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Lapsing of Bills waste of LS time, rethink provision: Venkaiah to RS

His suggestion: Any Bill not taken up within five years of introduction should automatically be treated as lapsed

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

VICE PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu Friday called for a debate on a Constitutional provision that provides for automatic lapsing of any Bill passed by Lok Sabha but remains pending in Rajya Sabha on the dissolution of the Lower House of Parliament. A "rethink" on the provision, he said, will not let Lok Sabha's time go waste.

Naidu, who is the chairman of Rajya Sabha, had another suggestion: A Bill which is not taken up for consideration and passage within five years of introduction



'Three Bills pending for over 20 years, oldest 32 years'

should automatically be treated as lapsed. Since Rajya Sabha is a permanent House, Bills introduced there do not lapse, and remain pending, sometimes for

decades.

Pointing out that 22 Bills lapsed after the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha since these had been introduced in the Lower House first, Naidu told members of Rajya Sabha: "As all of you would appreciate, it takes considerable time and energy to get a Bill passed in either House of Parliament. Given the implications for the functioning of Parliament and the impact of Bills getting lapsed on the much desired transformation of our country, there is a need to rethink the provision regarding the lapsing of Bills in the Upper House of Parliament."

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Criticism from the field: RS Deputy Chairman raises red flags over MPLADS

RAVISH TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

WHILE RAJYA Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu referred to the "wide gap" between the number of Bills passed by the previous Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to express his "concern" and appealed to end the "downside" in the functioning of the Upper House, Deputy Chairman Harivansh is learnt to have red-flagged the problems "plaguing" the "most criticised scheme" of MPLADS with Ministry of



Harivansh heads the RS MPLADS committee

Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) at the end of the last Lok Sabha.

Sources have told *The Indian Express* that Harivansh, who is ex-officio Chairman of the Committee on MPLADS (MP Local Area Development Scheme), cited observations

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Persian Gulf on boil, Navy starts escorting Indian merchant ships

Op Sankalp launched for maritime security, aerial surveillance begins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

AMID HEIGHTENED tensions in the Persian Gulf after the shooting down of a US drone, the Indian Navy has deployed its warships in the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf to reassure Indian vessels operating and transiting in the region.

In a statement, the Navy said that it has also begun aerial surveillance in the area. "INS Chennai and INS Sunayna have been deployed in the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf to undertake maritime security operations," it said. While the INS Chennai is a destroyer, the INS Sunayna is an offshore patrol vessel.

"The Indian Navy launches

Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf/Gulf of Oman to re-assure Indian flagged vessels transiting through the area following the recent maritime incidents in the region," the Navy said.

The Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region, which was inaugurated by the Navy in December 2018 at Gurgaon, was also monitoring the movement of ships in the Gulf region, it said.

The move was announced after US President Donald Trump declared Thursday that "Iran made a very big mistake" by shooting down a US surveillance drone over the Strait of Hormuz and gathered top national security officials at the White House to discuss options.

On Friday, some of the

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INS Sunayna escorting an oil tanker as part of Operation Sankalp. Via Indian Navy's Twitter handle

Stopped Iran strike, was told 150 will die: Trump

MICHAEL D SHEAR, HELENE COOPER & ERIC SCHMITT
JUNE 21

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Friday that the US military was "cocked and loaded" for a strike against Iran Thursday night, but that he called it off with 10 minutes to spare when a general told him that 150 people would likely die in the attack.

Trump said in a series of tweets Friday evening that he was prepared to retaliate against three sites in Iran for that country's shooting down a US drone, but that he was "in no hurry". He indicated that the death of 150 Iranians would not be "proportionate to shooting down an unmanned drone".

"Sanctions are biting & more added last night," Trump

tweeted. "Iran can NEVER have Nuclear Weapons, not against the USA, and not against the WORLD!"

Meanwhile, Tehran released photographs Friday of what it said were fragments of the high-altitude surveillance drone, saying that the pieces were retrieved from Iranian territorial waters.

Later, Reuters reported that Amirali Hajizadeh, head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards aerospace division, was quoted as saying by Tasnim news agency: "With the US drone in the region there was also an American P-8 plane with 35 people on board. This plane also entered our airspace and we could have shot it down, but we did not."

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SC stops Kandi road work inside Rajaji tiger reserve

For promised road, Uttarakhand wangles land from tiger reserve



The Indian Express report dated March 14

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

A SUPREME Court bench headed by Justice Deepak Gupta ordered Friday that further construction of the Kandi road inside Uttarakhand's Rajaji tiger reserve be stopped forthwith and issued notice to the state government.

The stay comes two days after an interim report was submitted to the court on June 19 by the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) that advises the apex court on forest matters.

The CEC filed its interim report on an application by environment activist Rohit Choudhury, after obtaining the views of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). In its response to the CEC on June 18, the NTCA held that the Kandi road was within the tiger reserve and cut through a wildlife corridor between Rajaji and Corbett, and that "due process as per law, has been overlooked by the state concerned".

The NTCA also stated that "the said matter was first brought to the notice of this Authority on May 14, 2019 vide media article in *The Indian Express*... which highlighted that statutory clearances had not been taken... to upgrade road passing through Rajaji tiger reserve" and that the Authority sought factual information from Uttarakhand on the same day but was yet to receive a response from the state despite two reminders in April and May.

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THE TRIBUTE

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Palam airbase with Sq Ldr Anjula Tanwar, sister of Flt Lt Ashish Tanwar. He was the pilot of the An-32 that crashed in Arunachal Pradesh, killing all 13 on board. Tanwar's wife Sandhya, also with the IAF, is at the centre. PTI

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Fire on board warship under construction kills one in Mazgaon docks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

A 23-YEAR-OLD contract worker died while another was injured after a fire broke out on board a warship under construction at the Mazgaon dockyard in Mumbai Friday.

Officials said the incident took place around 4 pm in Yard 12704, and the fire was on the second and third decks of the warship, INS Visakhapatnam. The body of the 23-year-old, who hospital authorities later identified as Brajendra Kumar, was recovered by 7 pm.

INS Visakhapatnam, a stealth guided missile destroyer, is the

lead warship of Project 15B which involves construction of four such destroyers. Started in April 2015, INS Visakhapatnam is expected to enter service with the Indian Navy by 2021.

Work on INS Mormugao, the second ship of the Visakhapatnam class, began in September 2016 while on INS Imphal, the third, work began in April 2019. The fourth planned destroyer is INS Porbandar.

The Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, in a press release, said: "A minor fire incident took place on Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam), the first of class of Project 15B during grinding operations in tank at MDL

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She vaults to a bronze at Asian meet: For my father, a bus driver

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

PRANATI NAYAK went to Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia for the Asian Gymnastics Championships, relieved in the knowledge that she had successfully accomplished two of her four targets for 2019: build a house for her family and take half the responsibility of her elder sister's wedding.

Her father, a state transport bus driver in West Bengal until 2017, had saved up as much as he could, before taking up a smaller job in an office the last two years as he neared the age of 60 while Pranati (26) took care of the rest. Her third task was a lifetime's dream — winning an international medal which had eluded



From Midnapore in Bengal, Pranati with coach Minara Begum

the West Bengal gymnast.

And Friday, Pranati stuck two clean landings scoring 13.384 on the vault and picked a commendable bronze, behind China

(14.350) and Japan (13.584) at the Senior Asian Championships, 20 years after she first took to the sport in Midnapore.

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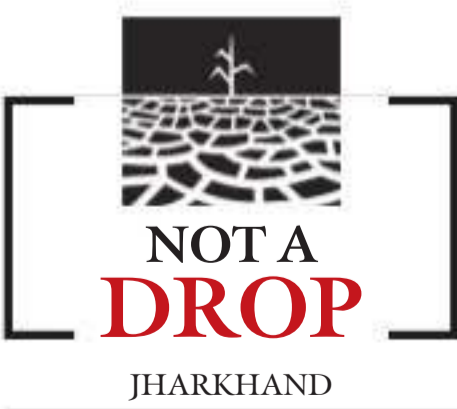
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In thirsty Ranchi, stabbings, fights break out over water

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JUNE 21

EXACTLY A fortnight back, on June 6, a mere argument over water sharing resulted in a fracas with four persons including 24-year old Sunil Yadav being stabbed. Sunil's father was enquiring the whereabouts of another youth, Bharat Pratap Sahu, standing near the Municipal Corporation's community water tank in Kishorganj area in Ranchi, when Sahu in a fit of rage attacked Sunil, his mother, and two other neighbours with a knife.

"We were rushed to the hos-



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pital," Sunil said showing five stab injuries on his body. A case under attempt to murder and other charges have been invoked against Sahu in Kotwali Police Station of Ranchi. "The incident happened due to a fracas over filling water," said Sujata Kumari

Veenapani, SP (City). Scuffles during summers are not so uncommon in the state capital with each person desperate to hoard maximum water whenever a tanker arrives in their colony. Various other areas including Harmu Housing Colony, Hindpiri, Piska Mor, Morabadi, Kanke also reel under water shortage every year.

The water crisis in Ranchi, Jharkhand is divided into two parts: ground water depletion and the lack of water supply to the tail end through surface reservoirs.

Depletion is mostly due to lack of ground water recharge, say experts. Rainfall is erratic,



(From left) Sonu Singh, Sunil Yadav and Ajay Yadav were attacked and stabbed in Ranchi. Abhishek Angad

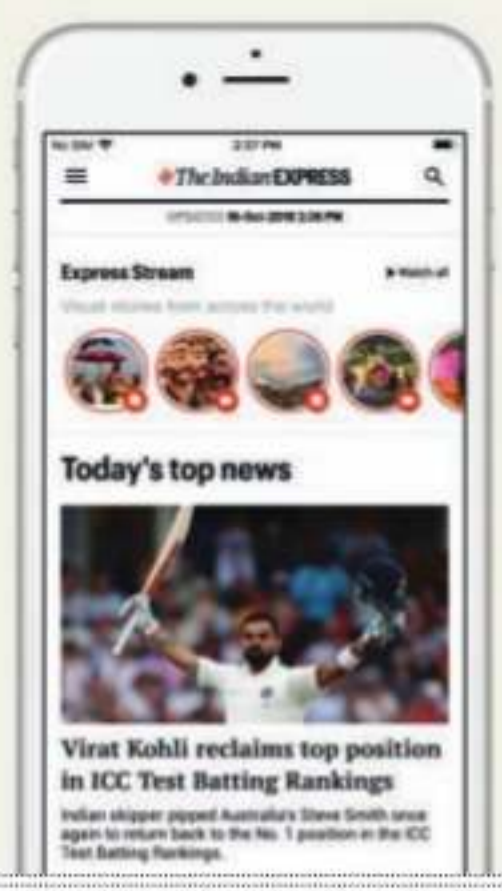
and rainwater, passing as run-offs, does not percolate deep enough. Deep borings in apartments and households, shrinking natural water bodies have also lowered the ground water, according to experts.

Ranchi, some five decades back, had over 100 ponds and smaller water. Now, less than 40 remain. In an affidavit submitted to the court in 2017, the Ranchi Municipal Corporation submitted that 22 ponds/lakes were identified and conservation work had commenced. It said cleaning work would be done in the "near future".

This remains only on paper

though. For instance, the Karamtoli Chowk Talab, like other ponds, in the name of beautification, are fenced with concrete and the pond is full with silt, and sediments hampering bottom discharge. The Jharkhand Ground Water Directorate, set up to control over exploitation of ground water, and replenish it, has only a limited role in assessing availability. This work can be undertaken effectively by Central Ground Water Board through aquifer mapping, the Jharkhand ground water directorate said in an affidavit to the High Court in an ongoing PIL over the water crisis.

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BAGHPAT

Days after rape bid, 16-year-old 'commits suicide'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MEERUT, JUNE 21

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl allegedly committed suicide by consuming a poisonous substance in Baghpat on Thursday. She was taken to a local hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival.

As per the FIR registered by the victim's father, she had come to the Baghpat village four days ago and two local youths tried to molest her at the house of a relative. However, they were overpowered by local residents when the victim raised an alarm. Both suspects were arrested.

The deceased was from a village in Ghaziabad and left a suicide note in which she wrote that she could no longer face the humiliation in the village since the incident and was taking the extreme step as she had no other option, the police said.

"My daughter was a bright student and had scored 85 per cent marks in UP Board's High school examination. She used to talk to me daily since she had gone to her relative's house on June 18. She spoke to me on Thursday too and told me about the stalkers and the failed rape bid," said the father in the FIR.

"We have arrested the two accused persons and the body of the victim was handed over to her family members Friday. The accused have been arrested under relevant IPC sections including 376 (rape) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act," said Ranvijay Singh, Additional SP, Baghpat.

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Steel imports

of tin that have specialised use in consumer products like cans, hair-clips, pens.

The move comes in the wake of a strong push from the domestic steel industry, including fresh capacity being set up by domestic industry that is to come on stream shortly.

According to a note this month on the latest move, the Steel Ministry said it was "evident" that a "majority" of ministries and departments concerned supported the proposal. But it admitted that Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) had argued that the quality requirement be imposed not just on raw material but on "value added end products" too.

Representations show that manufacturers like Tata-owned Tintplate Company of India (TICL), O P Jindal group's JSW Vallabh Tintplate Pvt (VTPL) and Parikh Group of Companies's GPT Steel Industries (GPT) together have a capacity of 660,000 tonnes.

Along with JSW's new Tarapur plant, the capacity is expected to ramp up to 910,000 tonnes by FY20, according to the ministry's note. The note states that representations from Indian Tintplate Manufacturers Association (ITMA) showed that Indian tin mills have the "required capacity" to meet the market demand domestically and that "supply would far exceed the demand".

The MSME Ministry raised concerns about this move. "This order will adversely affect a large number of MSME units engaged in manufacturing of value added products from tinplate. Unless and until similar quality order are brought for value added (end) products also, products will get imported instead of steel," the MSME ministry submitted to the Steel Ministry in January 2019.

Earlier comments by this ministry on the move in September 2017 showed that the MSME Ministry felt it would be "counterproductive to bring this sector under mandatory quality certification list".

Giving its conditional support, the Department of Commerce said that because it's MSMEs that are "largely involved in this sector," the Ministry of Steel may consider giving them an "appropriate staging period" so that businesses in India get due time to prepare themselves.

This isn't the first time the Steel Ministry is planning to implement such quality standards on tinplate and tin-free products. The note says that the implementation was withdrawn in 2015 as per the directions of the then Hon'ble Steel Minister. It is not clear why then minister Narendra Singh Tomar had directed the withdrawal of this order. He did not respond to emailed queries from The Indian Express.

When asked about these objections, a Ministry of Steel official said: "The matter is under consideration." Emails sent to MSME secretary Arun Kumar Panda and Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan remained unanswered.

Industry association ITMA wasn't available for comment. But there is opposition from sections of industry. "To put it clearly, the idea is to restrict import, which would be a huge problem for the industry because we are already more expensive than other materials like plastic and paper packaging materials. This order will make our material more expensive," said Sanjay Bhatia, president of the Metal Container Manufacturers Association (MCMA), which has made representations to the Steel Ministry against this move. The association also feels that restricting supply of tinplate to the three domestic producers may also cause problems.

The ministry's Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2018, under which the new proposal has been moved, prohibits manufacturing, import, sale, hire and lease of such products unless they conform to "relevant standards" so that no "sub-standard

Lapsing of Bills waste of LS time: Venkaiah

Under Article 107 of the Constitution "a Bill which is pending in the House of the People, or which having been passed by the House of the People is pending in the Council of States, shall subject to the provisions of Article 108, lapse on a dissolution of the House of the People".

Bills that lapsed after the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha include The Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Triple Talaq Bills of 2017 and 2018, The Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018 and The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

"In effect, Lok Sabha has to take up these 22 Bills again for consideration and passing. I am afraid it would take a minimum of two sessions for doing so. And this means that the efforts of Lok Sabha for passing these 22 Bills have been rendered waste," Naidu said.

Among the 33 Bills that have survived in Rajya Sabha after the Lok Sabha term came to an end are some that have been pending for decades. Naidu pointed out that three Bills have been pending for more than 20 years, six Bills for 10-20 years, 14 Bills for 5-10 years and

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■ Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019	■ Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2012
■ Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019	■ Building and Other Construction Workers Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2013
■ Triple Talaq Bills of 2017 and 2018	■ Wakf Properties (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Bill, 2014
■ Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018	
■ The Citizenship	

10 Bills for less than 5 years. The oldest pending Bill, The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 1987, has been pending for over 32 years.

"In order to streamline the process, I suggest that if a Bill is not taken up for consideration and passing in Rajya Sabha within five years of introduction, such pending Bills should be treated as deemed to have lapsed. Let us have a wider debate in this regard as well," he said.

Continuing the thread he began during a luncheon meeting Thursday with floor leaders, Naidu expressed grave concern on poor productivity of the Upper House. He urged members to rise to the responsibility towards the people and legislate rather than disrupt.

"The present dysfunctional, disruptive environment must change. We must use the time available for Parliamentary debates most productively. In fact, we may actually require more time given the ever widening range of public issues emerging everyday. However, our foremost task is to use the existing time in a fruitful manner," he said.

Gold Coast last year that jolted her out of her career plateau.

"I made the finals, but missed on landings and that broke my heart. Then, there were all those times finishing 4th in Asian championships. So when I made the finals here at Mongolia, that night Minara ma'am and our manager Rohit Jaiswal, sat me down at 1 am and told me, this is my chance to do the toughest thing in gymnastics — be consistent," she said.

On Friday, she scaled back her ambition — Tsukahara 360 back double twist and a front 360 somersault pike with half turn — both at difficulty 4.8. "My landings and spins were perfect today," she said.

An Indian Railways employee, she has also put all her earnings into the house soon after she became the senior national champion in Pune earlier this year. On Friday, her cash prize was \$200 (Rs 14,000).

A gymnast who takes off on strong legs and is equally adept at other apparatus owing to her strong shoulders, Pranati is coach Minara's biggest success story yet, coming just a few months after she retired in February from SAL.

"When we did gymnastics in school in Midnapore, I didn't know it was called gymnastics. We thought it was jogasan, but this was more hard-work," said Pranati.

Her coach Minara saw rare dedication in Pranati even at the tender age of 6 or 7. "She never refused a workout and always wanted to practice," said Minara, recalling days when she had to pester SAL to let the young girl stay and then arrange her stay outside until she was taken.

Minara has been a constant mentor through Pranati's struggles of near-medal misses. "This time, I told her don't even think about the medal, just focus on your routine," she said, delirious that her years of hard work finally yielded a winner.

Minara considers herself lucky that she was encouraged by her parents to be a gymnast around 30 years ago. "It should have been difficult because I was a girl from a Muslim family in Chandannagar. But my father was a footballer, and both he and my mother never stopped me after I told them I liked this sport. God ko thanks, Allah ko thanks, they backed me as an athlete and then coach," she said.

The athlete will celebrate with ice cream tonight. Pranati said, "I'm always happy because I keep roaming the world for tournaments. But I think today my parents will also be happy. Woh khush, main bhi khush (They're happy, and so am I)."

RS Deputy Chairman raises red flags over MPLADS

from several CAG reports, findings of the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the erstwhile Planning Commission, observations of the Central Information Commission (CIC) and Supreme Court judgments to "substantiate" his "concern" regarding the scheme.

The MPLADS scheme was launched during the Narasimha Rao Government in 1993 ostensibly to provide funds for developmental works recommended by individual MPs. The MPs were entitled to recommend works to the tune of Rs 1 crore annually between 1994-95 and 1997-98 after which the annual entitlement was enhanced to Rs 2 crore. The UPA government in 2011-12 raised the annual entitlement to Rs 5 crore per MP.

Not only poor implementation, the scheme has faced flak from the CAG on various grounds that included sanctioning of huge sums to trusts/societies beyond the norms or sanctioning of funds to ineligible organisations. The utilisation of MPLADS funds on the ground has even invited allegations or wrongdoing at the grassroots level by political opponents eroding public trust in elected representatives.

In January, it is learnt, Harivansh expressed these concerns in a letter to Sadananda Gowda, then Minister for MOSPI.

"You may appreciate that the MPLADS Scheme is the only scheme at all-India level with the involve-

ment of the local communities, groups and section of the people for the identification of works and facilities required as per the 'felt needs and wish list' of the local people. It, however, remains today one of the most criticised schemes for various reasons," Harivansh wrote. He added: "I have noticed many problems plaguing such a useful scheme at every level".

Referring to first-hand feedback obtained during the MPLADS committee's visit in November last year, the Deputy Chairman is learnt to have suggested the need to "reflect upon" those aspects of the scheme's implementation where public money was not being spent properly.

"...we need to reflect upon the

huge amount of public money being held up without being spent properly on the works under this scheme, which otherwise could have been put to public use," Harivansh wrote reminding that "most of the time the MPs are singularly blamed for poor utilization of their MPLADS funds".

The Deputy Chairman sought the "co-operation and valuable views and suggestions" from MOSPI for "improving" the performance of the scheme. But his letter enclosing critical remarks from various institutions appeared an attempt to nudge the government to rethink the MPLAD scheme that has ended up, sources said, giving MPs "a bad name at the grassroots level."

government to reply in three weeks.

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Last year, the ministry in a release stated that it had decided to cover tin plates, used in food, food additives, drug and medicines, under the mandatory quality control regime and that "the process is being initiated".

So far, 53 such products, including carbon, alloy and stainless steel, are covered under this order, making up 85-90 per cent of steel products in the country, according to the ministry. "Government of India is concerned about reasonably large production and import of inferior quality of steel getting delivered to important end use segments such as power distribution, human health and safety of infrastructure and construction," the ministry had stated in its release.

Persian Gulf

world's leading airlines including British Airways, Qantas and Singapore Airlines suspended flights over the Strait of Hormuz.

India's strategic and security interests are closely linked to the Indian Ocean Region, particularly. The country's energy security is also linked to the safety and security of ships while operating and transiting in the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf.

Before Washington claimed that Iran shot down a US drone on Thursday, the US military had accused Iran of firing a missile at another drone last week that was re-

sponding to the attack on two oil tankers near the Gulf of Oman.

The Director General, Shipping issued two advisories on June 13 and June 16 to all Indian-flagged vessels operating in the Strait of Hormuz and Persian, Arabian Gulf Region, advising the ships to undertake appropriate protection measures.

Tiger reserve

Meanwhile, lawyer-activist Gaurav Bansal took the issue to the National Green Tribunal which on May 3, sought a "factual and action taken report" by a joint committee of the Environment Ministry, NTCA and the state government within three months. The report is yet to be submitted.

Instead, on May 31, Uttarakhand's principal chief conservator of forests wrote to the state's principal secretary (forest and environment) that "the matter was examined at high level" and that no wildlife clearance was required for the "completely sustainable" road work.

In a letter to the Uttarakhand Chief Secretary on June 10, the NTCA described the state PCCF's assertions as "grossly incorrect" and requested the state to follow the mandatory provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act. The state is yet to respond.

Considering the urgency of the matter as major construction work was "going on at a feverish pace", the CEC placed its interim report before the apex court and sought an immediate stay on the road work. Noting that "there appears to be several violations", the SC Friday ordered the suspension of construction and issued notice to the state

government to reply in three weeks.

Construction of a highway along the entire Laldhang-Kotdwar-Kalagarh alignment has been an emotive issue in Uttarakhand as this will cut travelling distances and also skip detours through Uttar Pradesh.

Ranchi

Further, urbanization too has taken a toll on water tables. Ranchi Municipal Corporation Additional Commissioner Girja Shankar Prasad said due to ongoing concretization, cutting of trees water table is going down. "During summers, 50 tankers are deployed to supply water where there is none and where bore wells have dried up," he said.

TBN Singh, Senior Hydrologist, CGWB Ranchi, who was transferred recently, said another conservation measure - rain water harvesting, also remains on paper. Three dams supply water to the city. These dams have "enough water levels" to cater to the needs of the city, said Aradhna Patnaik, Secretary, Drinking Water and Sanitation Department. "But then, there are certain areas where pipes are laid, but there is no storage. So, there is a crisis in certain areas where the municipality is providing water through tankers because our pipes have not reached and even if it has reached, there is no storage. Also, illegal connections and miscreants cutting water supply are major problems that we need to tackle."

Asian meet

Pranati is India's third major vaulting medallist after Dipa Kamakar and Aruna Reddy, though her biggest challenge of 2019 will be the World Championships later this

year.

"It's a big day for me, because I knew I had it in me to win medals internationally. But everything I do is for my parents. They've not had an easy life, and I want to ensure my father gets comfortable. He's driven a bus for many years and now I want life to be a little easy for him. My parents don't have a son, but I told them I was enough to take care of them," she said, her first thoughts post winning, racing to her parents back in Midnapore.

Picked by long-time coach Minara Begum after a school coach recommended her, Pranati moved to Kolkata in her pre-teens, with her coach taking complete care of her living expenses. "My parents couldn't have afforded my sports career, Minara ma'am took care of my stay, food, other expenses to pocket money when I saw that's what teenagers got," she said.

Medals had come early - at the sub-juniors in 2008 and she even travelled to Russia, but she couldn't get to the podium since Kolkata had limitations. "Even maintaining a proper diet was difficult. And I had to share equipment with dozens of others, it's not fair to hog time on the apparatus. So, I'd be in the Delhi IG stadium camp with Gymnoga equipment and get good scores, but return to Kolkata and again drop my level," she said.

Unlike Dipa, who from the outset focussed on specialising on the vault, or Aruna who is extremely cerebral, Pranati had to ensure she was proficient on all four apparatus if she had to make the Indian teams. At the Incheon Asiaad, she made the all-around final but it was the 8th place at Commonwealth Games in

Fire on warship

today at around 1600 hrs. The fire was brought under control by 1900 hrs.

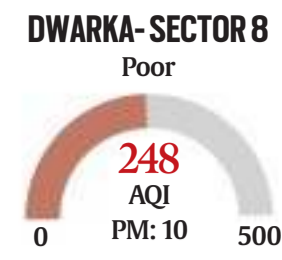
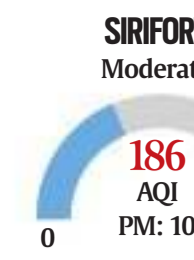
"One contract worker unfortunately succumbed, possibly due to asphyxia and burn injury, and another suffered minor burns. An enquiry has been constituted to ascertain the cause of fire," the MDL said.

A Fire Brigade official said information about the fire was received at 5:44 pm following which five fire tenders, six water tankers, one breathing apparatus, one control post and a quick response vehicle were sent to the spot. The operation went on till late evening.

Fire Brigade officials and Navy firefighters were still trying to ascertain the cause of the fire. Although the blaze had been curtailed, officials said they were still encountering searing heat and smoke at the site.

"We are also dewatering the ship. It is, however, a difficult task as only two firemen can go to the lower deck because the hatch is small. We have the Navy submarine fire team and the Mazgaon firefighting team on standby as well," BMC Chief Fire Officer P S Rahangdale said.

JJ Hospital Superintendent Dr Sanjay Surase said the contract worker, Brajendra Kumar, was brought to the hospital around 9 pm. "He was declared dead in the casualty ward. He suffered deep third degree burns all over," he said



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MORE VIOLENCE AT KHERKI DAULA PLAZA

Toll lawlessness: Woman employee punched in face

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JUNE 21

IN A span of less than 10 hours on Friday morning, two incidents of violence against employees were reported from Kherki Daula toll plaza. While a woman toll collector was manhandled and punched in the face by a commuter when she refused to let him pass without paying tax, another employee was hit by a car after he tried to stop a man from leaving without paying.

Police said they have arrested the man who assaulted the woman employee, Santoshi Kumari. "He has been identified as Manjeet, a resident of Shikohpur village. He is around 40 years old and runs a gym in the village," said Gurgaon Police PRO Subash Boken, adding that they are looking for the accused in the other case.

Officials at the toll plaza said they have filed complaints with police, who registered cases and obtained number plate details from CCTV footage.

"The first incident took place around 1.30 am in lane 23, when a commuter tried to drive through without paying tax. Our employee, Dinesh, tried to stop him, but the driver abused him and hit him with his car before driving off," said Kirpal Singh, PRO of Skylark, the toll operator.

He said Dinesh was taken to a private hospital and administered first aid.

"The second incident took place around 8.50 am in lane 27, where one of our women employees was collecting tax. The commuter became violent because she, and a male employee standing outside the booth, insisted he pay tax. She was left bleeding from her nose after the confrontation. We have submitted complaints to police regard-



A CCTV grab of the incident. The woman was left with a bleeding nose

ing both incidents," said the PRO.

Footage of the second incident captured by two CCTVs — one inside the toll booth and one outside — shows Kumari sitting in the booth as the commuter's black vehicle draws in. The camera outside shows him exchanging words with a male employee, even as the boom barrier remains closed. A few seconds later, the commuter, dressed in black shorts and a blue T-shirt, gets out, walks up to the boom barrier and pushes it.

As he walks back to his vehicle, he gets into a confrontation with the woman employee, who he first slaps. Even as she tries to defend herself, and her colleagues rush to her aid, he lands a punch on her nose.

The commuter is pushed away by the male employee and Kumari covers her face with her hand, while another employee rushes out of the neighbouring toll booth to defend her.

The commuter, meanwhile, flees in his vehicle.

The entire incident took place in under three minutes. In the complaint submitted

SAFETY CONCERN

MAY 2019: Two men threaten toll plaza employee with toy gun when asked to pay toll

APRIL 2019: Toll collector dragged on bonnet of Innova after he tried to stop man from leaving without paying. He was taken to an isolated area and beaten up

DEC 2018: Mini-bus driver

runs over employee when stopped from entering from the wrong side

DEC 2018: Two beat up a female toll plaza employee when she tried to stop them from passing without paying tax

DEC 2017: Commuter slaps, abuses female toll operator when she asks him for documents to prove he is exempt from paying toll

at the Kherki Daula police station, Kumari said the issue began when she asked the driver for toll.

"He said he is a local. I asked him to show the RC, to which he said 'I am from Shikohpur. Everyone here sees me and lets me drive through. I am that person who fired a shot and left'. He then started abusing and threatening to kill me," said Kumari.

"He said 'nobody can do anything to me', removed the boom and dragged punching me. I sus-

tained injuries to my nose, mouth and hand. Blood started oozing out of my nose. While leaving, he said, 'I am the *dada* of this area. If I pick you up and take you, you will not be able to show your face anywhere,' she alleged.

The incidents come a month after a similar one at the plaza on May 16, when two men threatened an employee with what was believed to be a gun. The accused were later arrested and identified as a physics

EXPLAINED E.

Hope was less violence

ACCORDING TO officials at the toll plaza, out of 250 employees, 40 are women recruited through the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. "When women toll operators were deployed here for the first time in 2017, we expected incidents of violence would reduce in a big way. There has been some reduction, but not to the extent we expected. We thought people would not misbehave with women, but it seems commuters have no problem boxing or hitting women either, as it happened today," said Rajendra Bhati, Project Head at Skylark.

teacher at a private school and an MBA student.

The gun they were brandishing was found to be a toy gun, purchased from a shop in Delhi.

In another incident in April, some commuters in an Innova had tried to run over a toll collector who tried to stop them from passing without paying tax. The men had dragged the collector on the bonnet of their car for several metres, after which they abducted him and beat him up in an isolated area.

Accused was arrested, acquitted in toll murder case in 2011: Police

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JUNE 21

THE 40-YEAR-OLD man arrested for assaulting a woman toll operator at Kherki Daula toll plaza Friday was arrested and later acquitted in connection with the murder of a toll operator in 2011.

That year, Vijay Veer Yadav, a friend of Manjeet, the accused in Friday's case, shot a toll operator following an argument over toll. The employee, Umesh Pandey, died on the way to the hospital.

Yadav knew Manjeet because he worked out at the gym the latter owned, police said. After the incident, Yadav asked him to go to the toll plaza and enquire about the condition of the operator.



Footage shows Manjeet pushing the barrier

It was CCTV footage that showed Manjeet making these inquiries that provided a breakthrough. While Manjeet was arrested after some villagers identified him from the footage, Yadav was arrested through information provided by him during questioning, police said.

Confirming that the accused

arrested on Friday is the same man, SHO of Kherki Daula police station Kuldeep Kumar said, "He was arrested in relation with a case registered under IPC Section 302 (murder) in 2011, wherein a toll operator had been shot dead. He was acquitted in that case."

Apart from the murder case, police said Manjeet has two other cases against him in Gurgaon, one under the Essential Commodities Act in 2008, and another for possession of illegal weapons in 2018.

During questioning, Manjeet, arrested from his village Friday, said he studied till class XII and then opened a gym in Shikohpur.

"He said he was driving home from Gurgaon, in a car belonging to his friend," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

Woman says scared to return to work

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JUNE 21

MANHANDLED AND punched in the face by a man who refused to pay toll, a 20-year-old toll operator at Kherki Daula plaza has told *The Indian Express* that she is unsure of returning to work.

"I am very scared. The man didn't just hit me, he also saw my face and said that if he abducted me, I would be so ashamed I

would not be able to show my face anywhere. That is what has left me most scared... I do not know if I will return to work there. I may look for another job. I will decide in a few days," Santoshi Kumari said.

Daughter of a farmer in Jhansi, she started working at the toll booth a year ago.

"My parents are not rich people. We have very little money, which is why I did not pursue my education after completing

schooling. Instead, I decided to start working to be able to support them. I am now simultaneously pursuing a BA course from Bundelkhand University through correspondence. I am in my first year," she said.

She added: "After the assault, people at the plaza brought me to the Government Hospital in Sector 10. Doctors said I needed to be admitted. They are going to conduct an X-Ray and see if I need surgery."

Delhi govt seeks more assistance from Centre

New Delhi: The Delhi government Friday urged the Union Finance Ministry to ensure 100% central funding for Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Union Territories with legislatures, while also pitching for a hike in the city's share in central taxes.

Participating in a pre-budget meeting, Deputy CM and Delhi Finance Minister Manish Sisodia also sought an increase in the normal central assistance to Rs 1,500 crore. It rose from Rs 370 crore in 2000-01 to Rs 472 crore in 2019-20. ENS

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'Told Modi our health scheme bigger than Ayushman Bharat'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

FOLLOWING HIS first meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the Lok Sabha polls, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said he had spoken about how the Delhi government's health scheme was "bigger and wider in scope" in comparison with the Centre's Ayushman Bharat. But in an indication that the Delhi government had softened its stand, Kejriwal said he had assured the PM he would "examine if the Ayushman Bharat scheme could also be integrated into our scheme".

This is the first time the two have come face to face on the ambitious health scheme, which has been a bone of contention between the central and state governments.

Modi, in his Independence Day speech in 2018, had launched the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme, which has been adopted by 33 states and Union Territories so far.



Kejriwal arrives at Parliament House to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Anil Sharma

Five central government hospitals, including AIIMS and RML, and 16 private hospitals have implemented the scheme in Delhi.

The AAP government had asked the National Health Agency — responsible for rolling out the scheme in the country — to rename it to Mukhya Mantri Aam Aadmi Swasthya Bima Yojana — Ayushman Bharat in Delhi.

Recently, a series of letters were also exchanged between the CM and Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan where

the two disagreed with each other on the scheme.

On June 7, Kejriwal wrote a letter to Vardhan stating that the Delhi Health Scheme was "10 times better" than Ayushman Bharat. Comparing both health schemes in three categories, Kejriwal claimed that while the Centre's scheme has restrictions, the Delhi government's health scheme is available without any limitations for the entire population.

"The response shows that the chief minister is least interested

in the welfare of the people of Delhi. The claim that the Delhi government is implementing free health care and, therefore, need not implement Ayushman Bharat is baseless," Vardhan had said in his reply.

Meanwhile, the CM also invited Modi to visit a mohalla clinic and a Delhi government school, and also assured full co-operation to the Centre for development of the city.

"It is important that the Delhi government and Centre work together," he tweeted.

Kejriwal seeks PM help for floodplain project

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Friday sought the central government's cooperation for a project that seeks to store "2,100 million gallons" of water in Palla floodplain of Yamuna, north of the capital near the Haryana border.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting at Parliament House Friday morning.

"He said that since Delhi faces an acute water shortage, particularly in summer, this project... will ensure that a single monsoon is sufficient to meet Delhi's water needs for two years," a statement from the CM's office said.

A Delhi Jal Board official said the floodplain is spread over

1,000 acres. It is estimated that in each cycle of flooding, it can store 2,100 million gallons of water. The DJB expects 15 such cycles of flooding during monsoons.

A joint study by DU and IIT-B from October 2017 had also found the floodplain aquifer a sustainable groundwater resource. It can be extracted every 80-100 days, the official said.

Dinesh Mohaniya, DJB vice-

chairman, said, "At present we do not have control over land in Delhi, including the floodplains. If the Centre helps us acquire permission... then we would be able to complete the project faster."

Mohaniya said another aspect of the Palla project was to float treated waste water from Coronation Pillar STP upstream of Yamuna till Palla and release it back into the river.

BRIEFLY

Man shot dead in Noida

New Delhi: Two men on a bike shot dead a man in a deserted alley in Noida's Sector 132 around 8 am Thursday. Police said the killers were allegedly contracted by the victim's wife and a man she was having an affair with. "He recently found out about their relationship via WhatsApp messages on her phone. The man she was having an affair with contacted a local bike repairman and promised Rs 50,000 to carry out the murder," said Bhuvnesh Kumar, Station House Officer, Expressway.

2 held over illegal ammo racket

New Delhi: The Delhi Police Special Cell has arrested two men for allegedly running an illegal ammunition racket in the NCR Friday. Police identified the accused as Kunwar Pal (29) and Akhilesh Kumar (40), both residents of UP. The men were carrying 550 live cartridges and were planning to sell them, said police.

Property tax: SDMC to be open Sat, Sun

New Delhi: To facilitate property taxpayers, all zonal offices and headquarters of the property tax department of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation will remain open on Saturday and Sunday, said a press statement by the civic body. ENS

2,000 CCTV cameras at Seemapuri

New Delhi: Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam Friday inaugurated the work of installing 2,000 CCTV cameras, around 500 in each ward, in the Seemapuri Assembly constituency. PTI

1 dead as car runs over 4 sleeping on footpath, cops suspect driver drunk

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

A HOMELESS man was killed and three people were injured after they were run over by a car near Hazrat Nizamuddin's Neela Gumbad Friday. Police said the accused, Abhishek Dutt (36), who is suspected to have been drunk when his Honda WR-V ran over the sleeping victims before crashing to a halt, was arrested on the spot. A case has been registered under IPC sections 308 and 304 at Hazrat Nizamuddin police station.

"We received a call at 3.30 am about an accident. We rushed to the spot and found four men severely injured and a man with a car near the spot. The four men were rushed to AIIMS, where the doctor declared one of them dead. The other three men have been admitted to the AIIMS trauma centre...

they are in a critical state. The accused is suspected to be drunk and was arrested from the spot," said Chinmoy Biswal, DCP (Southeast Delhi). "We are awaiting his medical report to confirm the same," a police officer added. Police said they have also seized the Honda WR-V, which the accused was driving. The victims were identified as Arif (32), who was killed, and his friends Naushad (23), Sheikh

Saju (48) and Sahib Salim (23). They don't have any family, said the police.

Dutt, who is a resident of Pankha Road in Southwest Delhi's Janakpuri, works as the country manager for UK-based Birmingham University's South Asia zone, police said. He is married and has a young son.

"Dutt has a bachelor's degree in Computer Applications and also holds an MBA degree," said a police officer.

Row over mystery circular: BJP says AAP politicising schools, party denies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS between parents of Delhi government school students and School Management Committee (SMC) members, scheduled to begin Friday, were called off following an uproar and a complaint filed by the BJP with Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal, alleging that the purpose of the meetings was to ask parents to vote for the AAP in the upcoming Assembly polls.



Tiwari complained to L-G

On June 13, the government's education department had issued a circular to the heads of all government schools to organise interactive sessions with parents of students, to be led by SMC members, to discuss the Happiness and Entrepreneurship curricula. These were to be held

between June 21 and 24, and the guidelines instructed members to introduce parents to sample stories from the curricula, explain the objectives and take feedback.

On Thursday, an unsigned document began doing the rounds, comprising instructions to SMC members regarding the interactive sessions. This included directions to speak about

the government's achievements in the field of education, and a questionnaire for parents asking them who they will vote for in the Assembly polls and why they did not vote for AAP in the Lok Sabha elections.

Following this, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari, along with other BJP leaders, met Bajjal to submit a complaint against this document. He also asked that the SMCs be dissolved.

"Such forms were distributed first in a Gandhi Nagar school... The principal complained to us, after which we got to know that such activities are being done in other schools as well," claimed Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta.

The Congress also criticised the meetings, with former Delhi education minister Kiran Wallia stating that the "Kejriwal govern-

ment was dragging government schools in their political game-plan instead of improving the quality of education".

However, AAP in a statement distanced itself from the unsigned document and attributed it to the BJP: "The dirty tricks department of the BJP is out to derail the education reforms being carried out by AAP in Delhi. In the latest cheap shot, the BJP first circulated a self-scripted pamphlet on social media, took it to the L-G and lodged a complaint over it. It is shocking that a piece of paper with no authenticity is being circulated by the BJP to derail an important initiative."

Despite this, the education department issued a fresh circular Friday stating that the interactive sessions "are ordered to be kept in abeyance till further notice".

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Dated:- 01/06/2019 (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. 1686 of 2018
ICICI Bank

V/s
Deepak Vashisht & Others To,

- Deepak Vashisht, S/o Shri Duli Chand Sharma, R/o House No. A- 604 Gaur Global Village, Crossing Republic, Near Engineering Collage, Gaziabad- 201009 ...Defendant No. 1
- Upasna Vashisht, W/o Shri Deepak Vashisht, R/o House No. A- 604 Gaur Global Village, Crossing Republic, Near Engineering Collage, Gaziabad- 201009 ...Defendant No. 2
- M/s Ashiyana Promoters and Developers Pvt. Ltd, Registered Office at- Unit 16/410, Block-D, Pocket- 16, Sector 17, Rohini, New Delhi- 110085 Also at Corporate Office- H- 190, Ground Floor Sector-63, Noida- 201301 ...Defendant No. 3

In the above noted Original 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 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 27/8/2019 at 10:30 A.M. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

File No. 342/2018-SD/AM (Adv. 14/2019)
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
(An Autonomous Trust under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)
11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi- 110011.

Walk-in-Interview on 10.07.2019

IGNCA intends to engage one position of Project Assistant for the project 'Riverine Cultures and Haryana Saang Traditions' of Janapada Sampada Division of IGNCA on purely contract basis for one year. Prescribed Application form and other details are available in IGNCA's website www.ignca.gov.in

davp 09118/11/0004/1920 Director (Admin)

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993, In the matter of O.A. NO. 861/2017

VIJAYA BANK (NOW BANK OF BARODA) Applicant VS MR. SANDEEP NAGAR & ORS. Defendants

D3 Mr. Atul Nagar (Guarantor) S/o Mr. Rajbir Singh Nagar
R/o : E-36, Sector-55, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida (U.P) 201301

D2 Mr. Ghanshyam Bhati (Guarantor) S/o Shri Rajinder Kumar Bhati
Duplex-18, Sector-82, Noida-201301.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 24/06/2019 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 19th day of June 2019.

