

## EXPRESS ADDA WITH LARA DEFERRED



The Express Adda with Brian Lara, which was scheduled to be held in Mumbai on Wednesday, has been deferred. The West Indies batting great was on Tuesday admitted to a hospital in the city after complaining of chest pain. He later said: "I am fine and will be back in my hotel room tomorrow". The Indian Express looks forward to welcoming him to the Adda soon.  
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### REVISITING THE EMERGENCY

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## Jaishankar, Pompeo to meet today, set stage for Modi-Trump talks

Firm on S-400 deal, India to push for waiver; trade, terror also on agenda

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

AS THE visiting US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on Wednesday, New Delhi will stay firm on the S-400 deal with Russia and seek waiver under the US law.

Jaishankar and Pompeo will prepare the groundwork for the Prime Minister's meeting with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Osaka. Though the timing has not been finalised yet, it is likely to be held on June 28.

Jaishankar is scheduled to accompany the Prime Minister for the G-20 summit, just like Pompeo will join Trump in Japan. This is a departure from the past, as then External Affairs

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## EXPLAINED

### Chance to mend India-US ties

US SECRETARY of State Michael R Pompeo's visit to India will be the Modi government's first opportunity to discuss issues of concern, from trade to defence, terrorism to visas. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's first test will be to bring the Indo-US ties back on track, and the fact that he will accompany the PM for the Japan visit signals the trust he has earned.

## FIRST ADDRESS TO LOK SABHA AFTER RE-ELECTION

# Cong rose so high, unable to see ground, lost roots: PM in House

Asks all parties to work together to solve water crisis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

TARGETING THE Congress in his first speech in Parliament after winning the Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday said it has never recognised the efforts of anyone except members of the "family" and that its leaders have "risen so high" that they have lost touch with the country's roots.

Replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha, Modi, while underscoring that the Congress had no right to repeatedly criticise him, attacked the Congress on the Emergency, for failing to empower Muslims and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha, Tuesday. ANI

for ignoring its own leaders.

"From 2004 to 2014, not once did you mention the name of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. There are some people who feel only a few names contributed to national progress. They only want to hear those few names and ignore the others," he said.

"We think differently, we feel

each and every citizen has worked for India's progress... Did they ever speak about the good work of Narasimha Raoji? In this Lok Sabha debate, the same people did not even speak of Manmohanji."

The Prime Minister also said that he was not happy making

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## Arif Khan: Rao said if Muslims want to stay in gutter, let them

MANOJ CG  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

DURING HIS speech in Lok Sabha Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi quoted a former Congress leader as having said that it was not the duty of their party to uplift Muslims and "if they want to lie in the gutter let them be".

He did not name the leader. But soon, the phones started

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## Choksi's citizenship will be revoked: Antigua PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

IN A new twist to the PNB scam case, Antigua Prime Minister Gaston Browne has said that the citizenship granted by his country to one of the accused, fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi, can be revoked and that he will be extradited to India.

In comments reported by Antigua Observer, a local daily, Browne said his country will not provide "safe harbour for criminals, for those who are involved in financial crimes".

"Choksi's citizenship was processed, he got through. We do have recourse, the reality is that his citizenship will be revoked and he will be deported to India," the newspaper quoted Browne as saying.

Speaking to reporters, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## JHARKHAND ATTACK

Victim had head injury, went undetected: Post-mortem team

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
SARAIKELA-KHARSAWAN (JHARKHAND), JUNE 25

THE DEATH of 22-year-old Tabrez Ansari, days after he was attacked by a mob that accused him of theft in Jharkhand, was "in all possibility" caused by a brain haemorrhage triggered by

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Sadar Hospital, Saraikeela

## In suicide video, Rajasthan farmer says Cong govt's loan waiver failed

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, JUNE 25

A DEBT-LADEN farmer from Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan consumed poison to commit suicide Sunday, and left behind a video in which he alleged that the Congress state government's farm loan waiver scheme had not benefited farmers.



Sohan Lal Kadela killed self on Sunday

In the video uploaded to social media, Sohan Lal Kadela, in his mid-40s, is heard saying that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's

government gave compensation to farmers but that it has not benefited farmers till date and that banks trouble farmers too.

He also declares in the video that he is going to commit suicide and no one is to be blamed, but that this is a warning to the Gehlot government. Before bidding goodbye to fellow farmers, he says farmers should

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## RS: SC rejects Cong plea against separate bypolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday rejected a plea filed by the Gujarat Congress challenging the Election Commission's decision to hold separate bypolls for the two Rajya Sabha seats which fell vacant in the state following the election of BJP leaders Amit Shah and Smriti Irani to the Lok Sabha.

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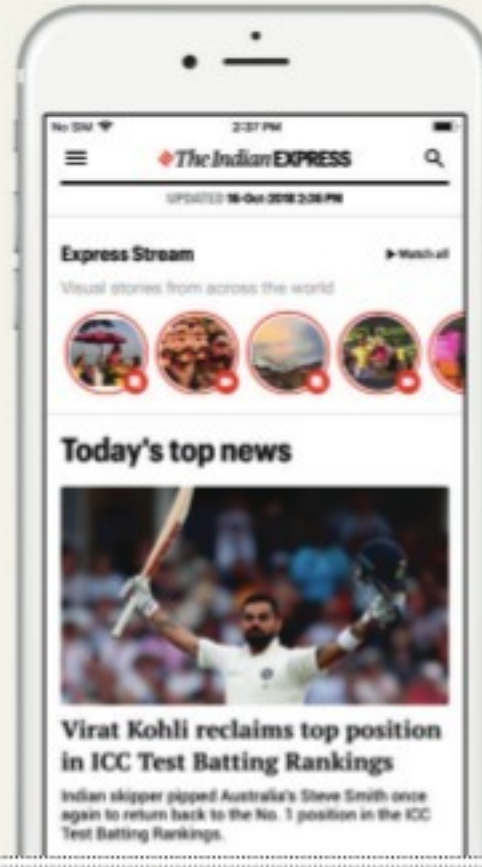
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**FROM LAKE CLEAN-UP TO PROVIDING WATER, RAJINIKANTH'S FAN CLUBS DO THEIR BIT**

In Tamil Nadu, fan clubs have always been the vehicle through which a star communicates with their followers. When fan clubs are active, politics cannot be far behind. The initiative, by members of Rajini Makkal Mandram (RMM), the fan club of superstar Rajinikanth, is to provide drinking water free of cost in Chennai

**VIDEO OF THE DAY**



**CASTE SYSTEM SHOULD BE ERADICATED'**

**Ayushmann Khurrana talks about upcoming film Article 15**

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**PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION**

**PM said government would take India to new heights**

## Panel to inspect Bt brinjal ‘sowing’ in Haryana farms

**AMITABH SINHA**  
PUNE, JUNE 25

THE GOVERNMENT has constituted a 12-member expert committee to carry out an on-the-spot inspection of brinjal fields in Haryana to verify whether unapproved varieties of genetically-modified Bt brinjal were being grown in the state.

