMC
Pump Houses - 19	Storage capacity of the reservoirs - 141 TMCs
Electricity required - 4992.47 MW	Opportunity for Hydel Power generation



It's a Historic day for the State of Telangana as the Prestigious Multipurpose Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project is being Inaugurated Today by our Honorable Chief Minister **Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao**

It is a world's Largest Multi Phase, Multi-Purpose Lift Irrigation Scheme constructed in the record time of 3 years, is truly a great achievement by the Government of Telangana making the People Proud.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh participating as Chief Guests

Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana will Formally Inaugurate the **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project**

Date: 21st June 2019, Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Medigadda, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.

Stage-wise lift irrigation process from 92 meters to 618 meters			
Area	Height (Meters)	Height of Lift (Meters)	Water Usage in TMC
Medigadda	92		16.17
Yellampally	148	56	75
Mid-Mannair	318	170	25.873
Sriram Sagar	332.54	14.54	200
Malakpet	432.50	127.5	8.6
Anantagiri	397	95	3
Ranganayaka Sagar	490	117	11
Mallanna Sagar	557	103	108
Kondapochamma Sagar	618	120	29

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

Tender Notice No. AGC-ELG-T-10-19-20-RETENDER E-TENDER NOTICE Date: 17.06.2019 Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General)/N.C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Table with 3 columns: Tender No. & Name of work with its location, Approx. Cost of the work, Completion period. Includes details for AGC-ELG-T-10-19-20-RETENDER: BAAD-Electrification work in connection of Raising and extension of Existing Rail Level platform no. (PF-2/3) to high level platform.

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irps.gov.in, Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.irps.gov.in upto 16:00 hrs. on 12.07.2019.

KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION e-Tender Notice Table with 3 columns: E-Tender ID, Items, Bid submission end date. Includes details for 2019_KSRCTC_278350_2.

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA DIRECTOR OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS LOWER LACHUMIERE, SHILLONG-793001, MEGHALAYA

Noticed, Shillong, the 18th June, 2019 DATED, Shillong, the 18th June, 2019 NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST The Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Government of Meghalaya invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from well-established reputed firms/agencies/organizations/institutes etc., for the Consultancy services for carrying out "Studies to improve the Estimation of State Domestic Product".

MIPR No-408 Dated-20/06/19 SD-Director Economics & Statistics Lower Lachumiere Shillong-793001

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), E.C. Railway, Danapur on behalf of President of India invites e-tender (Two Packets System) for award of contract for supply, installation, operation & maintenance of Mobile Application, LED TVs/Screen Board, & Speakers at Patna Jn. Railway Station of East Central Railway through Audio/Video Commercial Publicity Route, on 50:50 time/space slot sharing basis for a period of 05 (five) years.

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh) SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION Date: 07.06.2019 O.A.No. 215/2019

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY NOTICE OF INVITING E-TENDERS

E-tender Notice No. SNT-JP-12-2019-20, Dt: 18.06.19 DRM/S and T acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. SNT-JP-12-2019-20 closing date 17.07.2019 15:00 hrs.

FEROZEPUR CANTONMENT BOARD

For and on behalf of Cantonment Board, Ferozpur, application(s) / bid(s) is/are invited from the interested parties/ firms/ contractors/ registered firms of appropriate category for participating in following e-auctions and e-tender;

Table with 2 columns: Sl.No, Particulars. Lists 3 e-auction and e-tender items including disposal of advertising rights and occupancy rights.

For detailed information, please visit us at www.cbfrz.org. or www.eprocure.gov.in

(Daman Singh, IDES) Chief Executive Officer Ferozpur Cantonment

PUBLIC NOTICE



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HARYANA CENTRALISED ONLINE COLLEGE ADMISSION SYSTEM (COCAS) 2019-20

Under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Sh. Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Sh. Ram Bilas Sharma, Hon'ble Education Minister, the Department of Higher Education, Haryana has decided to provide the facility of Online admissions in all Government, Government Aided and Self Financing Degree Colleges along with Online payment of Fee.

- 1. The online admissions have already started from 08.06.2019 and the last date for applying online is 28.06.2019. Verification of documents will be done at any one of the applied college counter w.e.f. 21.06.2019 to 29.06.2019 between 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. on all working days for the candidates where pre- fetched data is NOT available OR weightage and reservation benefit is being claimed.

- 2. Display of first "Merit list": 02.07.2019
3. Display of second "Merit list": 09.07.2019
4. Display of "Waiting list": 16.07.2019
5. Classes shall commence from 16.07.2019
6. The applicant must carry the following before applying online for admissions in any college for under Graduate/Post Graduate Class/Course:

- (a) Scanned Photograph
(b) Weight Age Certificate (if any)
(c) Scanned Signature
(d) Copy of Aadhar Number
(e) Copy of 10th Certificate
(f) Copy of Bank Account Number and name of the Bank with Branch Name, IFSC Code of Bank Branch.
(g) Copy of 10+2 Certificate & TDC-III DMC (as applicable for Post Graduate Course)
(h) Reserve Category Certificate (for seeking admission against reserved seat)
(i) Bank Account of the applicant as Registration Fee and all other Fee & Funds will only be collected through NEFT/RTGS/Net Banking/Apps/ UPI/POS, etc.
g) Mobile Number
B. (POST GRADUATE COURSES)
1. Application form may be filed w.e.f. 21.06.2019 and last date will be 09.07.2019
2. Verifications of Documents at College counters w.e.f. 04.07.2019 to 09.07.2019
3. 1st Merit list on 11.07.2019 and valid till 16.07.2019
4. 2nd Merit list on 17.07.2019 (at 12.00 Noon) and valid till 20.07.2019
5. Waiting list w.e.f. 22.07.2019.

NOTE: Offline mode of admission is not available for admissions. Facilities to apply online are also available in all Government, Government Aided and Self Financing Degree Colleges of the state. For applying Online: Visit the Web Portal: www.highereduhry.ac.in OR www.highereduhry.com For any query/inquiry, please contact on: 1800-180-2038 & 1800-180-2075

E-mail us at: admissionpvthry@gmail.com NOTE: A candidate can apply for a maximum of Five Colleges only. Please read detailed Instructions before applying online and all admissions are provisional subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions of concerned affiliating university.

ISSUED IN PUBLIC INTEREST BY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HARYANA. 77028HRY

नगर पालिक निगम, इन्दौर

संघारण खंड क्रमांक-2, मूसाखेडी, इन्दौर Email: ee2_narmada@rediffmail.com, Phone: 0731-2712846

निविदा सूचना क्रमांक: 10/2019-20/नर्मदा परि/न/पा.नि. ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना दिनांक: 13.06.2019

Table with 5 columns: क्र., कार्य का नाम, अनुमानित लागत (रुपये में), अमानत राशि (रुपये में), निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य, ऑनलाइन निविदा क्र., समय सीमा. Lists 3 items for water supply and sewerage work.

- 1. निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाइन क्रय कर जमा करने की दिनांक : 14.06.2019 से 15.07.2019 तक
2. निविदा ऑनलाइन खोलने की दिनांक (ENVELOPE/A/B) : 16.07.2019-10.30 बजे पर्यन्त
3. निविदा प्रपत्र के मूल दस्तावेज कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत करने की दिनांक : 17.07.2019 सायं 17.00 बजे तक

टिप: विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापित एवं अन्य दस्तावेज देखने एवं डाउनलोड करने के लिये http://implenders.gov.in पर सुविधा उपलब्ध है। नोट: (1) उपरोक्त निविदा में भविष्य में होने वाले समस्त संशोधनों को केवल विभागीय वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जायेगा एवं इनका प्रकाशन समाचार पत्रों में नहीं किया जायेगा। (2) निविदा तीन लिफाफा पद्धति पर आमंत्रित होकर, तदनुसार ही प्रस्तुत की जाएगी। तीनों लिफाफों में निम्नानुसार जानकारी प्रस्तुत की जाना अनिवार्य होगी। (3) लिफाफा A एवं B में विभाग द्वारा बाही ई-जानकारी अनुसार जानकारी पाये जाने पर ही लिफाफा C खोला जायेगा।

प्रतिबद्धित पंजीकीय, करीबी के निमाण/ विक्रम/ उद्योग करने पर कार्यपालन यंत्री, संघारण खण्ड क्रमांक-02 मूसाखेडी, इन्दौर

HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

Large table with 7 columns: Sr. No., NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH, NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER, OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME), AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES, WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH, NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL. Lists various construction and maintenance tenders.

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh) SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION Date: 17.06.2019

O.A.No. 223/2019 Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Original Application No. 223of 2019 ICICI Bank Ltd. Versus SRI NABAJYOTI BORAH & OTHER

1. SRI NABAJYOTI BORAH SON OF SRI SATINDRA KUMAR BORAH, R/O House No. 153, Saurav Nagar, Bellola, Baksa. Guwahati (assam)- 781028.

2. SMT. JONALI NABJYOTI BORAH WIFE OF SRI NABAJYOTI BORAH, R/O House No. 153, Saurav Nagar, Bellola, Baksa. Guwahati (assam)- 781028.

3. M/s SUNWORLD RESIDENCY PRIVATE LIMITED Having Its Registered Office At: 117, Hans Bhawan, 1, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110002 And Also Corporate Office At: A-4, Ground Floor, Sector 4, Noida, District- Gautam Buddh Nagar- 201301.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019, at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh) SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION Date: 17.06.2019

O.A.No. 189/2019 Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 190 of 2019 ICICI Bank Ltd. Versus Mrs. Esha Laxman & Others

1. Mrs. Esha Laxman Flat No 504, 5th Floor Tower 1 Plot No. GH 01/C, Sunworlds Arista Sector- 168, Goutam Budh Nagar- 201301

2. Divya Mehta Flat No 307 3rd Floor Tower 10 Sunworlds Arista Plot No. GH 01/C, Sector- 168, Goutam Budh Nagar Noida- 201301

3. M/s Sunworld Residency Pvt Ltd. Corporate Office: A-4 Sector-4, Noida- 201301. In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019, at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

दक्षिणोत्तर विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड

ऊर्जा भवन, 220 के.वी. विद्युत प्रसंगण, बाई-पास रोड, सिकन्दरा, आगरा -282007 (ई-मेल: dvnvnlgra1@gmail.com) (CIN No. U31200UP2003SGC027460)

ई-निविदा सूचना • ई-निविदा सं० DVVNL-MM/2410-2019: दीन दयाल उपाध्याय ग्राम ज्योति योजना (नवीन) के अन्तर्गत दक्षिणोत्तर विद्युत वितरण के अन्तर्गत फीडर सेपरेशन के अन्वेषण कार्य को सेमी-टर्नको आधार पर करने हेतु, धरोहर राशि: रु० 3,00,000/-, निविदा शुल्क: रु० 5,900/- (जी.एस.टी. सहित), निविदा खुलने की तिथि: 08.07.2019. • ई-निविदा सं० DVVNL-MM/2411-2019: दीन दयाल उपाध्याय ग्राम ज्योति योजना (नवीन) के अन्तर्गत दक्षिणोत्तर विद्युत वितरण के अन्तर्गत फीडर सेपरेशन के अन्वेषण कार्य को सेमी-टर्नको आधार पर करने हेतु, धरोहर राशि: रु० 4,00,000/-, निविदा शुल्क: रु० 5,900/- (जी.एस.टी. सहित), निविदा खुलने की तिथि: 08.07.2019.

• ई-निविदा सं० DVVNL-MM/2412-2019: दीन दयाल उपाध्याय ग्राम ज्योति योजना (नवीन) के अन्तर्गत दक्षिणोत्तर विद्युत वितरण के अन्तर्गत फीडर सेपरेशन के अन्वेषण कार्य को सेमी-टर्नको आधार पर करने हेतु, धरोहर राशि: रु० 7,00,000/-, निविदा शुल्क: रु० 5,900/- (जी.एस.टी. सहित), निविदा खुलने की तिथि: 08.07.2019.

निविदा शुल्क निगम को वेबसाइट www.dvnl.org के माध्यम से ही खरीदार किया जायेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र 03/00 शासन के ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जायेगी, जहाँ से निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। उपरोक्त निविदा निर्धारित तिथि को 13.00 बजे तक केवल ऑनलाइन माध्यम से जमा की जायेगी तथा उसी दिन दोपहर 16.00 बजे ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से खोली जायेगी। हस्ता- / असीक्षण अभियन्ता (साओ) -I। अधिक जानकारी हेतु कृपया https://etender.up.nic.in एवं www.dvnl.org को लॉग-इन करें। "राष्ट्र हित में विजयी बचाये" पत्रांक:9533/अड/अड/0 (साओ)-I/आगरा/विद्युत/दिनांक:20.06.2019

DELHI JAL BOARD OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (NE) II R-POCKET DILSHAD GARDEN DELHI-95 PRESS NIT NO. 04 (2019-20)

Table with 6 columns: S. No., Name of Work, Amount put to tender, EMD Amount, Tender Fees, Date of release of tender in procurement solution, Last date/time of receipt of tender through procurement solution. Lists 1 item for replacement of old/deep/damaged 100 mm dia CI water line.

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 89/2019-20 Sd/- Engineer (NE)-II

REBEL MPs INFORM VENKAIHAH NAIDU OF THEIR DECISION

TDP melts down in Rajya Sabha, four of its six members cross over to BJP

Nadda welcomes TDP MPs, Naidu says they have 'personal agenda'

SREENIVAS JANYALA & LALMANI VERMA
HYDERABAD, NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

SWEPT OUT of power in Andhra Pradesh and handed a drubbing in the Lok Sabha elections, the TDP took another big hit Thursday as four of its six Rajya Sabha MPs joined the BJP while chief N Chandrababu Naidu was holidaying in Europe with his family.

Hours before BJP's new working president J P Nadda welcomed them into the party fold at a press conference in New Delhi, the four TDP MPs — Y Satyanarayana Chowdary, CM Ramesh, T G Venkatesh and Garikapati Mohan Rao — announced their decision to merge with the BJP "with immediate effect".

In a series of tweets later, Chandrababu Naidu accused the



TDP MPs Chowdary, Venkatesh and Ramesh join the BJP in New Delhi Thursday in the presence of J P Nadda, Thawarchand Gehlot and Bhupender Yadav. Amit Mehra

MPs of pursuing "their own personal agendas" and said the crisis will not affect his party.

Since the TDP has only six members in Rajya Sabha, the four teamed up to avoid the anti-defection law. The MPs said they were informing Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu about their decision. Their move to cross over is a shot in the arm for the BJP which lacks numbers in Rajya Sabha — its strength will

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2 MPs face CBI, ED, I-T probes, BJP had called them Mallyas

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

CM RAMESH and Y S Chowdary, two of the four TDP Rajya Sabha members who crossed over to the BJP Thursday, are also industrialists and have been under the scanner of Income Tax, CBI and Enforcement Directorate.

Ramesh's name came up during the tussle in the CBI between then Director Alok Verma and Special Director Rakesh Asthana, and there has been an Income Tax investigation regarding a company said to be linked to him. Chowdary, on the other hand, has been on the radar of the CBI and ED in a case of an alleged bank loan fraud.

In the past, both have

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Commentary or BCCI-IPL roles: World Cup TV experts face choice

BCCI ethics officer rules that multiple roles violate conflict-of-interest norm

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

THE STAR Sports panel of experts for the World Cup is expected to see a shake-up with the BCCI all set to give the stars two weeks to choose between commentary assignments and their official positions with the board and IPL franchises. Even active cricketers, either for India or the IPL, have been barred from being employed as commentators by the broadcasters.

The Indian Express has learnt that the BCCI's Ethics Officer, D K Jain, in an order passed on an internal conflict-of-interest complaint, has questioned the presence of stars like Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, V V S Laxman, Harbhajan Singh and close to 20 other former and current cricketers in the commentary box for the ongoing tournament in England.

It is learnt that Jain ruled that the experts were flouting the Supreme Court-appointed



Ganguly, Tendulkar among those under watch

Justice R M Lodha panel recommendations on conflict of interest as they were holding multiple positions in the BCCI or IPL.

Stressing on the "one person, one position" principle, Jain has ruled that Ganguly, who is the Delhi Capitals mentor, Cricket Advisory Committee member, Star Sports commentator and Cricket Association of Bengal chief, can be seen only in one role.

Similarly, Tendulkar and Laxman can either be in the

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MODI 2.0: MAN ON A MISSION

BY GAUTAM GAMBHIR
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Adani firm trying to impede our probe, DRI tells HC

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has told the Bombay High Court in a June 13 affidavit that Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) is trying to "impede" its probe against a few Adani Group firms by challenging the "well settled procedure of issuance of Letter Rogatory" (LR) in the court.

ALR is a formal request from one country to another under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) seeking judicial assistance in accessing information on an offshore entity in connection with an ongoing probe.

Last year, AEL moved the Bombay High Court seeking to quash all LRs issued by the agency in 2017 to countries including Singapore against Adani Group firms being probed for alleged overvaluation of Indonesian coal imports. The High Court had, in September 2018, given an interim stay to AEL. The DRI moved the Supreme Court as its probe came to a halt. The apex court has now directed the High Court to decide the case by the end of this month.

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Research published in pay-and-publish journals won't count: UGC panel

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

SUGGESTING SWEEPING reforms to promote the quality of research in India, a UGC panel has recommended that publication of research material in "predatory" journals or presentations in conferences organised by their publishers should not be considered for academic credit in any form.

They include selection, confirmation, promotion, appraisal, and award of scholarships and degrees, the panel has suggested. The committee, which submitted its 14-page report to the UGC recently, has also recommended changes in PhD and MPhil programmes, including a new board for social sciences research (see box, page 2).

The four-member committee — headed by P Balram, former director of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru — was formed by the



The Indian Express report on July 19, 2018

UGC late last year after The Indian Express published a series of investigative reports on how India has emerged as one of the biggest markets for "predatory" publishers of substandard research journals.

The reports showed how over 300 "predatory" publishers bring out journals that claim to be international and publish

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Bhatt at the Jamnagar court, Thursday. Rakesh Chudasama

Gujarat custody death case: Sacked IPS officer Bhatt gets life in jail

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 20

A DISTRICT and sessions court in Jamnagar Thursday sentenced dismissed IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt to life imprisonment in a 1990 custodial death case when he was Additional Superintendent of Police in the district. He is already in Palanpur jail, under judicial custody since September last year, for allegedly framing a man in a drug seizure case.

His wife Shweta Bhatt said they plan to appeal the Jamnagar court order in a higher court after studying it thoroughly. In a press release, she called it "a classic case of political vindictiveness".

A Gujarat cadre IPS officer who had once made allegations against then Chief Minister Narendra Modi over his handling of the 2002 riots, Bhatt was suspended in 2011 and sacked by the Ministry of Home Affairs in August 2015, one of the charges

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2 killed in fresh Bengal violence, TMC & BJP blame each other

SWEETY KUMARI & SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, BHATPARA, JUNE 20

TWO PERSONS were killed and five injured in fresh clashes in Bhatpara, in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on Thursday morning. While the BJP alleged that Ram Babu Shaw (17) and Dharamveer Shaw (40) were killed in police firing, the state police department said "some criminals and outsiders" had "hurled bombs and used illegal firearms". Section 144 has been imposed in the area.



Security personnel at Bhatpara after the clashes on Thursday. Partha Paul RELATED REPORT, PAGE 12

"Some criminals and outsiders created a law and order problem in Bhatpara today in

which two persons lost their lives. Police were also attacked."

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Moving to monetise idle land assets of PSUs, Centre kickstarts process to hire consultants

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE CENTRE has kicked off the process of hiring consultants to push its plans to sell idle land assets and properties owned by public sector enterprises. As the new government gets ready to present its first full Budget on

July 5, land monetisation will be a key component of disinvestment to help government raise revenues.

Assets of over two dozen public sector enterprises in various sectors including power, textiles and fertilisers are likely to be put up for monetisation. Unused land and residential properties held by these compa-

nies, closed industrial units, and plants are among the assets to be considered for sale, sources said.

The move is critical at a time when the government needs to raise resources to spend and push growth without derailing its fiscal consolidation roadmap. Sources said the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), in con-

sultation with the NITI Aayog, has done "sufficient" background work to initiate the process of land monetisation at a significant scale. The government may adopt different models for land monetisation depending upon the nature of assets. These could include securitising a pool of assets through

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At Rs 200-crore wedding in the hills, voices from the ground: 'What are you giving us?'

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

SOMYA LAKHANI
AULI (UTTARAKHAND), JUNE 20

A PINK SARI with a purple border for Rekha Devi and a mustard shade for Lalita Devi, each priced at Rs 1,100 and bought from the "best" sari shop at Joshimath in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district. "Why not? Such a wedding is happening for the first time in Auli," said Rekha.

The two friends are not on the exclusive guest list for the

Rs 200-crore wedding extravaganza of the two sons of controversial business brothers Atul and Ajay Gupta in Auli, 16 km from Joshimath, but have showed up like hundreds others to simply "watch".

At 3,000m above sea level, Auli, an alpine meadow, has never been the centre of attention. From December-March, adventure junkies drive up for skiing — otherwise, the tiny hill station is a pit-stop for devotees on their way to Badrinath.

Last week, however, Auli entered the news cycle when the Uttarakhand High Court slammed the state government's decision to allow the extravagant



At the wedding venue in Auli, Thursday. Abhinav Saha

wedding at the pristine site, after a resident filed a petition against the event.

On June 18, the High Court ordered the Gupta brothers to deposit Rs 3 crore to the District Magistrate of Chamoli for restoration after the event, and directed that two monitoring assistants be deputed at the site to ensure measures suggested by the Court and the state pollution control board are adhered to.

But then, the Gupta brothers are not new to controversy — from becoming one of the most influential families in South Africa, with a business empire spanning computers, mining

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SOUTHWEST MONSOON WEAK IN KERALA, RAINFALL DEFICIT TOUCHES 41%

IMD data from June 1 to June 19 shows the rainfall deficit in the state touching 41 per cent with 13 of the 14 districts receiving less than normal rainfall. The late onset of the southwest monsoon and the emergence of Cyclone Vayu are being seen as the reasons.

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In this episode of the Sandip Roy Show, LGBTQ rights activist and the founder of Naz foundation, talks about the way we treat our animals and what that says about us as a society.

FROM PAGE ONE

UGC panel

papers for a "charge" ranging from \$30-\$1,800 per piece. Some of the prominent publishers featured in the investigation were OMICS, Austin, Science Domain, IAEME and IOSR Journals, which together bring out over 1,200 journals on subjects ranging from medicine to management.

Last week, the UGC launched the Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (CARE) to approve a new official list of academic publications.

In its report, the Balram committee has recommended the creation of a board under the UGC for research in social sciences and humanities with separate allocation of funds. It has also suggested the appointment of a Dean for research and development in every university linked to externally funded grants and projects.

On predatory journals and conferences organised by their publishers, the committee's report said: "The mandatory requirement of publication in journals/conference proceedings for award of doctoral degrees and as a metric in evaluating faculty under the API (Academic Performance Index) score has resulted in a proliferation of predatory journals and conferences, which have abandoned classical peer review as a method of quality control."

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, Balram said: "We submitted the report recently. It is a very brief report on the improvement of quality of research. It is up to the UGC, HRD Ministry and state governments to implement it."

Bhushan Patwardhan, UGC Vice Chairperson, confirmed that the Commission has received the report. "It will be considered by the UGC in its next meeting scheduled in July," he said.

Apart from Balram, the committee includes Sharad Deshpande, former professor and

NEW BOARD, R&D
DEANKey recommendations
of UGC panel:

- Papers in predatory journals won't count
- New board for social sciences research
- R&D Dean in every university
- Short-term internship in policy organisations
- 100 post-doctoral fellowships per year in social sciences, humanities
- Translation programme for regional research

head, Department of Philosophy, Savitribai Phule University, Pune; Shridhar R Gadre, Distinguished Professor, Savitribai Phule University, Pune; and, Anitha Kurup, Dean, National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc campus.

For the effective implementation of its recommendations, the committee has suggested that an empowered panel of eminent academicians be set up to work with UGC nodal officers for new schemes. It has also asked the UGC to revamp its regional centres and initiate capacity building programmes for its staff to build in-house expertise.

Bengal violence

the state police department

tweeted. "Some unscrupulous persons are trying to do communal propaganda on Bhatpara incident. This incident was purely criminal in nature in which some criminals hurled bombs and used illegal firearms. Police is taking strong action against

the perpetrators of violence. We request all not to get provoked by the motivated propaganda," it tweeted.

Police sources said both the victims had bullet injuries, and Ram Babu Shaw, a hawker, had also been hit on the head by a crude bomb. Their bodies have been sent for post-mortem. According to hospital sources, three of the injured had bullet injuries, while the other two had been hit by crude bombs.

The violence broke out hours before DGP Virendra Kumar was scheduled to inaugurate a new police station in the area, which was set up in view of the prevailing law and order situation. Bhatpara has witnessed a series of clashes between BJP and TMC workers since last month, in the run-up to the polls.

DGP Kumar, who later visited the spot, said six police personnel were also injured in the violence.

Blaming the state government, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said: "In our party MP Arjun Singh's Lok Sabha constituency, incidents of violence are taking place since morning. There is a basti there from where bombs are hurled and bullets are being fired... in the presence of police. We have heard that two persons have been killed in police firing. Only one person is responsible for this, and that is Mamata Banerjee. We have decided to send a central delegation of our MPs to Bhatpara. The team will meet family members of those who have been killed. We will submit a full-fledged report to the home ministry."

Local TMC leader Madan Mitra said the "violence is being triggered by Arjun Singh and his people". Jyotipriya Mullick, TMC's North 24 Parganas district president, said, "This is planned violence whose mastermind is Arjun Singh. Since the day he joined BJP, he has been triggering violence in the area."

The state police chief, chief secretary and other top officials held an emergency meeting to take stock of the situation. "The state administration is looking at the Bhatpara violence very seriously. Some anti-social elements and outsiders are behind this. The Chief Minister and senior police officers visited the spot recently. A new police station has been set up and is functional from today. RAF and police reinforcements have been sent. Section 144 has been imposed in Bhatpara, Jagdal and nearby areas," Home Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay said. The state home department later issued a notification on the transfer of some IPS officers including Barrackpore Commissioner of Police Tanmoy Ray Chaudhury. He will be replaced by senior IPS officer Manoj Kumar Verma, who was posted as IGP in Darjeeling.

Commentary

Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad dugouts, respectively, or be a part of the Star Sports commentary team.

With the order covering current players, those like Harbhajan, Parthiv Patel, Irfan Pathan and Manoj Tiwary can wield the mike only after they retire.

The complainant, Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association member Sanjeev Gupta, has called Jain's order "astounding". "This said order today dated 20.06.19 has set the precedent/benchmark for every individual associated with BCCI/ every state unit/IPL/TV broadcaster, production etc and every BCCI member and every administrator of BCCI & all state unit administrators & every employee and every contractual person of BCCI & all state units, etc., to 100 per cent comply (with) the law of the land," he said in a statement.

Adani

The DRI affidavit said that AEL moved the Bombay High Court to

TDP melts down in Rajya Sabha

rise from 71 to 75 in the 245-member House.

"Inspired and encouraged by the impeccable leadership of Shri Narendra Modi and the developmental policies being pursued by him in the overall interest of the nation, we have decided to merge with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) with immediate effect under Paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India," their resolution stated.

Venkatesh said: "For the sake of development of my Rayalaseema region, I want to join the BJP. People all over the country want only Modi. We

also want only BJP. The BJP also wants to increase its members in Rajya Sabha, so I agreed when they said it would be mutually beneficial if I join the BJP. It will take some time to complete the formalities. Obviously, I will quit TDP."

A Minister of State in the first Modi government before the TDP parted ways, Chowdhary said: "We have seen the great work done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. After seeing the development work done by this government, we decided to join BJP and build a great nation. I have experienced how

this government functions when I was MoS for three-and-half years. We also want to work for development of Andhra Pradesh which has suffered a lot after its bifurcation."

After the MPs deserted him, Chandrababu Naidu took to Twitter: "All my life, I have strived for the good of people and will continue to do so regardless of being in power or not. TDP MPs joining BJP today is the result of my fight for AP's rights. They had their own personal agendas to address."

"These crises situations are not new to me, not new to the party. Earlier, many said TDP is

dead. Many said TDP is a closed chapter. Many said leaders are deserting the party and that it will be gone and buried. We never gave up. We came back. We have lakhs of Karyakarthis and crores of Telugu people behind us. History will repeat itself. There is nothing to worry #TDPWillBeBack," he posted.

At a press conference in New Delhi, Nadda welcomed the TDP MPs and said the BJP had given approval to the merger and the MPs were now BJP members. He said he was sure their induction will strengthen the BJP in Andhra Pradesh.

2 of the TDP MPs face CBI, IT, ED probes

claimed innocence, and denied any wrongdoing. Text messages sent to them Thursday did not elicit any response.

Incidentally, in November last year, it was BJP MP and spokesperson G V L Narasimha Rao who called Chowdhary and Ramesh "Andhra Malliyas" and wrote to the Rajya Sabha Ethics Committee, seeking initiation of "suitable action" against them.

Posting a November 28 letter he had written to the chairman of the Ethics Committee, Rao tweeted: "I've complained to Ethics Committee to seek disqualification of two TDP MPs, Y.S. Choudhary & C.M. Ramesh who have earned the dubious title of 'Andhra Malliyas' with massive financial scandals..."

In October last year, an Income Tax probe found suspicious transactions to the tune of about Rs 100 crore in a company associated with Ramesh.

According to the I-T, the company, Rithwik Projects Pvt Ltd (RPPL), had allegedly siphoned Rs 74 crore through untraceable transactions, while bills of Rs 25 crore were found to be "dubious".

On October 12, the I-T department conducted searches at the premises of the company in Hyderabad and Ramesh's residence in Kadapa. The TDP had protested the searches, calling it political vendetta.

In the CBI tussle between Verma and Asthana, prime witness Sana Sathish Babu, on whose statement Verma had registered a case of corruption against Asthana, had alleged Ramesh was influencing cases. Before implicating Asthana for allegedly demanding a bribe, Babu had given a statement to Asthana's team that Verma was demanding a bribe. He had alleged that Ramesh was the go-

between in fixing the case against him. Verma's team and Ramesh had then denied the charges.

Chowdhary, who was a Minister of State before TDP pulled out of the first Modi government, is being probed by the CBI in a set of three FIRs. These FIRs allege that electrical equipment manufacturer Best and Crompton Engineering Projects Limited (BCEPL), which the CBI claims is linked to Chowdhary, fraudulently obtained loans of over Rs 360 crore from a consortium of banks and then defaulted.

Based on the CBI FIRs, the ED initiated a money laundering investigation against Chowdhary and attached over Rs 315 crore of his assets. Among the assets seized are high-end cars which include a Ferrari, a BMW and a Range Rover.

On October 8 last year, the

ED conducted searches at residential and office premises of key officials of BCEPL. "Searches resulted in the recovery and seizure of 126 Rubber Stamps of various shell companies from the business premises at Plot No.18, Nagarjuna Hills, Punjagutta, Hyderabad-500082. It was also identified that, the above business premises has accommodated many companies of Sujana Group," the ED said in a statement.

According to ED, verification of documents seized indicated that BCEPL was functioning under the "Chairmanship of Shri Y.S. Chowdhary alias Sujana Chowdhary, who is a sitting Member of Parliament-Rajya Sabha."

The ED claimed it was probing alleged loan defaults worth Rs 5,700 crore by the Sujana Group owned by Chowdhary — he denied the allegations.

question the issuance of LRs only after a Singapore court allowed India's request to access documents that allegedly contain "clinching evidence" against Adani Group's "blatant" hike in prices of imported coal for "siphoning" money and "increasing" the cost of power sold to public in India.

When contacted, a spokesperson for the Adani Group said, "Since the matter is subjective, we are refrained from making any statement." DRI too declined to comment.

The legal battle assumes significance as apart from the Adani Group, the DRI is probing at least 40 companies including two companies of the Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG), two Essar Group firms and a few public sector power firms for alleged over-valuation of coal imports from Indonesia pegged at Rs 29,000 crore between 2011 and 2015. So far, the DRI has issued 14 LRs to multiple foreign jurisdictions such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland, UAE among others seeking information in the alleged over-valuation of imports of Indonesian coal.

The outcome of this case could impact investigation by other agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SPIO), as they often use LRs to seek information from foreign jurisdiction.

In its petition to the Bombay High Court, AEL has claimed the LRs were issued by DRI without cognisance of any offence or registering of First Information Report (FIR) against the Adani firms in the coal case. It also said that the LRs were issued without any notice and hearing the companies.

The DRI affidavit, however, said an investigation by the Customs officers, ED officers, Wildlife Crime Control officers and the officers of SPIO under the

Customs Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Wildlife (Protection) Act and the Companies Act respectively, "does not commence by registering FIRs or by seeking an order from a Magistrate unlike the police officers." Therefore, under the Customs Act, an FIR under the Code of Criminal Procedure or magisterial intervention is not required for initiation of customs investigation, it said.

"AEL has frivolously invoked unrelated and inapplicable principles such as fundamental rights to cast aspersions on a diligently followed investigation procedure adopted by the DRI," said the affidavit.

The DRI has said that the Customs Act 1962 is a self-contained law to deal with smuggling of goods and even the legislature has made it evident that magisterial intervention is not required for initiating a probe under the customs rules.

The DRI probe against Adani and other companies commenced after the agency issued a general alert to its field formations across India in March 2016, outlining the modus operandi of over-invoicing of coal imports from Indonesia. DRI alleged the money was being "siphoned" outside the country and the electricity-generating firms were availing of "higher tariff compensation based on artificially inflated cost of the imported coal."

The DRI alleged that Indonesian coal was directly exported from ports in that country to India while import invoices were routed through one or more intermediaries based in Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai and British Virgin Islands to artificially inflate its value.

The agency, according to sources, found that inflated invoices received in India were issued by intermediaries, allegedly subsidiary companies of Indian importers or their fronts. The DRI

alleged that in certain cases, the import value of Indonesian coal was artificially inflated by about 50-100 per cent by changing test reports which measure the calorific value of coal. Artificial inflation of value of the imported coal increases the landed cost of coal, which is a primary fuel in coal fired thermal power plants. The higher tariff dispensed by the electricity regulator to the power generator enhances the cost of purchase of the power distributor, which in turn factors this artificially enhanced cost in its billing to consumers.

PSU land

structures like REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts) and InvITs (Infrastructure Investment Trusts), getting the successful bidders to make large upfront payment for the assets combined with annual payments, and small or no upfront payment along with annual payments.

While the consultancy firms being hired by DIPAM will help formulate the land monetisation strategy, the process of auctioning these parcels electronically is expected to be handled by state-owned MSTC Limited. Separately, the government has already initiated the process of selling idle properties and land assets of state-owned carrier Air India.

In a proposal to empanel property consultancy firms floated earlier this month, DIPAM said that "many of the assets are sub-optimally utilised and can be appropriately monetised to create greater financial leverage and value for the companies and the government, being the shareholder. Government intends to monetise select non-core and other assets owned by CPSEs/PSUs/ other government organisation using appropriate model."

These assets will also include idle plant and machinery, pipelines, textile mills and towers among others. Funds raised

through such asset sales will be counted as disinvestment proceeds. The government has raised Rs 2,357.10 crore in the first two months of 2019-20, for which a disinvestment target of Rs 90,000 crore was set in the Interim Budget in February. In 2018-19, the government raised Rs 84,972.16 crore against the budgeted target of Rs 80,000 crore.

To expedite the process, instead of the earlier mechanism of mainly NBCC being nominated as the land management agency for monetising assets of closed and sick companies, the government has now put in place a formal structure to take decisions on land monetisation. On March 8, DIPAM had issued guidelines relating to asset monetisation, which said that an inter ministerial group suggest assets for sale based on the recommendations NITI Aayog or on its own.

The proposals of IMG will need approval of Alternative Mechanism, which comprises the finance minister, transport minister and minister of the concerned administrative ministry. On February 28, the Cabinet had empowered the Alternative Mechanism to approve disposal of assets of PSUs and enemy property asset monetisation.

Gupta wedding

and media, after they moved from UP's Saharanpur to their dubious links to former president Jacob Zuma; from moving to Dubai following corruption charges in 2018 to this big, fat wedding in Uttarakhand.

"In Auli, people spend Rs 2-3 lakh on a wedding, we want to see what a Rs 200-crore wedding is like... and we can't show up in everyday clothes for that, so we bought new saris," said Rekha, 41, who is the local Congress mahila committee president, while Lalita, 44, is a BJP member.

"We had never heard of Guptaji before this... he has made

Auli and Joshimath world famous. But there are no arrangements for locals. We have come from our villages to see it but there's no food for us, not even a free chairlift ride. We had to pay Rs 500 each. We are giving you Auli, what are you giving us?" asked 85-year-old Navmi Devi. She had travelled from a village two hours away after a local resident told her that "Guptaji has asked everyone to come and attend the wedding, have all meals here".

"All the staff has come from Delhi but they've hired some men from Auli to help with decorations and arrangement... we are being paid Rs 1,000 a day. It's good money but such few people have been employed. How is this tourism for us?" asked a 50-year-old labourer in his fifth day on the job here.

The Guptas, meanwhile, are going all out for the wedding of Ajay's son Suryakant with Kritika Singhal, daughter of Suresh Singhal, a Delhi-based diamond merchant, on June 20; and Atul's son Shashank's wedding with Shivangi Jalan, daughter of Dubai-based businessman Vishal Jalan. Rajesh Gupta is the third brother in the family.

In Auli, barring one homestay, all hotels have been booked for the weddings, which started on June 17 and will go on till June 22. The main venue is Cliff Top hotel, decorated like the valley of flowers, and teeming with Bollywood and TV celebrities and musicians — from Katrina Kaif and Badshah to Kailash Kher and Shruti Pathak. Baba Ramdev's close aide Balkrishna was present at Suryakant's wedding Thursday and the Uttarakhand Chief Minister is expected to attend Shashank's Saturday.

Bhatt

being "unauthorised absence from service".

The Jamnagar court convicted Bhatt and police constable Pravin Singh Zala under IPC section 302 (murder) and sentenced them to life in jail in the 29-year-old custodial death case. They were also handed jail terms of a year and two years after being found guilty of section 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and section 506(1) (punishment for offence of criminal intimidation) respectively.

Five others — police constables Pravin Singh Jethva, Anup Singh Jethva and Kesubha Dolubha Jethva and police sub-inspectors Shailesh Pandya and Dipakkumar Bhagwandas Shah — were found guilty of custodial torture and sentenced to jail terms of one year under section 323 and two years under section 506(1).

The case dates back to 1990 when Bhatt was posted as Additional Superintendent of Police in Jamnagar. He had detained 133 people under TADA following a riot in Jamjodhpur town after L K Advani's Rath Yatra was stopped and a Bharat Bandh announced in October that year.

On November 18, 1990, one of the persons detained, Prabhudas Vaishnani, died in a hospital after his release. His family alleged it was due to custodial torture. A complaint of custodial death was lodged against seven police personnel, including Bhatt, by Amrutlal Vaishnani, brother of Prabhudas. The case was transferred to the Gujarat CID branch in Gandhinagar.

In his complaint, Amrutlal alleged that the detainees were beaten with sticks and rifle butts, made to do sit-ups, crawl on elbows and were not allowed to drink water.

Amrutlal said that the torture and lack of water caused kidney problems which led to the death of Prabhudas.

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AMONG EVACUEES, PUPPY STUCK ON FOURTH FLOOR

100 trapped in Pitampura building blaze rescued

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

A FIRE broke out at a residential building in Pitampura in the early hours of Thursday. The blaze started from the fifth floor and spread to the fourth and sixth floors, trapping residents. More than 100 people — and a puppy — had to be rescued from the building, fire officials said.

Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said that the fire broke out at Tower Height Apartment around 1:10 am. More than 12 fire tenders were pressed into service. "We received a call at 1:20 am. The smoke had trapped several residents inside the 11-storey block. We used water hoses to extinguish the fire and simultaneously used ladders to reach residents and rescue them," said S K Dua, divisional head of the DFS.

The operation lasted two hours and all residents were rescued safely, said the DFS.

A house was gutted and the entire fifth floor suffered damage in the blaze.

"Prima facie, a short circuit in a home's AC appears to be the reason," said Dua.

Some residents alleged the firemen arrived late, and without a ladder. However, Dua said: "The DFS rushed to the spot



A house was gutted and the entire fifth floor suffered damage in the blaze

150 people stay. While the DFS rescued 100 people, others escaped by using the staircase. The DFS said they also rescued one puppy stuck on the fourth floor. The animal belonged to a woman who lives with her children, and while she was rescued by her neighbours, firemen brought the puppy to safety.

Ajit Chaudhary (32), at whose home the fire originated, said, "I was sleeping when I sensed smoke entering my room. I went outside and discovered the house was on fire. I alerted my family and we rushed downstairs using

the stairs. We called fire services but my house was destroyed before they could help us."

The Chaudhary family has eight members. He and his younger brother suffered minor injuries on their feet.

Another resident, Neeru Bansal, said, "We live on the sixth floor and a little after 1 am, I realised a fire had broken out in the building. We locked ourselves inside our home since the fire had spread to the staircase and the smoke had trapped us. We waited for firemen to come and rescue us."

Sisodia aim: No more than 60 kids in a class

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE PLAN is to have no more than 60 students even in the most crowded classroom, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said in an address to principals of all Delhi government schools during an administrative capacity building workshop Thursday.

Charting out changes made in schools since AAP came to power in 2015, Sisodia said the number

of classrooms has increased from 24,157 to 32,242 as of June 2019, adding that it will go up to 45,118 by November. He claimed the increase in the number of classrooms has improved the student classroom ratio from 62:1 in 2015 to 46:1 currently, and will improve further to 33:1 by June.

"Earlier there were classrooms with as many as 167 students. Even now, there are some classrooms which have 80-100 students. Hopefully, once we achieve a 33:1 ratio, even the most crowded classrooms will

not have more than 60 students," he said.

According to the Right to Education Act, the pupil-teacher ratio should be maintained at 30:1 and 35:1 at primary and upper primary levels, and there should be at least one classroom for each teacher.

However, even with the construction of new classrooms and improvement of the student-classroom ratio, the problem of lack of teachers in city's government schools persists.

In his address to the princi-

pals, Sisodia, however claimed that there has been improvement in this area as well. He claimed that in 2015, there were 18,739 teaching vacancies and 37,143 teachers were in service, and that the vacant posts had come down to 5,666 while 58,358 teachers were in service.

Sisodia said the purpose of education was to make students lead happy lives: "Teachers of Delhi will conduct surgical strike on ills of unemployment, hunger, illiteracy... that become headlines in newspapers."

Inmates at Delhi jails to be trained as yoga teachers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

MORE THAN 1,000 inmates of prisons in the capital will be trained as yoga teachers within a year under an initiative aimed at helping them start a new life after they are released, officials said.

The project, Sanjeevan, was inaugurated on January 23 after a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in this regard between the Prison Department and the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) in December 2018, they said.

Under the project, instructors from the institute will train inmates in 16 jails in the city, including Tihar, with an aim to provide them life skills so they can work as yoga teachers and make a living, Director General (Prisons) Ajay Kashyap said.

Under the initiative, inmates will be taught two courses — a foundation course, which is of four weeks, and an instructors' course, which is of four months. A total of 750 inmates have been trained under the foundation course and they will get certificates on International Yoga Day on June 21, a senior official said.

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons For Filing & Appearance By Publication
O.A. No. 170 of 2019
Date: 17.06.2019

(Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application No. 170 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Mrs. Meena Mohan & Others ...Defendant

To,
1. Mrs. Meena Mohan
Supermart 2, DLF PH-4, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122002.
Also At- Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, Amarapali, Patel Platinum, GH 001, Sector 119, Noida- 201301.
Also At- 7th Floor, Tower A, Cyber Green, Sector- 25A, DLF Cyber City Gurgaon- 122002.
2. Mr. Pawan Kumar
Supermart 2, DLF PH-4 Gurgaon, Haryana- 122002.
Also At- Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, Amarapali, Patel Platinum, GH 001, Sector 119, Noida- 201301
3. M/s Amarapali Platinum Office At- C-56/40, Sector- 62, Noida

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11.09.2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH
(Advt. No. 02/19/CET)

Panjab University will hold Migration Engineering Entrance Test (PUMEEET - 2019) for the candidates who have completed B.E./B.Tech. First year from any Engineering Institute/University and seeking admission to 2nd Year of B.E./B.Tech Courses (Session 2019-20) at UIET, P.U., Chandigarh; Dr. SSBUI/CET, P.U., Chandigarh and PUSSSGRC, Hoshiarpur, on 14th July, 2019.