By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

राष्ट्रीय पशु जैव प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
National Institute of Animal Biotechnology
An autonomous institute of Department of Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt of India

Sy. No.37, Near Gowildoddy, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana, India-500032, Contact: 040- 2312 0103/0115, Email : admin@niab.org.in, Web: www.niab.org.in

Advertisement No. 10/2019

NIAB, Hyderabad, an autonomous institute under the aegis of Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, is aimed to harness novel and emerging biotechnologies and create knowledge in the cutting edge areas for improving animal health and productivity. NIAB, Hyderabad invites applications from Indian citizens on deputation (STC)/Absorption/ Direct recruitment basis for the following positions :

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Areas in which applications are invited

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Date of commencement of online applications : 22nd June, 2019
Last date for submitting online applications : 22nd July, 2019(5PM) Sd/- DIRECTOR

Government of India Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG)

Invites applications for the post of Technical Member (Petroleum and Natural Gas) in the Appellate Tribunal of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board.

Last Date of receipt of applications in MoP&NG is 30 days from date of advertisement.

davp 33112/11/0006/1920

For details login to website:
<http://www.petroleum.nic.in>
<http://www.aptel.gov.in>

Indian Ports Association (IPA)
1st Floor, NBCC Place, South Tower, B.P. Marg, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
Tel. No: 0091-011-24369061/63, 24368334
Recruitment

IPA/GAD/Recruitment/Sagarmala/2018 Date: 22.06.2019
IPA on behalf of Ministry of Shipping wishes to recruit Managing Director, Sagarmala Development Company Limited (1 Post).
The Eligibility Criteria and other conditions may be seen on IPA website <http://www.ipa.nic.in>.
The last date of submission of applications is 22.07.2019.. Sd/-
davp 37203/11/0003/1920 Chief Administrative Officer

HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Plant Plaza Road, Dhanua, Ranchi-834 004 (Jharkhand)
Recruitment Notice

Applications are invited for the following Posts :

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RT/04/2019 Dt. 19.06.2019	DGM (Marketing)	E-6 Rs. 36,600/- 62,000/-	02 (Two)
	DGM (HRP)	E-6 Rs. 36,600/- 62,000/-	02 (Two)
RT/05/2019 Dt. 19.06.2019	DGM (Design)	E-4 Rs. 29,100/- 54,500/-	02 (Two)
	Sr. Manager (Design) or Manager (Forging Technology)	E-5 Rs. 32,900/- 58,000/-	01 (One)
RT/06/2019 Dt. 19.06.2019	Asstt. Manager (Mech)	E-2 Rs. 20,600/- 46,500/-	01 (One)
	DGM (HR)	E-6 Rs. 36,600/- 62,000/-	01 (One)
RT/06/2019 Dt. 19.06.2019	Deputy Manager (HR)	E-3 Rs. 24,900/- 50,500/-	01 (One)
	Asstt. Manager (HR)	E-2 Rs. 20,600/- 46,500/-	01 (One)
RT/06/2019 Dt. 19.06.2019	Specialist Gr. II or Gr. I	E-3 Rs. 24,900/- 50,500/-	01 Post each
	Surgon/Anesthetist or Pediatrician/Radiologist/ENT/GDMO-I	E-4 Rs. 29,100/- 54,500/- E-2 Rs. 20,600/- 46,500/-	(Total 05 Posts) 02 (Two)

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NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA
(An autonomous Institution under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)
Sanskaar Rang Toli (T.I.E. Co.)
New Delhi (India)

International Bal Sangam Festival of India (2019)

National School of Drama Sanskaar Rang Toli invites applications from groups/ institutions/ communities belonging to Folk & Traditional Performing Arts and Folk Theatre performance by Children in International Bal Sangam Festival 2019 (A mela of Folk & Traditional Performances including Theatre by Child Artists) to be held in the month of November, 2019 at NSD Campus.

Applications complete in all respects, along with DVD of performances, should reach the office of the Chief of TIE Co., National School of Drama, Bahawalpur House, Bhagwandas Road, New Delhi - 110001, latest by 25th July, 2019.

For further details & downloading the application form please log on to www.nsd.gov.in

Enqs: 23389054, 23031137
Website: www.nsd.gov.in
davp 09130/11/0020/1920

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of General Public that a Political Party is proposed to be registered by the name of **NAGRIG VIKAS PARTY** (Name of the Party). The office of the party is located at 728, ABC, Ekta Nagar, Opp. Professional Courier, Near Modi Hundai Show-Room, Sativali, Vasai Road, Vasai (E), Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra - 401208. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for the registration as Political Party under section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951- Names / Address of the office - bearers of the party are as follows:

National President : SHRI. SANTOSH JAYGOVIND SINGH
Head Office Address : 728, ABC, Ekta Nagar, Opp. Professional Courier, Near Modi Hundai Show-Room, Sativali, Vasai Road, Vasai (E), Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra - 401208.

National General Secretary : DR. BRIJESH RAMSINGAR PANDEY
Address : Narayan Darshan Apartment, H Wing, 417/418, Shivaji Nagar, Waldhuni, Kalyan (East), Taluka- Kalyan, Dist. Thane - 421306, Maharashtra, India.

National Treasurer : SHRI. DEVENDRA SINGH SAINI
Address : B/401/402, Royal Nest C.S.S Limited, Mira-Bhayander Road, Shiver Garden, Mira Road, Thane - 401107, Maharashtra, India.

If any one has any objection to the registration of **NAGRIG VIKAS PARTY** (Name of the Proposed Party) they may send their objection with reasons there of, to the secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

National President : Shri. Santosh Jaygovind Singh
National General Secretary : Dr. Brijesh Ramsingar Pandey
National Treasurer : Shri. Devendra Singh Saini

WAR OF WORDS INTENSIFIES

Sreedharan calls free Metro rides poll gimmick, AAP says BJP script

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

FORMER DMRC chief E Sreedharan has described the Delhi government's free rides proposal for women as an "election gimmick", drawing a sharp reaction from the AAP which not only accused the 'Metro Man' of reading out a "BJP script", but also questioned his "silence" over alleged irregularities in the Airport Express Line.

While Sreedharan and the Delhi government's disagreement over the issue had emerged last week, after he urged the Prime Minister to intervene and stall the proposal, the language in the fresh round of the tussle indicated the gloves are off.

Writing to Deputy CM Manish Sisodia on June 20, Sreedharan stated: "Please remember any compensation Delhi government pays to DMRC is tax payers' money and tax payer has a right to question why only women are being given free travel. Everybody knows this is an election gimmick to win votes of women in the next Assembly election."

He also appealed to the AAP government "not to destroy an efficient and successful public transport system such as Delhi Metro for electoral gains".

Later, addressing a press conference, AAP leader Atishi said the party finds it strange that Sreedharan, a "globally respected technocrat", is writing a "purely political letter". On social media, the party put out a series



Sreedharan wrote to Deputy CM Manish Sisodia

of tweets using the hashtag "SreedharanPlaysPolitics".

"It seems as if the BJP is firing from Sreedharan's shoulder and he is saying exactly what the BJP wants to say. Otherwise, when the BJP government proposed giving rebates in Metro to senior citizens and students last year, why did he not talk about finan-

cial burden? While the Delhi government proposes to foot the entire subsidy bill, the Centre's cross subsidy model would lead to a rise in fares," Atishi said.

The AAP leader went on to question Sreedharan's "silence" over alleged financial irregularities relating to the premium Airport Express Line of the Delhi Metro, which connects New Delhi Railway Station to Delhi Airport's Terminal 3.

"We wanted a CBI inquiry into the issue, which was stalled. Why did he not raise any voice against the irregularities, considering he was the in-charge of Delhi Metro then? Did he protect the Metro administration by not ordering a CBI probe? Is this why BJP is able to shoot from his shoulder today?" Atishi said.

In his letter to Sisodia, Sreedharan (87) reiterated he was against the very idea of allowing free travel to any section of commuters till the time DMRC is able to pay back its outstanding loan amount of over Rs 35,000 crore. He expressed fear that while the AAP government may subsidise the proposal, a future government may discontinue it.

"I am not opposing the Delhi government's proposal to bear the cost of free travel for women but objecting only to the concept of free travel in a Metro. If we allow free travel for women, what about more deserving categories such as students, disabled persons, senior citizens, etc? No Metro in the world has extended free travel facility to women exclusively," he wrote.

Metro services hit as fire guts market underneath

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

MORE THAN 10 people, mostly labourers, were rescued after a major fire broke out at a furniture market near Kalindi Kunj Metro station in the early hours of Friday. The blaze caused disruption in Metro services on the Magenta line and full services were resumed nearly four hours later.



The fire broke out around 5.30 am. Photos: Amit Mehra

"We received a call at 5.55 am and four fire tenders were rushed to the spot within 10 minutes. All the shops were on fire, with the wooden furniture producing a lot of smoke. We used hydraulic platforms to control the fire and prevent it from impacting the Metro line. Later, we deployed 13 more fire tenders to extinguish the fire that had spread to the Metro towers and the area outside the market," said DFS chief fire officer Atul Garg.



The market had more than 30 furniture shops. The cause of the fire is unknown, said DFS officials, adding that they took three hours to douse the blaze.

Mohd Nadeem (35), one of the furniture shop owners, said, "The fire broke out around 5.30 am. When I reached the spot, my shop was gutted. Since nobody

was there at the time, the DFS was informed late and by that time, the fire had engulfed the market." Nadeem had rented the shop with his brother Mohd Mehboob five years ago.

Another shopkeeper, Imran Khan, said, "We have been running this shop for 15 years. We weren't around when the fire broke out."

A senior DMRC official said Metro services between Jasola Vihar and Kalindi Kunj were stopped for four hours due to the smoke and the fire.

"Feeder buses plied from Jasola Vihar to Kalindi Kunj and Metro trains were shuttling between Kalindi Kunj and Botanical Garden stations to help commuters," said Himanshu Abhishesh, Deputy General Manager of DMRC. Metro services on the Magenta line fully resumed after 10.20 am.

Capital flexes for yoga day celebrations

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

WITH INSTRUCTIONS being flashed on large screen TVs and the Prime Minister's address telecast live simultaneously, over 18,000 people gathered at Rajpath Friday morning to celebrate International Day of Yoga.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was among those present, said yoga "connects all religions for the betterment of mankind". He, along with ministers Prakash Javadekar and Prahlad Patel, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, and Delhi L-G Anil Bajjal, practiced yoga as well.

The programme, organised by the New Delhi Municipal Council and the Ministry of AYUSH, be-



The International Yoga Day event at Rajpath, Friday. Amit Mehra

gan at 5.30 am with a display of *mallakhamb* yoga and women's self defence. Anita Saharam (49), one of the participants, said: "I started yoga 19 years ago at a community event just like this

one. It helped cure my lower back pain and to stay mentally and physically fit. I hope this event has the same impact on first timers."

Eight-year-old Yashika Sood from Trilokpur was excited that

she could take the new yoga mat home. Her brothers Shiv (11) and Devanshu (13) said: "We like doing yoga, but we did not have a mat. Now, we can take it to the park every day." The three sported Yoga Day T-shirts, distributed by NDMC in several schools.

For 10-year-old Anshi and her grandmother Bimala Devi from Alipur, the most enjoyable part of the day was *hasyoga*, during which the whole of Rajpath reverberated with people laughing.

Everyone had their favourite asanas — some said the *Om Mantra Ucharan* helped calm them down, others said they will do *Anulom-Vilom Pranayam* every day from now. Two girls were disappointed that *Surya Namaskar* was not taught at the event.

Mae Hood (19), a student

from Spain, said, "It feels good to be part of India's culture. I have come to learn yoga in India and am heading to Rishikesh next."

Besides Rajpath, events were held across the city. Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu visited Red Fort to participate in a function organised by the Brahma Kumaris. "He spoke about the importance of *Rajyoga* that purifies the mind and soul... celebrating the day on such a large scale makes us all feel better," said Brahma Kumari Eva (19).

Ministers Piyush Goyal and Ravi Shankar Prasad did yoga at Lodhi Garden, while Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari visited Talkatora Stadium, where hundreds of primary school students performed asanas they had practiced diligently for a month.

Over 3,000 police officers attend yoga day event

New Delhi: The Delhi Police celebrated International Yoga Day at Thyagaraj Stadium Friday. The event was conducted at 7 am and was attended by more than 3,000 police personnel and 500 Yuva trainees.

Yuva is an initiative by the Delhi Police and National Skill Development Corporation, which aims at providing jobs to

the youth.

Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik, along with other officers, performed several *asanas* for an hour. Patnaik spoke about the importance of yoga in a person's life and how it can be used to cure stress and have a healthy body. Sessions were also organised at all police districts and units. **ENS**

Guidelines out for DU sports trials

New Delhi: Delhi University Friday issued guidelines and venue details for trials of aspirants seeking admission under sports category. The sports trials will commence from July 2 and culminate on July 6. There are 27 sports that are part of the sports quota. Sports trial for athletics will happen at the University Polo ground in Kingsway Camp on July 2, the varsity said. **ENS**

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT, UTTARAKHAND JAL SANSTHAN
Program for Result (P for R)
Jal Bhawan, B-Block, Nehru Colony, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, PIN: 248001

पत्रांक :- 66/UWSP-Structure/2019-20 दिनांक : 21.06.2019

Reference No: UJS/PIU/2019-20

The government of Uttarakhand is getting funded from the World Bank towards the cost of proposed second phase of Uttarakhand Water Supply Project (Program for Result). Government of Uttarakhand (GOUK) has notified Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan as the Implementing Agency for Program for Result (P for R) component of the Project within the state of Uttarakhand. Application are invited for the post of Procurement Specialist latest by 08-07-2019 for engagement of service on contractual basis under PIU- Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan. Details including ToR, remunerations, type of engagement, job code application forms and terms can be obtained from the website www.ujs.uk.gov.in. The engagement of services will be purely on temporary basis for a period of 11 month with a provision of extension depending upon requirement & performance. The total experience asked for has to be post qualification. **Chief General Manager**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TAMILNADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP No. 2210 /SDC 4 /2016 Dated: 21.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed RFP for each sector in single cover system will be received from interested agencies to act as the **Lead Implementation Partner (LIP)** for setting up of **Apex Skill Development Centres (ASDC)** to impart high-end skill training in 5 sectors viz. Auto, Auto Components & Machine Tools, Construction and Infrastructure Sector, Hospital and Health Care Services, Transportation and Logistics, Manufacturing and Capital Goods in Tamil Nadu at the Office of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation upto **3.00 P.M.** (As per office clock) on **24.07.2019**.

Pre qualification criteria for LIP, Management of ASDC, EMD, Price of RFP document, place and availability of RFP document, receipt of RFP, opening of RFP and all other details are available in the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in & www.tnskill.tn.gov.in. If there are any changes / corrections in the RFP, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
TAMILNADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUINDY, CHENNAI -32

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office :- PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813;
Tel: 0161-2456203 Email: suburbanpsscldh@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Tender Enquiry No.	02/Dy. CE-SUB/LDH/2019-20
2. Scope of work	Execution of distribution Works (Labour Component only) such as Erection of New HT/LT lines, DTs, etc. for ISC/GSC/AP connections, De-loading/Bifurcation of overloaded T/Fs/Feeders, for Development/Improvement/petty Deposit Works etc. to be executed under, Sub-urban Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana for the period of one year.
3. Start date and time of downloading of specifications/tender documents from office/website: https://pssclic.abcpocure.com	Date of Uploading of Tender
4. Last date and time of downloading of specifications/tender documents from office/website: https://pssclic.abcpocure.com	22.07.2019 upto 13.00 Hrs.
5. Last date and time of bid submission office/ website: https://pssclic.abcpocure.com	23.07.2019 upto 13.00 Hrs.
6. Date & time of opening of tenders.	23.07.2019 upto 14.30 Hrs.
7. Cost of tender specifications (in Rs.) & mode of its payment	Rs. 2360/- (Through DD in favour of PSPCL, LUDHIANA and payable at Ludhiana).

*Tender specifications can only be downloaded from website <https://abcpocure.com>. Details regarding E-tendering is available on website <https://pssclic.abcpocure.com>. Bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website <https://pssclic.abcpocure.com> and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained. In case of any clarification/difficulty you may contact at Email: suburbanpsscldh@gmail.com.

Note: It is informed that in case tender process is not completed as per time schedule given in NT due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspaper. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website, www.pspcl.in

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Sd/
Dy. CE/DS Suburban
Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : Secy/ORH-Maint/2/ Gauri Sadan/2018/OT, dated : 19.06.2019. Open e-tender is invited by Assistant Secretary (SW) from reputed contractors with sufficient experience, financial capability and having proper and requisite resources and experience for the following work : **Tender No. : Secy-ORH-Maint-NDLs-2019. Name of Work :** Housekeeping and maintenance of Eastern Railway Officers Rest House (inclusive of catering) at Gauri Sadan & State Entry Road, New Delhi. **Approx. Value :** ₹ 23.59,203/-. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 47,200/-. **Date and Time of Opening :** 12.07.2019 at 15.00 hrs. The scope of work is indicative only, detail scope and specification has been described in tender document. However, tender document can be downloaded from ireps portal. This is available at www.ireps.gov.in

Expression **MISC-87/2019-20**

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

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
1.	HVPNL	SWEEPING SWABBING AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM & MAINTENANCE OF HORTICULTURE/ ARBORICULTURE ARRANGEMENT AT SLDC COMPLEX, HVPNL,SEWAH (PANIPAT) FOR THE YEAR 2019-20	19.06.2019 18.07.2019	12.94 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	9306736030 xensidrcrtmtc@hvpn.org.in
2.	HVPNL	PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS 400 KV LIGHTENING ARRESTOR	21.06.2019 21.07.2019	EMD-17000	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
3.	HVPNL	PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS 400 KV CURRENT TRANSFORMERS	20.06.2019 20.07.2019	EMD-39000	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
4.	HVPNL	PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS 66 KV CURRENT TRANSFORMERS AND NCTS	20.06.2019 20.07.2019	EMD-1.32 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
5.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR-JAGADHRI	CONST OF STREET WITH COVERED DRAIN IN AASAN WALI GALI, KAHRAN GALI, GANGA KASERA GALI, PANSARI BAZAR, RAJA SAHIB GALI & DHARAMPURA COLONY OF WARD NO.3, + 13 OTHER WORKS	21.06.2019 29.06.2019	1.64 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818656867 xen.mcyng@gmail.com
6.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REWARI	SI/TTC OF 120 WATTS LED STREET/ROAD LIGHT FROM DHARUHERA CHUNGI TO ABHEY SINGH CHOWK IN AREA MC REWAI (RE-TENDER) + 8 OTHER WORKS	19.06.2019 25.06.2019	478.56 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicepg/app	9999740089 secymc.rwr@gmail.com
7.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REWARI	DOOR TO DOOR GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR ALL 31 WARDS IN MC REWARI	19.06.2019 29.06.2019	3.27 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7015483676
8.	MARKET COMMITTEE GURUGRAM	DAILY CLEANING SWEEPING WITHIN THE NAI SUBZI MANDI, GURUGRAM. ALL THE TOILETS, CLEARING SEWERAGE LINE & STAFF QUARTER ARE WITHIN NVM, GURUGRAM	CLOSING 28.06.2019	EMD-50000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2320011
9.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KHARKHODA	CONST OF SPORTS STADIUM AT MATINDU ROAD KHARKHODA EST COST 91.36 LACS	CLOSING 01.07.2019	EMD-1.83 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	8222009777 yogeshrath189@gmail.com
10.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SAMPLA	CONSTRUCTION OF HALL IN BHASU DHAM AT BHASU JOHAR IN M.C SAMPLA + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 27.06.2019	21.03 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	---
11.	HSAMB JIND	CONST OF ROAD FROM VILL. SINDHVI KHERA TO ASHRAFGARH VIA.RADHANA + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 04.07.2019	188.33 LACS	etenders.gov.in	01681-255039 etenders.gov.in
12.	HSAMB KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE BAL PAHANA TO BANSA (H-9417)-CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE-23233 + 5 OTHER WORKS	21.06.2019 01.07.2019	835.87 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2220964 xenkarnal.hsamb@gmail.com
13.	HSAMB JIND	ORDINARY REPAIR OF LINK ROADS OF M.C JIND FROM GROUP NO.1 TO 6 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20 + 7 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 08.07.2019	AS PER DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-255039 etenders.gov.in
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FROM THE GALLERY

FIRST BILL INTRODUCED IN 17TH LOK SABHA

Oppn protests as Govt moves triple talaq Bill

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE MUSLIM Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019, which proposes to criminalise instant triple talaq was introduced in Lok Sabha on Friday amid commotion and confusion.

The government introduced the new Bill to replace an ordinance, but even before Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad could introduce it, there was confusion on whether the Opposition members should get an opportunity to object to the introduction before he introduced it or after his opening statement.

As Speaker Om Birla asked the minister to introduce the Bill, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, NCP's Supriya Sule, DMK's A Raja and Kanimozhi, Samajwadi Party's Kunwar Danish Ali and leader of Congress in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury objected, claiming that they be given a chance to present their objections.

Prasad said once he moves the Bill, the Opposition will get a chance to speak before the introduction of the Bill and he will respond to them before the vote.

The minister "is only asking the permission to move the Bill", Birla clarified. Finally the Opposition relented, and Prasad moved the Bill.

Leaders of the Opposition then countered it, mostly on two points — that it criminalises "a civil wrong" and that it targets just one community in the garb of helping women of the country.

Shashi Tharoor of the Congress said he is not "defending Triple talaq" but was opposing the Bill because of the "text, draft and thrust of this Bill". "This Bill conflates civil law and criminal law by criminalising the act of triple talaq, which is an irregular form of divorce already null and void in our country post the decision of the Supreme Court in Shayara Bano Vs Union of India," he said.

"Is the action of abandoning or deserting a wife and family without responsibility a criminal act or is the form of desertion, namely, doing it by uttering talaq... since abandoning or deserting wives and dependents is not unique to the Muslim community, then why not make a law that univer-



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sally criminalises the abandonment of family and dependents without taking responsibility instead of just focusing on one community."

The bill, he said, was an example of "class legislation, which is pointed at one community or class and that violates Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution". Further, he said the Bill lacks "procedural safeguards and can be easily misused," Tharoor added.

RSP's N K Premachandran said the Bill "exceeds the legislative power of Parliament". Also, he said, "criminalising a civil wrong done by a particular community, that is, the Muslim community, alone is discriminatory".

Speaking last from the Opposition, Owaisi said the Bill failed on parameters of "intelligible differentia" and "rational nexus". "You are not in favour of women, you are putting the burden of proof on women. For three years (the husband) will remain in jail, who will give the maintenance, will you give maintenance?" Owaisi said. He said if the BJP was for women, why was it against the entry of women in Sabarimala.

Responding to the objections, Prasad said the Bill was not aimed at a religion, but was a

question of "naari nyay, naari garima, naari insaaf". He said that even after the Supreme Court's order, the practice of instant triple talaq continues and stated that 229 cases have happened since. He said lawmakers are elected "to make laws" and the court is responsible for "interpretation" of those laws. "Do not make the Lok Sabha a court," Prasad said.

As Prasad was speaking, Birla asked the members to not speak among them. When Chowdhury got up to speak to his party members, Birla asked him to sit down or go to the gallery outside to talk. This prompted a furore from the Opposition, with Chowdhury saying it was like "Emergency inside the House".

After Prasad had spoken, Birla put up the introduction for a voice vote. Owaisi insisted that a division vote be allowed. Birla finally agreed for a division vote, but then, since seats have not yet been allotted to the members of the new Lok Sabha, machine voting was ruled out.

Eventually, the division vote was conducted using paper slips. With 186 votes in favour and 74 against it, Prasad was allowed to introduce the Bill, which will be discussed later.

In RS, all eyes on JD(U) as Oppn seeks to refer Bill to Select Committee

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

WITH THE Opposition hoping to stall the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 in Rajya Sabha by demanding that it be referred to a Select Committee or standing committee for legislative scrutiny, all eyes will be on NDA ally JD(U) when the Bill is tabled in the Upper House.

The Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on Friday for the second time after it lapsed following the dissolution of 16th Lok Sabha.

Numbers in the Upper House are delicately poised. The NDA, minus JD(U) and with the support of BJD, Independents and others, has the support of 109 members for the legislation while the Opposition tally is 108. So, the fate of the Bill now depends on what position three parties take — the JD(U) and TRS with six seats each and the YSR Congress Party with two.

The Opposition's hopes rest particularly on the JD(U) that has made its discomfort with the Bill very apparent.

Bihar Chief Minister and party chief Nitish Kumar has said criminalisation of instant divorce will not serve the interests of Muslim women.

The party has also issued a statement on Uniform Civil Code, without mentioning the contentious Bill. "Janata Dal(U) reiterates its previous stand on Uniform Civil Code. Ours is a nation based on a delicate balance in respect of laws and governing principles for different religions and ethnic groups. We must not impose any view without obtaining substantive consultations," its spokesperson K C Tyagi had said in the



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has said criminalisation of instant divorce will not serve interests of Muslim women.

statement.

Taking off from the Supreme Court verdict of 2017 that made instant triple talaq illegal, the Law Ministry moved the Bill that proposes to make the practice a criminal offence punishable by a three-year jail term. The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha but failed to get past a united Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

In 2018, when the Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha, the Opposition moved for a Select Committee reference but the House was adjourned before voting could take place.

If the JD(U) votes against the Bill and either TRS or YSRCP chooses to abstain, it will be a boost for the Opposition's strategy to send the Bill for legislative scrutiny. On the other hand, if the NDA ally chooses to refrain from voting or the government manages to convince TRS or YSRCP or both to vote for the Bill, the legislation that has been hanging fire for more than two years now may finally become a law.

Plug loopholes to prevent another NaMo TV: Moitra

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

TMC MP Mahua Moitra during the Zero Hour on Friday brought up the issue of NaMo TV, the channel that had popped up across all DTH platforms in the country shortly before the elections commenced and vanished after the conclusion of polls.

She said that "during the election, we have seen a channel which was set up explicitly for the purpose of campaigning under the guise of spreading information about welfare schemes to the public".

Without naming any political party, Moitra said the channel was set up "by one

political party" and was "completely below the radar of everybody and this was closed immediately after the election".

The TMC leader said she "urged" Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar "to close NaMo TV and plug the legal loophole as soon as possible as it gives an unfair advantage to the ruling party".

NaMo TV, which was being broadcast as a special platform service offered by the DTH operators, had taken the nature of a channel by being available across the DTH providers. Usually each DTH operator provides certain platform service, which by definition are exclusive for the customers of each DTH operator.

Will draw on best practices from other countries: Speaker

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

LOK SABHA Speaker Om Birla said on Friday that he planned to engage with parliamentary democracies all over the world and draw on their best practices for conducting the Lok Sabha in a better manner. He was speaking to the media for the first time after his election to the high office on Wednesday.

Birla said he would strive for the enhancement of the House's dignity and advised members to abide by rules.

He also made it clear he would not be guided by numerical strength in giving opportunity to MPs. Taking note of the fact that the 17th Lok Sabha had 265 first-time members, he felt that a special programme was needed for educating them about rules and procedures. When a reporter asked him why he al-



Speaker Om Birla performs yoga at Parliament on Friday. Anil Sharma

lowed introduction of the Bill against triple talaq as the convention had been that the Motion of Thanks to the Presidential Address was taken up first, the Speaker said rules take precedence over conventions. The business advisory committee, which comprised members belonging to different parties, had taken a decision on the issue, he said.

Rajya Sabha functioned beyond expectation: Sinha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

AFTER RAJYA Sabha Chairman and Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Friday expressed concern over the loss of time due to disruptions in the House, nominated member Rakesh Sinha said that the Upper House will set a new milestone if members bring a change in their working to meet expectations of the people and democracy.

Speaking in the House, Sinha said that during the debate in the Constituent Assembly, two expectations were made vis-a-vis Rajya Sabha: that the House will become a chamber only for deliberations, and that it will delay a Bill that may have been passed by the Lok Sabha in "passion", or enthusiasm.

He said that the Upper House has functioned beyond both expectations. From 1952 until the 224th session (November-December 2011), 899 Bills were introduced in Rajya Sabha, which is many more than in any second chamber in the world, he mentioned.

Besides, he said, 1,732 private members' Bills were introduced in the House until that session.



Rakesh Sinha

12 Opposition parties move notice for discussion on electoral reforms in RS

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

TWELVE OPPOSITION parties in Rajya Sabha have submitted a notice for a short duration discussion on electoral reforms for free and fair elections.

The notice does not mention EVMs on which many of the parties have been very vocal for some time now, but sources said the matter will be raised by almost all parties provided chairman M Venkaiah Naidu accepts the notice and allows the discussion.

The parties that have so far signed the notice are the Congress, Trinamool Congress, RJD, SP, BSP, AAP, CPI, CPM, DMK, Kerala Congress (Mani), IUML and NCP.

The notice, sources said, is the first of many such joint notices that the Opposition will move every week by consensus to keep the pressure up on the government. The decision to move the notice was taken on Friday during an informal opposition meeting in Parliament.

"At an informal meeting this morning, a decision was taken that every week, the opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha will

jointly move for one short duration discussion and one calling attention motion. The consensus today was on electoral reforms. Though the notice only says electoral reforms, given the present state, it goes without saying that EVMs are not conducive to free and fair elections and it is high time that we returned to ballot papers. So naturally it will come up," said an opposition MP, who is one of the signatories in the notice.

Opposition sources said that by focusing on a common issue every week, the parties could continue to keep the pressure on the government.

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(Clockwise from top) Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rancho's Prabhat Tara ground; CISF personnel and Victoria Memorial staff at the Victoria Memorial premises in Kolkata; Members of 2 Army Dog Unit perform yoga in Jalandhar; and Indian Army personnel perform asanas in Siachen.

Rahul tweet on yoga insults Army, say Shah and Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE BJP on Friday slammed Rahul Gandhi for "ridiculing" International Yoga Day and insulting the armed forces after the Congress president tweeted pictures of the Army's dog squad doing yoga with a caption, "New India".

The pictures showed the dog unit and their trainers doing yoga. Tweeting in response, BJP president Amit Shah stated, "Congress stands for negativity. Today, their negativity was seen in their clear support to the medieval practice of Triple Talaq. Now, they mock Yoga Day and insult our forces (yet again!) Hoping the spirit of positivity will prevail. It can help overcome toughest challenges."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted: "With due respect to you, @RahulGandhi, these are proud members of the Indian Army and they contribute to the safety of our nation. *Jab koi baar-baar hamari sena ka apmaan karta hai to yahi prarthana ki ja sakti hai*

ke hey bhagwan sadbuddhi de! (when someone insults our Army time and again, then we can only pray to God to give them wisdom)."

BJP national vice-president Vinay Sahasrabudde posted, "It's painful to see how a senior politician is ridiculing #IYD2019! But this is hardly surprising as they have always apologetic about and hence either poo-h-pooed everything rooted in Indian Culture and traditions! Is it vote bank politics that is driving them to do this?"

Accusing BJP leaders of misrepresenting the issue, Congress secretary in-charge of communication Pranav Jha said, "The point the tweet makes is about blatant and deliberate oversight of burning issues at hand and institutional subservience. The PM could as well have done his yoga exercise in Muzaffarpur rather than Ranchi and told people about the remedies that yoga can provide to dying children and their parents in Bihar... BJP and its ministers are indulging in the best they are at — subterfuge."

Jharkhand, he added, goes to the polls in a few months.

Reposting the BJP president's tweet, AICC secretary and Lok Sabha MP from Tamil Nadu B Manickam Tagore posted, "Mr Shah! why u always misunderstand & spread misinformation? We r praising the new India..."

From the heights of Siachen, the highest battlefield in the world, to the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) with China and the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and international border with Pakistan in Kashmir Valley, to the plains of Jammu, Indian Army and paramilitary personnel across Jammu and Kashmir, as in other parts of the country, joined the International Yoga Day celebrations. In eastern Ladakh, soldiers of China's People's Liberation Army joined the Indian troops in performing yoga at Chushul and Daulat Beg Oldie along the LAC. "A Ceremonial Border Personal meeting (BPM) on the occasion of International Yoga Day was conducted at Indian BPM huts in Chushul and DBO sectors of Eastern Ladakh," Defence Ministry spokesman Col Rajesh Kalia said.

(INPUTS FROM ENS, JAMMU)

Want to take yoga to the poor: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RANCHI, JUNE 21

ON THE occasion of International Yoga Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday gave reasons for choosing Ranchi as the venue for the event. He said that Jharkhand is close to nature and that Ranchi and health have a his-

toric relationship as the government launched world's largest healthcare scheme-Ayushman Bharat- from the city, and that was reason enough for him to do yoga with the people of the state.

The PM said that he aims to take the journey of modern yoga from cities to villages and to the homes of the poor and the tribals. He said he wants to make yoga an

integral part of the lives of the poor as they suffer from illness the most. He added that his government has been working to make yoga a base of preventive healthcare, and emphasised how young people are becoming vulnerable to heart diseases and yoga can help prevent them. He announced that this year's theme would be 'Yoga for heart'.

14 held for Bengal violence, BJP demands CBI investigation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 21

A DAY after clashes erupted between two groups in Bhatpara in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal leaving two dead and 11 injured, police said they have arrested 14 people and are conducting raids in the area. Meanwhile, situation remained tense with prohibitory orders in force and huge police deployment in the area, officials said on Friday.

"So far, 14 people have been arrested. Raids are being conducted to recover arms. Some crude bombs have been recovered from various pockets of the town," said a senior police officer.

Asked whether the deaths were because of police firing, as alleged by the locals, the DG had said, "The cause of the deaths is under investigation. Police fired in the air. Some anti-socials and criminals have been active in Bhatpara. Outside elements have now joined them, disrupting peace in the area. RAF personnel have been deployed."

BJP on Friday demanded a CBI inquiry into the death of two persons following the clashes. Alleging that both the deceased

were killed in police firing, the BJP central leadership accused the state police of acting as "TMC cadres".

BJP president Amit Shah also formed a panel of three sitting Lok Sabha MPs to visit the trouble-torn area.

The three-member panel comprises former union ministers S S Ahluwalia and Satpal Singh as well as Retd DGP V D Ram.

According to a statement from the BJP, Shah has expressed grief over the death of two people. The panel will visit Bhatpara on Saturday and will submit its report to Shah.

"We want a CBI inquiry into yesterday's incident. We have learnt that police have opened fire. But one TMC leader is saying that police did not open fire. If that is the case, then who fired the bullets? Only a CBI probe will bring out the truth," said BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha.

A joint delegation team of Congress and Left Front, headed by Leader of the Opposition in Assembly, Abdul Mannan and Chakraborty will also visit Bhatpara, Jagaddal and Kankinara areas of North 24 Parganas district on Saturday.

ALLIANCE TROUBLE

No doubt there will be mid-term polls in Karnataka: Deve Gowda

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JUNE 21

RECENT REMARKS by Janata Dal (Secular) president H D Deve Gowda, a visit by state Congress leader Siddaramaiah to meet party chief Rahul Gandhi, and moves by the alliance partners in Karnataka to revamp their state units suggest a premature end to the year-old Congress-JD(S) coalition and possible state elections by the year-end.

Since the big loss in Lok Sabha polls — the Congress-JD(S) alliance won one seat each out of 28 in Karnataka — JD(S) leaders, including Deve Gowda, have stated during internal meetings that the party should be prepared for early Assembly polls.

On Friday, on the sidelines of a meeting of JD(S) workers and candidates, the former Prime Minister said he has no doubts that there will be mid-term polls in the state. The remarks came following reports that former CM Siddaramaiah, during a meeting with Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi on Wednesday, had suggested calling time on the coalition since it is hurting the party.

"I do not know how long this



HD Deve Gowda

government will remain. It is in the hands of Congress leaders, and not (Chief Minister) Kumaraswamy," Gowda said on Friday. "There is no doubt there will be mid-term polls."

He emphasised that the Congress had promised to support the JD(S) for five years. A few weeks ago his grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy had told party workers to be prepared to face Assembly polls by end of the year. In a meeting with state JD(S) president H Vishwanath, Deve Gowda had reportedly issued directions to prepare the party for elections by December.

Gowda and JD(S) officials have frequently claimed that the reference to "preparations for elections" for the party pertains to local body polls in Karnataka, and not the Assembly polls.

On Friday, Siddaramaiah denied seeking termination of the alliance during his meeting with Rahul Gandhi. "I cannot reply to

EXPLAINED What indications indicate

THE INDICATION of mid-term polls in Karnataka by H D Deve Gowda shows that the Congress-JD(S) alliance has lost hopes of surviving in the wake of their big Lok Sabha poll defeat. The allies are expected to stick together until December in an effort to gather some political currency, as both parties fear a Lok Sabha-type decimation if polls are held too soon.

The indication of mid-term polls may also be a bait for BJP to make a move to capture power by winning over MLAs opposed to early polls.

rumours," he said.

BJP state president B S Yeddyurappa said, "if they have the capability let them run the government, otherwise let them step aside. We will run the government. People do want another election now."

Odisha: BJD, BJP propose former Atal aide for RS, Cong calls it secret deal

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 21

ODISHA CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday announced two candidates for upcoming Rajya Sabha polls from the state, and said his party will support a third candidate proposed by the BJP.

Patnaik initially said the party will nominate Ashwini Baishnab, a former IAS officer from Odisha who was private secretary to Atal Bihari Vajpayee when he was the Prime Minister.

The Chief Minister said Baishnab has "served Odisha very well".

The BJP's official account also tweeted: "The party has decided that Shri Ashwini Baishnab will be Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate for the upcoming bypolls to the Rajya Sabha from Odisha."

While the announcements led to a confusion on party membership of Baishnab, Patnaik clarified, "I think there was some confusion about Ashwini Baishnab. The PM spoke to me, as did the Home Minister. We will support the candidature of Baishnab."

The two BJD candidates for Rajya Sabha are the party's IT cell head and former Principal

AG of Odisha Amar Patnaik, and party spokesperson Sasmit Patra.

Senior BJD leaders expressed "surprise" over Baishnab's "joint nomination". A party leader, requesting anonymity, said, "We have many senior leaders who had been promised Rajya Sabha seats by the CM because they were not given Lok Sabha or Assembly election tickets. But their cooperation helped us win those seats. It is not clear why we are throwing away a seat."

With 112 out of 146 seats in the state Assembly, the BJD is expected to comfortably win all three Rajya Sabha seats. Citing its strength of 23 MLAs, BJP's Odisha unit had previously admitted to journalists that it is "not in a position to elect someone to Rajya Sabha".

Stating that the "cat is out of the bag," senior Congress leader Narasingh Mishra told *The Indian Express*, "The same choice of Rajya Sabha candidate, along with BJD's support for one-nation, one-poll, clearly proves what our party had been saying in the run up to the elections. The BJD and BJP have always had a secret understanding. In critical moments, they support one another. In public, they abuse each other."

Simultaneous polls: BJD calls for adoption of German model

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 21

THE BJD has pointed to a provision used in Germany which could form the basis of a possible constitutional amendment to implement Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for one-nation, one-election, in which all elections to the Lok Sabha and state legislatures are held simultaneously.

The party has proposed a solution bypassing the need for mid-term elections, even if an elected parliamentary government loses the confidence of the majority of members.

The German provision allows a Parliament to withdraw confidence from a head of government only if there is a positive majority for a prospective successor.

The principle ensures that the new head of government has enough parliamentary support to govern without calling for fresh elections. "The underlying premise is that there is a fixed five-year tenure (for the House) and that there will be a government no matter what. The government will be presumed to have a majority unless another grouping is in a position to demonstrate that they have greater numbers," said BJD's Lok Sabha leader Pinaki Misra.

BUNDELKHAND

BJP MP raises stray cattle issue, blames lack of water

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

BJP MP from Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh, Kunwar Pushpesh Singh Chandel, on Friday raised the issue of stray cattle ruining crops in his constituency, blaming scarcity of water and fodder for the problem.

Linking the problem to the failure of the government to implement the Ken-Betwa river linking project, Chandel told the House that scarcity of water in the region had led to lack of fodder. Water scarcity is a perennial problem in

the region. "Water scarcity in Bundelkhand and unavailability of fodder has forced farmers to leave their cattle to graze in the open. These cattle are destroying crops," Chandel said.

Then he shifted to praising the governments at the Centre and the state for opening cow shelters in a bid to tackle the problem.

Returning to the topic, he said, "But the biggest problem is there is no water. Farmers are not able to produce fodder... The issue is about linking Ken-Betwa rivers, but I have started my argument with the issue of stray cattle... people

are migrating away from Bundelkhand... all these issues can be solved if the region gets water."

Chandel said Bundelkhand had over 24 lakh cattle of which seven lakh had turned stray after farmers found it difficult to feed them. Stressing on the need to find a solution to the problem quickly, Chandel said, "When a farmer comes back from the field after a hard day's work, he wants to sleep. But because of the fear of stray cattle destroying his crops, he cannot. The farmer is 24/7 on the job. If his crop is destroyed, he commits suicide," Chandel said.

He also said fencing is not a solution since cattle were rampaging through the fields in thousands. However, after every assertion, Chandel mentioned the efforts made by the Yogi Adityanath government to set up cow shelters.

BJP MP from Godda in Jharkhand, Nishikant Dubey, too, spoke on the issue but largely focused on the river linking project and how it was delayed by the erstwhile Congress government.

Meanwhile, as many as 30 private member's bills were introduced in the Lower House on Friday.

A Bill for prohibition on non-vegetarian food at official functions was introduced by BJP MP from West Delhi Parvesh Verma who argued that this will help the cause of animal conservation.

The BJP's Nishikant Dubey introduced a Bill for banning cow slaughter and setting up of an authority for stabilising population of cows. Chandel, who moved the resolution on stray cattle, also introduced a Bill for constitution of a board for protection and control of stray cows in the country. He also moved another Bill for constitution of Bundelkhand Regiment in the Army.

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE DEATHS of more than 150 children in Bihar from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) found mention in the Lok Sabha on Friday as multiple members, including from the BJP, raised concerns over it.

BJP leader Rajiv Pratap Rudy asked to government to check that if the link between AES deaths and litchi consumption was part of a conspiracy. He said, "We are told that litchi being



Rajiv Pratap Rudy

eaten by children in Muzaffarpur may be cause of AES and if it is a conspiracy to damage the brand name of litchi," which he said he has been eating since childhood.

He said that the "government must probe if there is conspiracy to harm interest of Indian litchi farmers by linking death of chil-

dren due to AES in Muzaffarpur to consumption of litchi".

BJP lawmakers including Jagdambika Pal and Sanjay Jaiswal also spoke on the deaths.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury asked where Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat scheme was when the deaths were happening in Bihar. After Chowdhury's speech was cut short by Speaker Om Birla, Opposition members stormed to the well of the House and demanded that Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, should give a statement.