The move comes amidst reports that vast tracts of cropland had been sown with Bt brinjal, which is illegal to cultivate in India in the absence of a go-ahead from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

The Field Inspection and Scientific Evaluation Committee (FISEC), constituted by the Environment Ministry on June 21, has been asked to verify these reports of illegal cultivation

## CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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IN THE article titled 'Pakistan's first lady' by Khaled Ahmed, Namita Gokhale was erroneously identified as one of the authors of The Begum: A Portrait of Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Pioneering First Lady. The authors are Deepa Agarwal and Tahmina Aziz Ayub. The error is regretted.

## FROM PAGE ONE

**Jaishankar Pompeo**

Minister Sushma Swaraj did not accompany the PM on his overseas visits. Both Jaishankar and Pompeo are likely to be present at the Modi-Trump meeting.

Jaishankar, who will be meeting his American counterpart Pompeo for the first time, is also likely to counsel the US interlocutor that both US and Iran should “de-escalate” the situation, diplomatic sources said.

Jaishankar and Pompeo are likely to broadly discuss the friction over trade, but sources said that since the two ministers are not in-charge of the trade portfolio, they will leave the specific and detailed discussions to be carried out by commerce ministers from both sides. So, the issues related to data localisation, e-commerce and concerns over the 5G and Huawei will be dealt separately by the concerned ministries.

Speaking to reporters in Gandhinagar, Jaishankar said: “We will definitely discuss issues related to trade between the two countries... Both the countries have their own interests... Sometimes, there could be some dispute because of that. Diplomacy is about finding a common ground... And that will be our attempt. We will hold talks with a positive approach.”

During Pompeo's visit, no MoUs or agreements are expected to be signed, but sources said the two sides have made considerable progress on the Industrial Security Annex agree-

## Cong lost roots: PM in House

this point in the House, but was forced to do so since Congress leaders have repeatedly criticised him for taking credit. “Thus far and no further,” he said, and warned the Congress to stop this campaign against him.

Defending his government, Modi said, “If you did (give credit), you would have given the Bharat Ratna to Narasimha Rao, to Manmohan Singh. We gave the Bharat Ratna to Pranab Mukherjee for his contribution to the nation.”

The Prime Minister also mocked leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's assertion Monday that the BJP's efforts could not diminish the “high” stature of the party. He said that the Congress had “risen so high” that it had lost touch with its roots.

“It was said here that no one can diminish your high stature. Now you have gone so high that you are unable to see the ground. You have lost your roots. You think whoever is on the ground is lowly and dirty. We are not people who waste their time in dragging someone down. We are too busy bringing ourselves up. I pray that you rise further; it is good for us. We are not com-

peting with you on this. We are happy being grounded and with the people,” he said, as NDA MPs thumped desks.

Modi also made an oblique reference to the triple talaq Bill, saying the Congress had missed many opportunities to empower Muslims. After citing the Shah Bano case and the Uniform Civil Code, Modi quoted a former Congress leader as having said that it was not the duty of their party to uplift Muslims and “if they want to lie in gutter let them be”.

When his remarks drew sharp protests from the Congress, Modi said he would send them a YouTube link of the interview. He did not reveal the identity of the leader.

He said he is being criticised for not putting its leaders in jail, an apparent reference to its top leaders Rahul and Sonia Gandhi, and then retorted that at least they are on bail and “enjoying themselves”.

Modi also reminded the Congress of the Emergency, imposed by Indira Gandhi on this day in 1975, saying it is a blot on democracy that will never fade. “A few people were constantly asking during the debate, who did it? I want to ask them, today is June 25. Who imposed the Emergency? Who tram-

Sadar Hospital Civil Surgeon A N Dey said that on the morning of June 22, he was informed by jail authorities that Ansari had complained of “dizziness” and “washed his face with cold water” after returning from the toilet.

Then, jail officials told him, Ansari lay down before falling unconscious. That was when police rushed him back to the Sadar Hospital. Hours later, he was declared dead.

## Rajasthan suicide

benefit and asks villagers to take care of his family.

Sri Ganganagar SP Hemant Sharma said that Kadela owed about Rs 2.5 lakh to banks and that the police is investigating “all aspects” of the case to ascertain the causes leading to his suicide. “Prima facie, it seems he had a mixed source of income and was not entirely dependent on farming. The SHO is conducting the investigation under the supervision of senior officers,” he said.

Talking to journalists Tuesday, Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilotsaid, “The matter is under investigation. Whenever and wherever a person dies or commits suicide, it's absolutely unacceptable to us. I have been told that the person was not actually in debt, in terms of loans, but whatever may be the matter, someone has died, it is a very sad incident and the government of Rajasthan is fully committed to securing a better future for farmers in our state.”

Kadela was from Thakri village under the border district's Raisinghnagar block. Kishan Singh, SHO of Raisinghnagar Police station, claimed Kadela was primarily a shopkeeper who ran a grocery store. “Kadela drank poison Sunday afternoon and died soon after. He ran a grocery store and also owned a few bighas of land, most of which is barren. We are investigating the case under Section 174 of the CrPC,” he said.

According to police, a purported suicide note was also provided to them by one of Kadela's neighbours, though police are still verifying its authenticity. In the note, Kadela purportedly says that “Gehlot, Sachin Pilot are responsible for this death, do not pick up my dead body until the debts of all brothers are cleared. File a case against Ashok Gehlot for my death. This is my request.”

SHO Singh said that the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) is investigating the authenticity of the two-page handwritten note.

On Monday, local BJP MP Nihal Chand Meghwal said Kadela owned six bighas of land and had owed “lakhs to banks via two bank accounts”.

Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said the farmer's suicide is “utterly condemnable”.

## Gujarat RS

political parties may have their own opinions and the question was what the Constitution had to say.

Justice Gavai too questioned the filing of the petition under Article 32 and asked what fundamental right had been violated to warrant such a petition. “How is it maintainable under Article 32? Where is the question of violation of any fundamental right? Contesting elections is purely a statutory right,” he said.

Dhanani had challenged the EC's classification of the two vacancies as “casual” for conducting separate bypolls, and emphasised that Section 69 (2) of the Representation of the People Act, read with Sections 67A and 68(4), makes them “statutory vacancies”.

Opposing this, the EC, in its affidavit, said these were casual vacancies, and there was nothing in the law which said separate elections should not be held for them.

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ment. Last year, after the India-US 2+2 talks, both sides announced their readiness to begin negotiations on the Industrial Security Annex (ISA) that would support closer defence industry cooperation and collaboration.