The Prospectus (including Application Form) will be available online on Panjab University Website <http://pumeet.puchd.ac.in> w.e.f. 20th June, 2019. Detailed instructions for submission of online Application Form are available on the Panjab University website. Last date for submission of information on the website to generate the Bank Challan is 3rd July, 2019 (Wednesday). Last date for deposit of fee in any branch of State Bank of India using website generated Challan is 5th July, 2019 (Friday) upto 4.00 p.m. and Last date for uploading of photograph, signature with rest of the information on the website is 8th July, 2019 (Monday).

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Jhulelal Mandir, Pitam Pura, U P Block
Blochistani Hindu Panchayat, Khanpur (Sindhi Bhagat)

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Shri Jhulelal Mandir, Narela

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Blochistani Hindu Panchayat, Khanpur
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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi
Presided by
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Vice-Chairperson, Sindhi Academy
Venue : Shri Ram Centre, Safdar Hashmi Marg, Mandi House, New Delhi - 110001

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Prime Minister

21st June 2019
International Day of Yoga (IDY)

Join the World Today in this Global Festival of Health and Wellbeing.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead thousands of people in a mass Yoga demonstration at Prabhat Tara Maidan in Ranchi from 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM today. This will be a re-affirmation of the country's faith in the ability of Yoga to bring in peace, harmony and progress for all.

Group demonstrations of Yoga based on CYP are being held across the country today, between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM.

These demonstrations are being organised by Schools, Colleges, Government bodies, Yoga Institutions, Residents Welfare Organisations etc.

Join a group event of IDY near you today and do Yoga based on CYP, and usher Yoga into your life.

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For more details about IDY- 2019 and CYP, check out: www.yoga.ayush.in
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TIME SPENT ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL A FACTOR

Assembly poll prep on, AAP may repeat four Lok Sabha candidates

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE AAM Aadmi Party is banking on senior, "trusted" leaders to secure a victory in Delhi assembly polls, scheduled in early 2020. And looking to capitalise on the campaign run by its Lok Sabha candidates over the past one year, the party is likely to repeat at least four of the seven candidates, it is learnt.

According to sources, Gagan Singh, who contested from North West Delhi and came in second with 21% of the total votes, is being considered as an assembly candidate from Bawana.

Singh has previously represented the constituency on a

BJP ticket. He joined AAP in 2017 and the party believes he was instrumental in helping it win the Bawana bypoll that year.

When contacted, Singh said he was unaware of any such development. "I am in the party because of Arvind Kejriwal, whatever role he has in mind for me, I will fulfil. I have not asked him for a ticket," he said.

Other names being discussed, sources said, are of Dilip Pandey, Atishi and Pankaj Gupta.

Raghav Chadha is also under consideration but, sources said, he has told the party he is undecided.

Pandey, the former Delhi state unit convenor, contested Lok Sabha polls from North East Delhi against BJP's Manoj Tiwari



Gugan Singh, Dilip Pandey are among those being considered

and Congress's Sheila Dikshit. He stepped down from the post of convenor after the loss in Delhi municipal polls in 2017.

"Pandey has been active in Timarpur constituency for the past few weeks, attending volunteer meetings and meeting people," said a party official. Pandey did not respond to calls

or messages.

The current MLA from the area, Pankaj Pushkar, was seen as a rebel by the party till a few months ago as he had sided with Yogendra Yadav and Prashant Bhusan when the rift between party chief Arvind Kejriwal and the two had become public.

Over the past six months, however, he has again become active in the party circle.

The party is also looking to field Durgesh Pathak, its youngest Political Affairs Committee member and national organisation building in-charge, from Karawal Nagar. The current Karawal Nagar MLA, Kapil Mishra, was suspended from primary membership of the party in 2017.

Pathak, who has also been attending small meetings in Karawal Nagar area, told *The Indian Express* that no discussions over his candidature had happened.

"I am not holding meetings in Karawal Nagar alone. I am going wherever the party is sending me," he said.



A FINE BALANCE

During a yoga event at Lodhi Gardens on the eve of International Day of Yoga. Tashi Tobgyal

No sunlight, animals in basements at some dairies, govt finds

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THOUSANDS OF livestock, primarily cows and buffaloes, are deprived of "basic provisions for survival" in the city's 10 dairy colonies, which have also become hotspots of air and water pollution, a Delhi government inspection has found.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had directed the Delhi government to undertake the inspection after a petition highlighted the plight of the animals.

There are 55,912 animals at those dairies, according to data available with the Development Department.

According to sources, following the findings of the report, the Delhi Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) has registered 45 cases of cruelty to animals so far.

The government has also directed the MCDs, which is the licensing authority covering such facilities, to start sealing dairies which are operating illegally.

"There is massive air and water pollution in those areas and currently they flow directly into public drains. We are looking for technology that can ensure that the effluents are treated locally. Even an Animal Welfare Board report had pointed out that the localities are atrociously dirty," a senior official said.

Out of the 10 dairy colonies, Masoodpur, Madanpur Khadar, Nangli and Kakrola fall under the jurisdiction of South Delhi Municipal Corporation; Ghogha, Bhalaswa, Jharoda come under North Delhi Municipal Corporation; and Ghazipur, Gharoli and Goyla under East Delhi Municipal Corporation.

Officials said cows and buffaloes have been found packed in basements beyond the reach

FULL HOUSE

Dairy	Animals	Waste water (l/day)
Masoodpur	2,123	4
Madanpur Khadar	2,337	5
Kakrola	3,462	7
Ghogha	1,289	3
Bhalaswa	2,986	6
Ghazipur	19,813	40
Gharoli	807	2
Goyla	10,799	20
Jharoda	3,248	6
Nangli	9,048	20

of sunlight or air.

The dairy colonies were essentially industry plots, many of which came up in the 1980s, but over the years they became dense residential areas.

"A few extremely pale buffaloes were found. They had never gone out in the sun. The design flaws of the dairies have mainly led to such a situation," the official said.

While the case is ongoing, the NGT has already directed medical tests of all the animals, following which the corporations concerned will have to "shift them to cattle care centres or any other establishment created for protection and rehabilitation of the animals and to retain them till further order of the Tribunal".

The NGT stated that on perusal of the inspection report, "it was found that helpless and pathetic conditions of animals were being exploited for commercial gains in the dairies".

The violations relate to the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974, The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1981, Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, and Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998.

BRIEFLY

85-year-old's body found dug up

Gurgaon: The body of an 85-year-old man, who died earlier this month, was found dug out of his grave and without the head in Gurgaon's Sector 64 Thursday. "My uncle Babu Khan died on June 11, and we had buried him on June 13. A neighbour who visited the graveyard saw that my uncle's remains had been dug up," claimed Sonu, Khan's nephew. "Bodies have been dug up before but the head has never been separated like this. We suspected it may be someone involved in occult practices," he said.

Woman killed, husband hurt in attack

New Delhi: A woman was killed and her husband was beaten up, allegedly by their relative, in Southeast Delhi's Nizamuddin Wednesday. The victim, Sita Rajput (22), was allegedly killed by her husband Mangal Rajput's (25) maternal cousin Rati Ram as he thought they were responsible for him losing his job. "He went to their house Wednesday night and started beating Mangal with a baton. When Sita tried to intervene, Rati Ram assaulted her. She died due to the beating but her husband managed to escape," said Chinmoy Biswal, DCP (Southeast Delhi).

Case after dogs attack woman

New Delhi: A woman was bitten by three bulldogs while walking in a park in Rohini. The owner of the dogs was in the park at the time. According to the complaint, the woman was bitten by one of the dogs, after which the other animals also attacked her. The owner allegedly left with the dogs, leaving the injured woman in the park. A case has been registered by the Northwest Delhi police, an officer said.

E-auction of bike numbers

New Delhi: The Delhi Transport Department said Thursday that it will e-auction "fancy registration numbers" of two-wheelers to "eliminate corruption".

2 held for stealing cars

New Delhi: Two men have been arrested by the Delhi Crime Branch for allegedly stealing cars. The duo is allegedly part of the 'Bacchan Gang'. Police claim the gang has been involved in more than 100 cases of robbery. The gang leader has been identified as one Rohit, police said. **ENS**

In shadow of Qutub Minar, urban village that gets its name from Tughlaq court noble

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

A FAVOURITE noble of Firoz Shah Tughlaq, the chief of chamberlains and a follower of the Sufi tradition — these are among the few things known about the man after whom South Delhi's Saidulajab is named.

An urban village which has Qutub Minar on one side and Saket on the other, Saidulajab is now known for The Garden of Five Senses and Champa Gali, with its design studios, chic cafes and handicraft stores. According to historians, the *khanqah* (a structure meant for Sufi gatherings) of 14th Century noble Sayyid-ul-Hujjab Maruf existed in the area where the village now stands. Over the centuries, the word



Saidulajab is now known for Garden of Five Senses. Amit Mehra

Hujjab was corrupted, first becoming *ajab* and then *ajab*.

The title Hujjab, says historian Swapna Liddle, indicates that he was the chief of chamberlains.

In the book 'Monuments of Delhi — Lasting splendour of the great Mughals and others', compiled by early 20th Century ar-

chaeologist Maulvi Zafar Hasan, Maruf is described as a "favourite noble of Firoz Shah (Tughlaq) enjoying the rank and title of Malik Sayyidul Hujjab."

"Both he and his father, Khujja Wahid Quraishi, were disciples of Shaikh Nizamuddin, and Firoz Shah conferred great



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STORIES BEHIND OUR ROAD NAMES

favours upon him, and held such a high opinion of his sagacity that he always consulted him in the affairs of the country. He enjoyed royal favours and confidence until his death," he wrote.

When Hasan wrote about Hujjab and his *khanqah* in the early 20th Century, the village was already known as Saidul Ajab. "The *khanqah* of Sayyidul

Hujjab, after whom the village is known, stands on raised ground and consists of a domed structure to the north, and of two arched *dalans* (verandahs) opposite to it. The dome structure, which seems to have been the tomb of Sayyidul Hujjab Maruf, contains three compartments... but there is no trace of a grave inside..." he wrote.

"A resident of the village, whose family has been living in the area for several years now, told me that at one point there used to be the grave of a Sufi saint there. Now, however, houses have been built around it and it is nearly impossible to locate. In Bashiruddin Ahmad's 1919 book called *Waqiaat-e-Dar-ul-Hukumat Delhi*, a platform with three unmarked graves in the area also finds a mention," says historian Sohail Hashmi.

NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY EVENTS, HONOURS



MEET - CISF

Rajesh Ranjan, DG, CISF called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah in his office at North Block, and briefly informed the functioning of CISF. Later, Director General, CISF also called on MoS for Home Nityanand Rai.



MEETING - BEML

Deepak Kumar Hota, CMD, BEML's (A Gol Miniratna Company under Ministry of Defence) meeting with Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister of India, Deepak Kumar Hota CMD BEML welcomed the Defence Minister on the occasion.



CONTRIBUTION - SAIL

The employees of SAIL have contributed Rs 3 Cr towards the relief work of cyclone Fani in Odisha. A K Chaudhary, Chairman, SAIL handed over the cheque to the CM of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik in presence of Union Minister of Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan.



MEETING - DFCCIL

A Sachan, MD, DFCCIL & Rajiv Chaudhry, GM, North Central Railway jointly chaired a high-level review meeting on the progress of Dedicated Freight Corridor. This meeting was attended by Directors & Officers of DFCCIL, & North Central Railway.



ADDRESS - NHPC

Balraj Joshi, CMD, NHPC, India's premier hydropower company and a 'Mini Ratna' Category-I Enterprise of GOI delivered an address at General Assembly of International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) at Ottawa, Canada. In his address,



REVIEW - BHEL

A.R. Meghwal, MoS for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises & Parliamentary Affairs, reviewed the performance of BHEL during a visit to the company's Corporate Office. Atul Sobti, CMD, BHEL, Directors & senior officials welcomed the Minister.



COMMUNITY LUNCH - HUDDCO

HUDDCO, organized a community lunch, a 'Bhandara', at the Alia Habitat Centre complex, on the occasion of Nirjala Ekadashi. Dr. M Ravi Kanth, CMD HUDDCO distributed water and food, along with other senior officials.



AWARD - EPCH

Dr. Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary was the Chief Guest during inauguration of the IEIA Open seminar. Rakesh Kumar, DG - EPCH received the award for Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair being declared a leading trade show by IEIA Association.



MOU - PFC

REC Ltd. signed a performance-based 'MoU' with PFC detailing various targets to be achieved by REC during FY 2019-20. The MoU was signed by Rajeev Sharma, CMD, PFC & A K Agarwal, CMD, REC in presence of various senior officials.



LAUNCH - ITBP

The ITBP with support of District Administration, Pithoragarh launched search operations for the eight missing mountaineers in Pithoragarh District. ITBP search team was briefed by SS Deswal, DG ITBP

SCOPE Given the growth of PSEs and its importance in the Indian economy, a need was felt to organise a SCOPE PSE Mega Economic Summit where PSEs linkage to the global economy can be appreciated and analysed for better integration with value chains. The Summit is likely to be inaugurated by President of India or an equivalent key official. The venue of the Summit is likely to be Vigyan Bhawan.

PFC, a Government owned NBFC has successfully tapped international market and raised USD 1 billion through Reg-S bonds in one go. This was the PFC's first issuance in the international market after successful acquisition of Government of India holding in REC. The issuance attracted a strong and diversified order book.

APPOINTMENT

PFC Ravinder Singh Dhillon took over the role of Director (Projects) in Power Finance Corporation Ltd. on 12th June 2019. Presently serving as an ED in PFC, Dhillon has more than 34 years of experience in various areas of power sector. An Electrical Engineer with Post Graduation in Power Systems from IIT Delhi, he had worked with Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. & Central Electricity Authority prior to joining PFC. In PFC, he has worked in various capacities for over 25 years, handling Project Appraisal, Business Development, Stressed Assets Revival & Monitoring of projects.



SALUTE THE SOLDIER

01 OCTOBER 1987 17 JUN 2019
Maj Ketan Sharma, 19 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) attained martyrdom following a fierce gun battle in OP BADOORA, in Anantnag Sector, South Kashmir on 17 Jun 19.

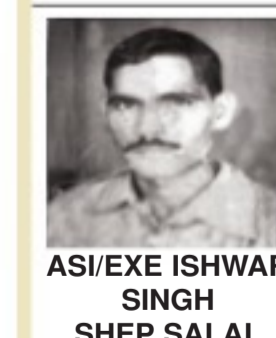
Maj Ketan, your actions on 17 June 2019 have enshrined your name permanently in the hall of Martyrs reserved for the bravest of the brave. The entire Sura-Soi family is proud and grateful for your sacrifice in the greatest traditions of the Indian Army. You were a credit to uniform you wore, a true hero and the nation will long remember your valor. May you rest in peace.

57 ENGINEER REGIMENT (TEAM SURASOI)
MARTYR OF CISF ON 21TH JUNE 21-06-1995

CISF proudly remember laid down his life at the altar bravery would remain an abdi eternally indebted to him for his supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he of duty while fighting with the terrorists. His courage and ng source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain s noblest deed.



MAJ KETAN SHARMA



ASI/EXE ISHWAR SINGH SHEP SALAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
MNCI, RITES Ltd. invites on behalf of the Dept. of Technical Education, Bangalore online percentage rate bids in Two-Packet System for the following work:
NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/27/2019 Date 20.06.2019, Construction of Govt. Polytechnic College at Kolhara in Vijayapura District for DTE, Est. Cost is Rs.576.98 Lakhs, (Approx.), EMD Rs. 5.77 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 15.07.2019 upto 11.00 hrs.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://etenders.gov.in/> eprocure/app. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.

Sd/-
General Manager (C) RITES Ltd.
For and on behalf of DTE

CORRIGENDUM-1

Refer Tender ID No. 2019_AAL_26054_1 for the work of "Construction of 3 Hangers for C Category aircrafts connecting apron and taxi link (Narayanpur Side) at NSCB Airport Kolkata. SH: Internal & External Electrical Works." Published on 29.05.19. Last date and time of submission of e-bid document is extended upto 28.06.2019 at 1800 hrs. For more detailed information, log on to CPP e-Procurement Portal reference <http://etender.gov.in/eprocure/app> or www.aal.gov.

How Telangana is paving fast lane to DU for students

As numbers gradually rise, education funded by state explains why

CHANGING CAMPUS
AN EXPRESS SERIES
PART III

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

WHEN RAVI made the train journey from his village in Telangana's Sangareddy district to take admission to Delhi University's Ramjas College in 2017, he was leaving his state for the first time. "I became something of a celebrity because where I come from, people don't leave the state to study. Most study in nearby areas, drop out soon and join their parents to work in the fields," said the 20-year-old, who has completed his second year in the college's B.A. (Honours) Political Science programme.

Ravi is one of the 115 students from schools run by the Telangana Tribal and Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Societies in various DU colleges during 2018-19 session.



Many students return to their state to motivate others to apply. Archive

TAKING THE LEAP

Students from Telangana's Tribal and Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Societies in various DU colleges during 2018-19 session	
Hindu College	37
Ramjas College	26
Miranda House	20
Hansraj College	18
SRCC	4
Keshav Mahavidyalaya	4
Sri Venkateswara College	2
St Stephen's College	1
Lady Shri Ram College	1
Daulat Ram College	1
College of Art	1

lege respectively.

What makes Telangana's case particularly significant is the state government's push to enable socio-economically marginalised young people to make this journey to Delhi University — and complete it. Not only are more students from the state joining the university, more SC, ST and OBC students, many of whom are first-generation learners, are walking through the gates of colleges like SRCC, St Stephen's and LSR.

In 2017-2018, a first group of 12 students, including Ravi, from these schools took admission in DU's top colleges. "We have

many degree colleges in Telangana, but those can only take them (the students) to a certain level. When we began thinking about helping them get admission in Delhi University, the question was if they would be able to cope at all. They are from poor families in tribal and remote areas. We called two officials' children who were already studying in LSR and Hindu College to speak to the children who were interested in going to degree colleges. They told the children about their college facilities, societies and culture, which motivated 12 of them to apply and they got into top colleges," said S Rupa, OSD Higher Education with Telangana's Social Welfare Department.

After completing their first year, the students returned to their schools to encourage more students to apply to DU.

"The twelve of us decided it would be our responsibility to help 10 students each get admission. We received help from Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS), and we wanted to bring more students from marginalised sections here. We went to schools and spoke to students in classrooms, which gave them the confidence to apply," said Ravi.

That year, another 103 students were admitted to Delhi University — in Miranda House, Hindu College, Ramjas College,

SRCC, Hansraj College, LSR, St Stephen's, Daulat Ram College, Sri Venkateswara College, Keshav Mahavidyalaya and College of Art.

"This year, another 97 students with over 96% have applied and they will be joining the university," said Rupa.

While some of these students received seats in college hostels, many are living in paying guest (PG) facilities. The state government is covering all of their accommodation costs along with college fee, spending an average of Rs 1 lakh to 1.25 lakh per year on each student.

For Tejaswini, who has completed her second year in B.Com (Honours) at SRCC, studying in Delhi had always been a dream, but a daunting one.

"I want to be an IAS officer and for that, coming to Delhi to study was a dream. After I completed Class XII, our sir (Secretary TTWREIS Dr R S Praveen Kumar) thought of helping some of us get the opportunity to study in DU. My parents were not willing because they had heard about Delhi being a dangerous place, but sir convinced them. Honestly, even I was very scared and it did take me a while to get adjusted because at first, I couldn't speak a word of Hindi. But now I have learnt a lot. I have learnt that the world is a small place and we can go and strive for anywhere and anything," she said.

WILL DECONGEST ROUTE TO AIRPORT

Delayed by over 2 yrs, RTR flyover to open on June 30

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

AFTER MISSING five deadlines, the Rao Tula Ram Flyover, which will connect South Delhi to Indira Gandhi International Airport, is set to be completed by June 30, Public Works Department (PWD) officials told *The Indian Express*.

While the official date of completion is set as December 31, 2019, on the PWD website, officials said it will be completed in the next 10 days. "Almost 99% of the work is complete... The structure is built and the carpeting of the flyover is done. Painting of the flyover, installing streetlights and road signages, and carpeting the road below will be done in the next 10 days," G P Bhansal, superintending engineer, Flyover Circle 4, PWD, said.

TRACKING PROGRESS		
Nov 2014 - Nov 2015		0%
Nov 2015 - Nov 2016		0%
Nov 2016 - Nov 2017		30%
Nov 2017 - Nov 2018		30%
Nov 2018 - June 2019		99%

■ Marginal progress was made in few months of 2017 and 2018
■ Delay due to lack of permission for felling trees, "financially incompetent" contractor, officials said

The project began in 2014

"Once it is ready, over one lakh residents will benefit from it on a daily basis. It will reduce airport-bound traffic congestion on the ground by a great extent," said Bhansal.

The flyover extends from Munirka to Army RR Hospital on the Outer Ring Road. Besides eas-

ing travel to and from the airport, the flyover is expected to decongest the Outer Ring Road, RTR Marg and Ring Road. Roads around JNU, Munirka, Vasant Vihar and RK Puram are expected to see less traffic.

The project began in November 2014 with a budget of

Rs 278 crore and was scheduled to be completed in 2016. "The construction got delayed as there were court cases by residents of the area. Plus we required permission for felling trees, which took time. Lastly, the contractor was financially incompetent," said Bhansal. In 2017, the contractor asked for an extension due to a financial crunch.

PWD was given permission to cut trees and the residents' petitions were dismissed by the Delhi High Court. After further delays by the contractor in 2018, the PWD slapped the contractor with a Rs 278-crore penalty.

Only 30% of the work was completed till November 2018, after which construction picked up pace. By March 31, 70% of the work was complete. The construction of a skywalk and an underpass in B J Marg, Ring Road is underway.

Electrocuted in Gurgaon, 2-year-old leopard found dangling on a tree

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JUNE 20

A TWO-YEAR-OLD female leopard was found dead on the outskirts of Mandawar village in Gurgaon's Sohna area early Thursday morning, with officials from the Forest Department saying it had been electrocuted after coming in contact with a high tension wire.

Officials said they received information regarding the matter at 8 am, and a team reached the spot within an hour.

"The animal was found suspended from a wire near a tree on the outskirts of the village. We suspect it was probably chasing after a monkey or some other animal and climbed onto the tree. The wires were very



Officials believe it came in contact with a live wire

close to its branches, and the animal seems to have come in contact," said Vinod Kumar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

"The body of the animal was taken down from the tree and the post-mortem confirmed it

had been electrocuted. The leopard has been cremated," he said.

The incident comes two years after residents of the same village had beat a leopard, a "two-or three-year-old male", to death, after it wandered into their midst and attacked eight people in an attempt to escape the crowd.

According to residents, since then, they had resorted to co-existing peacefully with leopards. Although leopards are often spotted, they remain restricted to a small pond, located a little inside the forest, in which water is filled at all times. The tree where the leopard was found is located on the banks of this pond.

"A group of boys who had gone to the temple spotted the dead animal this morning. They

informed me and I called police and forest department. This animal was much smaller than ones we see regularly," the village sarpanch said.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Vinod Kumar said the incident highlights the need to ensure trees that lie near high tension wires are trimmed regularly.

"Precautions are usually taken by linemen with regard to such wires by trimming trees regularly to ensure they do not reach the height of the wires. In restricted areas like the one where this incident took place, permission has to be taken from the forest department, and we approve such requests regularly. However, no such permission was sought in this case," said Kumar.

Tanzanian national stabbed Kenyan woman to death over beer, held: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

A TANZANIAN woman was Thursday arrested for allegedly killing a Kenyan woman in South Delhi's Chhattarpur Extension. Ann Saam, the Kenyan national, was stabbed with a sharp object on her chest and was found bleeding on the floor of her residence Monday.

She lived on rent with her sister in a residential block that also houses several other foreign nationals, including people from Tanzania, Kenya and Nigeria, police said.

"Many people had gathered outside the victim's house after the murder. These were mainly African nationals and some locals. We started our investigation by questioning these people. CCTV footage near the area and

phone records of more than 25 people were analysed," said Vijay Kumar, the DCP of South Delhi.

Police said most of the acquaintances of the victim suspected a woman who lived in a flat nearby.

Police identified the suspect as a Tanzanian national named Jasmine Iscak (24).

"We were told that Iscak had earlier fought with Ann. She had

asked Ann for a bottle of beer, and when she refused, Iscak got upset and allegedly fought with her," said Kumar.

Police said they had recovered a kitchen knife, which the accused allegedly tried to hide at her residence but later handed over to authorities.

Iscak had come to India on a tourist visa, police said, adding that further investigations into the case are underway.

Chargesheet against 25 men who posed as Microsoft employees

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE DELHI Police Thursday filed a chargesheet before a Delhi court against 25 persons who allegedly duped customers of technology giant Microsoft by posing as members of the company's support team.

Delhi Police special cell, which has been probing the case since September 19, 2018 on a complaint by Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt Ltd through its authorised representative Nripendra Kashyap, has claimed in its report that the accused persons committed the crime in an "organised manner in order to have wrongful gains".

Requesting Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (New Delhi) Manish Khurana to summon all 25 accused, the investigator said they have sufficient evidence to try them under various sections of the IPC, including cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

Of the 25 accused, one Satvik Kumar Arya has been in judicial custody since April this year, while the remaining 24 accused

are out on bail. All of them worked as call centre operators.

Delhi Police had last year busted 10 fake call centres following multiple raids across the city on a complaint by US-based Microsoft alleging that some unidentified persons cheated their customers in India and abroad by posing as members of the company's technical support team.

It said that the "the quantum of the total loss to the victims is being ascertained, which is likely to cross several crores of rupees to multiple victims..."

Police claimed that the "balance sheets of the companies of the accused, the ITR of the individual accused persons and their companies in question are being obtained... and shall be compared with the bank statements of the corresponding period of the respective company, in order to ascertain the dubious entries in their balance sheet."

Microsoft representative Kashyap had alleged that since 2015, he received nearly three lakh complaints from customers alleging that they were duped by "the company's staff on the pretext of providing technical support".

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Sh. Laxmi Chand S/o Sh. Mool Chand R/o 245/5, Gandhi Nagar, Jind, expired on 17.02.2017 Sh. Mahesh Kumar S/o Laxmi Chandi has requested the Municipal Council, Jind to transfer the Plot No. 245, Scheme No. 5, in his favour on the basis of Will No. 197 Dated 11.12.2003 verified by the Sub Registrar Jind as he is only alone owner of Kothi No. 245/5, situated at Gandhi Nagar, Jind as per Will No. 197, Dated 11.12.2003.

Through this Public Notice, objections if any, to the proposed transfer are invited from General Public within 30 days from the date of Publication. In case, no objection is received in the aforesaid period, Municipal Council, Jind will proceed further for necessary action.

Sd/-
Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Jind.

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Sd/-
(Dr. Shivendra Kumar Sinha)
DY.CMO.CHD
School of Nursing
Central Hospital, Dhanbad.

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Kancheepuram
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Advt.No.IIITDMK/R/4/2019 dated: 21.06.2019

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- ♦ Mathematics & Physics

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Director

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, UNIVERSITY ROAD, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007. (Area of Jurisdiction Part of Uttar Pradesh)

O.A. No. 260/2019
Date: 00/00/2019

Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993.

Original Application No. 260 of 2019

ICICI Bank Ltd. Applicant
Rameshwar Pratap Singh & Others Defendant

To,
1. Mr. Sushil Kumar Tiwari
Flat No. 1905 19th Floor Tower-C Manorath Plot No. GH-04B-1 Sec-16 Noida- 201307.
Also At:
A- 11001 Ebony Green Crescent Park Shahpur Mbambeta NH-24, Lal Kuna Ghaziabad- 201001.
2. Mrs. Rachna Tiwari
Flat No. 1905 19th Floor Tower-C Manorath Plot No. GH-04B-1 Sec-16 Noida- 201307.
Also At:
A- 11001 Ebony Green Crescent Park Shahpur Mbambeta NH-24, Lal Kuna Ghaziabad- 201001.
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt. Ltd. Corporate Office D-59, Ground Floor Sector-63, Noida

In the above noted application you are required to file in paper Book Form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 13.09.2019 at 10.30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, UNIVERSITY ROAD, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction Part of Uttar Pradesh)

O.A. No. 188/2019
Date: 17.06.2019

Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 188 of 2019

ICICI Bank Ltd. Applicant
Mr. Vishal Khattar & Others Defendant

To,
1. Mr. Vishal Khattar
Flat No 2 Second Floor, Plot No 295, Gyan Khand 1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201010.
Also At:-
A-2 1804, 18th Floor, Tower A2, Jkg Palm Court Plot, Sector-16C, Greater Noida-201307
2. Mrs. Bhawna
Flat No A 2 Ground Floor, Plot No 295, Gyan Khand 1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201010.
Also At:-
A-2 1804, 18th Floor, Tower A2, Jkg Palm Court Plot, Sector-16C, Greater Noida-201307
3. M/s JKC Construction Pvt Ltd Corporate Office D-64, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019, at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

COMMAND HOSPITAL (NC), C/o 56 APO
TENDER NOTICE

Command Hospital (NC), Udhampur, J&K invites bids for disposal of non-functional 1 Tesla MRI Magneto Harmony System Manufactured by Siemens of year 2000 Vintage, on as is where basis. The quenching of Magneto of MRI has been completed by OEM. The bids from authorized parties are required to be submitted to the hospital at 1100 hrs on 25 July 2019 in the drop box placed in Accounts office or be sent by registered post to MO/IC Medical Stores, CH(NC), C/o 56 APO. Interested parties may inspect the equipment between 0900h and 1300h on any working day. Representative of Companies/parties are welcome to attend the bid opening at scheduled date & time at this hospital.

COMMANDANT
Command Hospital (NC), C/o 56 APO

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA, STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH-1
12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001, E-mail: sbi.04109@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch 1, 12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 16.08.2018 and subsequent notice dated 07.09.2018 calling upon (1) M/s JKM Infra Projects Ltd. at C-84, Basement, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi, PIN - 110048, Also at A-14, First Floor, Sector-7, City, Noida, Dist: Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, PIN - 201301, Also at A-28, Sector-9, City, Noida, Dist: Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, PIN - 201301, (2) Mr. Ram Kishore Jalan (MD & Promoter) at C-84, Greater Kailash, New Delhi 110048, (3) Mr. Gaurav Jalan (Director & Promoter) at C-84, Greater Kailash, New Delhi 110048, Also at 34, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi - 110065, (4) Mr. Vaibhav Jalan (Promoter) at C-84, Greater Kailash, New Delhi 110048, (5) Ms. Meera Jalan at 34, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi-110065, (6) Ms. Maneesha Garg, at C-84, First Floor, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi, PIN - 110048, (7) Mr. Anil Garg at C-84, First Floor, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi, PIN - 110048, (8) Ms. Chanda Devi at 34, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi-110065 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 536,33,69,074/- inclusive of interest upto 16.08.2018 (Rs Five Hundred Thirty Six Crore Thirty Three Lacs Sixty Nine Thousand Seventy Four Only) with further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower / guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 18-06-2019

The borrower / guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch-1, 12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 for an amount of Rs. 536,33,69,074/- inclusive of interest upto 16.08.2018 (Rupees Five Hundred Thirty Six Crore Thirty Three Lacs Sixty Nine Thousand Seventy Four Only) with costs, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE / MOVABLE PROPERTY

(1) Property Owned By : M/s JKM Infra Projects Ltd.
All that part and parcel of Land & Building Situated at Plot No. 138, Block-D, Sector 51, Noida, U.P. Measuring 300 Sq. Mtrs. and Bounded as :- East - Plot No. D-139, West - Plot No. D-137, North - Road 60 Ft Wide, South - Plot No. D-139

(2) Property Owned By : M/s JKM Infra Projects Ltd.
All that part and parcel of Land & Building Situated at A-28, Block-A, Sector 9, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Measuring 800 Sq. Mtrs. and Bounded as :- East - Plot No. 27, West - Plot No. 29, North - Road 40 Ft Wide, South - Other Property

(3) Property Owned By : Mr. R. K. Jalan
All that part and parcel of C-84, Basement, GK-I, New Delhi Measuring 300 Sq. Yards and Bounded as :- East - Road 50 Ft Wide, West - Service Lane, North - Plot No. C-82, South - Plot No. C-86

(4) Property Owned By : Mrs. Meera Jalan
All that part and parcel of Land & Building Situated at C-84, Ground Floor, GK-I, New Delhi, Measuring Land Area 300 Sq. Yds Appx. Area of the Floor 2100 Sq. Ft. and Bounded as :- East - Road 50 Ft Wide, West - Service Lane, North - Plot No C-82, South - Plot No C-86

(5) Property Owned By : Mr. Anil Garg & Mrs. Maneesha Garg
All that part and parcel of Land & Building Situated at G-1354 LGF, Chitranganj Park, New Delhi, Measuring 1400 sq. Ft. Approx. and Bounded as :- East - Park Road, West - Service Lane, North - Plot No G-1353, South - Road

(6) Property Owned By : Mr. Anil Garg & Mrs. Maneesha Garg
All that part and parcel of Land & Building Situated at E-174 (Basement), Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi, Measuring 900 sq.ft. and Bounded as :- East - Service Lane, West - Entry / Park, North - Plot No E-175, South - Plot No E-73/172

Date : 18-06-2019, Place : New Delhi Authorized Officer, State Bank of India

8 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

Focus on national security, triple talaq, water conservation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

WHILE ASSERTING that India had demonstrated its intent and capability to strike at terrorist hideouts across the border, President Ram Nath Kovind declared on Thursday that the country would take all possible steps for its national security in future too.

He was addressing a joint sitting of the two Houses in the Central Hall, marking the beginning of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha.

The President said, "India has amply demonstrated both her intent and capabilities, first through surgical strikes and then through air strikes on terrorist hideouts across the border after the Pulwama attack. In future too, all possible steps will be taken to ensure our security."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his ministers thumped their desks in response to the President's remarks, and Congress Parliamentary Party leader Sonia Gandhi joined them. Congress president Rahul Gandhi, seated next to her, was on his cell phone.

Later, when the President referred to the Rafale deal and the delivery schedule of the Apache attack helicopters, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was seen smiling and thumping the desk along with other NDA members.

Regarding Jammu and Kashmir, the President said the government was making efforts "to provide a safe and peaceful environment for residents of Jammu and Kashmir", but there was neither any reference to Article 370 and Section 35-A, nor assembly polls.

The election manifesto of the BJP had promised an "abrogation of Article 370", while "committing" itself to "annulling Article 35-A".

The President categorically stated that the government had "decided to implement the process of National Register of Citizens on priority basis in areas affected by infiltration". He said "efforts will be made to amend the Citizenship Act while protecting the linguistic, cultural and social identities." Illegal infiltrators, he maintained, posed a major threat to national security.

The President further said, "To secure equal rights for every sister and daughter in the country, eradication of social evils like 'Triple Talaq' and 'Nikah-Halala' is imperative."

The BJP manifesto had stated that it will legislate a Bill to "prohibit and eliminate practices such as Triple Talaq and Nikah Halala".

The President pushed for simultaneous elections in the country, describing it as



President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, and other dignitaries ahead of Kovind's address to the joint sitting of Parliament. Anil Sharma

"need of the hour."

Frequent elections, he said, impacted the pace of development programmes. "I urge all members of Parliament to seriously ponder over this development-oriented proposal of One Nation-Simultaneous Elections," he said.

The President's suggestion came a day after the Prime Ministers held deliberations with presidents of 21 political parties over the issue.

He announced that "a new industrial policy will be announced shortly".

The President said the creation of the 'Jal Shakti' ministry was a decisive step towards water conservation and management. The government, he announced, will also work to make rivers like Cauvery, Periyar, Mahanadi, Narmada and Godavari pollution-free. DMK members briefly waved placards and raised slogans over the Cauvery river water issue the moment the President began his address.

After his speech, the President and Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu walked up to the first row where Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior ministers and leaders of Opposition parties were sitting. He shook hands and exchanged pleasantries with all of them, including Rahul Gandhi.

On her way out of the Central Hall, Sonia found herself face-to-face with Union Minister Smriti Irani. Both greeted each other.

EXPLAINED

President's speech reflects BJP priorities

THE PRESIDENTIAL Address to a joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the Central Hall is a customary exercise at the start of the first session of Parliament after general elections. The customary speech delivered by the President spells out the broad gamut of government priorities and policies. The references to the airstrike, triple talaq, National Register of Citizens, amendments in the Citizenship Act among many others in the speech on Thursday echoed the BJP's election campaign themes, underlining the imprint of the ruling party's agenda in the government.



PM HOSTS DINNER FOR MPs

Leaders from various parties attended a dinner hosted by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on behalf of PM Narendra Modi at a hotel on Thursday. Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu broke protocol and joined the MPs.

Vegetarian items, including two types of soup, palak aloo, paneer, two preparations of dal and vegetable biryani were served. For dessert, there were three items, including sandesh and kulfi.

MPs of the TMC and BSP skipped the event. Ghulam Nabi Azad was the seniormost Congress leader present. The Prime Minister felicitated former Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

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Cong: Address hollow, repeat of PM's remarks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE CONGRESS on Thursday said President Ram Nath Kovind's address in Parliament was "hollow" and merely repeated the statements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The party said the President did not mention issues like farmer distress, economic slowdown and unemployment, which are ailing the country.

The Congress said the PM and the BJP-led government are "very fond" of "high sounding words" while manufacturing and investment matters have declined "to historic lows". Speaking to reporters in the Parliament complex, deputy leader of the Congress in Rajya Sabha, Anand Sharma, said the President's address was "uninspiring", insipid and "hollow".

"...it just repeats the statements of the Prime Minister or the executive decisions taken by the Union Cabinet after the assumption of office following the general elections," he said.

Sharma said there wasn't any reference to "past commitments made to the people of India in the Presidential addresses by the Government beginning with 2014" and there was neither any mention of "unemployment which has touched the highest number of 45 years". He said that the President should have "expressed concern and given a roadmap on

job creation, job generation month-wise that would have reassured the people, especially the younger generation".

Sharma said "there is an economic slowdown in the country" and the country's GDP growth has fallen to 5.8 per cent in the last quarter. He said "a statement in a President's address or the government's or the BJP's assurance does not address the real crisis in India's agriculture".

The Congress leader said that if Modi wants to "open a new chapter seeking the co-operation to build consensus on important matters then that sincerity of intent must be reflected in the actions of the BJP and its government".

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the newly appointed leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha said that with the issue of simultaneous polls, the BJP government is "trying to deflect the attention... without any rhyme or reason".

The main opposition party wished the government well, said Sharma. "The government has to do its job, the opposition has to do its job but we understand our constitutional responsibilities and duties," he said.

On the President's address, BSP chief Mayawati said that the situation in the country warrants the question whether the address can assure the masses that there will be no difference in the promises and actions of the new government.

Naidu seeks support of all parties for smooth functioning of Rajya Sabha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

VICE-PRESIDENT Venkaiah Naidu, over a luncheon meeting on Thursday, sought the support of all political parties for the smooth functioning of the Rajya Sabha.

At the meeting in his residence, Naidu called upon the parties to accord top priority to fulfilling people's aspirations. Emphasising the need for all members to uphold the dignity and decorum of the House and adopt the best parliamentary practices, he said that Rajya Sabha must act as a role model for all legislatures in the country.

The Rajya Sabha has barely transacted any business in the last several sessions, with the opposition and treasury benches routinely disrupting proceedings.

Referring to the mandate given by the people, the Vice-President said the time has come for all parties to keep aside their political differences and strive for building a New India. He called for a healthy dialogue on important issues.

The floor leaders who attended the luncheon included A Navaneethakrishnan (AIADMK), Derek O'Brien (TMC), Prasanna Acharya (BJD), R C P Singh (JD-U), Dr K Keshava Rao (TRS), T K Rangarajan (CPM), Prem Chand Gupta (RJD), Tiruchi Shiva (DMK), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena), Ram Kumar Kashyap (INLD), Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa (SAD), Sanjay Singh (AAP), V Vijayasai Reddy (YSRCP), and D Raja (CPI).

PANKI THERMAL POWER STATION, PANKI, KANPUR UTTAR PRADESH RAJYAVIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD. OPEN TENDER NOTICE Sealed and Separate Tenders are hereby invited containing requisite Tender Cost, Earnest Money through NEFT/RTGS (Re-fundable) in the CBI Account no 1439501795 (IFSC: CBN0280983, MICR- 208016020) in Name of Dy. CAO, CFA & BO, PTPS, Panki, Kanpur and Tendered will have to provide the signed copy of UTR Number, Name of Account and photo copy of Pay in Slip along with relevant required Tender documents as per Pre-qualifying Condition and other commercial terms & conditions. Details of Tender Notice as well as Tender Specifications, Corrigendum may be seen on our Web Site: www.uprvnl.org / e-tender portal www.etender.up.nic.in 1. E-Tender-04/PTPS/O&MC-III/EDD/2019-20 Annual Rate Contract for the work of Routinel Breakdown maintenance of Electrical Distribution System and Lighting System in Officer Colony and New Staff Colony of PTPS, Panki. **Estimated Cost:** 16,57,294.00 **Tender Fee:** 1,180.00 **Earnest Money:** 34,000.00 **OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER:** 03.07.2019 2. E-Tender - 04/PTPS/SE(Civil)/ECMD/2019-20 M&R of Wood Works in residential and Non-residential buildings of Officers Colony, PTPS, Panki, Kanpur. **Estimated Cost:** 5,01,755.00 **Tender Fee:** 590.00 **Earnest Money:** 10,035.00 **OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER:** 15.07.2019 3. E-Tender - 05/PTPS/SE(Civil)/ECMD/2019-20 Annual M&R of Civil Works in residential and Non-residential buildings including white washing and painting of Officers Colony, PTPS, Panki, Kanpur. **Estimated Cost:** 17,54,765.00 **Tender Fee:** 1,180.00 **Earnest Money:** 35,100.00 **OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER:** 22.07.2019 Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Web Site www.uprvnl.org "SAVE ELECTRICITY FOR THE NATION संच. 07/पीटीपीएस/मु.अ./ सी.पी.डी./विज्ञापन दिनांक 20.06.19

Executive Engineer C,D, P.W.D. Khurja (Bulandshhar)
No. 1106 /BA /E-TENDER/2019 Dated. 14.06.2019
E-Procurement Inviting Tenders Notice
On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, E.E. C.D., U.P.P.W.D., Khurja invites sealed percentage rate bids online through <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered for bitumen Cartage in Indian oil Corporation Ltd. Mathura, from dt. 06.07.2019 to 11.07.2019 upto 12.00 PM. The technical bids will be opened online on the dated 11.07.2019 at 3.30 P.M. at the Office of Executive Engineer, C.D., U.P.P.W.D., Khurja. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day respectively, at the same time and validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

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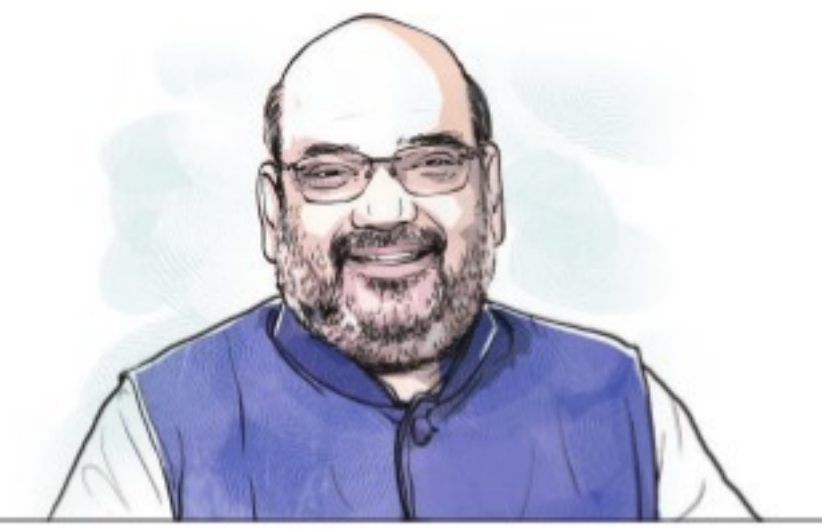
Government of Jharkhand Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
Advertisement for the post of Director, RINPAS, Kanke, Ranchi
Applications are invited for the post of Director, Ranchi Institute of Neuro Psychiatry & Allied Sciences (RINPAS), Kanke, Ranchi an autonomous Institution under the Government of Jharkhand. This Institution is being developed in to a Modern Treatment-cum-Teaching and Research Institution for Mental Health.
1. **Job Profile:-**
(i) The Director of the Institute will be the Chief Executive of the Institution and will be responsible for its management along with preparation and execution of the Development Plans. He will be the Member Secretary of the Management Committee of this Institution. He would report to the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand.
(ii) The incumbent to the post must have thorough understanding and wide experience in the field of mental health / neuro sciences.
2. **Eligibility Criteria:-**
(i) Educational Qualification: Post Graduate Medical degree in Psychiatry /Neuro Sciences from recognized university or Institute as per the guidelines laid down by the MCI.
(ii) Experience-Teaching, research work and practical experience in Psychiatric department of any Psychiatric Institution/Medical college under health department (State government or Central government) in which 5 years work experience on the post of Professor/Additional professor and at least 15 years of total work experience in any Psychiatric Institution/ Medical college under Central government/State government.
3. **Age limit and tenure :-**
(i) The age of candidate should not exceed 60 years on the date of advertisement.
(ii) The tenure of the post will be up to the age of 5 years or 65 years from the date of appointment, whichever comes first.
4. **Salary and other allowances :-**
(i) The post carries the pay scale PB-IV 37400-67000 G.P. 10000 sixth central revised pay scale(level -14 minimum salary Rs. 1,44,200/- seventh central revised pay scale)
(ii) NPA will also be provided as per State Govt. rules.
(iii) Rent free accommodation shall be provided.
5. Appointment is open for deputation basis also.
6. The advertisement may be seen on the website: <http://jharkhand.gov.in> → Department → Health, Medical education & Family Welfare department → Publication & Announcement → Recruitment
7. The interested candidates are required to send their full Bio-data in the prescribed format available on the above mentioned website along with photocopies of supporting documents countersigned by Gazetted Officer to the Secretary, Dept. of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ground Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002 by Registered / Speed Post so as to reach on or before 20.07.19 up to 06:00 PM.
8. Late application shall not be considered.
Enc.- As above format.
(Dilleshwar Mahto) Deputy Secretary Govt. of Jharkhand Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare
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Purvanchal Vidyut Nigam Limited(PuVVNL) (A subsidiary of UP Power Corporation limited) Purvanchal Vidyut Bhawan, Vidyut Nagar, P.O. - D.L.W. Varanasi - 221004 Website: <http://www.etender.up.nic.in>.
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9 GOVT & POLITICS



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POLL CREDIT

AFTER THE thumping victory in the Lok Sabha elections, BJP national president Amit Shah is sending letters to party leaders of the states recognising their "hard work" in the poll campaign. In these letters, Shah gives credit to these leaders for the formation of the Narendra Modi government with a mandate larger than 2014. BJP leaders are seeing Shah's move as an exercise to motivate the cadres, and posting these letters on social media.