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



SETTLING IN

SETTLING INTO his new role as the Speaker of Lok Sabha, second-term MP Om Birla was quite tough with the members. Limiting the time for asking questions, he pushed members to be succinct. At one point, when Ajay Kumar Mishra, BJP MP from Lakhimpur Kheri, was taking his time to ask a question, Birla asked him to hurry up. As Mishra said he was setting the "bhoomika" (context) for the question, Birla retorted, "Bahut zyada bhoomika baandhne ki zaroorat nahi hai (there is no need to build a long introduction)." Some Opposition members were unhappy, as the Speaker did not allow multiple supplementary questions.

POLITICAL POINT

THE TRINAMOOL Congress may have made a political point out of staying away from the triple talaq debate but told the government that it would continue to boycott Lok Sabha until the Home Ministry stops sending advisories to the West Bengal government. The party in effect toed a delicate line by staying away. Facing flak in the state for ostensible minority appeasement, the party was not comfortable with taking any position on the contentious Bill, and thus chose a way out by targeting the Amit Shah-led Home Ministry.

ABSENCE IRKS

AS MINISTERS were responding to questions from new Lok Sabha members on Friday morning, some ministers were absent from the House, many due to Yoga Day events. At one point, TMC's Saugata Roy stood up and said that ministers have been absent for three questions. When the government said that any minister has the right to respond since the minister concerned was on leave, an annoyed Roy said, "Hum sab kuchh kaam shuru karenge aur mantri chhutti mana rahey hain. Yeh koi baat hui? (we all are working while the minister is on leave. What is this?)"

At 50 mn audience, India BBC's top overseas market

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

INDIA HAS become the top overseas market for BBC News, with its Indian Languages services reaching 50 million audience in India, according to latest figures. Recently added languages Punjabi, Gujarati, Telugu and Marathi have helped boost the numbers, the organisation stated. Hindi and Telugu have grown the most — to over 18 million and 7.9 million respectively — while Tamil has 10.3 million viewers, Marathi 2 million, and Punjabi 3.5 lakh. The services are also available in Bengali and Urdu. Head of BBC World Service Jamie Angus said, "We saw a spike of activity around Balakot

(air strike), as audiences were coming to the BBC after moments of national tension, when they knew we could provide them with trusted information. In India, we are committed to be free to air. We don't need to make a commercial return in India to keep the show on the road." However, he said, the audience is still primarily male-heavy online and has yet to achieve proper gender balance. The South Asian BBC audience is 34 per cent women, and the company is targeting to reach 48 per cent women by 2022. The BBC has reached a new high around the world as well, with 426 million viewers a week, the broadcaster stated. India has risen from 20 million viewers to 50 million, surpassing Nigeria (41 million) and the US (38 million).

NHRC seeks CBI director's report on probe against Lawyers Collective

New Delhi: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought a report from the CBI director within four weeks on the status of the probe in the criminal cases against the NGO Lawyers Collective, senior advocate Anand Grover, and its other unnamed functionaries for alleged violation of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). The direction came on complaints filed by Henri Tiphagne, a human rights activist associated with Human Rights Defenders' Alert and Maja Daruwala, Senior Advisor of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

In an official release, the NHRC said it had made it clear in the past that matters relating to FCRA violations are outside its purview. It added that though the contention of the complainants — that the FIR was based on a January 2016 report of the Ministry of Home Affairs and that there had been no change in circumstances after that — was a matter of investigation, the Commission was "empowered under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 to examine the issue to make it non-discriminatory and to avoid arbitrariness". **ENS**

India's entry into nuke club not on agenda of NSG meet: China

Beijing declines to give timeline to include non-NPT members such as India

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, JUNE 21

DISCUSSIONS AROUND India's membership into the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) was not on the agenda in the NSG meeting, held in Kazakhstan's capital Nur-Sultan on June 21, China's Foreign Ministry said on Friday. Beijing also declined to provide a timeline for member-states to reach a "consensus" to include non-NPT (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) members into the fold.

"The agenda for the 2019 plenary of the NSG taking place in Kazakhstan will include technical, legal and political aspects of the admission of non-NPT states to the NSG," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lu Kang said in Beijing.

"Specific admission of non-NPT states to the grouping will not be discussed at the plenary until a non-discriminatory solu-

tion applicable to all non-NPT states is reached."

Lu said: "Let me reiterate, as we have stated in NSG plenary and working group discussions, the position by China and many other NSG members is not against any particular country. Rather, it is about NSG rules and multilateral principles. Our objective is very clear: that is, to uphold the authority and solemnity of the NPT, the cornerstone of multilateral arms control and non-proliferation."

While India applied for a membership to the NSG in May 2016, China has repeatedly insisted that only countries that have signed the NPT should be allowed to enter the organisation.

Both India and Pakistan are not signatories of the NPT. The NSG's plenary meeting was held in Nur-Sultan.

Lu said, "According to the agenda, member-countries will continue to discuss the issue of

technical, legal and political aspects of the admission of non-NPT states to NSG. Before reaching a non-discriminatory plan acceptable to all NPT non-parties, the plenary meeting will not be discussing the entry of any specific NPT non-party. So there is no blocking of India."

Addressing the media, Lu said: "China's position on NSG expansion is consistent and clear. We believe all countries need to follow NSG rules, uphold the authority and solemnity of the NPT and seek a non-discriminatory solution acceptable to all based on full consultation."

Lu said China is not blocking India's entry into the NSG but reiterated that rules and procedures should be followed.

In response to a question on India's assertion that a majority of NSG members endorsed its membership while China opposed it, Lu said: "You mentioned India's assertion, but I cannot speak on its behalf. I

would like to point out that the NSG is a multilateral non-proliferation export control mechanism. As such, it has rules that all members must abide by."

Further, he said, the NSG's rule is "consensus-based".

He said, "Specific issues such as India or other countries' admission and positions on it should be discussed within the grouping. As a matter of fact, the NSG has been dealing with relevant matters in accordance with its rules," he said.

Lu also said that admission of new members to a multilateral institution has to be through consensus through thorough consultation. "I need to point out that admission of new members to a multilateral institution has to be on consensus reached through thorough consultation. Nobody could foretell when a decision might be made. Consensus must be reached first through non-discriminatory discussions," he said.

Pakistan has time till Oct to curb terror financing: FATF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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PAKISTAN HAS until October to improve its counter-terror financing operations in line with an internationally agreed action plan or face action, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) said on Friday.

The FATF said it was concerned that Pakistan had failed to complete the action plan first by a January deadline and then again by a May deadline.

"The FATF strongly urges Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan by October 2019 when the last set of action plan items are set to expire. Otherwise, the FATF will decide the next step at that time for insufficient progress," it said after a meeting in Orlando, Florida.

The FATF already has Pakistan on its "Grey List" of countries with inadequate controls over curbing money-laundering and terrorism financing. Sources in the US said that prominent countries such as the US, UK and

France, along with India, have expressed reservations about Pakistan's commitment to stick to standards set by FATF on terror funding. The countries have raised the issue of Pakistan not having filed a single FIR against UN-designated terrorists Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar and its inability to begin investigations on the source of funding of their organisations, the sources said.

Pakistan is lobbying to get itself out of the Grey List, which has put tremendous financial pressure on the nation. India has been pushing for Pakistan to be put in the FATF Black List for its failure to contain terrorism against India, which is among the 37 members of FATF.

The US, the UK and France are learnt to have voiced concern over Pakistan's failure to do enough to contain terror funding on its soil. Pakistan, however, has maintained that it has done enough by seizing more than 700 properties of LeT, JeM, Jamat-ud-Dawah and Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation — both LeT fronts. **--WITH REUTERS**

AN-32 CRASH

Rajnath pays homage; cremations in Punjab, Haryana, Assam

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DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Friday paid homage to 13 air warriors who lost their lives in the An-32 crash in Arunachal Pradesh on June 3. The remains of some of the deceased were brought to New Delhi, from where they would be sent to their hometown.

Singh also met families of the deceased at the Palam Technical Area. "Met with families and friends of the deceased Air-warriors of An32 and shared my grief and heartfelt condolences with them. My thoughts and prayers are with them..." he tweeted.

The bodies were recovered and brought to Jorhat airbase in Assam on Thursday.

Remains of three IAF personnel who died in the crash were consigned to flames at their native places in Punjab and Haryana on Friday. Flight



The remains of Flight Lieutenant Mohit Garg near his residence in Patiala's Samana town. Gurmeet Singh

Lieutenants Mohit Garg (27), Ashish Tanwar (29) and airman Pankaj Sangwan were among the 13 people on board the aircraft that had crashed after about 30 minutes of taking off from Jorhat.

While Garg belonged to Samana in Punjab's Patiala, Tanwar came from Palwal district in Haryana, and Sangwan

belonged to Sonapat, Haryana. Wing Commander M G Charles, captain of the flight, was cremated at Jorhat. Although Charles came from Pune, his family opted for funeral in Jorhat itself. His wife and minor daughter were scheduled to head for Pune after the funeral. A colleague lit his pyre.



Telangana Governor E S L Narasimhan, Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Andhra Pradesh CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy at the inauguration of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. PTI

Kaleshwaram irrigation project inaugurated

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 21

THE KALESHWARAM Lift Irrigation Project — the world's largest irrigation and drinking water system — was inaugurated by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Friday. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Andhra Pradesh CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy were also present at the inauguration.

The project will provide water for irrigation and drinking purposes to about 45 lakh acres in 20 of the 31 districts in Telangana, apart from Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The project cost is at Rs 80,000 crore but is expected to rise to Rs 1 lakh crore by the time it is completely constructed.

The project has set many records with the world's longest water tunnels, aqueducts, underground surge pools, and biggest pumps.

Move to dismiss me due to action against graft: Kerala IAS officer

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 21

SENIOR IAS officer Raju Narayana Swamy, who belongs to the Kerala cadre, on Friday alleged that there was a move to dismiss him from civil service after he had taken strong action against corruption.

Swamy, an IAS officer with the rank of additional chief secretary, had been removed as the chairman of the Coconut Development Board, which falls under the Union Ministry of Agriculture, three months ago. He had then moved the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) against his removal and the his subsequent reverting back to his parent cadre. For last three months, he hadn't taken up any post with the state service as his petition was pending with the CAT.

Speaking to the media Friday, Swamy said, "My life has reached a deadlock. I am person living with the salary alone. If no salary, I can't even find food. If I

am served with compulsory retirement, it is not necessary that I should be given pension."

Swamy, who has 10 years of service left before superannuation, was one of three officials who had led a massive eviction drive against land encroachments in Munnar hill station in 2008. Besides, he has also taken tough stand in several corruption cases.

Swamy said as the coconut board chairman, he had taken action against corrupt officials. "Only those with a godfather can survive in the service. I was removed as the chairman when I refused to succumb to the demand to reinstate the suspended officials involved in corruption. I haven't taken up any post with the state cadre as my petition against the removal as the board chairman is pending before the CAT," he said.

Swamy, who had bagged the first rank in the UPSC exam in 1991, accused Kerala chief secretary Tom Jose of being behind a move to recommend compulsory retirement for him. He said, "The chief secretary is wreaking vengeance on me. A few days

process has been completed today and the Raja Sabha chairman's office has informed us that these four names have been added to BJP list. They will now be recognised as BJP members in Raja Sabha."

In their letter to Naidu, the TDP MPs stated: "We have come to know that four Raja Sabha members have submitted a so-called resolution citing Tenth Schedule, paragraph 4, Point 2 of the Constitution of India, claiming that the TDP Legislature Party in the Raja Sabha is merging with BJP. However, as per Tenth Schedule in Constitution of India, any merger of political parties must take place at the organisational level. This is to bring you to your kind attention that there has been no merger of TDP with the BJP."

Ram Mohan Naidu, the TDP MP from Srikakulam, told *The Indian Express* that his party is exploring legal to challenge the merger. "We feel it is illegal and the four MPs had not authority to merge the Raja Sabha Legislature Party with BJP," he said.

Maya targets BJP: Everything allowed in their brand of politics

Lucknow: A day after questioning whether the President's Address to the joint sitting of Parliament would be able to assure the public about the commitment of the new government, BSP chief Mayawati targeted BJP Friday over the issue of four TDP MPs joining it.

Mayawati said the four MPs joined BJP irrespective of the fact that two of them had been referred to as "Andhra Mallyas" by the BJP earlier.

She tweeted, "Spashta hai BJP brand of politics mein sab jayaz hai, kuch galat nahi (It has made it clear on in BJP brand of politics, now everything is justified and nothing is wrong)." **ENS**

Suresh Prabhu to be India's Sherpa at G20

New Delhi: Former Union minister Suresh Prabhu will be India's Sherpa at the G20 Summit at Osaka, Japan next week, and will act as a representative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This will be the sixth time that Modi will attend a G20 Summit, and will also hold bilateral meetings on the sidelines. Terrorism, economic fugitives, WTO reform and food security will be some of India's focus areas at the summit.

The other areas that will be on the top of India's agenda include energy security, financial stability, disaster resilient infrastructure, democratisation of technologies and portable social security schemes.

Prabhu said that Modi will lead India's stand on all the issues on its agenda. "We strongly feel that WTO should be strengthened and it should be the body through which global trade should be regulated," Prabhu said.

He also said that the Paris Agreement on Climate Change must be taken forward. **ENS**

A CONSTANT IN LEFT-LED GOVERNMENTS

Kerala's firebrand woman Communist icon is 100 years young

VISHNU VARMA
ALAPPUZHA, JUNE 21

"I DON'T know whether I will live another year. But I give you my word, that as long as I breathe, I will be at the forefront of the fight against atrocities on women. No woman, mother or sister must be mistreated in Kerala," thundered K R Gowri into the microphone on Friday inside a jam-packed auditorium in Alappuzha.

If not for the acute wavering in her voice, this could have easily been the K R Gowri in her 20s,

30s, 40s and so on, speaking at villages in Kerala, battling for the rights of women. But this was the 100th birthday celebration of the Communist icon and age does strain her voice, if not her spirit.

On Friday, leaders from all ends of political spectrum, including Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan stood in attendance as Gowri, affectionately called "Gowri amma" or 'kunjamma', cut a large cake, marking her 100th birthday.

Gowri Amma has charted a political graph most leaders would be envious of. Born into an OBC Ezhava family of a land-



K R Gowri cuts her birthday cake in Alappuzha.

lord in British-ruled Travancore in 1919, she was attracted to Communist politics when she was studying law in Ernakulam.

At a time when Communist leaders had to face the wrath of the British and their administrator in the form of Sir C P Ramaswami Iyer in Travancore, Gowri Amma was a rarity among women who engaged in mass agitations and consequently suffered torture in police custody. But her faith in the movement and the backing of the working class saw her getting elected twice to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 and 1954. She also broke the glass ceiling of backward caste struggles by becoming the first law student

from her community.

In 1957, when Kerala held its first democratic elections, Gowri Amma contested for the CPI from Stherthalai (now Cherthala) in Alappuzha and defeated A Subramonian Pillai of the Congress. Her efforts were rewarded with a cabinet position in the EMS Namboodiripad government — today, she is the sole surviving member of that cabinet.

In 1964, when the CPI split and the CPM was born, Gowri walked out of the parent party. Her husband and fellow Left leader T V Thomas, however,

strayed with the CPI. When the two parties refused to see eye-to-eye, it cast deep differences in their lives. Thomas died in 1977 of cancer.

For decades, Gowri Amma remained a constant in all the Left-led governments, serving a diverse array of portfolios. But it is widely accepted that her biggest contribution to the Kerala way of life was the implementation of the land reforms Bill during the EMS government.

But as the late 1980s came rolling, Gowri Amma's popularity stirred deep divisions within

the CPM. Her adamant nature did not make things easier. When she refused to heed to party diktats and the then leadership of E K Nayanar and V S Achuthanandan, the CPM began downgrading her designations within the organisation. In January, 1994, Gowri Amma was expelled from the CPM.

But the firebrand leader in her refused to die. She formed the Janathipadhyasamrakshana Samithi (JSS) and aligned it with the Congress-led coalition. In 2001, Gowri Amma was inducted into the then-AK Antony led government as the minister

for agriculture. In 2014, a faction of JSS under Gowri Amma came back to ally with the CPM, her life turning a full circle.

On Friday, CM Vijayan said, "There's no one in Kerala with the kind of political experience as Gowri Amma. Her life is extraordinary and has no comparisons. Her life is intertwined with the social life of modern Kerala."

Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala called her an astute administrator who worked relentlessly keeping in mind the improvements she could make to the lives of the marginalised.



Manji Solanki

GUJARAT
Prime accused in Dalit deputy sarpanch murder case arrested

VAIBHAV JHA
JALILA (BOTAD), JUNE 21

THE PRIME accused in the murder of a Dalit deputy sarpanch in Jalila village in Gujarat's Botad district was arrested on Friday. Manji Solanki was beaten to death, allegedly by a group of upper caste men, on Wednesday. Botad SP Harshad Mehta said, "Till Thursday, we had arrested eight accused and today, we nabbed Zeeluaapa Khachar, the prime accused. All the accused are now in our custody."

An eerie calm now prevails in Jalila village. A heavy police contingent has been deployed in the area. Multiple police teams have been deployed at the community centre, market and homes of the victim and the accused.

Mehta said the police deployment will continue till the situation demands. "Heavy protection will be provided on June 24, when a religious ceremony in memory of the deceased will be organised," he added.

CUSTODIAL DEATH CASE

Court convicted Sanjiv Bhatt on basis of medical records, circumstantial evidence

GOPAL KATESHIYA
RAJKOT, JUNE 21

THE JAMNAGAR sessions court relied on medical records and oral deposition of witnesses and circumstantial evidence to convict sacked IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt and six other policemen in the Jamjodhpur custodial death case. The court of sessions judge DM Vyas Thursday pronounced Bhatt and then constable Pravinsh Jadeja, Anopsinh Jethva and Kesubha Jadeja of custodial torture and criminal intimidation and sentenced them to two years in jail.

The case dates back to October 30, 1990 when Bhatt, then Addl SP of Jamnagar, and others arrested 133 people from Jamjodhpur for allegedly indulging in rioting during a bandh call given by BJP and VHP to protest against then BJP chief L K Advani's arrest during his rath yatra to Ayodhya. Prabhudas (40) and his youngest brother Rameshchandra were among those arrested and booked under Terrorism and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act. They were sent to jail the next day after being remanded in judicial custody and released on bail on November 8. However, Prabhudas and

his brother fell ill and were taken to hospital by their brother Amrutal. After doctors told Amrutal that his brothers were suffering from renal problems, he took them to NM Virani Hospital, where Prabhudas died on November 18. Doctors said he died due to renal failure and cardio-respiratory arrest.

After the death, Amrutal, then Jamjodhpur convenor of VHP, filed an application, seeking a direction from then SDM of Jamnagar for a post-mortem. He alleged that his brother died due to custodial torture by Bhatt and other policemen. The autopsy confirmed the cause of death mentioned by the doctors. Amrutal's application for autopsy was then treated as a complaint and Bhatt and others were booked for murder, custodial torture and criminal intimidation.

The defence argued that at no point during treatment had Amrutal told doctors that his brothers were beaten up by police. They also argued that prosecution failed to produce weapons used to commit the alleged murder and custodial torture. The court, however, took on record papers of the treatment and concurred with the opinion of Dr Sanjay Pandya, a urologist who treated the brothers, that the kidney of a person can be damaged due to physical exertion such as repeated rounds of sit-ups and crawling. This was backed by Rameshchandra's testimony that Bhatt and others forced him and Prabhudas to do sit-ups till they collapsed and then made them crawl.

CHENNAI WATER CRISIS

TN govt to get water in rail wagons from Vellore

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AFTER DENYING for days that there was a drinking water crisis in Chennai, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Friday said a water crisis was looming large in the city. He added that the state government has allotted Rs 65 crore to bring water from Jolarpettai near Vellore to the state capital, about 210 km south of Chennai, using rail wagons.

Speaking at a press meet, Palaniswami said the government is planning to bring 10 MLD (millions of litre per day) everyday from Jolarpettai for a period of six months. However, he maintained that the situation is under control and the government is able to supply 525 MLD water in Chennai even if all four water sources — Poondi, Chembarambakkam, Sholavaram and Red Hills reservoirs — dry up.

Speaking of the Kerala government's offer of sending 2MLD water in rail wagons to Chennai from Thiruvananthapuram, Palaniswami thanked the neighbouring state, but said that a one-time supply of water will not be enough.

"We are already supplying 525 MLD a day in Chennai in this crisis scenario. We will request the Kerala government to see the possibility of sending 2 MLD water everyday, not one time," he said.



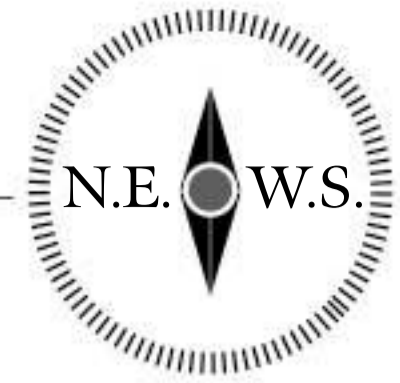
Waiting for water near a hand pump in Chennai on Friday. PTI

He said senior officers have been given charge of every zone in the city corporation and they are monitoring and coordinating water supply. "Wherever there is a shortage, we have a coordinated system to ensure supply now," the Chief Minister said.

He said metro water authorities are using around 700 lorries everyday for about 9,700 trips to supply water across the city. About complaints of private water tankers fleeing the people and unequal distribution of drinking water in certain areas, he said the government will soon meet private water tanker owners to discuss these complaints.

Palaniswami also requested the Kerala government to obey the Supreme Court judgment and ensure that the strengthening works are allowed on the Mullaperiyar dam to ensure that it can be filled to its storage capacity of 152 ft. "Five districts in Tamil Nadu will benefit from this water," he said.

Asserting that his government has also taken steps to ensure adequate supply in rural areas of the state, Palaniswami also said that about 11 TMC water was supposed to have come from Andhra's Krishna River, which is now sending only 2 TMC water.



NORTH

After two mishaps, rafting suspended in Kashmir

Srinagar: After two rafting accidents in Pahalgam this month, the J&K administration has ordered suspension of rafting-related activities in Kashmir until a safety mechanism is fully implemented. Two people died earlier this week after a rafting boat capsized in Pahalgam. Earlier this month, Rouf Dar, a

tourist guide, drowned in Lidder river at Pahalgam while saving tourists when their boat capsized during rafting. Director, Tourism Kashmir, Nisar Wani told *The Indian Express*, "We have temporarily suspended it for some days until we ensure every safety measure is implemented at rafting areas." **ENS**



Army Chief General Bipin Rawat with soldiers along the LOC Friday to review the prevailing situation and readiness of the units of White Knight Corps. *Express*

EAST

3 acquitted in sedition case 14 yrs after getting life term

Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Friday acquitted three alleged Maoist activists 14 years after they were sentenced to life imprisonment by a trial court on sedition charges. One of the three died during pendency of their appeal which was filed in 2006. A division bench comprising

Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice Suva Ghosh declared the three persons not guilty of sedition and other charges on which they were convicted. Sushil Roy, Patitpaban Haldar and Santosh Debnath were arrested from Jhargram in the then Maoist-affected Jangalmahal area. **PTI**

WEST

15 people hospitalised after fire breaks out in building

Mumbai: As many as 15 people had to be hospitalised after a fire broke out in a building in Ram Nagar in suburban Wadala on Friday, a fire brigade official said. The fire broke out on the first floor of the 21-storey building, he added. "The incident was reported to our control room at 3.33 am on Friday. A fire fighting team was rushed to the

spot and the flames were extinguished within 25 minutes," the official added. "However, 15 people, including nine women, suffered from suffocation as they had inhaled smoke. All have been admitted to KEM Hospital," he said. Their condition was stable, said Chief Medical Officer of KEM Hospital Dr Shrikant. **PTI**

SOUTH

SC extends restrain order on Puducherry govt

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday extended its order restraining Puducherry government from implementing any Cabinet decision having financial implications or implications with regard to transfer of land. The court, which was hearing a challenge to a Madras High Court order in the power tussle between

Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi and the Congress government, posted the matter for July 10. On June 4, the court had directed that even if the Union Territory Cabinet takes any decision that has financial implications or implications with regard to transfer of land, it shall not be implemented till the next date of hearing. **ENS**

Class X girl found dead in washroom of Kolkata school

Victim's wrist slit, face wrapped in plastic bag: Cops

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JUNE 21

A CLASS X student of G D Birla Centre For Education in south Kolkata was found dead inside the school washroom under mysterious circumstances on Friday afternoon. Police said she was found with her wrist slit and head wrapped in a plastic bag.

According to the police, a group of students found her lying inside the washroom around 2 pm after which she was taken to a hospital in Jodhpur Park where she was declared dead on arrival.

"Those who found her said that her head was wrapped in a polythene bag. A purported suicide note has been recovered, but we are yet to verify whether it is her handwriting. She was a topper and a brilliant student, according to the teachers and classmates. According to the note, she was under immense mental pressure. The note says she had no mental peace and was unable to

sleep properly for the last three months," Joint Commissioner of Police Murlidhar Sharma said.

School authorities were not available for comments.

In their preliminary opinion, the doctors have said they found "self-inflicting hesitation mark on her wrist". A member of the forensic team which visited the school said, "Her face was wrapped in a polythene bag according to those who saw her lying in the washroom. We have recovered blades, a pen and other items from the spot. There were blood stains too."

The investigators are also examining the CCTV footage of the school corridors, police sources said. According to an investigating officer, the handwritten note described the process of how she was killing herself. The note says no one was responsible for her death.

While the note claimed that she was under mental pressure, her classmates said she had showed no sign of depression.

NIA files chargesheet against 10 for 'forming IS-inspired module'

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE NIA on Friday filed a chargesheet before a Delhi court against 10 people for forming an Islamic State-inspired module in Uttar Pradesh's Amroha and Delhi, and said the accused have "planned (a) bigger terror attack in national capital region". The agency claimed that

the accused intended to carry out "fidayeen" attacks at several places in and around Delhi, in which regard they have intimidated the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The chargesheet was filed under various provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Explosive Substances Act, and under various sections of IPC. Taking the chargesheet on record, the special judge listed the matter for further consideration on July 4.

MP: HC quashes rights panel order, says keeping body at home not illegal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JUNE 21

THE MADHYA Pradesh High Court has quashed a state human rights commission order directing police to enter the home of a senior police officer to ascertain if his father was alive. The court held that "India is a liberal democracy where a man is permitted to act in any manner he pleases, where such act is not prohibited under the law, irrespective of the fact that his act might be seen as galling by the majority."

A report published by a Hindi daily on February 14 claimed that two guards on duty at ADG Rajendra Mishra's home in Bhopal had fallen sick due to the foul smell from the "body" of the officer's father Kulamani Mishra. It claimed that a private hospital issued a death certificate after the octogenarian died on January 14, a day after receiving treatment for respiratory distress.

Citing this article, the Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission (MPHRC) sought the DGP's report asking to ascertain if the death was natural, whether the body had been cremated, and if scientific measures had been adopted to preserve the body and to stop the foul smell. ADG Mishra did not allow the police

to enter his home and his mother Shashimani moved the High Court against the order, arguing that her rights to life, dignity and freedom were being violated. The family maintained that the 84-year-old was alive and was being treated by an ayurveda practitioner.

After hearing arguments, Justice Atul Shreedharan reserved the matter on April 11 and delivered his judgment on April 17. "The only way to deal with an unfree world is to become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion," stated the 16-page order, observing that the words of French philosopher Albert Camus rang true in the facts of this case.

Quashing the MPHRC's February 14 order, the single bench held that it violated the petitioner's right to privacy and thereby the fundamental right to life as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The petitioners argued that they did not agree with the death certificate and that signs of life, though feeble, existed. The petitioners attached a certificate by Vaid Radheshyam Vadiya that he was treating Kulamani Mishra since January 15. They questioned the news report, arguing that nobody knew the identity of the guards.

"If Kulamani Mishra had actually died on January 14 then nothing could have

prevented the decomposition of the body and the stench of death would have permeated all over the immediate neighbourhood," the petition pointed out. The MPHRC's counsel argued that Kulamani was dead, that the corpse had been kept unlawfully and would become a health hazard. The court said it was undisputed that there were no complaints from the neighbours and that the petitioners were living in the same house.

"The conduct of the petitioners may be at divergence with the established social norm. It may be based upon a perception which may not find the approval of many, yet the petitioners have the right to be different in thought, perception and action. Keeping the dead body of Kulamani Mishra (as is perceived and so stated on behalf of the Commission) at their residence may be revolting and abhorrent... and yet, under no circumstances can the State intervene and disturb the right to privacy of petitioners if the said act does not come within the ambit and scope of an offence or an illegality," reads the judgment.

J P Rao, Registrar (Law), MPHRC, told *The Indian Express* that it was not necessary for the commission to challenge every verdict but it would take a decision after going through the order.

Kerala HC seeks details on NRI investor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 21

TAKING SUO motu notice of the suspected suicide of an NRI businessman after the CPM-ruled municipal body in Kannur district tried to stall operation of his convention centre project, the Kerala High Court on Friday directed the government to furnish all details pertaining to the issue.

NRI investor Sajan Parayail, 49, was found dead on Tuesday after Anthoor municipality in Kannur denied occupancy certificate for the convention centre project, the Kerala High Court on Friday directed the government to furnish all details of communications between the NRI investor and the municipality.

The issue is simmering within the CPM in Kannur after the family of the deceased alleged that the project was stalled due to municipal chairperson P K Shyamala, wife of party central committee member MV Govindan.

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED E-TENDER NOTICE AGAINST SPECN. NO. ESD-8/136 E-Tenders in Two Parts, Part-I and Part-II valid for six (06) months are invited for Supply of 400kV Numerical Simplex/Duplex Type Control & Relay Panels (220 Volt DC operated) for 400kV substations as per details given in the following table. Part-I of the bid shall contain Tender Cost and EMD BG as per details given below in acceptable form, Pre-qualification details, technical commercial terms and conditions etc. Part-II shall contain price bid only. In case of public holiday on 19.07.2019, the opening, date will be on the next working date. - **Sl. No. 1 Item Description** 400kV Feeder Control and Relay Panel (Duplex Type) **Qty.** 06 **Set 2. Item Description** 400kV Feeder Control and Relay Panel (Simplex Type) **Qty.** 03 **Set Specn. No. ESD-8/136 Earnest Money (Rs.)** 45,000.00 (Rupees Forty Five Thousand Only) [to be submitted on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 225.00 in favour of SE, Electy, 765/400KV S/S Design Circle, Lucknow as per Prescribed format given in the bid document] **Schedule Date & Time of Submission** 17.07.2019 16.00 hrs **Schedule Date & Time of Opening** 19.07.2019 16.00 hrs **Cost of Tender document including 18% GST charges (Rs.)** 4,720.00 Complete E-tender documents against this Bid specification can be downloaded from e-procurement website U.P. Govt. etender.up.nic.in and tenderer will require to pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 4,720/- (inclusive of 18% GST) towards cost of E-tender documents through RTGS/ NEFT in "UPPTCL SBI A/C No. 30231982762 (IFSC Code: SBIN0003347)". E-tenders can be submitted only on e-procurement website etender.up.nic.in up to schedule date & time. Tenderer (s) are requested to get themselves registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation so as to obtain digital signatures for participation. The bid of the firm without E-tender document fee, against the purchase of document, and without EMD will not be opened. E-tender document fee will be deposited through RTGS/ NEFT in the UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit e.g. UTR No., Name of Account, Scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tenderer should be uploaded along with E-tender documents. Earnest money deposit (EMD) will be deposited through RTGS/ NEFT in UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit e.g. UTR No., Name of Account, Scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tenderer, should be uploaded along with E-tender documents OR in the form of Bank Guarantee in favour of Superintending Engineer, Electricity 765/400KV Substation Design Circle, UPPTCL, Lucknow. If EMD is deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee, scanned copy of EMD B.G. along with a scanned copy of mail in confirmation of the same from the bank issuing the B.G. will be uploaded with the E-tender document. One copy of tender document including tender fee and other commercial papers are required to be submitted in hard copy after the date of tender Part-I opening. Part-II containing price bid shall be opened separately at a later date and bidders shall be informed accordingly. Undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason. Please visit our web site www.upptcl.org as well as e-procurement website www.etender.up.nic.in for any other corrections/ amendments/modifications/ extensions till the date of submission of tender. Sd/- **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY** 765/400KV SUBSTATION DESIGN CIRCLE, 11TH FLOOR, SHAKTI BHAWAN EXTENSION, 14 ASHOK MARG, LUCKNOW-226001. E-mail: se400sdcl@upptcl.org www.upptcl.org E-Procurement website- www.etender.up.nic.in "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION" स. 245/ ईएसडी-8/136/III दिनांक: 20 जुन, 2019

Government of Jharkhand Department of Information Technology and e-Governance
Jharkhand Mantralaya, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Tender Notice

On behalf of the Government of Jharkhand, the Department of Information Technology & e-Governance invites sealed tender bids (Technical and Commercial) from Service Provider for MPLS network connectivity for Jharkhand State Data Centre (JHSDC) and UIDAI Data Centre at Manesar & Bengaluru including Router Management at UIDAI Data Centre.

The Service Provider listed on TRAI website under "Basic Service Provider" and National Long Distance Service Provider are only eligible to participate in this tender.

Total Two(2) Service Providers will be selected on the basis of least quoted price. Each selected Service Provider has to:

- Provide MPLS Connectivity from JHSDC to UIDAI's both Data Centres.
- Manage Routers at each UIDAI Data Centre.

For the procurement process, the bidders shall follow the procedure described on e-Tendering website (<https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>). Further details about the e-Tendering procedure & its requirements, refer manual available on e-Tendering website.

The tender document will be available on the e-Tendering website and may be downloaded by the interested bidders.

The bidders are required to upload the scanned copy of bank guarantee of EMD through e-tendering Portal and submit the original bank guarantee of EMD along with hard copy of bid documents prior to Opening of Technical Bid (Refer Section 2 for Dates). The bank guarantee for EMD should be valid for 6 months from the last date of submission of the bid. Without submission of EMD, bid shall be considered incomplete & non responsive and shall not be considered. No exemption from submission of EMD will be given to any agency.

The summary of tender notice is as follows:

S. No.	Item	Particulars
1	Tender No.	IT/UID-ASainfra-02/2018/003
2	Bid Security (EMD)	Rupees Ten Thousand Only (Rs.10,000/-)
3	EMD in favour of	Secretary, DoIT & e-Gov., Jharkhand
4	Bank, Branch and IFSC code	Bank of India, Jharkhand Secretariat, IFSC Code# BKID0004998
5	Availability of Tender Document	21.06.2019 at 13:00 hrs
6	Start date of Bid Submission	27.06.2019 at 15:00 hrs.
7	Last date of Bid Submission	08.07.2019 at 18:00 hrs.
8	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid	10.07.2019 at 16:00 hrs.
9	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid	To be informed later
10	Date, Time & Address of Communication and submission of original bank guarantee for EMD	08.07.2019 at 12:00 Noon, Secretary Cell, Department of IT & e-Governance, 3rd Floor, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004
11	Telephone	0651 - 2401028
12	Contact Person	VikasPratap
13	Email Address	p.m.aebus@gmail.com

The Secretary, Department of Information Technology & e-Governance, Govt. of Jharkhand reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel the tender or relax any part of the tender offer without assigning any reason therefor.

Note: Bids should be submitted online through Govt. of Jharkhand's e-procurement website.
Bids will be opened online. Bidders may view the details on website.

Sd/-
(Vikas Kumar)
Under Secretary to Government

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e-Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM-Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd., Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online bids from interested bidders for following work:

Tender No. 01/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2019-20 : Treatment of hill Slope behind the intake of Ichari Dam

Tender Value (Excluding GST) : ₹ 35.75 Lakh
Earnest Money : ₹ 90,000.00
Tender Fee (Including GST) : ₹ 2,360.00
Date & Time of availability of Bid Document: From 16:00 hrs of 21.06.2019 in the e-Portal
Last Date & Time for submission of Bid in : Upto 17:00 hrs of 13.07.2019 in the e-Portal
Last Date & Time for submission of hard copies : Upto 13:00 hrs of 16.07.2019
Date & Time of Opening of Tender in the : at 15:30 hrs of 16.07.2019 portal

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in" Executive Engineer
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High-security block in Bhopal jail premises to house SIMI men

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JUNE 21

MORE THAN two and a half years after eight SIMI activists escaped from the Bhopal central jail, a special high-security block has been constructed in the prison premises to house SIMI members and prisoners involved in serious offences.

The egg-shaped complex has three-foot fortified RCC walls, high-end cameras and a watchtower in the middle that reduces the need for extra manpower. Located separately to ensure segregation, the complex has 37 cells. Each 10x14 feet cell has a 24-foot-high ceiling and attached toilet. DG (Jail) Sanjay Chaudhary told *The Indian Express* that the complex has only one entrance and the door cannot be opened manually and without authorisation.

SIMI activists who are facing trial in different courts in Madhya Pradesh have been shifted to Bhopal central jail for security reasons. All of them are likely to be shifted to the new block by the end of this month.

2007 RAPE AND MURDER OF PUNE BPO EMPLOYEE

Two on death row won't be hanged on June 24: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

THE TWO men convicted for the 2007 rape and murder of a BPO employee in Pune will not be hanged on June 24, as stated in their execution warrant issued by principal district and sessions judge in April this year.

The Bombay High Court on Friday said the execution of Purushottam Borate (37) and Pradeep Kokade (28), who had moved the court urging it to quash their execution warrants and commute their death sentences to life imprisonment, "shall not take place" until further orders of the court.

Borate and Kokade had moved the high court claiming they had suffered "undue and avoidable delay of 1,509 days in execution of death sentence, in solitary confinement lasting more than seven years".

Their lawyer, Yug Chaudhry, had argued that the delay of

two years in issuance of their execution warrant, after their mercy petition was rejected, was unprecedented in India.

On Friday, Chaudhry told the court that out of eight dates pertaining to documents and correspondences regarding the mercy petitions of the two convicts in the affidavit of the central government, documents pertaining to four dates — December 22, 2016, March 3, 2017, March 29, 2017 and May 4, 2017 — were not made available to the petitioners.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Anil Singh and lawyer Hiten Venegaonkar told the court that these documents cannot be shared with the petitioners as they were recommendations made by the Council of Ministers to the President, and were protected under Article 72 of the Constitution of India.

The Centre also told the court that the documents and notings may be given to the

court for its perusal, but will not be given to the petitioners.

Chaudhry argued that in an application filed by Kokade's mother Ujwala, under the Right to Information Act, the Chief Information Commissioner had, on June 12, directed the Ministry of Home Affairs to make these correspondences available to the applicants in four weeks.

Justice B P Dharmadhikari and Justice Swapna Joshi asked the ASG to file an affidavit putting their contention on record. Stating that the petitioners' lawyers need to be given time to rebut the arguments of the Centre, the court asked the state government not to proceed with the execution of Borate and Kokade, scheduled at 5 pm on June 24 in Pune's Yerwada Central Prison.

"We feel that the petitioners before us are entitled to a full opportunity," the judges said before adjourning the case till June 25.

PIL ON GUJARAT PAVITRA YATRADHAM BOARD

Equal focus on all religious sites: Gujarat govt to HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 21

THE STATE government on Friday told the Gujarat High Court that its Gujarat Pavitra Yatra Board focused on all religions equally.

The government was responding to a public interest litigation (PIL) that had questioned its push towards promoting only Hindu pilgrimage sites through the Board.

According to an affidavit filed on Friday on behalf of the state government by Gujarat Pavitra Yatra Board secretary Ajay Patel, one Islamic site of religious importance — Hazratshahdullah Shahid Dargah Trust — feature in its list for solar rooftop installations. Two other Islamic sites of importance — Hasanpir Saheb Dargah in Patan and Saiyed Narudin Saheb Dargah in Kutch — has been supplied battery-operated e-rickshaws for the convenience of senior citizens and handicapped persons, according to the Board.

The affidavit further submit-

ted that Gujarat Tourism Corporation has started work for development of 13 Buddhist religious places as Buddhist circuit.

It was also submitted that the board had also started the development of spiritual park that would house teachings of around 2,300 saints, including that of Sant Kabir, Khwaja Moinuddin, Guru Gobind Singh, Tulsidas etc.

The affidavit emphasised that work would start very soon for light and sound show at Sarkhej Roza, Ahmedabad, sanctioned by the state tourism department.

The PIL, moved by Ahmedabad-based rights activist Mujahed Nafees, in October last year, had alleged that the board was providing its facilities for only Hindu pilgrimage sites.

The petitioner had sought inclusion of shrines of all religions by the board. According to the petition, the state government had passed a resolution in July 1995 to constitute the board and the objective was stated as to provide "lodging and boarding facilities to the pilgrims who visit religious shrines from distant places."

PG medical courses: Plea seeking extension of time for counselling dismissed

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea by deemed universities and private medical colleges seeking extension of time for carrying out

counselling for vacant seats in postgraduate (PG) courses. "Merely because the seats are lying vacant, in our view, is not a ground to grant extension of

time and grant further opportunity to fill up vacant seats," a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant ordered, rejecting the plea by Education

Promotion Society of India, which claimed to represent educational institutions including medical colleges running PG medical courses. **ENS**

GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI

ART, CULTURE & LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

7th Level, Wing-C, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 APPOINTMENT FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY, IN THE ACADEMIES OF HINDI, URDU, PUNJABI, SANSKRIT, SINDHI, MAITHILI-BHOJPURI ON DEPUTATION BASIS

Applications are invited for the post of Secretary in the Academies of **HINDI, URDU, PUNJABI, SANSKRIT, SINDHI, MAITHILI-BHOJPURI** on deputation basis for one year, in the pay level-11 (₹ 15600-39100/- Grade Pay ₹ 6600) pre-revised from amongst officers under the Central/State Government/UTs/Autonomous Bodies

- Holding analogous posts on a regular basis; or
- With 5 years regular service in the pay level-9 (₹ 15600-39100/- Grade Pay ₹ 5400) (pre-revised) or
- With 8 years regular service in the pay level-7 (₹ 9300-34800/- Grade Pay ₹ 4600 (pre-revised)
- And possessing educational qualification as under:

ESSENTIAL

- MA in respective Language from any recognized University.
- At least 10 years experience in administrative and financial matters.

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- Ph.D in respective Literature/Language.
- Period of deputation including period of deputation in another Ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization/department of Central Govt. shall not ordinarily exceed 3 years and in any case shall not exceed 5 years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application. The age of retirement for Secretary will be 60 years.

The detailed terms & conditions and prescribed format for applying for aforesaid posts are available at the department's <http://www.delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/DoIT/Art/art+culture+and+language/home>. The eligible candidates should apply on plain paper giving all relevant information to Secretary (Art, Culture & Language), Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, 7th Level, Wing-C, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi-110002 within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement. Those in Government or Semi-Govt. organization should apply through proper channel with an advance copy to Secretary (Art, Culture & Language).

(Rinku Dhugga)

Secretary (Art, Culture & Language).

DIP/Shabdarth/0250/19-20

HC asks Gujarat to reflect on recommendations of report to save Gir lions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 21

THE GUJARAT High Court has asked the state government to reflect on a report that recommends that rail tracks be shifted out of the Gir forest and stone quarries shut, among actions to be taken to address the human-animal conflict in the area.