However, sources said New Delhi's “longstanding” defence relationship with Moscow cannot be wished away, and India feels that it qualifies for a waiver under the CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act). The S-400 Triumf air defence system deal, which is valued at over \$5 billion, was signed last year.

According to sources, the meeting between Jaishankar and Pompeo is being looked at as a “getting to know each other” kind of a meeting.

Sources said Jaishankar and Pompeo will not be looking at “resolving issues”, but at achieving a common understanding on how to proceed ahead so that they can manage their differences and build on their convergences.

Fighting cross-border terrorism will be high on the agenda of the two ministers, sources said. The regional situation, including the developments in Afghanistan, will also find space in the discussions.

Pompeo is also likely to call on Modi at his residence, and will make a policy speech on Wednesday evening. He will meet the business community in India, before he leaves for Osaka on Thursday morning.

Modi, accompanied by Jaishankar, will leave for Japan on Wednesday night.

—WITH ENS, GANDHINAGAR

## Arif Khan

ringing at the residence of Arif Mohammed Khan, a former four-time MP who was a Minister of State in the Rajiv Gandhi government until 1986 when he resigned over its stand on the Shah Bano case.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Khan said he took “a minute or two” to recall that comment. “I think what he (Modi) did was right because it exposes the intention behind all those actions, which were basically meant to divide the society,” he said.

The comment, he said, was made during a TV interview “seven or eight years ago” for a programme on the Shah Bano episode. The remark the Prime Minister referred to, Khan claimed, was made by P V Narasimha Rao, then a Union minister.

Narrating the events that followed his resignation, Khan said there was an effort by the Congress leadership to persuade

him to remain on board.

“On the day I resigned in the evening, I did not stay at home. I went to a friend's place so that nobody could contact me. Mobile phones were not there then. But the next morning, when I reached Parliament around 10.45 am, Arun Singh was waiting for me. He took me to the waiting room of the Prime Minister. He praised me and said, ‘Nobody can fault you, but can you reconsider your decision to resign?’,” Khan recalled.

“Many people met me that day. And I gave the same argument. First Arun Singh, then Arun Nehru, then (M L) Fotedar, then three senior ministers under whom I had worked as a junior minister. They showed a lot of affection and tried to persuade me. And finally Narasimha Rao came. Rao told me, ‘You are so young, bright, such a good speaker, your career is ahead of you, how can you resign?’ Then, he told me that even Shah Bano has changed her stance, which was right as she had issued a statement.”

At the time, Singh and Nehru were also Union ministers, and Fotedar a party leader.

“I said I am not fighting for Shah Bano. I am fighting for my personal integrity. For 55 minutes, I spoke in Parliament defending the judgment of the Supreme Court (on the Shah Bano case) after Prime Minister (Rajiv Gandhi) asked me to. Now when the Bill was introduced, the Law Minister said that the purpose of the Bill is to reverse the judgment of the Supreme Court given in the Shah Bano case. I said I am not Akbar's Birbal. Then, he (Rao) told me that you are being foolhardy. He was not being rough or crude with me, he was very gentle. But then, he told me, ‘Try to understand. We are not a party of social reformers. If the Muslims want to remain in the gutter, let them be. Why you should resign?’,” Khan said.

In its landmark judgment of 1986, the Supreme Court upheld the right to alimony for Shah Bano. But the Rajiv Gandhi government then passed the Muslim Women (Protection on Divorce Act), which overturned the verdict.

Khan was expelled from the party after which he became one of the founder members of V P Singh's Jan Morcha that merged later with the Janata Dal. Khan went on to join the BSP and finally the BJP before resigning from the party in 2007.

## Choksi

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said: “I do not have information on this matter, I would not like to comment on it.”

Sources said Choksi's citizen-

ship is an internal process of the Antigua government, which has not been conveyed to India as yet.

On a possible timeframe for the cancellation of Choksi's citizenship, Browne said: “We have to allow for due process. He has a matter before the court and as we said to the Indian government, criminals have fundamental rights, too, and Choksi has a right to go to court and defend his position. But I can assure you, after he has exhausted all of his legal options, he will be extradited.”

Choksi, 59, took Antiguan citizenship after the PNB scam came to light last year and has repeatedly refused to return to India to face investigators in the case, saying he fears “mob lynching”.

Choksi and the other accused in the case, Nirav Modi, and firms linked to them, are accused of routing Rs 13,500 crore worth of fraudulent transactions through state-owned PNB. Both left India in the first week of January 2018. On March 20 this year, Nirav Modi was arrested in the UK and has since been lodged in a London jail.

Browne said the government of Antigua and Barbuda has made it a priority to ensure that individuals who benefit from the country's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) undergo intense scrutiny.

To remedy the problem of criminals attempting to sidestep the CIP and use the twin islands as a place of refuge, Browne said further measures and due diligence will be implemented.

## Jharkhand attack

a head injury that was not detected by the doctor on duty at a local hospital, the team that conducted the post-mortem told *The Indian Express*.

Ansari, who was in judicial custody after the attack in Saraikela-Kharsawan district on June 18 during which the mob allegedly forced him to chant “Jai Shri Ram” and “Jai Hanuman”, died last Saturday after he complained of nausea, vomiting and chest pain, and fell unconscious.

“There was an injury on the right frontoparietal region, which was left undetected by the doctor at the Sadar Hospital who was on night shift and treated Ansari (who was brought in at 7 am on June 18 after the attack). There is a possibility that this led to effusion or oozing of blood from the skull leading to haemorrhage. This could be a possible cause of death,” said Dr Bariyal Mari, Deputy Superintendent, Sadar Hospital.

Mari is a member of the three-member board, including medical officers Dr Anirban Mahto and Dr V D P Singh of

Sadar Hospital, which conducted the post-mortem on June 22.

Mahto said the “right frontoparietal region covers the area on the skull, which is around three centimetres above the tip of the ear till the beginning of the forehead”.

Mari, however, said the board has “reserved” its final opinion on the post-mortem, and would confirm the cause of death only after it received results of forensic tests on the viscera to “check for any chemical imbalance”.

“During crush injuries like this, there are some chemical changes in the body and we usually advise various tests to check if the body had gone into shock. The forensics lab will ascertain whether there was chemical imbalance in the body, which could have also led to the death. Even this investigation was not ordered by the doctor who treated the patient that day,” he said.

“But in all possibility, the death is due to the head injury,” Mari said.

The Deputy Superintendent said that although there were “lapses” by the doctor on duty, whom he identified as O P Kesri, “the patient never complained of pain on the skull even when there was a visible head injury”.

“But Kesri should have been more proactive,” Mari said. Kesri was not available for comment despite repeated attempts by *The Indian Express*. In its post-mortem report, the board said the injuries were caused by the impact of a “blunt object with force”. Apart from the head injury, the report points to external injuries “on the right leg” and “multiple green-coloured bruises at the back”.