ROADSIDE WISHES

WHILE BANNERS and posters surfaced at several road intersections in Lutyen's Delhi to wish Congress president Rahul Gandhi a happy birthday, an enormous flower decoration emerged at Ashoka Road. This one, courtesy CPWD, was for new Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, greeting him after his election to the high office. Birla stays close by.

OFFICE POLITICS

WHILE THE TDP suffered a major setback in the Rajya Sabha, its Lok Sabha MPs, who are set to lose the ground floor office because of dwindling numbers, have informally reached out to the Trinamool Congress asking them to seek allotment of that room. The ploy, it seems, is to keep YSR Congress from getting that room.

Pompeo's India visit to begin on June 25

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20



Michael Pompeo

US SECRETARY of State Michael Pompeo will visit India between June 25 and June 27 and hold high-level talks, including a meeting with the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

His visit comes before Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slated to meet US President Donald Trump during the G20 Summit on June 28 and June 29 in Japan.

The US Secretary of State's visit will be an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between both the countries, which is deep and diverse, MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.

"We look upon the visit as an important opportunity for both sides to further strengthen the India-US strategic partnership and continue high-level engagement on matters of mutual interest, including bilateral, regional and global issues," Kumar said.

The visit is the "first high-level engagement between India and the US following the elections. This is also the first incoming high-level visit from any country. We look upon this visit as an opportunity to discuss all the issues which will be on the table," Kumar said.

The MEA spokesperson said

that most of the issues between India and US will be discussed, besides talks on global issues of mutual interest.

Regarding media reports that the US may cap the number of H-1B visas for Indians, Kumar said that India has "not yet heard anything from the US government on this. We remain engaged with the US administration, we remain engaged with the Congress on this issue".

Data localisation is among the topics on which the two nations will "remain engaged", Kumar said.

US Department of State spokesperson Morgan Ortogus said in a statement that Pompeo spoke to Jaishankar on Thursday "to congratulate him". Pompeo, the statement said, "underscored the strong US commitment to working closely with the new Indian government to advance our strategic partnership". Jaishankar and Pompeo also discussed the "shared US and Indian objectives in safeguarding a free and open Indo-Pacific, US-India security cooperation, and the US-India economic partnership," Ortogus said.

'Fake news': MEA dismisses media reports on India-Pak dialogue

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

CHALLENGING REPORTS in some sections of Pakistan's media that India was ready to hold a dialogue with the neighbouring country, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) called it "fake news". The ministry said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had written a letter to his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan as a response to his congratulatory message.

An official spokesperson for MEA said that "as per the established diplomatic practice", Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar "have responded to the congratulatory messages received from their counterparts in Pakistan". In their messages, MEA said, "they have highlighted that India seeks normal and co-operative relations with all neighbours, including Pakistan".

"For this", PM Modi said in his

message to Khan that "it is important to build an environment of trust, free of terror, violence and hostility," the spokesperson said.

Jaishankar too "emphasised the need" for an "atmosphere free from the shadow of terror and violence", MEA stated.

The MEA spokesperson said that there is no change in India's position and Pakistan needs to first take "verifiable" and "irreversible" action against terrorism, and India will not be fooled by mere "cosmetic" action, but "concrete" steps need to be taken before talks can resume. There cannot be any talks "unless we are convinced that action has been taken on the ground and not temporary action which we have seen several times in the past," MEA said.

Regarding the reports in Pakistani media, the MEA spokesperson said that there was "no reference to talks in that letter" and "these efforts to peddle fake news continue from the Pakistani side".

The 12 officers are seen as

Railways draws up plan to do away with all manned level crossings

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

AFTER ELIMINATING all unmanned level crossings in record time last year, the Narendra Modi government in its second term has drawn up an ambitious plan to rid the country of all manned level crossings by terming each elimination exercise "preferably as a National Project".

The new plan involves no cost-sharing with states. Instead, Railways has proposed to fund it alone with help of Rs 50,000 crore from the government spread over four years.

The plan, part of the Railways agenda for 100 days, seeks to first get rid of all the 2,568 level crossings in the busiest corridors of Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals by constructing Road Overbridges and Road Underbridges with faster approval of designs at the central level.

In the current setup, state



The new plan proposes 100 per cent funding from the Centre to eliminate level crossings. File

governments are required to share 50 per cent of the cost of such structures to eliminate level crossings. However, the new plan proposes 100 per cent funding from the Centre. The states will only be asked to acquire the land required for the structures.

The plan, approved by Railways, is to get all clearances in order in 100 days for the 2,568 level crossings.

Among the other ideas the Railways plans to work on in the first 100 days is an experiment like the Ujjwala scheme in which people will be urged to give up the subsidy component of train fares. A similar exercise in the previous term to give options to senior citizens to give up their 50 per cent concession in train tickets had received lukewarm response.

EXPLAINED Human role poses hurdle to smooth train operations

THERE ARE a little over 19,000 manned level crossings. Those witnessing heavy traffic flow happen to be on the Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals.

Although manned level crossings are considered less risky for road users than the unmanned ones, they too pose a hurdle to smooth train operations since they involve human intervention in ensuring right of way for trains without obstruction from road users.

After discussing the idea for years, Railways has also decided to try out passenger train operations by private players. It will give two trains to its public sector undertaking IRCTC which will be entrusted with the job of roping in private players to run the trains at tariffs and with amenities decided by the private operator. Railways will get haulage charges. The internal di-

logue in Railways about this proposal earlier has been that the national transporter was reluctant to give away lucrative routes to private players and it was thought that no private player would be interested in non-lucrative routes.

There is also a plan to corporatise the seven production units starting with Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareilly.

'BACK TO THE VILLAGE' OUTREACH PROGRAMME BEGINS IN J&K

'Officials are here to see ground reality... am hopeful'

ADIL AKHZER
BANDIPORA, JUNE 20

"THIS IS something new for everyone here. Till now we would visit different offices with our problems, and those problems were never resolved. They are here now to see the ground reality. I am hopeful something happens," said Ghulam Nabi, a resident of the Alosa Ghat Panchayat block as a group of officials from different departments arrived at Alosa village in Bandipora district Thursday to listen to public grievances.

The visit is part of the J&K government's massive outreach programme 'Back to the Village', which began across the state on Thursday.

Bureaucrats across all levels are visiting every panchayat, staying overnight and spending two days listening to people under the programme, which will last for a week.

Villagers, who were united in the opinion that government officials are coming to their doorstep for the first time, held detailed interactions and shared problems with the team of officers, led by Hafizullah Khuroo.

"We don't have a health dispensary here yet. For a simple injection, we travel two kilometers," said a villager.

Another resident pointed out that the village lacks a fire station. "We have been writing to the concerned officials, but they say they need land to set up a small fire station. Can't they set up a station from a rented building?" asked Ghulam Mohidun.

Officials listened patiently in three villages under the panchayat, and continued to listen to the



Officers interact with residents at Bandipora district's Alosa village on Thursday. Shuaib Masoodi

grievances for nearly three hours.

Some locals took the officers to a middle school, which is without boundaries and has garbage in the vicinity. "Does this look like a school?" said an elderly man.

The team visited a playground submerged due to rise in water levels of the adjoining Wular Lake. "We went to meet the former MLA but nothing was done," said a student pursuing a postgraduate degree in Sopore.

The villagers said they would wait for a solution to the problems. "This is a good initiative... but we have to see if they (government) resolve our problems or if it is just an exercise to fool people..." said one Nazir Ahmad.

The team is hopeful of finding solutions after submitting a report. "Villagers have shared with us their basic problems. According to them, they have approached the concerned authorities, but no action has been taken. This time, I have assured them that things will be resolved..." Khuroo, the visiting officer, told *The Indian Express*.

Kishor meets TMC leaders, discusses messaging strategy

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20



Prashant Kishor

PRASHANT KISHOR, the vice-president of NDA ally JD(U) and an election strategist who was roped in by the Trinamool Congress after the Lok Sabha results, on Wednesday met several TMC MPs, party spokespersons and some of the candidates who lost in the recent general elections for a discussion on matters that did not go in the party's favour and the future messaging strategy to halt the BJP's march in the state.

TMC was reduced to 22 seats this year from its 2014 tally of 34, with the BJP winning 18 seats with a mere 3 per cent difference in the number of votes polled by the two parties.

Most of the newly-elected MPs were present at the meeting, besides some former MPs who had lost the recent elections. Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien was present, as were Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee, Dum Dum MP Saugata Roy, Howrah MP Prasun Banerjee, Krishnanagar MP Mahua Moitra, Serampore MP Kalyan Banerjee and Kolkata North MP and Lok Sabha leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay.

According to TMC sources, the meeting was the first of many to come and involved both a stock-taking exercise on what did not work in the party's favour and the future messaging strategy. However, it was a hush-hush affair with most MPs present at the meeting denying the same. Barasat MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar said, "I was not present. I was having dinner with my son." O'Brien said, "There was no meeting."

"It has been close to a month so there is a fair degree of clarity within the party about what went wrong. Didi's recent statements are a clear indication of that. The first meeting of MPs and ex-MPs with Kishor was basically about analysing the LS results that would give him a starting point to base his strategy on. Everybody who was present has been asked to maintain strict secrecy," said a source.

Sources said that some new MPs were deliberately kept out as they are still perceived to be "too close" to BJP leader Mukul Roy, who has engineered a near exodus from his former party since the election results were announced.

One of the decisions that the party has already taken is to diversify its panel of spokespersons with the inclusion of Moitra apart from Roy, Ghosh Dastidar and Bandyopadhyay. In the state, ministers Chandrima Bhattacharya, Bratya Basu, Suwendu Adhikari and Rajib Banerjee will speak for the party.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had claimed in a television interview that Kishor is helping the party pro bono as a "corporate social responsibility".

In the Lok Sabha polls, he had worked with YSR Congress in Andhra Pradesh where the party scored a grand success with Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy replacing N Chandrababu Naidu as the Chief Minister.

In Maharashtra, 12 police officers caught in tussle between state's top cops

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

A CONTROVERSY over the transfer of 12 officers of the Mumbai police has exposed a rift between two top cops of the Maharashtra police, Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Barve and the state Anti Terrorism Squad head Deven Bharti.

The controversy began when 12 Mumbai police officers applied to Maharashtra DGP Subodh Jaiswal for transfer to the Bharti-headed ATS without keeping their unit commander — Mumbai police commissioner Barve — in the loop.

A miffed Barve shot off two showcause notices to the officers, well-regarded for their detection skills, seeking an explanation for bypassing him. But even as he had sent the first set of notices, the DGP posted 11 of the 12 to the ATS.



Sanjay Barve

close to Bharti and have followed him to several of his other postings including the Crime Branch. It has been a long established practice by IPS officers in Mumbai police to take along with them a group of subordinate officers loyal to them to their next postings.

Bharti, a 1994-batch officer, has never been posted outside Mumbai police after 2005 except when he became IG Law & Order (Maharashtra Police), a Mumbai-based posting.



Deven Bharti

After the Lok Sabha elections were announced in March, the Election Commission ordered that Bharti, who is seen to be close to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, was moved out of his post as Joint CP, Law & Order (Mumbai) and posted as Joint Commissioner, Economic Offences Wing (Mumbai).

Despite being snubbed by DGP Jaiswal, Barve has decided to make a stand for procedure over practice and sent a second round of showcause notices to the officers informing them that

their response to the first one was not satisfactory, and threatening to stop their increment for a year as they had failed to follow due procedure. The 12 officers have to submit their response in 10 days time, said a source.

All three principal dramatis personae have stayed quiet as the controversy swirls. While the commissioner refused to speak on the issue, Bharti and Jaiswal did not respond to queries. A senior Mumbai police officer said had the 12 applied per procedure to the Commissioner, he very likely would have allowed the transfer.

A former DGP said that normally whenever he received letters from junior officers seeking a posting to the ATS he would check with the ATS chief if the candidates were suitable for ATS and also inform the commanding officer, in this case the commissioner.

The 12 police officers, in ranks ranging from Senior Inspector to Assistant Police Inspector, are now apprehensive that their careers will suffer in the tussle between the IPS officers.

"We have worked so hard for the force and we have received several rewards for the good work we have done in our career but because of some internal politics between our superiors, our ACR (Annual Confidential Report) is going to be affected," said one officer.

The 12 officers are still working with the Mumbai police. Sources in the department said that even though the Mumbai Commissioner may issue their relieving orders sooner or later, the officers fear some punitive action awaits them before they move to ATS.

They have termed the punishment as "very harsh". An officer said: "We are expecting a punishment after we submit our response. Such punishments will prevent us from applying for the President's medals in the future."

I won't appoint next Congress president, says Rahul

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Rahul Gandhi on Thursday made it clear to reporters that he will not appoint the next president of the party, suggesting that he was committed to his stand of stepping down from the position.

Talking to reporters in Parliament, Rahul said that he cannot take the decisions about his successor.

"I am not the one who will appoint the party president," he said when he was asked about who could succeed him. On speculative reports saying that he had given his approval to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Gandhi said that there was "no such thing".

Rahul has been insisting on stepping down after the party did not win even 10 per cent of the seats in the Lok Sabha elections, though the party had marginally improved its tally from the 2014 polls.

However, the Congress Working Committee — the top decision-making body of the party — has not accepted his resignation.

Rahul also reiterated his position regarding the purchase of the Rafale fighter jets, and said that "I maintain my stand that there has been theft in the Rafale jet deal". His statement came after President Ram Nath Kovind's address to the both the Houses of the Parliament.

VHP appeals to govt, CJI to make way for Ram temple in Ayodhya

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

DAYS AFTER formation of the Narendra Modi government for a second term, VHP on Thursday passed a resolution, appealing to the Chief Justice of India and the government to make way for building Ram Mandir in Ayodhya at the earliest.

VHP's Kendriya Margdarshak Mandal, which comprises saints from across the country, passed a resolution in this regard on the concluding session of a two-day meet in Haridwar on Thursday.

VHP has raised the Ram Mandir issue after nearly four months. In February, it had decided to not hold any agitation on the issue until the Lok Sabha elections are over.

On Thursday, VHP's top decision-making body met in Haridwar and passed the resolution. According to VHP leaders, construction of the grand Ram temple at Ayodhya remained at the core of discussion on the second and last day of the Kendriya Margdarshak Mandal meet.

Jagadguru Shyam Devacharya ji Maharaj of Jabalpur said the Hindu community has been resolute about the temple since 1528 and since 1984. "Therefore, any further delay in this holy national work is unjustified," he said.

Speaking to the media along with the VHP working president Alok Kumar, he recollected how the BJP passed a resolution in its Palampur meet in 1989, the rath yatra by veteran BJP leader L K Advani and the arrest of Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1990 during kar sewa. "After PM Modi included this resolution in his 2019 manifesto, the expectations of the people has increased even further," the resolute states.

Through the resolution, the saints appealed the government to remove "all the obstacles" so that the temple can be built as per "wishes of crores of Hindus".

The resolution also states, "It will not be right even on the part of the judiciary to turn away from its responsibility." "This topic of national importance has been pending in the Supreme Court since 2011. But, unfortunately, it is not even in its priority list," the resolution says.

The saints called upon the Chief Justice of India to make a decision by completing the hearing in the matter at the earliest.

Yoga Day: PM in Ranchi today

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RANCHI, JUNE 20

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will lead the International Day of Yoga celebrations from Ranchi on Friday, with all arrangements being in place at the Prabhat Tara ground in the city. Officials said that 40,000 yoga enthusiasts are expected to visit the ground. Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Rai Mahimapat Ray said 400 makeshift toilets, over 200 drinking water kiosks, eight medical emergency response teams, 21 ambulances, and more than 100 CCTV cameras are in place. "This is a mega event and adequate measures have been taken to make it successful," he said. Senior Superintendent of Police Anish Gupta said security measures have been taken, and Rapid Action Force, district police and Jharkhand Armed Force personnel have been deployed. Since 2015, the International Day of Yoga has been observed annually on June 21. An official release on

Thursday, quoting Chief Minister Raghubar Das, said yoga "connects people and with the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the world has adopted yoga". Besides Das, Governor Draupadi Murmu, Union Minister of State (Independent) for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik, and Jharkhand Health Minister Ramchandra Chandravanshi will share the stage with the PM, officials said. The Ministry of AYUSH, nodal ministry for observation of International Day of Yoga across the country, is organising several events in the city.

MP CABINET

Ministers of Nath, Scindia camps squabble at meet

MILINDGHATWAI
BHOPAL, JUNE 20

MINISTERS OWING allegiance to Chief Minister Kamal Nath and senior Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia took each other on at the first cabinet meeting of Madhya Pradesh government after it completed six months in office. Besides being the Chief Minister, Nath is the state Congress chief. Former Guna MP Scindia, it is learnt, is eyeing the post after his defeat in the recent general elections. However, it is learnt that the bigger reason for the differences between the factions coming to the fore is speculation that the Chief Minister may expand his cabinet. As and when the expansion takes place, the Chief Minister is likely to remove some ministers to accommodate allies supporting the government and disgruntled party MLAs. In the 230-member Assembly, the Congress has 114

MLAs. The BJP tally has come down to 108 after Jhabua MLA G S Damor was elected to Lok Sabha.

On Wednesday, Pradyumna Singh Tomar and Sukhdev Panse, who owe allegiance to Scindia and Nath, respectively, took on each other. Tomar expressed anger at not being allowed to make his point when Panse tried to stop him from speaking. At least two ministers each from both camps also joined in, forcing the Chief Minister to intervene. Despite repeated attempts, neither Tomar nor Panse were available for comment. While the ruling party tried to play it down as a difference of opinion between ministers, sources said "everything is not well" in the government. Ministers of the Scindia camp, it is learnt, are unhappy because officials don't give them enough importance. Tomar and Umang Singh, another minister from the Scindia camp, vented their anger against officials on Thursday when they travelled to Gwalior.

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C)DR-II
DELHI GATE STP PHASE-II, OPPOSITE DELHI SECRETARIAT
IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI 110002
E-mail: eecd2@gmail.com
NIT No. 02 (2019-20)EE(C)Dr II (Tender ID:- 2019_DJB_174396_1)

S. No	Name of work	Amount put to tender (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Tende Fees (in Rs)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Shifting of 2X1200 mm dia sewerage pumping main coming in alignment of proposed underpass at Ashram Chowk.	22870308/-	229000/-	1000/-	17.06.2019	10.07.2019 upto 03.00 PM

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 87/2019-20

Sd/-
(R.G. SARASWAT)
Executive Engineer (C) DR-II

BIHAR ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
Patna-800 014
Web : www.basu.org.in

Tender Notice No. : 02/CPC/BASU/2019-20 Dated: 19.06.2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna invites online tenders (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON) from Reputed, Eligible and Qualified Firms/Manufacturer for **Rate Contract for supply of Embryo Transfer Technology (ETT) related Chemicals, Glassware, Plasticware, Equipment (costing upto One lakh only) and Laboratory Consumables for Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna under ETT Project.** Interested firms are requested to participate in open Tender Enquiry through e-procurement portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) of Govt. of Bihar latest by **16th July, 2019.** Details may be viewed on Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna website (https://www.basu.org.in) and e-procurement portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) from 24.06.2019

Procurement Officer
Bihar Animal Science University, Patna

BIHAR ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
Patna-800 014
Web : www.basu.org.in

Tender Notice No. : 01/CPC/BASU/2019-20 Dated: 19.06.2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna invites online tenders (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON) from Reputed, Eligible and Qualified Firms/Manufacturer for **Rate Contract for supply of Chemicals, Reagents, Glassware, Plasticware, Diagnostic/Hormonal Kits and other Laboratory Consumables for Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna.** Interested firms are requested to participate in open Tender Enquiry through e-procurement portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) of Govt. of Bihar latest by **17th July, 2019.** Details may be viewed on Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna website (https://www.basu.org.in) and e-procurement portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) from 25.06.2019

Procurement Officer
Bihar Animal Science University, Patna

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

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

N.I.T. No.	09 (A,B,C,D/19-20) dated 18.06.2019
1 Name of work with its location	A) Repair to doors and windows and provision of modular kitchen in block no. 253 & 256 at PK. road in the S/O SSE/W/P. Ganj under ADENE-III.
	B) Repair to doors and windows & covering of balconies with aluminium glazing in type V & IV flats at PK road in the S/O SSE/W/P. Ganj under ADENE-III.
2 Approx. Cost of work	A) 2998779.99
	B) 3654339.18
3 Earnest Money	A) 6000264.73
	B) 3500348.57
4 Completion period of work	A) 3 Months
	B) 3 Months
	C) 6 Months
	D) 3 Months
5 Cost of tender on cash/by post	A) 6000.00
	B) 73100.00
	C) 120000.00
	D) 70000.00
6 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	A) 3540
	B) 3540
	C) 5900
7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	A) 5900
	B) 3540

No. 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 09 (A,B,C,D) Dated: 18.06.2019. 197/19

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हिमाचल प्रदेश स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड, धर्मशाला-176213
क्रमांक : हिशिबो/41) पुस्तक मुद्रण शाखा/2019-1005 दिनांक: 20.06.19

निविदा सूचना

हिमाचल प्रदेश स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा शैक्षणिक सत्र 2020-21 के लिए पाठ्य पुस्तकों की छपवाई (प्रिंटिंग) हेतु भारत वर्ष की पेपर उत्पादन मिलों से वर्जिन पल्प से निर्मित 80 जी.एस.एम. भारयुक्त मिल/ बोर्ड वाटर मार्क कागज की उत्पादन करने वाली मिलों से बोर्ड के गोदाम अम्ब, जिला ऊना हि.प्र. व जालन्धर में बोर्ड द्वारा चयनित मुद्रकों को आपूर्ति हेतु कागज मिलों से पतद्वारा प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं जो दिनांक 11.07.2019 को 1.00 बजे तक सचिव, हि.प्र. स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड के कार्यालय में पहुंच जानी चाहिए। प्राप्त निविदाएं उसी दिन सांय 3.00 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में इच्छुक निविदादाताओं की उपस्थिति में खोली जाएगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र एवं इस संबंध में निर्धारित नियम व शर्तें बोर्ड कार्यालय से किसी भी कार्य दिवस को दिनांक 11.07.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे तक रूप 5000/- अदा करके प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। यह प्रपत्र बोर्ड की वेबसाइट www.hpbose.org पर भी उपलब्ध है, जिसे डाउनलोड करके प्रयोग में लाया जा सकता है। इस दश में निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रूप 5,000/- का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट, जो सचिव, हि.प्र. स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड, धर्मशाला को देय हो, तकनीकी निविदा के साथ प्रस्तुत करना होगा।

हस्ता./- सचिव

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of the President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:- (1) Name of Work with its location: Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE Modification work in connection with opening of halt station at village Baroda between Barsola-Uchana station on DLI-BTI section. (2) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 27,15,996.66/-. (3) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 54,300/-. (4) E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period: 20.06.2019 (00:00 Hrs.) to 04.07.2019 (15:00 Hrs.). (5) E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time: Rs. 04.07.2019 (15:00 Hrs.). (6) Fund Allocation: 43377103. (7) Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in. No.: 06-TRD-NDLS-2019-20 Dated: 19.06.2019. 1974/2019

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Mode of Tender: E-Tender (Single Packet). Tender Notice No.: 287-Sig/C/TKJ/52/19. Full Name of work: Utility Shifting of Signal and Telecom Equipment for doubling line coming between Lakshar-Haridwar section of Moradabad division on Northern Railway. Approx. cost: Rs. 43,82,574.15 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Fifteen only). Completion Period: 03 (Three) months. Earnest Money amount: Rs. 87,700/-. Sale/availability of tender document on Rty. Website: Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 20.06.2019 to 15.07.2019 upto 11.30 hrs. Last date/Time of upload of tenders: 15.07.2019 upto 11.30 hrs. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 01.07.2019 to 15.07.2019. Date and time of opening of tender: 15.07.2019 at 11.30 hrs. (Immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2)). In case of two packet system, financial bids of the eligible tenderers would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on. No.: 287-Sig/C/TKJ/52/19 Dated: 20.06.2019 1985/2019

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OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER-CUM-CHAIRMAN
STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
ODISHA, CUTTACK
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Ltr No : LXVI/101/2008/6415/TC DTD:20/06/2019

In reference to Tender Call Notice No. 6210 dated 11.06.2019 for providing comprehensive maintenance contract of surveillance equipment installed in Highway Interceptors for revised bid documents, please visit STA website : <http://orissatransport.nic.in> / <http://odishatransport.gov.in>.

Sd/-
Joint Commissioner Transport (Road Safety), STA, Odisha, Cuttack

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 23AC/393/Cycle-Scooter/MUT/2016 Dated : 17 June 2019

For and on behalf of The President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites e-tender for 3 years contract at the following Railway stations :

Tender No. Parking 96-2019

1 Name of work with its location/ Railway Stations	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tram at Meerut Cantt (MUT) Railway station "A" ctg. for an area of 1187.39 MT ²
2 Approximate cost of work	As per NIT
3 Date and Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	11:00 hrs of 12.07.2019
4 Cost of Tender document including (18% GST)	Rs. 3,540
5 Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 94,300
6 Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen	http://www.ireps.gov.in

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
Tender Extension Notification No. 14-4 F.SCADA - Cudd. CWSS/SDO/CWVLR/2019/DI: 19.06.2019

Name of work: Providing SCADA arrangements for CWSS to Cuddalore Municipality, Bhuvanagiri & Parangutalai Town Panchayats and 812 Rural Habitats in Cuddalore District - Phase - I including maintenance for a Period of one year at free of cost and further 4 years on paid maintenance. (Period of completion: 6 months)

REF: 1. This office Invitation of Bid No. 14/F.SCADA-Cudd. CWSS/SDO/CWVLR/2019/DI: 14.02.2019
2. This office Pre-bid minutes Dated: 15.03.2019
3. This Office Tender Extension Notification No. 14-1 F.SCADA-Cudd. CWSS/SDO/CWVLR/2019/DI: 20.03.2019
4. This Office Tender Extension Notification No. 14-2 F.SCADA-Cudd. CWSS/SDO/CWVLR/2019/DI: 10.04.2019
5. This Office Tender Extension Notification No. 14-3 F.SCADA-Cudd. CWSS/SDO/CWVLR/2019/DI: 27.05.2019

The tender for the above works have been called for in the reference cited is hereby extended as follows :

Sl. No.	Description	Already given	Extended upto
1 <td>The date of Tender Schedule</td> <td>Upto 5.45 PM On 19.06.2019</td> <td>Upto 5.45 PM On 02.07.2019</td>	The date of Tender Schedule	Upto 5.45 PM On 19.06.2019	Upto 5.45 PM On 02.07.2019
2 <td>The last date of receipt of tender</td> <td>Upto 3.00 PM On 21.06.2019</td> <td>Upto 3.00 PM On 04.07.2019</td>	The last date of receipt of tender	Upto 3.00 PM On 21.06.2019	Upto 3.00 PM On 04.07.2019
3 <td>The date of tender opening</td> <td>At 3.30 PM on 21.06.2019</td> <td>At 3.30 PM On 04.07.2019</td>	The date of tender opening	At 3.30 PM on 21.06.2019	At 3.30 PM On 04.07.2019

The other terms and conditions specified in the tender documents for above works remain unaltered. Please Visit our website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tbdbboard.tn.gov.in for further details.

Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Vellore - 6.
DIPR/2019/TENDER/2019

SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
AAVIN ILLAM 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, (Chamiers Road), Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035.
Telephone : 044-23464500, Fax : 044-23464505, E-mail-avinmgng@yahoo.co.in, avintenders@avin.tn.gov.in

REF. No: 8630/PROJ.2/2019-I
TENDER NOTICE
Dated : 18.06.2019

The TCMFP Ltd., invite **TWO PART TENDERS / RETENDERS** by way of **OFF LINE / E-SUBMISSION** from the reputed Manufacturers / suppliers for supply, Erection and Commissioning of following Items / Works for various District Unions under NPDD / NABARD Scheme for the year 2017-18, 2018-19 & SBGF scheme for the year 2018-19.

Category	Name of the Items / Works	Pre-bid Meeting	Tender Submission	Technical Bid Opening
1	Automatic Milk Collection Unit (AMCU)	11.07.2019	30.07.2019	30.07.2019
2	Data Processing Milk Collection Unit (DPMCU)	11.07.2019	30.07.2019	30.07.2019
3	Direct Expansion type of 5 KL capacity Bulk Milk Cooler, (Genset and its accessories)	11.30 AM	02.00 PM	02.15 PM

Document sale between 24.06.2019 to 29.07.2019 from 11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M., cost - Rs.2,000.00 + 18% GST and Rs.100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and other details, refer website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.avinmilk.com for off line / www.tntenders.gov.in for E-submission. Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH) IV
O.H.T.O. I. A. PH-II: OPPOSITE GOVIND PURI: NEW DELHI-20
e-mail: eesouthiv498@gmail.com/Tel. 011-26388976
CORRIGENDUM
NIT No. 10

In partial modification of NIT No. 10 S-IV (2019-20) may be read as "date of technical bid opening 04.07.2019" instead of "date of technical bid opening 22.06.2019. Other details will be remains same.

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 86/2019-20

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH) IV

Yogi asks officials to identify corrupt govt staff, give them VRS

ENS & PTI
LUCKNOW, JUNE 20

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday directed officials to crack the whip on corrupt employees and give them voluntary retirement.

Reviewing the work of Secretariat Administration Department, Adityanath said there is no place for such officials and staff in the government, an official release said. He directed officers to prepare a list of corrupt employees and suggested that they should be forced to take voluntary retirement, it said. He asked the officials to take firm action against the corrupt employees and stop their promotion process.

Meanwhile, the state government is set to introduce Khadi school uniforms on a pilot basis in some districts to promote the indigenous fabric among children, Basic Education Minister Anupama Jaiswal said on Thursday. "In order to promote Khadi, and also enable the children to know its importance, the state government has decided to introduce Khadi school uniform in primary schools (Classes I to V) in the state on a pilot project basis," Jaiswal, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Basic Education, told reporters here.

Initially, the project will be implemented in one block each in four districts from the academic session starting in July, she said. "As per the results, the pilot project will be replicated across the state," she added.

Priyanka expresses concern over crime against women, children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 20

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary in charge of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, on Thursday slammed the state government over the alleged spurt in crime, especially against women and children. She posted clippings of several news headlines on her Twitter handle, asking the state government to ensure safety of women and children.

"In Uttar Pradesh, innocents are being molested, women are being pushed into a life of fear, men are being burnt alive, but the administration can't see anything. When will the UP government start taking responsibility for the security of women and children?" she tweeted.

The news headlines she shared on Twitter include the murder of UP Bar council head Darvesh Yadav and alleged rape and murder of a seven-year-old in Aligarh.

In the recent past, even Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati and Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav have targeted the state government on the "rising" number of crimes against women.

राज्य स्वास्थ्य समिति, बिहार

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

- The State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB), Patna intends to select agency via e-tendering for setting up & operationalizing 24X7 Dialysis Units through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in 38 Government Hospitals divided into 4 cluster(s) in the state of Bihar for the period of 5 years from the date of agreement. The State Health Society, Bihar, invites bids from eligible business entities, in providing the services as mentioned in this tender document. The key objective is to provide high quality Hemodialysis under PPP mode to the people of Bihar. (Note: For the purpose of this tender, the terms, agency/ bidder/ consortium/ service provider/ tenderer/applicant shall all denote the same, if not stated otherwise.)
- The Service Provider shall be responsible for Development (where "Development" means financing, design, build, equip, operate, maintain & manage) of dialysis centres in the Government Hospitals identified by SHSB.
- The contract agreement with the successful agency/bidder will be signed with SHSB, and on behalf of the SHSB, the day-to-day execution of the contract will be done by the District Health Society (DHS) of the concerned district (s), in which dialysis unit (s) are to be set up.
- The Bidder cannot bid for an individual government Hospital but has to bid taking into consideration all the government hospitals in the cluster (s) in which it is interested to bid, as mentioned in Appendix A, subject to all the conditions as laid down in this tender document. The bidder for multiple clusters, however, shall be required to provide Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Performance Security (PS), as applicable for the required cluster (s) and mentioned in the tender document(s).
- Each Hemodialysis Unit shall have at least five (4+1) machines.
- To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., shall contact the helpdesk at the following address, "e-Procurement HELP DESK, 1st Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No. 25, Shree Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Phone No. 0612-2523006, Mob. No 7542028164 (Timings: Every Day from 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM) or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON> and also inform this to SHSB.
- Schedule of Events

Note -i) Interested tenderers may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from the office of State Health Society, Bihar. ii) No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.

8. The bidder can be a sole bidder (i.e., Company/Society/Trust) or a group of legal entities (i.e., Company/Society/Trust) (maximum three) coming together as a consortium to implement the project. The lead partner in a consortium shall have the power of attorney from all partners, constituting the consortium, for conducting all business for and on behalf of the Consortium during the Bidding Process including submission of Performance Security (PS) and until the appointed date under the contract agreement when all the obligations of the SPV shall become effective. However, the bidder cannot be an individual or group of individuals.

9. In case of consortium, the all partner including lead partner shall either have experience of operating & managing dialysis facilities, or should be a Dialysis Equipment Manufacturer or Hemodialysis RO Plant Provider or should be a Hospital or Healthcare Service Provider experienced in performing work under health sector.

10. Tenderer may also download the tender documents (a complete set of document is available on website) from e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) and submit its tender by using the downloaded document.

11. The tender shall be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs.10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs rupees only) per cluster in the shape of Demand Draft from any Schedule Bank in favour of State Health Society, Bihar payable at Patna.

12. Tender Processing Fee (TPF) amount for the sum of Rs. 1,180/- (One thousand one hundred and eighty rupees) to be paid by the bidder through e-Payment mode (i.e. NEFT-RTGS, Internet Banking, Credit / Debit Card) only, to the agency empanelled by Government of Bihar for centralized e-Procurement.

13. The technical and financial bids must be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) on or before the date and time specified in the NIT. The SHSB doesn't take any responsibility for the delay / Non Submission of Tender / Non Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Non availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/ Holidays or any other reason."

14. The bidders shall submit their eligibility and qualification details, Certificates as mentioned in the tender document, in the online standard formats given in e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) at the respective stage (s) only.

15. The bidders shall upload the scanned copies of all the relevant certificates, documents etc., in support of their eligibility criteria / technical bids and other certificate / documents in the e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>).

16. The Bidding documents shall be submitted in the mode as mentioned below:

(1) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Physical (Offline Mode) Note: EMD should not have been issued on a date later than the last date for submission of online bidding document i.e., 19/07/2019 (Friday).
(2) Technical Bid	Online (Cover-Technical Stage)
(3) Financial Bid	Online (Cover-Cost Bid Stage)

17. The technical bids will be opened (in e-mode/online) on the date 26/07/2019 (Friday) at 11:00 AM. In the event of any of the above-mentioned day being declared a holiday/closed day for the State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB), the bids will be opened in the next working day at the scheduled time.

18. The bids must be uploaded (e-mode/online) at the e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>).

19. All prospective tenderers may attend the Pre-Tender meeting. The venue, date and time are indicated in Schedule of Events as in Clause 7 above.

20. The hard (Physical) copy of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), should be sent to The Executive Director, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014 by Registered Post/Speed Post or by hand. It must reach the above said address on or before the closing date & time indicated in Clause 7 above, failing which the tenders will be treated as late tender and would be summarily rejected.

21. In the event of any of the above mentioned dates being declared as a holiday/ closed day for the State Health Society, Bihar the tenders/EMD will be received/opened on the next working day at the scheduled time.

22. All Tenders must be accompanied by EMD as mentioned above. No bidder is exempted from submitting of EMD as mentioned in the tender document. Tenders without EMD shall be summarily rejected. Also, in case the bidder has applied for multiple cluster(s), the bidder shall be required to submit EMD as applicable for cluster(s), e.g., if the bidder has applied for two cluster(s), then it will be Rs.20,00,000/-, for three cluster(s), will be Rs.30,00,000/-, and if applied for all 4 clusters it will be Rs.40,00,000/- respectively. The bidder has to explicitly mention the name of the cluster(s) for which it has applied, in the forwarding letter of EMD.

23. SHSB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or change the terms and condition of NIT or cancel the NIT without assigning any reasons at any stage and time.

24. For further enquiry and information, please contact to the following officers during office hours 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM-

I. Sri Ravish Kishore, BAS, Deputy Secretary (DS) (I/c PPP Cell), SHSB - 9473197729

II. Sri Avinash Kumar Pandey, State Programme Manager, SHSB - 9470003016

25. All further notifications/Corrigendum/Addendum, if any shall be posted on e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>).

Disclaimer: Please note, in the "Estimated value box" on the e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>), "Zero" has been mentioned, by State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB). The actual value of the project depends on the L1 rate decided by this tender and therefore due to this, it has been mentioned "Zero". However, the bidders will be required to do financial estimations on their own and quote the bids based on the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

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NORTH

Class VI students hangs self, cops probe TikTok angle

Kota: A Class VI student allegedly hanged himself in Kota, the police said on Thursday. The 12-year-old boy, identified as Kushal Sindhia, was wearing bangles and a mangal sutra when his body was found. Police suspect he was using the TikTok mobile app. The boy was found hanging in a bathroom

near his room, police said. "The initial investigation suggested that the boy might have killed himself accidentally while probably preparing to make a video on Tik Tok," said SHO Mumindra Singh, adding that the actual reason of death could be ascertained after receiving the autopsy report. **PTI**



NIA officials during a search at the residence of LJP leader Hulas Pandey in Patna on Thursday. **PTI**

EAST

NIA searches residence of LJP leader in gun-running case

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at the residence of LJP leader Hulas Pandey in Bihar in connection with a case of gun running. The agency also searched 12 other locations in Bihar and UP in connection with its probe into recovery of 22 AK-

47 rifles in Munger and other parts in 2018. These guns were smuggled out of Central Ordnance Depot in Jabalpur and sold to Maoists, NIA has claimed. The agency claimed to have recovered one rifle and cartridges, Rs 29 lakh cash, four laptops, five hard disks, 12 mobile phones and several documents. **ENS**

WEST

2 low-intensity earthquakes hit Satara district

Pune: Two low-intensity earthquakes of magnitude 4.8 and 3 shook some parts of Satara district in Maharashtra on Thursday morning, officials said. No casualty or damage to property has been reported so far, an official in the district administration said. People rushed out of their homes in some areas after experiencing the

tremors, he said. The first quake occurred around 7:47 am and the second one was experienced at 8:27 am in Satara district, located around 120 km from Pune, an official at the India Meteorological Department centre here said. The epicentres were recorded at depths of 10 km and 5 km respectively, he said. **PTI**

SOUTH

IS cell: NIA seizes hard disks belonging to main accused

Chennai: As the National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe on a suspected IS module is in progress, investigators on Thursday searched the house of a friend of Azarudeen, the main accused in the case, in which two are already arrested and many more suspects and witnesses are be-

ing questioned and interviewed by the probe team. A source familiar with the probe said they seized two computer hard disks belong to Azarudeen from the residence of his friend Kuniamuthur near Coimbatore city. "We expect to get more digital evidence," the source said. **ENS**

Eight arrested for murder of deputy sarpanch in Gujarat

VAIBHAV JHA
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 20

A DAY after Dalit deputy sarpanch, Manji Solanki, was beaten to death, allegedly by a group of upper caste men on a state highway in Botad, police arrested eight accused on Thursday, amid uproar from the Dalit community.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, deputy superintendent of police (SC/ST cell) in Botad, ZR Desai, said, "Multiple teams were formed under the Bhavnagar police range to nab the accused after we received information that they might flee to Bhavnagar from their village, Jalila, under Ranpur Taluka of Botad. Around 5pm today (Thursday), we intercepted a utility jeep in which the accused were travelling..."

The eight accused are Ashok Khachar (51), Vanraj Khachar (42), Pratap Khachar (38), Rituraj Khachar (22), Raviraj Khachar



Manji Solanki

(25), Hardeep Khachar (21), Kishore Khachar (30) and Bhagirath Khachar (24), all from Jalali village and belonging to the Kshatriya community. Ashok has been identified as the prime accused and all eight have been booked under sections 302, 504, 506, 427, 143, 147, 148, and 120B for murder, intentional insult, criminal intimidation, mischief, unlawful assembly, rioting, rioting with deadly weapon and criminal conspiracy respectively under the Indian Penal Code along with the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Manji was riding a motorcycle from Charanki village on Barwala-Ranpur state highway around 1pm on Wednesday when he was first hit by a car. The occupants then beat him up with clubs and iron pipes. He was declared brought dead at the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital around 6pm.

Manji had filed an application seeking police protection alleging threats from the Kshatriya community in his village, stating that he was attacked in 2010, 2011, 2016 and 2018. His appeal has been pending for two weeks.

On Thursday, dozens of Dalit activists staged a protest at the Civil Hospital, when authorities were carrying out a postmortem of Manji's body.

They demanded justice for his family and raised slogans against Minister of State for Home, Pradeepsinh Jadeja. Manji's family alleged that the state government did not provide security to an elected representative, despite threats to his life.