In an oral order given on Thursday, on the basis of a report on the rising deaths of Asiatic lions in the world's only sanctuary for the species in the state, a division bench of Justices S R Brahmbhatt and A P Thaker asked the state government to file its reply, and posted the matter for further hearing on July 11.

The report was submitted on Thursday by amicus curiae and senior advocate Hemang Shah, who was appointed by the court after it admitted a public interest litigation (PIL) petition on the issue last year.

The court also said that the remedial actions "must" be carried out, "...in respect of the tremendous disturbance to wildlife on account of quarrying activities". It added that it may

consider making quarry owners respondents in the case "at an appropriate stage".

The Shah report says the main areas of concern that must be addressed to ensure the safety of the lions were open wells, electric fencing, railway tracks and roads, mining and excavation, and the staging of lion shows for tourists. It also said that the ecological balance, especially food chain and water supply, must be maintained.

Regarding wells in the area that do not have a parapet around them, the report recommends that a notice be issued to well owners to construct one within 15 days, failing which the government or an appropriate authority should take up the task and retrieve the cost and penalty from the land owners.

As for railway tracks, Shah sought a progress report on a June 2018 affidavit filed in court that said nearly six kilometres of railway tracks would be fenced within six months. The amicus curiae also pointed out that the Railway Ministry had issued instructions to limit the speed of trains in the area to 60 km/hr, but the speed limit was being violated.

TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIENTATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / DIVERSION / RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS DUE TO TRAFFIC BLOCKS

To upgrade the Railway infrastructure the work of construction of ballasted track on line no. 3 (Platform no. 2) at Bareilly Railway station on Moradabad Division and work of rehabilitation and repair of washable apron at Platform no. 1 of Lucknow station will be undertaken by Northern Railway. To execute the aforesaid works traffic blocks of 15 days (25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019) and 18 days (25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019) will be taken respectively by Moradabad and Lucknow Divisions. Consequently, the following trains will be affected on the dates shown against each :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Name	Dates of Cancellation from originating stn.
14315/14316 Bareilly - New Delhi - Bareilly Intercity Exp.	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
14207 Pratapgarh Jn - Delhi Padmavat Express	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
14208 Delhi - Pratapgarh Jn Padmavat Express	26.06.2019 to 10.07.2019
14205 Faizabad Jn - Delhi Express	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
14206 Delhi - Faizabad Jn Express	26.06.2019 to 10.07.2019
14265 Varanasi Jn - Dehradun Express	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
14266 Dehradun - Varanasi Jn Express	26.06.2019 to 10.07.2019
13257 Danapur - Anand Vihar (T) Jan Sadharan Express	24.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
13258 Anand Vihar (T) - Danapur Jan Sadharan Express	25.06.2019 to 10.07.2019
54352/51 Bareilly - Aligarh Jn. - Bareilly Passenger	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
54312/11 Moradabad - Bareilly - Moradabad Passenger	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
54251/52 Lucknow - Saharanpur - Lucknow Passenger	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
54378/77 Bareilly - Prayag Ghat - Bareilly Passenger	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
12419/12420 Lucknow - New Delhi - Lucknow Gomti Exp.	25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019
14003 Malda Town - New Delhi Express	25,29.06.19.02.06,09 & 13.07.19
14004 New Delhi - Malda Town Express	23,27,30.06.19.04.07 & 11.07.19
14523 Barauni Jn. - Ambala Cantt Jn. Hariharnath Exp.	27.06.19, 01, 04, 08 & 11.07.19
14524 Ambala Cantt - Barauni Jn. Hariharnath Express	25, 29.06.19, 02, 06 & 09.07.19
14307 Prayag Jn - Bareilly Passenger	26.06.2019 to 13.07.2019
14308 Bareilly - Prayag Jn Passenger	25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019
51813/14 Jhansi Jn. - Lucknow - Jhansi Jn. Passenger	25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019
54254/53 Lucknow - Prayag Ghat - Lucknow Passenger	25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019

SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIENTATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Train Name	Train to short terminate at / originate from	Train Partially Cancelled Between Stations	Date from Originating Station
14235 Varanasi - Bareilly Express	at Shahjahanpur	Shahjahanpur - Bareilly	09.07.2019 to 11.07.2019
14236 Bareilly - Varanasi Express	from Shahjahanpur	Bareilly - Shahjahanpur	10.07.2019 & 11.07.2019
54462/61 Bareilly-Bandikui Jn. - Bareilly Passenger	-	Bareilly - Chandausi - Bareilly	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
54076/54075 Delhi-Sitapur City-Delhi Passenger	-	Moradabad - Sitapur City - Moradabad	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019

DIVERSION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Name	Diverted Route	Date(s) (from originating stn.)
11123 Barauni Jn. - Gwalior Jn. Express	via Barabanki Jn - Malhour - Aishbagh - Manak Nagar	24.06.2019 to 11.07.2019

11124 Gwalior Jn. - Barauni Jn. Express	via Manak Nagar - Aishbagh - Malhour - Manak Nagar	25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019
15705 Katihar Jn - Delhi Champaran Humsafar Exp.	via Barabanki Jn - Malhour - Aishbagh - Manak Nagar	27.06.19, 01, 04, 08 & 11.07.19
15706 Delhi - Katihar Jn Champaran Humsafar Exp.	via Manak Nagar - Aishbagh - Malhour - Manak Nagar	25.06.19, 28.06.19, 02, 05, 09 & 12.07.2019
13307 Dhanbad Jn - Firozpur Cantt Jn Ganga Sutlej Express	via Barabanki Jn - Lucknow Jn - Alamnagar	24.06.2019 to 11.07.2019
13308 Firozpur Cantt Jn - Dhanbad Jn Ganga Sutlej Exp.	via Alamnagar - Lucknow Jn - Barabanki Jn	24.06.2019 to 11.07.2019
14236 Bareilly - Varanasi Jn Express	via Alamnagar - Lucknow Jn - Barabanki Jn	25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019
14235 Varanasi - Bareilly Express	via Barabanki Jn - Lucknow Jn - Alamnagar	24.06.2019 to 08.07.2019
14649 Jaynagar - Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Express	via Barabanki Jn - Lucknow Jn - Alamnagar	25, 28, 30.06.2019, 02, 05 & 09.07.2019
14650 Amritsar Jn. - Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Express	via Alamnagar - Lucknow Jn - Barabanki Jn	24, 26, 29.06.2019, 01, 03, 06, 08 & 10.07.19
15715 Kishanganj - Ajmer Jn Garib Nawaj Express	via Barabanki Jn - Lucknow Jn - Alamnagar	25, 28, 30.06.2019, 02, 05, 07 & 09.07.2019
15716 Ajmer Jn - Kishanganj Garib Nawaj Express	via Alamnagar - Lucknow Jn - Barabanki Jn	25, 27.06.2019, 01, 02, 04, 08, 09 & 11.07.19
14673 Jaynagar - Amritsar Shaheed Express	via Burhwal - Sitapur City - Roza Jn	26, 27, 29.06.2019, 01, 03, 04, 06 & 08.07.19
14674 Amritsar - Jaynagar Shaheed Express	via Roza Jn - Sitapur City - Burhwal	25, 27, 28, 30.06.2019, 02, 04, 05 & 07.07.19
19269 Porbandar - Muzaffarpur Jn Express	via Roza Jn - Sitapur City - Burhwal	27, 28.06.2019, 04, 05 & 11.07.2019
19270 Muzaffarpur Jn - Porbandar Express	via Burhwal - Sitapur City - Roza Jn	30.06.2019, 01, 07 & 08.07.2019
13257 Danapur - Anand Vihar (T) Jan Sadharan Exp.	via Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Allahabad Jn - Kanpur Central - Ghaziabad	10.07.2019 & 11.07.2019
13258 Anand Vihar (T) - Danapur Jan Sadharan Exp.	via Ghaziabad - Kanpur Central - Allahabad Jn - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	11.07.2019 & 12.07.2019

RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Dates of Origination	Scheduled Departure	Rescheduled Departure
54354 Bareilly - Aligarh Jn Passenger	25.06.19 to 09.07.19	09:10	10:00

Note:- For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

Security Helpline No. 182 and Passengers Complaint Helpline No. 138

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NOTICE OF RECORD DATE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 that Monday, 8th July 2019 has been fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of payment of:
i. Annual interest on the 100 - 9.15% Secured Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures aggregating ₹ 1,50,00,000 each and
ii. The redemption proceeds of the Separately Transferable Redeemable Principal Part I of these Debentures (INE245A07200), aggregating ₹ 25,00,00,000,
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Place: Mumbai Dated: 21st June 2019
H. M. Mistry
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Cancellation Notification
The Advertisement No.CPRRI/06/2019 dated 13.04.2019 inviting applications for the anticipated vacancy of **Accounts officer** which was published on 13th April 2019 stands cancelled due to administrative reasons.
Chief Administrative Officer

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, UTTAR PRADESH, 6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW.

No.ME-3/2019/ 2047 Lucknow, Dated- 21 June, 2019

U.P. NEET UG-2019 FIRST ROUND ONLINE COUNSELING SCHEDULE

On line registration -	21 June, 2019 (From 4.00 PM) to 24 June, 2019
Declaration of merit list -	25 June, 2019
Document verification & Security Fee (Bank Draft) deposit -	26 June, 2019 to 30 June, 2019 (9.00 AM to 5.00 PM)
Online choice Filing -	02 July, 2019 to 4 July, 2019
Declaration of Result -	5 July, 2019
Date for downloading of Allotment letters	06 July, 2019 to 11 July, 2019
Date of Admission -	08 July, 2019 to 12 July, 2019

- Candidates must register online on the website <https://upneet.gov.in> depositing Rs.2,000/- registration fee.
- All registered candidate must be present at the nodal centers for the verification of their document.
- Submit Bank draft of Security fee in favour of Director General, Medical Education & Training, U.P, payable at Lucknow, at the time of document verification. **Only CTS Bank draft will be acceptable.** Rs. 30,000/- for the Govt. Medical/Dental Colleges, Rs.2,00,000/- for Private Medical Colleges & Rs. 1,00,000/- for Private Dental Colleges.
- For more details read Government Orders and UP NEET (UG)-2019 Brochure.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that an unknown dead body was found at in front of Hyundai Workshop, Near Host Banquet Hall, Udyog Nagar, Delhi, dated 12.06.2019. In this regard a DD No. 34-B, dated 12.06.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

The Description of the dead body is given as under: Name: Unknown, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown, Sex: Male, Age: 30-32 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, ID Mak: Vikram written on Chest left side, Wearing: Brown Underwear and Printed Grey Colour Shirt.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local Police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this dead person, please inform undersigned.

SHO P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. Ph. No. 011-25280979, 07605036130 DP/2355/OD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of female Age : About 40 years, Height : 5'2", Complexion : Sallow, Build : Strong, Face : Long, wearing suit and salwar, was found dead on 14.06.2019 in front of A-32/4, Gamdi Extn. 4 1/2 Pusta, Near Gyan Sarover Public School, Gamdi, Ghonda, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 61-A dated 14.06.2019 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. The dead body was preserved for identification in the mortuary of GTB Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased person may kindly inform to the following:- SHO : P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi Tel. No. 011-22175468, 22172410 DP/1753/NE/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Table with 6 columns: S.No., Name of work, Approx. cost of work, Earnest Money to be deposited, Cost of tender document, Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender. Includes details for planting shrubs and maintenance work.

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi. ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following work through e procurement solution only. 1. NIT No. : 10/2019-20 2. Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_174474_1

स्वच्छ भारत मिशन ग्रामीण, अतिरिक्त उपायुक्त, कार्यालय

कमरा नं. 02, लघु सचिवालय, भिवानी, दूरभाष नं. 01664-42893 स्वच्छ भारत मिशन ग्रामीण के तहत अतिरिक्त उपायुक्त कार्यालय द्वारा भिवानी जिले के सातों खंडों में 304 ग्राम पंचायतों के 319 गांवों में 6'x4' साईज की चार पेंटिंग सार्वजनिक स्थलों की दीवारों पर की जानी है।

Table with 3 columns: क्र.सं., कार्य का विवरण सामग्री सहित, कुल संख्या. Lists painting work for various public places.

1. अतः इच्छुक पाटी/व्यक्ति को इसके लिए अपनी निविदा (कुटेसन) दिनांक 27.06.2019 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक बंद लिफाफे में निर्धारित घरोहर राशि मु. 40000/- रूपय का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट अतिरिक्त उपायुक्त, भिवानी के पक्ष में जमा करवाना होगा।

JAPIT Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology

(An Autonomous body under Department of Information Technology, Govt of Jharkhand) Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel - I, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand Phone. 0651-2401040, 2401067, 2401040, 2401041 Fax.- 0651-2401040

Corrigendum - IX Tender Cancellation Notice

This has reference to Tender Ref No. JAPIT/DR/1/2018 for "Selection of Cloud Service Provider (CSP) (MeitY Empanelled) for Setting-up of Jharkhand State Data Centre Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Site on Cloud".

P.R.209601 Information Technology(19-20):D Sd/- CEO, JAP-IT

HARYANA GOVERNMENT CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., NAME OF DEPARTMENT, OLD REFERENCE NO., NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM, WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT, NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL. Lists various departmental notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PUNJAB HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

State Institute of Health and Family Welfare Complex Phase-VI, Near Civil Hospital, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), PUNJAB Phone: 0172-2262938, 2263938, Tele-Fax: 0172 - 2266938

INVITATION OF TENDER

HIRING OF AGENCY FOR PROVIDING IEC PUBLICITY VANS (100 No's)

In order to generate awareness and to improve health seeking behaviour of the community regarding key health issues and availability of the free health schemes, the State Government in Health Department, Punjab has decided to pay 100 IEC Publicity Vans, fully equipped with Audio Visual Aids as part of a special 30 days campaign under the name and style of "Comprehensive Health Awareness Campaign".

Table with 3 columns: Particular, Date & Time, Venue/Source. Details about tender submission and venue.

Bids can be submitted Manually or through E-tendering process as specified in the detailed bidding document. Managing Director, PHSC.

E-Tender Notice No. 04 For 2019-2020 (Short -Tender Notice)

E-Tender for the following works in B-2 form is invited via online e-tendering system from Eligible Contractor who fulfil the Terms and Conditions of Tender, by The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Jalgaon Dist. Jalgaon on behalf of The Government of Maharashtra

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Name of Work, Estimated Cost of Work in Rs., Bid Security Cost in Rs., Tender Document fee Rs., Work Completion Time Limit. Lists construction work for residential quarters.

E-Tenders Download Period : From Date 21/06/2019 to Date 02/07/2019 @ 17.00 hrs E-Tenders Last Date of Submission : Date 02/07/2019 @ 17.00 hrs

All Information of E-Tender is available on following portal 1) http://mahatenders.gov.in 2) http://mahapwd.com

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL

Re-01 SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS Gist of e-NIT No. 10 of 2019-20 Dated 20.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites Online e-bids in Two (02) cover system from Registered/Reputed and Experienced Firms having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Work, Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs). Lists supply and installation of emergency oxygen pipe line.

The complete tender document is available at website: http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders/Tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below.

Table with 2 columns: i. Date and Time of downloading/ Sale of Tender documents, ii. Date & Time of Bidding Queries/ clarification/Pre-Bid meet, etc. Lists dates and times for various stages of the tender process.

No. SIMS 139 EX.450/19-558-69-3187-3190 Dated: 20.06.2019 Sd/- Executive Engineer Mechanical, SKIMS.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL, SKIMS MC&H, BEMINA & SKIMS, SOURA, SRINAGAR

Re-01 SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS Gist of e-NIT No. 09 of 2019 Dated 20.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites Online e-bids in Two (02) cover system from Registered Firms/ Agencies having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Work, Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs). Lists annual maintenance contract for machinery.

The complete tender document is available at website: http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders/Tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below.

Table with 2 columns: i. Date and Time of downloading/ Sale of Tender documents, ii. Date & Time of Bidding Queries/ clarification/Pre-Bid meet, etc. Lists dates and times for various stages of the tender process.

No. SIMS 139 EX.449/19-543-57-3191-3194 Dated: 20.06.2019 Sd/- Executive Engineer Mechanical, SKIMS.

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (POWER WING)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NIT NO.: 457/PHD/Pong-340 Dated: 20.06.2019 Name of Office: Chief Engineer/System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plants) Dte., BBMB(PW), SLDC Complex, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh-160002

North Eastern Railway E-Tender Notice

Table with 4 columns: Description of work, Period, Est. Cost of Work (in ₹), Earnest Money (in ₹), Cost of Tender Form (in ₹). Lists tender details for hiring of non-AC multiutility vehicle.

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P.) Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms / contractors registered with UPLCL Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned.

Office :- Sr. Manager G.JAL, Sec.-5, NOIDA CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

कार्यालय नगर पालिक विगम, खण्डवा (म.प्र.) 450001

क्रमांक - 43/योसे./ई-टेंडरिंग/2019 खण्डवा, दिनांक: 20/06/2019

द्वितीय निविदा विज्ञापित :-

मध्यप्रदेश लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीयकृत व्यवस्था में परीकृत ठेकेदारों के लिये निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु निविदाएं ऑनलाइन आमंत्रित की जाती है, जल्दसे कार्य की निविदा का विस्तृत वेबसाइट पर http://www.mptenders.gov.in देखा जा सकता है।

Table with 7 columns: क्र. ऑन लाईन पोर्टल, कार्य का नाम, अनुमानित लागत (लाख में), घरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की राशि, कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि. Lists tender details for water supply work.

1. निविदा ऑनलाइन क्रय एवं प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम दिनांक : 10/07/2019 (शाम 5.30 बजे तक) 2. निविदा खोलने की दिनांक: 12/07/2019 (प्रातः 10.30 बजे तक)

निविदा संबंधी समस्त जानकारी वेबसाइट http://www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा में यदि किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन किया जाता है तो वह समझाए पत्र में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जायेगा। आयुक्त नगर पालिक विगम, खण्डवा

CENTRAL POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (A Govt. of India Society, Ministry of Power)

Post Box No.8066, Prof. Sir. C.V.Raman Road Sadashivanagar Post Office, Bangalore - 560 080

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (Through e-tendering only)

The Engineer-in-Charge, Civil Engineering Division, CPRI, Bangalore invites on behalf of Director General, CPRI, Bangalore online item rate e-tenders for following work- E-NIT No.03/19

Name of Work: Completion of balance works of second floor of RTL, CPRI, Noida. SH: Waterproofing work for office and Guest House

Table with 2 columns: 1. Estimated cost: Rs. 13.81,260/-, 2. Earnest money: Rs.27,625/-, etc. Lists tender details for waterproofing work.

The e-tenders forms / documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/CPRI. The last date for submission of online e-tenders is upto 26/06/2019.

RAMAGUNDAM FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS LIMITED (A Joint Venture Company)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited from eligible parties, in TWO Part Bid System for the following Annual Rate of contracts (ARC) at RFCL, Ramagundam. (1) ARC for Split ACs and other air conditioning equipment, tender Cost is Rs. 750/-, EMD amount Rs. 50,000/- & The Estimated Value of contract is Rs. 38.67 Lakhs.

13 BODY & MIND

SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Lack of sleep linked to mental problems for college students

POOR SLEEP may be linked to a greater risk for poor mental health on college campuses, new research suggests. With each night of insufficient sleep, the risk of mental health symptoms increased by roughly 20 per cent, according to findings presented June 11 at Sleep 2019, the annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies.

The findings suggest college students might benefit from sleep health education, lead author Thea Ramsey, an undergraduate at the University of Arizona in Tucson, told Reuters Health by email.

REUTERS

[20-40 YEARS]

Flashing light effects could up risk of epileptic seizures

FLASHING LIGHT effects that have become the norm for electronic dance music concerts could bring on epileptic seizures in young people who may not know they have a vulnerability, Dutch researchers say.

Lights strobing in the frequency range of 15-25 hertz, or cycles per second, are known for their potential to cause seizures, the study team writes in *BMJ Open*. This is especially true for people with photosensitive epilepsy, for whom exposure to flickering or flashing lights and patterns can trigger electrical disturbances in the brain.

REUTERS

[40-60 YEARS]

Lack of fitness linked to anxiety in middle-aged women

Mid-life women with weak upper and lower body fitness may be more prone to depression and anxiety, a study from Singapore suggests. In particular, poor handgrip strength and needing a long time to stand from a chair were associated with higher depression or anxiety symptoms, the study authors reported in the journal *Menopause*. "Mid-life women globally are in an incredibly difficult position: sandwiched between children, aging parents, husband and work commitments," said senior study author Eu-Leong Yong of National University of Singapore.

REUTERS

[60+]

Novel system uses turmeric to stop cancer cell growth

A **NEW** drug delivery system using curcumin — the main ingredient in turmeric — successfully inhibits the growth of bone cancer cells, say scientists. The system developed by researchers at the Washington State University also promotes growth of healthy bone cells. It could lead to better post-operative treatments for people with osteosarcoma, the second most prevalent cause of cancer death in children, according to the research published in *ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*. Young patients with bone cancer are often treated chemotherapy before and after surgery, which has harmful side effects.

PTI



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Can home cooking reverse the obesity epidemic?

A new book argues that for many families with limited time and money, avoiding processed food is not a realistic option

ANAHAD O'CONNOR

MANY NUTRITION experts blame processed foods for the obesity epidemic, suggesting that a return to home cooking would turn it around. But now some researchers are pushing back against that idea, arguing that it oversimplifies the obstacles that poor and middle-class families face.

The case against processed foods has been growing. A flurry of studies last month provided new evidence that these foods, which are typically loaded with salt, sugar, fat and chemical additives, heighten the risk of obesity and chronic disease.

Scientists at the National Institutes of Health found that people ate more calories and quickly gained weight on a diet of mostly ultra-processed foods like frozen entrees, diet beverages, fruit juices, pastries, baked potato chips, canned foods and processed meats. Then a pair of large studies in the journal *BMJ* showed that people who ate significant amounts of these foods had increased mortality rates and cardiovascular disease compared to people who avoided them.

These findings and others prompted health experts — including Dr Francis Collins, the director of the NIH — to urge Americans to limit their intake of ultra-processed foods. But that might be easier said than done. Highly processed foods have become the dominant food source for many Americans, accounting for almost 60 per cent of the calories we eat. Americans across the socioeconomic spectrum consume them in increasing amounts. But studies show that their intake is highest among low-income families. Many households depend on them because they are cheap, convenient and, in some cases, their only option.

This link between poverty and processed foods is illustrated in a new book, "Pressure Cooker: Why Home Cooking Won't Solve Our Problems and What We Can Do About It," written by three sociologists who study food, families and inequality. The authors — Sarah Bowen, Joslyn Brenton and Sinikka

Elliott — studied 168 poor and middle-class families in North Carolina, a state where one in three adults is obese and one in 10 has diabetes. The researchers followed the families for up to five years and profiled some of them in depth.

Their research challenges the notion that Americans can reclaim their health and reverse the obesity epidemic if only they would ditch processed foods, get back into the kitchen and make healthy meals from scratch. While that will work for some people, Dr Bowen and her colleagues argue that it is not a realistic solution for families that have limited time and money. Nor is it necessarily an accurate perception: National surveys show that 48 per cent of Americans cook dinner six or seven nights a week, and another 44 per cent of people cook two to five nights a week. The data show that low-income families spend more time cooking than wealthier families, and they consume less fast food than middle-class households.

But the researchers found that many families faced an array of obstacles to healthy eating. Some of the families they studied lived in food deserts, far from a decent grocery store, and had to spend hours riding a bus to buy groceries or ask friends and relatives for a ride. Many would run out of money at the end of the month and look

for ways to stretch what little food they had. Some did not have reliable stoves and refrigerators, or they lacked pots and pans and other basic kitchen tools. Others turned to their local food pantries, which provide a lot of processed foods that are shelf-stable but high in sodium, sugar and other additives, like breakfast cereals, pasta, crackers, packaged snacks, and canned meats and soups.

With so many hurdles in their way, the researchers found, working-class families would often shy away from foods that cost more, spoil quickly or require a lot of preparation, and instead turn to things that they could cook easily, store for a long time and stretch into numerous meals. "If you're strapped for cash and running out of food every month like a lot of families did in our study, the cheapest thing you can buy is ramen, hot dogs and boxed macaroni and cheese," said Dr Bowen, an associate professor of sociology at North Carolina State University. "We asked everyone in our study what would you buy if you had more money to spend on food, and the most common answer was: 'Fresh fruit for our kids.'"

According to federal data, about 15 million households in America suffer from food insecurity, meaning they do not have enough food to meet their needs. One family profiled in the book — a mother, her two

young children and their grandmother — moved into a dilapidated hotel room after they were evicted from their home. The grandmother spends her days watching the children while their mother goes out looking for work. The family gets by with help from food stamps, Medicaid and vouchers that they receive through the Women, Infants and Children programme. They have no dinner table or a kitchen. Instead they gather on a bed and eat meals that can be prepared in a microwave, like frozen pizzas.

Another challenge faced by families is that they lack time. About one in six people in the work force have unstable work schedules, and it is not just poor households.

Working parents and professionals across the socioeconomic spectrum report feeling overworked, stressed, tired and eager to find more time to spend with their families. When time is limited, many forgo making healthy meals from scratch at the end of a long day so they can read to their children or help them with their homework.

"Families from all walks of life are trying very hard," said Dr Elliott, an assistant professor of sociology at University of British Columbia. "They're doing a lot of cooking, and they're still either feeling like it's not enough or they're just coming up against these larger constraints in their lives that make it hard to cook the way that they would like or to assemble their family around the dinner table."

There are no easy answers. But the researchers say what is needed are policies that better support families, like universal child care, paid parental leave, a higher minimum wage and sick leave. Employers can help by changing the culture of work so that parents can leave in time to pick their kids up at school, spend time with them at home, and still have time to prepare healthy dinners, Dr Bowen said.

"The bottom line of what we found is that families are stretched thin and they're up against a lot," said Dr Elliott. "Our big message is that if we really value healthy families, then we need to figure out ways to support them."

NYT



Many forgo making healthy meals from scratch at the end of a long day so they can read to their children or help them with their homework

DIET DIARY

Eating more to fix low energy levels? Think again!

Reactive hypoglycemia is caused when pancreas releases too much insulin after a meal high on carbohydrates



BY ISHI KHOSLA

EVER WONDERED why after an hour or two of eating, you again feel like gorging on food? The reason is a phenomenon called reactive hypoglycaemia. Usually, people who eat large meals or meals high on carbohydrates experience this. After eating a high carbohydrate meal, the pancreas may overreact by releasing too much insulin — a hormone that regulates the uptake and utilisation of glucose by our body —, causing blood sugar to fall below normal. Chronic starvation, strenuous exercise, severe stress or consuming alcohol while eating a high carbohydrate meal could also lead to reactive hypoglycaemia at times. Reactive hypoglycaemia may also be of concern in athletes following a consumption of a high carbohydrate meal 30-60 minutes prior to an athletic event.

In reactive hypoglycaemia, as the over-production of insulin is delayed, the blood glucose levels first rise high and then fall quickly to less than normal. Hypoglycaemia is often the reason for typical mid-morning and mid-afternoon slumps. It can impair the normal functioning of the brain and you may experience poor concentration and confusion. Fatigue, weakness, craving for food, hunger pangs and drowsiness may also be observed in such situations. In some cases, this form of glucose intolerance may also indicate a potential or pre-diabetic situation and may induce obesity.

The way to prevent this is to eat small frequent meals high in proteins along with complex carbohydrates to maintain a slow, steady release and uptake of glucose. Complex carbohydrates with low glycemic index include unrefined and minimally processed foods like whole grains, brown rice, oats, pulses, legumes, fruits, vegetables etc.

"Glycemic Index" estimates the potential of different foods to raise blood glucose. Foods with low glycemic index are digested slowly and cause a slower rise in blood sugar; however, foods with high glycemic index trigger a sharp increase in blood glucose, followed by a dramatic fall.

It is also important to restrict intake of simple carbohydrates and sugars to minimise sudden increases in blood sugar levels. These include sugar, honey, jaggery, corn syrup, fructose (fruit sugar), polished rice, corn flour, refined flour (maida) etc. White bread, cakes, cookies, pizzas, burgers, wraps etc. prepared from refined wheat flour and sweetened beverages also come under the umbrella of simple carbohydrates. Caffeine and alcohol must be avoided as they may worsen the symptoms of hypoglycaemia. Regular exercise and stress management through meditation and yoga can also help keep sugars in balance.

So if you think eating more or eating high carbohydrate foods will fix your low energy levels, think again!

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GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

OUR BODIES seem to adjust to prolonged, repeated physical exertion and its energy demands by burning fewer — instead of more — calories over the course of the day, even if our exertions continue at the same level, according to a surprising new study conducted during a 20-week running race across the US.

The study is among the first to quantify the upper limits of human daily energy expenditure and endurance. The counterintuitive findings have implications for athletes, our understanding of human evolution, and our hopes that training for a marathon or other endurance event will help us shed weight.

To most of us, it seems obvious that when we are physically active, we burn more calories than when we are sedentary. The harder or longer we work out, the more of these calories we will expend, ad infinitum. But a small but growing body of research suggests there are limits. A 2012 study among modern hunter-gatherers found that despite being in motion almost all day, the tribespeople burned about the same number of daily calories as those of us who sit behind desks all day. In effect, the tribespeople's bodies seemed to have found ways to reduce their overall daily en-

Pushing the limits of human endurance

When we work out on a regular basis, our bodies adjust to limit our ability to expend energy, shows study

energy expenditure, even as they continued to move. The study's authors concluded that this finding made sense from an evolutionary standpoint. The fewer calories our forebears had to expend on days when they hunted, the less food they would need to bring down. But the human caloric ceiling remained unknown and difficult to quantify. Finding it, the scientists reasoned, would require studying people who were exercising regularly at or near their physical limits and seeing how their metabolisms responded over time.

Then, in 2015, the right situation arose. For a one-time event called the Race Across USA, participants would cross from California to Washington, DC, running approximately a marathon almost every day for about 20 weeks. A group of scientists, including some who had conducted the 2012 study of hunter-gatherers, asked to monitor the racers' metabolisms. Six participants agreed, and the researchers measured their baseline daily energy expenditure in the week before they be-



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gan racing. They used a technique called doubly labelled water, in which hydrogen and oxygen are replaced with isotopes that trace the body's production of carbon dioxide.

The researchers repeated the metabolic testing each day during the first week of daily marathons, and then again during the runners' final week, about five months later. The changes in the runners' energy expenditures were striking. In their first week of repeated marathons, the runners burned about 6,200 calories a day on average, a steep increase over their typical energy expenditure from the week before — and about what would be expected, based on their new level of activity. But 20 weeks later, although they were running just as much and at about the same pace, the racers had lost little body weight, and were expending about 600 fewer calories each day on average than they did in the first week.

By the end of the event, the researchers calculated that the runners were expending about two-and-a-half times their resting

metabolic rate each day, a notable decline from the early days of the event, when they were burning at least three-and-a-half times their resting rate. To better understand their finding's significance, the researchers combed through the few past studies of energy expenditure using doubly labelled water. Those involved participants in other long, gruelling physical endeavours, including the Tour de France bike stage race, Arctic expeditions, ultramarathons and even pregnancy.

The researchers found that in any event that lasted longer than about 12 hours, participants' energy expenditure tended to increase substantially and then, over time, decline, until it plateaued at somewhere near two-and-a-half times their everyday, resting metabolic rate. Our bodies seem somehow to have become capable of recognising when we are in danger of breaching the barrier beyond which we cannot easily replenish lost energy, according to Herman Pontzer, an associate professor of evolutionary anthropology at Duke University, who oversaw the study with others. How our bodies manage that is still mysterious, Pontzer says, although the process probably involves unconsciously moving less when we are not exercising and shifting energy away from some physiological processes, such as our immune response.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

From the heart of a crowd



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What I wrote was never meant as neutral commentary... My contribution to our collective refusal to obediently fade away

STIRRINGS IN HOUSE

Crossing of TDP MPs to BJP in Rajya Sabha raises questions, puts parties under watch

THE CROSSING OVER of four of the six Rajya Sabha MPs from the Telugu Desam to the BJP passes the anti-defection test — the law treats more than one-third of legislators leaving a party as a split. The splinter group has also merged with the BJP. According to paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution, “the merger of the original political party of a member of a House shall be deemed to have taken place if, and only if, not less than two-thirds of the members of the legislature party concerned have agreed to such merger.” The group that crossed over to the BJP has the numbers to pass this test as well. One of them, Y S Chowdary, justified his move as a step to facilitate “the development of Andhra Pradesh”, which he believes can be achieved only by cooperation, and not confrontation, with the Centre. This may well be the case. It may even be a coincidence that the Income Tax department had raided the residential and official premises of Chowdary and CM Ramesh, another one of the MPs in question, last year for alleged financial misdeeds, prompting BJP MP G V L Narasimha Rao, ironically, to write to the Ethics Committee of the Rajya Sabha demanding action against them.

It could be argued that the movement of legislators across the aisle is part of the churn in politics in states including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, after the general elections. The Congress and TDP were decimated in the polls and the few legislators who won on these party tickets seem to be exploring greener pastures — 12 of the 18 Congress MLAs in Telangana crossed over to the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti soon after the May 23 verdict. Even so, these movements of legislators will be under watch, and especially so in the Rajya Sabha, where the BJP is keen to address its lack of numbers, and which, in recent years, is being seen as a bulwark against the attempts by a government with a large majority in the Lok Sabha to have its way. The importance of the Upper House, which is also home to the voice of the states, has only grown in times when the federal character of the republic is seen to be increasingly under strain from centralising tendencies.

The Rajya Sabha has been in progressive decline since many years now, with political parties regularly accused of selling their nominations to the highest bidders. However, the House also witnesses debates of the highest order and acts as an important check on the government. It is in the interest of all parties, and important for the sake of the democratic process, that the dignity of the Rajya Sabha is upheld, especially in times when it performs a more crucial role than before.

AUGUST EASING?

A rate cut seems to be in the offing. Primary objective appears to be reviving growth, discounting concerns of fiscal slippage

IN ITS LAST meeting, the six members of the monetary policy committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had voted unanimously in favour of a 25 bps cut in the benchmark repo rate and for a shift in the policy stance from neutral to accommodative. But the minutes of that meeting, released on June 20, suggest that members are divided on the future course of action. Deputy RBI governor Viral Acharya and economist Chetan Ghate continue to be perturbed by the upside risks to food inflation and a likely fiscal slippage. But the other members seem to have discounted these concerns, placing more weightage on arresting the slowdown in economic activity. They have indicated that a minor fiscal slippage is unlikely to have a bearing on their vote in the next policy meeting in August.

In the run-up to the budget, there has been debate over the government's revenue numbers, the true extent of the fiscal slippage, off-budget borrowings by public sector companies, and their impact on monetary policy. Tax collection data shows that central goods and services tax collections (CGST) would have to grow by 34 per cent in FY20, and income tax collections would have to rise by 35 per cent to meet the FY20 interim budget targets. Meeting these targets is a tall order. While the finance minister could consider revising the interim budget targets, adhering to expenditure targets could imply a minor fiscal slippage resulting in higher government borrowings. Apart from the possible inflationary consequences, higher government borrowings could crowd-out the private sector in the face of declining household savings. This concern was articulated by Deputy Governor Acharya in the last MPC meeting. Chetan Ghate, too, flagged these risks. But MPC member Ravindra Dholakia has argued the opposite. Making the case for counter-cyclical policy — greater government spending during a cyclical downturn — Dholakia has argued that a minor fiscal slippage is unlikely to be inflationary in the current environment when demand continues to be subdued.

Dholakia's view seems to resonate with other MPC members, including RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. Other members, Pami Dua and Michael Patra, too, appear to be more mindful of growth concerns. With the slowdown in economic activity more entrenched than was previously believed, clearly the primary objective appears to be that of reviving growth, discounting concerns of fiscal slippage and upside risks to inflation. On balance, it appears that the committee may end up voting 4-2 in favour of a further easing in August, irrespective of the fiscal slippage.

NO HORN, PLEASE

Reaction to research that points to physiological changes due to excessive smartphone use reveals deeper anxieties

THE FIRST HOMO sapiens — anatomically the same as their descendants that populate the earth today — evolved around 2,00,000 years ago. The first call on a cellphone was made in 1973. But technology, it seems, is giving evolution a run for its money. Recently published biomechanics research by two Australian scholars suggests that the extensive use of hand-held devices — smartphones, tablets, etc — is causing “horns” to grow in the skulls and necks of young people, among various other musculo-skeletal growths. Essentially, there appears to be a possibility, even a likelihood, that hunching over screens is ruining posture and in the developing frames of children and adolescents, this can cause permanent changes.

Those who see permanence in change argue that the science behind the panic is weak, that all technology since human beings first settled down has caused various stresses and changes in the body. So, while orthopaedists may be treating an increasing number of patients for “text thumbs”, why should this cause more panic than carpal tunnel syndrome? Or, they argue, should there be anxiety over keyboards and typewriters too? The reason for the seeming over-reaction to the physiological consequences of contemporary technology may lie in anxieties beyond just biology.

The true consequence of the personal computing revolution has been that it has turned human beings into cyborgs, the half-man half-machine that once belonged in science fiction. People do not remember phone numbers any more, nor birthdays. The compendium of human knowledge is not tucked away behind the Dewey Decimal System — just call on Siri. Even the burden of child-rearing is being shared by screens and games. The anxiety around horns and thumbs and stressed neck muscles is likely because the denial of these fundamental changes is becoming more difficult. It's hard to ignore a teenager with horns.

I FIND MYSELF thinking of the essays in this book as pieces of laundry — poor people's washing — strung out across the land-scape between these two monuments, interrupting the good news bulletins and spoiling the view.

They were written over a period of twenty years during which India was changing faster than ever before. The opening of the Indian markets to international finance had created a new middle class — a market of millions — and had investors falling over themselves to find a foothold. The international media, for the most part, was at pains to portray the world's favourite new finance destination in the best possible light. But the news was certainly not all good. India's fleet of brand new billionaires and its new consumers was being created at an immense cost to its environment and to an even larger underclass. Backstage, away from the razzle-dazzle, labour laws were dismantled, trade unions disbanded. The state was withdrawing from its responsibilities to provide food, education, and healthcare. Public assets were turned over to private corporations, massive infrastructure and mining projects were pushing hundreds of thousands of rural people off their lands into cities that didn't want them. The poor were in free fall.

At the very same time that it unlocked the protected market, the Congress government of the day (which calls itself liberal and secular on its CV), with an eye to the “Hindu vote”, opened another lock, too. The lock on an old sixteenth-century mosque, the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya had been sealed by the courts in 1949 following a dispute between Hindus and Muslims, who both laid claim to the land — Muslims asserting it was a historical place of worship, Hindus that it was the birthplace of Lord Ram. Opening the Babri Masjid, purportedly to allow Hindus to worship at the site, changed India forever. The Congress was swept aside. Leaders of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) travelled the length and breadth of the country orchestrating a storm of religious frenzy. On 6 December 1992, they, along with members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, gathered in Ayodhya and, while a shocked country and a spineless

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Congress prime minister watched, exhorted a mob of 150,000 “volunteers” to storm the structure and bring down the Babri Masjid.

The demolition of the mosque and the simultaneous opening of the markets was the beginning of a complicated waltz between corporate globalisation and medieval religious fundamentalism. It was obvious quite early on that, far from being antagonistic forces that represented Old and New India, they were actually lovers performing an elaborate ritual of seduction and coquetry that could sometimes be misread as hostility.

For me, personally it was a time of odd disquiet. As I watched the great drama unfold, my own fortunes seemed to have been touched by magic. My first novel, *The God of Small Things*, had won a big international prize. I was a front-runner in the line-up of people who were chosen to personify the confident, new, market-friendly India that was finally taking its place at the high table. It was flattering in a way, but deeply disturbing, too. As I watched people being pushed into penury, my book was selling millions of copies. My bank account was burgeoning. Money on that scale confused me. What did it really mean to be a writer in times such as these?

As I thought about this, almost without meaning to, I began to write a long, bewildering, episodic, astonishingly violent story about the courting ritual of these unusual lovers and the trail of destruction they were leaving in their wake. And of the remarkable people who had risen to resist them.

The backlash to almost every one of the essays when I first published them — in the form of police cases, legal notices, court appearances, and even a short jail sentence — was often so wearying that I would resolve never to write another. But equally, almost every one of them — each a broken promise to myself — took me on journeys deeper and deeper into worlds that enriched my understanding, and complicated my view, of the times we live in. They opened doors for me to secret places where few are trusted, led me into the very heart of insurrections, into

places of pain, rage, and ferocious irreverence. On these journeys, I found my dearest friends and my truest loves. These are my real royalties, my greatest reward. Although writers usually walk alone, most of what I wrote rose from the heart of a crowd. It was never meant as neutral commentary, pretending to be observations of a bystander. It was just another stream that flowed into the quick, immense, rushing currents that I was writing about. My contribution to our collective refusal to obediently fade away...

What I wish I could have done for the readers of this book is to recreate the prevailing atmosphere in which I published each essay. They were written when a certain political space closed down, when a false consensus was being broadcast, when I could no longer endure the relentless propaganda and the sheer vicious bullying of vulnerable people by an increasingly corporatised media and its increasingly privatised commentators. Most often I wrote because it became easier to do that than to put up with the angry, persistent hum of my own silence. I also wrote to reclaim language. Because it was distressing to see words being deployed to mean the opposite of what they really meant. (“Deepening democracy” meant destroying it. “A level playing field” actually meant a very steep slope, the “free market” a rigged market. “Empowering women” meant undermining them in every possible way.) I wrote because I saw that what I needed to do would challenge my abilities as a writer. I had in the past written screenplays and a novel. I had written about love and loss, about childhood, caste, violence, and families — the eternal preoccupations of writers and poets. Could I write equally compellingly about irrigation? About the salinisation of soil? About drainage? Dams? Crop patterns? About the per unit cost of electricity? About the law? About things that affect ordinary people's lives? Could I turn these topics into literature? I tried.

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PAKISTAN'S FIRST LADY

A recent book frames the life and legacy of Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan

IF THERE IS anyone in Pakistan's history who is bypassed by state historians, it is the wife of Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's first prime minister who was assassinated in 1951. Her ignored life is being recalled by a much-awaited book, and the facts revealed about Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan will bemuse most Pakistanis.

The story is told in the biography, *The Begum: A Portrait of Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Pioneering First Lady* (OUP 2019) by Namita Gokhale and Tahmina Aziz Ayub. She was born as Irene Ruth-Margaret in 1905, in a Brahmin clan whose founder, Taradutt Pant, her grandfather, had turned Christian, dooming his offspring to lifelong ostracism by the Hindu upper caste community.

Pushing back against this legacy, Irene grew up as a fiercely independent person unafraid of challenges. She went to Lal Bagh High School in Lucknow, and passed school standing first in her class before moving to college. Here she was in outstanding company: Ismat Chughtai, Qurratulain Hyder, Rashid Jahan and Attia Hosain.