The report also mentions a “nose discharge”, which the doctors say was “due to vomiting”. Referring to an examination of the skull, the report lists the internal injury: “haemorrhage... in the right frontoparietal region”.

CCTV footage of Sadar Hospital from June 18 shows Ansari limping as he is brought in. He was later taken to the district court, which remanded him in judicial custody. That evening, he was brought back to the hospital. “An X-ray was taken since he was limping, but there was no knee fracture. Even then, he did not complain of any pain in his head. So the doctor gave a ‘fit to travel’ certificate after which he was taken to jail,” said Mari.

On the evening of June 21, Ansari complained of nausea, vomiting and chest pain. “The jail doctor was on leave, and the doctor who treated him the first time rushed to the jail and gave him medicines. Again, this should have led to the alarm being raised,” Mari said.



# AAP MLA convicted for disrupting 2013 poll

**PRITAMPAL SINGH**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

POLL-RELATED offences “are a direct assault on the peaceful conduct of such elections and, therefore, need to be sternly dealt with,” a Delhi court said Tuesday, sentencing AAP MLA Manoj Kumar to three-month imprisonment for obstructing work at a polling station during the 2013 Assembly elections.

Holding that “punishment needs to be deterrent in this case”, Additional Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate Samar Vishal observed, “The convict was himself contesting the elections and is, therefore, expected to know the laws which govern the election process in this country.”

“Our country is a democratic republic and democracy is the essence of governance of the country,” he said. “The conduct of public representatives or those who aspire to be public representatives shall be above board and unquestionable.”

It, however, granted bail to Kumar on furnishing a personal and surety bond of Rs 10,000, af-



**Manoj Kumar has been sentenced to 3 months in jail**

ter he said he will file an appeal against his conviction before the appellate court. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on Kumar, who was held guilty of obstructing a public servant in discharging public functions, punishable under IPC section

186, and for disorderly conduct in or near polling stations, punishable under Section 131 of Representation of the People Act.

The case was lodged on a complaint regarding over 50 protesters disrupting the poll process, led by Kumar, at an MCD school in East Delhi’s Kalyan Puri.

Kumar, currently the MLA from East Delhi’s Kondli, denied the charges and said the case was politically motivated and police had framed him. His advocate Gaurav Kumar Singh prayed for leniency on the ground that he has a 13-year-old daughter who

must be taken care of due to an ongoing matrimonial dispute with his wife. The counsel urged that he be released on probation.

In his seven-page order, the judge observed, “I am not inclined to grant benefit of probation to the convict despite he being eligible for it.”

Additional Public Prosecutor Lalit Pingolia argued for maximum sentence, as the offence was serious in nature and adequate punishment could serve as an example to those interfering in the electoral process. The judge said, “None of the reasons given on be-

half of the convict compels me to consider a lighter sentence for the aforesaid violations...”

“Ordinary people have the tendency to emulate their leaders and therefore it is imperative that the conduct of those who lead the society and make laws for them should be an ideal on the scale of constitutional morals. Disorderly conduct and even shouting outside polling station is a punishable offence... and therefore even though the election process was complete in this case, the act of the convict... needs to be punished,” the judge said.

# 2 yrs after she left West Bengal home in anger, woman traced in capital

**ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

WHEN A 26-year-old journalism student ran away from her home in West Bengal in 2017 following a fight with her father, he chose not to file a police complaint — it was not the first time she had done so, and he expected her to return. But it eventually turned into a two-year-long wait, which ended with the Delhi Police tracing his daughter to central Delhi’s Paharganj Monday.

“When she left, she was angry. But when I finally saw her, she appeared mentally unsound... I broke down and cried. I should have found her sooner,” he told *The Indian Express*.

When policemen from Paharganj station found the woman, they said she was starving, surviving only on tea and cigarettes. The last time she took a bath was two weeks ago. She tried to communicate in English, only to stop and resort to hand gestures.

“We are not well versed in English. We sent her to a shelter home, from where she tried to escape. We then booked her a hotel and a woman constable spoke to her like a mother. We kept telling her she is beautiful and we are there for her,” an officer said.

Police said the woman was in her final-year when she ran away. She went to Haridwar,

Shimla and Goa. She called home from each place, only to cut the phone abruptly.

“She would always talk about her mother. I visited all the places she called from, only to find she had moved,” her father said.

The woman made her final stop in Delhi, where she misplaced identity documents. She begged a tea seller for some food and managed to make one last call to her father.

“All I could make out from the conversation was Paharganj. I searched for the SHO’s number on the internet and called him,” the father said.

SHO Sunil Chauhan constituted a team, led by constable Manoj, and looked for a woman with a blue trekking bag, tattoos on both arms and pink sunglasses. “We found her wandering around the market. We suspect she may have become addicted to drugs,” the officer said.

At the hotel, police gave the woman chicken biryani and asked her about her travels. “She told us she survived by hanging around with foreigners... sometimes she begged for food,” the officer said.

Her father reached the capital Monday and took her back to West Bengal.

“I bought her an ice cream like when she was a child... she grew very upset soon... I will take her to a deaddiction centre... I don’t want her to run away again,” he said.

# Amid opposition, JNU defers meet to discuss ‘mandatory Hindi’

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

A DAY after Jawaharlal Nehru University students and teachers’ bodies alleged the administration had decided to put forward a proposal making Hindi compulsory for BA and B.Tech courses, the university said it had “deferred” the agenda. The proposal was part of the agenda of the Academic Council meeting, slated for June 28.

In a statement Tuesday, JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar said, “It is unfortunate that some students have been spreading misinformation claiming that the JNU administration has imposed Hindi as a compulsory subject in undergraduate programmes of the university. Such irresponsible statements are undesirable and condemnable.”

“It is to clarify that the JNU administration has not taken any such decision... Agenda item 16 of the Academic Council was related to a discussion on a letter from the UGC seeking the views of the University on Hindi as a possible course in the undergraduate programmes. The University recently conducted a workshop to discuss various



**The varsity said students are spreading misinformation**

issues related to the Draft National Education Policy. Therefore, discussion on Agenda item 16 in the Academic Council has been deferred,” he added.

UGC secretary Rajnish Jain also wrote to Vice-Chancellors of various central, state and deemed universities Tuesday clarifying that its circular dated October 2018 was only to seek views on the matter, and that universities were autonomous and it was upto them to decide which subject to teach.

Responding to the move, JNUSU president N Sai Balaji “congratulated” students for “resisting Hindi imposition”.

The JNUSU had Monday demanded that the agenda item be dropped. JNU Teachers’ Association secretary Avinash Kumar had also called the move “unfortunate”.

# In bid to buy exotic dog breed online, man claims duped of lakhs

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

IN A bid to buy a Yorkshire Terrier dog from an online portal last month, a Delhi-based man has alleged that he was duped of lakhs, said police.