The family members also claimed that they do not feel safe in Jalali any more and demanded that they be shifted to Ahmedabad. After multiple rounds of negotiations, Manji's son, Tushar Solanki, presented a six-point demand letter to Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

"We have demanded immediate arrest of the accused. My father had filed other cases against the accused in the past. All the cases must be tried in the district court of Ahmedabad and our family must be shifted there. We must be provided a government lawyer of our preference. Police protection must be given to our family all the time and licences to keep weapons must also be granted," said Tushar.

Dasada MLA Naushad Solanki also visited the victim's family and appealed to the government to extend them protection. Later in the evening, Manji's body was handed over to the family and was taken to Jalali for cremation.

Man dies of swine flu in Kolkata, 2 more being treated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 20

ONE PERSON died of H1N1 virus or swine flu, while two others have been tested positive at AMRI Hospital in Salt Lake in the last three days. All three of them are residents of Salt Lake.

Tapan Kumar Karmakar, 71, was admitted to the hospital on June 14 with high fever and was kept in the ICU. He was declared dead on Wednesday.

"Three patients tested positive for H1N1 virus. One person died, while two others are undergoing treatment. Hopefully they will recover," an official of the AMRI Hospital said.

Narayanan Krishnamurthi, 81, was admitted to the hospital with high fever on June 13. "He is now out of danger," said a doctor at the Amri Hospital. The other patient was identified as Ellora Chaudhuri, 47.

"Initially, she underwent dengue and typhoid tests, the reports of which were negative. She was then admitted to AMRI and doctors diagnosed her with swine flu," said a friend of Chaudhuri. A Health Department official, on condition of anonymity, said: "There is nothing to panic. We have come to know about a few cases and are closely monitoring."



At a wreath laying ceremony at Jorhat IAF station on Thursday. *Courtesy: IAF*

An-32 crash: Remains of all 13 personnel recovered

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 20

THE MORTAL remains of all 13 personnel on board the Indian Air Force An-32 aircraft, which crashed in Arunachal Pradesh on June 3, were successfully recovered on Thursday, officials said, adding that the process of transporting the dead personnel to their native places for the last rites is on.

The An-32 took off from the Air Force Station in Assam's Jorhat on June 3 at 12:27 pm, and was scheduled to land at the

Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground in Arunachal's Shi Yomi district. However, the aircraft's last contact with ground staff was at 12:55pm.

"The mortal remains of the 13 brave air-warriors have been recovered and sent to Air Force Station, Jorhat. Thereafter, the mortal remains will be sent to their hometown... IAF thanks Indian Army, Indian Navy, NITRO, State administration and civil population for their unstinted support," IAF spokesperson Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh said. On June 11, the IAF said that the wreckage of the air-

craft was spotted by an IAF Mi-17 helicopter 16 km north of Lipo village at an approximate elevation of 12,000 ft.

The next day, a team of mountaineers comprising IAF personnel, the Army and civilians were air-dropped to the nearest location to the crash site. The Cockpit Voice Recorder and Flight Data Recorder of the flight were recovered from the site.

The crash site lies in remote part of Arunachal Pradesh close to the China border. There are no roads up to or communication at the site and hence airlifting is the preferred mode of recovery.

Amarnath Yatra: Secure highway links, says CRPF

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JUNE 20

WEEKS AFTER the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government lifted restrictions on the Jammu-Srinagar highway, security forces have asked the state administration to "secure/block" the link roads leading to the main high-

way on the Amarnath Yatra route. In a letter to the Divisional Commissioner (Kashmir) on June 19, the CRPF has asked for 97 of the 193 lateral/link roads, crossings and arterial roads to be "properly secured/blocked" in order to "avoid unauthorised movement of civilian vehicles". The move would effectively close off link roads

connecting areas around the national highway, restricting movement of civilian vehicles while paving the way for movement of "yatri convoy".

DG CRPF Rajiv R Bhatnagar told *The Indian Express*, "The laterals will be controlled so that no hostile elements can enter the road... the difference this year is that earlier it was done above the

(Jawahar) tunnel and this year it will be done below as well."

All yatra vehicles will have Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) tags this year. "All yatra vehicles, registered yatri or non-registered, will be RFID tagged this year. Last year we had tried this on a pilot basis but this year it is more ambitious," the DG CRPF said.

SANJIV BHATT GETS LIFE IN JAIL

Two brothers were held for rioting, one died after release

GOPAL KATESHIYA
RAJKOT, JUNE 20

IT WAS on October 30, 1990 night, that police came raiding at Prabhudas Vaishnani's home in Jamjodhpur town of Jamnagar district and picked him and Rameshchandra up — the eldest and the youngest of four brothers — alleging they were part of a mob that indulged in rioting earlier in the day, during a nationwide bandh called during BJP leader LK Advani's rath yatra.

Advani launched the yatra in September 1990 from Somnath and it was to conclude on October 30. "The next day, we came to know that police had booked my brothers and 131 others under TADA," Prabhudas's immediate younger, Amrutlal Vaishnani said. Sanjeev Bhatt, a 1988-batch IPS officer who was then Additional SP, Jamnagar, was sent to Jamjodhpur to maintain law and order. Bhatt and other police officers allegedly beat up Prabhudas and the others in custody and reportedly tortured them as well.

A district and sessions court sentenced Bhatt to life imprisonment on Thursday.

Contradicting Amrutlal's version, Bhatt's wife Shweta said in a release on Thursday, "... Sanjeev Bhatt reached Jamjodhpur Police station at around 1.30pm on October 30, 1990, and was informed by CPI Bhavad that 133 people were arrested by local police... from 15 separate incidents of mass communal violence and arson across the city..."

Amrutlal says police were acting out of vengeance. "My brothers were granted bail on November 8, 1990. But they had renal problems and we took them to doctors. Later we admitted them to Gondhiya Hospital (now



Prabhudas Vaishnani and his brother Rameshchandra were picked up by the police in October 1990. *Express*

NM Virani Wockhardt Hospital) in Rajkot. They were put on dialysis but Prabhudas died on November 18 due to injuries he suffered at the hands of policemen," he said.

Shweta said in the release, "... it is to be noted that on being presented before the nearest Magistrate by the local police on the October 31, 1990, no complaint of torture or any grievance was made by the deceased, Prabhudas Vaishnani, or any of the other 133 arrested."

Amrutlal says the state government withdrew the TADA case against all the accused in 1991-92. After Prabhudas's death, he filed a complaint at Jamjodhpur police station. "Back then, we were common farmers and mere sight of even a police constable would frighten us... I knew that the accused were powerful police officers but I also knew that justice and god were on our side."

Thanking the prosecutors Amrutlal said, "With their help, I moved the Supreme Court on April 19, pleading that it had been almost 30 years since the case was filed but justice was delayed. The court directed the Jamnagar court to pronounce its verdict by June 20."

(With inputs from Sohini Ghosh in Ahmedabad)

Must look to Interpol for tackling globalised crime: Home Secy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

HOME SECRETARY Rajiv Gauba on Thursday called for enforcement agencies to remain updated about the workings of the Interpol as technology had not only globalised economies, but crime as well.

Speaking at the Interpol Liaison Officers Conference in New Delhi, Gauba said, "Globalisation is normally used in the context of economics - trade liberalisation and allowing foreign investments etc. Almost in parallel, due to technological breakthroughs, crime has also become globalised. The digital revolution allows criminals to move funds across borders. Thus, there is a dangerous confluence of financial globalisation and digital technology facilitating cyber crime, narcotics trade and financing of terror."

The Home Secretary emphasised that in a digital age, enforcement agencies could not af-

ford to work in silos. "Law enforcement agencies need to remain updated in their knowledge about the working of the Interpol and its databases and how to use them effectively," Gauba said.

The Home Secretary called for real-time information sharing among the country's agencies. "In the scenario of seamless internet and easy mobility, there is an urgent need for real-time sharing of information and greater mutual coordination amongst law enforcement agencies, in order to optimize their responses. Interpol is uniquely placed to support law enforcement agencies of its member countries in this endeavour," Gauba said.

The two-day conference is being organised by the CBI, which is the National Central Bureau (NCB) of India and represents the country at the Interpol. Around 37 Interpol Liaison Officers (ILOs) from across the country are attending it.

ILOs are designated as contact points.

Logistics firm staffer flees with gold worth Rs 6.6 cr in Mumbai

MOHAMED THAYER
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

AN EMPLOYEE of a logistics firm transporting gold from a private company to a bank vault in Zaveri Bazaar walked out of the maximum security facility with 20 kg of the precious metal worth Rs 6.6 crore in broad daylight and fled.

The loader managed to evade two gun-toting security guards, two other loaders, CCTV cameras and the bank's internal security. The LT Marg police have registered an FIR in the case and are on the lookout for the accused who is believed to have already left the city.

A senior police officer said that the heist took place around 3pm on Wednesday when a vehicle from Brink's India arrived

at the vault of one of the largest government-owned banks located in Zaveri Bazaar to deposit the gold belonging to a private company.

"It is one of the largest vaults in the city if not the country," a senior officer said.

While depositing the gold, the accused, believed to be one of the three loaders, was carrying a pack of 200 gold biscuits weighing 100 grams each.

"In one moment, instead of going inside the bank, he turned around a pillar and walked out ensuring that he was not spotted by the security guards or the loaders," the officer said.

It was around 20 minutes later that the security guards and other loaders realised that the accused had not returned from inside the vault. When they could not spot him inside the

bank or outside, they realised that he had fled, the officer said.

During the course of investigation, the police said that the accused, round 25 years old, had been employed by the logistics company in April.

"We are now checking if he has any past criminal record or if there was anyone else along with him who may have helped him carry out the crime," a senior officer said.

Based on CCTV footage and scanning mobile data, the police have found that the accused had left the city and was headed to his native place in north India.

The crime branch is also probing the case.

When contacted, Chetan Rohella, security head of Brink's India, said he could not comment as an investigation is underway.

PROGRESSION OF KIDNEY DISEASE IN DIABETICS

'Starting insulin early checks complications'

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, JUNE 20



Dr Jothydev Kesavadev

A STUDY that examined patients with diabetes over a period of 15 years found that early initiation of insulin helped retard the progression of kidney disease. Not only did it prevent diabetes-related complications, but regular telemedicine visits helped patients exercise better control on diabetes.

"This has resulted in overall reduction in the cost of treating diabetes. There were no expensive medications or new therapies. Just behaviour modification, exercise and structured monitoring of glucose and blood pressure," Dr Jothydev Kesavadev, a Kerala-based re-

search diabetologist and managing director of Jothydev's Diabetes Research Centres at Thiruvananthapuram, Attungal and Kochi, told *The Indian Express*.

The study was presented at the American Diabetes Association's 79th scientific session — Bridging diabetes research with ground breaking discoveries — held in San Francisco last week.

India has close to 76.5 million people suffering from diabetes. If one looks at patients with

chronic kidney diseases who require dialysis, at least 60-75 per cent of them are due to diabetes. While policy makers are focussing on developing dialysis centres, this is a cost-effective way to treat it, said Dr Jothydev.

He introduced the Diabetes Telemanagement system — a cost-effective model that helps achieve targets in diabetes management — in 1997-98.

"We followed 400 patients (of whom 200 patients had started taking insulin within seven years of being diagnosed with diabetes; for the remaining 200, insulin was initiated at a later stage) and were able to successfully retard the progression of kidney disease at the end of 15 years and also demonstrate better control of diabetes with lesser doses of insulin compared to the control

arm," Dr Jothydev said. Early initiation of insulin and close monitoring of the patients showed that at the end of 15 years, the dose of insulin remained very low, around 9 units in one group, compared to 30 units in the other group.

"Usually in India, insulin is started when diabetes is uncontrolled. However, all recommendations and studies say that insulin should be started sufficiently early. Patients are still apprehensive of an injection and this time-tested therapy. So, what we did at our end was sensitise our patients via the telemedicine project and help them, via virtual visits, manage blood pressure and sugar, resulting in reducing the insulin dose at 15 years. A multi-disciplinary team was engaged in the project,

which provided continuous management, coaching, education and training of patients," said Dr Jothydev.

"The challenge is for the initial few months. When insulin is started, it is mandatory to incorporate glucose monitoring at home and that involves time on the part of patients. It also includes a network of doctors and diabetes educators... through our programme, we have trained and empowered our patients to an extent that they need to come only for few direct hospital visits. Initially, they may find taking insulin costly but in the long run, it is saving the patient's money. Chronic kidney disease is a huge problem in the country and today, the cost of a transplant and life-long therapies are nothing less than Rs 25 lakh," he said.

32 dead, 28 injured as crowded bus falls into gorge in Himachal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SHIMLA, JUNE 20

AT LEAST 32 people were killed and 28 severely injured when a bus fell into a deep gorge in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh around 4.10 pm on Thursday, officials said.

The private bus (bearing registration number HP 66-7065) fell into the over 500-metre-deep nullah near the Dhoto Morh in Banjar tehsil of the district, Kullu Superintendent of Police Shalini Agnihotri said.

The bus was on its way to Gada Gushaini from Banjar. It was crowded with over 60 passengers, most of whom were students returning home after taking admission in Kullu. Sources say most of the dead were from Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur's Vidhan Sabha constituency of Saraj. Banjar Patwari Sheetal Kumar told PTI that, prima facie, it seemed that overloading and negligent driving may have caused the accident.

UP SEWER DEATHS: CONTRACTOR BOOKED

'Had no safety gear while working, used cellphone for light'

ASAD REHMAN
KANPUR, JUNE 20

A DAY after two persons died cleaning an underground sewer tank in Kanpur's Babupurwa area, police have booked a private contractor for causing death due to negligence.

Robin and Kallu, both 22 years old, died of inhaling toxic gases while cleaning the sewer tank in the wee hours of Wednesday. Jal Nigam Project Manager Ghanshyam Diwedi, on whose complaint the police have booked contractor Satish Chandra Sachan, has alleged that no safety equipment was provided to Robin and Kallu.

"There was no safety equipment for the workers. If he (Sachan) had informed the higher officials, they would have ensured that the workers get safety gear like masks, oxygen cylinders, etc," said Diwedi.

However, Sachan claimed that the supervisor who he had appointed to oversee the cleaning operation was responsible for the deaths. "The safety equipment was there. The supervisor had gone away for a while when these boys stepped into the tank. It was the supervisor's mistake that the boys ended up going down the sewer without safety gear," Sachan said, adding that he was a government authorised Class C contractor.

The police are yet to question



The mangled remains of the bus at Banjar in Kullu district on Thursday. Express

ing may have caused the accident.

After being informed about the accident, the CM, who was in Shimla, reportedly left for the accident site. Himachal Governor Acharya Devvrat and CM Thakur both expressed grief over the accident in their condolence

messages.

The bus had covered a distance of barely two kilometres from Banjar when it fell into the gorge. Eyewitnesses say such was the impact of the fall that the bus disintegrated and its roof was ripped off.

Most of the passengers were

from Gada Gushaini, according to MR Bhardwaj, the sub-divisional magistrate of Banjar. Till 8.30 pm, the rescue teams had counted and identified 32 dead, said Bhardwaj.

Rescue teams led by the SDM had rushed to the spot on hearing about the accident. The vic-

tims were evacuated to the Civil Hospital at Banjar. Medical teams and ambulances were sent from district hospital Kullu as well. Locals also rushed to the spot to help the teams.

The rescuers had managed to rescue at least 12 women, six girls and 10 young men, among others, till the filing of this report. Most of them were in a critical condition.

The SDM said the rescue operation is on and the number of dead could go up as the drain was very deep. He announced an ex-gratia of Rs 50,000 to those injured in the accident. "The Himachal government will also provide monetary compensation to the kin of the deceased after their identification," he said.

The CM has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident, said a state government official, adding that Thakur has also asked the administration to provide the best possible medicare to the injured passengers.

(WITH PTI INPUTS)



The mother of a missing child at the accident site in Lucknow's Nagram area. Express

3 kids killed, 4 missing as van carrying 29 plunges into canal

AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, JUNE 20

A PICK-UP van carrying 29 people fell into Indira canal in Lucknow's Nagram area in the early hours of Thursday, killing three children. Four other children, who are still missing, are feared to be dead.

The bodies of three children, aged between five and nine years, were recovered by rescue workers. Around 115-120 personnel of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and police have been involved in search operations since morning. According to police, a total of

29 people, who had come to Lucknow to attend a family function, were returning to their homes in Barabanki when the accident happened.

"Fateh Bahadur, a resident of Barabanki, and his relatives had come to Patwa Kheda village to attend a *godbhara* (baby shower) ceremony. On Thursday around 2.30 am, soon after they left for Barabanki, the van with 29 people was moving on a narrow road parallel to the canal when, instead of taking a right turn, the driver lost control and the vehicle fell into the canal. Some of those who know how to swim managed to come ashore and helped others. Police were informed and SDRF teams were also called in," said IG

Lucknow (Range) SK Bhagat. Till Thursday evening, 22 people were rescued, and the vehicle was fished out from the canal with the help of a crane.

"The operation is still going on and will continue till we find the four missing children. A control room and two temporary police outposts have been set up to provide all kinds of help to the victims," Bhagat said, adding that an investigation will be ordered into the accident once the search and rescue operations are over.

A statement issued by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's office said the NDRF, SDRF and Lucknow SSP had been asked to make all possible efforts for search and rescue operations.

Arjuna awardee boxer suspended for 'assaulting' hotel manager

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 20

TWO-TIME Asian Championships medallist and Arjuna awardee Jai Bhagwan, who is an Inspector with Haryana police, was Thursday suspended for allegedly assaulting a hotel manager in Sirsa.

The decision came after a police probe prima facie found the allegation of assault to be true.

Confirming the development, the inquiry officer of the case and Sirsa DSP Aryan Chaudhary said, "This was a preliminary inquiry and now a detailed departmental probe will be carried out in which the official may produce evidence and witnesses..."

DSP Chaudhary said he had submitted his report to Sirsa SP Arun Singh on Wednesday.

Hotel manager Virender Singh said that a hotel room was booked online for June 16 and June 17 in Jai Bhagwan's name.

Singh said that the officer had come to the hotel with a woman at 11:30 pm. "I asked him to provide identity proof of both but he asked me to open the room with only his identity proof. When I refused to open the room, he threatened me stating that he is a police Inspector," said the hotel manager, alleging that Jai Bhagwan slapped him.

The boxer could not be reached for comment.

AES crisis: Centre sends advanced ambulances, medical team to Bihar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

EVEN AS the toll from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) rose to 136 on Thursday, the Centre deployed eight advanced life support ambulances (ALS) in AES-affected districts of Bihar.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan also mentioned the steps the Centre was taking to combat the problem. A Central team of 10 pediatricians and five paramedics has also been deployed to work in coordination

with the state government, he said.

"The state government has started a social audit along with an active case finding campaign through house-to-house surveys and moving prospective patients to the nearest PHC for early intervention. Surprise checks are also being conducted at PHCs by the Senior Deputy Collectors... early morning inspection of Anganwadi Centres is also being undertaken by SDCs and Child development Project Officers... They are also distributing ORS to each house in affected villages," he said.

An ICMR team of experts has been deployed at the Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) hospital for making the virology lab operational at the earliest, he further said. The multi-disciplinary team deployed earlier is reviewing all the case records of AES patients, admitted and treated in 2019.

Meanwhile, expressing serious concern over the "deplorable public health infrastructure" in the country, the NHRC Thursday issued notices to the Centre and all states and Union Territories.

(WITH PTI INPUTS)

Rapper booked for sedition over remarks against Adityanath, Bhagwat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 20

UK-BASED rapper Taran Kaur Dhillon aka Hard Kaur has been booked for sedition for allegedly posting objectionable content against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on her Facebook account.

An FIR was Wednesday filed at Cantonment police station in Varanasi based on a complaint by lawyer and local RSS volunteer Shashank Tripathi.

2008 MALEGAON BLAST CASE

Mob of 15,000 manipulated crime scene: Pragya lawyers

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

A MOB of 15,000 people "manipulated" the crime scene after the 2008 blast at Malegaon, claimed the lawyers of BJP's Bhopal MP Pragya Singh Thakur, an accused in the incident that claimed six lives. The lawyers also claimed that the mob was "motivated" and "attempted to screen the real culprit".

The blast, which occurred at Bhiku Chowk on September 29, 2008 at around 9.30 pm, also injured over 100 people. Thakur's lawyers submitted that after the blast, the police could not reach the site of the explosion for over six hours, and therefore could not see any motorcycle or bicycle at the spot.

However, this was denied by the duty officer at Azad Nagar police station in Malegaon, Sudhir Patil, who deposed as a prosecution witness on Thursday. Patil, on whose complaint the FIR was filed, stated that he had seen a half-burnt LML Freedom motorcycle. He told the court that based on its damaged condition, he suspected that the bomb was planted on it and had mentioned this in his FIR.

Investigating agencies had claimed that the motorcycle, with



Pragya Thakur outside Parliament. Anil Sharma

the registration number MH-15 P 4562, was in Thakur's name.

Patil said that after the blast, a mob had gathered and controlling it was difficult. He said that there was stone-pelting due to which two officers suffered injuries.

He denied the claim of Thakur's lawyer, JP Mishra, that the mob had obstructed the police when they reached the spot.

"It is not correct to say that our police team was far from the spot as the mob was not under control, and hence we could not notice the motorcycle or bicycles at the blast site. It is not correct to say that I did not notice the number of the motorcycle," said Patil.

When another accused, Sameer Kulkarni, alleged that Patil's complaint was based on words chosen by "political persons", the policeman denied it.

Court rejects her plea seeking exemption from appearance

Mumbai: The special court hearing the Malegaon 2008 blast case has rejected a plea by accused BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur seeking exemption from appearance.

Thakur, through her lawyers JP Mishra and Prashant Maggu, sought exemption from appearance on various grounds. She claimed that the distance from Bhopal (where she is based) to Mumbai is over 1,000 km. She said it was difficult for her to travel as she is suffering from various ailments. Thakur also said making security arrangements for her travel each time causes inconvenience to the public. She also said that she would be attending the Lok Sabha session till July 26.

"... attending the Parliament is necessary for an MP and also to obey the whip... There is no paper trail of record except bare words of the lawyer that a whip has been issued or that it is mandatory to attend Lok Sabha," the court said. **ENS**

Uproar in Kerala over investor's suicide, four civic officials suspended

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 20

UNDER FIRE after the suicide of an NRI investor who was denied an occupancy certificate for a Rs 15-core convention centre, the CPM has suspended four officials of a party-ruled municipality in Kannur.

Sajan Parayil (49) allegedly committed suicide on Tuesday after Anthoor municipality in Kannur denied him the occupancy certificate, mandatory for starting commercial operations at the convention centre. After completion of the project, Sajan had applied for the certificate on April 12 this year. As per the new pro-investor norms of the government, the certificate should have been issued within 10 days. But the CPM-ruled civic body did not give him the certificate.

Sajan's wife Beena alleged that municipal chairperson P K Shyamala, wife of CPM central committee member M V Govindan, had told her husband that the certificate would not be issued — a charge Shyamala has since denied. Sajan, who himself was a CPM supporter, had earlier approached senior party leader P Jayarajan when the municipal-

ity had tried to stall the project two years ago.

On Thursday, some other entrepreneurs also came out against alleged harassment by the municipality.

The incident is a setback for the CPM-led government, which has taken several steps to woo NRIs to invest in Kerala. The government has amended several Acts and 10 rules to simplify clearance procedures, remove redundant regulations and ensure time-bound approvals for investment. At a recent investors' conclave in Kochi, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had said that the perception that Kerala is not investor-friendly has changed.

On Thursday, announcing the suspension of four municipal officials, including the secretary and the engineer, Local Administration Minister A C Moideen told the media that the officials had unnecessarily delayed occupancy certificate for the project. Stringent action would be taken against them if they are found guilty, he said.

On the allegations levelled by Beena against the municipal chairperson, the minister said she can approach police.

Meanwhile, the Congress and BJP on Thursday slammed the CPM over the incident.

Additional NRC exclusion list to be released on June 26

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A DRAFT list of people, who were included in the final draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) published on July 30 last year but later found ineligible or wrongfully included, will be released on June 26, according to a statement from the NRC state co-ordinator's office.

In last year's draft, 2.89 crore of the 3.29 crore applicants were included, leaving out over 40 lakh people. Those excluded were given a chance to appeal in the 'claims and objections' round. Nearly 36 lakh people filed their 'claims' while 'objections' were received against a little over two lakh people among the 2.89 crore people included in the final draft.

The additional draft list of exclusion will include those among the 2.89 crore who were found ineligible upon re-verification or during the hearings for the 'claims and objections' round. The Supreme Court has set July 31 as the date of publication of the final NRC.

The statement on Thursday explained that the exclusion list will include individuals who were found ineligible upon suo motu verification "due to any reason" by NRC authorities, including being a doubtful voter (D-Voter), declared foreigner, or having a case pending at one of the 100 Foreigner Tribunals (FTs) in the state, or descendants of the above categories.

The list will be available online and at NSKs and DC(SO)/Circle Officer's offices on June 26.

Those who will feature in the June 26 list will be informed individually through letters delivered at their home. "Such persons will have the opportunity to file their claims at the designated NRC Seva Kendras (NSKs) before July 11. Their claims will be disposed thereafter before publication of final NRC on July 31," the statement said.

2 KILLED IN FRESH BENGAL VIOLENCE

'Why were cops targeting the innocent? They could have fired in air'

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
BHATPARA, JUNE 20

SURROUNDED by neighbours who had gathered outside his house braving the heavy downpour, the family of 17-year-old Ram Babu Shaw, who was killed in Thursday's clashes in Bhatpara, accused the police of "targeting innocent people".

"Here we sell *phuchkas* to earn a living. What was my nephew's fault? He was not into politics," said Ram's uncle Munna. "Why did the police open fire here at Kankinara Bazar? Bombs and bullets were

fired in areas dominated by Muslims," he said.

Ram's mother, Rekha Shaw, who is in a state of shock, refused to believe that her son was dead. "My son has not died. He is away somewhere. He will come back tomorrow," she said.

With one of her three sons dead, Rekha now has Rahul (8) and Sandip (20) to look after her. In the slums along Kachari Road, which are dominated by Hindi-speaking people, the atmosphere was equally charged. Forty-year-old Dharamveer Shaw, who lived here, was the second victim of the latest political clash in the area.



Family members of Ram Babu Shaw, Dharamveer Shaw Partha Patel

"If the police had to fire bullets, then they could have fired in the air. Why were they target-



ing innocent people? Our family is not into politics. We want severe punishment for policemen

who have done this," said Dharamveer's elder brother Raj Kumar Shaw.

Dharamveer, who also used to make a living by selling *phuchkas*, is survived by his wife, a 14-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter.

"We will appeal to the administration to take full responsibility of Dharamveer's children," his brother said.

The residents said that the situation in the town has remained tense since May 19 when Bhatpara, which falls under the Barrackpore constituency, voted in the last phase of the Lok Sabha elections. On

the day of polling, there were massive clashes in the area that left one dead. The BJP won the seat for the first time with Arjun Singh defeating the Trinamool Congress candidate.

"The situation has not improved since then. Ever since the Trinamool Congress lost the election, they have been indulging in violence. People from Bhatpara area are coming to Kankinara at regular intervals and creating trouble. Even today, police opened fire at us. We were just starting our day to purchase vegetables to make fillings for *phuchkas* when police opened fire at us. Five others are battling for their life in hos-

pitals," said Keshar Shaw, a newspaper vendor.

Meanwhile, the roads in Bhatpara remained deserted with the imposition of Section 144 of the CrPC. Huge contingents of police and Rapid Action Force were seen patrolling the roads.

The district administration has blocked internet services in Jagdal-Bhatpara area. However, there will be no restriction on voice calls and SMS services. The administration in a notification said the step was taken to "curb spread of rumours on social media and instant messaging services".

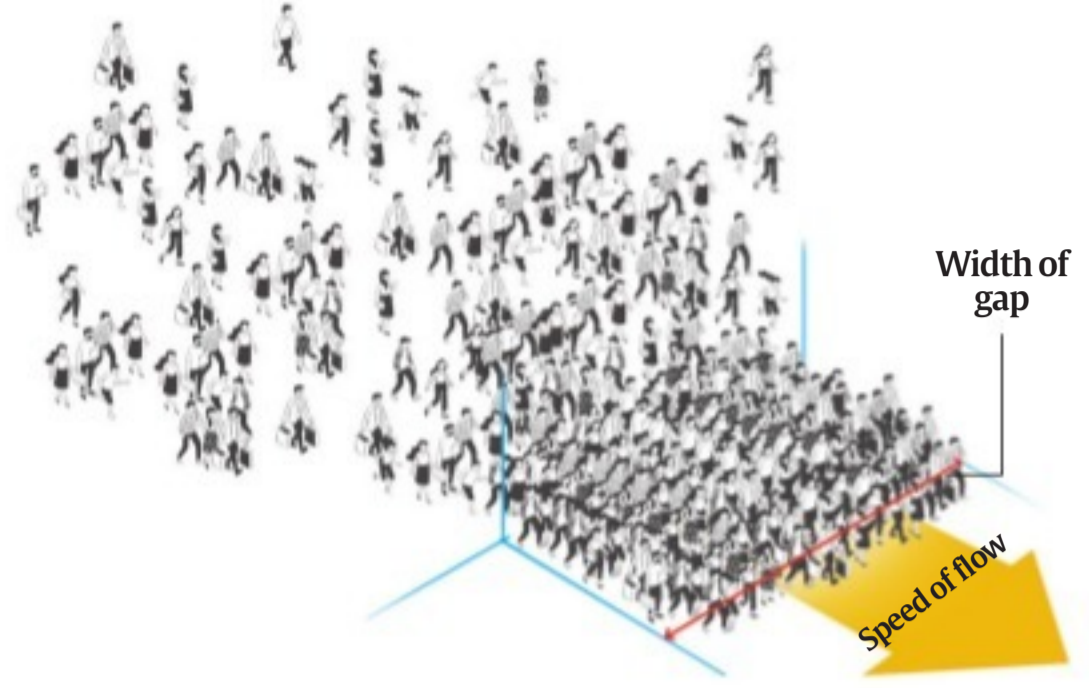


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TELLING NUMBERS

**How many marched in HK?
 The maths of measuring crowds**



In flow method, take a narrow stretch, measure the number of people passing through it in a given time, then multiply by total time for crowd to pass. Adapted from a Reuters graphic

ON June 12 and June 16, huge crowds took to the streets in Hong Kong, protesting against an extradition law. How huge is huge? With estimates ranging between 3.8 lakh and 2 million, a look at various methods that are used, or can be used, for assessing the size of a crowd.

2 million

This is the estimate of the Civil Human Rights Front, which organised the June 16 protest, according to Reuters. The news agency quoted a member of the Front as saying that they simply counted everyone.

What does it take to count 2 million — how many people counting other people, and for how long? In a report on crowd measurement, Reuters made its own estimate. If protesters were counted at the rate of 10 people per second, counting 2 million people would take 552 man-hours of work. This protest lasted less than 8 hours, Reuters noted.

3.80 lakh

The Hong Kong Police Force's estimate. They told Reuters they measured how many people were in the designated protest area during the "peak" — the time when the crowds

were most dense.

Jacobs' method

Named after Herbert Jacobs (1903-87), a professor of journalism at the University of California-Berkeley, this method works best for a rally in one place. Take the average number of people per square metre (or square foot), and multiply by the protest area in square metres (or square feet). Jacobs assumed that a loose crowd has one person every 10 sq ft, and a very dense crowd has one person per 2.5 sq ft. However, the method is not always flawless. In a paper on the subject, Penn State University researchers observed that people do not uniformly distribute over a space, but clump together into groups or clusters.

Flow method

For a protest on the move, measure the number of people passing through a given stretch over a short period, and multiply it by the duration of the event. Ideally the narrowest stretch is chosen.

This method assumes that no one is joining the march after the narrowest point. For this reason, using a location close to the end to measure flow is ideal, Reuters explained in a graphic and write-up on the subject.

TIP FOR READING LIST

THE MASS SUICIDES IN 1945 GERMANY

IN 1945, after the Third Reich fell and Soviet troops started marching into Germany, tens of thousands of Germans committed suicide. These included not just Nazi leaders but also ordinary citizens, sometimes entire families. Some shot themselves, others consumed poison and some, in the town of Demmin that saw an estimated 1,000 suicides, drowned themselves in the rivers. An author and documentary filmmaker looks at the reasons why.



years to despair from the euphoria during the Hitler years to the despair when the Soviets arrived. Some of the suicides were the result of personal guilt, after many Germans had been swept along with the allure of the Hitler regime. Others were driven by fear of the Soviet troops, or shame — a large number of women committed suicide after being raped by Red Army soldiers.

In its review of the book, *The Guardian* acknowledges the skill with which Huber tells these stories. The review is critical, however, of Huber's portrait of an entire nation seduced by Hitler and overwhelmed at the end of the war by "complicity, culpability, guilt". The reviewer calls this "seriously inaccurate — millions of Germans were longing for the end of the ruinous regime of the Nazis by the last months of the war".

Florian Huber's *Promise Me You'll Shoot Yourself: The Downfall of Ordinary Germans* is a best-seller in Germany and has been released in an English-language version. From diaries, letters, and memoirs, as well as eyewitness accounts, Huber examines how ordinary Germans went from national pride during the Hitler

Promise of a new science

IISc researchers have reported superconductivity at room temperature. Their finding, now under review, will be a breakthrough if verified. How does superconductivity work, and why is this claim so significant?

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ABOUT A year ago, two scientists from Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-Bangalore reported an extraordinary finding on a public online scientific forum — they had observed superconductivity at room temperature, in a new composite material made of gold and silver. The claim created huge excitement. Superconductivity is a phenomenon that, so far, has been possible only at extremely low temperatures, in the range of 100°C below zero. The search for a material that exhibits superconductivity at room temperature, or at least manageable low temperatures, has been going on for decades, without success. If the claimed discovery were confirmed, it could be one of the biggest breakthroughs in physics in this century so far.

The claim of Anshu Pandey and his PhD student Dev Kumar Thapa, the two researchers, was met largely with scepticism, criticism, even ridicule. Questions, many of them meaningful, were raised about the authenticity of data produced, the experimental procedures followed, and whether the interpretations they were making from the data were correct.

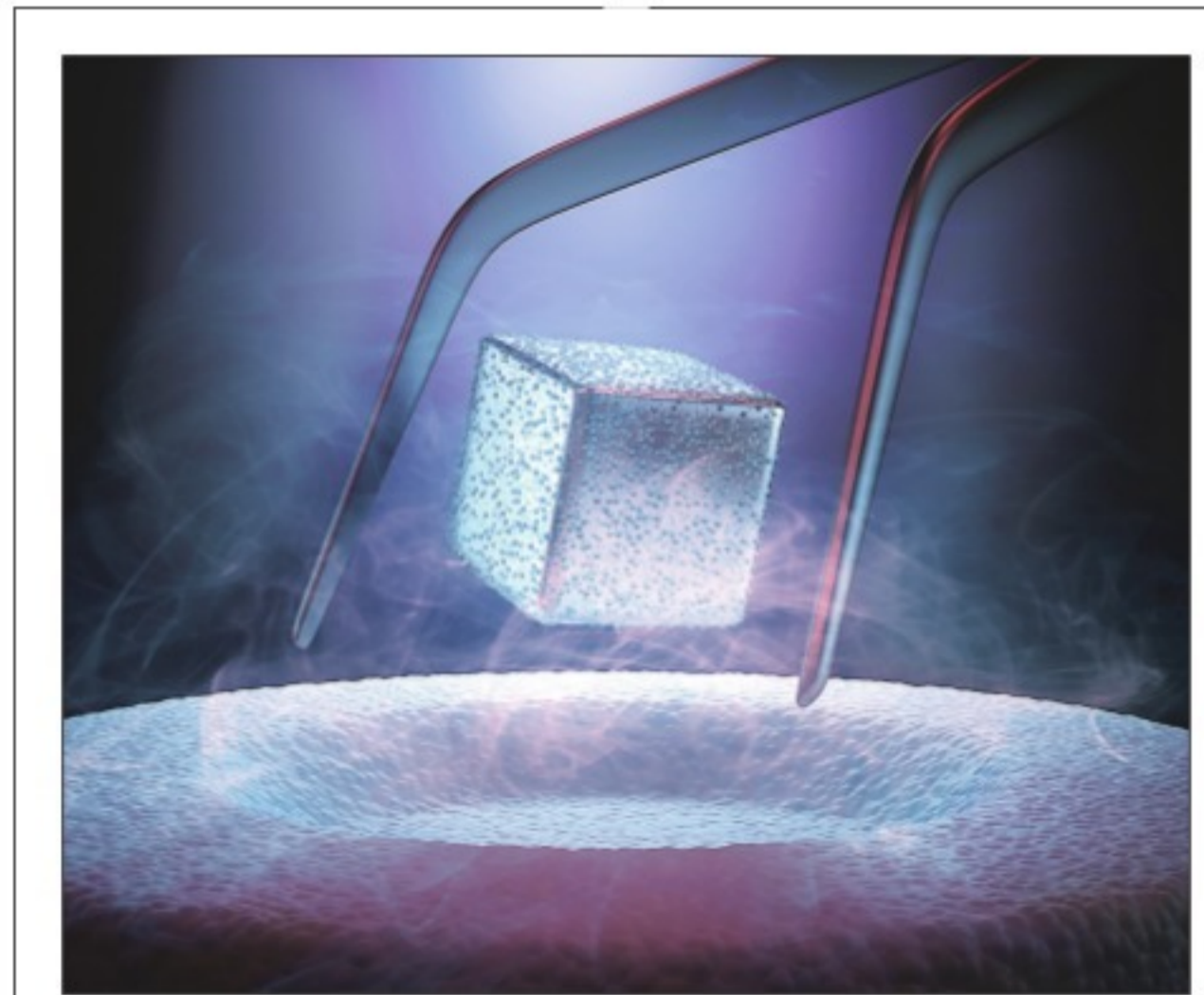
Amid increasing criticism, IISc asked some senior subject specialists to collaborate with the two researchers and reexamine the results. That group, which included the original two researchers, last month reported the results of fresh experiments on new samples of the same material, and reiterated not just the original findings, but much more. The group has also sent a paper for publication in an international journal. Their paper, as of now, is under "technical review".

A look at what they have reported, and why it is so significant:

First, what is superconductivity?

It is a state in which a material shows absolutely zero electrical resistance. While resistance is a property that restricts the flow of electricity, superconductivity allows unhindered flow.

Electricity is essentially the movement of free electrons in a conducting material like copper. While the movement of electrons is in one particular direction, it is random and haphazard. They frequently collide with one another, and with other particles in the material, thus offering resistance to the flow of current. The picture is similar to one of messy traffic in a congested urban area. In the process, a lot of electrical energy is lost as



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1 Superconductivity is a phenomenon that allows electric current to flow through a material without facing electrical resistance. So far, it had been observed only in extreme temperatures.

2 Another identifier of superconductivity is diamagnetism (repelling a magnetic field). The representative photo above shows magnetic levitation in a superconductive material.

heat. Resistance is a measurable quantity, which varies with the material.

In a superconducting state, however, the material offers no resistance at all. All the electrons align themselves in a particular direction, and move without any obstruction in a "coherent" manner. It is akin to vehicles moving in an orderly fashion on a superhighway. Because of zero resistance, superconducting materials can save huge amounts of energy, and be used to make highly efficient electrical appliances.

How rare is this?

The problem is that superconductivity, ever since it was first discovered in 1911, has only been observed at very low temperatures, somewhere close to what is called absolute zero (0°K or -273.15°C). In recent years, scientists have been able to find superconductive materials at temperatures that are higher than absolute zero but, in most cases, these temperatures are still below -100°C and the pressures required are extreme. Creating such extreme conditions

of temperature and pressure is a difficult task. Therefore, the applications of superconducting materials have remained limited as of now.

To what extent do IISc researchers claim to have got around such obstacles?

The IISc scientists have reported that some of their samples of nanoparticles of gold-silver composite material displayed superconductivity at 13°C, and under normal atmospheric pressure. Further, this material had the potential to show superconductivity at even higher temperatures under some special conditions, up to as much as 75°C.

They have provided evidence of these samples displaying two fundamental properties of a superconductor — zero resistance to electrical current, and diamagnetism. The latter is a property opposite to normal magnetism that we are used to. A diamagnetic substance repels an external magnetic field, in sharp contrast to normal magnetism, or ferromagnetism, under which a substance is attracted by an external magnetic field.

"A superconductor shows a range of other complex properties as well, but these two, zero resistance and diamagnetism, are usually taken to be smoking gun proof of superconductivity," said Professor Arindam Ghosh, one of the scientists who joined the original two researchers for a fresh look at last year's reported results.

What is more, the scientists have now reported that these two properties were observed simultaneously, in the same sample of the material. These two properties had been observed last year too, but in different samples. "The claim is much stronger this time," said Ghosh.

How well has the claim been received?

The scientists shared their findings on the same online platform last month, triggering fresh excitement in scientific circles. Scepticism has been subdued this time, they say, and add there is a palpable sense of something big on the horizon. However, by the scientists' own admission, some legitimate questions about the data and the behaviour of the material remain unaddressed.

"Frankly, we have no reasonable explanation for some of the things that have been pointed out by others in our data. And we are sensitive to that. But, possibly it is because we are talking about a completely new material. Also, we are possibly talking about completely new physics which we are still to fully comprehend," said Ghosh.

"I think what we have been able to dispel for sure is doubts over a possible scientific fraud," he said. Similar claims for superconductivity at room temperature have been made in the past, but those experiments could not be reproduced by other scientists. "The fact that we repeated the experiments with new samples of the material and have now reached similar, stronger, conclusions, shows that these results are reproducible. This is of utmost importance because anyone can now verify these results," he said.

On June 6, the group put out more data and information on the experiments in response to queries that were raised.

When will science be sure?

The matter would be settled only when their paper is finally published. As of now, no one knows how long that is going to take. Considering the scale of the finding, it is likely to undergo several layers of peer review.

If confirmed, this would probably be the biggest discovery to come out of an Indian laboratory "since the Raman effect in the 1920s", as Ghosh put it.

What's the deal at centre of K'taka protests?

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A 2006-07 land deal between the then Karnataka government and JSW Steel Ltd has newly sparked a controversy, with the Opposition staging protests and demanding reversal of a recent government decision on the deal. What is it all about?

The land & the lease

The deal dates back to the previous tenure of Chief Minister HD Kuruswamy, then heading a JD(S)-BJP coalition, with BJP leader B S Yeddyurappa as deputy CM. The government signed two lease-cum-sale agreements for grant of a total 3,667 acres to JSW Steel Ltd in Ballari district. The first deal in 2006 was for 2000.58 acres in Toranagal and Karekupa villages, and the second in 2007 for 1,666.73 acres in Toranagal, Moosanayakanahalli and Yarabanahalli villages. The first parcel was on a six-year lease and the second on a 10-year lease, at the end of which these would be converted into sale deeds. The land was granted at Rs 1,22,195 per acre, the same cost at which

the government had acquired it in 2005 for a power project.

The first lease was due to be converted into a sale agreement in 2012. But a decision was put off on account of a 2011 report by the Karnataka Lokayukta on illegal mining naming JSW Steel and other firms. The second lease was due to be converted into sale in 2017, if JSW fulfilled all its lease obligations.

After the Congress came to power in 2013, it set up a cabinet subcommittee headed by minister H K Patil to oversee implementation of the Lokayukta's recommendations. At a Cabinet meeting in 2015, the government postponed a decision after Patil and others argued that no decision should be taken without taking a legal opinion.

What has happened now

On May 27 this year, a Cabinet meeting to convert the lease agreements into absolute sale agreements. It cited the opinion given by the state Advocate General on March 3, 2018, that no legal proceedings were pending against JSW on account of the 2011 Lokayukta report.

A chapter of that Lokayukta report had stated that affiliates of JSW Steel Ltd had paid bribes to the tune of Rs 40 crore to Yeddyurappa during his tenure as CM in 2008-11, allegedly to overlook illegalities in the mining sector. In the AG's opinion, "it is not brought to my notice that any criminal proceedings are pending against the lessee pursuant to the Hon'ble Lokayukta's report, in fact Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No 44071/2011 quashed the said chapter 22 of Hon'ble Lokayukta's report on ground that it was outside the scope of reference made by government of Karnataka".