Irene passed BA in first class and joined MA economics, for which she had to move to Lucknow University where her thesis on “Women's Labour in Agriculture in the United Provinces”, was adjudged the best in the university. After MA, she entered the Diocesan College in Calcutta for the Graduate Teachers' Training Course. Here too, she stood first, both in the theory and practice of teaching in the Licentiate of Teaching Examination of the Calcutta University. After that, in 1930, she got ap-

pointed as a lecturer in economics at Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi, at a salary of Rs 200.

This was the year when she met the upcoming politician from Karnal, Liaquat Ali Khan, deputy president of the UP legislative council, who was, needless to say, struck by her personality and ready wit. They were married in 1930, Ra'ana converting to Islam, changing her name from Irene to Ra'ana. At Partition in 1947, the Liaquat Alis, instead of selling their grand Delhi residence on Hardinge Road, willed it to Pakistan as the permanent ambassadorial residence, now renamed Pakistan House.

In Pakistan, things got off to a bad start. Jinnah went back on earlier pledges and declared, on August 11, 1947, that Pakistan would be a secular state and Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan had to live with it. After his assassination in 1951, Ra'ana devoted herself to social work and created the All Pakistan Women's Association (APWA) in 1969 on Jail Road Lahore. As economist of the All-India Muslim League — appointed by Jinnah — she knew the nitty-gritty of running organisations, and was indefatigably devoted to the upliftment of women in Pakistan. Her husband, the late prime minister, had left her precious little to survive on.

In 1954, Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan was sent to The Hague as Pakistan's first ambassador to Holland where she was to spend two tenures lasting six years before being sent to Italy on her second posting.

Back in Pakistan after her diplomatic stint, Ra'ana was made the governor of

Sindh and Chancellor of Karachi University in 1973 by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. In 1980, she fell and suffered a hip fracture while travelling abroad and never recovered her health after that. It didn't stop General Zia from suspending her monthly official support of Rs 2,000 which compounded her problems. She witnessed the Islamisation of Pakistan in the years that followed, and was able to comment on it before she died in 1990, when she was buried alongside Liaquat Ali Khan next to the mausoleum of Jinnah in Karachi:

“The idea of Pakistan when it first started was completely different from what we see today. There was no question of religion coming into politics. Everybody was free to follow their worship as they pleased, nobody interfered; it was between you and your God. We never talked of religion: there were Shias and Sunnis, we didn't know who was who; we were just working together. Qauid-e-Azam himself said the basis was religious but Pakistan was visualised as secular and democratic.”

Way back in 1950, she had clarified in Town Hall, New York: “In Pakistan, we are not going in for any sort of domination by priests or fanaticism or intolerance. What we wish to emphasise are the basic Islamic principles of equality, brotherhood, and social and economic justice.”

Alas, she was wrong. Pakistan went the way she didn't want it to go and betrayed her.

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JUNE 22, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT THAILAND HAS SUSPENDED its plan to send more than 40,000 Kampuchean refugees back across the border into Kampuchea, with negotiations under way to resettle them elsewhere, BBC reports. A Thai military spokesman told newsmen in Bangkok that the repatriation plan was halted after the United States ambassador agreed to resettle more than 1,000 refugees and promised to urge France, Canada and Australia to increase their intake of refugees. At a news conference in Paris addressed by many prominent French personalities, including philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, on Wednesday, France and other European nations were urged to set up

transit camps for the thousands of Vietnamese Kampuchean and Laotian refugees now flooding South East Asia.

MIZO UNREST

THE MIZORAM GOVERNMENT has sent an SOS to the regional headquarters of the Border Security Force as well as the Central Reserve Police Force in Shillong to rush reinforcements of Para Military Forces. The government has also started a phased programme to repatriate the non-Mizos from the curfew-bound Aizawl town under a tight security cover, as the underground Mizo National Front (MNF) “quit notice” to all non-Mizos neared the deadline of July 1.

PAK N-BOMB

PAKISTAN IS EXPECTED to explode a nuclear device this autumn, possibly in Multan, 475 km south of Islamabad, according to a weekly magazine, 8 days, published every Thursday in London. In its cover story, the magazine explains how, for five years, the Pakistanis fooled the nuclear powers into believing that they had neither the scientists, the material, nor the know-how to make the bomb. All the while, using a series of “front” companies, bogus purchasing orders, shadowy intermediaries, and foreign trained scientists, the Pakistanis got all they needed to out-trump the world and build a hydrogen bomb.

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The most off-track of them all

Arvind Subramanian's method of estimating GDP suggests that Germany over-estimates and Brazil under-estimates it the most. India is only a mild outlier



Country	Rank	Rank (all)	Country coeff (%)	Growth (%) 2012-16	Excess (%) Selected	Excess (%) All
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jamaica		1	-2.4	0.6		436.2
Germany	1	2	1.8	1.3	134.8	134.8
Hungary	3	8	2.2	2	107.8	107.8
Singapore		13	-2.8	3.2		85.8
United Kingdom	7	16	1.5	2.1	71.1	71.1
Botswana		17	-2.8	4.3		64.9
Bangladesh	8	18	3.8	6.3	60.4	60.4
Japan	11	23	0.6	1.2	47.8	47.8
Poland		26	-1	2.6		40.2
Australia	13	27	1.1	2.8	39.8	39.8
India	16	31	2.5	6.7	37.5	37.5
Czech Republic	18	37	0.6	1.8	31.5	31.5
Turkey	20	47	1.3	5.4	24.5	24.5
Hong Kong SAR		48	-0.6	2.4		23.3
Israel	21	49	0.7	3.3	21.4	21.4
Mexico		50	0.5	2.5		20.6
South Africa		51	-0.3	1.6		19.8
United States		55	0.4	2.1		17.5
Uruguay		56	-0.4	2.6		15.4
Indonesia		82	0.1	5.2		1.1
Finland		87	-0.4	-0.2		-210
Portugal		88	0.9	-0.2		-443.7
Brazil		89	-3	-0.4		-694

Source: World Bank data used as in Arvind Subramanian (AS) article; Column 2 refers to rank for over-estimation countries with statistically significant over-estimation; Column 3 refers to rank for all countries; Column 4 is the country coefficient as estimated according to AS paper; Column 5 is GDP growth, 2012-2016; Column 6 is excess growth (ratio of column 4 to column 3) for over-estimation countries; Column 6 and 7 is excess growth (ratio of column 4 to column 5) for all countries

fully, recognised by all. But now to AS's allegation that the Indian GDP during 2012-17 had been misestimated and that the "correct" or "actual" GDP growth between 2012-16 was as little as 3.5-5.5 per cent, rather than officially reported 7 per cent — an over-estimation of 2.5 per cent a year. I want to examine AS's hypothesis and results with the view that he is entirely correct in his assumptions, and method of analysis. AS's model/assertions rests on the following three pillars:

Pillar 1: Growth in four real variables (exports, imports, credit and electricity—hereafter X variables) can more than adequately proxy real GDP growth for all non-oil exporting countries with a population greater than 1 million. **Pillar 2:** That for all countries, the relationship is robust for two different time-periods — Period I, 2001-2011 and Period II, 2012-16. **Pillar 3:** Only for India is there a problem with official GDP data. Hence, AS's entire analysis is geared to examine how much Indian GDP in Period II veered of the (AS) predicted path.

AS brings all his statistical acumen to confirm that the gap between actual and predicted GDP was as much as 2.5 per cent and that this gap was statistically significant (it could not have happened by chance). Since AS believes that he has a model which can proxy growth, he is broadly right in also believing the "only" explanation for the gap between official and predicted GDP growth is that the former, and not the latter, is in error — either fudged by the political masters, or via the incompetence of statistical authorities around the world that vetted India's GDP measurement, or both.

I want to accept AS's method and conclusions if only because the two of us were lonely warriors against the Patel RBI/MPC crusade against inflation and growth. For 89 countries, I collected the data for the four AS variables from the World Bank website (as he does). I successfully reproduced his preferred estimate of 2.5 per cent.

When I first read AS's paper a week ago, I was struck by the absence of any discussion on the statistical possibility that his method could yield mis-estimation errors for other countries. He does have a throwaway line that there were four outlier countries — Cambodia, Tajikistan, Ireland and Ukraine — which were excluded from analysis, but no more. I decided

The government also gets it. Every day there is an announcement of concern and the admission that the economy is in trouble. All eyes (and ears) are rightly on the Budget to be presented on July 5. It is to be seen whether Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman listens to the voices of the 'old' economists and bureaucrats who want to continue with business as usual, be concerned with the minutiae of the fiscal deficit, and ask for restraint on changing course on three world records that India holds — highest real interest rates, highest effective corporate tax rates, and the worst labour laws.

to estimate the AS model for all 89 countries — that is, estimated the gap between measured GDP and AS predicted GDP in Period II.

Here is what I found. Out of 89 countries, for 46 countries the AS country dummy was not significant. For 22 of these 46 countries, the individual country effect was negative — the measured GDP was less than predicted GDP, by an average 0.5 ppt; for the remaining 24 countries, measured GDP growth was above predicted growth by 0.4 ppt. The remaining 43 countries, with significant individual country effects, were almost equally divided between over-estimation (1.7 ppt) and under-estimation (1.8 ppt).

This last result is significant. There is equal over-estimation and under-estimation of GDP in the world (at least for 43 countries). AS is concerned with over-estimation. There are 21 such countries, and Germany tops the list, that is, according to AS, German (ECB take note), GDP data is being over-estimated the most. AS should fire his statistical guns at Germany for systematically overestimating GDP by an average of 1.8 ppt a year in Period II.

One final calculation. Reported GDP growth for Germany in Period II was 1.3 per cent; AS's over-estimation number is 1.8 per cent; hence, excess GDP over reported GDP (ratio of 1.8 and 1.3) is a high 135 per cent, the highest in the world. Number 8 on the list is Bangladesh with an excess magnitude of 60 per cent; India is 16th (out of 21 countries) with an excess magnitude of 38 per cent (ratio of 2.5 and 6.7 per cent).

The table also reports the excess magnitude calculation for several other countries. For example, reported GDP growth in Brazil was -0.4 per cent; the AS method suggests that Brazil GDP growth is under-estimated by as much as 3 per cent. Jamaica has a positive average GDP growth in Period II of 0.6 per cent and AS seems to have under-estimated growth each year by 2.4 per cent.

Maybe a happiness index can be constructed on the basis of the AS methodology, rather than a GDP misestimate. One strong result — Brazilians are a lot happier than the Portuguese and the Jamaicans are the happiest. I would have believed that if the West Indies were playing well in the World Cup.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"For the first time, a prime minister of the UK will be chosen by Conservative party grassroots activists. This means the new leader will largely be the choice of middle-class white men over 55." —THE GUARDIAN

The litchis of wrath

Muzaffarpur is a national tragedy, as much as Gujarat earthquake was, or Kerala floods. But has anyone given thought to next year, a long-term policy?



NARAYANI GUPTA

THE BITTER CRY of Children was the title of a book (1906) by the American writer, John Spargo, one of the group labelled "The Muckrakers". It described in graphic detail the conditions of child labourers. Earlier, in 1883, Mearns and Preston had published *The Bitter Cry of Outcast London*. History can be written as the tragedy of little children — subject to abuse by relatives and by employers, frightened and lonely in war and exile and, at the moment, felled by a disease that viciously targets only them.

Today, one does not have to wait for the definitive book. There are short-cuts to gathering information which bypass long spells of interaction as was done by Charles Dickens, and door-to-door surveys by social workers and academics (like Sidney and Beatrice Webb) and later by committed middle-class women in India in the 1930s and 1940s. Communications are faster, day-to-day news, statistics, videos are immediately available. But has this speeded up response? In the stillness of the night, the sobbing of the parents of Muzaffarpur gets no relief.

And what we see is only the tip of the iceberg — the children who actually got a few inches of bed-space in the hospital. What of those who could not make the journey? The shadow gets bigger, goes further. And before the deaths, there was the infection. And before that, there was hunger. The assumption that we are ahead of Africa in every way is given the lie by the statistics on malnutrition.

The Vellore doctors explained that litchis eaten after having had a full meal before bedtime does no harm, but eaten on a pitifully hungry stomach can be fatal. Reading that really hurts. I was reminded of Oxfam lunches for volunteers — the charge was 2 pounds, for which you got a slice of bread and a thin slice of cheese. It is not enough to give money to the hungry, they explained. You must experience hunger yourself.

Maybe it is the short-cuts that are the reason for us not showing any insaniyat (untranslatable). We talk, we write, and assume someone else somewhere is doing what officials refer to as "the needful".

There was a report about the deputy chief minister of another state offering help to Muzaffarpur. The rest, including those of Bihar, resort to a standard answer, or rather, a counter-question: What did

earlier political leaders do for 70 years? Or, what did the preceding government do? They hallucinate about the past, and fantasise about the future, while the present slips away under their feet. When the tsunami strikes, they will be standing on the beach, holding forth about an earlier tsunami, another time.

Officials and ministers are not over-eager to go and see the situation for themselves, photo-op though it is. And if they do, there is a lack of empathy — a telling phrase used by a TV commentator was "vyavhaar ka ahankaar". Has it to do with age — are younger people, whose children are still small, more likely to react with passion? Does a long life spent thinking, acting, talking politics, inure you to the suffering of children? It is too much of an effort for tired minds and limbs, particularly when the World Cup matches are in progress. And, after all, to wish to defeat Pakistan at cricket makes you a true nationalist, to comment on official apathy makes you anti-national.

It was not always so. In the 1940s, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was a one-person National Disaster Management Agency. And how she galvanised middle-class women during the Bengal Famine, giving them a sense of exhilaration as they devised ways to help the hungry villagers (my mother-in-law told me how she started to rear poultry in the garden of their government bungalow, so that the children at Shishu Sadan could have an egg a day. Try to imagine the well-guarded sarkari bungalows in Patna or New Delhi doing that now!).

Social work was a vocation. For some years now, it has been a profession. Can we look to the students enrolled for under-graduate and post-graduate degrees in Social Work, and the volunteers of the National Service Scheme? In these vacation weeks, students could get some first-hand experience of how to make the life of the parents bearable, console the grieving, counsel the others?

The NDMA was set up in 1999. Its brief is to co-ordinate the response to "man-made and natural disasters". Muzaffarpur is facing a disaster which is partly natural and certainly aggravated by being man-made. But it does not qualify. "Disaster" has to be dramatic. Floods and earthquakes elicit immediate response, but not long epidemics or drought.

Muzaffarpur is a national tragedy, as much as the Gujarat earthquake was, or the Kerala floods. Has anyone given thought to next year, to a long-term policy? Or will June 2020 newspapers echo those of 2019?

(If the NDMA or the NSS is active in Muzaffarpur, and I have missed reading about it, I apologise. And the Ramakrishna Mission or KhalsaAid?)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AGAINST FEDERALISM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Pollarising' (IE, June 21). The "one country, one election" concept does have the advantage of obviating frequent elections which often disrupt governance. It will also lead to savings on time, energy and money. At the same time, for a nation of India's size and diversity, holding such elections would be a Herculean task. Moreover, we would be back to square one if the ruling party loses majority before the completion of its tenure. The idea puts regional parties at a disadvantage. There is genuine fear of local issues getting suppressed by the national narrative. A dilution of the Model Code of Conduct allowing some sort of leeway for policy execution during state election time would be a better idea.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

PATRIOTISM, LOVE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'Campus control' (IE, June 20). Patriotism cannot be taught in educational institutions. Neither can it be inculcated as a value. It is a sentiment that can only be inspired. True patriotic sentiment can only mean absolute well-being of people in the country without discrimination. The moment we judge others on a self-defined scale of patriotism, we ourselves are being less than patriotic. Patriotism can only co-exist with love.

Anirudh Bhatjwale, Indore

ELECTION WEEK

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The next structural change' (IE, June 20). Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and state legislatures is premised on the grounds that national resources are

LETTER OF THE WEEK

LANGUAGE, WISDOM

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The enigma of English' (IE JUNE 13). The approach must not be to devalue English rather it must be to work for language and culture of the non-English speakers. We can't deny the fact that mother tongue only inculcate values and basic knowledge. The Constitution's Article 343(1) laid down that: "Over period of 15 years from enactment, use of English as an official language was to cease, unless Parliament decides otherwise". But it still holds the status of the "subsidiary official language" of the union. English emerged as a lingua franca for commercial, diplomatic and administrative convenience. But the language one is born into is apt for foundation knowledge.

Arshpreet S Ekhnoor, Fazilka

scarce and need to be deployed efficiently. But the existing constitutional scheme demands flexibility on account of unforeseen political development that might necessitate untimely elections. The imposition of the model code of conduct around the year to facilitate the electoral process is detrimental to the developmental projects. A pre-decided election week along the lines of that in the US could be a suggestion to ponder upon.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

Lessons from a verdict

Assumptions about politics have been overturned. Opposition must unite



K M CHANDRASEKHAR

TO ME, THE 2019 election has been a unique, rather disturbing, experience. It was back in 1991 that a similar shake up of my thinking occurred when the socialist, anti-rich, pro-labour, protectionist mindset to which I had been accustomed had to suddenly re-adjust to an entirely new economic thought process.

The most obvious change is the shift from an all-encompassing approach to policy, built carefully into our Constitution. In this election, consolidation of the majority community and aligning it to nationalism played a larger role than ever before, particularly in the Hindi heartland. What effect this will have on policy and legislation remains to be seen.

Clear divergences across states could be perceived. The North-South divide was pronounced, except in Karnataka. The states in which minorities were stronger voted one way while another process of choice prevailed in areas in which the majority community formed the bulk of the population. Caste divisions do not seem to have influenced the voter as much as Hindu consolidation, as in Uttar Pradesh. Regional parties have gained

in strength, which augurs well for federalism.

The vote seems to have been for stability. Economic issues, such as declining growth rates, higher unemployment, low rate of domestic investment and farmer distress did not create any impact. Indians, by and large, seem to be used to the fluctuations in the economy and hence do not pay much attention to them.

The Congress manifesto, compiled by many experts, did not cut much ice, probably because of its complexity and the fact that it came too late. NYAY was a good concept but it got lost in the cacophony on the economy, Rafale, untruth and on love juxtaposed to hate. The ruling front had a clear agenda and uncontested leadership. The Opposition seemed confused and cut into each others' votes.

Most of what I have said above is based on wisdom gained from hindsight. During the elections, there was no indication of a "wave", unlike in 2014. Most opinion polls, non-aligned media and commentators predicted a hard battle, even a hung Parliament. It is astonishing that a swing of such dramatic proportions went unnoticed. This could well be

an indication of a new pattern of voter behaviour with a large proportion of voters deciding only towards the end of the campaign.

The elections are now behind us and it is time for both the ruling parties and Opposition to look ahead. The government has the greater responsibility. This has been an ill-tempered, bruising election. It is necessary now to heal the wounds. India is a land of many cultures and our rulers must accept such diversity. The beginning gives hope. The choice of Maldives, a predominantly Muslim country, for the PM's first visit, preceded by worship at the prominent Guruvayur temple, located in a state that voted heavily against the BJP, his utterances both in Kerala and in the Maldivian Majlis — all this sends subliminal messages both to the apprehensive and extremist elements.

In this election, disparity in money power between the ruling parties and the Opposition was visible. This disparity will widen over the next five years. With less money, the Opposition will have no choice but to go to the people in old Gandhian ways, tramping on foot to remote villages with their message,

winning the hearts of people. Rahul Gandhi could initiate the process in his own beautiful constituency.

The Opposition has also to unite, setting aside their differences, eschewing claims to leadership for a larger cause. This cannot be an on-off affair. Sustained effort is required, spanning perhaps even more than five years. In the interim, some of them will win state elections. This is no indication of a national trend. The people have proved, time and again, that they think and vote differently at different levels of governance.

Voter behaviour in the present political milieu needs to be studied and understood. The ruling parties obviously have a clearer understanding presently, but the opposition parties have the time to regroup. That they have the will to do so is not apparent from the decision to fight the UP Assembly by polls from different platforms.

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A Boston veterinary hospital got quite a surprise recently when a family brought in their bulldog after he stopped eating. The Angell Animal Medical Center found 19 baby pacifiers in the dog's stomach. Vets think the three-year-old dog, Mortimer, had been taking the pacifiers from the family's two children over the course of months.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Bodies from the site taken to a hospital. AP

INDONESIA

Children among 30 killed in factory fire

Jakarta: At least 30 people, including several children, were killed when a fire ripped through a private home that operated as a matchstick factory in Indonesia on Friday, authorities said. Pictures from the scene showed blackened corpses lying on top of each other in the burnt-out house after the blaze, which authorities said broke out early Friday. TV footage showed plumes of black smoke billowing from the home in the town of Binjai in North Sumatra.

SOUTH AFRICA

Cleaners find abandoned foetus blocking plane's toilet

Johannesburg: Cleaners found an abandoned foetus blocking the toilet of an airplane in South Africa on Friday, the domestic FlySafair airline said, prompting the offloading of passengers and a police investigation. The foetus was discovered by cleaning staff as the plane was being prepared and passengers boarded for an early morning flight from the coastal city of Durban to Johannesburg. "Upon final preparations of the waste management system for the departure of flight, our technical crew discovered what appeared to be an abandoned foetus," the airline said in a statement.

IRAQ

Seven killed in Baghdad blast at mosque

Baghdad: A bomb blast killed seven people at a Shi'ite Muslim mosque in eastern Baghdad on Friday and wounded more than 20, police sources said. The explosion took place in the Baladiyat neighbourhood. A senior police source said that either a suicide belt or improvised explosive device had been used in the attack, for which there was no immediate claim of responsibility. The source said that the death toll was expected to rise with many of those wounded in serious condition.

NETHERLANDS

Two dead as historic plane goes down

The Hague: A pilot and passenger died after a historic light aircraft crashed in a field in southern Netherlands on Friday after colliding with another plane, rescue workers said. The Piper Super Cub, belonging to a flying museum near the southern city of Breda, allegedly collided with another Piper before smashing into the ground around 1.00 pm (1100 GMT). "Both people in the plane died in the crash," the Middle-West Brabant rescue services said.

TENSIONS MOUNT AFTER US DRONE SHOT DOWN BY IRAN GUARDS

Called off Iran strike, wasn't proportionate: Trump

NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON, JUNE 21

WHILE SAYING that he had called off a US strike against Iran with 10 minutes to spare, President Donald Trump said Friday morning that he was prepared to retaliate against Iran for allegedly shooting down a US drone, but was "in no hurry".

The president said in a series of tweets just after 9 am that the death of 150 Iranians would not be "proportionate to shooting down an unmanned drone".

It was unclear why Trump would have been getting information about possible casualties so late in the process of launching military action. Such information is typically discussed early in the deliberations.

Trump called Iran a "much weakened nation" because he decided to withdraw from the nuclear agreement negotiated by his predecessor and because of the sanctions that his administration had imposed. He also suggested that new sanctions had been imposed on Iran on Thursday night, but he did not elaborate.

"Sanctions are biting & more added last night," he tweeted. "Iran can NEVER have Nuclear Weapons, not against the USA, and not against the WORLD!"

The president's decision to abort the strikes in favor of increased pressure on Iran through sanctions is in line with the advice he has received from some of his top advisers about the effectiveness of choking off Iran's access to the globe's financial networks.



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- DONALD TRUMP

TEHRAN SAYS IT DIDN'T DOWN US PLANE WITH 35

Tehran: Iran refrained from shooting down a US plane with 35 people on board that was accompanying the downed drone, a Revolutionary Guards commander said Friday.

A PTI report also quoted him as saying Iran issued two warnings before shooting down the US drone.

Amirali Hajizadeh, head of the Revolutionary Guards aerospace division, was quoted as saying by Tasnim news agency: "With the US drone in the region there was also an American P-8 plane with 35 people on board. This plane also entered our airspace and we could have shot it down, but we did not."

REUTERS & PTI



Protesters outside the White House in Washington; (right) purported wreckage of the American drone displayed by the Revolutionary Guards in Tehran.



Reuters

GLOBAL AIRLINES RE-ROUTE THEIR FLIGHTS

After FAA order prohibits US air carriers from flying over Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman

BRITISH AIRWAYS says it will adhere to FAA guidance, avoiding Iranian airspace. It says flights will continue to operate using alternative routes.

ETIHAD AIRWAYS said on Friday contingency plans were in place, and that it would decide what further action was required after carefully evaluating the FAA directive to the US carriers.

LUFTHANSA AIRLINE says it has stopped flying

over parts of Iran, but was still serving flights to Tehran.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES will take slightly longer routes to avoid the affected Strait of Hormuz area due to the ongoing tension, a spokesman said on Friday.

AUSTRALIA'S QANTAS said on Friday that it was adjusting flight paths over the Middle East to avoid the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman until further notice.

EXPLAINED

Counting on US allies

IRAN HAS called on the international community to urge the US to stop its "destabilising" measures. This reflects what appears to be Tehran's approach to the standoff with the Trump administration — counting on US allies to keep it in check, while giving mixed signals on its willingness to return to the negotiating table.

Hong Kong: Thousands surround police HQ

DANIEL VICTOR
HONG KONG, JUNE 21

PROTESTERS BLOCKED a thoroughfare outside Hong Kong's government offices and surrounded the police headquarters Friday, adding new pressure on the city's leader to withdraw an unpopular bill that has thrown the territory into a political crisis.

The demonstrators, mostly teenagers and people in their

20s and dressed in black, first held a sit-in at a concourse in front of the legislative chambers. Many then poured onto a main road by the complex, blocking traffic while chanting calls for the government to withdraw the legislation that would allow extraditions to mainland China.

Demonstrators strung up a large, white banner declaring "This is Hong Kong, not China" along the side of a pedestrian bridge. **REUTERS**



Protesters in Hong Kong on Friday. Reuters



Reuters

'I LOVE THEE, CHINA'

China's Xi Jinping wrapped up a highly symbolic two-day visit to North Korea on Friday. The nuclear-armed country's leader Kim Jong Un told Xi the visit was an opportunity to demonstrate "the immutability and invincibility of the DPRK-China friendship before the world", KCNA reported.

A "special show" for the Chinese leader included songs such as 'I love thee, China' and multiple images of Chinese-Korean history and friendship on the backdrop — made up of thousands of children turning the pages of coloured books — slogans and a portrait of Xi.

EU leaders warn next British PM: No Brexit renegotiation

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BRUSSELS, JUNE 21

THE EU'S leaders Friday fired a Brexit warning to whoever wins the battle to become the next British prime minister, insisting the existing divorce deal will not be changed.

Hot favourite Boris Johnson faces foreign minister Jeremy Hunt in a run-off vote to decide who takes on the tricky task of piloting the country's departure from the EU.

Both say they want to renegotiate the deal that outgoing PM Theresa May struck with Brussels after two years of painful negotiation — a deal which British lawmakers have rejected three times.

At a leaders' summit in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk said the bloc would remain "very precise and also patient" despite the high political drama unfolding in Westminster.

"Maybe the process of Brexit will be even more exciting than before because of some personnel decisions in London, but nothing has changed when it comes to our position," Tusk told reporters.

He said that all remaining 27 EU leaders were adamant there could be no changes to the legal accord struck in November last year.

"We are open for talks when



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— DONALD TUSK
EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

it comes to the declaration on the future UK-EU relations if the position of the UK were to evolve, but the withdrawal agreement is not open for renegotiation," Tusk said.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the European Commission, which led Brexit talks for the EU side, said leaders "repeated unanimously there will be no renegotiation of the withdrawal agreement".

Barring a major upset, the 160,000 grassroots members of the Conservative party will choose Johnson to take over from May in July.

NATO aims to make space new frontier in defence

ROBIN EMMOTT
BRUSSELS, JUNE 21

NATO AIMS to recognise space as a domain of warfare this year, four senior diplomats said, partly to show US President Donald Trump that the alliance is relevant and adapting to new threats after he signed off on the creation of a US Space Force.

The decision, set to be taken at a Dec 3-4 leaders summit in London, would formally acknowledge battles can be waged not only on land, in the air, at sea and on computer networks, but also in space. "There's agreement we should make space a domain and the London summit is the best place to make it official," said a senior NATO diplomat involved in the talks.

NATO diplomats deny the alliance would be on a war footing in space, but say declaring it a domain would begin a debate over whether NATO should eventually use space weapons that can shut down enemy missiles and air defences or destroy satellites.

The decision may help convince Trump that NATO can be a useful ally in deterring China's rise as a rival military power, the diplomats said. While NATO countries today own 65% of satellites, China envisions massive constellations of commercial satellites that can offer services ranging from high-speed internet for aircraft to tracking missiles and armed forces on the ground. **REUTERS**

FOR EVERY 'HONEST EFFORT', THE CAFE PROMISES A 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT

With paper and a promise, a Chinese cafe keeps traditional writing alive

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, JUNE 21

ON A Spring afternoon in Beijing, Lee Xue Li hazards a guess about how wizards, during the Shang Dynasty that ruled China, looked up at the heavens to ask if their queen would be relieved of her toothache. They used oracle bones and turtle shells, she explains, making holes in the shell, burning it slightly from below and reading the cracks that appeared. Heaven's words were then carefully written down.

Xue Li — or Shirly Li, as she calls herself in English — narrates this at the Classic Code Cafe, in

Hougolouyuan Hutong, near Beijing's Bell and Drum Towers. At the cafe, she hands out sheets of paper inscribed with traditional Chinese characters. Lee explains how different characters evolved over millennia, changing under different dynasties to ease bureaucratic work, and into what foreigners today call the "square language" — each character fitting neatly into a square. Since the 1950s, Mainland China has promoted simplified Chinese characters in an effort to boost literacy.

To each customer who gets a sheet, Lee promises that an honest effort to write out the characters five times will see a 10 per cent discount on the bill, de-



At the Classic Code Cafe in Beijing. Express

pends on whether they are a foreigner, a mainland Chinese or Taiwanese. To The Indian Express, she hands a simple version for

foreigners with "zhongwen" written in Chinese — "zhong" meaning "centre or middle" and "wen" meaning "writing".

"I came up with this idea for fun," says the 58-year-old, who majored in Chinese literature. "Everything on the menu here is homemade or handmade, and it takes a while to serve my guests. So I thought I will give them something fun to do in the meantime and they will forget how long they have to wait for the order," she laughs.

Lee, a Taiwanese who has lived in Beijing for over 15 years, feels young people are losing touch with writing traditional characters. "When you live by yourself, you have to know how to cook, not where to buy food from," she says, commenting on young people's dependence on

the technology.

The opportunity to move to Beijing came via an advertising firm. "One of the advertising firms here had a creative director from Taiwan, and at the time, Taiwanese people served as a bridge between people of mainland China and western bosses or managers," she says.

In 2009, after reading a bad translation of Warren Buffet's biography, Lee and two of her colleagues launched an online bookshop on the Chinese website Taobao and later set up a physical cafe and bookstore in an attempt to offer books with better translations. "All the books were from Taiwan with charac-

ters in traditional Taiwanese. Not simplified. We carefully picked out translations, designs, writers and sold expensive books that are worth collecting and keeping for life," she says.

Over the years, as mainland China and Taiwan's relations soured and improved across the Taiwan Strait, Lee and her partners moved the cafe — which also offers language courses — three times before settling at its present location. "... I am asked what my opinion is about mainland China and Taiwan's relations. I don't have a strong opinion, but I sometimes think the next generation will have the wisdom to end the problems."

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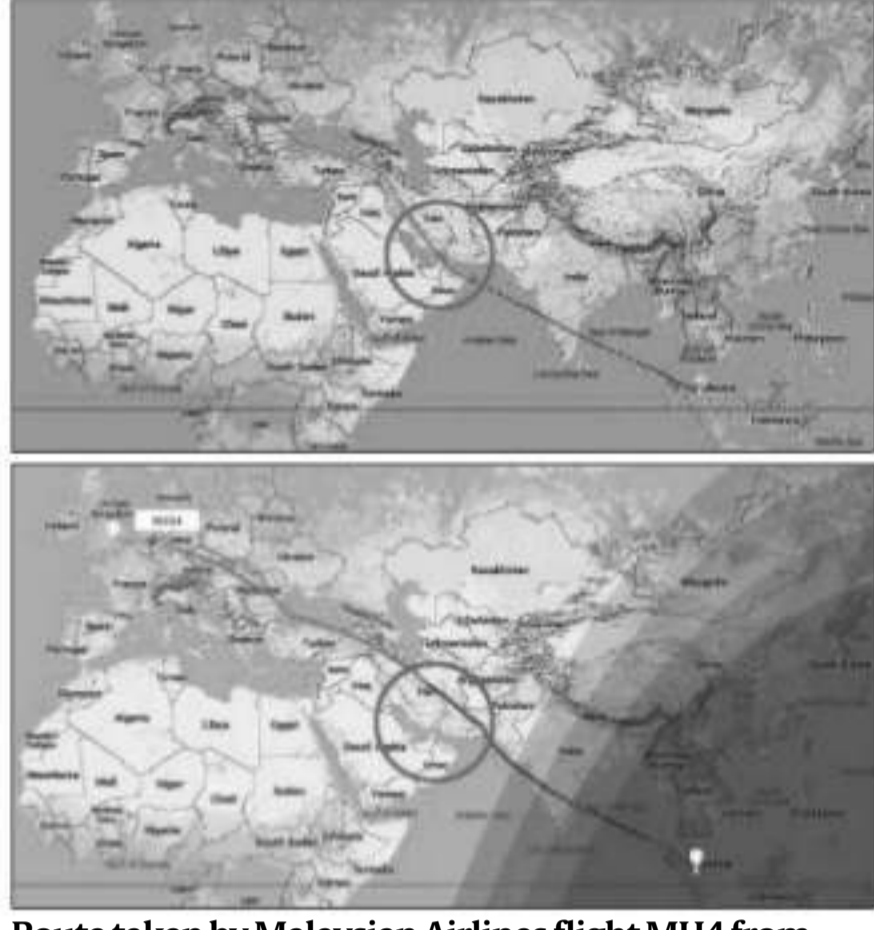
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GLOBAL WATCH AVIATION

As US-Iran tension heightens, flights avoid overwater area of Tehran airspace

FAA restricts US aircraft from flying over Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman



Route taken by Malaysian Airlines flight MH4 from Kuala Lumpur to London on Thursday (Top); the same flight's route on Friday (bottom). Source: Flightradar24

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

HEIGHTENED MILITARY activities and political tensions between the United States and Iran, following the latter shooting down an American surveillance drone over the Strait of Hormuz, has affected east-bound flight operations for US-based carriers as well as some Asian carriers passing through the region.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Friday issued an emergency directive restricting US-registered aircraft from operating over the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the overwater area of the Tehran airspace.

Following the US aviation regulator's order, United Airlines temporarily suspended its Newark-Mumbai service and even cancelled the return leg of the flight from Mumbai on Friday. United is currently the only US-based airline to fly to India.

Flag-carrier Air India operates direct flights from various Indian stations to US cities of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington DC. United's Newark-Delhi service is already under suspension due to restrictions over Pakistan airspace.

"The FAA has issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) prohibiting US-registered aircraft from operating over the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman. The NOTAM warns pilots that flights are not permitted in the overwater area of the Tehran Flight Information Region until further notice, due to heightened military activities and increased political tensions that might place commercial flights at risk. The NOTAM applies to all US air carriers and commercial operators," the US watchdog said

Apple recalls Macbook Pros over battery fire risk

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 21

APPLE HAS recalled a number of its older generation Macbook Pro because their batteries may overheat and "pose a fire safety risk." The recall affects 15-inch Macbook Pros with Retina displays sold between September 2015 and February 2017, the company said, adding it would replace batteries free of charge.

A number of countries are covered by the recall. In mainland China, around 63,000 units may be affected by the problem, China's State Administration for Market Regulation said. The regulator said there have been six reported incidents of overheating among laptops that qualify for the recall in China. The tech giant, however, said it had not

in a statement.

Apart from US carriers, several other airlines have also avoided flying over the tensed region as a precautionary measure. According to live flight tracking portal Flightradar24, Malaysian Airlines' Kuala Lumpur-London flight, which till Thursday flew over the Strait of Hormuz, on Friday took a detour avoiding the region. Similarly, a Singapore Airlines flight to London also took a different route to avoid flying over the region.

In addition to this, carriers like KLM, Lufthansa, Qantas and British Airways have also said that their flights will reroute to prevent flying over the tensed region.

There have been precedents where civilian flights have come under safety threat when flying over regions with ongoing geopolitical tensions. The most recent case being shooting down of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 using a surface-to-air missile over eastern Ukraine in 2014 at the height of the Crimean crisis. Similarly, in 1983, a Korean Air passenger aircraft was shot down in restricted Soviet airspace by a Russian fighter jet during the Cold War. In both cases, the passenger jets were mistaken for military or spy planes.

Furthermore, in July 1988, Iran Air's flight 655 was shot down by a surface-to-air missile fired by a US Navy ship exchanging fire with Iranian ships in the Persian Gulf.

Among Indian carriers, an Air India spokesperson said that the airline's services were operating normally. India's largest airline IndiGo said in a statement: "IndiGo is operating flights as normal until specific instructions from the authorities. We have not received any advisory notices as yet."

Foxconn chief stepping down

Taipei: The chairman of Foxconn, the world's largest contract assembler of consumer electronics for companies such as Apple, is stepping down amid speculation he could be planning a presidential run in Taiwan next year.

Terry Gou, 68, made the announcement Friday at the company's annual shareholders meeting. AP received any reports of significant damage to computers or injuries due to the defect, but urged owners of the affected devices to stop using them immediately.

RATE-RELATED CHANGES FOR EVs REFERRED TO FITMENT PANEL

GST Council meet: Extension to NAA, annual return filing deadline

E-invoicing system for B2B transactions to be introduced in phase-wise manner

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

A TWO-YEAR extension to the National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA), approval to electronic invoice system for business-to-business (B2B) transactions from January 2020 and a two-month extension in the June 30 deadline for annual returns was approved in the 35th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council Friday. The meeting, first to be chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, however, referred the rate-related changes for electric vehicles (EVs), solar power generating systems and wind turbines to the fitment committee.

The Council also approved allowing Aadhaar as a document for registration under GST, while referring the legal view regarding levy of taxation on lottery to the Attorney General (AG) since some cases disputing the levy are pending in courts.

As per an official release, approval was also given to mandatory generation of electronic ticket by registered multiplexes, who shall be required to issue a tax invoice electronically. The electronic ticket issued by them shall be deemed to be a tax invoice.

Explaining the rationale behind seeking the AG's opinion on taxing lotteries, Sitharaman said the principle of taxation under GST is that it should be one rate across the country, whereas in the case of lotteries, two rates are be-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman along with MoS Finance Anurag Thakur and Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey during the 35th GST council meeting in New Delhi, on Friday. PTI

ing charged. "Hence, it was decided to obtain clarity on Article 340," she said. Currently, a state-organised lottery attracts 12 per cent GST while a state-authorized lottery attracts 28 per cent GST.

The electronic invoicing system will be introduced in a phase-wise manner for B2B transactions, with the first phase expected to be rolled out from January 2020. "E-invoicing is a rapidly expanding technology which would help taxpayers in backward integration and automation of tax relevant processes. It would also help tax authorities in combating the menace of tax evasion. The Phase 1 is proposed to be voluntary and it shall be rolled out from Jan 2020," the release said.

The e-invoice will subsume generation of e-way bill. "Under the proposed plan, invoice can be generated on a portal and can act like an e-way bill," Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Revenue Secretary, said.

The Council also gave its in-principle approval to the transition plan for the proposed new return filing system, wherein small businesses, with aggregate annual turnover in the previous financial year upto Rs 5 crore, would file their first compulsory quarterly return in January 2020.

On the extension for deadline for filing annual returns for 2017-18, Pandey said several representations were made by traders and businesses. "On account of difficulties being faced by taxpayers in furnishing the annual returns in FORM GSTR-9, FORM GSTR-9A and reconciliation statement in FORM GSTR-9C, the due date for furnishing these returns/reconciliation statements to be extended till 31.08.2019," the release said.

Approval was also given to impose a penalty of up to 10 per cent of the profiteered amount on entities for not passing on benefits of GST rate cuts to consumers, as

against the current norm of levying a maximum fine of Rs 25,000. Compliance related issues also featured in the meeting, with Pandey saying the Centre has shared details relating to generation of fake invoices with states.

He added that the electronic triangulation of data through monitoring customs/shipping bills, Income-tax returns and GST returns will help in strengthening enforcement and raising red flags about tax evasion. A resolution acknowledging the former Finance Minister and Chairperson of GST Council Arun Jaitley was also passed by the Council.

Tax experts welcomed the extension in the deadline for filing annual returns and said that the electronic ticketing for multi-plexes seems to be an extension of e-invoices system for B2C transactions. Pratik Jain, Partner & Leader, Indirect Tax, PwC India said, "Decision to use Aadhaar for the purpose of registration is a significant step and could lead to similar linkages with income tax as well in times to come. Decision to implement e-invoicing model means that technology will continue to play a critical role in tax administration. While this system could initially be implemented for B2B segment only, but with e-ticketing for multi-screen cinema halls a similar mechanism is also proposed for B2C segment. If this experiment turns out to be successful, one could see this mechanism getting extended to other B2C segments as well."

'May domestic passenger traffic sees 3.3% y-o-y growth'

After reporting a year-on-year (y-o-y) de-growth of 4.4 per cent in domestic air passenger traffic in April, the first after six years of monthly y-o-y growth, domestic passenger traffic rebounded marginally in May, with a y-o-y growth of 3.3 per cent, Ica said in a note

- ~62% Combined industry capacity of IndiGo and SpiceJet, India's two largest private carriers, in April
- ~7% Rise in IndiGo's fleet, which added 15 aircraft in April and May over its March fleet
- ~33% Rise in SpiceJet's fleet, which added 25 aircraft in April and May over its March fleet
- 80% Rise in capacity in FY2020 announced by SpiceJet
- ~30% Rise in capacity in FY2020 announced by IndiGo

PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR (PLF) IN MAY

- All airlines see month-on-month improvement in PLFs
- Only Air India and GoAir report a y-o-y improvement in PLF

Sensex plunges 407 pts on US-Iran tension; gold surges to 6-yr high

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

THE BENCHMARK Sensex on Friday plunged 407 points as rising tensions between the US and Iran soured risk appetite globally and investors rushed to safe haven of gold. The rupee also closed 14 paise lower at 69.58 against the US dollar, hit by firming crude oil prices amid intensifying geopolitical tensions in the Gulf region.

The 30-share BSE gauge closed 407.14 points, or 1.03 per cent, lower at 39,194.49. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty slumped 107.65

points, or 0.91 per cent, to 11,724.10. During the week, the Sensex declined 257.58 points or 0.65 per cent, and the Nifty lost 99.2 points or 0.83 per cent.

Gold prices rose to a six-year high of \$1,415.40 in August futures in overnight trading. Silver prices hit a nearly three-month high overnight. Safe-haven demand heading into a very uncertain weekend is featured in the precious metals markets.

Meanwhile, metals bulls are still feeling the positive effect of the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank leaning to easier monetary policies this

week. The United States-Iran confrontation in the Persian Gulf region has escalated this week with the shooting down of a US drone by Iran. US President Donald Trump has appeared to downplay that situation by saying it the downing of the drone could have been a mistake by Iran's military.