The FIR registered on a complaint by Komal Jaiswal read: “I was looking to purchase a Yorkshire dog online on May 23 when I found one website ‘Click.in’ and applied for purchase. I got a WhatsApp message from a person claiming to be from Mizoram who said that she can air courier the dog”.

Jaiswal, who works at a private firm in South Delhi, claimed that he was asked to pay shipping charges, alongside the dog’s actual cost, insurance fee and dog breeders’ licence fee, which he was told would be refundable.

“I first paid Rs 29,100, then

F. No. 3-1/19-Acad.

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Some amendments in the online tenders invited vide this office letter No. 1284-88 dated 29.05.2019 and further amendment made vide this office letter No. 1645-50 dated 04.06.2019 are hereby further made as under due to administrative reasons:-

1. The online publication date and time will be 15.07.2019 at 10.00 AM instead of 20.06.2019.
2. The document download start and End date and time will be 15.07.2019 at 10.00 AM up to 29.07.2019 at 6.00 PM instead of 20.06.2019 at 10.00 AM up to 04.07.2019 at 6.00 PM.
3. The bid submission start and End date and time will be 15.07.2019 at 10.00 AM up to 29.07.2019 at 6.00 PM instead of 20.06.2019 at 10.00 AM up to 04.07.2019 at 6.00 PM.
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5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid will be 29.07.2019 at 11.30 AM instead of 05.07.2019.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

**Shivani**

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Shivani** D/o **Rakesh** R/o H.No. B-2/433, Nand Nagri & Jhuggi No. 82, Gali No. 6 Subash Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi **Age-18** years 6 Month, **Height-5', Face-Round, Built-Medium, Complexion-Wheatish, Wearing-Light Pink Colour Top, Black Kapare and Cloths Chappal** in her feet has been missing since dated 31.05.2019 from her house. In this regard a vide **DD No. 94-A Dated 01.06.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

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## BRIEFLY

2018 saw  
air improve:  
Javadekar

**New Delhi:** Despite the concentration of particulate matter in Delhi being above the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, the capital's air quality improved in 2018 as compared to the previous year, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said in Lok Sabha Friday.

Delhi writes  
to SC panel  
on sealing

**New Delhi:** The Delhi government Tuesday wrote to the Supreme Court monitoring committee on sealing, urging it to direct the South civic body to desist from sealing shops in Amar Colony, even as chairman of the committee Bhure Lal said he would apprise the court about the unwillingness of authorities in carrying out the drive.

Lawyers' body  
asks for panel

**New Delhi:** Condemning the murders of UP Bar Council chairperson Darvesh Singh Yadav and Solapur advocate Rajesh Kamble, the United Lawyers' Association has demanded that a committee be set up to prevent instances of violence against lawyers.

Man held for  
killing friend

**New Delhi:** A 20-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing his friend as he wanted to marry his wife, in West Delhi's Prem Nagar, police said.

Cop shoots  
himself

**New Delhi:** A 48-year-old head constable with the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary, posted outside North Block, shot himself with his service weapon Tuesday morning, police said.

2 steal sewing  
machines, held

**New Delhi:** Two persons were arrested for allegedly stealing sewing machines. Police said they were caught after the owner of the stolen goods saw his machines advertised on an online portal.

Domestic  
help rescued

**New Delhi:** A woman placed as a domestic maid was rescued by police from Northwest Delhi's Pitampura, after she was allegedly beaten up by her employer, police said. **ENS**

## 25 ARMED COPS RAIDED FARMHOUSE IN NAJAFGARH

## Police crash parole party for gang boss, 22 arrested with weapons

**ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

IT WAS like shooting fish in a barrel. The Delhi Police managed to arrest 22 members of a criminal gang in one sweep Monday, after they crashed a party held by the gang to celebrate their boss Kapil Sangwan being granted parole.

According to an officer, the party was held at a nondescript farmhouse built on encroached government property in Najafgarh, and the guest list included criminals from South West Delhi and Haryana.

Of the 50-plus people at the party, which took a week to plan, many were carrying weapons made in the US and England. The party was organised by Sangwan's associate Jatin Narula.

As the crowd waited for Sangwan to arrive from Bhondsi Jail, they ran into unexpected guests instead: 25 policemen armed with AK-47, SLR and MP-5 weapons, donning bulletproof jackets.

A total of 54 men were



Police said the party was planned for over a week and many criminals were invited

rounded up, of which 22 were arrested Monday night, police said.

According to an officer, three police personnel posted with the Special Cell were also invited to the party, and were present when the raid took place.

While they were among those initially detained, they told police they were not aware the party was for a gangster, and had received the invitation via relatives.

"There was a heavy gathering of men with criminal backgrounds, armed to the teeth.

Lives could have been lost. We managed to come out unscathed," said ACP Manoj Pant from the inter-border gangs investigation squad (IGIS) of the Crime Branch.

Additional Commissioner of Police A K Singla confirmed the party was hosted to welcome Sangwan, who made his name by extorting money from local businessmen in South West Delhi and emerging as a rival to Manjeet Mahal.

"We have recovered nine pistols and 65 rounds. Barring three men, the rest have criminal

records ranging from extortion to murder," Singla said.

Sangwan was on the run before he was arrested by Rajasthan Police in a shootout, and has been in jail since 2016. After being released on parole, he was taken to Rajasthan for a court hearing, an officer said.

IGIS officers had been keeping tabs on gang leaders since a shootout at the Dwarka Mor flyover. As Sangwan's parole date came closer, police mounted surveillance and found a heavy influx of Scorpio and Fortuner cars headed to a farmhouse in

Najafgarh.

ACP Manoj sent his team to the farmhouse, and officers took photographs of the building a week in advance and gathered intelligence on the owner.

"They were planning on getting weapons and big cars in a show of strength. Some members had also planned to open fire in Sangwan's honour," an officer said.

Gang members took services of a catering staff, used pink table covers and installed water coolers to ensure guests' comfort. Most of those invited were in the 22-27 age group.

Fresh recruits were given a separate section than those with criminal records.

An officer had spent the last one week memorising entry and exit points. On Monday, he entered the farmhouse and saw men drinking and clicking photographs.

"We surrounded them, but some of them confronted us and said 'hum police se nahi darte'. A youth pulled out a knife kept at the dessert section, injured an ASI, and managed to flee," the officer said.



## BREAKING THE CAMEL'S BACK

Visitors at India Gate take a ride on a camel. According to Anjali Gopalan, member of the Animal Welfare Board of India, a licence needs to be taken from the board for all performing animals, including elephants and camels. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Man slits daughter-in-law's throat, lands  
at police station in blood-soaked clothes

**SOMYA LAKHANI**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

A 31-YEAR-OLD woman's throat was slit with a knife, allegedly by her father-in-law, over a kitchen bulb she had removed at their home.