Why the protests

One question being raised is about the land being given at the lease agreement cost of Rs 1,22,195 per acre. The BJP, which staged a two-day sit-in protest in Bengaluru last week, has pointed out that National Highways Authority of India has acquired land in the same region at Rs 40 lakh per acre.

Another question being raised whether JSW Steel has been actually exonerated from legal proceedings pertaining to the 2011 Lokayukta report. Congress MLA Patil, who

had headed the 2013 cabinet subcommittee, has said that legal proceedings are pending and the state government has not obtained a legal opinion through proper channels. Patil has written to the CM and Industries Minister KJ George calling for reversal of the decision.

Government stand

The government has said it is only honouring an agreement to which the BJP and Yeddyurappa were also a party. "When an absolute sale deed is implemented as per such agreements the sale price is not fixed according to the prevailing market rate. This is the norm," Industries Minister George said. Ballari in-charge Minister D K Shivakumar said: "If you want to encourage industries and create jobs then you have to honour agreements."

Amid the protests, the CM has said the state government is willing to reexamine the decision to sell the land.

In a statement, a JSW spokesperson said: "The said land was leased to JSW Steel for expansion of its steel plant capacity at Vijayanagar and the lease hold land shall become a free hold land as per the terms of original lease on expiry of specific period of lease."

Food delivery by drones: tech still being tested, rules waiting to evolve

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 NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

AMONG the projected uses for drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), a key one is the delivery of items such as food and goods purchased online. Food-tech platform Zomato took a step in that direction earlier this month, when it tested a drone for delivery of food items. Prevalent norms in India, however, prohibit payload carriage on UAVs.

What are the rules that prohibit delivery via drones?

The guidelines were declared by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in August last year after two years of deliberations. Before working on these rules, the DGCA had put a blanket ban on drone operations following a Mumbai-based pizza

chain using one for food delivery in 2014. Besides restricting payload carriage, the rules also prohibit drone operations outside the visual line of sight.

While announcing the rules last year, the government had said these will be evolved with time as and when companies exhibit newer technologies. Last month, the DGCA invited expressions of interest for experiments with UAVs flying beyond the visual line of sight. Zomato has now said it is forming a consortium for such operations.

What technology did Zomato use?

It flew a hybrid drone with fixed wings as well as rotors. Fixed wings allow forward motion like an aeroplane while rotors allow vertical takeoff and landing. Developed by TechEagle Innovations, which was acquired by Zomato last year, the drone covered 5 km in about 10 minutes with a peak speed of 80



Zomato operated a hybrid drone, with fixed wings and rotors. www.zomato.com

km per hour, and carrying a payload of 5kg. Inbuilt sensors and a computer on board allow the drone to sense and avoid static and

dynamic objects, Zomato said. Although fully automated, each drone was currently being tested with remote pilot supervision. Zomato

said that over time, as it collects more data, it might do away with pilot supervision.

Why drones for food delivery?

Saving time is the main objective; a motorcycle delivery from Zomato takes an average 30.5 minutes. "The only possible way to reduce the average 30.5 minutes to 15 minutes is to take the aerial route — roads are not efficient for very fast delivery. We have been working towards building sustainable and safe delivery technology and with our first successful test, food delivery by drones is no longer just a pipe dream. While regulatory hurdles are not trivial, and the government's concerns need to be looked at from various (valid) points of view, the tech is ready to fly and I am confident that drone delivery will be commonplace sooner rather than later," said Deepinder Goyal, founder & CEO, Zomato.

The company noted that with rapid urbanisation, using drones for delivery could help reduce unnecessary traffic on the roads. It proposed that in the first such deliveries, drones will pick up the food package from a restaurant hub (a dispatch station around a cluster of restaurants), drop it at a customer hub (a landing station close to dense residential or office communities) and come back using a mix of appropriate flight modes.

Are other companies working on drone-based delivery technology?

Food platforms and e-commerce companies are said to be the earliest adopters of such technology. Globally, Amazon expects to begin delivery of items using drones in the coming months at some locations. UberEats, the ride-sharing company's food delivery platform, also plans to begin delivery with remotely piloted aircraft.



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In long run, BJP's dependence on PM Modi can hurt the party, contribute to erosion of federalism



CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT AND SHREYYA RAJAGOPAL

POLLARISING

One country-one election needs rigorous debate. Opposition boycott leaves field open to dominant party to control it

THE CONTROVERSIAL ONE country-one election proposal has resurfaced and the real threat is not that it will spark a prolonged and polarising debate — but that it won't. The genuine danger is that an attempt could be made by the party that has returned to power at the Centre, with a mandate larger than before, to push through a proposal of consequence and magnitude without the scrutiny and discussion it calls for. The idea of simultaneous elections has been around for a long time, it has even been taken up in respected forums like the Law Commission, the parliamentary standing committee and the Election Commission. But the fact is that even as it addresses some valid and resonant concerns — that elections have become too costly, and that the busy election calendar interrupts governance and distracts from long-term planning and policy goals — it will have costs that may be too high for a parliamentary democracy with a strong federal framework.

Synchronising Centre-state elections will, in all probability, benefit the dominant national party or the incumbent at the Centre while disadvantaging the smaller regional party and issue. Fixing the tenure of legislatures would also further weaken accountability in a system where the playing field is already tilting towards a strong political executive and in which the space for autonomous institutions is shrinking. In such a system, elections provide a necessary moment of reckoning for the rulers and an important moment of assertion for the ruled. Moreover, it is also possible to argue that the problems of too many elections are better addressed by other solutions, which do not flatten diversity or entail significant amendments to the Constitution and the Representation of People Act. For instance, the Model Code of Conduct, which is seen as too restrictive, could be reviewed and relaxed to impose fewer curbs on the Central government while a state election is ongoing. And, election funding reform could be more seriously designed and implemented to bring down the prohibitive poll costs.

The all-party meeting in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a fresh pitch for one country-one election marked a flawed start to a process of deliberation on this issue in his second term. Wednesday's meeting was attended by only 21 of the 40 parties that were invited — parties like the Congress, TMC, DMK, BSP and SP stayed away. The poor attendance casts a responsibility on the Modi government to reach out across the political fence and ensure that more Opposition voices are heard, and listened to, in the debate. The panel that will be formed to examine the issue and come up with suggestions in a time-bound manner will only carry credibility if it includes members of parties across the political spectrum. The onus is on the Opposition too. It must participate in every meeting and join every forum in order to make its point and influence the outcome. The strategy of boycott only makes it look petulant. More disquietingly, it leaves the floor to the dominant party and its agenda on an issue that affects all.

A BEGINNING

Dissolution of its Karnataka unit could kickstart a wider process of accountability and restructuring within Congress

THE DISSOLUTION OF the Karnataka PCC on Wednesday is the first major step the Congress has initiated after its drubbing in the general election nearly a month ago. The party has been convulsed by Rahul Gandhi's decision to take responsibility for the defeat and quit his post. Hopefully, Karnataka marks a beginning for the Congress leadership towards reorganising itself and facing up to the challenge posed by the BJP. The Congress continues to be the largest Opposition party in the country and its conduct will have a bearing on political institutions and the democratic process itself.

While the KPCC restructuring may shed light on the Congress strategy to rebuild, the party's decline is the result of a process that dates back to the late 1960s. Who or what could hold the Congress together is a question that became prominent in 1969, when the old guard in the party rejected the leadership of Indira Gandhi leading to a split in the organisation. Mrs Gandhi won the battle and tried to steer the Congress to the left. However, the process resulted in the party promoting, and organising itself around, her cult. Post Emergency, the Congress again debated the ideology/leadership question only to regroup again behind Mrs Gandhi. Since the 1980s, the party has turned to the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty each time it faced an existential crisis. The non-dynasts who helmed the party in the 1990s — Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesri — could neither rebuild the organisation nor retrieve lost ground. Sonia Gandhi, the undisputed party chief for nearly two decades since the late 1990s, was successful in keeping the party reasonably intact. However, there was no serious attempt to hold organisational polls or restate or rework party ideology. Sonia's managerial instincts helped the party lead two coalition governments, but even she outsourced the task of providing ideological direction of the UPA to a non-party, non-elected National Advisory Council.

Now Rahul Gandhi's attempt to explain his resignation as party chief within the framework of accountability has threatened to disrupt the leadership model the Congress has subscribed to for many years. Karnataka, a state where the Congress is in office, offers an opportunity to institutionalise inner-party democracy and introduce fresh blood in the organisation.

BOHEMIAN ELITE

Boris Johnson's untidy car has sparked a debate in Britain: Is being messy endearing or entitled?

IF CLEANLINESS IS next to godliness, then Boris Johnson, the man vying to be Britain's next prime minister, is indeed an impious man. To begin with, the former journalist and British Foreign Secretary has already made scruffy — from his mop of white-blond hair to the baggy suits — something of a style statement. This week, Britons are locked in a debate about the state of Johnson's car and what it says about the man who could very well lead the United Kingdom's exit from Europe.

Photographs of the inside of Johnson's car — a modest Toyota — reveal old gym bags, used food cartons, discarded books, crumbs and an assortment of what looks like waste paper. The books say much about the Conservative Party leader, often described as a British Donald Trump — one is a book written by a Thatcherite, the other a French edition of *The Blue Lotus*, a captivating Tin Tin story. But the larger question from the messy Toyota is this: Does being slovenly make Boris Johnson a man of the people or just, as one British "cleanliness expert" put it, an entitled "toff"?

Perhaps the reason that Johnson doesn't care about the state of his car isn't bohemian disdain for what people think, but rather, not caring at all, because a life of privilege (Johnson was born into an upper middle-class family and can trace his descent from a British monarch) has made sure he doesn't have to. After all, what is a matter of shame for ordinary people is mere eccentricity for those at the top. At any rate, the PM hopeful could have avoided the debate by emulating Indian politicians and government servants. Here, the issue of the cleanliness of a powerful person's car is very unlikely to come up — there is an army of drivers, helpers and ADCs to make sure it is always spotless.

THE JUST-CONCLUDED LOK Sabha elections were won by Narendra Modi, not the BJP. This is evident from the exit poll conducted by Lokniti-CSDS, which shows that one-third of the BJP voters would have chosen a different party had Modi not been the PM candidate. This state of affairs — typical of the populist scenario spreading across the world — has major implications for the country's institutions. It is resulting, for instance, in a presidentialisation of sorts of the political system at the expense of parliamentarianism.

For the BJP, it means that the party depends on one person more than ever before, like the Congress used to depend on Indira Gandhi in the 1970s-80s. Not only are most of the BJP candidates selected by Modi and Amit Shah, but they depend upon the duo after becoming MPs.

This transformation of a party which took pride in its collegial and democratic decision-making process is probably more damaging at the state-level, where the BJP faces a greater challenge from its opponents. The party has not won any significant state election in a year: In 2018, it could not win in Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana; in 2019, so far, it has not managed to win in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. It's true that in half of these states, the BJP was affected by the anti-incumbency factor but then, it could also not benefit from anti-incumbency in the other states.

Voters have become sophisticated: On the same polling day, they gave 38.4 per cent votes to the BJP's Lok Sabha candidates but the party's candidates to the Odisha assembly received only 32.5 per cent votes. This made it possible for Naveen Patnaik to get a fifth term. The Karnataka results are even more remarkable. The BJP swept the general elections, winning 25 out of 28 the Lok Sabha seats with 51.5 per cent of the valid votes. But the Congress won comfortably in most of the municipal corporations in cities where the BJP's Lok Sabha candidates had registered remarkable victories. The Congress won 90 out of the 217 seats in the

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municipal councils of seven cities while the BJP managed only 56. The Congress won 322 out of the 714 seats in the 30 town municipal councils, while the BJP could get only 184. The BJP did better in the town panchayat elections, but out of a total of 1,361 declared seats in urban and rural localities, the Congress and JD(S) managed to win 562 and 202 respectively (56.1 per cent of the total seats in all) while the BJP secured 29 per cent of the seats only — 406.

All this shows that the Opposition may not win against Modi at the Centre, but it may do so against the BJP at the local and state levels — so, that is where it needs to close ranks. The forthcoming assembly elections in Maharashtra are a case in point. In Solapur, for example, the combined vote share of the Congress (33.78 per cent) and the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi or the VBA (15.58 per cent) shows that a united Opposition could have challenged the BJP (48 per cent) in the Lok Sabha elections. The same holds true for Gadchiroli-Chimur and Nanded. The combined votes of the INC/NCP alliance and the VBA would have given the BJP very close competition in Yavatmal-Washim and Madha (with CPM support).

For the BJP, the fact that Modi is more popular than the party means that he will have to canvass for state assembly candidates as he did during his first term. This may be problematic for three reasons. First, this is time consuming given the number of elections India holds every year — hence the idea of holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies is staging a comeback. Second, even then, a favourable result is not guaranteed. In 2017, for example, the BJP won Gujarat with only eight seats more than the majority, in spite of Modi spending many days in the state. Third, and more importantly, the more BJP relies upon its supremo to win state elections, the less it can preserve or even rebuild its state party apparatus behind a regional leader. This spiral of centralisation is transforming the BJP into a one man show, in much the same way it had precipitated the de-institutionalisation of the Congress un-

der Indira Gandhi.

This trend will further erode federalism, a pillar of India's democracy that has been under attack over the last five years. The centrally-sponsored schemes (CSS) that Narendra Modi used to criticise when he was the Gujarat chief minister have gained momentum under his prime ministership. This trend will continue. For, according to the Lokniti-CSDS survey, the fact that the Swachh Bharat Mission and Ujjwala Yojna are associated with Modi contributed somewhat to his electoral success. The terms of reference of the Finance Commission mention that one of the criteria for the distribution of funds to the states will now be their "achievements in the implementation of flagship schemes of government of India".

If centralisation of social programmes and personalisation of power go together, states may lose even more autonomy. Already, the GST is monitored by a council where the states have only two-thirds of the voting rights. The Centre, which owns the remaining rights, has presented this reform as a sign of its commitment to federalism. But many states have expressed reservations because a decision in the GST Council requires 75 per cent votes — in effect, this gives a veto power to the Centre, which can prevail by getting the support of only 19 states. Here, it must be also noted that these states could even be the small ones because in the GST Council each state has the same number of voting rights, irrespective of its population.

It seems that, in several ways, the old slogan, "India is Indira and Indira is India," is acquiring a new meaning, with similar implications for the prime minister's party — and the country itself.

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GANDHI AT VENICE

The interpretation of his ideas at the Biennale is relevant to our times

EVER SINCE MAHATMA Gandhi fired the imagination of the world as the protagonist of non-violence, memorials to him have sprung up everywhere. From San Francisco to Yogyakarta in Indonesia, the image of Gandhi is interpreted to avail of his invaluable message for the present times. It is only appropriate, therefore, that as the world congregated at the 58th Venice Biennale this year, the India Pavilion on Gandhi was abuzz with contemporary artists' versions of the Mahatma.

In the exhibition "Our Time for a Future Caring", organised under the aegis of the ministry of culture, we have interpretations of Gandhi's immortal message of truth and non-violence by eminent Indian artists. It is important to remember at this juncture that Gandhi considered himself an artist of non-violence — "I am not a seer, rishi or a philosopher of non-violence: I am only an artist of non-violence in the realm of resistance".

To mark the occasion of Gandhi's arrest for protesting the British tax on salt, Nandalal Bose, for instance, had created a black and white linocut print of a scantily-clad Gandhi walking with a staff which became an iconic image for non-violence. In reinstating the might of the ordinary person, Gandhi could not have been depicted with greater simplicity or strength. The Mahatma — with just his dhoti, shawl, cap

and staff — graced the hallowed sanctuaries of the Raj. Clothed in this costume, he strode past the liveried guards into the Viceroy's House in 1931. He arrived at Buckingham Palace for tea with King George V and Queen Mary wearing a tattered shawl, too.

Gandhi is invoked in a masterly manner by the artist M F Husain, for instance, who painted him striding forward and without any facial features. Gandhi became for him symbolic of the common man and his ability to survive despite the extreme odds faced in everyday life. Husain's Gandhi brings to mind the artful manner in which the leader had knitted together his countrymen into a mass movement.

There is a little known fact that, just weeks before the beginning of World War II, Gandhi was to write to Adolf Hitler in July 1939 — making a fervent appeal for peace anticipating the horrifying bloodshed of the war. The petition from one of the greatest proponents of non-violence to one of the most violent historical figures of the world is created as a fog screen by the artist Jitish Kallat and extends its message onto the adjoining floor. In creating an immersive experience which the viewer can walk through, inhabiting and dissipating the unrolling text, the open letter from the past carries its

message into the turbulent present.

Atul Dodiya's Broken Branches, are wooden cabinets which he had witnessed in Gandhi's ashram in Porbandar where his personal belongings were kept. Dismayed and anguished by the Godhra riots in Gujarat in 2002, these distilled into his work where the cabinets showcase replicas of human bones, prosthetic limbs, hand-painted photographs, spades and hammers, construction tools and other debris of divisive hate. Shakuntala Kulkarni's armour of cane are an evocative barricade for women to protect themselves, but they are also a cage. Rummana Hussain's broken vessels with a vivid flow of colour resound with pain and resurgence. Ashim Purkayastha's stone heaps are a vivid reminder of violence but also a shelter against destructive forces opening the message of Gandhi for contemporary times.

The alchemic transformations of Gandhi's beliefs into objects of hope and despair in today's India make for an impactful translation. Even as some in the country mouth laudatory words for Gandhi's killer, Nathuram Godse, in Venice the world watches bewitched, the messages of non-violence from the famed artist of peace.

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JUNE 21, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

UNREST IN ASSAM

WHILE MIZORAM PASSED A tense but trouble-free day today, Assam rushed reinforcements of paramilitary forces to the border outposts in the Hailakandi sub-division of Cachar district on receipt of reports that gangs of the outlawed Mizo National Front (MNF) were seen moving about in the border areas. The armed forces have been alerted by the Assam government to move in to assist the civil administration in meeting any eventuality along its 96-kilometre border with Mizoram. The situation in Silchar was reported quiet and curfew was lifted during the day. The authorities at Aizawl, capital of Mizoram, did not lift the curfew today as ten-

sion continued in some pockets. Curfew was lifted at Lunglei, in southern Mizoram and was relaxed at Saitual till 6 pm. The authorities said that only night curfew would be in force at Saitual.

RUSSIA-CHINA TENSIONS

A SOVIET NAVAL amphibious task force, headed by the 45,000-tonne aircraft-carrier "Minsk", is gathering in the South China sea this weekend in a nerve-rattling show of Russian support of its Vietnam ally. The presence of the "Minsk", Russia's most modern warship, in the sensitive sea bordering China, comes just before the opening of a second round of peace talks between Peking and

Hanoi. A delegation headed by a lesser-known Vietnamese Vice-Foreign Minister, Dinh Nho Lien, is scheduled to arrive in Peking on Monday.

WORLD CUP FINAL

WEST INDIES AND England qualified to meet in the World Cup final at Lord's on Saturday. Both semi-finals ended in exciting victories. West Indies beat Pakistan by 43 runs at the Oval while England defeated New Zealand by nine runs at Manchester. Scores: West Indies made 293 in 60 overs and defeated Pakistan who made 250 in 56.2 overs. On the other hand, England scored 221 for eight in 60 overs to beat New Zealand's 212 for nine in 60 overs.

15 THE IDEAS PAGE

Let's strike a balance

Around the world, the benefits of yoga for physical and mental health as well as sustainability are being recognised



M VENKAIAH NAIDU

AS OVER 170 COUNTRIES around the world celebrate the fifth International Yoga Day on June 21, it is a good moment to reflect on this treasure of ancient India and a unique part of the world's intangible heritage.

Practised in various forms around the world and continuing to grow in popularity, yoga is essentially an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India possibly around the 5th century BC. It is, of course, an effective workout. But it is much more than that. It is a comprehensive approach to achieve wellness. It recognises the vital connection between the body and the mind. It aims for balance and equanimity, peace, poise and grace. It is a sublime expression of the quest for excellence, for synthesis and harmony. It is an eloquent epitome of the Indian worldview.

The word yoga comes from Sanskrit and means "to join" or "unite". The science of yoga joins different facets of human existence. The Indian seers have unequivocally emphasised physical fitness as the first and the crucial first step towards human progress. "Shareeramadyam khalu dharma saadhanam" (a healthy body is the prerequisite for achieving higher goals). Recognising that "yoga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being" and also that wider dissemination of information about the benefits of practising yoga would be beneficial for the health of people all over the world, the UN proclaimed June 21 as the International Day of Yoga via Resolution 69/131.

We are living in times of great challenges, of unprecedented change in unpredictable directions. The way we live, learn, work and enjoy is changing rapidly. Lifestyles are getting transformed through technology. We are making significant progress in our relentless quest for economic growth and prosperity, in enhancing convenience and comfort, in enriching our knowledge and skills, in enlarging our choices for entertainment and education. However, as the global community started drafting its development agenda in 2015, it realised that we have been missing a big component of "development". There was a need for balance. There was a need for caring for the poor. There was a need for caring for the planet. There was a need to look for gross national happiness in addition to gross national product. There was a need to avoid excesses, avoid reckless exploitation of nature, avoid excessive consumption. Our individual lifestyles and patterns of global governance needed to be rebooted. Sustainability has become the new mantra. "Balance" is at the heart of sustainability. And that "balance" in all spheres starting with physical well-being is what yoga is all about.

The Bhagavad Gita makes two important statements: "yoga-sthah kuru karmaani" (Do your duty with a yoga approach) and "samatvam yoga uchyate" (balance is the essence of yoga). Yoga is an approach to life that focuses on physical balance, mental equilibrium and working towards a harmonious synthesis of diverse elements including the protection of the environment. Quite appropriately, the theme of the 2019 International Yoga Day is "Climate Action".

Yoga's benefits are slowly being realised the world over. As the world makes the epidemiological transition and the contribution of most of the major non-communicable disease groups to the total disease burden is increasing, it is important that individuals make healthier choices and follow lifestyle



CR Sasikumar

patterns that foster good health.

As Harvard Medical School experts have recognised, yoga, a combination of four components — postures, breathing practices, deep relaxation, and meditation — has a significantly positive impact on health. It can alleviate arthritis pain, reduce the risk of heart disease, relieve migraines and fight osteoporosis, multiple sclerosis or fibromyalgia. A study showed how yoga increased blood vessel flexibility by 69 per cent and even helped shrink arterial blockages without medication.

Since yoga works across multiple systems in our body, Harvard researchers have documented that it helps to rev up immunity and decrease the need for diabetes medications by as much as 40 per cent. Yoga, according to these researchers, does so much for one's health and well-being that people who do yoga use 43 per cent fewer medical services and save anywhere from \$640 to more than \$25,000 a year!

It is truly a matter of quiet satisfaction that India is contributing to the health and well-being of millions of people across the globe. Leading from the front, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been spearheading this massive knowledge-sharing exercise. The fact that the UN resolution moved by the Modi government was co-sponsored by a record 177 countries bears testimony to yoga's universal appeal and India's readiness to support the cause of global health.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has visited China four times since last year. Xi's return visit makes bilateral ties robust at the highest levels." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Man on a mission

Like a great batsman, Narendra Modi has begun his second innings on the front foot



GAUTAM GAMBHIR

CRICKET AND PRIME Minister Narendra Modi are the flavours of the season. There is a cricketing analogy that applies to PM Modi. The difference between a good batsman and a truly great batsman is not just about averages but is also about certain aspects on the field. A good batsman gets to a century, but at times, throws it away with a tired or loose shot. A truly great batsman, however, sees the hundred as just another milestone. He goes on to score runs at an even greater pace and makes a decisive impact on the result of the game. This is what one is reminded of, seeing Modi 2.0 in action.

The prime minister's supporters are still under the spell of the work done in Modi 1.0 and the thumping electoral mandate. His opponents are still trying to digest the massive jolt to their political future. Political pundits are still trying to come to terms with the shattering of their conventional wisdom. But Modi has already moved to a higher gear. In just a little more than 20 days, he has taken important strides, not just within the country but also outside.

There were some big ticket promises made in the BJP manifesto. Barely a couple of weeks after the swearing-in, the Modi government has already delivered upon them. After the first Cabinet meeting of the new government, Modi announced the extension of the PM-Kisan scheme to all farmers, as promised. Also fulfilled was the important promise of providing a pension scheme for farmers and small shopkeepers, providing a safety net for the future. These moves benefit a whopping 14 crore plus farmers and over 3 crore small shopkeepers.

Water management and access to safe drinking water has become part of the public discourse, mainly thanks to Modi's continuous focus on it. Significant steps like the formation of the Jal Shakti ministry show a renewed focus on the most important issue regarding the nation's future. Modi also spoke about water management in detail at the Niti Aayog's governing council meet. States also exchanged the best practices in water management at the meeting.

The prime minister has already set his sights on making India a \$5 trillion economy and has urged states to start having GDP targets right from the district level. This is important, especially in the context of raising living conditions in "aspirational districts", another important focus area for Modi.

One of the phrases that wasn't a big part of the pre-Modi political culture of India is "ease of doing business". The Modi government has brought down the salary contribution of industrial workers who are eligible for healthcare benefits under the employees' state insurance act (ESI). This incentivises organisations to report em-

ployment numbers correctly and give workers their due benefits. Both employers and employees benefit.

Earlier, corruption used to be an accepted reality in most government departments, especially at the top. Even Modi's detractors accept Delhi's power corridors are now free of touts and wheeler-dealers. If some thought that Modi would take a break in his fight against corruption, then he just proved them all wrong. In a typically surprising but daring "surgical strike", Modi "compulsorily retired" over two dozen senior officers of the income tax department. A Chinese proverb says "kill the chicken to scare the monkey". It would be a mistake to see this as an action against just some errand officers. It was a show of intent to the entrenched bureaucracy that their shenanigans would not be endured any more. It seems to be a precursor to greater reforms in the bureaucracy, something that only Modi is seen as willing to carry out. Remember, it was he who introduced lateral entry into the top rungs of the administration.

Modi 1.0 disrupted the cosy status quo on Kashmir in many ways. Modi 2.0 has already gone one step further. An important clean-up has been initiated within the Jammu and Kashmir Bank. Those in the know have long alleged that the opaque functioning of this bank had made it a den of funding and transactions for all sorts of unsavoury elements that try to keep the Kashmir Valley on the boil. Modi's action against the bank, enforcing transparency and accountability, has created a new normal in the political dynamics of the state.

On the foreign policy front, the prime minister has already blazed a trail. He left an impact on the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit just a few days ago, in which he spoke out against terrorism and built a global consensus around it. Before that, he became the first world leader to travel to Sri Lanka after the horrific Easter terror attacks that left hundreds dead and the world shocked. This was the gesture of a friend who knew the pain of losing people to terrorism.

PM Modi has also managed to convincingly flex India's muscles in the neighbourhood. His visit to Maldives, the grand welcome he got there and the visible camaraderie showed that Modi was undoing the policy blunders that UPA's apathy had caused. Not only did Maldives honour Modi with their highest award but according to media reports, they are also on the verge of scrapping a maritime deal with China, tilting the balance of the region in favour of India — a major foreign policy victory.

When he was newly elected in 2014, the flurry of activity that Modi unleashed made it seem like it was just the newcomer's burst of energy. However, he maintained that energy throughout his first term and surprised everyone. Now, it is clear that Modi is a man on a mission, a man in a hurry to take India to new heights. Just the first 20 days of Modi 2.0 are enough to say that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMPUS MONITORS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Campus control' (IE, June 20). The strictures in the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Ordinance which aims to govern 27 universities should not surprise those familiar with the BJP's version of patriotism and nationalism. It is also sync with the BJP leadership's proclivity to court controversy. For example, the party's leadership is now busy with the "one nation one election" proposal. It must stop the UP CM from monitoring institutes.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

KEEP TRADING

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Skirt trade wars' (IE, June 20). The ongoing trade war between the US and China presents a good opportunity to India to boost exports. But the country's poor infrastructure, archaic labour laws and cumbersome official procedures deter companies from investing in India. The US is India's largest trading partner. The trade deficit is also in favour of India and the US has constantly flagged the unequal access to markets in India. China is India's second-largest trade partner. Procedures such as strengthening and improving the supply-chain network, introducing new labour laws, offering tax concessions, simplifying the GST regime, initiating track-II dialogues with the various trade bodies in both the US and China could help the country to manage the tightrope walk between the two economic superpowers.

Pranay Kumar Shome, Kolkata

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NEUTRALITY MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Voice of inclusion' (IE, June 19). The privileges given to Parliament's presiding officers are meant to enable their neutrality. The Speaker is exempted from disqualification under the defection law by provisions of the Tenth Schedule of Constitution. The concept of "one nation, one election" can strengthen the speaker's neutrality.

Arshpreet S Eknoor, Fazilka

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MODI 2.0

THE MUNSIF ON May 31 writes: "In 2014, there were seven countries invited with thousands of people (for the PM's swearing-in). This time, by doing it more austere, he (PM Modi) could have sent a signal of frugality and simplicity, but that opportunity was not taken." The paper goes on to say that it is "interesting" that Modi chose to go to Rajghat for his ceremony, as there are "MPs who are Godse-worshippers in the House now." It laments the "embarrassment and agony for any respectable citizen that those idolising Godse have entered Parliament".

Etemaad, the party paper of the AIMIM, recollects the deeds of the first Modi 1.0 in an article on May 31. It writes about note-bandi, "which destroyed so many small and medium-scale businesses". It contends that the government's reasoning about terrorists counterfeiting notes has "fallen flat" after "Pulwama". It says: "The NDA had made so many promises of achhe din, but a lot of people are witness to whose achhe din has actually arrived."

The paper refers to the strikes on Pakistan and talks of a "strange emotional environment" being created, which led to victory for the BJP. It ends by arguing, "governments must not discriminate, the PM did say that

minorities will not be discriminated, but despite his saying that, the attacks continued and already concerned and fearful minorities have become further demoralised". The editorial concludes by saying that "India is an example of unity in diversity, and by keeping any one section backward, the full flowering of India is not possible... Sabka Vishwas has been added to the BJP's slogan. But how meaningful will it be?"

POLITY AND POLITICS

"RAJNATH KA SIYAASI qad," (the political stature of Rajnath Singh) is a matter of interesting analysis in *Roznama Rashtriya Sahara* on June 10. There has been much talk of Amit Shah being the de-facto number two in the Cabinet and speculation over Rajnath's place. The paper speaks of him as being similar to Atal Bihari Vajpayee in several ways: "Never making inflammatory remarks on his own, unless his party explicitly demands that." The editorial terms him quiet, yet powerful, and says that the fact that Singh is now a member of six cabinet committees is testament to his stature. It praises him for his remarks as home minister, in which he described those who count the faithfulness of Muslims are traitors. The editorial concludes, enigmatically, by not-

ing that as Singh has the backing of the RSS and is quiet, we cannot say his "political stature has diminished".

Bihar's political turmoil has got the attention of *Mumbai Urdu News* on June 4. The paper says that; "it is amazing that just after a day of the swearing-in, politics has heated up and it is the NDA which is responsible for this. In the elections, the BJP has secured a brilliant victory and so the JD(U) should have known better than to expect anything from them," the paper argues. But it notes, the master of the politics of pressure, Nitish Kumar, thought he would be able to persuade the BJP. The paper speaks of how the JD(U) expected two berths in the cabinet but got just one — and so the party refused to be part of the Modi government. It also talks of Nitish's response — expanding his own cabinet and giving no seats to the BJP. The paper mentions that many RJD leaders were present at this function.

Munsif on June 7 says that while victory has many takers, "there is no shoulder willing to bear the burden of defeat". It talks of the split in the BSP-SP alliance in dramatic tones: "The mehndi had barely come off after the wedding when it was time to talk of divorce." The paper calls Mayawati out for blaming the SP for the lack of transfer of votes. It also notes that the SP has been

more circumspect in this experiment — it has termed the coalition a "failed experiment". The paper believes that split will help the BJP. It even goes to the extent of speculating that perhaps "in the forthcoming assembly bypolls, the BJP may try and ensure that the BSP has it good, so it continues in its *khushfahmi* (misplaced optimism) and "snaps the alliance for good".

NEW EDUCATION POLICY

SIASAT ON JUNE 8 speaks of the New Education Policy and emphasises how it is necessary for private institutions to be regulated. "Private institutions must not be allowed to turn into institutions of profiteering" it says.

Avadhama on June 5 recalls how 50 years ago attempts to impose Hindi were rebuffed by the South Indian states. It links the language policy to the larger principles of unity within diversity and speaks of India as a "bouquet of many flowers, with each flower having a distinct fragrance". It says India must no longer be content with being a developing country but aspire to becoming a developed one. That is only possible through unity and respecting differences.

Compiled by Seema Chishti



MEANWHILE
1st 'SONG' RECORDED FROM RARE WHALE
 For the first time, scientists have recorded singing by one of the rarest whales on Earth, and it just might be looking for a date. The crooning comes from a possibly leworn North Pacific right whale and its song was documented by researchers in the Bering Sea off Alaska's coast, and announced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

TOPOF THE WORLD



MALAYSIA
Mahathir: Russia made scapegoat over Malaysia Airlines flight

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Thursday Russia is being made a scapegoat for the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 and questioned the objectivity of the investigations into the 2014 disaster. The international investigative team set up to probe the crash said on Wednesday three Russians and one Ukrainian will face murder charges for the deaths of 298 people aboard the flight that was shot down over eastern Ukraine. "We are very unhappy, because from the very beginning it was a political issue on how to accuse Russia of the wrongdoing," Mahathir told reporters at a government event.

Tehran says shot down US drone over Iranian airspace, escalating tensions

Washington claims surveillance drone did not enter Iran; Trump says Tehran made a very big mistake

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 TEHRAN, JUNE 20

IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY Guard shot down a US surveillance drone Thursday in the Strait of Hormuz, marking the first time the Islamic Republic directly attacked the American military amid tensions over Tehran's unraveling nuclear deal with world powers. The two countries disputed the circumstances leading up to an Iranian surface-to-air missile bringing down the US Navy RQ-4A Global Hawk, an unmanned aircraft with a wingspan larger than a Boeing 737 jetliner and costing over \$100 million. Iran said the drone "violated" its territorial airspace, while the US called the missile fire "an unprovoked attack" in international airspace over the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf and President Donald Trump tweeted that "Iran made a very big mistake!" Trump later appeared to play down the incident, telling reporters in the Oval Office that he had a feeling that "a general or



An RQ-4 Global Hawk drone, the same kind that was shot down by Iran on Thursday. AP

somebody" being "loose and stupid" made a mistake in shooting down the drone. The incident immediately heightened the crisis already gripping the wider region, which is rooted in Trump withdrawing the US a year ago from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal and imposing crippling new sanctions on Tehran. Recently, Iran quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium to be on pace to break one of the deal's



terms by next week while threatening to raise enrichment closer to weapons-grade levels on July 7 if Europe doesn't offer it a new deal.

EXPLAINED
By downing drone, Tehran displays advanced capability

SOME OFFICIALS in the US Department of Defence expressed shock that Iran was able to shoot down the sophisticated American RQ-4A drone, which was designed to fly at 40,000 feet in order to avoid surface-to-air missiles, according to a *New York Times* report. By shooting down such a drone using their air defence system — known as Third of Khordad — Iran showed that it had the capability to defend itself, despite American military superiority. The commander of the Revolutionary Guard, which shot the drone down, also said the act was "a clear message to America".

“We do not have any intention for war with any country, but we are fully ready for war.”

— GENERAL HOSSEIN SALAMI
 REVOLUTIONARY GUARD COMMANDER

side the tens of thousands already there. All this has raised fears that a miscalculation or further rise in tensions could push the US and Iran into an open conflict 40 years after Tehran's Islamic Revolution. "We do not have any intention for war with any country, but we are fully ready for war," Revolutionary Guard commander Gen. Hossein Salami said in a televised address. AP

Sri Lanka to charge police for lapses over Easter attacks

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 COLOMBO, JUNE 20

SRI LANKAN authorities Thursday ordered the first criminal charges against security personnel for "lapses" before the Easter Sunday suicide bombings that killed 258 people. Nine police officers will face "criminal investigations" for failing to act on warnings ahead of the April 21 bombings on three churches and three hotels carried out by Islamic State-backed jihadists. In a notice ordering the probe, Attorney General Dappula de Livera said an inquiry commission appointed by President Maithripala Sirisena had found the officers liable for criminal negligence. All nine were senior officers in the districts where the attacks were carried out. Authorities have admitted that warnings sent by India of an impending attack by a local group, the National Thowheeth Jamaath (NTJ) were ignored. Forty-five foreign nationals were among the dead and 500 people were injured in the attacks. The tourist hotspot has been under a state of emergency since. Sri Lanka's State Intelligence Service has been criticised for failing to act on the Indian warnings. Sirisena, who is also defence minister and law and order minister, has also faced allegations that he could have prevented the attacks. The President has objected to a parliamentary investigation into the attacks and ordered police not to cooperate. But the hearings have gone ahead and police have testified before legislators. Earlier this month, Sirisena sacked national intelligence chief Sisira Mendis after he testified that the attacks could have been prevented.



North Koreans welcome a plane with Xi Jinping onboard in Pyongyang on Thursday. AP

N Korea's Kim meets China's Xi, says awaiting US actions

KEN MORITSUGU
 BEIJING, JUNE 20

NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Jong Un, meeting with visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping, said Thursday that his country is waiting for a desired response in stalled nuclear talks with the United States. "North Korea would like to remain patient, but it hopes the relevant party will meet halfway with North Korea to explore resolution plans that accommodate each other's reasonable concerns," he said, according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV. Xi's two-day trip to North



Kim had earlier met Xi in Beijing last year. AP

Korea, the first by a Chinese president in 14 years, raises the possibility that China could help break a monthslong impasse in talks between the US and North Korea over the North's nuclear weapons. Describing the issue as

"highly complex and sensitive," Xi said his government is willing to play a constructive role in the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. "The international community expects the US and North Korea to continue to talk and achieve results," he said, according to CCTV. The summit comes as both Xi and Kim are locked in separate disputes with the US — Xi over trade and Kim over his nuclear weapons. With the Chinese leader due to meet President Donald Trump next week in Japan, analysts say Kim may ask Xi to pass on a message that could revive the talks with the US. AP

Dubai: Indian man, wife charged over torturing, starving mother to death

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
 DUBAI, JUNE 20

AN INDIAN couple has been charged at a Dubai court with physically assaulting the man's elderly mother, causing her fractures in her ribs and internal bleeding, as well as starving her to death, according to a report. According to *Gulf News*, the 29-year-old man and his 28-year-old wife, whose identity have not been revealed, tortured the woman repeatedly, the Court of First Instance heard. The torture is believed to have lasted from July 2018 till October 2018. A forensic doctor said that the woman weighed just 29 kg at the time of her death, the report said. "She was tortured repeatedly over a short span of time. Burns covered 10 per cent of her body. The bone and rib fractures, internal bleeding, beating with different tools, burns, negligence and starvation have all led to the deterioration of her health condition," the doctor said. According to a hospital certificate, the woman died on October 31, 2018. The couple has been detained but they denied the charge. A case was registered at Al Qusais police station, the report said.

SOUTH KOREA
100,000 people call for judge to be sacked

Seoul: More than 100,000 South Koreans are demanding the dismissal of a judge who reduced the prison sentence of a child rapist to three years. Lee, identified only by his surname, was jailed in November for eight years for raping a 10-year-old child after making her drink an alcoholic beverage at his house in 2018. The 35-year-old claimed the sex was "consensual" and that he believed the victim was much older than South Korea's age of consent, which is 13.

British arms exports to Saudis unlawful: UK court

PAUL SANDLE & GUY FAULCONBRIDGE
 LONDON, JUNE 20

BRITAIN BROKE the law by allowing arms sales to Saudi Arabia that might have been deployed in the war in Yemen, an English court ruled on Thursday after activists said there was evidence the weapons had been used in viola-

tion of human rights statutes. While the court's decision does not mean Britain must immediately halt arms exports to Saudi Arabia, it does mean that there is a stay on the granting of new export licenses to sell arms to the kingdom — Britain's biggest weapons purchaser. The UN has described the conflict in Yemen, which has killed tens of thousands including thou-

sands of civilians, as the world's worst humanitarian crisis. "The Court of Appeal has concluded that the process of decision-making by the government was wrong in law in one significant respect," said Terence Etherton, England's second most senior judge. Handing down the ruling, Etherton said the government made "no concluded assess-

ments of whether the Saudi-led coalition had committed violations of international humanitarian law in the past, during the Yemen conflict". International Trade Minister Liam Fox said he disagreed with the judgment and would seek an appeal. "Alongside this we are carefully considering the implications of the judgment for decision making," Fox said. REUTERS

China acknowledges hosting chief Taliban negotiator for talks

KJM VARMA
 BEIJING, JUNE 20

CHINA ON Thursday for the first time acknowledged that it recently hosted the Afghan Taliban's chief peace negotiator, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, for talks as part of its stepped-up efforts to enlarge its strategic role in Afghanistan and efforts to restore peace in the war-torn country. Baradar, one of the four top commanders who formed the Taliban in 1994, was released from jail last year by the Pakistan government. He is believed to be the highest ranking Afghan Taliban prisoner freed so far. After his release from jail, Baradar has been holding talks with US representative for Afghanistan reconciliation, Zalmay Khalilzad. China, a close ally of Pakistan, has been trying to iron out differences between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of providing safe haven to the Afghan Taliban, Haqqani network and other militant groups, which carry out attacks in the war-torn country. The "head of Taliban political office in Doha, Bardar, visited China", Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told the media here Thursday. "During his visit, the Chinese officials exchanged views with him on the peace and reconciliation process as well as the fight against terrorism," he said. Bardar was told about the constructive role being played by China in peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan, Lu said. "We always support the



Meng Hongwei

Former Interpol chief pleads guilty to bribery

Beijing: Former Interpol chief Meng Hongwei pleaded guilty at a trial in China on Thursday to accepting \$2.1 million in bribes — a remarkable fall from grace for the former vice minister of public security. The court said Meng "showed repentance" during the hearing, which was the culmination of a case that shook the international police organisation and put a spotlight on China's opaque judicial system. Meng is among a growing group of Communist Party cadres caught in President Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign, which critics say has served as a way to remove the leader's political enemies. PTI

Then there were two: Johnson and Hunt fight for British PM job

160,000 members of Conservative Party will now pick new leader

GUY FAULCONBRIDGE & MICHAEL HOLDEN
 LONDON, JUNE 20

BREXIT CAMPAIGNER Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, once an opponent of leaving the European Union who has now promised to exit with a deal, are the final two in the race to replace Prime Minister Theresa May. Despite a series of scandals and criticism about his attention to detail, Johnson has dominated the race since May announced a month ago that she would step down after failing to get her Brexit deal ratified by Parliament. In a fifth and final ballot of Conservative lawmakers, which eliminated Environment Secretary Michael Gove, Johnson was again way out in front: he won 160 out of 313 votes against Hunt's 77. Gove was third with 75. Interior minister Sajid Javid was knocked out in the fourth round. Now, around 160,000 Conservative Party members will vote on who will be their leader — and the next PM — by July end. REUTERS

CONTEST NARROWS



■ Boris Johnson won the most number of votes each of the five rounds of voting by Conservative MPs.



■ Jeremy Hunt survived a tight fight from Michael Gove to secure second place and advance to the final stage of the race.



■ Michael Gove (right) and Sajid Javid got the fewest votes in the 5th and 4th rounds respectively, and were eliminated from the Tory leadership contest.