Gold prices in India surged Rs 280 to Rs 34,300 per 10 gram in the bullion market here on firm global trend and increased buying from jewellers. "Whenever stock markets face uncertainty abroad, investors shift their attention to gold. Prices in India are influenced by global prices," said a dealer.

Global markets spiralled lower while crude oil prices spurted after reports said Trump had approved military strikes against Iran, but later decided against it. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have ratcheted up following attacks on two oil tankers and shooting down of a US surveillance drone.

Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Concern over short fall in tax collection and the RBI's indication of losing traction on growth impacted the sentiment, where government is not likely to stick on fiscal target of 3.4 per cent for FY20."

Alexa goes in depth for elections, into users' homes for cricket

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

ELECTIONS ARE not new to either Amazon or its virtual assistant Alexa, but the depth which it ended up covering the Indian elections over the past few months was unprecedented even by its standards.

"I was really pleased with the way the team covered the election in India, both in terms of all the very fine grained detail plus all the value adds like candidate details and candidate backgrounds," says David Hardcastle, Director, Alexa Domains - Information, Amazon. Hardcastle, who leads everything to do with the knowledge

side of Alexa, adds that it was a first for Amazon to integrate these into their election experience.

Speaking to indianexpress.com over phone, Hardcastle explains that while they have covered polls in other markets, the mechanics and structure are different.

"It's a really interesting challenge for us actually, in the design of the ontology and how we design the domain of the data. Because at a very high level, it's a pretty similar stuff that's going on. "But actually it's all in the detail. So understanding how constituencies relate to governments, and how votes in different places either cascade up or, in some countries, you reach a majority, and then you get everything.

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There are all these different mechanics that you have got to be able to explain to customers," Hardcastle explains, adding how the Alexa team has now "getting pretty good at that".

it right. So we have to work hard to understand different actions and map back to the right texts."

For instance, people use different vocabularies to ask the same thing. "That two by two, which means two times two in the US, UK means two divided by two. So that's not something you want to get wrong in the understanding." He says this is not a simple as taking a website and localising it by changing all the strings to be in a different language, "there is a lot of culture and context".

Amazon also knows the importance of cricket for success in India. And this is where it employed another unique approach. "So one of the things that actually the team did here for cricket was

No goals can be achieved if states and Centre don't work in cohesion: FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

AT A pre-Budget consultation meeting with state finance ministers on Friday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman sought support from the states in reviving the economy and said that without their cooperation these goals cannot be achieved.

States including Delhi and Chhattisgarh sought higher allocation of funds in the upcoming Budget from the central government, even as the Centre pointed out that tax devolution has increased from 32 per cent under the 13th Finance Commission to 42 per cent in the 14th Finance Commission, during the first term of the present government.

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No H-1B visa caps for data localisation: US State Dept

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 21

THE US has no plans to impose caps on the H-1B work visas for nations that force foreign companies to store data locally, according to a state department official who said the Trump administration's review of worker visa programmes is "completely separate" from the ongoing discussions with India over the free flow of data.

The State Department spokesperson's remarks came after reports emerged that the US had told India it was considering capping the H-1B visas at 10-15 per cent for countries that had a data localisation policy.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that re-

quire theoretical or technical expertise.

"The Trump administration's Buy American Hire American Executive Order called for a broad review of US worker visa programmes, including the H-1B programme," the spokesperson said.

"This review is not targeted at a specific country and is completely separate from our ongoing discussions with India about the importance of ensuring the free flow of data across the borders," the spokesperson said.

Two years ago, President Donald Trump signed the 'Buy American and Hire American' executive order, which seeks to create higher wages and employment rates for American workers and to protect their economic interests by rigorously enforcing and administering America's immigration laws. REUTERS

EXPLAINED US-Iran, monsoon progress weigh in on the markets

A WEAKENING rupee and the global trade concerns weighed in on domestic market sentiments. While concern over the RBI's indication of losing traction on growth impacted the sentiment, markets also factored in a surge in oil prices due to US-Iran tensions. Going ahead, market sentiments would depend on the future course of action for bringing the economy back on track, solution to the liquidity situation, the Budget as well as the progress of monsoon.

they actually went and sat with customers, watching cricket on the TV, listening to cricket on the radio, and just being immersed in the conversation about cricket at home."

During the ICC World Cup, Alexa has new features like notify for important matches, giving users a reminder before start of the game. "We don't have enough instrumentation to be able to figure out where we're not good enough for our customers. And so we do spend time trying to measure that and analysing that data," Hardcastle says. He adds that the important part of being customer obsessed is being self-aware about where our customers would like us to be better.

Etihad conditions for Jet Airways not feasible: SBI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

STATE BANK OF India, the leader of the consortium that lent funds to grounded Jet Airways, on Friday said the relaxations, including waiver of open offer and assurance of flying slots, sought by Etihad Airways were "not considered feasible to negotiate" as the lenders did not have any authority to accommodate them.

"In view of this, since a sustainable resolution plan could not be devised and two operational creditors have already approached NCLT, the member banks agreed in-principle, to approach NCLT, pursuant to the statutory right available to them under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016," the public sector bank said in an exchange filing. Etihad holds around 24 per cent stake in Jet.

"Subsequent to the closure of the bidding, as no binding bids were received, discussions were held with Etihad (EY) and other prospective investors to find a way for infusion of funds. Etihad had sought certain relaxations viz. waiver of open offer, assurance of flying slots etc," it said.

"An application for Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) has been filed with NCLT, Mumbai on June 17. The bank is only a lender to Jet Airways and is not involved in or responsible for the management of the af-

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

fairs of the company. It is the responsibility of Jet Airways being the listed entity to disclose required information under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015," it said.

According to SBI, the bank being a lender, is not in a position to make any disclosures on behalf of Jet Airways. "We, State Bank of India, are not in a position to assess comment on the material impact. However, the lenders have undertaken the instant CIRP against the company in the normal course of business and to protect their interest."

It may be further noted that initiation of instant insolvency proceedings is just a step for resolution/recovery under the statutory right available to the lenders," SBI said. SBI said financial position of Jet Airways being weak, lenders were continuously trying for viable resolution for last one year on account of operational losses.

"In this regard, reputed consultants, SBI Caps and McKinsey were roped in as process advisors/ advisors. It was also de-

ecided to initiate a bidding process to bring in new investors. As part of the bid process, expression of interest (EOI) for investment in Jet Airways was sought from interested participants. Etihad, NIF, TPG Capital and Indigo Partners had expressed their interest. The bidding process closed on May 10, 2019," it said.

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 also appointed Ashish Chhauchharia of Grant Thornton as the resolution professional (RP) for the airline that stopped operations on April 17. The tribunal directed the RP to try and finish the resolution process in three months even though the RBI norms allow six months for resolution.

M&M Fin sells 49% in AMC arm to Canada firm for \$35 mn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

MAHINDRA & Mahindra Finance on Friday said its asset management arm had entered into an agreement with Canada-based investment firm Manulife to divest a 49 per cent stake in its asset management arm for a consideration of \$35 million.

Mahindra Asset Management will own 51 per cent of the venture. The Canadian firm's stake is valued at \$35 million, which will in turn value Mahindra AMC at nearly \$70 million. "The investment by Manulife will go the our asset management arm which will help us boost the retail outreach in our AMC business," said Ramesh Iyer, VC & MD, Mahindra Finance. Mahindra AMC's assets under management (AUM) amounted to Rs 5,000 crore, of which Rs 3,000 crore comes from institutional investors. The management feels they have enough scope to build its retail book.

"Currently, our market share in the mutual fund business is nearly 4 per cent and we look to grow and add new segment of investors," said Ashutosh Bishnoi, managing director and CEO, Mahindra AMC.

On the liquidity situation, Iyer said Mahindra Finance is not finding any pressure as of now. "Look at our balance sheet, we have an excellent ALM match. So we don't have any liquidity pressure in the sense of our ability to raise funds," he said. **FE WITHPTI**

GOVT FIRM ON 51% FDI IN MULTI-BRAND RETAIL, SAYS MINISTER

Stop giving advice which is not in spirit of law: Goyal to industry

Statement assumes significance as stores accuse e-tailers of violating FDI rules

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

COMMERCE AND Industry minister Piyush Goyal Friday warned the industry against violating the spirit of the law and asked lawyers and consultants, including of the big four firms, not to mislead investors into circumventing rules.

Speaking at an event of industry body CII, Goyal said: "I would urge you all. If there are any lawyers in the room, please pardon me and if there are those Big Four in the room, double pardon me, but please stop giving advice which is not in the spirit of the law that is prevalent in India." The big four firms referred to here are PwC, Deloitte, KPMG and E&Y.

"Please do not try to misguide any investor into finding those elements" from which a company can circumvent norms, he added.

Goyal advised consultants against finding some commas and full-stops in a law with an aim to enable their clients to bypass it, as "that is not possible and that cannot even be possible for us to overlook". Giving an example of foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in multi-brand



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal at an interaction with members of CII in New Delhi. Prem Nath Pandey

Will work on foreign currency loans to exporters, says Goyal

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said the ministry is in dialogue with banks to see ways to extend foreign currency loans to exporters.

Addressing CII members here, he said there are ways to resolve the problem of inadequate and expensive credit without putting a significant stress to the exchequer.

"I would like to articulate a possible alternate scenario to all to consider and see whether that is better. If instead of that (subsidies and interest subvention), we will work on foreign currency loans and I already have dialogues with bankers to see how we can expand foreign currency loans," the minister said. **PTI**

retail, he said companies must not try to circumvent the law by finding loopholes.

"We have a policy that in

multi-brand retail, only 51 per cent is allowed when it comes to FDI. We stand by that and we are firm on that and I would urge

everybody to follow that, to respect that. The moment you recognise that reality and make your business accordingly, there will be no problem," he said.

The minister's statement assumes significance as brick-and-mortar stores have for long accused e-tailers like Amazon and Flipkart for violating the FDI rules through predatory discounts, even though the FDI policies on e-commerce strictly bar online market places from offering discounts themselves.

E-tailers are also barred from owning inventory of products sold on their platforms (except for the retailing of locally-produced food items). For their part, the e-tailers claim that they have always complied with the rules. "Go by the spirit of the law. Spirit of the law takes round-tripping very seriously and if any of you have done that, better to acknowledge that and come clean and close the chapter, rather than struggling to evade the law of the land," Goyal said.

"I can assure you that nobody at all who has not done any wrong will have any problem. But at the same time, those who have indulged in any wrong-doing, I can equally assure you that there will be the strictest of action," he warned. **FE**

Apart from ban, IFIN auditors may also face asset freeze

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MUMBAI, JUNE 21

APART FROM a ban for five years the former auditors of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN), Deloitte Haskin & Sells and BSR & Associates face the possibility of their assets being frozen just as it was done by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for the top management of the bankrupt company.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has already moved an application before the tribunal to add the concerned auditors to the list of entities whose assets needs to be frozen as they are also part of the chargesheet filed in the matter by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office. However, an order to this effect was reserved by NCLT on Friday.

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agement of IL&FS, including Ramesh Bawa, Vaibhav Kapoor, and Hari Sankaran.

The order was later challenged in the appellate tribunal following which on January 16, the NCLT modified it and allowed the respondents to withdraw up to Rs 2 lakh from their bank accounts per month.

In its application, the government has sought the "deemed removal" of the auditors of IL&FS under section 140 (5) of the Companies Act. Under this section, the tribunal can change the auditors of a company, if they have sufficient evidence that the auditors have directly or indirectly acted in a fraudulent manner and appoint new ones in lieu of them. Consequently, the auditors would also then be banned from auditing activities for a period of five years. **FE**

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'M&A deal activity sees 87% plunge in value in May'

Merger and acquisition (M&A) activity in May saw an 87 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) fall in terms of value and a 27 per cent y-o-y drop in volume, due to weakness in the rupee, spike in crude oil prices and indecisiveness among investors until results of the general elections, the report by Grant Thornton said



NCLT okays common RP for RCom, two arms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Friday approved appointment of a common resolution professional (RP) as part of the corporate insolvency resolution proceedings against Reliance Communications (RCom), and its two subsidiaries Reliance Infratel (RITL) and Reliance Telecom.

According to the proceedings, the majority of the committee of creditors (CoC) across the three firms independently voted to appoint Anish Nanavati as the RP to replace the existing interim reso-

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lution professionals (IRP). The process preceding the May 3-4 vote on the new RP involved calling for applications. The CoC received 59 applications, of which 23 applicants were asked to submit detailed applications. Of these, 16 responded with detailed presentations on technical capabilities, of which five were short-listed and asked to respond with financial bids before the final RP selection was made.

The selection for a common RP was also supported by the rationale that the three companies have integrated business affairs with significant overlap of lenders among the three.

The NCLT has directed the RP to submit a progress report on July 23. A pending petition by Doha Bank against RITL was not listed for Friday and will be taken up on June 28, the next date of hearing. Earlier this month, the coun-

sel representing Doha Bank — and referring to three other direct lenders as being a 'syndicate of direct lenders to RITL' — alleged that the IRP's decision to admit claims of Rs 8,000 crore, based on bankers invoking corporate guarantees issued by Reliance Infratel to help secure loans for Reliance Communications, diluted the voting share of direct lenders to RITL within the CoC.

The counsel alleged that the direct lenders' syndicate had lent RITL around Rs 1,400 crore, while State Bank of India's direct exposure stood at Rs 900 crore and the exposure of operational creditors was at Rs 300 crore. **FE**

Man held for fraudulently availing ITC benefits of over ₹16 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE DIRECTORATE General of GST Intelligence has arrested one person for fraudulently availing input tax credit (ITC) of more than Rs 16 crore on basis of fake invoices.

"The Directorate General of GST Intelligence Hqrs has arrested one person, namely, Munish Kumar, Partner of M/s Sushil Kumar Munish Kumar, Hisar, Haryana and controller of M/s Sushil Kumar Munish Kumar & Co., Ahmedabad," a statement from the Finance Ministry said. Both the firms had fraudulently taken ITC to the tune of more than Rs 16 crore involving invoice value of Rs 322 crore on the strength of invoices issued by non-existent fake firms, it added.

Walmart to pay \$282 million for violating US anti-corruption rules

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 21

WALMART HAS agreed to pay \$282.7 million to settle charges of violating anti-corruption regulations of the US while operating its business in India, China, Brazil and Mexico, the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) has announced.

According to the SEC, these violations were conducted by Walmart's third-party intermediaries who made payments to foreign government officials without reasonable assurances that they complied with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

The SEC said Thursday that it has charged Walmart with violating the FCPA by failing to operate a sufficient anti-corruption compliance programme for more than a decade as the retailer experienced rapid international growth.

The SEC brought the charges against Walmart in 2011,

Walmart consented to the SEC's order finding that it violated the books and records and internal accounting controls provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Walmart agreed to pay more than \$144 million to settle the SEC's charges and approximately \$138 million to resolve parallel criminal charges by the Department of Justice for a combined total of more than \$282 million, the SEC said. "Walmart valued international growth and cost-cutting over compliance," said Charles Cain, chief of the SEC Enforcement Division's FCPA Unit.

"The company could have avoided many of these problems, but instead Walmart repeatedly failed to take red flags seriously

and delayed the implementation of appropriate internal accounting controls," he said.

Walmart consented to the SEC's order finding that it violated the books and records and internal accounting controls provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. According to the SEC's order, Walmart failed to sufficiently investigate or mitigate certain anti-corruption risks and allowed subsidiaries in Brazil, China, India, and Mexico to employ third-party intermediaries who made payments to foreign government officials without reasonable assurances that they complied with the FCPA.

The SEC's order details several instances when Walmart planned to implement proper compliance and training only to put those plans on hold or otherwise allow deficient internal accounting controls to persist even in the face of red flags and corruption allegations. "We're pleased to resolve this matter," Walmart president & CEO, Doug McMillon, said in a statement. **PTI**

France creates G7 crypto task force, as Libra unsettles govts

REUTERS
PARIS, JUNE 21

FRANCE IS creating a G7 task force to study how central banks ensure cryptocurrencies like Facebook's Libra are governed by regulations ranging from money-laundering laws to consumer-protection rules, France's central bank governor said on Friday. Governor Francois Villeroy de Galhau said the task force would be led by Benoit Coeure, a European Central Bank board member.

Facebook Inc announced plans this week to introduce a new global cryptocurrency called Libra, part of an effort to expand into digital payments. It has joined with 28 partners, including Mastercard, PayPal and Uber, to form Libra Association, a Geneva-based entity that will govern the new digital coin, according to marketing materials and interviews with executives. No banks are yet part of the group.

Clearing corps, bourses asked to deposit fine levied on margin money shortfall in Core SGF

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

TO BRING uniformity in depositing penalties levied on clients for short collection or non collection of margins in the commodity derivatives segment, Sebi Friday asked clearing corporations and exchanges to deposit such penalties in Core SGF.

Earlier, Sebi had asked to de-

posit such penalties in Investor Protection Fund (IPF) but it noted that while a few clearing corporations and exchanges are crediting the penalties to IPF, others are crediting the same to Core SGF.

Core Settlement Guarantee Fund (SGF) is a fund which is available to meet settlement obligations of clearing corporation in case clearing members fail to honour settlement obligation. Accordingly, "it is hereby clar-

ified that all penalties levied on short-collection/non-collection of margins... shall be credited to Core SGF only," the regulator said in a circular. In futures market, members or brokers are required to collect the margin money from clients, which is later deposited with the exchange.

Margin money refers to the minimum amount of capital that must be available in the account to trade futures contracts.

India seeks 'clear roadmap' from China to ramp up export of pharma products

K J M VARMA
BEIJING, JUNE 21

INDIA ON Friday used a hugely popular Chinese movie to seek enhanced market access for Indian medicines in China as the drug regulators of both countries held their first-ever meeting in Shanghai and brainstormed on removing the road blocks. India for long has been press-

ing China to open its huge pharmaceutical market, which is under pressure from the public for the high prices for cancer and generic drugs, for Indian pharma exports to address the yawning trade deficit which last year according to Chinese figures, crossed \$57 billion.

In his message to the meeting, Indian Ambassador to China, Vikram Misri, said a "clear roadmap" for increasing share of

Indian medicines in Chinese market needs to be in place. Misri also said the meeting between the regulators should be regular.

Highlighting the success of the recent Chinese film "Dying to Survive", India argued at the meeting that China should seriously consider importing more Indian drugs which are in demand from various countries including the US. **PTI**

BRIEFLY

Total liabilities for Mar-end at ₹84.68 lakh cr

New Delhi: Government's total liabilities reached Rs 84.68 lakh crore at the end of March 2019, up 1.5 per cent over the preceding quarter, a report released by the Finance Ministry said Friday. The total liabilities stood at Rs 83.40 lakh crore at end-December 2018. "The total liabilities (including liabilities under the 'Public Account') of the Government, as per provisional data, increased to Rs 84.68,086 crore at end-March 2019 from Rs 83,40,027 crore at end-December 2018," it said.

Forex reserves decline to \$422.2 billion

Mumbai: India's foreign exchange reserves declined by \$1.358 billion to \$422.2 billion in the week to June 14 due to fall in foreign currency assets, RBI data showed. Foreign exchange reserves had increased by \$1.686 billion to \$423.554 billion in the previous reporting week. Forex reserves had touched a record high of \$426.028 billion in the week to April 13, 2018.

'2-, 3-wheeler makers have to show EV plan'

New Delhi: Government think tank Niti Aayog has asked conventional two- and three-wheeler makers to suggest within two weeks concrete steps towards transition to electric mobility keeping in mind 2025 deadline, according to sources. At a meeting of the manufacturers and start-up electric vehicle (EV) makers called by Niti Aayog on Friday, the industry was cautioned that if they do not take steps to address pollution issues, courts will step in.

USFDA gives warning letter to Aurobindo

New Delhi: Aurobindo Pharma Friday said it has received a warning letter from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) for one of its units in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh, which underwent inspection earlier this year. **PTI**

Soft US factory activity darkens outlook

Washington: US manufacturing activity barely grew in early June and the service sector cooled, signs that President Donald Trump's trade war with China could be weighing on the economy. Data firm IHS Markit said its US manufacturing purchasing managers index (PMI) fell to a reading of 50.1 in early June. **REUTERS**

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Savita Swroop w/o Shanti Sarup r/o 11B, Second Floor, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extn Delhi-110014 have changed my name to SAVITA SARUP permanently. 0040499325-2

I, Prashottam Lal S/O Hari Kishan Lal R/O-Sanjay Colony, Ward.No.11, Baz Pur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-262401.Changed My Name To Purshotam Lal Singhal. 0040500275-3

I, Ananya D/o Ratnesh Jain R/o-45/7 Gali No.14, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Ananya Jain for all purposes. 0040500213-7

NORTHERN RAILWAY 1st CORRIGENDUM Name of work : 1st Corrigendum of Hiring of Multi Utility Road vehicle (Type: Hexa, Murrazo, Mahindra XUV 500, Innova etc.)

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY 3rd Floor, Pragati Sadan (RRDA Building) Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand

PR Ref: 207546 NT No. : JU/DCC/PMAY-V/III/2019/238 Tender ID: 2019 UDD 38677 1 Project Name: Construction (including structural design) of 1120 dwelling units in 56 number of G+3 blocks

TENDER NOTICE Sealed Tenders are invited from interested parties for hiring of a Mahindra Pickup at Semen Bank HLDB, Rajiv Chowk, Sohna Road, Gurugram.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI GLNS COMPLEX, DELHI GATE, NEW DELHI-110002 NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT-IN-AID/EMPANELMENT TO COACHING CENTRES/NGOS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI GLNS COMPLEX, DELHI GATE, NEW DELHI-110002 NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR GRANT-IN-AID ORGANIZATIONS FOR GRANT-IN-AID

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PUBLIC NOTICE MY CLIENT SATYR SINGH S/O LATE SH. MAHINDER SINGH R/O RZ-77A, JAIN PARK, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-50 SEVERE ALL RELATIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE Public in general, I hereby informed that my client Smt. Saroj Ghal aged about 68 years W/o Late Sh. Prem Raj Ghal R/O C-36/A, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 has severed all her relations and connection with her son Sh. Anush Ghal aged about 37 years and his wife Mrs. Pooja Ghal R/O D-2/2, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035

PUBLIC NOTICE The public at large is hereby informed that my client's Sh. Bin Singh and his wife Smt. Nandini Khatun, Delhi-110035 has severed all her relations and connection with her son and son's wife namely Sh. Deepak Kumar S/O Sh. Bin Singh R/O H.No. 104, Housat Khand, DLF Phase-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to general public at large that my client Kanta Rani W/o Bansil Lal Sharma House No. A-36/A, Chanakya Place, Parkha Road, New Delhi-110059 do hereby disown and debar her Sons Vinod Kumar Sharma and his wife Simran Alias Sonia and Parmod Kumar Sharma and his wife Menakshi Alias Naina from all her movable and immovable properties

PUBLIC NOTICE See it known to all that my client Shri Ompraj S/O Late Shri Chandar Pal, W/o Late Shri Ramesh Singh, R/O 40/73, Sakri Bhatta, Shyam Nagar, Tilak Nagar New Delhi-110018, due to some unavoidable circumstances has severed all his relations and disown and debar his son Mr. Vinod Kumar Sharma and his wife Mrs. Shipra, from all my client's movable and immovable properties/assets which my client shall not be responsible for

E-Tender Notice CST/E/CON/ECR/Mahendraghat/Padma for & on behalf of president of India are invited Open online E-Tender.

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Smt. Mumu Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Keshpal Singh R/O RZ-71, Old Sam Bazar Road, Mahesh Enclave, New Delhi, South West Delhi-45 have disowned & debarred his/her son Mr. Vinod Kumar, his wife Smt. Deepa Sangeeta and their children Yash Chauhan & Ansh Chauhan from all their movable & immovable properties

INSTALLATION AND DISPLAY OF COMMERCIAL HOARDINGS E-Tender No. C/CI/CON/COH/LLC/Gates/PR/11 Dated: 19-06-2019

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Yogesh Chowdhry S/o Bhanendra Singh R/O F42 Bhagat Singh Market Gate Market, New Delhi-110001, has purchased a Shop No. 70, Bhagat Singh Market, Gate Market, New Delhi from Mrs. Shashi Bala Gupta W/o Sat Sagar Gupta R/O E-15/919 Gali No 3 Tank Road Bape Nagar Karol Bagh Delhi-110025

I have change my name from Priya Rajesh Pandey to Priya Pandey D/o Rajesh Kumar Pandey House No. 230/9-Z Room No. 202 Gali No. 15 Railway Colony Mandawali, Delhi-92

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान रोपर
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROPAR
 रूपनगर, पंजाब - 140001 / Rupnagar, Punjab - 140001

निविदा सूचना 147/2019 Tender Notice No. 147/2019

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क्र.सं./Sl. No.	उपकरण का नाम/Name of the Equipment	मात्रा/Quantity
1.	Resonant Column Apparatus	1
2.	Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UHPLC/PLC)	1
3.	Fully Automated Gas Chromatography - Single Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer with EL, FID & ECD	1

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TENDER NOTICE

Bank of Baroda, Baroda Corporate Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai - 400051 invites response for Request for Proposal (RFP) for "Selection of Agency for Collection of Dues".

Details of RFP are available under "Tender Section" on Bank's website www.bankofbaroda.in

Addendum / Corrigendum including modifications in RFP document, if any, shall be notified on the Bank's website www.bankofbaroda.in only. Bidders should refer the same before final submission of RFP.

Last date for submission of the above RFP is 16.07.2019 by 15.00 HRS

Place: Mumbai Head - Collections, Agri, Retail & Others

Date: 21.06.2019

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 Open E-Tender in Single bid system for "Comprehensive AMC For Operation and Maintenance of Centralized Air Conditioning Plant, VRV Units, Tower, Window and Split Air Conditioning Units installed at MMLP/KATHUWAS (Rajasthan) only through e-tender mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1,000/- through online from the website (www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL).

Tender No.	CONCOR/TECHAM/CIAR-CONDITIONINGSYSTEMMMLP/KATHUWAS/2019
Estimated cost	Rs. 49,36,954/- (Inclusive of GST)
Period of Contract	36 Months (24 Months + 12 Months) As per clause 5 of section-II
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 98,736/- through e-payment
Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 1000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Tender Processing Fee	Rs. 2913/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable) through e-payment
Date & Time of Sale of Tender (Online)	From 22.06.2019, 15.30 hrs. to 07.07.2019 upto 13.30 hrs.
Last Date & Time of Submission	08.07.2019 upto 17.00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening	On 09.07.2019 at 15.30 hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please log on to www.concorindia.com or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons therefor.

Executive Director/Northern Region

DIRECTORATE OF DATA MANAGEMENT CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES & CUSTOMS A-BLOCK, 3RD FLOOR, MADANGIR ROAD, PUSHPA BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-62.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the sale of broken/obsolete/unserviceable office steel/wooden furniture, equipment i.e. chairs, tables, almira, AC, Ceiling fans, Pedestal fans, Battery stabilizers, computers, printers, UPS etc. on "AS AND WHERE IS BASIS". The tax payable thereon will be deducted at the billing time.

2. The list of the items details of terms and conditions can be had from the Room No.323 on any working day between 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. free of cost.

3. The tender documents duly filled should be sent in a sealed envelope superscribed with "Tender for obsolete goods" and should be accompanied by a demand draft for Rs.5000/- only (as refundable security deposit) favouring "D.D.O., Directorate of Data Management, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, New Delhi" and submitted by 01.07.2019 up to 14.00 hours. These tender will be opened on the same day at 15.00 hours in the presence of the interested parties/their authorized representative, in accordance with terms and conditions in Room No.322. The Directorate reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
 (Rajeev Priyadarshi)
 Senior Research Officer

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e-Tender No. 03 for 2019-20

BIDS for the work detailed in the table given below are invited online (e-tender) on Public Work Department Government of Maharashtra through web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in> by the Executive Engineer, Public Work Division, Sawantwadi in (B-1) from for the following works by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Sawantwadi from all the Contractors who fulfills all the criteria required to carryout the following works. Executive Engineer, Public Work Division, Sawantwadi reserves right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason. The Conditional tender will not be acceptable.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rupees)	Earnest Money (Rupees)	Time Limit in Tender	Type of Tender & Cost of Tender	Class of Contractor
1	Restoration of Shivrajeshwar Temple on Sindhudurg Fort at Malvan, Dist. Sindhudurg.	11075307/-	111000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months (including monsoon)	B-1 (Rs. 1000/- + GST)	Class IV and Above

e-Tender time table

1	Download Period of online Tender and Bid Preparation	Dt. 24.06.2019 at 1030 hrs. to 03.07.2019 at 1700 hrs.
2	Date and time of Pre-bid meeting	Dt. 27.06.2019 at 1400 hrs. Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Ratnagiri.
3	Place, Date and Timing of opening Technical bid and Financial bid	Dt. 05.07.2019 at 1705 hrs. office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Ratnagiri (if possible).

Note:

- All eligible/interested contractors who want to participate in tendering process should compulsary get enrolled on e-tendering portal "<https://mahatenders.gov.in>" the appropriate category applicable to them.
- For any assistance on the use of Electronic Tendering System, the Users may call the below Toll-Free Ph. No.: 180030702232; E-mail: eproc.maharashtra@gmail.com, cppp-support@nic.in
- It is compulsory for all participants to submit all documents online.
- Other term and conditioned displayed in online e-tender forms. Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.
- Above Tender Notice is displayed on P.W.D. web site www.mahapwd.com. Office of the Executive Engineer Public Work Division, Sawantwadi Fax No. : 02363-272214, Telephone No. : 02363-272214 www.sawantwadi.ee@mahapwd.com

Sd/-
 (Y. A. Desai)
 Executive Engineer,
 Public Works Division, Sawantwadi

DGIPR/2019-2020/837

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
192013	Imported Furnace Oil for Unit - 1	10.07.2019
002073	(Qty:600 MT ± 5%)	

Terms & condition, Tender Fee, EMD, etc., are available in tender document at our websites: www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 01/2019-20

Name of the concerned office : Addl. Superintending Engineer, Op & Mtc Division, BBMB, DELHI - 110035.

Name of Work : Replacement of damaged sewer and water pipe line with new CPVC Pipe Line at 220KV S/ST. BBMB Narela.

Total cost of Tender	Earnest Money	Tender Cost	Last date receipt of Tender
Rs. 5.22 Lacs	Rs. 5225/-	1000+18% GST additional	20.08.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs.

The detail of N.I.T. may be downloaded from B.B.M.B. Website www.bbmb.gov.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-Shed Shakurbasti; for and on behalf of President of India invites tender for the under noted work.

Tender No.	25.8.636.DSL.SSB
Name of work	Provision for the replacement of Element Tubes, Flue Tubes, Smoke Tubes, Brick Arch Tubes of boilers of Loco No. WG 10253 and AWE 22907 at Heritage Steam Shed, Rewari.
Approximate cost	₹ 41,41,006/- including GST
Earnest money	₹ 82,900/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CR-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
Completion Period of the work	06 months
Cost of tender document	₹ 3,540/- with GST @18% (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CR-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 15.07.2019 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 25.8.636.DSL.SSB Dated: 21.06.2019 2016/19

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Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, 3rd Floor, FFP Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi

BHARAT NIRMAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)-(W.B.) Short-e-Procurement Notice Tender

The Government of India has received a loan/credit from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed in the Invitation for Bids. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Jharkhand on behalf of Governor of Jharkhand, invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction and five years maintenance of 166 Roads in 100 Packages (estimated cost Rs. 1115.82 Cr.) and 06 Bridges (estimated cost Rs. 24.47 Cr.) sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II(Batch-I, 2019-20) RRP-II-AF and G & CR, from the eligible contractors registered in appropriate classes with RCD/ RDD/ R.W.D. Jharkhand/ CPWD/ MES/ in any other State Governments/Central Government.*

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 22.06.2019

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document will be available online from 22.07.2019 and should be submitted online in www.pmgstendersjhr.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) Original demand draft towards the cost of bid document (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB to C.E. J.S.R.R.D.A. 3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, H.E.C. Campus, Dhurwa, Ranchi until the deadline fixed for the submission of bid either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.**

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 07.08.2019 upto 13.00 hours.

For further details please log on to www.pmgstendersjhr.gov.in.

Chief Engineer,
 J.S.R.R.D.A., 3rd Floor
 FFP Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi

* Non registered bidders may submit bids, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
 ** Registered post received after the deadline fixed for submission of hard copy will not be opened and the bids will be treated as non-responsive.

PR 209646 (Rural Work Department)19-20#D

Govt. of Bihar

ADVERTISMENT NO- 14 /2019-20 BHAGALPUR SMART CITY LIMITED INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR THE FOLLOWING POST

S.No	Name of Post	No of Positions	Category	Pay per month (CTC)	Last Date of Application Submission	Interview Date
1	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	1	Gen	2,25,000/-	08-07-19	13-07-19

Initial contract period is for 3(Three) years which is further extendable by 1(One) year. Maximum number of extension is 2 (two), on the basis of performance and requirement of projects.

Selection process for above Post:
 The candidates will be selected on the basis of their Qualifications, Experience and Personal interview. Eligible candidates can apply through speed post/registered post/courier. For further details please check the website www.smartcitybhagalpur.org/ careers.

Post filled under the process will be displayed on website www.smartcitybhagalpur.org/ careers. The number of vacant positions against the name of the post will be as applicable on the date of interview.

Chief Executive Officer
 Bhagalpur Smart City Limited

PR. No. 03015 (Ni.Ni) 2019-20

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RFP FOR AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER FOR "CONSTRUCTION OF 1640 M SPAN (DOUBLE LANE) BRIDGE WITH FOOTPATH ON BOTH SIDE INCLUDING APPROACHES ON BOTH SIDE OF APPROX. LENGTH 3.6 KM. OVER RIVER CHENAB AT SAJWAL (PARAGWAL-INDERPATTIAN) AT JOURIAN IN DISTT. JAMMU."

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (R&B) CONSTRUCTION DIVISION NO.III JAMMU NOTICE INVITING BID

Fresh E. NIT No:- 19/2019-20 Dated: 18.06.2019

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SECTION 1: INFORMATION TO CONSULTANTS

Sub: CONSTRUCTION OF 1640 M SPAN (DOUBLE LANE) BRIDGE WITH FOOTPATH ON BOTH SIDE INCLUDING APPROACHES ON BOTH SIDE OF APPROX. LENGTH 3.6 KM. OVER RIVER CHENAB AT SAJWAL (PARAGWAL-INDERPATTIAN) AT JOURIAN IN DISTT. JAMMU.

1. The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Const Div.No.III Jammu (J&K) invites proposals from eligible consultant empanelled for supervision by Public Works (R&B) Department Jammu for engaging Authority's Engineer (AE) on the basis of International Competitive Bidding for the following contract package in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

TABLE 1: DETAILS OF PROJECT

Sr. No.	State	Project Stretch	Length in Mt/ Project Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	Assignment Period (Months)
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	"Construction of 1640 m span (Double Lane) bridge with footpath on both side including approaches on both side of approx. length 3.6 km. over river Chenab at Sajwal (Paragwal-Inderpattian) at Jourian in Distt. Jammu."	1640/119.67	30 months construct the period + 48 Months maintenance period

2. Selection of AE shall be as per selection procedures given in the Model Agreement for Engineering Procurement and Construction. The selected AE shall be intimated to the Contractor.

3. The proposal shall be submitted in English Language and all correspondence would be in the same language.

4. The Chief Engineer PWD(R&B) Department Jammu (J&K) (the 'Employer') intends to appoint a Consultant to act as Authority's Engineer for implementation of this EPC project. As per the Terms and Conditions of the EPC Agreement (s), the Authority's Engineer shall perform all the duties as per TOR given in this RFP along with any amendment thereof. The selection of Authority's Engineer shall follow the laid down procedures given in the Contract Agreement signed between Employer and Contractor.

5. The interested consultancy firms may download the RFP document from the official website of jenders.gov.in w.e.f. 19.06.2019 to 28.06.2019 upto 16.00 hrs.

Sd/- (Dr. Bikram Singh)
 Executive Engineer, PWD R & B Const. Div. No. III, Jammu
 Tele-Fax No: 0191-2471772, E-mail: pwd3jnu@gmail.com

No.: 2732-51 Dated: 18.06.2019 DIPJ-1221

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow

SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated:- 12/06/2019

(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. 1685 of 2018
 ICICI Bank

V/s
 Nitin Sharma & Others

To,
 1. Nitin Sharma,
 S/o Shri Suresh Chand Sharma, R/o L- 2/83, Block L-2, Shastri Nagar, Delhi- 110052

...Defendant No. 1

2. Anuj Sharma,
 S/o Shri Suresh Chand Sharma, R/o B3, Block L- 2, Shastri Nagar, Delhi- 110052

...Defendant No. 2

3. M/s Ashiyana Promoters and Developers Pvt. Ltd., Registered Office at- Unit 219, S/F, Vasundhara Enclave, Plot No. 1, Vardhaman Sunrise Plaza LSC, Also at Corporate Office- H- 190, Ground Floor Sector- 63, Noida- 201301. ...Defendant No. 3

In the above noted Original 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 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 27/8/2019 at 10:30 A.M. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
 Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

NORTHERN RAILWAY Open E-Tender Notice

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work. 1. Name of work: Leading of P-way Materials, hiring of truck and other allied works for misc. work of track maintenance/renewal for two years in the section of under ADEN/NDLS and ADEN/DLI. 2. Approx cost of work: Rs. 3,06,12,027.57/- (Rupees Three Crore Six Lakh Twelve Thousand Twenty Seven & Fifty Seven Paise only). 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 3,03,100/- (Rupees Three Lakh Three Thousand One Hundred Only). 4. Cost of tender document: Rs. 11,800/- 5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender: 16.07.2019 @15:00 Hrs. 6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in • The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No: 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/16/2019-20/W-3 Dated: 21.06.2019 2007/19

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"शुद्धि पत्र" PR No.-207472

PR No.-207472, Tender Reference No-01/2019-20 Tender ID 2019-AHD-38515-1 में संलग्न निविदा दस्तावेज के परिशिष्ट (Annexure) -X में वर्णित पशु औषधियों की सूची के क्रमांक-3, 12, 30, 40 एवं 48 के विवरण (Specification) को निम्नवत् संशोधित की जाती है।

क्र.सं./Sl. No.	परिशिष्ट (Annexure) - X में वर्णित विवरण (Specification)	संशोधित विवरण (Specification)
1	Levofloxacin 25 mg per ml	Livofloxacin 100 mg per ml
2	Cephalexin	Cephalexin 7.5% w/v
3	Meloxicam 10mg	Meloxicam 5mg
4	Dicyclomine HCL 2%	Dicyclomine 1%
5	Herbal Expectorant Powder -500gm	Herbal Expectorant Powder-1000gm

परिशिष्ट (Annexure) -X में वर्णित शेष पशु औषधियों एवं वर्णित विशिष्टियाँ (Specification) यथावत् रहेंगी।

तदनुसार संशोधित विशिष्टियों के अनुरूप BOQ में उक्त पशु औषधियों की विशिष्टियों को समझा जाए।

हो/-
 निदेशक, पशुपालन

PR209645 (Animal Husbandry)19-20*D

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, Namsai-792103

Email: eeppwdnamsai@gmail.com
eenamsai-pwd-am@nic.in

No.ND/DB-5/Conf/2019-20/520-25

Dated Namsai, the 20/06/2019

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Namsai Division, PWD, Namsai, on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh online item rate bids/tenders for the following work:-

NIT No. NIT/NESIDS/2019-20/001

Name of work: Construction of Road from Chongkham to Meme via Namlimg village (13.50 Km) in Namsai District under NESIDS in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. (Job No. NESIDS/2019-20/001)

Estimated cost : Rs.2112.00 lakhs

Earnest Money : 1. APST Contractor-Rs.21.12 lakhs
 2.General Contractor- Rs. 31.12 lakhs

Time of completion : 24 Months.

Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website www.pwdar.etenders.in. It can also be viewed www.arunachalpwd.org.