The incident took place around 9 pm when the woman, Neeraj Dev, returned to the family's 2BHK flat in Paharganj, where she lived with her minor son and in-laws. "The incident came to light when her father-in-law Bhagat Ram came to the Paharganj police station to con-

fess he had killed her," said DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa.

Neeraj got married to Darshan Dev in 2008 and the couple were estranged for several years. While she lived with her in-laws, he lives in Gurgaon, where he holds a government job, said Neeraj's elder brother Mannohan Bismill (35).

"A case of matrimonial dispute has been going on for years. Her in-laws troubled her for dowry, beat her... A divorce case too was going on and she demanded alimony and a house as she didn't have a job. She was

currently getting Rs 12,000 per month but it was usually delayed by a month or two," her father Ram Prasad Bismill alleged.

According to police, on Monday night, Neeraj removed the light bulb in the kitchen over an argument. A police officer said, "The accused said his wife used a candle so she could see in the kitchen while cooking, and by the time Neeraj reached home, they were having dinner... He claimed Neeraj got into an argument with her mother-in-law... Ram then grabbed her and slit her throat with a knife."

Her son was playing down-

stairs when the incident took place, said a police officer.

"Ram came to the police station around 10.30 pm in blood-soaked clothes," said a police officer.

The victim's father said he received a call from the SHO around 1.50 am, informing him that Neeraj had been murdered.

Her neighbour Vinod Kane (44), who lives 500 metres from her house, said, "She was supposed to have dinner with me and my wife but didn't show up till 9 pm... when my wife texted her, she didn't reply. We found out at night that she was dead."

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

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On Monday, two bike-borne

2 beaten up, booked  
over suspicion of  
transporting cow meat

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GURGAON, JUNE 25

TWO MEN, who hail from Palwal and Nuh, were allegedly beaten up on suspicion of transporting cow meat by people claiming to be "gau rakshaks" Tuesday morning.

Police said an FIR has been registered against the two men, who are being treated for their injuries at the Civil Hospital.

According to the FIR registered at Sadar police station under relevant sections of the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015, the incident took place around 6 am near Islampur village.

In her complaint, Kavita Katariya, a resident of Sector 9, who identified herself as a "gau rakshak", states, "Today, I was with my fellow gau rakshaks in the gaushala. Around 5.30 am, I received anonymous information that cow meat is being brought in some pick-up trucks from the Nuh side, which will go to Delhi."

She said they set up watch near Islampur village. Around 6 am, they claimed they spotted two pick-up jeeps coming towards them.

"When we stood on the road and stopped them, four traders

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got out from the jeeps and started running. We saw the jeeps and found meat inside. Others also gathered. My gau rakshaks, along with the pedestrians, followed two of the men and caught them. The public became restless and started beating up the two men. I immediately called up police, who came there," states the complainant.

"Both men sustained minor injuries and have been admitted for treatment at the Civil Hospital. They have been identified as Shathil Ahmed from Palwal and Taid from Nuh. They will be arrested after they are discharged," said PRO of Gurgaon Police Subhash Boken.

"The meat that was found in the vehicles has been sent to a laboratory for testing. The statements of the two men are yet to be recorded. The matter is under investigation," he said.

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Bharadwaj said the theft will serve as a wake-up call

men snatched Shobha Vijender's bag when she was in a car outside Mandi House Metro station. The miscreants allegedly misled her into believing the car's tyres had burst and used the opportunity to steal her bag.

Bharadwaj claimed Gupta has "openly defended" the Delhi Police, even when Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was assaulted. The AAP leader also claimed Gupta never raised the issue of law and order with LT-Governor Anil Bajjal.

When contacted, Gupta said Bharadwaj's comment only shows the AAP is "non-serious" about crime in the city. "It is not Saurabh but Kejriwal speaking. I had raised the issue of law and order with the former MoS Home. It is they (AAP) who didn't offer any cooperation over the last four years. Now they are

CP to experiment  
with reducing cars  
on Sunday, Monday

**ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

VEHICULAR MOVEMENT to Connaught Place will be restricted this Sunday and Monday as the the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) plans to execute its pedestrianisation plan in the shopping hub.

The NDMC has tweaked its earlier plan, which was to make the inner circle completely car-free, to focus on pedestrianising the blocks but giving access to all parking lots in the inner and outer circles to car users, a senior official said.

President of the New Delhi Traders' Association Atul Bhargava said as per the fresh plan discussed with them by officials, vehicles will be given entry only through Janpath to inner circle, and from there they can access all parking lots. The exit will only be through Baba Kharak Singh Marg. Other entry and exit routes will be blocked for cars.

As a result, Bhargava said, the stretch from A to F blocks will be vehicle-free. He said this plan could be called pedestrian-friendly but not vehicle-free.

NDMC chairman Naresh Kumar said the revised plan is at a discussion stage and final ap-

proval will be given Wednesday. He said the earlier plan, which was to make CP completely vehicle-free, has now been tweaked after incorporating suggestions of traders and other stakeholders.

"On a pilot basis, the NDMC will carry out the project this Sunday and Monday," he said.

This is the third time the NDMC has given a push to this project. In 2017, too, the civic body had planned to start a three-month trial from February to April but could not execute it after opposition from traders.

Traders had then said that closing vehicular movement in the inner circle will choke the outer circle even further, and vehicles queuing up for entry into the limited parking lots will spill to the radial roads. They also feared losing out on business.

The concept of a car-free zone has been implemented in cities such as London, Montreal and Copenhagen.

"In other countries it has been noticed that car-free zones invite more people as the area becomes more lively... In the long run, it would have meant more business for them. But now that they are ready for this, we think we will be able to make the push gradually if they see good results of a pedestrian-friendly market," an official said.

Fresh call for  
applications  
as many EWS  
seats vacant

**New Delhi:** Fresh applications for admission to the city's private schools under the EWS/ Disadvantaged Group category opened Tuesday to fill seats which remained unfilled after two rounds of draw of lots.

Twenty two percent of seats in entry-level classes — nursery, KG or class I, as the case might be — in private schools are reserved for children from these categories. This year, 45,000 seats reserved under these categories were available. Most of these got filled after the first computerised draw of lots in February.

Currently, there are 2,800 vacancies under these categories and the entire admission process will begin from scratch against these. The application process will close on July 3 and the tentative date for the computerised draw of lots is July 9.

Seats not getting filled up despite an excess of applications is usually because a large number of these are against fewer prominent schools, and because of issues with the documents submitted for admission.

Apart from this, three per cent of seats in entry-level classes are reserved for children with special needs. There are around 5,000 seats which are vacant under this category. **ENS**

## WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC NEXT YEAR

Hidden under thick vegetation for years,  
Red Fort's *chhota hammam* to get a facelift

**SOMYA LAKHANI**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

A SINGLE undated photograph of a slew of monuments inside Red Fort is the only reference the Archaeological Survey of India has to conserve the *chhota hammam* (royal bath) near Asad Burj, occupied by the Army till 2003, lies the *hammam*.