US CONGRESS CONSIDERS BILL TO ADDRESS LINGERING EFFECTS OF SLAVERY, ATTRACTING HUNDREDS OF BLACK SPECTATORS TO CAPITOL HILL

Historic hearing on slavery reparations exposes Washington's cultural divides

SHERYL GAY STOLBERG
 WASHINGTON, JUNE 20

FRAIL BUT sharp at 88, the Rev. Doris Sherman woke up at 4 am Wednesday to travel here from Philadelphia for an event that, even after the nation elected its first black president, she never thought she would see: a meeting in the capital of the US on reparations for African-Americans. Dressed all in white, the colour of the suffragist movement — it was a coincidence, she said — Sherman, who is black, reflected on the unfulfilled Civil War-era promise to former slaves of "40 acres and a mule." As a

schoolteacher for 30 years before entering the ministry, she recalled so many black parents struggling to provide day care, their children "left back and left out." If the government did anything, she said, it should do something for the children. "We don't want that mule now," she said. "We don't want that 40 acres. We are asking for remembrance. Remember the struggle. Remember the injustice and remember the now." Sherman was among hundreds of other mostly black spectators — so many, they filled three overflow rooms — who descended on Capitol Hill for Wednesday's historic hearing, the first time

Congress has considered a bill, HR 40, that would create a commission to develop proposals to address the lingering effects of slavery and consider a "national apology" for the harm it caused. The sometimes raucous session before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee lasted nearly 3 1/2 hours and dug into the darkest corners of the nation's history, exposing the bitter cultural and ideological divides in Washington and beyond. Republican lawmakers and witnesses — including Burgess Owens, the retired football star — were jeered when they argued that black people could pull themselves up by their own bootstraps



Spectators at the hearing. NYT

and that reparations might damage their psyches. "We've become successful like no other because of this

great opportunity to live the American dream," Owens, who is black, told the panel. "Let not steal that from our kids by telling

them they can't do it." That the hearing took place at all was remarkable, a reflection of the shifting landscape in the Democratic Party and the wrenching national debate over racial justice in the era of President Donald Trump. Nearly 60 House Democrats, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, support the bill. And at least 11 Democratic presidential candidates — with former Vice President Joe Biden a notable exception — have embraced either the concept of reparations or the bill to study it. The first time the federal government considered reparations for black people was in 1865, when 400,000 acres of coastal

land were awarded to former slaves, the result of a special order issued by Union Gen. William T. Sherman. It lasted less than a year. When President Abraham Lincoln died, he was succeeded by Andrew Johnson, who rescinded Sherman's order. In the late 1800s, the idea of pensions for former slaves — similar to pensions for Union soldiers — took hold, championed for a time by a Nebraska congressman. But the idea fizzled in the face of strong opposition from federal agencies. In 1989, Rep. John Conyers Jr., who retired in 2017, introduced legislation to create a commission to develop propos-

als for reparations. He introduced it every year for nearly 30 years. It went nowhere. Even President Barack Obama opposed reparations, calling the idea impractical. It is that bill, titled the "Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act," and now sponsored by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, that the subcommittee now has before it. It would authorize \$12 million for a 13-member commission to study the effects of slavery and make recommendations to Congress. "I just simply ask: Why not?" Jackson Lee said Wednesday. "And why not now?" NYT

POLICY WATCH
INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY CODE

Resolution of steel companies under IBC yields higher recovery

Of 94 cases resolved, 16 are steel firms, while rest 78 are from other sectors

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

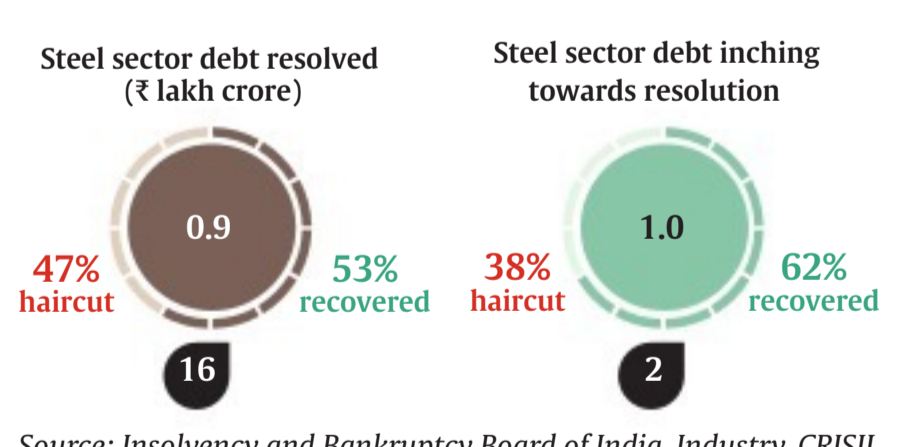
FINANCIAL AND operational creditors could recover the highest percentage of loans stuck with steel companies through resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

In the total 94 cases that were successfully resolved under the IBC till March-end 2019, 16 steel companies accounting for over half of the stressed debt yielded recovery of 53 per cent and haircut of 47 per cent. For 78 companies in textiles, construction, and auto components, among other sectors, creditors took haircut as high as 69 per cent and the recovery was only 31 per cent, according to research report issued Thursday by rating agency CRISIL. Creditors could recover Rs 70,000 crore out of the total Rs 1.7 lakh crore in cases resolved under the IBC till March-end – a recovery rate of 58 per cent, it said.

While steel sector led to higher overall recovery so far, the next lot of assets in the same industry with outstanding debt of Rs 62,000 crore could see lower recovery rates. "Unlike the first wave of debt clean-up the upcoming resolution cases shall largely be smaller assets concentrated in the long integrated, sponge iron, and flat-rolling space. Of the Rs 62,000 crore outstanding liability, 42 per cent resides with 6 long integrated players, 38 per cent with 6 sponge iron/pig iron players, 18 per cent with 3 flat rollers, and the balance with alloy steel and other players," the agency said adding that these segments typically have lower recovery rates.

As two other large resolution cases – Essar Steel and Bhushan Power & Steel – get resolved, the haircut involved in this sector will fall to 42 per cent from 47 per cent. Haircut is part of the claim a bank is unable to recover from its borrower. "Further, if we consider two steel assets from the National Company Law Tribunal-I list that are inching towards resolution/closure,

STATUS OF STEEL SECTOR DEBT RESOLVED/ INCHING TOWARDS RESOLUTION UNDER IBC



Source: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, Industry, CRISIL Research
Note: Essar Steel and Bhushan Power & Steel (BPSL) are inching resolution under NCLT-I. Highest last bid has been considered for recovery

BUYING LED BY BANKING, HEALTHCARE AND AUTO COUNTERS

Sensex soars 489 points as dovish Fed lifts global markets

Hopes of a breakthrough in US-China trade talks also boosted the sentiment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

JOINING A global market rally, the benchmark Sensex on Thursday surged 489 points after the US Federal Reserve's dovish stance boosted the investor sentiment.

After a lacklustre opening, the 30-share Sensex witnessed across-the-board buying led by banking, healthcare and auto counters. It finally settled 488.89 points, or 1.25 per cent, higher at 39,601.63. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty soared 140.30 points, or 1.20 per cent, to finish at 11,831.75. Hopes of a breakthrough in US-China trade talks also boosted the sentiment.

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trade war and low inflation. Analysts said global equities rose after the US central bank indicated its rate cut cycle might begin as soon as next month. The Fed left the interest rates unchanged after its two-day policy meeting Wednesday, but said it was ready to take action to support growth amid growing uncertainty. A strengthening rupee and expectations of business-friendly measures in the forthcoming Budget further boosted sentiment. Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul bourses ended significantly higher. Markets in Europe too were trading in the green in early deals. Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "The market was concerned that government has not yet provided any hint or relief to the slowing economy. On hearing a series of meetings by PM and FM to draw a road map for 100 days agenda and budget, provided a confidence to the market. Additionally, the GST Council is likely to meet and re-

view its position. Also a relief rally in the global market given the dovish view by Fed yesterday night supported the domestic market."

Rahul Agarwal, Director, wealth discovery, EZ/Wealth, said, "The US Federal Reserve kept the policy rate unchanged but hinted at possible rate cuts later this year for the first time in more than a decade if the economic outlook weakens. This development was a major catalyst for the world equity markets today."

Among sectors, brisk buying was seen in the financials, auto, energy, infra, pharma and metals. FMCG and IT were the under-performers. Yes Bank gained 10.94 per cent. Other gainers included Sun Pharma, IndusInd Bank, L&T, ICICI Bank, Maruti, Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors and ONGC rallied by up to 4.01 per cent.

Crop insurance claims surge, delay in disbursements falls

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MUMBAI, JUNE 20

THE GOVERNMENT'S crop insurance scheme – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) – has witnessed a rise in claims from the farmers across the country in fiscal 2018-19.

The claims ratio of the general insurance industry has gone up to 93 per cent for the year ended March 2019 as against 85 per cent in the previous year, according to General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re). This means farmers have claimed 93 per cent (over Rs 25,110 crore) of the Rs 27,000 crore of the crop insurance portfolio under the scheme as against 85 per cent (around Rs 20,400 crore) of around Rs 24,000 crore portfolio in the previous year.

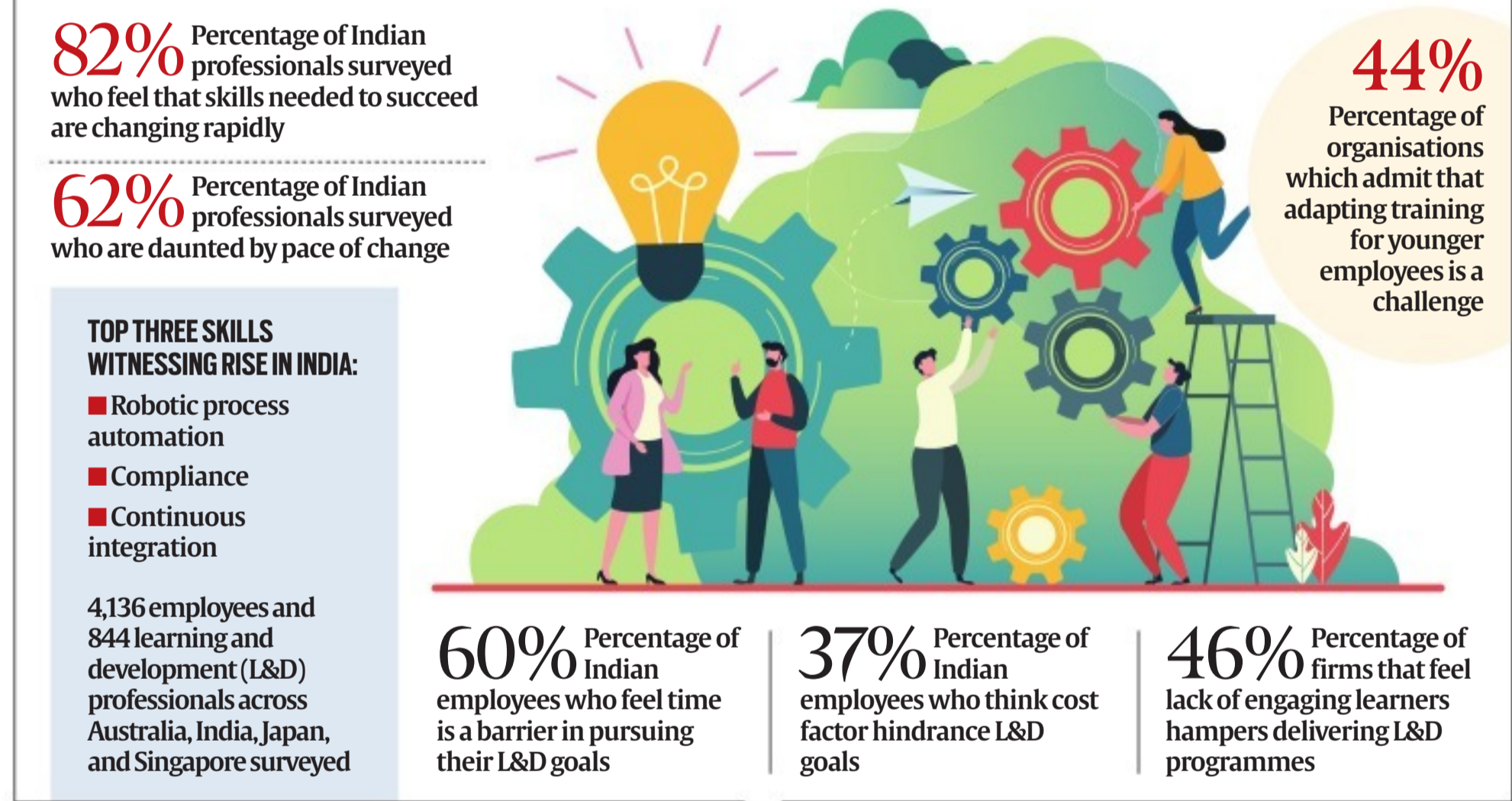
"Our reinsurance portfolio is around half of the total crop business at Rs 13,500 crore. The crop insurance premium was more or less stable. During the year, there was a marginal rise of around one per cent in premium," said S Tripathy, general manager, GIC Re. There was a rise of 10-12 per cent rise in crop insurance premium in the previous year. While most of the claims have come from states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, given that crop insurance penetration was lower in heartland states like Bihar and UP. In overall terms, India has become the third largest crop insurance market in the world, after the US and China.

EXPLAINED
E. Higher ratio indicates a larger amount claimed

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'62% professionals feel daunted by pace of changing skills'

As traditional industries go through digital transformation, job roles have evolved to the extent that as many as 62 per cent professionals feel "daunted" by the rapid pace of changing skills, LinkedIn said in a report



L&T gets 3 seats on Mindtree's board

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

MINDTREE ON Thursday approved and recommended the appointments of Larsen and Toubro's (L&T) CEO and managing director S N Subrahmanyam, its chief financial officer R Shankar Raman, and JD Patil, senior executive vice-president of L&T's defence business, as non-executive directors in the company. Also, appointment of two independent directors – M R Prasanna and Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa – has been approved by the board.

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16, as per a notice on the BSE.

The move also brings down the curtains on the hostile takeover saga that started earlier this year. Ever since it became clear in March that L&T will look for a bigger play in Mindtree post its deal with VG Siddhartha and his related entities to acquire 20.32 per cent stake in the IT company, Mindtree promoters had expressed their disapproval of the move by the L&T.

Over the last few weeks, the engineering major has been busy shoring up shares in the IT firm. The total shareholding of L&T as on June 7, 2019 stood at 28.90 per

cent, according to shareholding data on the BSE.

Apart from the delay in commencement of the open offer, as L&T got delayed in sending its responses to the queries raised by the Securities and Exchange Board of India regarding the letter of offer, the takeover battle for the IT company has been a smooth one.

The open offer of nearly Rs 5,030 crore, for acquisition of over 5.13 crore equity shares representing 31 per cent of the voting share capital of Mindtree at a price of Rs 980 a piece, opened on June 17 and will end on June 28. Earlier, the open offer was supposed to

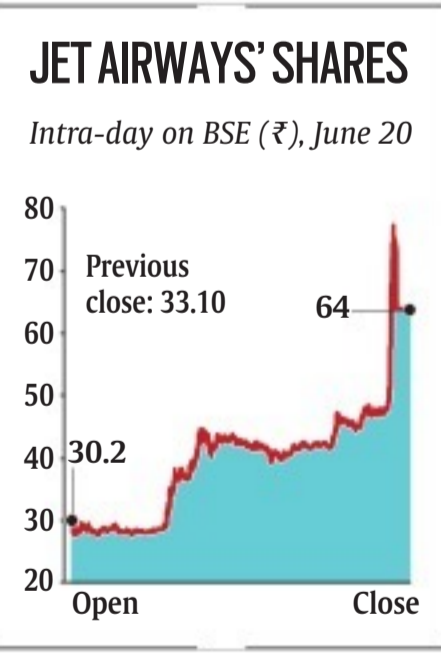
NCLT admits insolvency plea against Jet; shares zoom over 137% intra-day

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 20

SHARES OF grounded Jet Airways on Thursday shot up by 137 per cent on intra-day low to close at Rs 64 amid huge short covering, even as the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted the bankruptcy petition filed by State Bank of India.

The stocks spurred 186 per cent to hit an intraday high of Rs 77.35 after hitting a record low of Rs 27 (down 33.1 per cent intra-day) in the morning session on the BSE. The stock ended the day at Rs 64.00, up Rs 30.90 or 93.35 per cent on the BSE.

The NCLT on Thursday decided to admit the insolvency petition against Jet Airways filed by its creditors and appointed a Resolution Professional, in an attempt to salvage their exposure of around Rs 8,500 crore. The insolvency process will allow lenders led by State Bank of India to sell the company as a whole or sell its assets and bring to an end weeks of uncertainty over the airline's future. The tribunal has appointed Ashish Chhaucharia of Grant Thornton as the Resolution Professional (RP) for the airline, that stopped operations on April 17. The tribunal directed the RP to finish the resolution process in three months, even though the RBI norms allow six months for resolution.



were huge short positions on the counter, which will not be available for trading in the F&O segment from the July series.

"There was heavy short coverings on Thursday. Investors who short sold the shares in the last few days, bought back the stocks to square up their positions," said a dealer. In the last 13 trading days, shares of Jet Airways tumbled 78 per cent. On June 18, the scrip plummeted 40.78 per cent to close at Rs 40.45 on the BSE. "Traders were short selling the shares, anticipating more bad news. The stock won't be available for trading in F&O segment from July series," said a market source. After a meeting of the 26 lenders on Monday, SBI in a statement said that "after due deliberations, the lenders have decided to seek resolution for Jet Airways under the bankruptcy code since only a conditional bid was received". The fate of the airline, which shut down operations on April 17, 2019 after it ran out of cash, will be decided as per June 7 circular of the Reserve Bank.

INDIA YET TO DECIDE WHETHER HUAWEI CAN TAKE PART IN 5G TRIALS OR NOT

China asks India to make independent judgement on Huawei

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, JUNE 20

CHINA ON Thursday urged India to make an "independent judgement" about Huawei's operations in the country without being guided by the US ban on the Chinese telecom giant's products and provide an "unbiased and non-discriminatory" environment for the Chinese businesses.

tries to restrict the operations of the Chinese telecom firm. India, however, is yet to take a call on whether it intends to place curbs on Huawei or allow the Chinese telecom equipment maker to participate in the upcoming 5G trials, that are scheduled to commence in 100 days. Earlier this month, India's Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had said India has its security issues over allowing Huawei to participate in the upcoming 5G trials. "We will take a firm view on it. There are also security issues...it is not only a matter of technology, as regard their participation in 5G is concerned...Participation of 5G

"China firmly opposes any other country in exercising unilateral sanctions based on its domestic law and we also oppose using the security as a catch off phrase to abuse the export control."

LU KANG
SPOKESMAN, FOREIGN MINISTRY, CHINA

is not conditional upon the trial being started. Whether a particular company is allowed to participate or not, is a complex question including security issues," he had said. China has always asked Chinese businesses to abide by laws and regulations in the foreign countries that they operate and to do business in accordance with

its domestic law and we also oppose using the security as a catch off phrase to abuse the export control," Lu said. "I think more and more countries have expressed their unbiased attitude concerning Huawei's participation in 5G. We hope that India will make independent judgement and provide fair, unbiased and non-discriminatory environment for Chinese businesses for mutual benefit," he said. Concerns over Huawei's operations abroad has risen after China passed a new security law which requires Chinese companies "to provide necessary support, assistance and cooperation" with national intelligence work, if called upon. US President Donald Trump who has launched a trade war with China last year and made Huawei a prime target. Last month, the Trump administration placed Huawei and its affiliates on a blacklist, a move that essentially banned the Chinese telecom equipment company from purchasing parts and components from American firms without the US government approval. Huawei has huge operations in India and an R & D centre in Bangalore. **PTI**

In talks with US on H-1B visas, no official word on limits: MEA

REUTERS NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

INDIA IS in talks with the United States on H-1B work visas but has not heard anything official from Washington on capping such permits for Indians, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday. Reuters reported on Wednesday the US had told India it was considering caps on H-1B work visas for countries that force foreign companies to store data locally, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Asked about the report at a news conference, MEA spokesman Raveesh Kumar said there had been no official communication from the United States on the issue. "We have not heard anything official from the US government. We continue to reiterate and engage with the US government on this matter," he said, without elaborating.

News of the US plan to restrict H-1B visas comes days before a visit to India by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Disagreements between the countries over trade have resulted in tit-for-tat tariffs in recent weeks.

Two senior Indian officials, who remained anonymous, said they were briefed last week on the US plan to cap the number of H-1B visas given annually to Indians at between 10 per cent and 15 per cent of the total number issued.

MINUTES OF MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Clear evidence of economic activity losing traction: Das

MPC had, during June 6 meeting, cut Repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75%

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 20

WHILE ANNOUNCING the Repo rate cut by 25 basis points to 5.75 per cent at the Monetary Policy Committee meeting (MPC) on June 6, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das had said there is clear evidence of "economic activity losing traction" with GDP growth in fourth quarter of FY19 slowing down to 5.8 per cent.

"Since the last MPC meeting in April 2019, greater clarity has emerged about the evolving macroeconomic situation. CPI inflation excluding food and fuel registered a 20-month low in April 2019 even as the headline CPI inflation evolved broadly along the projected lines. High frequency indicators suggest that the global economy could not sustain the improved performance in Q1 of 2019 in the face of a sharp slowdown in trade and manufacturing," the RBI Governor said, as per minutes of the MPC meeting.

"Consequently, central banks in both advanced and emerging market economies have adopted an accommodative stance in monetary policy. Growth impulses have clearly weakened, while the headline inflation trajectory is projected to remain be-



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SHAKTIKANTA DAS RESERVE BANK GOVERNOR

low 4.0 per cent throughout 2019-20 even after considering the expected transmission of the past two policy rate cuts," Das had said.

"Keeping in view the evolving growth-inflation dynamics, there is a need for decisive monetary policy action. Hence, my vote is to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points. My vote is also to shift the stance of monetary policy from neutral to accommodative to send a clear signal," he added.

According to Das, CPI inflation in April 2019 remained unchanged at the previous month's level of 2.9 per cent, though there were significant compositional shifts. "Inflation in the food group increased sharply to 1.4 per cent in April 2019 from 0.7 per cent in March, with vegetables moving out of deflation after nine months. Inflation in the fuel and light group also rose to 2.6 per cent in April from the February low of 1.2 per

cent, mainly due to an increase in the prices of liquefied petroleum gas following increase in international prices," Das said.

However, the rise in food and fuel inflation was entirely offset by a sharp fall in inflation in items excluding food and fuel to 4.5 per cent in April from 5.1 per cent in March - the largest monthly decline since April 2017.

"The moderation in inflation excluding food and fuel, reflecting weakening of demand conditions, was quite broad-based, spread across several groups like household goods and services, personal care and effects, education and housing. Inflation expectations of households in the May 2019 round of the Reserve Bank's survey softened further by 20 basis points for the three-month ahead horizon as compared with the previous round, though they remained unchanged for the one-

year ahead horizon," Das said.

"In spite of my dilemma, I vote - albeit with some hesitation - to frontload the policy rate cut from 6 per cent to 5.75 per cent (a 50 basis points rate cut from my April vote to keep the policy rate at 6.25 per cent). This would provide an insurance to help prevent the output gap from widening further or the finance-neutral output gap (FNOG) from turning negative. The MPC will need to remain on guard and be prepared to provide such insurance in a symmetric manner if upside risks to inflation were to materialize," RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya had said.

"I also vote to change the monetary policy stance from neutral to accommodative. This is because the uncertainty around the upside risks to inflation I have highlighted will resolve only gradually over the next few months and can be factored into future MPC decisions in a data-dependent manner, but seem highly unlikely to lead to a rate hike at the next policy," he had said. The upcoming Budget is, thereby, key to understanding inflation outlook, especially the response to the on-going distress in agrarian economy, caused in part by low food prices and reflected in rural inflation of below 2 per cent as against urban inflation of above 4 per cent.

IFIN laundered over ₹5K cr of shareholder money: ED tells court

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, JUNE 20

IN A remand application filed in a Mumbai court seeking custody of former joint MD of IL&FS Arun Kumar Saha and former MD of IL&FS Transportation Network (ITNL) Karunakaran Ramchand, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has alleged that more than Rs 5,000 crore of shareholder money has been laundered by IL&FS Financial Services Ltd (IFIN), part of the IL&FS Group.

The two were arrested on June 19, and sent to ED's custody till June 25. As per ED, Karunakaran role was 'decisive' in the ITNL case.

"He (Ramchand) was one of the core members of IL&FS Group and was also MD of ITNL. ITNL, as on date, is staring at a debt of more than Rs 35,000 crore. He was running ITNL as his personal fiefdom and had scant regard for due process of law and well-being of the group," the agency claimed through its special public prosecutor Hiten Venegankar. It added that in order to hide ITNL's precarious situation, Ramchand was taking loans from IFIN indirectly through the contracting firms of IL&FS Group to hide facts from regulators. This led to the liabilities to the companies increasing.

As of March 31, 2018, out of total lending of IFIN of Rs 14,740 crore, Rs 1,150 crore was sanctioned to ITNL. Apart from that, third party funding was done to ITNL, to the tune of Rs 2,270 crore,

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The agency also alleged that Saha was 'aware' of the stressed asset portfolio but did not ensure adequate disclosure or reporting of the facts in the reports of RBI from 2016 to 2018. "He connived with the management and overlooked the numerous indicators by agreeing with the decisions of management to differ the provision of diminution in books of accounts," the ED stated, further claiming that both the accused managed to maintain the rating of IFIN despite a decline in its profits and the amount received by them was "proceeds of crime".

Lawyers Niranjan Mundargi and Gunjan Mangla, representing Saha and Ramchand, said that they had cooperated with the police probe and had visited the ED office when summoned. The ED, however, said that during investigation, the two had denied knowledge of any such transactions altogether. The agency also found that IL&FS and ITNL raised bogus invoices and "assigned multiple works to various bogus companies in order to generate cash worth Rs 74 crore".

BRIEFLY

GST Council meeting to be held today

New Delhi: The 35th meeting of GST Council on Friday will discuss slashing GST rate on electric vehicles to 5 per cent, from 12 per cent currently, along with extension of the tenure of the anti-profiteering authority by a year till November 2020, an official said. The meeting, the first under Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will also consider some anti-evasion steps, such as integration of e-way bill with NHAI's FASTag.

Govt identifies 5,106 'risky exporters'

New Delhi: The government on Thursday said it has identified 5,106 "risky exporters" so far who have claimed GST refunds based on bogus invoices, and would manually check their claims before issuing refunds.

FX-Retail ready for rollout by August 5: RBI

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank on Thursday said foreign exchange trading platform (FX-Retail) for retail participants is ready for rollout by the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) on August 5. As a further facility for retail clients, the RBI said no transaction charges will be levied by CCIL on transactions of customers, if transactions do not exceed \$50,000 per day.

No pledging of certain clients' securities: Sebi

New Delhi: Trading members have been barred from pledging to banks and NBFCs the securities of clients lying in certain accounts even with their authorisation, with markets regulator Sebi putting in place stricter norms. The latest requirements would be effective September 1.

Swiss regulator 'in contact' with Libra 'initiators'

Geneva: Switzerland's market watchdog, Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA), on Thursday confirmed that it is in contact with the "initiators" of Facebook's new cryptocurrency, as questions mount over how the money will be regulated.

Walmart to pay \$282 mn for norms violation

Washington: International retail giant Walmart Thursday agreed to pay over \$282 million to various US bodies to settle charges of violating anti-corporation regulations while conducting its business in India, China, Brazil and Mexico. PTI

Amid JLR woes, Moody's downgrades Tata Motors

Mumbai: Moody's Investors Service on Thursday downgraded the corporate family rating (CFR) of Tata Motors (TML) and Jaguar Land Rover Automotive (JLR).

The ratings agency downgraded the CFR of TML and the company's senior unsecured instruments rating has been downgraded to Ba3 from Ba2 and stated that the outlook remains negative.

Though TML saw its first profit for FY19 in the March quarter, on account of a Rs 1,108.86 crore consolidated net profit, the ongoing

stress in China for its cash cow JLR meant the amount was almost half of what it was a year ago.

"The downgrade reflects the sustained deterioration in TML's credit profile, with weaker than anticipated credit metrics - led by the weak performance of JLR - and our expectation that it will take longer than we had previously expected for the company's free cash flows to return to positive territory," said Kaustubh Chaubal, lead analyst for the company at Moody's. ENS

₹293 cr money laundering by Pune firm: ED conducts multiple searches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, JUNE 20

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) Thursday conducted searches at various places in Pune, Ratnagiri, Sangli and Nagpur, in connection with a fraud of over Rs 293 crores involving a Pune-headquartered company which use non-genuine letters of credit (LCs) to siphon off money.

ED officials said the searches were part of a probe into alleged money laundering by the firm and its office-bearers. The said ED probe is a fallout of a 2017 case registered by Bank Securities and Fraud Cell (BS&FC) of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the company, its director and unidentified bank officials.

An ED press statement said, "The Directorate of Enforcement on Thursday conducted searches

at various places at Pune, Ratnagiri, Sangli and Nagpur in a Letter of Credit (LCs) fraud case of Bank of India involving Varron Aluminium Pvt Ltd (VAPL) and Varron Auto Comp Pvt Ltd (VACL). The searches were conducted at factory premises, residential premises concerning Varron Group and its directors."

"A case was registered by CBI, against VAPL, VACL and others on the basis of complaint received from Bank of India (BOI), Pune Zonal Office, wherein it is reported that VAPL has been maintaining a current account with Karve Road Pune Branch of BOI. Shrikant Pandhurang Sawaikar is one of the Directors of VAPL and the principal responsible person for running the day to day activities in the company. VAPL submitted LCs and Bills drawn under the LCs issued by Canara Bank, Deccan Gymkhana Branch, Pune and the same were discounted

by BOI's Karve Road Branch.

"The bills were discounted by BOI after the verification of LC and acceptance of all the bills by the authorised officials of Deccan Gymkhana Branch of Canara Bank and the aggregate amount of Rs 293 crore was credited to the account of M/s. VAPL. On due date, BOI approached Canara Bank for the repayment of the dues. Canara Bank informed that the purported LC was neither issued nor bills were accepted by their branch through approved mode of Structured Financial Messaging System (SFMS) and thus they did not entertain repayment request of BOI. The same has caused loss to the BOI," the statement added.

The Directorate further said that taking cognisance of the complaints, it has initiated an investigation under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

BSR & Associates quits as auditor of IFIN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

AUDIT FIRM BSR & Associates LLP Thursday said it has resigned as the auditors of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) and will continue to defend itself in the NCLT on petitions filed by the MCA.

"We confirm that BSR & Associates LLP has resigned as auditors of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) on June 19, 2019. We had received a notice dated May 13, 2019 from the board of directors of IFIN seeking an explanation on our removal as auditors," it said in a statement. BSR said it had filed a written response to the notice from IFIN on May 29.

"While IFIN has not communicated its decision to us as yet, we do not intend to impose ourselves as auditors of the company. Our resignation will allow the company to appoint another auditor

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so that the work on the audit for FY 2019 may progress.

"We believe, we have discharged our duties in good faith and have acted in a bona fide manner and we will continue defending ourselves. We have also filed our replies to the petitions and applications filed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs with National Company Law Tribunal and we will continue defending ourselves vigorously. As the matter is subjudice, we are unable to provide any further comments at this time," the audit firm associated with KPMG added.

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Sundaram Fin to acquire BNP stakes in 2 JVs

Chennai: Sundaram Finance (SFL) Thursday said it has reached agreements with its partner BNP Paribas for acquiring stakes held by the latter in their two joint venture companies for a total consideration of around Rs 1,000 crore.

The entire 49 per cent equity stake of BNP Paribas Securities Services in Sundaram BNP Paribas Fund Services Ltd would be acquired for Rs 15 million. Similarly, BNP Paribas Personal Finance's 49.9 per cent stake in Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance Limited will be acquired for about Rs 999.66 crore, said a filing. PTI



Kia Motors Corporation CEO Han-Woo Park (right) and Kia Motors India MD Kookhyun Shim at the global debut of Seltos in Gurgaon. The SUV is priced between Rs 11 and 17 lakh. PTI

Oil jumps 5% on Iran tension

REUTERS NEW YORK, JUNE 20

OIL SOARED more than 5 per cent higher on Thursday after Iran shot down a US military drone, raising fears of a military confrontation between Tehran and Washington.

Expectations that the US Federal Reserve could cut interest rates at its next meeting, stimulating growth in the world's largest oil-consuming country, and a drop in US crude inventories also supported prices.

"It's a confluence of events: there's a looming easing cycle which is going to hit the dollar and prop up commodity prices and there are also the tensions with Iran," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital Management in New York.

The security premium built into oil prices could rise further as tensions between the US and Iran heat up, he said. Brent crude, the global benchmark, was up \$2.40, or 3.9 per cent, at \$64.22 a barrel by 11:33 a.m. EDT (15:33 GMT).

US West Texas Intermediate crude rose \$2.92, or 5.4 per cent, to \$56.68 a barrel. The contract was up more than \$3 a barrel earlier in the session. Brent's premium over WTI narrowed to its lowest since April.

US looking at taking some actions against 'unfair' Indian moves: Lighthizer

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, JUN 20

THE TRUMP Administration said that it was looking at a variety of "unfair actions" by India and it plans to take "some actions" against them.

"We have spent a lot of time worrying about India. It is massive economy and it's going to only get bigger. It is a great opportunity for a lot of American farmers and businesses. Having said that, we have a series of problems with them, the things that we've raised with them over a period of months," US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said on Wednesday.

During a Congressional hearing, Lighthizer told the members of the House Ways and Means Committee that the Trump Administration over the past few months did a review of CSP, after which President Donald Trump

decided to take the GSP away.

"Because we made literally no headway on the issues over the course of months and months and months," he said. "We are looking at a variety of other unfair actions (by India) that may provoke us to take some other kinds of, some additional action," he said, responding to a question.

His remarks came days after India on June 15 announced a hike in customs duties on as many as 28 US products in response to higher tariffs imposed by Washington on Indian products like steel and aluminium. "They have a new government now. Obviously it's the same leader, but a new government... And I will talk to him in the next few days. My hope is that) we can jumpstart and make some headway," he said. At the same time, he alleged that India has about the "highest tariffs of any country you can imagine" in the world. PTI

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It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25KV AC electric traction over "Energisation of 25KV Single phase AC newly electrified section of DN Main Line from Laksar excluding Laksar yard from location 2/10 (Ch: 2/249.00) to Location 8/18 (Ch. 8/358.00) including Aithal station and UP main line location 8/17 (Ch. 8/358.00) excluding Aithal station to Ikkar station location No.: 18/35 (Ch: 18/928.00) including Ikkar station and including Aithal Yard, Pathri yard & Ikkar yard associated Turn outs & x-overs and AT's, modification in existing lines and up-gradation of existing SP at Pathri with feeder lines in LRJ-HW section of Moradabad Division, Northern Railway", of the Northern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height of 4.67 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances. The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:-

- Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
- Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.
- Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

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EASTERN RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No.: HWH-IV-03 of 2019-20 (Open), dated 17.06.2019. Sealed tender notice for e-tendering is invited by Dy Chief Engineer/Con/IV/Eastern Railway, Howrah for the following work : **Name of Work** : Ultrasonic testing of welds rail by digital USFD machines under Construction Department of Eastern Railway. **Tender Value** : Rs. 80,65,875/- **Earnest Money** : Rs. 2,08,650/- **Date of Opening** : 22.07.2019 at 15.00 hrs. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.irps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender.

Expression CON-42/2019-20

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.ir.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM
Tender Notice No.- CPM/NIT/Kota/08/19, Dated- 14.06.2019
Tender Notice No.: CPM/ NIT/ Kota/ 08/2019 Dated - 31.5.2019. **Tender No** : CPM/Kota/08/2019. **Name of work**: (A) Extension of Chief Project Manager's office, Kota (2nd floor) (B) Improvement and augmentation of officers' rest house (construction) Kota. (C) Improvement and renovation of offices of SSE/P.way/C/Kota and SSE/W/C/Kota. (D) Construction of store shed in the office of SSE/C/Electrical/Kota and SSE/C/S&T/Kota and other misc. civil engineering works. The above tender is due for opening on 9.7.2019. The tender shall now be opened on 23.7.2019. Other terms and conditions of the tender will remain same.
Dy. Chief Engineer (Const-I), West Central Railway, Kota
During Rail Journey, Dial 138 for general complaints & Dial 162 for security complaints

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Dy. CME /Carriage Workshop, Ajmer North Western Railway acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender no. Carriage-15-RT-2019 Date 19.06.2019. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offer are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Details are as under - (1) **Name of work with its location** : POH of IR-DRDO Type Bio Toilets fitted in IR coaches in Carriage Workshop, NWR, Ajmer (As per scope of work). (2) **Approx. cost of the work** : ₹ 8864880/- (3) **Tender Document Cost** : ₹ 5000/- (4) **Earnest Money to be deposited** : ₹ 177300/- (5) **Date and time for submission of E-Tender** : Submission of E-Tender upto 23.07.2019 at 15.00 hrs. (6) **Website particular** : www.irps.gov.in (6) **Eligibility Criteria** : Applicable. Note : Tender document cost & Earnest Money to be deposited online through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website only. 586-DE/19
Please join us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/NWRRailways) [i](https://www.instagram.com/NWRRailways) [y](https://www.youtube.com/NWRRailways) [t](https://www.twitter.com/NWRRailways) [l](https://www.linkedin.com/NWRRailways)

Form No. INC-25A
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for conversion of public company into a private company

Before the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, Ministry of Corporate Affairs

In the matter of The Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 AND
In the matter of Ms. Tulip Schools Limited, a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Basement C-9/43, Sector-8, Rohini, New Delhi-110085.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on Monday, 20th Day of May, 2019 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:
Tulip Schools Limited (CIN: U80211DL2006PLC149520) Basement C-9/43, Sector-8, Rohini, New Delhi-110085
Email: pawansangai@yahoo.co.in
Date: 19.06.2019
Place: New Delhi
For and Behalf of the Board of Directors
Tulip Schools Limited
Rakesh Gupta, Director
DIN: 02428928
Add: 1615, Sector-15, Part-2, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JAIPUR
Room No. SFE/3/4, Nehru Place, Tonk Road, Jaipur-302015
Sr. No. 7117 Date: 06/06/19
O.A. No. 315/2018 Exh. No.
ICICI Bank Ltd.Applicant
Versus
Sudhir Chauhan & Ors.Defendant/Respondent
To:
1. Khem Chauhan W/o Shri Sudhir Chauhan R/o G-02, Fountain Square, JLN Road, Behind Gold Souk, Near Jawahar Circle, Jaipur 302017 (Raj.).
Also At- Flat No- 52/613, Ground Floor, Pratap Nagar Scheme, Sanganer, Jaipur (Raj.).
2. Sonali Mentor Services Pvt. Ltd., having its office at G-02, Fountain Square, MN Road, Behind Gold Souk, Near Jawahar Circle, Jaipur 302017 (Raj.).
Also At- Flat No- 52/613, Ground Floor, Pratap Nagar Scheme, Sanganer, Jaipur (Raj.).
3. Purnan Singh Chauhan S/o Harsvapur Singh R/o G-02, Fountain Square, JLN Road, Behind Gold Souk, Near Jawahar Circle, Jaipur 302017 (Raj.).
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4. Orior Developers Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. having its office at G-02, Fountain Square, JLN Road, Behind Gold Souk, Near Jawahar Circle, Jaipur 302017 (Raj.).
Also At- Flat No- 52/613, Ground Floor, Pratap Nagar Scheme, Sanganer, Jaipur (Raj.).

Form No. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/11, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
Summons For Filing & Appearance By Publication
O.A.No. 258/2019
Date: 11-06-2019
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993). Original Application No. 258/2019
ICICI BANK LTD.Applicant
Versus
SUSHIL KUMAR TIWARI & OTHERS
...Defendant
To:
1. **MR. SUSHIL KUMAR TIWARI**
Flat No. 1905 19th Floor Tower-C Manorath Plot No Gh- 04b-1 Sec- 16 Noida-201307.
ALSO AT:
A- 11001 Ebony Green Crescent Park Shapurb Bambeta Nh- 24, Lal Kuna Ghaziabad-201001.
2. MRS. RACHNA TIWARI
Flat No. 1905 19th Floor Tower-C Manorath Plot No Gh- 04b-1 Sec- 16 Noida-201307.
ALSO AT:
A-11001 Ebony Green Crescent Park Shapurb Bambeta Nh- 24, Lal Kuna Ghaziabad-201001.
3. M/S MASCOT SOHO HOMES PVT LTD CORPORATE OFFICE:
D- 59, Ground Floor, Sector- 63, Noida.
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 13/09/2019 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

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If the applicant is:-
(i) a widow; or
(ii) the first or the second child and his father had died before attaining the age of 42 years; or
(iii) the first or the second child and his father had died before the applicant had attained the age of 15 years. (5 marks)

c. If the applicant belongs to such a denotified tribe (Vimukt Jatis and Tapriwas Jatis) or Nomadic tribe of the State of Haryana which is neither a Scheduled Caste nor a Backward Class. (5 marks)

d. **Experience:**
One-half (=0.5) mark for each year or part thereof exceeding six month of experience, out of a maximum of sixteen years, on the same or a higher post in any Department/ Board/ Corporation/ Company/ Statutory Body/ Commission/ Authority of Government of Haryana. No marks shall be awarded for any period less than six months. (A maximum of 8 marks)

Note:- No applicant shall be given more than 10 marks for socio economic criteria and experience under any circumstances.

2.3 (a) Examination Schedule:- The Examination either Online (CBT) or OMR Based is likely to be held from 22.07.2019 to 18.08.2019 & the date, time and place of examination will be as per admit card. However, HSSC reserve the right to reschedule/change the above schedule on administrative grounds or otherwise. Applicants are advised to regularly visit the website as no separate individual intimation shall be send.

2.4 Regulatory Framework
1. Certificate for an applicant whose father has died issued by Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar: Refer Annexure A1, All.
2. Widow Certificate issued by Tehsildar: Refer Annexure B1, BII
3. Vimuktjati and Tapriwasjati Certificate issued by Tehsildar: Refer Saralharyana.gov.in or Antyodaya Saral Centers at distt. Level or Tehsildar office.
4. Experience Certificate issued by the concerned Appointing Authority: Refer Annexure D1.
5. "Self-declaration in prescribed format :Refer Annexure E1 to be uploaded alongwith application form."

Note:-
1. Performa/Formats for certificates Annexures- A-I, A-II, B-I, B-II, D-I, E-I are annexed to this Advertisement.
2. Claim under the socio economic criteria, if any, shall be admissible to those candidates only, who would fill the details of the requisite certificate i.e. name of issuing authority, date of issue and reference no. etc. and also upload the requisite valid original certificate/document along with their application in support of their claim failing which, no certification benefits shall be considered after last date of filling online applications.
3. Claim of reservation/benefit relaxation etc., if any, shall be admissible to those candidates only, who upload the requisite valid original certificate along with their application in support of their claim and of Haryana domicile.
4. If quota reserved for Ex-servicemen or Backward Classes remains unfilled to that extent due to non-availability of suitable Ex-servicemen or their dependents or non-availability of suitable candidates from Backward Classes then overall reservation either from the unfilled vacancies of Ex-serviceman from the Backward Classes for Freedom fighter/their Children/Grand Children will remain limited 2% only. This benefit will be available to all Grand Children i.e. sons and daughters of sons and daughters (paternal as well as maternal) of the Freedom fighter/Chief Secretary Instruction No. 22/10/2013-1GSIII, dated 15.07.2014.
5. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those SC/BCA/BCB/EWS/ESP/ PwD (Person with Disabilities) and ESM candidates who are domicile of Haryana State.
6. The SC/BCA/BCB/EWS/ESP and PwD (Person with Disabilities) candidates are required to upload SC/BCA/BCB/EWS/ESP and PwD (Person with Disabilities) Certificate duly issued by the competent authority and submit the same when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
7. DFF shall be required to upload the Certificate duly issued by the respective competent authority.
8. Qualifications and other term and conditions of eligibility will be determined with regard to the last date fixed for receipt of online applications also termed as closing date.
9. No individual information at any stage shall be sent and hence all candidates should regularly visit the Website & Public Notices in different Newspapers.
10. Reservation of posts: Reservation for persons will be as per Haryana Government Instructions contained in letter No. 22/10/2013-1GS-III, dated 15.07.2014 and Govt. Instructions issued from time to time.
11. The reserved category candidates belonging to other States will compete against the posts meant for general category and will be considered as general category candidates as there is no reservation available for them.
12. For Disabled ESM/Dependent of Killed/ Disabled in action reservation will be as per Haryana Govt. instructions contained in letter No. 945-GS-II 72/6451, dated the 6th March, 1972. The reservation for ESM will be utilized in the order given below:
i. Disabled ex-servicemen with disability between 20% to 50%.
ii. Up to two dependents of Service personnel killed/disabled beyond 50%.
iii. Other ex-servicemen.