Executive Engineer
 Namsai Division PWD
 Namsai, AP

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD E-Tender No.: ALD-Sig-42-2019-20

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on the opening date of E-Tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender are as under:-

S/Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of work (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)	Completion period
1/42	AMC of Solid State (Electronic) Interlocking Systems installed in the section MGS-CNB on Allahabad division for a period of Three years.	53479907/-	417400/-	10000/-	36 Months

Date of opening of tender: 15.07.2019. Availability of tender form: Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in

Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. **Time & place of opening of tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad at or after 12.30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. **Validity of offer:** 45 days from the date of opening. **Right of Railway to deal with tender:** Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. 833/19(K)

North central railway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPONCR

ZORAM MEDICAL COLLEGE (An Autonomous Institute under the Government of Mizoram) FALKAWN-796005

No.A.12032/1/2019-ZMC Dated Falkawn, the 10th June 2019

ADVERTISEMENT

Candidates are invited for filling up of the posts mentioned below for Zoram Medical College (ZMC), Falkawn

Sl.No	Name of Post	Department/No of Posts
1	Professors	Pathology (1), Orthopedics (1), Forensic Medicine (1), General Medicine (1), Radio-Diagnosis (1)
2	Associate Professors	Pathology (2), Microbiology (1), General Medicine (2), General Surgery (1), Orthopedics (1), Anesthesiology (2), Radio-Diagnosis (1) Dentistry(1)
3	Assistant Professors	Pharmacology (1), Pediatrics (1), Obstetrics & Gynecology (1)
4	Demonstrator	Physiology (1), Community Medicine (2)
5	Senior Resident	Radio- Diagnosis (2)

Terms and Conditions:

- Nature of Appointment & Remuneration:
 - Professor :** Contract Basis with fixed remuneration of Rs.2,50,000/- without any extra allowances or pensionary benefits initially for one year which is extendable on the basis of satisfactory performances
 - Associate Professor: i) Contract Basis** with fixed remuneration of Rs.2,20,000/- without any extra allowances or pensionary benefits initially for one year which is extendable on the basis of satisfactory performances **OR ii)** Regular in the pay scale-PB 4 + Rs 9000/- AGP + 25% NPA with all permissible allowances.
 - Assistant Professor: i) Contract Basis @** Rs.1,80,000/- (fixed) without any extra allowances or pensionary benefits **OR ii)** Regular in the PB 3 + Rs.7000/- AGP + 25% NPA with all permissible allowances.
 - Demonstrator:** Regular basis with remuneration of Level 10 in the Pay Matrix + 25% NPA with all permissible allowances.
 - Senior Resident:** Regular basis with Level 11 in the Pay Matrix + 25% NPA with all permissible allowances.
- Eligibility criteria as per MCI Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 (AMENDED UPTO 8th June, 2017) and all subsequent amendments.
- All interested candidates need to send their CV and copies of relevant documents to recruitment@mimerfalkawn.edu.in, on or before 10th July, 2019.
- All candidates have to bring original documents at the time of interview and an application fee Rs.300/- (Rs.150/- for SC/ST candidates).
- Candidates for Associate Professor and Assistant Professor should specify their preferred mode of engagement as mentioned above in SI. No.1**

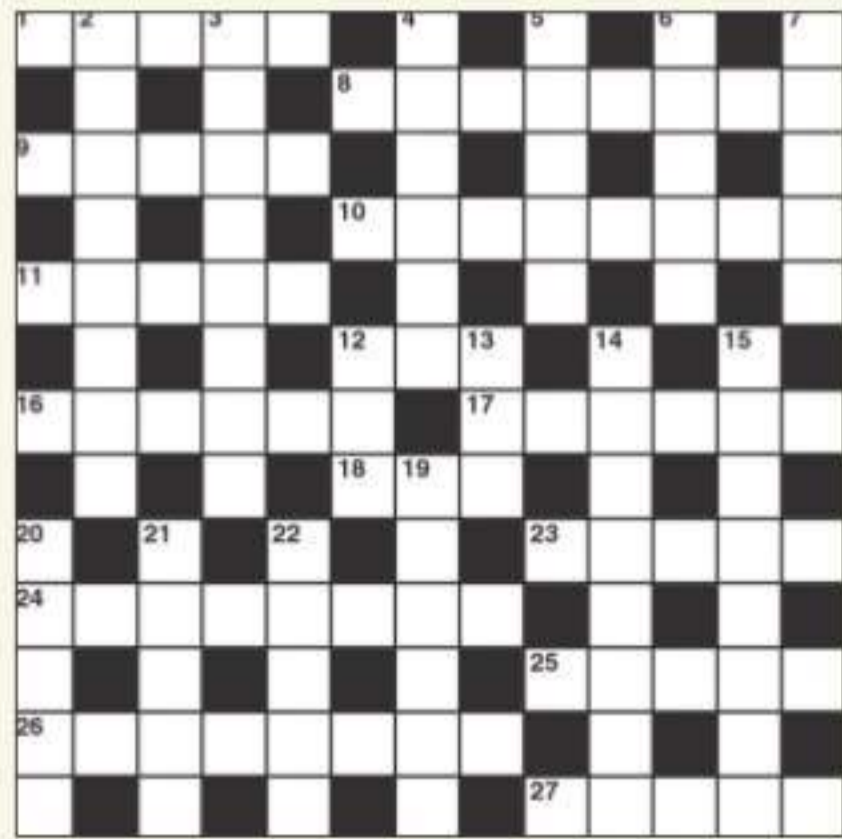
For further details and application procedure contact 9862391873 / 9366186258 (10 AM - 4 PM on all working days). Email: recruitment@mimerfalkawn.edu.in

Sd/- H.LALENGMAWIA
 Secretary
 Health & Family Welfare Department

MIPR No. 85

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CROSSWORD 3839



- ACROSS**
- It may be called rough and heavy (5)
 - Railway union? (8)
 - Legally prevent poets being translated (5)
 - Leash may be got out for the dog (8)
 - Form a queue at the back (5)
 - Natural reaction to washing-up? (3)
 - He has a stable job (6)
 - Doubtless one wouldn't be (6)
 - A ship provides some personal transport (3)
 - Very good at describing Alexander (5)
 - Aims to demolish boast about half of Europe (8)
 - Mint bar? (5)
 - Kindly feeling for worthy Shakespeare (8)
 - Dock, where a sailor sleeps (5)
- DOWN**
- Upright but lacking energy (8)
 - Possibly fill a lot of ships (8)
 - Magnificent Slav round up (6)
 - Rate at which colds get better? (5)
 - Seeing sense (5)
 - Dwarf men go wild (5)
 - Hesitate over a long period (3)
 - Robust no-nonsense vehicle (3)
 - Sergeant out to part friends (8)
 - Rash action of convicts? (5,3)
 - It comes as a sudden blow (6)
 - States the time for practice (5)
 - Cleric who may have a prior appointment (5)
 - Stores to haul on board (5)

Solutions Crossword 3838: Across: 1 Springtime, 6 Disc, 10 Uncut, 11 Centurion, 12 Well, well, 13 Lathe, 15 Maidens, 17 Article, 19 Risotto, 21 Capital, 22 Visor, 24 Tendered, 27 Say no more, 28 Taint, 29 Deep, 30 Press agent. Down: 1 Slur, 2 Rockeries, 3 Natal, 4 Tickers, 5 Manila, 7 Idiot, 8 Cinderella, 9 Full stop, 14 Improvised, 16 Exterior, 18 Catherine, 20 Outdoor, 21 Conkers, 23 Style, 25 Extra, 26 Stet.

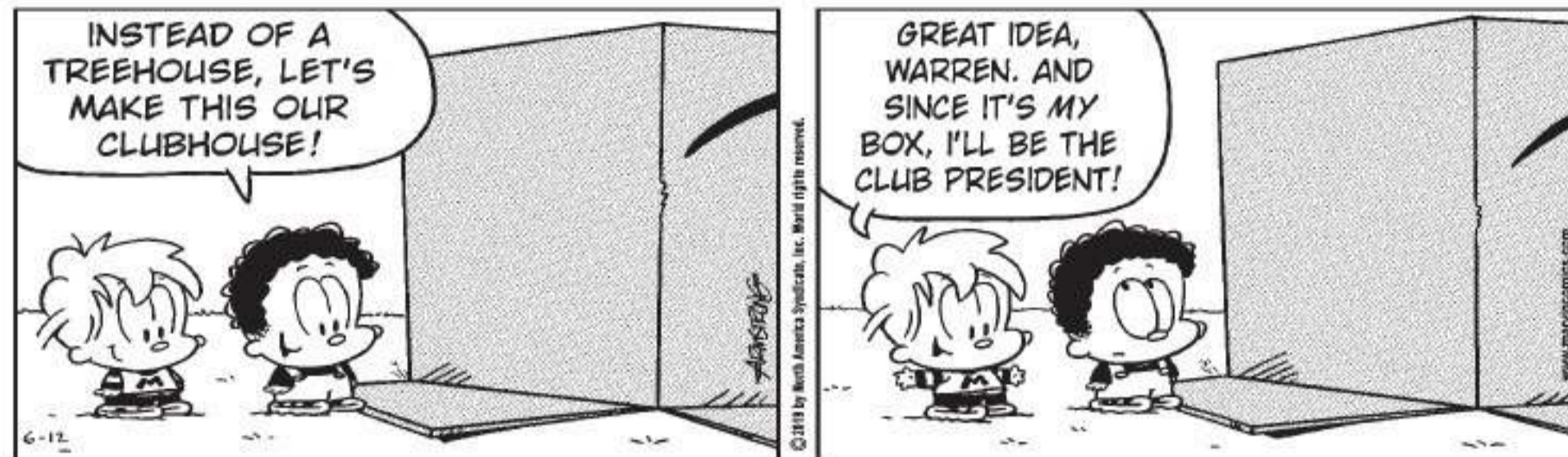
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLLED WORDS

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

Treat a work of art like a prince. Let it _____ first. - Arthur Schopenhauer (5,2,3)

BDAEO **ORTTUY**

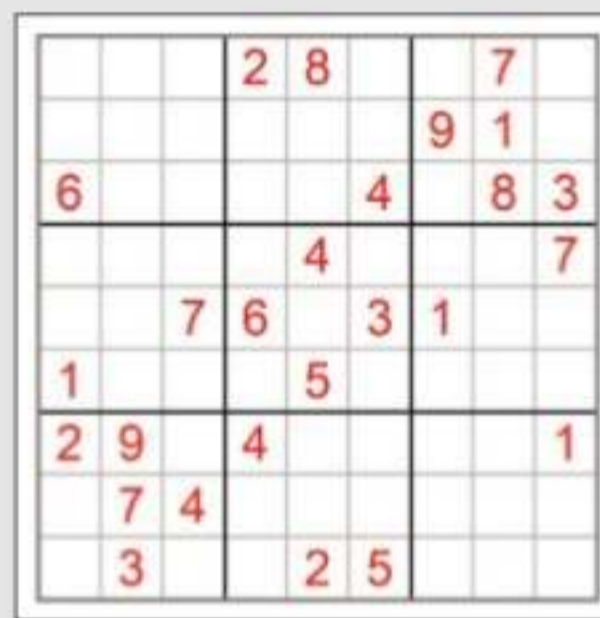
CSOST **CEOTKP**

SOLUTION: ADOBE/ABODE COSTS. TRYOUT. POCKET
Answer: Treat a work of art like a prince. Let it speak to you first. - Arthur Schopenhauer

SUDOKU 3885

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.

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3884



कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल संख्या-12
(शिविर सुवर्णरेखा कॉलनी, डिमना) मानगो, जमशेदपुर-831020
(Email:-eemdd12mangojamshedpur@gmail.com)

पत्रांक -574 मानगो, जमशेदपुर दिनांक- 20/06/2019

शुद्धि -पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि PR No. 209309 Water Resource (19-20)-D दिनांक- 20.06.2019 द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- डब्ल्यूआरडीओ / एमओ डीओ 9.86 -12 / जमशेदपुर/एफ2-03 / 2019-20 दिनांक 17.06.2019 में कार्य का नाम निम्न रूपेण पढ़ा जाय :-

क्र०	विवरण	पूर्व प्रकाशित	संशोधित
1	कार्य का नाम	चाण्डिल बॉयी मुख्य नहर के कि०मी० 0.00 से कि०मी० 9.86 तक WBM Service Road का मरम्मत का कार्य।	चाण्डिल बॉयी मुख्य नहर के कि०मी० 63.40 से निस्तु महुनिया वितरणी के कि०मी० 0.00 से कि०मी० 9.86 तक WBM Service Road का मरम्मत का कार्य।

शेष नियम एवं शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगे।

कार्यपालक अभियंता लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल सं-12 मानगो, जमशेदपुर

PR 209559 (Water Resource)19-20#D

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow

SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated:-14/06/2019
(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. 1687 of 2018

ICICI Bank
V/s
Sunil Aggarwal & Others To,
1. M/s Ashiyana Promoters and Developers Pvt Ltd, Registered Office At- 16/410, Block-D, Pocket- 16, Sector- 17, Rohini, New Delhi- 110085

Defendant No. 3
In the above noted Original 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 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 23/07/2019 at 10:30 A.M. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

KOLKATA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

e-NIT No.: KMDAWS/GAP/SE(N)/NIT-03/19-20

The Superintending Engineer, North Circle, GAP Wing, Water & Sanitation Sector, KMDA, Unnayan Bhawan, Block 'D', 1st Floor, Kolkata-700091, West Bengal, India invites online e-tender from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced firms/companies/individual contractors/Joint ventures/Consortium for the following work : Name of work : Road restoration work at Haisaahar Municipality. Estimated value of the work : Rs. 2,49,88,128/- Earnest Money : Rs. 4,99,763/- Time of Completion : 2 months. Online bid submission last date and time : 15.07.2019 up to 14.00 hrs. For details please contact the above office or visit both of our websites. KMDA-T-126/A-PPS(3)/2019-20

Visit website : www.kmdaonline.org/www.wbtenders.gov.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. 02/S&T/Sig/MB/Vehicle/2019-20 Date : 19.06.2019

Sealed (Open) tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/CMB for and on behalf of President of India on the prescribed form with the following details:

a) Name of work	Hiring of vehicle such as Jeep, Gpsy, Tata Sumo, Scorpio, Bolero (same segment vehicle) for 24 hours in a day for local journey/travel at Moradabad as well as other parts of UP, Uttaranchal and NCR of Delhi with minimum running of 2400 Kms. per vehicle per month. For ADSTE/MB, ADSTE/NBD, ADSTE/BE and ADSTE/SPN for attending failure, conducting surprise as well as normal inspection, supervision different on going works and day to day official work for one year.
b) Approximate Cost	Rs. 1406760.48
c) Earnest Money	Rs. 28100/-
d) Last date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	25.07.2019 up to 14:00 hrs. and 25.07.2019 at 15:00 hrs.
e) Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased	www.ireps.gov.in

Tender documents only be available at ireps.gov.in EMD and tender cost will be submitted on same website. 1995/19

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SPL. PROJECT) CIVIL
DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM ROAD, YDUT BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110011, PH.No.: 22013017

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Estimated cost: Construction of J.P.N. Library at Mandir Marg, New Delhi
Estimated cost : ₹ 78,11,94,34/-

Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 18.06.2019

Date of Pre-bid Meeting : 26.06.2019 (at 3.00 P.M.)

In the Office of C(E-I) 1601, 16th Floor Palika Kendra, New Delhi - 110001

Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 09.07.2019 (at 4.00 P.M.)

Further details can be seen at www.ndmc.gov.in or https://govprocurement.delhi.gov.in

Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with NICCA is mandatory. The tender shall be received only through e-procurement procedure and conditions of e-procurement will supercede all normal conditions of the NIT of issue and receipt of tender documents.

Tender ID No. 2019_NDMC_174437_1 Executive Engineer (Spl. Project)

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GRID CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, SRINAGAR
Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department J&K Srinagar
Tele Fax: 0194-2491342 E-mail: xengcdbemina@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No-GCD/TS/14 of 2019
Dated: 19.06.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, e-tenders (in Two Covers) from reputed, experienced and financially sound contractor fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents are invited for the works detailed below. The e-Tenders need to be accompanied by earnest money deposit (EMD) in the shape of DD/CDR/FDR from any nationalized/Scheduled bank equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer, Grid construction Division Bemina Srinagar and a non-refundable Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer GCD, Srinagar for Rs. 1000.00 (One Thousand Only) on account of cost of Tender Document.

The bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of Tender fee & EMD, (original instruments) Registration Certificate, Experience, Past Performance, GCT Registration, PAN Card etc in Cover-I should reach to the office of Executive Engineer, GCD Bemina, Srinagar (Phone No. 0194-2491342/ 985800180), one day before the last date of submission of e-bid. Financial bids must be submitted online as per prescribed format.

The Standard Bidding Document shall be kept available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

S.#	Scope of Work	Qty	Estimated Cost	Tender Fee	EMD	Time of Completion
1.	Construction of 25 No. Tower Foundations For 220kV D/C Wagoora-Mir Bazar & 220 kV Wagoora-Budgam-Zainakote-Transmission Line at Village partigam, Nihama of District Pulwama And Village Reshipora District Budgam. A-Type = 02 No. B-C-Type = 02 No. D-Type = 01 No.	As per BOQ	Rs. 28.00 Lac	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 56000/-	40 Days.

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document, seeking of clarifications and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

CRITICAL DATES

1.	Issue of NIT	19.06.2019
2.	Downloading of bidding documents (Start)	21.06.2019
4.	Start date of clarifications	22.06.2019 (11.00 AM)
5.	Last date of clarifications	10.07.2019
6.	End date of replies to clarifications	13.07.2019
7.	Last date for submission of Hard Copy of e-Bid	15.07.2019 (2.00 PM)
8.	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (uploading of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	22.06.2019 (2.00 PM)
9.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	16.07.2019 (2.00 PM)
10.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	16.07.2019 (2.00 PM)
11.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer GCD Bemina, Srinagar
12.	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1000/-
13.	Amount of earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 0.56 Lacs

- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.
- Clarifications can be sought from the office of the undersigned one-mail xengcdbemina@gmail.com or fax 0194-2491342.
- Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.
- The Department reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Grid Construction Division
PDD Bemina Sgr.

No: GCD/TS/663-67
DIPK-NB: 1331/19
Dated: 19.06.2019

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1.	HVPN	NIT No. 1030 DATED 31.05.2019	CORRIGENDUM-1/ CORRECTION IN EMD AMOUNT IN CLAUSE NO 12 (I) OF SCHEDULE 'B' OF INSTRUCTION TO TENDERERS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
2.	HVPN	NIET No. 22/TS/FBD/2018-19	THE DATE OF TENDER SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 13:00 HRS ON DATED 01.07.2019 AND OPENING DATE UPTO 15:00 HRS ON DATED 01.07.2019	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
3.	HVPN	NIET No. 22/TS/FBD/2018-19	THE DATE OF TENDER SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 13:00 HRS ON DATED 01.07.2019 AND OPENING DATE UPTO 15:00 HRS ON DATED 01.07.2019	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
4.	HPGCL	120137/NIT No. 07/RGTPP/AHP-30/2018-19 DT.25.02.2019	CORRIGENDUM-1/ DUE DATE OF OPENING IS 27.06.2019 UP TO 15:00 HRS FOR WORK OF PAINTING OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES IN AHP AREA AT RGTPP, KHEDAR	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	9315029410 mahesh.saini@hpgcl.org.in
5.	HPGCL	NIT REFERENCE No. 124027 BIDDING DOCUMENTNO. 5/ CE/ PLG/ NTPC/ RGTPP/FGD-250, CORRIGENDUM-1,2&3 DATED 21.05.2019, 30.05.2019 & 03.06.2019 RESPECTIVELY	AMENDMENT IN BID DOCUMENT. THE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 02.07.2019 TILL 13:00 HRS & OPENING OF STAGE-I BID ON 02.07.2019 AT 15:00 HRS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in
6.	HPGCL	NIT REFERENCE No. 124399 BIDDING DOCUMENTNO. 3/ CE/ PLG/ NTPC/ RGTPP/FGD-248 & CORRIGENDUM-1 DATED 07.06.2019	THE DUE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 02.07.2019 TILL 13.00 HRS AND OPENING OF PART-I (TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID) SHALL BE ON 02.07.2019 AT 15:00 HRS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in
7.	HPGCL	NIT REFERENCE No. 124427 BID DOC. NO. 6/CE/PLG/FGD/PTPS-U6/ 299 & CORRIGENDUM-1 DATED 12.06.2019	AMENDMENT IN BID DOCUMENT. THE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 02.07.2019 TILL 13:00 HRS & OPENING OF STAGE-I BID ON 02.07.2019 AT 15:00 HRS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in
8.	DHBN	NIT No. 03/SE/OP/GGN-I/2018-19	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01.07.2019	www.dhbn.org.in	0124-2322427 se.gurgaon@gmail.com
9.	HSAM ROHTAK	NIL	POSTPONEMENT OF TENDERS DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. REVISE SCHEDULE OF TENDER IS AS UNDER ORDINARY REPAIR OF LINK ROADS OF CONSTITUENCY MEHAM	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262-270274 xenrohtak.hsam@gmail.com
10.	UHBVN	NIT No 251/P&D/2019-20/Bid No. B- 595	CORRIGENDUM- II BIFURCATION/TRIFURCATION OF OVERLOADED FEEDERS. AUGMENTATION OF CONDUCTOR OF HT LINE AND NEW DT, UNDER OPERATION CIRCLE UHBVN, ROHTAK ON TURKEY BASIS/OPENING DATE: 04.07.2019	www.uhbvn.org.in	01723019143 xendiiuhbvn@gmail.com
11.	UHBVN	NIT No 250/P&D/2019-20/Bid No. B- 594	CORRIGENDUM- II BIFURCATION/TRIFURCATION OF OVERLOADED FEEDERS. AUGMENTATION OF CONDUCTOR OF HT LINE AND NEW DT, UNDER OPERATION CIRCLE UHBVN, ROHTAK ON TURKEY BASIS/OPENING DATE: 04.07.2019	www.uhbvn.org.in	01723019143 xendiiuhbvn@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There may not be no way you can maintain the peace. It must be said that there are times when arguments or harsh words are necessary if you are to clear the air and settle someone else's hash. But you do have to make sure that you have the right person in your sights.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your obstinate adherence to your ambitions could be the cause of much friction. Are you really sure that now is the moment to force various issues, or do you think it would be better to bide your time? You may well do best to err on the side of caution.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's time to get tough, yet I doubt if anyone can do so as charmingly as you. It's very much a question of the iron fist in the velvet glove, your firm resolve delivered in the nicest possible way. Your strength is, you see, that you are about to be proved right.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Passion is in the air. Certain personal encounters may be tremendously exciting. One or two experiences might be rather too blunt for your liking, though. Monetary affairs and expenses could be the only significant cause of discord but, even then, deeper emotional motives are most important.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Involvements which once seemed so desirable, no longer hold out the promise they offered at first. It looks very much, though, as if someone has seen through your little game. Perhaps you should have been more straightforward about your real, personal needs.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There is a lot to be said for keeping your distance yet, right now, I would advise you to move closer to other people, especially emotionally. It may not be easy to express your real feelings, but do have a go. If anything can be done to change a partner's mind, do it.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

A long-standing relationship or involvement has been going through a stressful phase, but you now have the opportunity to set matters straight. Domestic repairs should be a priority if good feeling is to be restored. Get practical problems fixed and other questions will be resolved.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You have certainly done a great deal to safeguard your long-term health and security. If other people have also benefited from your efforts, you may expect a word of thanks. However, you may have to accept that gratitude is not an emotion that partners are likely to feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Adverse aspects to planets in strategic sectors of your solar chart are pushing you into getting your act together properly for a change. This particularly relates to your willingness to share information and discuss plans with the people who matter most.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Adverse aspects to planets in strategic sectors of your solar chart are pushing you into getting your act together properly for a change. This particularly relates to your willingness to share information and discuss plans with the people who matter most.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Stand your ground, but don't expect partners to back down. The best solution might be an honourable compromise in which you both agree to pursue your separate goals. An amicable reconciliation will then be the next step. That will leave you free to get back together when you wish.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Pisces, the peacemaker, should be making his, or her, appearance today. People will be snapping at each other for no other reason than that it seems easier than being nice. Stand above such petty squabbles, and try to make friends and family members see that there is no reason why they shouldn't get on.

22 REVIEWS CINEMA & MUSIC

KABIR SINGH ★★

Director: Sandeep Reddy Vanga Cast: Shahid Kapoor, Kiara Advani, Soham Majumdar, Arjan Bajwa, Kamini Kaushal, Suresh Oberoi

IN THE MOOD FOR MISOGYNY



He's been a hero at the centre-stage for too long; his responses are too practiced, too familiar. He feels too old for this role, and his dissolution never feels as sharply realised as the one he managed so superbly in *Udta Punjab*

SHUBHRA GUPTA

TO WATCH a character like Kabir Singh do this thing for nearly three hours plunks the viewer squarely in a place of conflict. Here's a fellow who thinks that going through life yelling and shouting, snorting-and-drinking on the job, assuaging his raging libido with crass directness, basically being a sexist and-so, is an acceptable thing.

So why do we keep watching, even though so much of what Kabir does is so offensive, so problematic, and sets our teeth on edge? We do this because we are led to believe that he has something more to him. We hope to see that something more, the something that will let us see past the ugly walls he's built for himself. The thing that makes us human.

Because that's what Arjun Reddy, the protagonist of the 2017 Telugu film (of which *Kabir Singh* is a faithful copy) manages: it is a character study of a deeply flawed young man, but one who does, most importantly, have an arc. *Arjun Reddy* goes from point A to point B, and his journey is marked by a reluctant progression, where a self-obsessed man-child makes his painful way into a sort of adulthood.

Vijay Deverkonda's playing of Arjun Reddy is fully switched on, and on-point. His single-minded conquest of a much-younger new student, the pretty Preethi, takes you to the questionable space of 'putting a stamp of ownership' on another, and we are taken back by the complete submissiveness of the mouse-like girl in question.

Some of that may be put down to individual natures, and also to the established hierarchies of male-female, senior-junior in professional educational institutions, especially in such gendered spaces as medical colleges. But, and this is crucial, there is a surprising free-spiritedness to Arjun and Preethi's romance which flourishes, in and out of bed, and which, for a Telugu movie, even in 2017, was quite jaw-dropping.

A lot of this has been lost in translation, and the Hindi version, with Shahid Kapoor in the lead, is the poorer for it. Kapoor's physical resemblance to the Reddy character is startling, the same unkempt hair-and-beard, the same dark glasses, but it is not an internally realised performance. Kapoor managed that interiority in *Jab We Met* in which he was outstanding, and, in parts, in *Kaminey*. Deverkonda lets us in, and is not afraid of breaking the boys-don't-cry myth (a scene in which he goes after another student with vicious kicks and bloody punches also shows us his wet-eyed heartbreak).

Here are some bare-bones details for those coming fresh into the Hindi remake. Dr Kabir Singh (Kapoor), an orthopaedic surgeon, has blood on his hands. And nothing on his conscience. We soon realise that he is a roaring, raving drunk. He makes no distinction in other things he abuses: they could be chemical, or people, especially those who love him, and more especially, the young

woman who adores him. If there was a walking, talking example of a fully dislikeable human with self-destruction as a goal, that would be, yes, our hero.

The list is long, and as the film slides into a flashback of when the protagonist was a senior student in a medical college where his exemplary academic record is held up at the same time as he faces down his 'anger management issues', the film threatens to become an endless paean to Kabir's behaviour.

His pursuit of Preethi (Advani) shows us even more violent, aggressive behaviour. But their coming together feels real, feels like two young people hot for each other doing something about it. There's a credible physicality to their relationship which immediately lifts it above the bloodless, anodyne coupling that Bollywood usually manages to come up with. In these portions, both Kabir and Preethi display equal passion, which is a good thing, because everywhere else, that dynamic is skewed.

The director has said that he's made some changes in the Hindi version. I couldn't spot too many, but the one I remember from the Telugu version is quite striking: a conversation between Arjun and his best pal about a third young man 'objectifying women'. Which is rich, given that that's all they — Arjun and his male pals — seem to do, but it's also something that leads you into thinking about sexism and sexist behaviour in a nuanced way: can you amplify centuries of graven-in-stone sexist, misogynist behaviour by showing a character who is living, breathing example of those qualities? Showing such a character change can be a marker for change, too.

And setting is important too — the rules that govern public display of toxic masculinity, and what it is like to be a man — change if it's a relatively provincial setting like in the original movie, or the Delhi-Mumbai ones of the Hindi version. Nothing about the latter rings true, though we keep getting the name of the two cities as reference.

Deverkonda's undeniable charisma helps his Arjun get past rank bad behaviour, but finally he gets to a point where he has to dial back. There's a redemptive arc, and we are given that as a take-away, and the possibility of a turning-over-a-new-life, which is a great way to end a film.

Kapoor takes the movie and tries to run with it. But he's been a hero at the centre-stage for too long; his responses are too practiced, too familiar. He feels too old for this role, and his dissolution never feels as sharply realised as the one he managed so superbly in *Udta Punjab*.

Arjun Reddy shows us vulnerability, and that's the only way he keeps us with him; Kabir Singh is all flourish, mostly surface. You see him going through the motions, but you never really feel for him. And that, right there, is the problem: not enough pay off for three hours of pain.

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TOY STORY 4
★★★

Director: Josh Cooley
Voices: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Christina Hendricks, Joan Cusack, Madeleine McGraw, Tony Hale, Annie Potts and Keanu Reeves

SHALINI LANGER

IT'S NEARLY a quarter of a century since *Toy Story 1*. That Woody and the gang still look as fresh as they did is the genius of Pixar. But it's also nine years since *Toy Story 3*, when that loveable bunch got the perfect send-off. Even for Pixar, this fourth part seems a lazy concession to the exigencies of a profitable enterprise — though the studio with the magic touch does even this better than most.

Passed along by Andy the last time, the toys have spent the last few years with Bonnie (McGraw). But as Bonnie grows up and into kindergarten, Woody (Hanks) again finds himself unneeded by the kid who owns him. Bonnie even hands over Woody's Sheriff badge to Jesse (Cusack), and soon fashions a toy of her own from some discarded stuff, primarily a fork, at school. She calls it Forky (Hale).

While there could have been an interesting dynamic here of fancy toys vs a toy that a child has made herself, or even toys ganging up against a new kid on the block, *Toy Story 4* has an un-engaging storyline that involves Woody trying to retain for Bonnie Forky, who actually considers itself trash and would rather stay in the bin.

In a roundabout way, with the story looping many times around itself, Forky

escapes, Woody chases him, Buzz goes after them, Woody finds an old love, Bo Peep (Potts), and the toys roll, trundle and scam through a carnival, antiques store, RV van, abandoned roads and then some.

Bo Peep has found her feet since last time, and is a feisty new thing with her stick, a skunk contraption and her sheep, a heroine befitting the post-*Frozen* era. And she isn't the only gender correction for Pixar in this franchise, with strong women driving the story.

But if one wishes Bonnie was part of this change — she makes hardly any impact or leaves any impression, unlike what we hoped for at the end of *Toy Story 3* — the void is more than filled by the one truly remarkable toy of this fourth episode. That is Gabby Gabby (Hendricks), a doll capable of immense pain and immense terror, who is bidding her time behind a glass case, in an antiques store of forgotten toys, surrounded by a bunch of equally frightening ventriloquist dummies.

The film is as much about Gabby's search for "love", by a child, as Bo Peep's determination for "independence", irrespective of one. While clearly this takes *Toy Story* into a dimension it has never explored before, when it is as much about the toys who grow up as their owners, the fact that it's Gabby's story that grabs us reiterates something else: what made *Toy Story* special was how it took us all back to our childhood.

Perhaps the only ones who need to let go — one of the inevitabilities of growing up — are the film's creators. At the start, Bo Peep tells Woody, "It's time for the next kid." Indeed, it's time for a new film.

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The Walking Dead



EVERAFTER (German film)

Director: Carolina Hellsgård
Cast: Marco Albrecht, Trine Dyrholm, Gro Swantje Kohlhof, Maja Lehrer, Barbara Philipp

MANOHLA DARGIS

WE HAVE met the walking dead, and they are us. That, at any rate, seems to be the bludgeoning point of all the screen zombies that keep walking and sometimes running in our direction. Since George A. Romero unleashed the zombie movie with *Night of the Living Dead* (1968), the departed and their annihilating hunger have proved unsurprisingly durable metaphors for the human condition.

The German movie *Endzeit* — *Ever After* in English — approaches the subgenre by folding the undead into a fairy tale. It's once upon a time in the apocalypse and zombies have taken over the country (and perhaps the rest of the world). Only two cities remain safe, including the heavily defended Weimar, where the heavily medicated Vivi (Gro Swantje Kohlhof) lives in an institution. She vacantly stares into the beyond, troubled by the past and the terrors swirling in her head.

The director Carolina Hellsgård sets the scene efficiently, sweeping the camera over the eerily empty streets and snaking coils of razor wire. The barricades convey fear, but also defiance and optimism. People here clearly want to make it through the apocalypse, though what Vivi wants is less certain. Trembling, eyes darting, she seems lost in her own dread or indecision or drug-in-

duced haze. It's all very unclear and not that compelling, especially since fast-moving zombies are chomping in the wings.

Things look up once Vivi visits the barricades, where she meets Eva (Maja Lehrer), a tough number who helps keep the fortifications intact and the ravenous threat at bay. Vivi has volunteered to assist. But the situation conveniently goes south when a zombie chomps another volunteer, whom Eva is forced to kill. Every zombie movie creates its own rules, and here a bite isn't remedied by lopping off, say, a limb but by a fatal blow or bullet.

That dead volunteer is a sacrifice to the narrative gods, one of those disposable characters who spurs change and momentum. Soon Vivi and Eva are sneaking out of Weimar on a supply train headed toward Jena, the other remaining protected city. Things go from bad to way worse, partly because — as the barricade scene showed — characters in *Endzeit* have a habit of putting themselves in dangerous situations, having apparently never watched a horror movie.

Yet once Vivi and Eva are forced off the train and start wandering the countryside, the forest seems to fold its arms around them, and *Endzeit* modestly deepens into beguiling mystery. It's a tricky transformation and not altogether steady, largely because the locations — Weimar, the train, the woods, a watchtower — point to World War II and, by extension, the Holocaust. These invocations of the past feel too heavy for the story, which finds its footing when it leaves history behind. It's then, with the help of a runaway bride and some environmental hippie magic, that this blurry movie morphs into a fine fable about life, death and female self-determination (plus zombies). **NYT**

Children of Heaven

CAPERNAUM (Arabic, with English subtitles)
★★★

Director: Nadine Labaki
Cast: Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw

YOUNG ZAIN is serving a five-year sentence in a Beirut prison for stabbing someone. For such a little boy, he is astonishingly poised, and heartbreakingly self-reliant. He knows he has no one to fall back on. His parents, such as they are, are of no help: they don't even remember how old he is. Zain is alone, and has to learn to fend for himself.

Capernaum, which means 'a disorderly accumulation of objects' is an apt name for a film in which there seems to be no order. Zain doesn't really have a home: When he walks into what passes for one in an unlovely Beirut slum, he finds irresponsible adults instead of responsible parents.

For a large part of the film, we see Zain (accompanied by a baby, whom he pulls along in a makeshift pram) trying to live by his wits, and to keep out of danger. From

child peddlers, to heartless landlords, to adults preying upon teenage girls — these are things no young child should have to face on his own.

Labaki's film, which won a jury prize and a standing ovation at the Cannes film festival in 2018, is a bit too melodramatic in places, and comes off a tad manipulative. How can you not be torn to bits when you see young ones struggling to survive in one of the toughest neighbourhoods in the world? It's all too much, but it never strays far from the real, because of the actors who look and sound rooted: Zain is played by a real-life street-child. Almost everyone else in the cast plays reel versions of themselves.

The film is not all doom and gloom. It shows us that children, even in the most desperate circumstances, have enormous resilience. And that survival is a function of not just luck but intelligence. It also tells us not to be too quick to judge people: as Zain's parents tell the judge presiding over his trial, they are immigrants with no papers, and without papers they are jobless.



How will they feed the children?

The problem of war and strife and the homeless is there for everyone to see. War leads to nothing but destruction and poverty. Can it be avoided? Can humans

live in amity? Yes they can, under the right circumstances.

Sometimes, to get by, compassion and empathy is all we need.

SG

Been There, Seen That

THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF THE FAKIR
★★★

Director: Ken Scott
Cast: Dhanush, Erin Moriarty, Berenice Bejo, Barkhad Abdi, Harty Singh

THE MOVIE adaptation of Romain Puertolas's action-adventure-fantasy novel *The Extraordinary Journey Of The Fakir Who Got Trapped In An Ikea Wardrobe* has Dhanush playing the fakir with magical powers, who, yes, gets trapped in a wardrobe, and yes, whooshes off on an adventure which involves trotting around world-famous furniture stores, the Eiffel Tower, a French actress, becoming the saviour of the poor and homeless, and so on and so forth.

How does all the to-ing and fro-ing, toplined by Dhanush, who has near-magical chameleon-like powers in real life to get into



the skin of any and all roles he gets, stack up? The film is undeniably shiny, and quick-paced, but it is also unsubstantial: you feel it could have done with more filling-ins, more detailing. There's a lot going on, but it doesn't add up to much. And the vexing question of immigrants is dealt with too simply, and simplistically.

For an Indian audience, there's the added

annoyance of brown-faced slum kids talking in English. We just about settle into it, and then comes the display of the kind of exotica which we thought had been deep sixed long back: a cow named Mohini makes special appearances here and there, and our hero who goes by the name of Ajatshatru Lavash Patel aka Aja is shown, yes, levitating. Yes, that famous Indian rope trick, minus the

rope. But, hurrah, no snake charmers, so that's something.

Being transported in a wardrobe from France to England leads Aja and a boatload of African illegals straight into the watchful arms of a British officer, who ships them off to Spain, and then onwards to other picturesque parts, including a dreary Libyan refugee camp. In between Aja manages to lose his heart to a pretty American (Moriarty), but also manages to flub a date at the Eiffel Tower, making it fully an affair to remember.

Some of the portions do charm, especially when Berenice Bejo shows up as a canny helper-outer of Aja, who returns the favour by steering Bejo towards her one true love. And funnily enough, for a film which is an international co-production (France-India-Belgium) whose clear intention must have been to stay far away from formula, it has the most zing when the characters are singing and dancing to vigorously choreographed numbers.

Bejo's toothy smile is a delight, but she waltzes off too soon. What saves the film is the twinkly sincerity of Dhanush. He really does have extraordinary powers to please even when he is doing nothing special.

SG



HEALING TOUCH

Oklahoma-born poet, musician and author Joy Harjo, 68, a member of the self-governed tribe Muscogee Creek Nation, is the first Native American to be named the US poet laureate. Harjo's new book of poems, *An American Sunrise*, will be out in August.

Written on the Wall

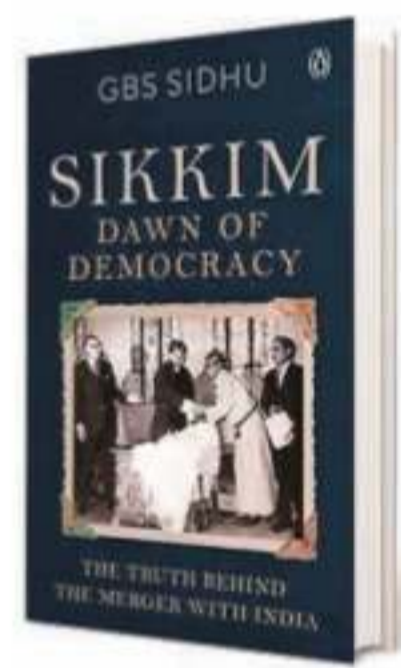
A comprehensive account of the history of Sikkim since 1947, that lays to rest any suggestion of the forcible annexation of the state



Indira Gandhi with Sikkim King Palden Thondup Namgyal and his wife in New Delhi in February 1966. Express Archive

DEB MUKHARJI

PALDEN THONDUP Namgyal, the 12th and last Chogyal of Sikkim, would complain bitterly to his Indian friends, "Why are they doing this? They've got everything already! What more can India possibly want?" And his friends would believe that agents of the government of India were doing their utmost to wreck the administration of a benevolent king. Accounts of Sunanda K Datta-Ray and others of similar views have kept alive the late Chogyal's lament, with Indira Gandhi cast in the role of a successor to British imperialism. This is grist to the mill of those in Nepal constantly cautioning about the Sikkimisation of Nepal (however different the circumstances). Even the Global Times of China recently threatened to rouse the people of Sikkim to demanding independence. Credible counter-narratives placing an "Indian" perspective have been absent, or incomplete. GBS Sidhu provides a comprehensive account of the history of Sikkim since 1947, and of the eventful days leading to its merger with India. As the R&AW representative in Gangtok, he was both a major actor in and a close observer of the rapidly moving kaleidoscope of events from 1973 to 1975. Jawaharlal Nehru granted special status to Sikkim in 1947, overriding Vallabhbhai Patel and BN Rau, who equated Sikkim with other members of the Chamber of Princes. Years later, PN Dhar recalled that Indira Gandhi had said "in very clear terms" that her father had made a mistake in not heeding the wishes of the people of Sikkim to merge with India. Nehru possibly saw the parallel between Sikkim and Tibet envisaged in the Anglo-Chinese convention of March 1890, where their respective interests in Sikkim and Tibet were acknowledged, and, thus, Tibet was expected to be reciprocally left alone. He was soon to be gravely disillusioned. Sikkim's demand to be put on the same platform as Bhutan was, however, rejected.



SIKKIM: DAWN OF DEMOCRACY. THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MERGER WITH INDIA
GBS SIDHU
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As the author points out, the Indian attitude after 1947 "left very little scope for the pro-democracy and anti-durbar political forces in Sikkim to fight for its merger with India." Meanwhile, Palden Thondup Namgyal — later the Chogyal — continued to feed into India's security concerns with assurances that he would be the best bet for India. The electoral system introduced through a 1953 proclamation had given overwhelming weightage to the Bhutia-Lepcha population, despite their being 25 per cent of the population. The majority Nepali population faced discrimination at many levels. Agricultural and other reforms were not touched by the durbar. The cornerstone of Indian policy, support to the durbar on perceived security interests, "ran foul of the people's aspirations". A warning bell would have sounded in the Indian es-

tablishment on Hope Cooke's 1966 article seeking the restoration of Darjeeling. A CIA connection, unsubstantiated and likely untrue, was suspected.

The Chogyal made the mistake, like many others, of underestimating Indira Gandhi when she became prime minister in 1966. Anti-India protests were encouraged and his European visits portrayed as meetings with local royalty. There was a demand for revising the 1950 treaty as between two sovereign states and suggestions for joining the UN. Soon, the Chogyal was to acquire a staunch supporter in the new Indian foreign secretary, TN Kaul, whom he had known since the early 1950s. Unknown to Kaul, then principal secretary PN Haksar advised the PM, "There was a time in 1947 when the people of Sikkim were with India. Thereafter, we developed great fondness for the Sikkim durbar and now we wait on his frowns and his smiles... we must not delude ourselves. The Chogyal wants independence, a membership of the UN and is gradually eroding our will."

In early December 1972, Kaul was replaced by Kewal Singh, a shrewd diplomat with no personal axe to grind. By the end of 1972, in language reminiscent of William Shakespeare, India Gandhi asked RN Kao, the legendary head of the R&AW, "to do something about Sikkim".

Sidhu went to Gangtok in 1973 as head of a small R&AW team, ostensibly to inform the Chogyal of Chinese activities. His real charter was to liaise with the Sikkim Congress, provide them with assistance and advice in the final, by then, aim of Sikkim's merger with India. Sidhu recounts in detail his efforts to unify the pro-democracy and pro-merger political forces in Sikkim, which also happened to represent the majority. His efforts contributed to their resounding victory in the 1974 elections and subsequent resolutions leading to the merger of Sikkim in April, 1975.

Sidhu's account of his tenure in Gangtok is absorbing. All the characters in the last act

of the play, the Chogyal and Gyalmo, the irresistible sister Coocoola, Kazi Lhendup Dorjee, whose lifelong ambition was to see Sikkim as a part of India, the Scottish Kazini Elisa Maria who occasionally played foolish and dangerous games, political officer KS Bajpai and Gurbachan Singh, the principal executives, BS Das and his successor come to life in this extraordinary account.

Sidhu makes no bones about his personal admiration for the Kazi, whom he considers a true Indian patriot. There is nothing defensive about Sidhu's narrative that India did withdraw its support to the Chogyal and let the will of the people prevail with its support.

Of the Chogyal, there was prescient comment on his character, when he was only the Maharaj Kumar, by the then diwan, JS Lall in a note for Nehru in 1953: "The Maharaj Kumar once remarked that the state is the ruler. When he becomes the ruler himself, he will probably try to put this into effect, and thus set forces into motion which might well annihilate him and his dynasty." This prophecy was to hold true for another dynasty as well in neighbouring Nepal a few decades later, where King Gyanendra suffered from the same hubris.

Though written decades after the events described, Sidhu's account is essential for students of Indian history. It lays to rest any suggestion of the forcible annexation of Sikkim. It also casts a searing light on the functioning of the Indian establishment where, at various times, the heads of the foreign policy and intelligence establishments and others kept the cards so close to their chests that senior field officers were misguided about national objectives, confusing friends and adversaries alike. In this context, one must have some sympathy both for the Chogyal and his apologists for misreading the omens. Sidhu's account brilliantly recaptures the aura of those times.