At least 4.46 metres below the surface, the rectangular *hammam* is 21.5x6.3 square metre in size. Two stairways, made of Lakhori bricks and red sandstone, lead to the bath, which has 15 arches — including one which has space to keep at least 10 oil lamps that once lit up the *hammam*.

For now, wild plants have taken over the *hammam*, built along with the Red Fort between 1639-48 by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.

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Archaeologist, ASI Delhi circle.

A few metres from the Imtiaz Mahal (popularly known as Mumtaz Mahal) and right next to Asad Burj, occupied by the Army till 2003, lies the *hammam*.

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According to the ASI, the *hammam* was for palatial use. The conservation project will take six months. *Tashi Tobgyal*

six months and will begin with 'pointing,' the process of strengthening Lakhori bricks using lime mortar. Broken arches

made of Lakhori bricks will be replaced, so will the missing pieces of the red sandstone floor".

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## To Be Or Not To Be

AMID THE uncertainty in the Congress over Rahul Gandhi's insistence to step down as party president, a silent movement has begun in the party, spearheaded by a group of middle-level leaders, to persuade him to change his mind. One gets to hear that a group of former AICC office-bearers, ex-MPs and former Youth Congress national- and state-level officer-bearers met at Punjab Bhawan on Tuesday to discuss the crisis in the party. The meeting was attended by 25 to 30 leaders, most of them in their late-40s. A bigger meeting may be held in AICC soon, possibly in the next couple of days, and a plan is understood to be afoot to stage an indefinite sit-in at the Congress headquarters, urging Rahul to continue to lead the party.

## SEEKING POLL REFORMS

A MONTH after the BJP's massive victory in Lok Sabha elections, electronic voting machines (EVMs) continue to occupy the mind space of Opposition leaders. Some leaders - NCP's Sharad Pawar, AAP's Sanjay Singh and senior Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma and Jairam Ramesh met at Azad's Parliament office on Tuesday to discuss the issue. A group of opposition parties have already given a notice in Rajya Sabha for a debate on electoral reforms. Sources said the leaders discussed about a presentation of EVMs by some Maharashtra-based engineers and decided to take forward their opposition to electronic voting machines in the coming days.

## ON POACHING GUARD

FACED WITH exodus in West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress is stepping up vigilance in Parliament. Party's Lok Sabha MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar has written to Speaker Om Birla, complaining against Biplab Mitra, the latest entrant to the BJP, getting into the Central Hall. Mitra, who joined the BJP on Monday, reportedly entered Central Hall with former Trinamool MP Mukul Roy. Dastidar wrote that as a former MLA, Mitra has no right to enter the Central Hall, where only former MPs and sitting MLAs are allowed, besides current MPs.

### MAHARASHTRA

# Fewer farmers get crop insurance than in 2017 Kharif season

**KAVITHAIYER**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

COMPOUNDING WORRIES in drought-hit rural Maharashtra, fewer farmers across the state have received crop insurance disbursements for the 2018 Kharif season than for the 2017 Kharif season.

Data shows that while 49.8 lakh farmers received payments for claims they made under the Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in 2017 Kharif season, 45 lakh farmers' claims were accepted for the 2018 Kharif season.

Bucking an all-India trend of lower coverage since the inception of PMFBY in 2016, Maharashtra has registered an increase in the number of farmers who opted for the cover, from 87.68 lakh farmers in 2017 Kharif season to 91.4 lakh in 2018. In the same period, area under insurance coverage rose from 50.22 lakh hectare to 52.35 lakh hectare. Gross premiums collected and total sum insured also rose.

While data shows a significant rise in total payments to farmers under the scheme from Rs 2,860

crore in 2017 Kharif season to Rs 3,397 crore in 2018, the number of farmers whose claims were accepted fell by about 4,80,000.

The problem of delays in disbursements also continues in the state, with only 35.22 lakh farmers recorded as having received their claim payments as of June 4, as per the data. About two-thirds of the total sum to be disbursed, or Rs 2,232.98 crore, was recorded as paid as of June 4.

The data is based on responses from the state agriculture commissioner's office to a Right to Information application filed by Parbhani-based activist and CPI leader Rajan Kshirsagar. The response said the data was provisional, to be updated by the private insurers.

On Monday, conceding that there was widespread unrest among farmers against private insurers, state Agriculture Minister Anil Bonde said in the legislature that taluka-level committees would be formed to address the issue. Shiv Sena, has set up taluka-level assistance camps for farmers with grievances pertaining to crop insurance claims.

### COW PROTECTION ACT MADE MORE STRINGENT

# Haryana empowers cops to seize vehicles smuggling cows, beef

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

HARYANA GOVERNMENT Tuesday decided to make its cow protection Act more stringent by empowering police officers to seize and inspect vehicles allegedly used for smuggling of cattle or beef. Earlier, these powers were with Sub-Divisional Magistrate-rank officers and above.

Haryana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Tuesday amended the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015.

"The new Bill shall be called the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan (Amendment) Bill, 2019 to make it more strict and practical," a state government spokesperson said.

The amendment reads: "...Any police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector or any person authorised in this behalf by the government...may enter, stop and search any vehicle used or intended to be used for the export of 'cows or beef'. He may seize 'cow or beef' in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Act has been, its being or is about to be contravened, along with the vehicle in which such

# Rlys on track to get private players on some busy routes up to 500 km

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

AFTER DECIDING to try out giving private players a chance to operate passenger trains on its network, Indian Railways is looking for routes to launch this initiative soon.

So far, the busy sectors of Delhi-Lucknow and Mumbai-Shirdi have come up as frontrunners in internal considerations in the Railway Board. Other routes being assessed are Bengaluru-Chennai, Ahmedabad-Mumbai and Trivandrum-Kannur in Kerala. All are under 500 km distance, as per the policy decision taken.

While Delhi-Lucknow is a lucrative sector, currently served

## EXPLAINED Go-ahead after worries over unions

THE INDIAN Railways seems to have decided to take the plunge after toying for years with the idea of private players running passenger trains. It has decided to parley with trade unions to get them on board. There had been apprehensions that since running trains is a loss-making business, due to subsidised fares, private players may not be interested. And whether it would be prudent for the government to offer demand-heavy, lucrative routes to private players.

by some 50 trains every day, Mumbai-Shirdi — a popular pilgrimage destinations in India owing to the Shirdi Sai Temple — does not have too many trains and is the only route under consideration that is not served by

a Shatabdi.