Note:- Such benefit is not allowed to the ex-Serviceman and their dependents who is released in the normal course after the completion of their terms and is available to those who are boarded out of service by the defense department on account of their disability (vide Govt. Circular letter No. 8047-4GSII-73/1549, dated 21st January 1974).

13. Disabled ex-servicemen will mean ex-servicemen who, while serving in the Armed Forces of the Union were disabled in operations against the enemy or in disturbed areas.
14. The dependents of ESM will include wife/widow, dependent sons/daughters and who fulfill all conditions of qualifications; age etc. prescribed for posts & will be considered on merit for the posts reserved for ESM to the extent of non-availability of suitable ESM candidates.
15. ESM candidates of Haryana claiming benefit must have valid eligibility certificate on last date of submission of online application form and will have to produce the valid Eligibility Certificate from the concerned Zila Sainik Board when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Mere dependent certificate will not be entertained. ESM candidates should also produce attested photo copy of Identity Card issued by concerned Zila Sainik Board & Discharge Book whenever required.
16. If on verification at any stage starting from submitting application form till appointment and any time even after appointment, it is found that any candidate does not fulfill any of the eligibility condition or it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect, his/her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will also be liable to be criminally prosecuted. This is irrespective of whether the candidate was benefitted by furnishing the false or incorrect information in his/her application.
17. Candidates having Degrees/Diploma/Certificates from Board/Institution/ University which are not recognized by Haryana Government will not be eligible.
18. In case of any guidance/information/clarification regarding the online filling of the application form and Advertisement the candidate can call at helpline No. 01725143700 on all working days from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

DEFINITION OF WORD DEPENDENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN

NONE OF THE PERSON BELOW SHALL FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF WORD DEPENDENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN IN TERMS OF HARYANA GOVT. LETTER NO. 12/37/79-GSII, DATED 21-11-1980:
a. A person may be working on an adhoc basis against the post advertised or somewhere else.
b. A person may be unemployed at the time of making the application but he may have other source of income viz. from agriculture, trade, property, Bank Balance etc.
c. A person who is a member of the joint Hindu family and remains dependent upon the Karta till there is partition in the family or he ceases to be a member of the joint Hindu family and is obliged to pass on all his income to the Karta and he draws money for his subsistence from the pool of the joint Hindu family with the consent of the Karta.
d. A candidate who is a member of the joint Hindu family is employed on adhoc basis but he is otherwise dependent on his father.

Documents to be uploaded with Application Form (MANDATORY)
1. Scanned Copy of Essential Academic Qualifications and Matriculation Certificate showing Date of Birth and other relevant details.
2. Scanned Copy of SC/BCA/BCB/EWS/ESP/ESM/DESM/DFP/ PwD (Person with Disabilities) certificate alongwith Haryana domicile Certificate issued by competent authority.
3. Scanned copy of Certificate claiming weightage/marks under socio-economic criteria and experience alongwith Haryana domicile Certificate issued by competent authority.
4. Scanned Photo duly signed by the Candidate.
5. Scanned signatures of the Candidate.
6. Scanned copy of all documents showing higher qualification, experience etc. on which basis candidate claim marks.

Scrutiny of Documents:- Only those document which are uploaded by the candidates shall be considered. If there is any variation in the document uploaded and produced at the time of scrutiny candidature shall be liable to be cancelled. If any application is found without uploading requisite supporting documents and other relevant information, the candidate himself/herself shall be responsible for that and his/her candidature would be liable to be cancelled due to lack of proper or correct documents/information.

Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct
1. Candidates are warned that they should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered/fabricated or should not suppress any material information while filling up the application form.
2. At the time of written examination/scrutiny, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of:
a. Using unfair means during the examination or
b. Impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or
c. Misbehaving in the examination hall or taking away the answer sheet from the examination hall or
d. Resorting to any irregular of improper means in connection with his/her candidature for selection or
e. Obtaining support for his/her candidature by any unfair means.
Not complying with instructions issued from time to time, such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable
i. To be disqualified from the examination/scrutiny for which he/she is a candidate.
ii. To be debarred either permanently or for a specified period, from any examination or recruitment conducted by HSSC.
iii. To be terminated from service, if he/she already in Govt. Service.
Candidates, who have obtained degrees or diplomas or certificates for various courses from any Board/institution declared fake by the University Grants Commission or not recognized by Haryana Government shall not be eligible for being considered for recruitment to the posts advertised and no representation in this regard shall be entertained.

Note:-
Haryana Staff Selection Commission reserves the rights to supervise the complete recruitment process from online application to selection by way of using Biometric process and CCTV Cameras/ Videography etc.
Likely causes of rejection of application
1. More than one application form for a particular category.
2. Application is incomplete and not online.
3. Full fee, if not deposited in the manner prescribed.
4. No qualification of Hindi/Sanskrit as prescribed in advertisement.
5. Applicant does not possess the requisite academic qualification on cutoff date.
6. Applicant does not indicate visible identification mark in appropriate column of application form.
7. Candidate is underage/overage on the cutoff date/closing date.
8. Variation in data of online application form and in original documents if detected at any stage.
9. Lack of essential qualification as prescribed in advertisement.

USE OF MOBILE PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONICS DEVICE IN HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION EXAMINATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Place: Panchkula
Date: 20th June, 2019
Sd/- Under Secretary,
Haryana Staff Selection Commission,
Panchkula.

Item(s)	Timeline
Date of Publication	20.06.2019
Opening Date for Submission of Online Applications	24.06.2019
Closing Date for Submission of Online Application	08.07.2019 (By 11.59 P.M.)
Closing Date for Deposit of Fee	11.07.2019

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1.1 Invitation of Applications
Online applications are invited for direct recruitment for 4858 posts of Clerks of Group C mentioned under paragraph 2.1 through the URL address i.e <http://adv52019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx> from 24.06.2019 to 08.07.2019 till 11.59 P.M. Thereafter website link will be disabled.

1.2 Procedure/Instructions/Guidelines for Online Filling of Application Form
Following are all the general and special instructions for the applicant with respect to the online filling of the application form.

- Apply online well in advance without waiting for last date of submission of online application form.
- Please read the instructions and procedures carefully before you start filling the Online Application Form and check all the particulars filled up in application form after getting the printout to ensure the correctness of information and upload all documents before finally submitting the application
- The candidate should fill all details while filling the Online Application Form. After applying online, Registration No. and Password will be generated. Take print out of the registration no. and password screen for future reference of your application status and for Reprinting of your online filled application form and e-Challan form.
- After successful submission of application, candidates can again take final print out of application form and e-Challan.
- The hard copy of application form along with all uploaded documents must be brought at the time when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Documents which has not been uploaded, shall not be entertained.
- No request for change of any particular on the application form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
- No offline application form or copy of downloaded application form will be accepted by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
- The Selection shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Govt. notification No.523-3GS-70/2068, dated 28.01.1970 and further amended time to time.
Candidates who do not fulfill the qualifications/eligibility conditions on cutoff date, their application shall not be accepted by the online application system. All the Certificates/Documents relating to educational qualification/eligibility conditions and Socio-Economic Criteria etc. will be determined with regard to last date fixed to apply online applications also called as closing date i.e. 08.07.2019 as given in the advertisement.
The Commission does not scrutinize the documents at the time of submission of online application and the same are checked only at the time of Scrutiny.

Important Note:

- Candidates are advised to fill their application form carefully such as Name, Father's/Mother's name, Date of Birth and Category, Qualification, marks, obtained passing year, photo, Signature, details & fee, etc. No request for change of any particular on the online application form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission after submission of application form.
 - After final submission of application form, no change will be allowed. Candidate will be responsible for any mistake in the data of application form and fees paid by him/her.
 - In case candidate feels that he/she has filled up the form erroneously, he/she should fill up a fresh online application form alongwith fresh requisite fee before closing date.
- 1.3 Special Instructions for filling application form**
1. The online application can be filled up using URL address i.e <http://adv52019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx>.
2. The decision of the Commission in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of an application, eligibility/ suitability of the candidates, mode and criteria for selection etc. will be final and binding on the candidates. No inquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
3. Candidates applying for a post must ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions on the last date of application.
4. If on verification at any stage starting from submitting application form till appointment and any time even after appointment, it is found that any candidate does not fulfill any of the eligibility condition or it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect, his/her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will also be liable to be criminally prosecuted. This is irrespective of whether the candidate was benefitted by furnishing the false or incorrect information in his/her application.
5. A candidate whether he belongs to General or reserved category viz. SC, BCA, BCB, EWS, ESP, ESM/DESM, DFF or PwD (persons with disabilities) can submit only one online application form under one particular category of post advertised. Submission of more than one application form will automatically lead to rejection of candidature.
6. Haryana Staff Selection Commission reserves the right to call any candidate personally along with printed copy of the application form with uploaded documents original certificates and photocopy of self-attested certificates along with Photo, Identity Proof i.e. Identity Card/Driving License/Passport/Voter Card/Pan Card/Aadhaar Card etc.

2.1 Details of Posts & Qualifications

VARIOUS DEPARTMENT / BOARDS & CORPORATIONS

Cat. No. 1 4858 Posts of Clerks.				
Cat.	Total	NON ESM	ESM	ESP
GEN.	2354	1929	348	77
SC	913	753	116	44
BCA	709	547	113	49
BCB	511	354	133	24
EWS	371	-	-	-

Grand Total=4858

PwD (Person with Disability)
Locomotor disability=47, Deaf and hard of hearing=39, Blindness and Low vision=34, autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability & mental illness and multiple disabilities=19, Bifurcation of PwD, Visual Handicap-Blind (B)=3, Low Vision (LV)=3, Hearing Handicap-Fully Deaf (FD)=2, Hard of Hearing/Partial Deaf (HH/PD)=3,
Locomotor Disability including Cerebral Palsy, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims and Muscular Dystrophy
One Leg (OL)=03, One Arm (OA)=2, Muscular Weakness (MW)=01, One Arm One Leg (OAL)=1, Dwarfism=1, Aacid attack victims=1,

Essential Qualification:-

- 10+2/10+2 First Division/Graduation or its equivalent from a recognized Board/University.
- Hindi/Sanskrit upto Matric Standard or higher education.

Age: 17-42 years
Pay Scale: ₹ 5200-20200+₹ 1900 (GP) Pre revised now Functional Pay Level 2 FPL Rs 19900.
Relaxation in Age:

- Upper age limit is relaxable upto 5 years in the case of Scheduled Caste (SC), Backward Class (A) & Backward Class (B) as per Haryana Govt. instructions.
- In the case of PwD General Candidates, the upper age limit is relaxable by 10 years (15 years for SCs/BCs) as per Haryana Government instructions No. 22/10/2013-1GS-III, dated 15.07.2014.
- For Ex-servicemen Candidates, relaxation up to continuous Military service added by three years is permissible.
- The upper age limit in respect of widow, legally separated woman, divorcee, deserted woman and unmarried woman will be upto 47 years as per Government instructions.
- All of the above relaxations are for Haryana State domicile only.

2.2 Details of Fees

Sr. No.	Category of Post	General		SC/BC/EWS Candidates of Haryana State	
		Male/Female	Female (Haryana Resident)	Male	Female
1.	Cat. No. 1	₹ 100/-	₹ 50/-	₹ 25/-	₹ 13/-
2.	PwD (Person with Disability)/ Ex-Serviceman of Haryana	No Charges			

- The dependent of ESM and DFF are required to pay the fee as for General, SC or BCA & BCB Candidates as the case may be.
- Fee once deposited against an application form is neither transferable nor refundable/adjustable.
- The fee should be deposited through Net banking or e-Challan in any branch of State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and IDBI Bank available on payment site.
- Candidates are advised to choose their mode of payment i.e. Net banking or e-Challan while applying online.

2.3 Criteria for Selection, Examination & Syllabus.

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IRAQI KURDISTAN

Comeback Kurds

Two years after a disastrous referendum, Iraq's Kurds are prospering



The Kurds have not stopped dreaming of independence. Arabic is Iraq's official language, but it has been three decades since it was properly taught in Kurdish schools. Reuters

THE MONITOR recording the descent of a drill beneath the green hills of Khor Mor, in Iraqi Kurdistan, flashes 3,044—or just over 3km. In a caravan next to a roaring derrick a Canadian oilman and his team from Crescent Petroleum, a company based in the United Arab Emirates, watch for the first signs of gas. Other wells in the area are already meeting 80% of the electricity needs of Kurdistan. Capacity at an adjoining processing plant is set to double. The Kurds could begin supplying the rest of Iraq with gas by next year, says Falah Mustafa, the foreign minister for the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG). Exports of gas to Europe via Turkey could follow in 2022.

Such confidence signals an about-turn for Iraq's Kurds, who enjoy relative autonomy from the rest of Iraq. In 2017 the enclave's leaders reached for more, recklessly holding a referendum on independence, which passed overwhelmingly. The central government in Baghdad responded by booting Kurdish militias, known as the Peshmerga,

out of oil-rich Kirkuk. It ended budgetary support for the regional government and, with the help of Turkey and Iran, closed its airspace and some border crossings. Western leaders abandoned the Kurds; foreigners fled the region. Masoud Barzani, Kurdistan's humiliated president, resigned and left a power vacuum. Independence did not happen.

But, like its gas, Kurdistan is rising. On June 10th politicians from the central government converged on Erbil, the Kurdish capital, for the inauguration of Nechirvan Barzani, Masoud's nephew, as the new president of the KRG. Turkey and Iran sent representatives. Kurdish opposition politicians, who protested against the government's poor handling of the situation in 2017, will join the new government. Iraq's prime minister, Adel Abdul-Mahdi, congratulated the younger Barzani. "Let's have harmony with each other from now on," said the president, from a podium festooned with Iraqi as well as Kurdish flags.

The Kurds owe their comeback, in part, to the national elections held last year. Turnout

was low and the Kurds did well, becoming kingmakers in the new parliament. They helped Mr Abdul-Mahdi, who had fought with the Peshmerga in his youth, to become prime minister. In return Mr Abdul-Mahdi made Fuad Hussein, a close adviser to Masoud Barzani, his finance minister and restored budgetary support for the region (amounting to over 12% of the central government's budget).

Lately Kurdistan's economy has been booming. In March public employees received their full salaries for the first time in three years. Flush with cash, families pack restaurants and malls. Payments have resumed to contractors. Workers are again

building motorways. Kurdistan's airspace has reopened. Threats by the national government to take control of Kurdish border crossings (and impose its convoluted visa process) never materialised. Trade with Iran, Turkey and north-eastern Syria, which is held by Syrian Kurds, is flourishing. Although the central government took control of Kirkuk and its oilfields, it exports much of the black stuff via the KRG's pipeline, paying transit fees.

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Kurdish Asayish, or gendarmes, have kept their bases and are reviving their networks in the city; one of its commanders says he leads 2,000 men. In northern Kirkuk, it is as if the Kurds never left. Shopfronts are painted with Kurdish flags. Kurds in the city complain of Arabisation, but a huge statue of Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader and former president of Iraq, who died in 2017, still rises out of the hills above the northern entrance to the city.

The Kurds have become good at playing off regional rivals against each other. Iran and Turkey, which vie for influence in Kurdistan, have encouraged their merchants to return. Sanction-squeezed Iran needs outlets for exports; its oil trucks cram the roads of Iraqi Kurdistan. But America also sees the Kurds as a potential ally in its campaign to squeeze Iran, just as they were an ally in the battle against Saddam Hussein, Iraq's former dictator, and IS.

For all the optimism, Kurdistan still faces challenges. Economic ties with the rest of Iraq are not what they were before the referen-

dum. A chicken farmer says his sales inside Iraq, which fell by over half after the referendum, have only slightly recovered. Foreigners are returning to Kurdistan—but in smaller numbers. The government still wastes money on a bloated bureaucracy. Corruption is a problem. The Barzani and Talabani dynasties continue to dominate Kurdish politics, which would benefit from fresh faces.

Even though relations have improved, there is lingering distrust between the central government and the KRG—for good reason. The Kurds have not stopped dreaming of independence. Arabic is Iraq's official language, but it has been three decades since it was properly taught in Kurdish schools. Courts refuse to accept Arabic documents without a Kurdish translation, says a businessman. Officials refer to the referendum as a step towards independence. "It is our title deed for a state," says an official. "We will never give it up."

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POWER GENERATION IN SOUTH KOREA

A muddy future

South Korea's government wants greener energy. Who will pay for it?

STANDING IN the middle of a huge coastal mud flat, Moon Jae-in, South Korea's president, announced in October the beginning of "a new 1,000-year energy history" for his country. Behind him stretched a field of solar panels; a large windmill loomed in the background. The area, called Saemangeum, was dammed with the world's largest seawall under a previous administration. Mr Moon wants it to become home to wind farms and solar plants capable of generating 4GW of power, to give South Korea a "brighter future".

The site has unfortunate associations. The seawall, conceived in the early 1990s to reclaim land for agriculture, is the country's most famous white elephant. It cost billions to build, but by the time it was completed, in 2010, there was little demand for new farmland. Environmentalists, meanwhile, lamented the destruction of an important way-station for migratory birds. Local fishermen complained their catches had shrunk. The vast expanse of stagnant, brackish water trapped behind the dyke hardly speaks of a greener future.

Yet a greener future is needed. By Mr Moon's own admission, South Korea lags "embarrassingly behind" other countries when it comes to renewable energy. In 2017 43% of its electricity came from coal-fired

Watt a bargain
Household electricity prices, \$ per kWh



plants, up from 39% the year before (the increase is because of another of Mr Moon's policies, the slow phase-out of nuclear power). Emissions of greenhouse gases are rising, even though South Korea is a signatory to the Paris climate agreement and has pledged to reduce them to 20% below the level of 2010 by 2030. In April the government said it would increase renewables' share of generation from the present 6% to 20% by 2030 and to 35% by 2040.

The commitment is timely. South Korean

voters are increasingly sensitive to environmental matters, particularly the fine dust that blankets the country for large parts of the year. Scrutiny of coal-fired power plants and other industries is growing, and the authorities are backing away from their long-standing claim that most air pollution is blown in from China, and so is out of their hands.

But the government is woolly about how it will achieve its goals. A generous price subsidy for renewable generation was scrapped in 2012. Saemangeum aside, the country's rugged terrain makes installing renewables expensive. The average electricity price paid by consumers is around \$0.10 a kilowatt-hour, among the lowest in the OECD, a club of rich and middle-income countries. Raising it would be the obvious way to pay for the expansion (as well as to encourage efficiency). But that would be politically tricky, says Jung Tae-yong of Yonsei University in Seoul: "People think of electricity as a public good—they expect it to be cheap."

That makes it hard for the government to attract private investment to projects such as Saemangeum. The local development agency is offering tax breaks and preferential land leases to investors who are willing to take the plunge. Since 2012 the government has said that a steadily growing share of



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power sold by utilities—currently 6%—must come from renewable sources, but it is not rising fast enough to hit the government's targets. "It's just not that attractive to invest in renewable energy in South Korea," says Mr Jung.

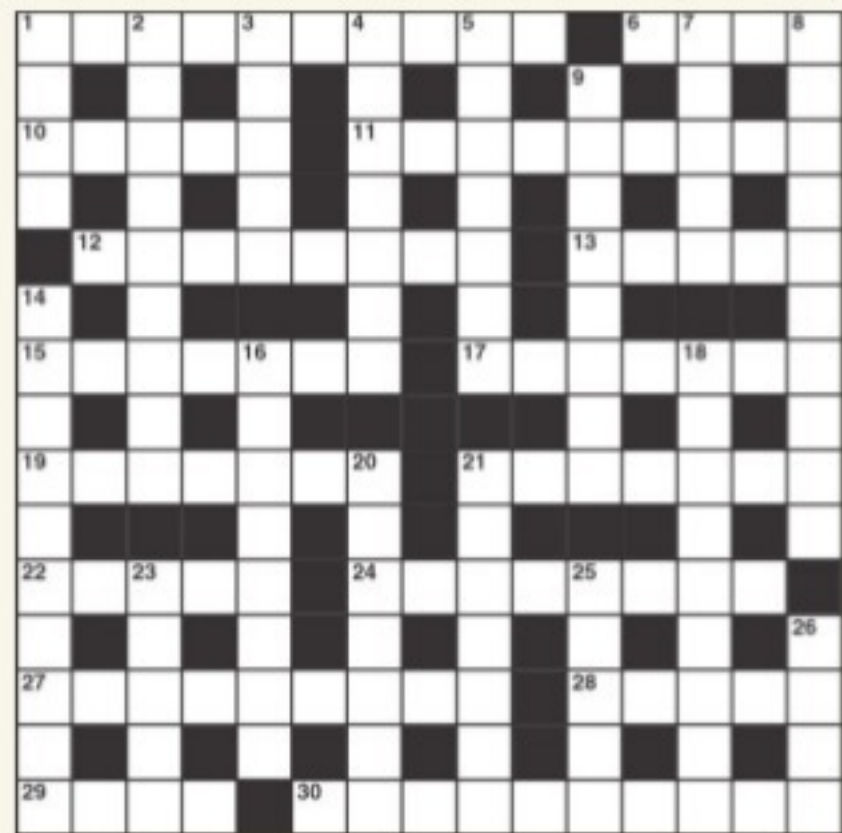
More than 90% of the country's electricity is generated by KEPCO, a listed but state-controlled utility, which also controls the

grid. Since the government began scaling back nuclear power in earnest in late 2017, it has lost money in every quarter but one. In the first quarter of this year it posted an operating loss of 630bn won (\$525m), more than twice as much as expected. KEPCO blames the poor results mainly on the rising price of imported natural gas and coal, as well as having to cut back on cheap nuclear gen-

eration. It is thinking of petitioning the regulator to raise prices. Mr Jung thinks that this is the way forward. "We're not a developing country any more. Eventually, the government will just have to admit that if we want clean and safe energy, we're going to have to pay for it."

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CROSSWORD 3838



ACROSS

- The shooting season? (10)
- American leaves a field event with a record (4)
- Like books after printing and before censorship? (5)
- A leading Roman? (9)
- Spring after spring, it never fails to surprise me (4,4)
- The French and English turn a great deal (5)
- Dames in confusion look younger (7)
- Newspaper feature could make it clear (7)
- Its root goes into a stew (7)
- Important city may well attract interest (7)
- A guard to face (5)
- Offered to alter the rent deed (8)
- Tell people you've had enough, then keep quiet (3,2,4)
- It isn't corruption: it is corruption (5)
- Cunning, in the main (4)
- Urge a chap to become a publicity man (5,5)

DOWN

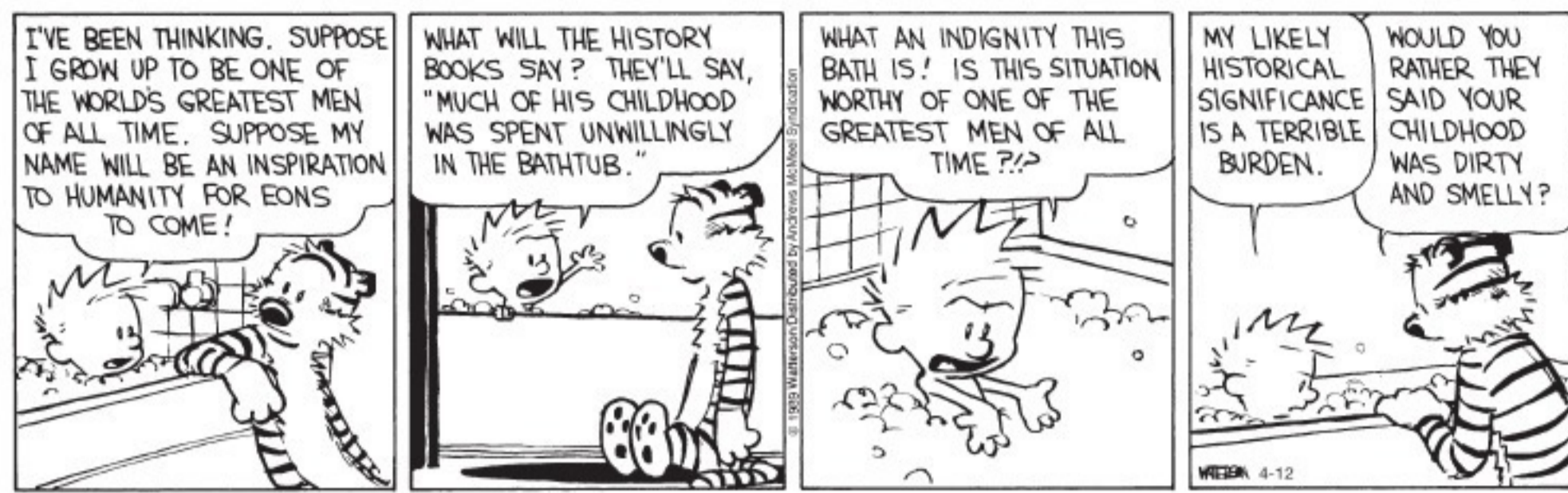
- Aspersions on the staff, perhaps (4)
- Hard places to grow plants in (9)
- South African by birth? (5)
- Watches teachers marking correctly? (7)
- Chap unfit to work on a tough paper (7)
- I do it wrongly, being a fool (5)
- She's possibly recalled in a famous children's story (10)
- Closing period? (4,4)
- Is outwardly better, though done in an offhand way (10)
- Without an outward appearance? (8)
- She may take the wheel with dazzling effect (9)
- Best alternative in the open air (7)
- Reckons wrongly it's a child's game (7)
- Pen has the French way of writing (5)
- A bonus for a bit-part player (5)
- Let it be one sort of square in another (4)

Solutions Crossword 3837: Across: 1 Coterie, 5 Annie, 8 Alabaster, 9 Was, 10 Nude, 12 Seashore, 14 Limpid, 15 Reckon, 17 Rest cure, 18 Brio, 21 Eve, 22 Acetylene, 24 Steak, 25 Shebeen. Down: 1 Chain, 2 Tea, 3 Roan, 4 Either, 5 Arrested, 6 New Yorker, 7 Eastern, 11 Damascene, 13 Gimcrack, 14 Largess, 16 Bricks, 19 Ocean, 20 Bure, 23 Eye.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

I am not worried about the deficit. It is _____ to take care of itself. - Ronald Reagan (3,6)

EOSIN **HILYGH**

NTYNU **BETTBG**

SOLUTION: EOSIN, HILYGH, NTYNU, BETTBG

SUDOKU 3884

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

		7						2
	4		2	9		3	1	
7			6			8		
1	2					7	3	
	6							1
		8		7				
	3	6		5	8		4	
9			3					

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3883

6	2	1	7	4	8	3	9	5
3	5	7	9	2	1	8	4	6
9	4	8	6	3	5	7	1	2
1	3	5	2	8	6	9	7	4
7	8	4	5	1	9	2	6	3
2	9	6	3	7	4	1	5	8
5	1	3	4	9	2	6	8	7
8	6	2	1	5	7	4	3	9
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DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER E-3
VIKAS KUTEER, IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002

NOTICE INVITING E-BIDS
Name of Work : EIUS
Sub Head : Supplying, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of High Mast Light at various JSCs under the jurisdiction of E-3
Estimated Amount : Rs. 81,90,560/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 1,65,000/-
Tender No.: 11/EE(E-3)/DUSIB/19-20
The Bid documents and other details can be obtained from e-procurement website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Date of start of Sale of Tender : 21.06.2019
The Last Date of submission of Bid is : 02.07.2019 upto 3.00 PM
Date of Opening of Bid : 02.07.2019 at 3.30 PM
Executive Engineer (E-3)

Government of Assam
Assam Water Research & Management Institute
Society

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
The Nodal Officer, NHP, Assam, Guwahati invites online bids from eligible bidders for "Supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of real time dataacquisition system (RTDAS) of Assam under NHP" (Ref. No. NHP-2018-2019-AS-641643-2) Details are available at <https://assamtenders.gov.in>
Janasanyog/CF/468/19

ncdp NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DESIGN & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT (NCDPD)
Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan (3rd Fl.), Baba Kharag Singh Marg, Connaught Place New Delhi-110001, Tel: 011-23341265, Email: ncdpd@ncdpd.in, Website: www.ncdpd.in

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
NCDPD invites EOI from the reputed agencies / firm for supply of Tool Kits for various handicrafts as per the detailed specifications given in the scope of work. Interested agencies may submit their EOI along-with their financial quotes on above address. The detailed TOR for the same can be obtained from this office or downloaded from www.ncdpd.in. Last date for submission of EOI shall be within 7 days from this publication.

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SC025866

Time Extension Notice
Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of E tender notice No-30/EE (M)/MB-II/18-19: (Procurement of 02 Nos HVDF coated Runners for 76MW Francis Turbine.) invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereby extended as follows:-
Last date of downloading the tender : 22.07.2019 upto 16:00 Hrs
Last Date for submitting of bid in the portal : 22.07.2019 upto 16:00 Hrs.
Last date of submitting hard copy of documents : 25.07.2019 upto 11:00Hrs
Due date for opening the tender : 26.07.2019 at 11:00 Hrs.
Other Terms & Conditions shall remain unchanged. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the e-procurement portal <http://ukntenders.gov.in>
पं. 296 दिनांक 19.06.2019 Executive Engineer
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Nayan**, S/o: **Sh. Ratender**, R/o: H. No.- 54, Singhalpur-Village, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi is missing since 08.05.2019 from the area of **P.S. Shalimar Bagh**, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 67A dated 10.05.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. The description of the missing boy are as under: **Age: 19 yrs, Height: 5' 6", Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Complexion: Black, Wearing: Yellow color shirt, white colour jeans and brown shoes in feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following.
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 **SHO**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**
DP/9047/NW/19 **Ph.: 011-27495198, 8750870227**

Form No. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
Summons For Filing & Appearance By Publication
O.A.No. 257/2019
Date: 11-06-2019
(Summons to defendants under Section 19(3), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993).
Original Application No. 257/2019

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019
O.A.No. 250/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 250 of 2019

ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant
Versus
MR. PREM KUMAR & OTHERS ...Defendants
To,
1. **MR. PREM KUMAR**
Mcf No. 1774 Gali No. 43 Sanjay Colony, Sector- 23 Faridabad-121005.
ALSO AT:-
Flat No. 1804, 18th Floor Tower A1, Jkg Palm Court, Situated At Plot No. Gh 01 D Sector- 16C Noida- 201307
2. MRS. ASHA JOSHI
Mcf No. 1774 Gali No. 43 Sanjay Colony, Sector- 23 Faridabad-121005.
ALSO AT:-
Flat No. 1804, 18th Floor Tower A1, Jkg Palm Court, Situated At Plot No. Gh 01 D Sector- 16C Noida- 201307
3. M/S JKG CONSTRUCTION PVT LTD REGISTERED OFFICE:
B-174, YOZANVA VIHAR, DELHI-110092.
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 13/09/2019 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

ICICI Bank Ltd. Applicant
Versus
MR. RAJESH KUMAR & OTHERSDefendant
To,
1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar
H. No. C 61, Shivdurga Vihar Lakarpur, Faridbad Haryana-121009.
Also At:
Flat No. 1806, Tower- D In The Building Called Manorath, Plot No. Ch 4b/1 Sector 16 Gautam Budh Nagar Greater Noida 201301, Uttar Pradesh.
ALSO AT:
Juniper Hotels Private Limited Plot No. 1, Aerocity Near Mahipalpur New Delhi- 110091.
2. SARITA
H. No. C 61, Shivdurga Vihar Lakarpur, Faridbad Haryana-121009.
ALSO AT:
Flat No. 1806, Tower- D In The Building Called Manorath, Plot No. Ch 4b/1 Sector 16 Gautam Budh Nagar Greater Noida 201301, Uttar Pradesh.
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd Corporate Office:
D- 59, Ground Floor, Sector- 63, Noida.
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019, at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Lucknow

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi - 110 020

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)
CONCOR invites Online E-Tender for "the work of Providing covers for drain along rail siding and repair of CC Block Pavement at ICD/ KKKU, Jaipur", only through e-tender mode in Single Bid System. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs.1000/-through online from the website, www.tenderindia.com/CICIL.

Tender No.	आन / ०६ / आन/IKKU/drain cover/pavement/2019
Estimated Cost	₹ 24.70 Lakhs (inclusive of all)
Period of the contract	04 Months from the 15th day after date of issue of letter of acceptance.
Earnest Money Deposit	₹ 49,400/-through e-payment.
Cost of Document	₹ 1000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Tender Processing Fee	₹ 1,457/-inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable) through e-payment.
Date of Sale (Online)	From 21.06.2019 11:00 hrs. to 11.07.2019 upto 17:00 hrs.
Last Date & Time of submission	12.07.2019 upto 15:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening	On 15.07.2019 at 15:30 hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderindia.com/CICIL. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. Executive Director/Northern Region

TAMILNADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION
HEAD OFFICE :12 THAMBUSAMY ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI-10

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE
No.: **QC2 / 025202 / 2019** Dated : **21.06.2019**
Short Term e-Tender No.: **TNCS/19-20/ET/03**
Online electronic tender for "THE SUPPLY OF 2500 Nos LOW DENSITY BLACK POLY ETHYLENE COVERS (9.8 x 6.4 x 5.2 METRES) SIZE"
Complete tender can be viewed, downloaded and uploaded through <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc> from 21.06.2019
The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III
For Registration and further details contact **MSTC LIMITED**, Phone: (044) 25222842 / 25251910 / 25261005
e-Mail : mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in
Last Date for Online Submission : 05.07.2019.
DIPR/2088/Tender/2019
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Government of Andhra Pradesh
Roads and Buildings Department
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Independent Engineer Services)
EOI No.78/Engineer-In-Chief(R&B), SH&M/ID/PRDC/2019-20, dt: 18.06.2019
Consultancy services for the assignment of Independent Engineer for "Four Lanning of Narketpally - Addanki - Medarametala Road (SH-2) from Km 0.000 to 212.500 in the State of Andhra Pradesh under Public Private Partnership on DBFO (Toll) Basis" in the States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, India"
1) The Roads and Buildings Department invites Expression of Interest from the interested Consultants for providing Consultancy Services for Balance works, operation and Maintenance of aforesaid Project.
2) Expression of Interest must be delivered to the undersigned not later than 11.45 A.M on 15-07-2019 in the specified formats.
3) Full version of this Request for EOI and formats are available at website <http://www.aprdc.ap.gov.in>.
Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief (R&B)
SH & Managing Director, APRDC
R O No.: 41PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2019-20

North Eastern Railway Open Tender Notice No. N/539/2/OT/19-20/15
"Open Tenders" through Online (E-Tendering) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom)/Varanasi/N.E. Railway for and behalf of the President of India for the following works:
Tender Notice No. and Description of work Details
SN: 1, N/539/2/OT/19-20/15: Approx. Value ₹ 1149957.77
Name of work: Addition/Alteration Earnest Money ₹ 23000.00
work in Existing Electronics Cost of Tender Form ₹ 2000/-
Interlocking System of "Medha Make" including design, programming, installation, supply, testing & commissioning to RDSO spec no. RDSO/SPN/192/2005 or latest (withlatest amendment) along with indoor and outdoor work at SYH station in connection with LHS & Closing of Level crossing gate no.2 at Km. 1672-3 bet. ARJ-SYH of BSB Division.
Tender Closing Date & Time : 15.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.
1. Tender online will be submitted up to 15.00 Hrs on date 15.07.2019.
2. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the official website of Indian railways i.e. www.irreps.gov.in.
Divt. Rly. Manager (S&T)/Varanasi
Railway Vlg. Mobile Help Line No. 0551-155210 (Regarding corruption complaint)
Do not travel on roof top and foot board of train

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE PR. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, J&K GOVT., SRINAGAR
May to October: Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Lal Chowk, Sgr.-190001
Phone: 0194-2483937, Fax: 0194-2455027
Nov. to April: Van Bhawan, Below Gumat, Jammu-180001, 2455027
Phone: 0191-2560585, Fax: 0191-2547276
E-mail: pccjktforest@gmail.com, jkcampacell@gmail.com

Notification for Tender No. 01/CAMPA/2019 dated 18.06.2019
The Jammu & Kashmir State Forest Department (JKFD) invites proposals for Hiring of Services of Reputed and Experienced Agencies to undertake Third Party Evaluation of Activities under Different Components of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) taken up from 2012-13 to 2018-19, year wise, for Jammu Region & Kashmir Region separately.
(a) **Jammu Region:** Covering Three Territorial Forest Circles (East, West and Chenab); and
(b) **Kashmir Region including Ladakh:** Covering 3 Territorial Forest Circles in Kashmir Region (North, South and Srinagar) and One for Ladakh Region (Central Circle).
For details of RFP, please visit the official website of J&K Forest Department at www.jkforest.gov.in.
The Last Date for Receipt of Tender is 15th July, 2019 at 03.00 P.M. (Tender Inviting Authority)
Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA
Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar.
DIPK-NB-1310/19

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23 TALK

ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD



WRONG ADDRESS

Netflix woke up to 20,000 viewers protesting to the cancellation of the web-series *Good Omens*, which is actually produced by Amazon Prime. Adapted from Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman's 1990 fantasy novel, the six-part series was released last month.

AROUND TOWN



Life of an Actor

VETERAN ACTOR Anupam Kher takes the stage to present an autobiographical account of his illustrious life in Bollywood, television and the stage, in a show titled *Kuchh Bhi Ho Sakta Hai*. On June 30, 7 pm, at Sirifort Auditorium. Tickets on Bookmyshow.



Master Painter

PRABHAKAR BARWE'S artwork reflected his emotions through different materials that he placed on the canvas. His popular works include *Circular Oneness*, *Leaf with Acorns*, and *The Other Shore*. The National Gallery of Modern Art presents his work in a show, "Astitva: The Essence of Prabhakar Barwe". The exhibition is till July 28.



Sufi Soul

THE NOORAN Sisters, Jyoti and Sultana, known for their songs *Patakha Guddi* and *Tung Tung*, will present a "Sufiyana Night" in the city. They were trained by their father Ustad Gulshan Meer, son of well-known Ustad Sohan Lal, and grandson of late Bibi Nooran, a renowned Punjabi sufi singer in the '70s. On June 22, 5 pm, at Siri Fort Auditorium. Tickets on Bookmyshow.



Ladies Night

DRAWING FROM life and our innate Indianness, Neeti Palta's comedy is an honest account of her experiences and feelings, which she presents in her stand-up "Almost Sanskar". With a background in advertising and TV, she was head writer for the popular show *Galli Galli Sim Sim*. On June 23, 8 pm at Circle Cafe, Block F, Kalkaji. Tickets on Bookmyshow.

No More Taboo

AN INTERACTIVE theatre production, *Unravel*, brings mental health and wellness into the limelight. Through improv and theatre exercises, it offers a candid perspective. At 7.30 pm on June 21 and 22, and at 7 pm, on June 23, at Oddbird Theatre, Chhatrapur.



'My work should be my identity not my gender'

Gazal Dhaliwal on her journey from Patiala to becoming a successful screenwriter in the Hindi film industry

ALAKA SAHANI

SCREENWRITER Gazal Dhaliwal's latest release is an atmospheric love story, titled *A Monsoon Date*. The short film in which Konkona Sensharma plays the lead character — a transwoman seeking love — is currently streaming on the OTT platform of Eros. Dhaliwal, who has been credited for movies such as *Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga* (2018) *Qarib Qarib Single* (2018) *Lipstick Under My Burkha* (2016) and *Wazir* (2016), talks about her sexuality, conflicts and her unique journey. Excerpts:

What was the trigger for the story of *A Monsoon Date*?

I'm personally fond of monsoons. Sometimes the outside reflects what's inside you. There is a storm building up outside as it is inside the lead character. Almost nothing happens in the film yet so much happens with this one character as she is heading to a date she has been seeing for a month.

What are the challenges of a short film vis-a-vis a feature?

When you are writing a feature film, be mentally prepared to devote at least two years to it. I wrote *A Monsoon Date* in a month and we shot it in two-and-a-half days. Feature films have an arc with beginning, middle, and end. Short films too have a beginning, middle and end, but the scope is smaller.

You have been telling certain kinds of stories. Is it a conscious decision?

I'm conscious of the kind of work I want to do. I have been fortunate that something like *Lipstick Under My Burkha* came my way. That was the first movie I signed but the first one to be released was *Wazir*, for which I wrote additional dialogues. *Qarib Qarib Single* is my favourite as I love romcoms. Of late, there is a sense of exhaustion when it comes to romcoms as you feel that you have seen it all. However, I could sense that the flavour in this was new.

Being an IT engineer, how were you drawn to cinema?

The love for cinema was passed on to me genetically. My father had lots of video and audio cassettes. In hindsight, my life was so suffocating that watching Bollywood films was one way of believing that happy endings were possible. Coming from Patiala, my exposure to Hindi cinema was limited. *Lamhe* (1991) was my favourite film. It's an unusual, almost impossible love story. I always thought if I ever find love, it would be an impossible love story.

What prompted you to quit your job and study filmmaking at Mumbai's Xavier's College?

During school and college days, I used to direct plays. In the '90s, career options were limited in smaller towns. Since I was good in math, I pursued engineering and joined Infosys. I was posted in Mysore for two years, which was a dark period in my life; I didn't have friends. The worst was that the Karnataka government passed a law that Hindi movies won't release at the same time



(Above) Gazal Dhaliwal @khamkphotoartist; scenes from (top left) *A Monsoon Date* and *Qarib Qarib Single*

A transgender person's existence is lonely. There might be people who love you but they can never identify with what you are going through

GAZAL DHALIWAL

and would show only three weeks later. Cinema was a respite for me. That's when I thought of giving movies a shot.

Two years after you joined the course, you underwent a sex reassignment surgery in 2007. Are these two decisions connected?

When I moved to Mumbai, I had two dreams — to undergo the sex-change procedure and work in movies. I told myself that since my first dream will never come true, at least, I must not let go of the other. As part of our diploma, my group made a documentary on transgenders. We spoke to people from the hijra community, transsexuals, and surgeons. Once again, I was hopeful of opting for a sex change. I took the documentary home and showed it to my parents. When it ended, my dad turned to me and said: "So, when are you doing it?"

Had you anticipated their support?

Not immediately. I thought I would have to do some convincing but the film did the trick. My father is progressive while my mother is conscious of what people will say. Both my parents have loved me immensely and been protective about me. When I came out to my father at the age of 14, he obviously didn't understand everything but he told me that he was there for me.

Did their support make it easy?

It is never easy. It is like your own body is your prison. I had lived like that for 25 years. There was constant bullying in school and ragging in college. A transgender person's existence is lonely. There might be people who love you but they can never identify with what you are going through.

Are there biases in the Indian film industry too?

I have received appreciation and respect in the industry. But, my work should be my identity not my gender. I have been lucky to work with progressive people. The industry always had a lot of gay people in it. Yet, from the business point of view, the LGBTQ stories don't fit in. They assume the masses won't accept these stories. While there is an understanding, the products that we create don't reflect that. That is changing now.

this can be established by Mumbai's example where 55 per cent of the city's population resides in slums, only 30 per cent are below poverty line."

There can be several reasons why men choose to move to a city alone. One of them is women's safety as many accommodations in big cities are male dominated. Also, men often leave behind their wives to take care of their parents and the land.

But there are exceptions to these migration trends. His research in Surat showed Tumble that tribals from north Maharashtra migrated mostly with their family whereas the ones from Bihar came to the city solo. "It was unthinkable for the Maharashtrian to move without his family, whereas the Bihar male migrant worker found the idea of bringing them along absurd. So it was mostly based on the patriarchal norms they had internalised."

However, Kerala with high female literacy and gender ratio presents an interesting counter to this example. Tumble reveals that although Malayali women migrate across the world to work as nurses, their numbers do not exceed men, who migrate to the Gulf.