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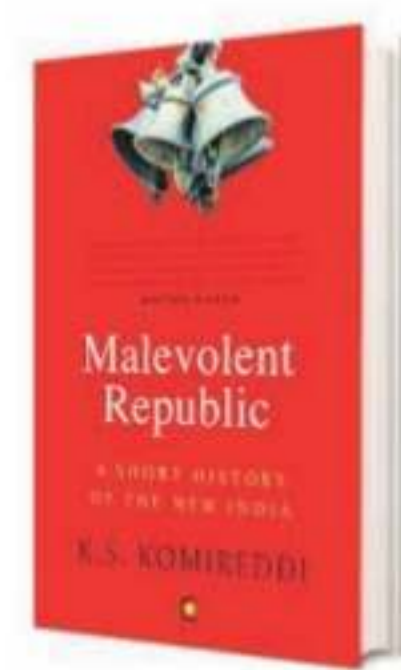
"The authoritarianism in Nehru existed alongside and was tempered by a genuine aversion to dictatorship and rigid adherence to democratic procedure". From today's standpoint — or even from the times of Indira Gandhi — it seems apt to accept his implicit argument that the country's polity assumes a different character once it is taken over by autocrats who have far less compunctions about upholding democracy compared to Nehru. But this still does not answer whether India under Nehru was a hub of personality

politics in much the same manner as it was under his successors.

Malevolent Republic was written before the verdict of the 2019 elections came out. But it asks a question germane to the issue of personality politics — and authoritarianism. "What if Modi loses? The defeat will spur a great deal of commentary on the redemptive qualities of Indian democracy. But a post-Modi government, whether it is a coalition led by the Congress or a Congress-free bricolage of regional forces will be in danger of suffering the same fate as the post-Emergency government in 1976 — an unwieldy alliance lofted into power on account of what it was not — it was not Indira and it was not Congress — before collapsing in short order because it could not agree upon what it was".

As it turns out, Modi won convincingly. But the argument that the answer to Modi, or Indira Gandhi, implicit in Komireddi's understanding, and that of several well-meaning analysts, is another forceful personality, albeit not an authoritarian one, is troubling. With all our encomia to the country's diversity, many of us — and if *Malevolent Republic* is any indication, Komireddi too — do not seem to be asking if the country's PM should be a hegemon, a benevolent balancers of groups that constitute the republic, or just a first amongst equals, a magnificent one, perhaps? And hence, the question about the polity during Nehru's time. Is there a legacy of that period was touched by the complex persona and inclinations of the country's first prime minister, and yet much more beyond it, that awaits reclaiming?

The beauty of *Malevolent Republic* is that it stimulates such questions, even when it doesn't raise them.



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Always and Forever

Arundhati Subramaniam's new volume of poetry is unpredictable and utterly compelling

KEKI DARUWALLA

LAST YEAR, I went to Cyprus for a conference and an Armenian lady gifted me the *Complete Poems of George Seferis*, translated by Edmund Keeley and Philip Sherard. How did Seferis get in here? Because when I read Arundhati Subramaniam's *Love Without a Story*, it occurred to me that these were the best poetry volumes I have read in half a decade.

The language and imagery in Subramaniam's volume fairly sizzles. In 'A first Monsoon Again', we get "a euphoria/ of gulmohur" and "every moment/ the memory of a previous one", each dark cloud "a courier from a classical past". And, of course, the call of love can't lag behind *sawan* and *bhadon*, and the longing "or a man whose voice/ is blue ash and oatmeal".

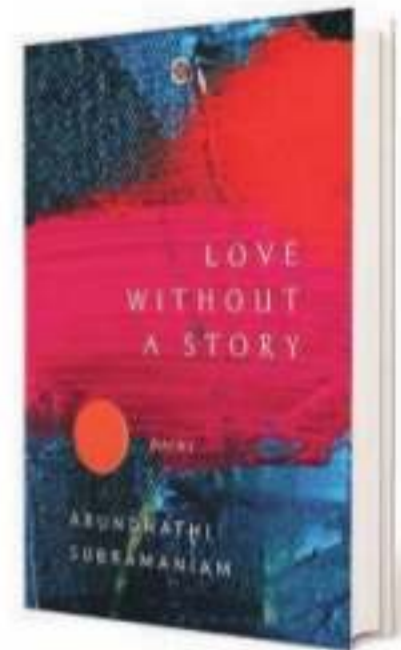
Her approach is always elliptical, ambushing both the reader and the subject she is tackling. Love and poetry are, in a way, Siamese twins, but there always will be a thin ray of light, or not-seen-before shadow, fall on what she is grappling with. For Subramaniam, the strange thing about love is "that it melts you/ into an amateur" and "evicts you/ from the land of echoes" and finds you sitting "under the stars/ in ancient bewilderment".

In a poem 'Finding Dad' she says, "When parents die"...

'You believe
They must add up
To a story larger
Than the one you knew'
But wardrobe and unopened cologne tells you nothing much. They end up "whole/ in the heart's stubborn partisanship/ you knew as love, / Your dad's crazy love."

Writing on subjects like love or remembering, and much of poetry is always about memory or talking about it, is not easy. In a fine poem on remembering, she talks of "ambling storylines/ of green lotus stems/ and wooden boats" and tells us that: "Remembering isn't an art but an instinct."

She ends by saying that there is nothing piecemeal or "second hand/ about remembering". This truism hits you, however slanted, when the kernel of truth is deposited on the reader. Her sweep is wide, the reader "suspended between the Tiber/ and the Arno, between wild geology/ and keeling light, where the wind/ is falcon flight



LOVE WITHOUT A STORY
ARUNDHATHI SUBRAMANIAM
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and gravity aerial".

A poetry volume is a chunk of life and a retelling of lived-through experiences. So, in her youth, we have a "binge", if you call that one, at an Irani restaurant where she finds the "formica tables sticky/ with kolatkar, pound, almadorar/ clarice lispector, nammalvar" (A reviewer needs to be humble. I thought Clarice Lispector was a lipstick, till I Googled! One must read this Jewish novelist who escaped to Brazil during the heyday of the Nazis). In her poems on parents, she finds them melting away "velvet-pawed sure-footed in to the night".

The first poem in the volume has been misunderstood by critics. It takes after a line by the poet Eunice de Souza, 'I Grew Up in an Age of Poets'. The old poets were bedevilled with a "shiver of doubt" about themselves and possibly their writing. Now, she meets poets who exchange visiting cards, "their laughter splintered eggshells", who are best met in poems.

One of the qualities of Subramaniam's poetry is its unpredictability, as with some short story writers who specialise in the twist in the end. With this poet, the ending is natural, and yet, one wouldn't have predicted it.

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JUST RIGHT FOR KIDS

Light in the Dark



IT'S TREVOR NOAH: BORN A CRIME
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THE DARK history of Apartheid (1948-1994) is not taught in South African schools the way in which the Holocaust is taught in Germany or the history of colonialism — to a certain extent — in Britain, recalled comedian Trevor Noah, in his book, *Born a Crime* (2016). "Apartheid was bad. Nelson Mandela was freed. Let's move on" — the tone of the lesson was as cursory as that. There was very little about how it affected the society at large, especially those at the receiving end of the institutionalised segregation, namely Black people and other persons of colour. Books, though, have done their bit to fill that void and the memoir by the host of the American television show, *The Daily Show*, had been a good addition to the genre. Beginning with his childhood, Noah had revisited pivotal events of his life that had been impacted by the racial segregation put into effect for nearly five decades in the country. When the book released, it gave voice to the trauma of a generation of people who had lived through those dark times, but it did so with grace and humour.

It follows then that the witty and insightful book would be adapted for

young readers to give them a glimpse into one of the darkest chapters of history. In this adapted version (appropriate for 8+ years), Noah narrates stories from his rather eventful childhood in South Africa. These include accidentally burning down a White man's house with a magnifying glass and being thrown out of a moving car by his mother — to save his life no less.

As a biracial child — Noah was born to a Swiss father and a fiercely strong, religious Black mother — Noah's life was an act of rebellion right from the beginning as interracial marriages were illegal in South Africa. As a youngster growing up in a ghettoised Black neighbourhood, Noah spent most of his time indoors and by himself. He draws a touching portrait of those lonely days, and, in between these stories, he also explains various aspects of Apartheid. These include the White supremacist government's confusion over which ghetto to put the Chinese in before assigning them the same ones as the Black citizens. The Japanese, on the other hand, were treated on par with the White men because their technology and cars were much coveted.

There isn't much difference in the content of both the editions, but this version has been adapted keeping in mind its targeted readership. This means that the explicit details of the atrocities of the time have been sacrificed to make it more suitable for its target audience.

Children can handle the truth, Noah had said during the launch of his memoir in New York. And, indeed, they can. The book serves as an important introduction to understand life, society, politics, and fault lines in South Africa from up close. Noah is searingly honest and unfailingly funny — some of the qualities that make his shows so popular. Indeed, people who have seen his videos, can almost hear him speak. *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime* is an engaging read, hard to put down and very high on our list of recommendations.

SURBHI GUPTA

Measuring Our World

A critique in two parts, KS Komireddi's brief history of India raises important questions even if it doesn't address them

KAUSHIK DASGUPTA

ANY WORK that starts with the aim of providing "a short history of New India" has a tricky task. It's difficult to accommodate more than 70 years of a country's history in about 200 pages. The challenge is even more difficult when the work in question attempts to create of genealogy of how India turned into a "malevolent republic". The transformation of a country that prided itself as "sare jahaan se achha, Hindustan hamara" to a nation that is rife with the promises and possibilities of "good days" — and, yet, teems with prejudices — isn't easy to contain in a "short history". But for anyone trying to understand this momentous transformation, KS Komireddi's *Malevolent Republic: A Short History of New India* should be a must read.

But Komireddi's originality lies in weaving them together into a narrative that tells why and how India has become what it is today. In its first part, *Malevolent Republic* asks a difficult question? Can dynastism and authoritarianism be traced to the times when the country was at its democratic best? Komireddi does not absolve India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru in this respect. "The principled anti-imperialist acolyte of Mahatma Gandhi, who never tired of dispensing pre-elections about peace to foreign leaders had few misgivings about utilising disproportionate force against people he claimed as his own. In Kerala...he engineered the overthrow of the democratically-elected Communist government. In Kashmir, he presided over an anti-democratic farce. In Nagaland to the east, he authorised the bombing of Christians who had the temerity to demand from India what India had sought from the British".

The question, however, is should the republic's first tyrannies, as well its democratic successes, be reduced to the idiosyncrasies of its first prime minister. Should the country's polity under the country's first prime minister be described in much the same manner as that under his daughter, Indira Gandhi? Komireddi's answer is measured:





Conflict zone

Riddled with identity crises and conspiracy theories, Afghanistan aim to stay afloat in Southampton



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 21

RUMOURS ARE spilling out, like flood water, from the cricket stadium in Kabul where Afghans congregate to watch world cup cricket matches on a big screen. The story, as heard by Javed Hamim Kakar, a senior editor at 'Pajhwok Afghan' newspaper, is about the former captain Asghar Afghan who was sacked days before the tournament. The rumour is this: That Asghar had joked with his team-mates that one day he would replace Azizullah Fazel, who had taken over as chairman of Afghanistan cricket board in September 2018. The boast reached Fazel's ears and he set upon the agenda to pull the rug from under Asghar's feet. We will probably never know the truth of this, though Phil Simmons, Afghanistan's coach, has indicated that he would be coming clean on all the palace intrigues after the World Cup. Let's see.

Kakar is in Kabul, watching the match between England and Sri Lanka along with his sons at his home on the national television. He spent years at a refugee camp in Pakistan before returning home with a love for cricket and for news. "I can't even begin to tell you what cricket means to our people. World Cup is everywhere here. Not just our team, but we watch every game that is going on. At markets, at homes, at offices — all the talk is around this."

More rumours are floating out of Kabul stadium. The anti-Pakistani sentiment, prevalent in the country, is perhaps influencing the selection and other policies in cricket too. That those who have had links with Pakistan cricket are in some ways being sidelined. Kakar says he doesn't have evidence of it — all he has heard is rumours. "I have even heard that Pakistan cricket administration too is influencing a sense of discontent in the team but they are just rumours — perhaps the anger of people that comes out like this. In our part of the world, subcontinent, isn't all this normal? This kind of speculations and conspiracy theories?"

That's true but in some ways the broken shards of those conspiracy theories and rumours reflect the state of Afghanistan cricket right now. The drastic fall from hope (when the team was picked the chairman spoke about possible semi-final spot) to the current tatters. It shows in the scramble at the Manchester restaurant where the owners told the newspapers that the people who tried to take photographs of Afghan cricketers apparently threatened them that they would release the pictures to social media and claim that the team was partying ahead of the England game. You tell that to Kakar and he laughs down the Skype line. No surprise, no shock — just an all-knowing laughter. "I have heard that too here on the streets." Huh, news does flow rather quickly to Kabul.

Why did Asghar Stanikzai change his name to Asghar Afghan and what does it have to do with cricket? Is there a conspiracy story there? "Stanikzai is a Pashtun tribe name," says Kakar. "It was felt that our national captain should have a name that represents the country — and not just a tribe."

The name changes is a thorny issue in the country. Last year, the government started electronic identity cards (called E-Tazkera) that has divided the civil society. The debate has raged on whether the new ID should mention the person's ethnicity and nationality using the term 'Afghan' and whether 'Afghan and Pashtun' are synonymous or not. Pushing for the move, the Kandahar police chief, General Abdul Raziq, had said last year that "No one has the right to take political benefit from the process. Those who do not count themselves as Afghans should leave the country." Afghanistan Analytics Network, an independent research outfit, summarised the issue thus:



Afghanistan leggie Rashid Khan with bowling coach Charl Langeveldt during a training session in Southampton on Friday. AP

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"As has been seen throughout the decades in Afghanistan, in both peace and some phases of the war, ethnicity has been used to form political parties and military factions, to organise people and vote in elections, to rally support and identify 'the enemy'. It is always a potentially dangerous issue as it is essentially a sort of primordial kinship that gains its social and political powers from its fixed and predetermined feature — ie, being born into a certain ethnic group."

It's in this light that Asghar Stanikzai became Asghar Afghan. To give himself a pan-country image. He isn't just the only one but Kabul cricket watchers have a theory. Zai are Pashtun tribes in Pakistan and Afghanistan. "Perhaps, its an attempt to erase that doubt that lineage has — there is a definite anti-Pakistan sentiment in the country," says an Afghan journalist who doesn't want to be named. "But it isn't just limited to Asghar — a lot of normal citizens are changing the name to Afghan. It's the mood in the country."

"Cricket also is now affected by what's happening in the country," Kakar says. "Political patronage and nepotism is driving it." As soon as Fazli took over as chairman last September, he appointed a Dawlat Khan Ahmadzai as chief selector (the one that Phil Simmons is warring with). Soon, Asghar Afghan was removed as the captain. Under Asghar's captaincy, Afghanistan became a full member of ICC and in March, achieved their historic maiden Test win against Ireland in Dehradun. A month before the tournament, Afghanistan opted for split captaincy: Gulbadin Naib for ODIs, Rashid

Khan for T20s, and Rahmat Shah for Tests — and Kabul cricket followers raged. In fact, it went one step further, as Asghar Afghan was not picked for the first three games and only after a public outcry back home, he was included in the game against South Africa.

Then there was that brouhaha over Ahmad Shahzad, who vented tearfully after his ouster from the world cup. The authorities said he was unfit, a theory that he ruled out. "If they don't want me to play, I will quit cricket," Shahzad told the Afghanistan media in Kabul.

Afghanistan Times, the newspaper, reported Shahzad saying that there are accusations against him that he doesn't play honestly against Pakistan and that he is in the team working for someone. He alleged a conspiracy and also said that Asghar wasn't played despite being fully fit.

The president got involved after that. A presidential decree was issued and four people — Gulalai Noor Safi, Ahmad Jawad Paikar, Ziaulhaq Amarkhail, and Shukurullah Atif Mashal — were newly appointed as board members. Of the lot, Mashal's name is interesting. Last September, he was the chairman of ACB but was replaced after a few Afghan players complained that he was the reason they didn't get sold in the Afghanistan Premier League. Now not only is he back, but has become a key board member.

The Kabul cricket watchers fear that the players might revolt with a strike or the administrators crack the whip so hard that more chaos would result.

Sarah Fane, called the "mother of Afghan cricket" for her work in using cricket as a tool to bring kids together in schools doesn't want to get into the debate. All she is hoping that the people in power realise the importance and pride of place that cricket has in every Afghan's lives. "It's their joy, cricketers are the main heroes. This country needs cricket."

It's in this context that Indians face Afghanistan in Southampton. The Titanic left the shores here before it sunk. Could Afghanistan find a way to make their cricket-crazy countrymen remember Southampton as the place where their cricket stayed afloat? Else, more rumours would spill out from Kabul's stadiums that are already more leaky than that famous ship.

Impatient Rashid faces toughest test

SANDIP G
JUNE 21

SOMETIME DURING the last IPL, Rashid Khan jested with a disarming smile: "There are times I feel much older. I'm just 20, but sometimes I feel like I am 30." Maybe, it was the unsparring burden on his shoulders talking. The first superstar cricketer from his country, a global T20 icon, fans and franchises queuing up for his signature, hefty cheques being rolled out to him as fast as the googlies he dispenses, brand representatives ceaselessly buzzing his mobile phone, the intimidating gaze of the spotlight has at times suffocated the 20-year-old from Jalalabad. "I'm proud of what I have achieved, but sometimes I feel the attention on me is too much," he recently confided to The Telegraph.

In England, this World Cup, he must be feeling terribly old, his mood grim like the English summer. Nothing has gone right for him — concussed by New Zealand tearaway Lockie Ferguson, battered by Eoin Morgan, ridiculed by ruthless Twitter handles, alleged of feuding with skipper Gulbadin Naib, Rashid has been severely knackered. Rashid, with characteristic candour, swished the scorn and scandal aside and sprung to self-defence: "People who talk about those nine overs don't remember what Rashid did on the previous 10 days."

These words betrayed hurt. He later dwelled on his ODI numbers — 64 games, 128 wickets, an otherworldly average of 16.72, a thrifty economy rate of 4.09. In the still-nascent stage of his career, his average is the best ever in the world, he's not only the fastest to 100 wickets but also the youngest ever, besides the fourth-best figures in this format. To strike a comparison, Shane Warne at this age was still battling with his action and authorities, Muttiah Muralitharan was just configuring his own untapped genius, Rashid's favourite bowler, Shahid Afridi, was tranced in his big-hitting prowess, a motley part-timer who bowled everything from loopy seam-up to leg-spin. In this vein, Rashid is perhaps too mature for his age, his numbers already at a more ele-

vated level than some of the game's greatest.

But there is a caveat to his glittering numbers. Only 32 off them have come against those teams playing this World Cup; distill the numbers further, 26 off them have been purchased against ICC's lowest-ranked teams barring Rashid's own Afghanistan — West Indies, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. It's no fault of his that he has got a game apiece against Pakistan, India, New Zealand, England, South Africa and Australia. But against them, his average leaps to 49, the economy rate jumps to 6.70. Not that his numbers — it could be a small sample size but nonetheless revealing — had been rendered hideous by Eoin Morgan, but even against South Africa and Australia he has leaked runs at 6.42 and 6.50 respectively.

Little doubt that exposure would sharpen his skills and make him mentally tougher, but at this juncture, he's still uncut, even a bit naive in this format against the elites of the cricketing world. His googlies can ruffle the impulsive Caribbeans — he once orchestrated a stupendous collapse, from 68/0 to 70/6 at Gros Islet — his throttling lines can limit batsmen, but against merry, explosive players of spin he could blink. The England match was a case in point.

For Morgan, it was as simple as disturbing his lengths. Rashid doesn't go as full as most wrist-spinners, as he doesn't rely on flight and drift. So batsmen generally hang back, in the fear of being beaten for pace and length, but Morgan abandonedly stepped out to him, smearing over midwicket. It disheveled him as much it dismayed him. He probed a fuller length, he was merely playing to Morgan's hands. He joyfully kept sweeping slogging him. The fuller length also neutered the fizz and whoosh of his googlies, his nuclear-tipped weapon. He wasn't not only demystified but devastated.

It was less of a graver technical snap than it was a temperamental snag. Several bowlers, both seamers and spinners, fed heavily on T20 diet have endured similar travails, in adjusting to the tenor of the 50-over game, where batsmen aren't as hasty or preposterous as they're in the T20s. When there's no run-riot, when



BRIEFLY



He's definitely one of the best bowlers right now in limited overs. Having played with him (at Sunrisers) for a couple of years, it's very important for me to pick things from him. So for me, it is about how I play against him tomorrow.

VIJAY SHANKAR
ON RASHID KHAN

'Afghanistan need top teams exposure'

Southampton: Afghanistan need regular exposure against the top teams before they can compete at the World Cup, captain Gulbadin Naib said ahead of Saturday's match against India. "When we play associate teams, we're doing well. But we need to improve our game, so we should play strong teams like India, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan," Naib said. "We should play a lot of series with the top five. Of course we'd be losing or struggling initially, but one day Afghanistan will be different."

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bowlers had to devise shrewd plans and exercise patience, he flickered. Sunil Narine is a classic case in point, the Trinidadian has seldom reprised his T20 feats in other versions. Rashid himself would agree, rendered sterile as he was by the Indian batsmen on his Test debut, where he conceded 154 runs in 34.5 overs, picking only two wickets.

Dissection of that game would reveal his impatience rather than ineffectiveness — it though shouldn't be forgotten that he had come with limited first-class experience (just four). He was as impatient as he was impetuous, fretful and fidgety as the wickets kept eluding him, impatient with his field settings and naive in the act of setting-up batsmen. ODIs might not warrant elaborate entrapments, but the format does require diligent planning and execution.

Intriguing then could be the encounter against India, especially the battles against Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Both have looked in sublime touch — though not invulnerable — but both have had their share of torment against wrist spinners in the IPL this season. However, they are experts in draining the spinners down initially before ripping them apart. In fact, in three games this World Cup, they've yet to concede a wicket to a spinner, at the same time plundering 340 runs in 53 overs. Familiar as they are with Rashid, they might not even need to watch Morgan's dismantling of him.

Thus Rashid, his morale already in shambles, is tasked with his toughest job yet in the World Cup. But if he manages to walk away with something credible, he would have not just his reputation restored but wouldn't feel older than he is.

'Players doing commentary alongside other roles can lead to conflict of interest'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

BCCI ETHICS officer and former Supreme Court judge DK Jain on Friday said former or active players commentating during tournaments could also amount to conflict of interest (COI) as 'one person one post' is the soul of Lodha reforms. After passing the order on Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman's COI, Jain said the two former cricketers can choose only one of the multiple roles they are performing at the moment. Ganguly is commentating in the World Cup, heads Cricket Association of Bengal, is a Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) member and advisor of IPL franchise Delhi Capitals.

Laxman too is commentating, is mentor of Sunrisers Hyderabad and a CAC member.

Last month, Sachin Tendulkar, who is a Mumbai Indians icon, was cleared of COI after he withdrew from the CAC.

"In Sachin's case it (COI) did not arise as he withdrew from CAC. In these two cases (Ganguly and Laxman), I have given them options, they can decide. I have only said that they can hold one post of their choice," Jain told PTI. "It is for them to decide, how best they can serve the game of cricket. I have only interpreted the Lodha reforms for future guidance, I have not done anything extraordinary. The soul of Lodha committee recommendations is one person one post, I have just tried to bring it out in writing. Now it is for BCCI to enforce it."

Tendulkar, Laxman and Ganguly had contested COI allegations them. However, with the ethics officer ruling that both Ganguly and Laxman have to choose between their



The Ethics officer has said Ganguly and Laxman need to choose only one of the multiple roles they are performing at the moment.

roles including commentary, it could lead to many former and active cricketers falling under COI. Tendulkar too is commentating in the World Cup but the complaint against him was filed over his dual role of Mumbai Indians icon and CAC member.

Jain, who was appointed by the Supreme Court in February, also touched on the subject of active players such as Robin Uthappa and Irfan Pathan doing commentary at the ongoing World Cup.

"There may be some fallout (of this order). Based on this order, there could be complaints against active players also. So they can apply their minds and be ready for that situation. I have not barred anybody (from commentating), I have only decided what COI means as per the BCCI constitution. Rule 38 of the constitution bars one from holding of multiple posts at one point of time. I have done nothing

else, I have only interpreted the constitution. "It is for the players to see whether it would apply to them or not. It was only dealing with these two cases (Laxman and Ganguly). For other players, whether it would apply to them or not apply to them, it is for them to apply their mind. They can read the order and act accordingly."

However, it is for the BCCI to enforce Jain's order. "It is the first time I have interpreted the rules (in the constitution). I don't know whether it will be accepted or not. Anyone wants to challenge it, can challenge it. One person one post is the concept of Justice Lodha also. It is not only applicable to the cricketers, it may apply to officer bearers also. I have only given interpretation of rule 38.4 of BCCI constitution and the definition of COI in the rule itself, which everyone was ignoring," Jain added.

LEADING SCORERS

447 David Warner (AUS), 425 Shakib al Hasan (BAN), 424 Joe Root (ENG)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

15 Jofra Archer (ENG), 15 Mitchell Starc (AUS), 13 Mohammad Amir (PAK)

Sir Lankans

SCORECARD >>

ENG vs SL

Leeds | Toss: Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA 232/9 IN 50 OV

D Karunaratne c Buttler b Archer 1 (8b)
K Perera c Ali b Woakes 2 (6b)
A Fernando c Rashid b Wood 49 (39b, 6x4, 2x6)
K Mendis c Morgan b Rashid 46 (68b, 2x4)
A Matthews not out 85 (115b, 5x4, 1x6)
J Mendis c&b Rashid 0 (1b)
D de Silva c Root b Archer 29 (47b, 1x4)
T Perera c Rashid b Archer 2 (6b)
I Udana c Root b Wood 6 (4b, 1x4)
S Malinga b Wood 1 (5b)
N Pradeep not out 1 (1b)

■ Extras: (lb 4, w 6) 10
■ Fall of wickets: 1-3 (Dimuth Karunaratne, 1.6 ov), 2-3 (Kusal Perera, 2.2 ov), 3-62 (Avishka Fernando, 12.5 ov), 4-133 (Kusal Mendis, 29.4 ov), 5-133 (Jeevan Mendis, 29.5 ov), 6-190 (Dhananjaya de Silva, 43.3 ov), 7-200 (Thisara Perera, 45.4 ov), 8-209 (Isuru Udana, 46.4 ov), 9-220 (Lasith Malinga, 48.3 ov)

■ Bowling:
C Woakes 5-0-22-1
J Archer 10-2-52-3
M Wood 8-0-40-3
B Stokes 5-0-16-0
M Ali 10-0-40-0
A Rashid 10-0-45-2
J Root 2-0-13-0

ENGLAND 212 IN 47 OV

J Vince c K Mendis b Malinga 14 (18b, 2x4)
J Bairstow lbw Malinga 0 (1b)
J Root c K Perera b Malinga 57 (89b, 3x4)
E Morgan c&b Udana 21 (35b, 2x4)
B Stokes not out 82 (89b, 7x4, 4x6)
J Buttler lbw Malinga 10 (9b, 1x4)
M Ali c Udana b de Silva 16 (20b, 1x6)
C Woakes c K Perera b de Silva 2 (4b)
A Rashid c K Perera b de Silva 1 (2b)
J Archer c T Perera b Udana 3 (11b)
M Wood c K Perera b Pradeep 0 (4b)

■ Extras: (lb 1, w 5) 6
■ Fall of wickets: 1-1 (Jonny Bairstow, 0.2 ov), 2-26 (James Vince, 6.5 ov), 3-73 (Eoin Morgan, 18.4 ov), 4-127 (Joe Root, 30.3 ov), 5-144 (Jos Buttler, 32.3 ov), 6-170 (Moeen Ali, 38.3 ov), 7-176 (Chris Woakes, 40.1 ov), 8-178 (Adil Rashid, 40.5 ov), 9-186 (Jofra Archer, 43.4 ov)

■ Bowling:
S Malinga 10-1-43-4
N Pradeep 10-1-38-1
D de Silva 8-0-32-3
T Perera 8-0-34-0
I Udana 8-0-41-2
J Mendis 3-0-23-0
■ Sri Lanka won by 20 runs

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	6	4	2	0	0	8	+1.457
Ind	4	3	0	0	1	7	+1.029
SL	6	2	2	0	2	6	-1.119
Ban	6	2	3	0	1	5	-0.407
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.

Islanders come up with a MBE-worthy bowling performance, led by Lasith Malinga's four-wicket haul, to stun favourites England

JOHN PYE
LEEDS, JUNE 21

ANGELO MATHEWS posted a defiant, unbeaten 85 and Lasith Malinga collected four wickets in vintage fashion as the veterans combined to guide Sri Lanka to an upset 20-run win over England at the Cricket World Cup on Friday.

England had been aiming to retake the lead in the standings with a win at Headingley and appeared to be on track after Jofra Archer and Mark Wood took three wickets apiece to restrict Sri Lanka to 232-9.

But when Malinga removed Jonny Bairstow on the second ball and dismissed opener James Vince (14) in the seventh over, England was suddenly wobbling at 26 for 2. The massive win over Afghanistan earlier in the week suddenly seemed like an age ago.

Malinga returned to take 2-12 in his second spell, claiming his 50th World Cup wicket when he had Joe Root (57) caught behind edging down the leg side. He made it 51 when he trapped Jos Buttler (10) lbw with a full ball that crashed into the batsman's boot. The paceman became just the fourth bowler to take more than 50 wickets at the World Cup, joining retired greats Glenn McGrath (71), Muttiah Muralitharan (68) and Wasim Akram (55).

He almost bagged a five-wicket haul, but Ben Stokes was dropped by Kusal Mendis at deep midwicket on his penultimate delivery. Malinga finished with figures of 4-43 off 10 overs. Stokes responded by going on the attack, with nine wickets down, stroking two sixes and two boundaries. He tried to retain the strike as much as possible, declining singles, but was left stranded on 82 when No. 11 batsman Wood was caught behind at the end of the 47th over.

Offspinner Dhananjaya de Silva's 3-3 in nine balls triggered the late collapse, starting when Moeen Ali (16) was caught on the long-on boundary in the 39th over.

Sri Lanka's win shakes up a tournament that was being predictable. For England, it was a defeat that seemed to come out of nowhere, but was similar to the letdown when it was beaten by Pakistan after winning the tournament opener so emphatically against South Africa.

England responded to that loss to Pakistan by beating Bangladesh, West Indies and Afghanistan and was confident of overhauling Australia for top spot in the standings before their match against a struggling Sri Lanka.

"The experienced guys had to come into the game. Unfortunately, we couldn't win the last two games but we managed to scrap today... fantastic," Mathews said. "We had to play our best cricket to beat the best team. Throughout the competition, they've been running over sides. We had to come over something extraordinary, which we did today."

Sri Lanka had only one win — over Afghanistan — two washed out games, and two losses coming into Headingley. After being on the brink of missing the semifinals, the Sri Lankans have six points and renewed hope. There was a positive for England, with Archer returning 3-52, his fifth three-wicket haul in six games, to equal Australia pacesman Mitchell Starc at the top of the tournament's bowling list with 15.

Fellow fast bowler Mark Wood took 3-40 to improve his tally to 12, and wrist spinner Adil Rashid took two wickets with consecutive balls in a haul of 2-45.

The Sri Lankans had three 50-plus part-

EXPLAINED

How Sri Lanka's win has upset the applectart

SRI LANKA upsetting England has not only infused life into the World Cup but also intrigued the top-four race. Had England won the match, they would have joined Australia on top with 10 points and rendered the semifinal equation almost straightforward. But as the scenario is, England could still crash out. For the next three matches are against those teams the hosts haven't beaten in a World Cup in the last 27 years—India, Australia and New Zealand. England might still sneak in, but not before a few anxious moments.

Similarly, Sri Lanka's victory has given impetus not only to their last-four prospects but also to Bangladesh, Pakistan and West Indies. Sri Lanka have six points, Bangladesh five, but both West Indies and Pakistan, pegged on three points, have a game in hand. Of them, Bangladesh have the (relatively) least tough run-in, games lined up against India (toughest), Pakistan and Afghanistan. And most of these teams have the opportunity to settle the deal between themselves as most of them are playing each other. That could spice up the next fortnight.



Ben Stokes was unbeaten on 82 off 89 deliveries. Reuters

nerships but didn't consolidate, and twice lost wickets in pairs, relying on Mathews' 115-ball dig to get them to a defendable total.

Avishka Fernando scored 49 from 39 balls and was within a shot of his half-century when he guided a ball from Wood to third man to end a 59-run third-wicket stand.

That brought Mathews to the crease and he shared a 71-run partnership with Kusal Mendis, who scored a patient 46 from 68 balls before Adil Rashid struck twice in two deliveries. England needs to rebound quickly for its game against Australia at Lord's next Tuesday, while Sri Lanka gets a break before taking on South Africa in Durham next Friday. AP



Sri Lanka's Nuwan Pradeep celebrates dismissing England's last man Mark Wood to give his team a 20-run win. Reuters

West Indies still in last-four race: Holder

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
MANCHESTER, JUNE 21

JASON HOLDER on Friday claimed his struggling West Indies are still in the hunt to qualify for the World Cup semi-finals ahead of their game against unbeaten New Zealand in Manchester. Holder will be without injured all-rounder Andre Russell on Saturday, but the West Indies skipper is adamant his team shouldn't be counted out yet.

West Indies started the tournament by beating Pakistan in their opener but soon lost momentum with defeats to Australia, England and Bangladesh. Another loss would effectively end their last four hopes, but

Holder says it is just a matter of bringing their best game to the table against the Black Caps, a side who they out-played in a pre-tournament warm up last month. "I think we still have a possible chance to qualify for the semi-finals, but we've just got to take it game by game," Holder told reporters at Old Trafford. "This encounter with New Zealand is very important. We all know what's at stake and we just have to come and bring our 'A' game. It's as simple as that."

On Russell's fitness, Holder said he is definitely out of the weekend clash, but the rest of the squad in available for selection. "We've still got a few niggles within the group. We're trying to manage niggles the best we possibly can," said Holder.

"I think one guy who probably may be definitely out tomorrow is Russell. I don't think he's fit enough to go tomorrow. But everybody else should be good to go."

Russell, 31, has been struggling with a chronic knee injury for the last five years. West Indies lost a close game to Australia on June 6 and then failed to defend 321 against Bangladesh early this week.

Holder said the team, which skipped practice on Friday but went through a bonding exercise, have tried to talk among themselves in a bid to get their act together. "We've had a few frank discussions within the dressing room to find ways in which we can improve on. I think all teams would get themselves in that situation at some point," Holder said.

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Change your specs, Chris

THE SELF-ANOINTED Universe Boss, Chris Gayle, has been batting like a lost pauper in the tournament, his four outings producing a meagre 107 runs, though the wretched run has left his joie de vivre untouched. He has indulged the crowd with a few of his usual jigs and flashiness, sporting a variety of sunglasses. An over-size single-pieced retro visor he flashed against Bangladesh has become a smashing hit on the social media.

But the UK magazine Optician has diagnosed his experimental spree with the shades that are causing the run-drought. "Naturally, if you experiment with too many different types and colours of shades, you end up with vision problems. We advise him to not only stick to a particular type of shades but also consult an ophthalmologist. He's 39, he should know." They even offered free eye test and an offer to become their brand ambassador. Imagine, Gayle batting like Virender Sehwag in the back-end of his career. Call him spec-tacular boss then.

At Cup, West Indies B team

With the West Indies on a free-fall after their raging start, the knives are promptly out at the selectors. The announcement of the A team that's hosting India offered more fodder for criticism. An editorial in Barbados Today was scathing: "We think the selectors had accidentally swapped the teams. At least a dozen of them should have been playing in England. They must have been drunk when picking the team. Seems like they have sent the B team to the World Cup."

Two of the names that kept repeating were those of Roston Chase and Rakheem Cornwall, both off-spinning all-rounders. Chase was their architect in the series win over England, and Cornwall, though on the heavier side, is considered the most promising all-rounder in the Isles and has been on the selectors' radar for a long time without getting due recognition. Moreover, amidst a bunch of rake-hell aggressors, Chase's composed batting would have been invaluable.

Left-arm spinner Jemel Warrican was another name they thought should've been in the team list. The editorial ended sarcastically: "West Indies would have afforded to not pick a quality spinner if the selectors had persuaded Michael Holding and Curtly Ambrose to drop the mic for the ball! Or maybe ask Courtney Walsh to come in disguise." A bit of nostalgia, West Indies can't quite forego.

Lloyd's advice: Bat like Kane

Shai Hope's 121-ball 96 against Bangladesh drew a lot of flak from the Caribbean media. But two-time World Cup winning skipper Clive Lloyd is firmly behind him, praising him and comparing him to New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson, who the other day produced a masterful century. "If West Indies had won that match, Hope's 96 would have been up there with Williamson's century. I advise the top-order to bat like Williamson and Hope, rather than trying to hit every ball out of the ground. This is not T20," he wrote in his column for Jamaican Observer. He also advised the seamers to embrace



GAME FACE

For a West Indies fan it has not been smooth sailing so far. File

a more condition-specific approach. "They are trying to blast people out and I don't think they understand the English conditions. You cannot always do that here be-

cause the pitches during this competition have been batsman-friendly despite the rain. It might be green but it doesn't always fly around. Even in those days when we had

Holding and Gamer and all those guys, we never went all out on short ball."

A snub, a friendship

A Jamaican journalist asked Marlon Samuels who he thought the selectors should have picked. He had no hesitation in spelling out Dwayne Bravo's name. "None of the bowlers are experienced or crafty, the cutters, slower ones, the yorkers nobody in the Caribbean, perhaps the world, as Bravo. If I had been a selector, his would have been the first name on the sheet."

Whether Bravo read it or not, he told a Trinidadian radio station that not picking Samuels was the biggest mistake the selectors made. "Marlon Samuels is a surprise. I think Marlon was there with the team throughout the playoffs (World Cup qualifiers) and in the series after the team had qualified so him being left out was a surprise to me," Bravo said in an interview on 95.5FM. Something was wrong, who knows?" he observed.

What makes their mutual support even more intriguing is that they were not the best of chums in their playing days, their antagonism flaring up during West Indies' aborted tour of India in 2014.

Apparently, Samuels, the highest run-getter in the series, was against the abandonment while Bravo was one of its vehement supporters. Maybe, a snub is all it takes to re-forge lost friendship.

One trick ponies

World Cup-winning minds think alike. On Friday — the 44th anniversary of Clive

Lloyd lifting the first World Cup trophy — the legendary captain, along with teammates circa 1975, termed the current iteration of the West Indies "one-dimensional".

West Indies showed their hand well in advance against Bangladesh, urging their opponents to prepare for chin music. But with Plan A failing during the match, the boy band — "One Dimension" or "1D", if you will — led by captain Jason Holder couldn't form a Plan B. The team conceded 25 wickets against Bangladesh, 21 of which were short balls gone too short. The bouncers on target were dispatched by Shakib-al Hasan and Liton Das. "It would appear that they only have one way to play with no variation to their game plan," Lloyd wrote in his column. "They are trying to blast people out and I don't think they understand the English conditions."

Viv Richards, speaking to *The Antigua Observer*, agreed with his skipper's assessment. "There didn't seem to be any planning, where if this particular plan isn't going to work, then what about plan B, plan C or whatever the case is... We are too one-dimensional," Richards was quoted as saying by *The Antigua Observer*. "Short-pitched bowling" worked against Pakistan, and when you're coming up against other teams, sometimes it may not work, and there just didn't seem to be any particular planning or any particular strategy or any intensity of West Indies wanting to win that match and defend that particular total."

Andy Roberts, he of terrifying bouncers, rounded up the "one-dimensional" critique. "You don't just run up and bowl short. You become one-di-men-sion-al and the bats-man will just sit back and expect it and then hit you away." **ENS**

Copa: VAR-aided Uruguay fight back against Japan

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URUGUAY TWICE came from behind to draw 2-2 against a superb Japan side in the Copa America with the help of two questionable refereeing decisions and will have to wait until their final group game to book their place in the quarter-finals.

Tournament guests Japan went into the game after a 4-0 defeat to Chile while Uruguay had hammered Ecuador 4-0. But despite some early close attempts from Uruguay, Japan began to impose themselves on the game and Koji Miyoshi gave them the lead in the 25th minute with a confident finish following a counterattack.

Uruguay striker Luis Suarez levelled seven minutes later from the penalty spot after a controversial decision following a VAR review.

Japan defender Naomichi Ueda, who appeared to be

kicked by Edinson Cavani in a dispute for the ball, was penalised to the bemusement of the Asian side.

Japan's frustrations grew after the interval when they were denied a penalty when Uruguay defender Jose Gimenez appeared to foul Shoya Nakajima, although they restored their lead shortly after without the need for a spot kick.

Uruguay keeper Fernando Muslera came out to claim a cross but could palm it right into the path of Miyoshi, who pounced to put the ball into the unguarded net to score his second of the game.

The 15-time Copa America champions equalised again seven minutes later through Gimenez, who escaped his marker to head home from a corner. Oscar Tabarez's side went all out for a winning goal that would have sealed their place in the last eight but were repeatedly denied, with Suarez smashing a shot against the crossbar.

India may boycott CWG: IOA

DISAPPOINTED at the dropping of shooting from the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the Indian Olympic Association on Friday said it will not be averse to taking an unprecedented step, including pulling out of the multi-sporting event.

The Commonwealth Games Federation on Thursday left out shooting from the 2022 Birmingham Games in its Executive Board meeting while recommending the inclusion of three new sports.

Former sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

had last year written to his British counterpart as well to the CGF President, urging them to intervene and ensure that the sport remains a part of the 2022 edition.

The CGF, however, had left it to the host nation, in this case England, to decide the fate of shooting, which has always been an optional sport.

The decision to leave out shooting has dealt a big blow to India which had won as many as 16 medals out of 66 in the 2018 Gold Coast CWG, and the IOA said that pulling out of the Games altogether cannot be ruled out. PTI

Doping suspension for Sanjivani

The athletics integrity unit has provisionally suspended India's Asian Championships bronze medal winner in the 10,000 metres Sanjivani Jadhav after she tested positive for probenecid, a diuretic and masking agent prohibited under the World Anti-

Doping Agency's code. The 22-year-old is the second Indian medal winner of the Asian Athletics Championships to have been provisionally suspended after Marimuthu Gomati, the gold medal winner in the 800 metres. Gomati had failed a dope test twice, first in March, but the results from the NDTL were delayed and the athlete participated in the Asian Championships. ENS

Nigeria handed a knockout spot

Nigeria's women sealed a place in the knockout phase of the World Cup for the first time in 20 years without kicking a ball on Thursday — three days after their last group game. Results from the final matches in Group E and Group F meant the Super Falcons

qualified as one of the best third-placed teams, sparking delirious scenes at their hotel in Rennes. Twitter footage posted by a FIFA social media reporter showed the moment the players discovered they were extending their stay in the tournament, with ecstatic players and staff dancing and hugging in the corridors.

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Murray flooded with offers

French Open champion Ashleigh Barty may have rejected Andy Murray's request to play mixed doubles at Wimbledon but the Scot has been flooded with offers from players past and present who are willing to join forces with

him. Murray returned to competitive tennis after a 5-month injury layoff in the doubles event at the Queen's Club Championship this week and he is now on the lookout for a partner at Wimbledon which begins July 1. "I'd like to play mixed doubles at Wimbledon and I've spoken to a couple of players about partnering up," Murray wrote in a column. REUTERS

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