Cheese, No Please

Nut and Bowls, a raw vegan cafe in Delhi, is hit-and-miss with its food and philosophy



Penne in Alfredo Sauce; (below) Bliss Balls

POOJA PILLAI

PASTA, COVERED in mild, creamy alfredo sauce is a familiar and comforting dish for many. But what if the cream, butter and cheese, the very ingredients that make the sauce so silky-smooth and moreish, were swapped with a vegan alternative? Weighing our options at Nut and Bowls cafe, where the alfredo sauce is made with cashew nuts, we decided it was a small risk to take, since these are among the fattiest of all nuts and, by our logic, most likely to produce the creamiest sauce. As it turns out, our Penne in Alfredo Sauce wasn't a bad choice. The sauce turned out to be creamy and, unlike the original sauce made with dairy, didn't leave us with a heavy feeling in the gut. But was it moreish? Not enough, was our judgement. After all, there's a reason why so many people, especially in India, find it so hard to give up dairy. This, despite vegans crying hoarse for years about the evils of the dairy industry and the harm that dairy products do to the body.

This feeling of it's-good-but-not-enough plagued us through our meal at Nut and Bowls, which is being promoted as Delhi's first raw vegan cafe. The Grilled Tofu in Beetroot Sauce, which is served with a portion of rice and vegetables, would have been good — the beetroot sauce had a nice balance of sweet and tangy — but the tofu was dry as cardboard, even when more sauce was called for and poured over it.

Similarly, our Protein Bowl — of chickpeas, brown rice, assorted vegetables and chickpea falafel — would have been good, but for the greasiness of the roasted vegetables. The only dish to re-

ally hit the mark was the Deep Dark Chocolate Cheesecake which, of course, had no dairy in it at all. The base — which is usually made with loads of butter and graham crackers — used almonds, while the "cheesy" mousse on top was made with cashewnuts and almonds. Subtly sweetened with dates, this remains, without doubt, one of the best desserts we've had in a long while. The other dessert we tried — the so-called Bliss Balls, made with raw cacao and hazelnuts or almonds — was a tad too dry. Chewing on them, was more like chewing on nutrition bars than a dessert.

Which brings us to the philosophy behind the cafe which supposedly promotes "a better and fitter alternative to junk and unhealthy food". That is a noble objective, no doubt, but it does raise the question of how much premium diners would place on a dish of food which, even if it is full of so-called "super foods" and free

of more "sinful" elements like meat and dairy, isn't quite what your heart wants. After all, one of the reasons we eat out is for the pure indulgence of it — the ghee dripping off a motichoor laddoo or the melting beauty of a four-cheese pizza is, frequently, the reason why we eat these things. Also, to be fair, plenty of Indian food is already vegan by nature and consumed by a larger number of us than evangelists for veganism would have us believe. In such a scenario, how conscientious is it to serve up foods like quinoa and blueberries which may serve the purpose of making one feel virtuous, but which have a fairly heavy carbon footprint?

NUT & BOWLS, M-70, Ground Floor, M Block Market, Greater Kailash 2; 11 am to 10 pm

The Hard Line

Who is rapper Hard Kaur, the UK-based musician, charged with sedition and defamation?

SUANSHU KHURANA

Sometimes I wonder how the hell am I still alive, 84 was the year that changed my life Already had my mind made up at the age of five, Cause I remember that's the day that my daddy died

IN 2013, along a backing beat and violin, Birmingham-based rapper Hard Kaur crooned these lines on Coke Studio @MTV in *Katney* — a song produced by ace composer Ram Sampath — and gave us a glimpse into her life. Kaur was referring to the 1984 riots, a year after which her depressed father committed suicide.

Through the song, Kaur created a unique world. With Rajasthani folk artiste Bhawari Devi, who was singing a devotional *Pabuji ki phad*, Kaur struck a chord. She was not just stylistically interesting; she was making a point about her life and using a cultural reference to do so. Till then Kaur had entertained us with popular commercial numbers such as *Move your body* with Shankar Ehsaan Loy in Shridhar Raghavan's *Johnny Gaddaar* (2007) and a couple of numbers in *Patiala House* (2011), among others.

This week, Kaur's social media posts on RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has led to an FIR by the UP police, after a complaint was made by Varanasi-based lawyer Shashank Shekhar. The complaint has been recorded under sections 124A (sedition), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, etc), 500 (defamation),

505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of IPC and section 66 of IT Act.

Born as Taran Kaur Dhillon in Kanpur, Hard Kaur moved to Chandigarh to her maternal grandparents' home after her father's death. Kaur, in the past, recounted that her mother was coerced into marrying a Birmingham-based, older businessman. In the UK, the 10-year-old Kaur was bullied at school for being different — she didn't speak proper English and was Indian. Eventually she grew tough, got into hip-hop and left the coy girl she was behind.

In previous interviews she said she took action against her stepfather, who would beat her mother and made sexual advances at her, and handed him to the cops. In *Katney*, she sang, *Chose my weapons wisely, you can't break me/ 93 I found the sound that would save me/ For every single time my stepfather tried to rape me/ Man you don't know what music gave me*.

Kaur has had a complicated life and many stories to tell. At 15, she began performing at the famed nightclub The Dome in Birmingham and word spread about an Asian girl rapping her heart out. She wrote more. And after performances in London, she cut her debut album *Brathe* and crooned, *We're not born for cornershops and 7/11s/Your country's shit/ You took all our jewels/ Your Queen is dead*. It worked but not for the market. So she took to Bollywood and Hindi lyrical hooks that she didn't sound comfortable singing. But Kaur found commercial success with the pieces she created. In 2013, came Coke Studio, where she finally spoke about her life through rap. She was in the news for her post after Gauri Lankesh's murder in 2017 where she said "won't let your killers go".



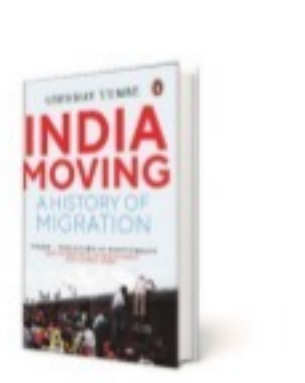
Hard Kaur

A Home for the Lady

Chinmay Tumble on migration trends in India and how marriage plays a role in it



Chinmay Tumble; his book



have established in Mumbai and Delhi, where it is easier for them to find work as domestic helps. "Or they move en masse via contractors in a sector where they can find a job, such as teaching, domestic work and knitting in the garments industry. Bangalore is one such centre and the other is Tirupur in Tamil Nadu," he says, citing Udupi as a contrast region, which only see its menfolk migrating.

Many such women, who move either for marriage or for work, reside in slums, which compels one to ask if this life is better than what they had back in their village. Tumble believes it is. "You will see that a Bihar man who moved to the city with his family will eventually fare better than his village compatriots. So, slums are often an outcome of choice because people need cheap housing space. And

where women move to cities for work. And this is possibly because tribals don't look down upon women migrating for work," he says. A part of the reason that drives women's migration from Chhattisgarh is the network they

DIPTINAGPAUL

AS SMALL towns turn into cities and urban centres become megapolises, the rural-to-urban move is the largest form of migration India is witnessing. While Chinmay Tumble does not dismiss that the numbers are staggering, but the author of the book *India Moving: A History of Migration* (Penguin; 2018), believes we tend to overlook the obvious. "The biggest form of migration in India is marriage," he asserts. He was in Mumbai recently as part of the Migration Museum, a one-day event by Godrej India Culture Lab.

An assistant professor in Economics at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Tumble's family migrated from Udupi to Mumbai, where he grew up. The topic has therefore been an area of interest.

Women who migrate alone do so mostly for education, says Tumble. It's rare to move for work although it is common in some pockets like Chhattisgarh, where the trend is new. "Involuntary migration for trafficking has been happening but Chhattisgarh is one state



You always keep wickets in hand in ODI cricket, that's the way we play, we don't try and not get off to a good start but you have to respect the new ball."
DAVID WARNER

The fall guy leaps again

Opener's whirlwind hundred fashions Australia's 48-run win over an inspired Bangladesh; takes them to top of the table



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 20

AUSTRALIA HAVE just two bowlers, three if Adam Zampa finds his touch, Josh Hazlewood is fit but is playing for Australia A in England. Instead, the likes of Nathan Coulter-Nile and Kane Richardson have donned the yellow jersey in England. Ashes focus, if you believe the rumblings. What it does is lull teams into thinking they can bash the daylight out of them in a chase. Start slow, play out Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins, keep wickets, and then go for it.

But you can't chase 382 with that approach. Bangladesh stirred too late in the chase and even though Mahmudullah tried valiantly, apart from lifting the spirits of the fans for a short while, it didn't amount to much. Of course, the chase wasn't the issue. The bowling was that yielded 381.

It can be said that Bangladesh were a bit slow in flickering to life on Thursday. Slow to start off with the ball – could they have got in more overs with the spinners with the new(ish) ball? All wisdom in hindsight, but they seemed on autopilot on the field. The Australians kept them in that limbo, securing their wickets, before launching an expected strike to take them to a match-winning total.

With the team they have, Australia aren't going to get many easy wins but it won't be a surprise if they end up huffing and puffing their way to the final. Then who knows what can happen? Nearly every batsman did what he is capable of. David Warner and Aaron Finch at the start, steady, accumulating, and punctuating it with a few big hits. Usman Khawaja, as ever, fluctuating between stylish and banal, from aggressor to accumulator.

When Warner fell in the 45th over, the score read 313 for 2. For a while before that, a section of Bangladesh fans at the stadium had already given up – not the thought of win but about containing Australia. "Let them score how much they want, let's hope we can chase it down". Glenn Maxwell made sure Bangladesh had to pull off a tremendous chase if they had to win by slugging a 10-ball 32.

Faced with a stiff target, Bangladesh tried to copy Australia's method. Start slow, preserve wickets, and see later on. But Australia's middle-overs enforcers are the same ones who bowl with the new ball. They bowl in tandem at the start and then bowl one after another in the middle and the end. To create an illusion that there is always a Starc or Cummins on at some point in the game.

As it happens, the others like Coulter-Nile and Stoinis pick up the wickets. It has to be said that Bangladesh didn't quite attack the first spells of the two, especially after Shakib Al Hasan fell to Stoinis. Tamim Iqbal fell, dragging an attempted cut off Starc to his stumps. From that moment on, the game inexorably headed towards a Bangladesh defeat though Mahmudullah blew life into the game with some astonishing and admirable hitting. And Mushfiqur Rahim completed a hundred.

As we reach the business end of the tournament, Australia are slowly taking care of their little worries. Warner now has two hundreds, Finch has played couple of spunky knocks. Maxwell has clubbed a few sixes, and Coulter-Nile and Stoinis have had enough match time to understand what works for them in the middle overs. That they should cut out excessive short ones, slip in the cutters more. Their bowling is better than what it was at the start of the tournament. Zampa too is coming along – not quite at the level he was in January in the series in India, but getting better. With the personnel he has, Finch can perhaps never quite relax as a captain on the field but he is increasingly getting better control over proceedings.



Warner's 16th ton was also his sixth 150-plus in ODIs. Only Rohit Sharma has more (7). He also became the only player with two 150-plus scores in World Cup. Reuters

The struggles that make Warner's 161 sweet

SRIRAM VEERA
NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 20

FAST AND SECURE

57 Such was his composure that David Warner didn't miss or edge a delivery in his last 57 balls.

110 In his 110th innings, Warner scored his 16th hundred. Only Hashim Amla has scored these many hundreds at a faster clip.

173 Australia scored these many runs in the last 15 overs, the second highest by a team in this World Cup.

WHEN YOU hit a lot of outlandish shots, you will be remembered for it. Almost only for it. It's David Warner's blessing and curse. The reputation precedes him everywhere he goes. But he isn't a see-the-ball, hit-the-ball kind of a batsman. He is an outlander in the world of aggressive batsmen. He stands out in that crowd because he is a classicist by soul. The intent is post-modern, the means to the end is classical. Of course, it had to be Viender Sehwa who spotted it first, telling a T20 batsman that he will great in Tests.

The post-ban version has problems. No doubt about it. The past reputation helps him to mask a few flaws and the accomplishment of this 161 lies in how he fought through his struggles.

You notice his feet at his pomp. The quick hands for sure but also the feet. Not where they went but how quickly they went. He wouldn't always go towards the ball but his feet would get him into position with last-instant movements that would allow him to pepper the off-side with his punches. Or he would jump back quickly and flick his pulls. Who swat-flicks pull shots? Warner does. Who punches deliveries from middle and leg through cover point? He does. In both cases the feet would lift and push his body back, and his hands would furiously do its thing to send the ball where he wanted.

These days, that feet are in a bit of a bother. Not chained but sluggish. Strange

thing to say about a batsman who has two hundreds in this world cup but it's a tribute to him that he has somehow managed to mask it. It isn't just the ball that angles across him – that can be said more or less about any lefthander, it's the ball that angles into him towards leg and middle that has caused him problems in the recent times. Pakistan's Wahab Riaz tried to ping it a few times but would occasionally slip it too much on the legs. His captain Sarfraz Ahmad would walk across to tell him to bent it in from around off stump-ish. It's the plan that all teams should go for Warner.

It's a bit puzzling that teams haven't quite

targeted him consistently. Especially when there has been some success. Mashrafe Mortaza tried it one ball in his first over – the ball rolled off the inside edge. Mustafizur tried one in his first over – the ball rammed into Warner's thigh. He tried that line his next over but like Riaz, he let it slid down the legs, and a four to fine-leg resulted.

That's it. Nothing else came in that line. It's a line of attack that shouldn't be overused of course but surely more than just couple of balls? Especially when the alternative that was adopted was short and around off stump. Warner sidestepped to punch or if the mood seized him, pulled them away.

Ironing out flaws

It makes one wonder about the planning and strategy of the teams out there. During IPL, in the select dugout, guys like Dean Jones, Scott Styris, Brendon McCullum, and Kevin Pietersen had picked that problem and hammered away at it. At one stage, Pietersen even said Warner better be prepared, teams at World Cup are going to come hard at him with that line.

Restrict him, annoy, frustrate and then induce mistakes elsewhere. It hasn't worked that way as teams have been going the completely opposite route. Bowl around off or outside off, and then try to use that in-coming line but that's a perplexing way to go about it. India were better, a lot straighter and he couldn't free his arms. His feet too have begun to move a lot better than that match, of course. Against India, he was forced to jump back to length deliveries coming in –

not to punch them to the off but just to keep them out. That inefficiency is slowly fading away as the tournament has progressed.

All that hand-wringing, preamble about his problems, don't usually fit in a description of a knock over 150. But it sets the context of his achievement. The ban, worries whether he would fit in with the team, the technical problems – but he is stubbing them out, one by one.

Post his ton, Warner indulged in nostalgia. That straight six that he hits when he leans forward and lets his hands go through the line sent a Rubel Hossain delivery over sightscreen. In Rubel's previous over, 38th of the innings, there was a four that was probably the better shot. It was on that middle and leg line, perhaps a touch short than what was required – and he was past 100 anyways, and Warner's feet found its old springs. They moved in a flash, allowing him to get beside the ball, by the legside – and he actually punched that ball through point. Quite a shot, that was. In Rubel's next spell, Warner would do that feet trick again. This time, to shovel a short ball at his body over third man.

He looks good now but why hedge and haw, here is the thing. Has he really come back to his old self? No, despite his two tons. But, more importantly, he is improving, he is hungry, he is finding a way out, he is patient in the initial years, he doesn't let his own reputation of destroyer of the new ball define him. Perceptions haven't become self-image. And that in the end, is why Warner is leaping and fist-pumping under the English sun.

SCORECARD >>

AUS vs BAN

Nottingham | Toss: Australia

AUSTRALIA 381/5 IN 50 OV

Warner c Rubel b Sarkar 166

(147b, 14x4, 5x6)

Finch c Rubel b Sarkar 53 (51b, 5x4, 2x6)

Khawaja c Mushfiqur b Sarkar 89

(72b, 10x4)

Maxwell run out (Rubel) 32 (10b, 2x4, 3x6)

Stoinis not out 17 (11b, 2x4)

Smith lbw b Mustafizur 1 (2b)

Carey not out 11 (8b, 1x4)

Extras: (b 1, lb 5, nb 1, w 5) 12

Fall of wickets: 1-121 (Finch, 20.5 ov), 2-313 (Warner, 44.2 ov), 3-352 (Maxwell, 46.2 ov), 4-353 (Khawaja, 46.5 ov), 5-354 (Smith, 47.1 ov)

Bowling:

Mortaza 8-0-56-0

Mustafizur 9-0-69-1

Shakib 6-0-50-0

Rubel 9-0-83-0

Hasan Miraz 10-0-59-0

Sarkar 8-0-58-3

BANGLADESH 333/8 IN 50 OV

T Iqbal b Starc 62 (74b, 6x4)

Sarkar run out (Finch) 10 (8b, 2x4)

Shakib c Warner b Stoinis 41 (41b, 4x4)

Mushfiqur not out 102 (97b, 9x4, 1x6)

Liton Das lbw b Zampa 20 (17b, 3x4)

Mahmudullah c Cummins b Coulter-Nile 69 (50b, 5x4, 3x6)

Rahman b Coulter-Nile 0 (1b)

Miraz c Warner b Starc 6 (7b)

Mortaza c Maxwell b Stoinis 6 (5b, 1x4)

Extras: (b 4, lb 4, w 9) 17

Fall of wickets: 1-23 (Soumya Sarkar, 3.5 ov), 2-102 (Shakib Al Hasan, 18.1 ov), 3-144 (Tamim Iqbal, 24.1 ov), 4-175 (Liton Das, 29.2 ov), 5-302 (Mahmudullah, 45.3 ov), 6-302 (Sabbir Rahman, 45.4 ov), 7-323 (Mehidy Hasan Miraz, 48.2 ov), 8-333 (Mashrafe Mortaza, 49.6 ov)

Bowling:

Starc 10-0-55-2

Cummins 10-1-65-0

Maxwell 3-0-25-0

Coulter-Nile 10-0-58-2

Stoinis 8-0-54-2

Zampa 9-0-68-1

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
Aus	6	5	1	0	0	10	+0.849
NZ	5	4	0	0	1	9	+1.591
Eng	5	4	1	0	0	8	+1.862
Ind	4	3	0	0	1	7	+1.029
Ban	6	2	3	0	1	5	-0.407
SL	5	1	2	0	2	4	-1.778
WI	5	1	3	0	1	3	+0.272
SA	6	1	4	0	1	3	-0.193
Pak	5	1	3	0	1	3	-1.933
Afg	5	0	5	0	0	0	-2.089

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

Moeen seeks milestone, England last-four push

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IT SAYS a lot about England's approach to one-day cricket since the last World Cup that Moeen Ali ranks the highlight of his career in the format as just being a part of the squad. Moeen made his ODI debut against West Indies in 2014 and was a member of the England squad that had a humiliating group-stage exit at the 2015 World Cup.

He's preparing to play his 100th ODI on Friday against Sri Lanka, with England in a completely different level. England has undergone a revolution in attacking style under Eoin Morgan's captaincy and is now the pace-setter in the ODI format, starting this World Cup as the title favorite on home soil.

"Just being part of the team, being part of the change, I guess, since when I first came in and to see the team where we are now," Moeen said when asked for the highlight of his first 99 ODIs. "Looking back if I was to retire, I'd always think I was part of that change, the mind-set changing and the great cricket we've played."



Moeen Ali will be featuring in his 100th ODI. Reuters

With Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow blazing away at the top of the order, Joe Root as a steady influence, the likes of Morgan, Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes in the middle order and Adil Rashid as the preferred spin bowler, there's not always room for Moeen in the starting XI. That doesn't bother Moeen, who missed

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the win over Bangladesh days before his wife gave birth to their second child and then was a strategic omission in the victory over the West Indies. He played a cameo nine-ball 31 in the win over Afghanistan in Manchester that contained four sixes and helped England improve its own world record for most sixes in an ODI innings to 25.

He's set to go again against Sri Lanka at Headingley, with England unlikely to change the combination – particularly with Roy sidelined with injury. Moeen averages 26, has three centuries and 83 wickets in ODIs, but he can have a big impact on a game batting at No. 7

and contributing tight overs with the ball.

England has beaten South Africa, Bangladesh, West Indies and Afghanistan in the tournament so far and can retake the lead in the standings with a victory over a Sri Lanka squad that has had a disjointed tournament. The Sri Lankans have had just one win, over Afghanistan, as well as two washed-out games and two losses.

The top four teams, unbeaten New Zealand and India, plus England and Australia, have been the most consistent so far, but Moeen said teams such as Bangladesh and Sri Lanka were capable of producing upsets that could have an impact on the final four teams.

England was upset by Pakistan immediately after its tournament-opening win over South Africa. "Sri Lanka poses a big threat tomorrow," Moeen said. "At the moment, the top four are there for a reason because they are playing probably the best cricket out of all the teams and most consistent, but there's still a lot of games to go. Every game is huge for us and every point that we get is going to be massive, there could be some weather around later in the tournament so we want to make the most of the occasion."

Struck by Bumrah's yorker on toe, Shankar skips nets

Southampton: All-rounder Vijay Shankar is the latest to suffer an injury scare in the Indian camp after being hit on toe on Wednesday during a rain hit training session and was forced to skip Thursday's session. During Wednesday's training, a Jasprit Bumrah yorker hit Shankar flush on his toes and he was apparently in pain.

However a team source informed PTI that there's nothing to worry as of now. "Yes, Vijay was in pain but it has subsided by the evening. Hopefully, there's nothing scary," the source said. On Thursday, Shankar was seen walking around in slippers with a slight limp. Later he tried jogging wearing gym trainers but gave up after half a lap.

He then did some basic exercises as others took part in usual fielding drills as well as net sessions. Shankar is one of the designated No 4 batsmen in the Indian line-up although he is being used as a floater. Shankar is also a handy medium pacer who got a couple important wickets against Pakistan including skipper Sarfraz Ahmed. With Shikhar Dhawan already ruled out of the tournament due to

thumb fracture and Bhuvneshwar Kumar out for two games due to hamstring strain, Shankar's injury will only increase tension for the team management.

As of now Bhuvneshwar will not be bowling for eight days and will only be in contention for the England game (June 30) in Birmingham. The team management, just like in Dhawan's case, is confident that Bhuvneshwar will be available during the business end of the tournament. While the team management and the BCCI dilly dallied in giving a proper picture with regards to Dhawan's injury, they are still maintaining that it is a left hamstring stiffness.

LEADING SCORERS

447 David Warner (AUS), 425 Shakib al Hasan (BAN), 396 Aaron Finch (AUS)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

15 Mitchell Starc (AUS), 13 Mohammad Amir (PAK), 12 Jofra Archer (ENG)

Auckland '15 - Edgbaston '19: Drops, botched run-outs... a Kiwi win

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THERE ARE some interesting parallels between New Zealand's last two World Cup wins over South Africa. Auckland 2015 and Edgbaston 2019 saw fielding standards of both teams drop to abysmal levels. Catches were dropped and straightforward run-out chances missed.

However, the BlackCaps' victory march on both these occasions were driven by individual brilliance from their captains, who were ably supported by defining contributions from the lesser-known all-rounders.

DROPPED CATCHES

New Zealand and South Africa have combined to drop nine catches in both these matches — quite a mind-boggling stat considering both these teams pride themselves as being amongst the top fielding sides. During the epic 2015 semi-final encounter in Eden Park, the culprits for the BlackCaps were wicket-keeper Luke Ronchi — who dropped Quinton de Kock — his opposite number in just the second over of the match. The drop didn't cost the hosts as the Protea keeper added another four runs to his tally before getting snapped up by Trent Boult. Later in the innings, the usually safe Kane Williamson floored AB de Villiers on 38. The

South African captain made the Kiwis pay dearly, stacking up another 27 runs at a rapid rate, with his belligerence being instrumental in their march towards what looked like a formidable score of 281/5.

Trent Boult dropped Amla early in the match, while Nathan McCullum dropped JP Duminy in the final over. South Africa didn't fare any better: Duminy grassed Grant Elliott in the 42nd over of the chase, which proved to be a miss of calamitous proportions as his blitz powered Kiwis to a sensational win.

Cut to Edgbaston 2019, and a similar script was played out once again.

Batting first, South Africa got two re-prises — the first came when Boult dropped Aiden Markram off Colin de Grandhomme at deep fine leg. The howler would not hurt New Zealand as De Grandhomme would extract revenge in his next over by dismissing Markram. The deep fine leg region proved to be a jinxed position for Kane Williamson's team as Lockie Ferguson, put down Henry van der Dussen in the same region in the 47th over.

The middle-order batsman made most of that opportunity to smash Ferguson for 15 runs in the final over to push South Africa's total past the 240-run mark. In response, South Africa were equally clumsy on the field — David Miller dropped two catches in a single Imran Tahir over — and the batsmen in question were Colin de Grandhomme and Williamson.



A caught-and-bowled chance of Williamson's fell short of Lungi Ngidi.

MISSED RUN-OUTS

In Auckland, South Africa missed two clear run-out chances under bizarre circumstances. First-up, AB de Villiers, arguably the

best fielder on the planet, muffed a straightforward run-out chance to dismiss Corey Anderson in the 32nd over, who was stranded miles away from the non-striker's end. Inexplicably, AB failed to collect the

throw cleanly, but removed the bails with his hands. Nine overs later, de Kock failed to collect a throw from Rilee Rossouw, but he too removed the bails with his gloves, as Elliott was stranded well outside the crease.

There was a similar mix-up at Edgbaston as well. A miscommunication between Williamson and de Grandhomme ensued in the first delivery of the 40th over, and Kagiso Rabada swooped on the ball and threw it to Miller at the non-striker's end. In a moment of high tension, Miller, much like de Villiers and de Kock four years ago, failed to collect the ball, but dislodged the bails.

NZ'S ACCIDENTAL HEROES

There's another interesting parallel in both these high-octane clashes. Auckland 2015 and Edgbaston 2019 saw the emergence of two accidental heroes — who delivered impactful knocks during crunch moments of the respective chases that swung the tide emphatically in New Zealand's favour. Auckland saw Grant Elliott pulling off one of the game's most sensational heists, a stunning counter-attacking innings that fluffed Proteas' resistance. In the lead-up to the 2015 World Cup, Elliott was not remotely in the reckoning to make it to the squad.

He made the cut after getting the backing from captain Brendon McCullum. In hindsight, the move proved to be a masterstroke. Similarly, Colin de Grandhomme was

the BlackCaps hero at Edgbaston. The Harare-born all-rounder stifled South Africa with his nagging medium-pacers and then followed it up with an emphatic 48-ball 60 that could not have come at a more opportune moment in the game. His belligerence blended seamlessly with his captain's poise. Unsurprisingly, their 91-run fifth-wicket alliance with captain Williamson was the cornerstone of their win.

LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Despite their abysmal fielding performances in both these crunch games, New Zealand still managed to etch out tense, narrow wins. This was primarily due to their captain's individual brilliance. In Auckland, McCullum's early onslaught numbed the Proteas pacers. By the time, he was dismissed for a 26-ball 59, New Zealand had marched to 71 in just six overs. There was a slight wobble in the middle-order, before Anderson and Elliott took them home. Williamson's knock was quite a contrast to McCullum's aggro.

Like Auckland, New Zealand experienced a similar hiccup in the middle overs at Edgbaston too. But that did little to fluster him. He played the sheet-anchor's role and allowed the more industrious de Grandhomme to do the bulk of the hitting. With a bit of luck and lot of pluck, Williamson sealed the deal with an exquisite six.

Mohsin quits panel, hints at bigger role in the offing

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JUNE 20

FORMER PAKISTAN opener Mohsin Khan on Wednesday resigned as head of Pakistan's cricket committee after just eight months in charge, but has hinted that a bigger responsibility could come his way after the World Cup. Pakistan Cricket Board general manager Wasim Khan will now head the cricket committee that will review the performance of the team and support staff after the World Cup.

"I had a discussion with the (PCB) chairman (Ehsan Mani) and said I will be much delighted to serve Pakistan cricket at a position which suits me more. So with this, I want to withdraw. He said, 'OK, fine'. That's how we have the understanding. So let's see. If they find me for the right place, I will be definitely serving the cricket board," Khan told *The Indian Express*.

The 64-year-old played 48 Tests and 75 ODIs, with seven centuries in the longer format and two in limited-overs cricket. He has also served as Pakistan's head coach and chief selector. His next assignment could be either of the two. Asked which one he would prefer, Khan said: "I did both in the past, about five-six years back. And I am thankful to the almighty that he gave me success in both departments — chief selector and head coach. Whichever my cricket board offers me, and I feel that I can give my 100 per cent in that, I would look forward (to). Let's wait and see what they offer me."

The current selection committee, headed by Inzamam-ul-Haq, has been at the receiving end of some severe criticism because of the team's performance at the World Cup. Pakistan lie ninth in the league table, with three points from five matches. Squad selection has become an issue, especially after Pakistan's loss to India. "Inzamam and company or any other selection committee; when you think of merit first, I think that's the most important thing, especially when you are picking the national team. Merit is the top priority and fitness and discipline. If you select the players on those criteria, winning and losing is part of the game, but when the selection is good and on merit, things are much better," Khan observed.

When asked if, according to him, the World Cup squad was picked on merit, he said: "There has been a lot of speculation. And three, four or five young players should have been there. Things could have been different (then). Then again, I'm not blaming anybody. Every person has got his own thinking, but when I was the chairman of the selection committee, I said to my selection committee (members), whoever the player is, we have got to pick every player on merit; who has got performance behind him, who has got proper fitness and discipline. We (selection committee) did a very good job."

However, Khan took a dim view of Mickey Arthur's performance as head coach. "Those who brought him are responsible for this. If you play 20 matches, for example, and win three out of them, the record says you have lost 17. Anyway, it's up to the cricket board. I'm not sure you can win one tournament (2017 Champions Trophy) and sit on that for two years."

He supported the idea of bringing in a former Pakistan player, who is a competent coach and shares the same culture as the team. As for skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed, Khan chose to remain non-committal. "I think removing him (as captain) or keeping him is the decision of the chairman of the cricket board of Pakistan. I'm sure he will not take any hasty decision. He will consult and discuss with all the important people."

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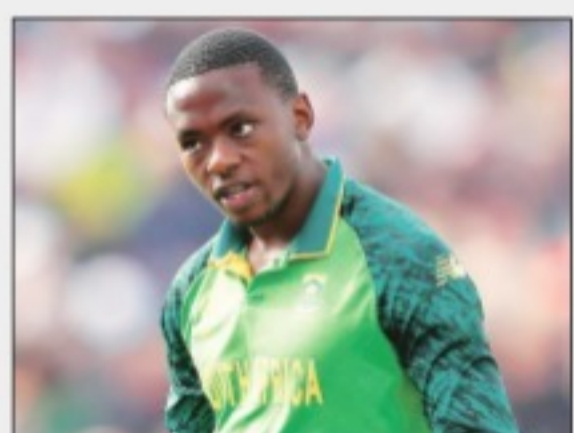
Should Williamson have walked?

IN THE midst of all the gushing that New Zealand captain Kane Williamson received on social media, came the blistering attack from former Protea spinner Paul Adams. "Why didn't Kane Williamson walk?" Paul Adams tweeted. He further asked, "If Kane Williamson was Mankad after he didn't walk. Would he be upset?"

Down to the 38th over, South Africa desperate for a wicket, Faf du Plessis turned to his most experienced bowler, Imran Tahir. Williamson, batting on 76, got the faintest of edges to wicket-keeper Quinton de Kock. Replays picked up a small spike on the Sniko from the ball having brushed the toe-end of the Kiwi captain's bat. If South Africa had appealed, Williamson might have been given out. Inexplicably, de Kock didn't appeal, while Tahir after a momentary bout of excitement, walked back to his bowling mark.

Grant Elliott, New Zealand's hero of the 2015 World Cup semifinal, came in support of his former team-mate. Writing for the *New Zealand Herald*, Elliott said: "BlackCaps captain Kane Williamson had every right to stand his ground, even though TV replays seemed to suggest he nicked a delivery. No one in their right mind would expect a key batsman like Williamson to walk in a crucial World Cup game — especially if the opposition couldn't even be bothered to appeal." Faf later claimed that Williamson told him he didn't know he had a faint nick on it and would have referred the decision, had he been given out. From "you just dropped the World Cup" that never was said really 20 years ago, South Africa had progressed to "you didn't know you had caught the World Cup." This too wasn't said, really.

As part of a bonding session, the team climbed up Table Mountain in Cape Town — a trip which can be termed as 'cheap and best'. Compare this with an expedition in the Swiss Alps with renowned adventurer Mike Horn to guide the players — ahead of the 2012 tour to England, after which the Proteas became the No.1 side in the world. "South Africa's preparation was a hike up Table Mountain and a three-day camp at 'Tukkie's' in Pretoria. That is nowhere near enough for a high-intensity tournament like the World Cup. While Cricket South Africa's financial woes are well-documented, it is no time to start penny-pinching before a major tournament," Hess wrote.



Did his IPL stint drain out fast bowler Kagiso Rabada?

Let the Postmortem begin

A LOT was said though when South African publication IOL Sport got down to listing five reasons why "it all went wrong for the Proteas." The inquisition first hit out at the regular failure of its most experienced players in crunch moments. "It is an over-riding theme that has plagued so many events in the past, and it reared its ugly head again," it said. It proceeded to rue the side's ill-luck over injuries since South Africa rarely had a fully fit squad to pick from. CSA's inability to stand up to BCCI and get key players released early from the IPL, also found a mention. "Kagiso Rabada looked a weary version of his best self at this World Cup due to his exertions in the IPL for Delhi." And finally, it hit out at the Saffer's selection of five players over 34. "Faf admitted to ageing another five years during the epic clash against the Kiwis. It showed in the field where Du Plessis — one of the finest fielders in his day — simply doesn't have a 'gun' arm any longer after numerous shoulder injuries."

But die-hard South African fans are still hanging onto mathematical chances: an 'unrealistic hope', the magazine says, that fans 'cling to when everything screams it's game over.'

Mountains to climb

THE COFFERS of Cricket South Africa



SLICE OF NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand fans kept the spirits up even when the going got tough for their team against South Africa. Reuters

(CSA), the governing body for the sport in the country, are empty. Projections are that CSA will suffer a loss of 654 million rand over the next four years, according to a report in *Sport24.com*. The financial stress equated poor preparation, according to Stuart Hess, writing for *iol.co.za*.

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Next up: The coach

A COLUMN in SA Cricket Mag, skipped the first five stages of grief, denial, anger, bargaining, depression and jumped to acceptance: "It doesn't sound so bad if you're a South African supporter, does it? Beaten by four wickets with three balls left?" it said desolately.

The impassioned piece put the blame squarely on coach Ottis Gibson. "In truth, this World Cup campaign was over the moment the selectors entrusted coach Ottis Gibson — the former West Indian fast bowler who has unashamedly advocated a 'bowlers-win-matches' process — to swim upstream with backing bowlers over batsmen for the tournament," the column says.

The writer went on to draw contrast between Eoin Morgan's world record batting performance and South Africa's sorry batting display the next day, which saw them limp to a total of 241. As captain Faf du Plessis admitted afterwards, that total was 20 to 30 runs short.

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It's the batting, silly

AFTER AB de Villiers left the scene, the Proteas have been found way short in batting firepower, with their best players either on the wane or too inexperienced.

"When they have needed a player to stand up and post a game-changing score, the Proteas have had nobody to answer the call," Lloyd Burnard wrote in *Sports24*, citing that a pair of 68s by Quinton de Kock and an unbeaten 67 by Rassie van der Dussen were the Saffers' highest scores. Didn't help that Kane Williamson scored a ship-steadying 100 in the tense chase. Even Faf du Plessis conceded: "If you put our top six against other top sixes around the world, purely on a numbers point of view, we won't be in the top three when it comes to that," the skipper acknowledged. "We're just not producing scores or innings that can win you games."

Colin grandly at home

FOR COLIN de Grandhomme, it was like walking onto his home turf when he entered Edgbaston. One of the most liked players in Birmingham Bears outfit, he had single-handedly blasted them to the finals of the T20 blast in 2017. A large number of fans had turned up to cheer their hero, with chants and banners, sporting the Bears' team jersey. One of the posters flashed: "Welcome to the grand home, Grand homme!" Another read: "Give the Saffers a Bear Hug!" Whenever he had the ball or the bat in his hand, or roved near the ropes in his



COLIN DE GRANDHOMME

floppy hat and sunglasses near the Eric Hollies stand (named after the leggie who nailed the Don in his last innings), they yelled out: "Grandy, big man, give him a clap, clap. Grandy, loud man, give him a clap, clap."

The Zimbabwe-born Kiwi, though he has in past urged his fan-base to pen a more lyrical chant, couldn't but hide his excitement, and engaged his fans after the match. Grandhomme didn't disappoint them with his all-round performance: bowling 10 throttle-and-thrift overs, taking out the valuable wicket of Aiden Markram before returning to blast a match-swaying 60 off 47 deliveries. The Bears' fans were all too familiar with the big-hitting at the death, and they had coined a nickname for him too: "The Coroner!" The South Africans could well relate to that title.

Down go the electric lines

TRUST PAT Symcox to stick the knife into South African wounds. Describing Cricket South Africa as "intellectually bankrupt", the former Protea compared it with troubled public electricity utility Eskom, which has had a history of power shortages, corruption and will be divided into three entities due to high debts and poor reliability of supply. "Cricket SA has become the ESKOM of our sport. The product is poor and the business model is outdated," Symcox wrote on Facebook. "Self-correction will not happen sadly. It will need a massive overhaul. Unfortunately though, any narrative that does not conform and is not aligned to the current system of governance will be rebuked and rejected out of hand as both derogatory and not

in the interests of those currently charged with keeping the keys to the future of so many."

Hunky, dory, glory in NZ

AFTER WATCHING their team's all-nighter against South Africa, the hosts at Auckland-based Radio Hauraki's risqué and riotous podcast are on air. They are doing the graveyard plus morning shift, thanks to their time zone. The irreverent hosts, and the equally cheeky pundit, don't sound disoriented, despite the sleeplessness. Former New Zealand World Cupper Grant Elliott, they call him The Jav, is the special invitee. "What a morning, we poached South Africa. It was a repeat of the last semi-final in 2015," says the man, who like Williamson, had hit a last over six to beat World Cup's perennial Tragedy Kings four years back.

In this studio, they don't indulge the stars. "Can't remember that game. Did you play? Are you a cricketer?", asks the anchor. Laughs all around. They move to talk about the day's hero — Steady the Ship aka Williamson and The Minute Piece aka Colin de Grandhomme. They have all kind of names for every Blackcap. Every name has a story, most can't be shared. They talk about the two chronically unexcitable Kiwis in an enduring tone. Williamson, they say, is allergic to compliments. "You tell him, 'you have scored the best century ever' and he goes, 'I think de Grandhomme had a good inning.'" They replay de Grandhomme's underwhelming post-game interview. He is barely audible, he is dishing out mundane monosyllables. "It's like he was describing a natural disaster," says a host.

And what's a Kiwi podcast without Aussie bashing. David "Dum Dum" Warner gets mentioned to contrast Williamson's angelic calmness and also during the end of the show random rapid fire with Grant. Tea or Coffee? Turner or Seamer? Wine or Beer? And finally, the best question. Would you spend an hour watching replays of Warner scoring a hundred or get water-boarded by an ex-navy seal with a PTSD? "Waterboarding," Elliott said almost instinctively. The studio is in splits, like the rest of this Island.

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Messi, Armani keep Argentina alive in Copa

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LIONEL MESSI and goalkeeper Franco Armani saved Argentina from another Copa America defeat on Wednesday.

Messi scored a second-half equalizer and Armani later saved a penalty kick as Argentina salvaged a 1-1 draw with Paraguay at the Mineirao Stadium, leaving the team last in its group but still in contention for a spot in the knockout stage of the South American competition.

After Richard Sanchez opened the scoring for Paraguay in the 37th minute, Messi converted a 57th-minute penalty kick awarded by video review following a handball by a defender inside the area. Derlis Gonzalez had a chance to put Paraguay ahead again five minutes later, but Armani saved his shot from the penalty spot.

Argentina, which had opened with a 2-0 loss to Colombia, stayed with one point from two matches in Group B. Qatar, which lost 1-0 to Colombia earlier Thursday, also had one point but was ahead on the tiebreakers. Paraguay stayed with two points and Colombia had six, already secured in the knockout stage.

Argentina, whose last group-stage elimination in the Copa America was in 1983, will need a win against guest Qatar on Sunday to advance to the next round. The top two teams in each of the three groups advance, along with the best two third-place finishers. Argentina, trying to end a title drought of 26 years, started the match with four changes to the team that lost to Colombia in the opener. Among those replaced were veterans Sergio Aguero and Angel Di Maria. Their substitutes were Lautaro Martinez and Rodrigo De Paul.

Midfielder Roberto Pereyra and defender Milton Casco also joined the starting lineup, replacing Guido Rodriguez and Renzo Saravia. The changes by coach Lionel Scaloni didn't do much to improve Argentina, which again struggled to create scoring chances. Messi, in his fifth Copa America, played on the right flank, with Giovanni Lo Celso and Leandro Paredes taking over the playmaking responsibilities at midfield.

The first half showed Paraguay with the best chances on counterattacks, with Gonzalez nearly opening the scoring with a shot that deflected off a defender in the 30th minute.

Shooting set to be axed from 2022 CWG

Women's cricket to be included; final vote next month

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DESPITE INDIA'S strong opposition, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has decided to drop shooting from the programme for the 2022 edition. The CGF's executive board included women's cricket, para table tennis and beach volleyball instead. The decisions must be ratified by 51 percent of the CGF's 71 member nations. The vote, likely to take place next month, seems to be a mere formality as the chances of shooting being reinstated are bleak despite months of lobbying by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) as well as former sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.

Shooting has been contested at every Commonwealth Games since Kingston 1966, with the exception of Edinburgh 1970. The sport has been the source of one-fourth of India's medals at the Commonwealth Games. Out of the 438 medals India has won at the Games - including 155 gold - 118 have come from shooting. India have won 56 gold, 40 silver and 22 bronze medals in the sport and are second on the all-time medal table behind Australia.

"Our recommendation of adding women's cricket, beach volleyball and Para table tennis is the result of a thorough review and we believe these sports would help us to enhance the existing programme and reach new audiences, while showcasing the sports to our local community, spectators and fans across the world watching on TV," Ian Reid, the Birmingham 2022 chief executive, was quoted as saying by British media. "It's also a selection that could help ensure that the 2022 Commonwealth Games will be the most inclusive in history, with a potential for the largest-ever Para-sports programme, and more female medallists than ever before, representing a great story not just for Birmingham 2022, but for women's sport in general."

Cricket has made just one appearance at the CWG previously, with men playing in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, where South Africa stood on top of the podium. The International Cricket Council and England and Wales

Cricket Board had submitted their bid to include cricket in the 2022 Games programme last November.

The CGF declared Birmingham as the host city in December 2017 after Durban, the original pick, pulled out due to financial constraints. Shooting features on the CGF's list of optional sports. A host city can incorporate up to seven sports of its choice from that list in its final programme. The decision to drop shooting was primarily because the organisers were keen to include those sports for which Birmingham and the wider West Midlands region had the facilities. The closest Olympic-standard shooting range to Birmingham is in Surrey, roughly 150 miles away.

Britain's tough gun laws, which make it very tough for athletes to enter the country with weapons, were also a deterrent.

IOC clears India to bid for events

Lausanne: The International Olympic Committee on Thursday gave India the all-clear to resume bidding for major sports events, lifting a ban that had been triggered when Pakistani athletes were denied visas to compete in the country. In February the IOC suspended all Indian applications to host future events after two Pakistanis were denied visas to compete in New Delhi. "We have received the assurances of the Indian government that they will in the future respect the Olympic charter and that they will give permission to enter India for all athletes who want to participate in the relevant events," IOC President Thomas Bach told a news conference.

Bindra in archery panel

New Delhi: Abhinav Bindra was appointed as an independent person by the World Archery to sort out the ongoing mess in the national federation (AAI). The development comes a day after the world body de-listed the Archery Association of India for violating the constitution by unanimously electing two parallel bodies in Chandigarh and New Delhi. Bindra will be part of the selection panel, also consisting of IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta and a representative of Sport Ministry, to pick the national teams till a new AAI body takes charge.



Reading the Verdict, to Understand the New Government

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