The capacity of the network in the 500-odd km between Delhi and Lucknow is choked with passengers as well as goods trains, and currently a heavily patronised Swarn Shatabdi



## POMPEO LANDS IN DELHI

US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo arrives in New Delhi on Tuesday. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pompeo will hold talks on Wednesday on India's purchase of S-400 missile defence systems from Russia, terrorism, sanctions on Iran among other issues. Prem Nath Pandey

## Proud to be associated with Gujarat: Jaishankar



(From left) BJP leader Jugalji Thakor, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Gandhinagar on Tuesday. Javed Raj

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 25

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on Tuesday said it was a matter of pride for him to be associated with Gujarat, the land of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel, and the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Speaking to reporters after filing his nomination papers for Rajya Sabha by-elections scheduled on July 5, he said that under the leadership of Prime Minister

Modi, India's reputation has increased.

He thanked the BJP leadership at the Centre and in Gujarat for declaring him the party's candidate for the Rajya Sabha. A retired IFS officer, Jaishankar said that any Foreign Minister, Foreign Secretary or IFS officer will have some connection with Gujarat because it is the most global state of India. "Wherever you go, you will find people from Gujarat, they have their community, and we get a lot of support from there. I have some relations with the Gujarati community across the world," Jaishankar said.

## AIADMK govt most corrupt, BJP's slave: DMK

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

THE DMK, which stormed back to the Lok Sabha after winning all 23 seats it contested in the recent general elections, on Tuesday attacked the AIADMK, calling its government in Tamil Nadu "most corrupt".

Talking on behalf of the party, DMK leader Dayanidhi Maran also called AIADMK a "slave" of the BJP, and said the two parties were "forced allies".

Maran was speaking during discussions on the Motion of Thanks for President's Address.

As members of the treasury benches interjected to defend the AIADMK, which has just one member in the House, Maran attacked them too. "I understand their loyalty," he said of BJP members, adding that "they are the forced allies.... It is the duty of the master to take care of their slaves and they are doing exactly that".

Several BJP members, including Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal objected to Maran's words.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Maran said, "If Tamil Nadu has not voted for you, please introspect yourself...reason is the water crisis."

### BID TO ATTRACT DEVELOPERS

## Khattar govt revises norms for licence to build colonies

**VARINDER BHATIA**  
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

FAILING TO attract enough developers for housing and industrial colonies in the state, Haryana government has introduced a major reduction in "minimum area requirement for obtaining licence to develop various categories of housing and industrial colonies".

The reduction in certain categories is one-fourth (from 100 acres to 25 acres).

The decision will majority impact the areas of Gurgaon, Manesar, Faridabad and Sonapat since these cities are covered under "hyper-potential" and "high-

potential" zones. According to government's statistics, barely three licences were issued in last five years for residential plotted colonies, and no licence was issued for an independent plotted colony in Gurgaon in last four years.

According to the government, this decision was necessary owing to high land costs, aggregation of land in larger chunks hampering revenue generation in the state. The revised norms/parameters will be placed in the public domain for 30 days for inviting objections/suggestions from stakeholders and general public that will be taken into cognizance for finalisation of the policy.

## Cut money: Mamata govt sets up new probe post

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, JUNE 25

AMID THE growing Opposition heat over the 'cut money' issue, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in West Bengal on Tuesday set up a new post in the Directorate of Economic Offences in a bid to curb the economic offences of public representatives.

The government also replaced deputy director of the Directorate of Economic Offences, bringing in IPS officer Tanmay Ray Chaudhuri, the former police commissioner of Barrackpore. Chaudhuri, who was recently appointed as DIG, CID (Operations), will replace K Jayraman.

The state government is also considering booking the elected representatives and government functionaries in the "cut money" cases under section 409 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which re-

lates to criminal breach of trust by a public servant and others, and if convicted, is liable to be punished with life imprisonment.

Government sources said that the latest move highlights Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's intention to tackle the issue of cut money with an "iron fist".

Meanwhile, ADG (Law & Order) Gyanwant Singh said that once complaints in the 'cut money' cases are lodged, the civil administration could inquire "as these are mainly related to schemes run by panchayats or civic bodies". "In case of any anomaly, police will lodge formal complaints and initiate action against the accused," Singh said.

He also said that superintendents of police of all the districts have been asked to comply with the instructions the moment they receive a formal complaint.

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of Tata Steel Limited (the '**Company**') will be held at 3.00 p.m. (IST) on Friday, July 19, 2019 at Birla Matushri Sabhagar, 19, Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Marg, Mumbai - 400 020 to transact the following business:

1. Consider and adopt the Audited Standalone Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2019 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon;
2. Consider and adopt the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2019 and the Report of the Auditors thereon;
3. Declaration of Dividend of (i) Rs.13/- per fully paid Ordinary (equity) Share of face value Rs. 10/- each for the Financial Year 2018-19, and (ii) Rs. 3.25 per partly paid Ordinary (equity) Share of Rs. 10/- each (paid-up Rs. 2,504 per share) for the Financial Year 2018-19;
4. Appointment of Director in place of Mr. Koushik Chatterjee (DIN: 00004989), who retires by rotation and being eligible, seeks re-appointment;
5. Appointment of Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma (DIN:02449088) as a Non-Executive, Non-Independent Director;
6. Re-appointment of Ms. Mallika Srinivasan (DIN: 00037022) as an Independent Director;
7. Re-appointment of Mr. O. P. Bhatt (DIN: 00548091) as an Independent Director;
8. Re-appointment of Mr. T. V. Narendran (DIN: 03083605) as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director and payment of remuneration;
9. Ratification of the remuneration of Messrs Shome & Banerjee, Cost Auditors (Firm Reg No. 000001) of the Company for the Financial Year ending March 31, 2020.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Integrated Report and 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Accounts of the Company for the Financial Year 2018-19 (the '**Integrated Report**') along with the Notice of the AGM, attendance slip, proxy form and route map of the venue of the AGM has been e-mailed to Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participant. Physical copy of the Integrated Report of the Company along with the Notice of the AGM, attendance slip, proxy form and route map of the venue of the AGM has been sent by permitted mode to Members who have not registered their e-mail address. The Company has completed the dispatch as well as sending of e-mail to the Members on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. The Integrated Report and the Notice of the AGM is available on our website at [www.tatasteel.com](http://www.tatasteel.com) and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited ('**NSDL**') at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com)

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ('**SS-2**') issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, each as amended from time to time, the Company is pleased to provide remote e-voting facility to all its Members to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM using electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the AGM ('**remote e-voting**') provided by NSDL and the business may be transacted through such remote e-voting. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their share of paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of Friday, July 12, 2019. Any person who is a Member of the Company as on the cut-off date holding shares in dematerialised form or physical form is eligible to cast their vote on all the resolutions set forth in the Notice of AGM, using remote e-voting or voting at the AGM venue.

The remote e-voting period commences on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 9.00 a.m. (IST) and ends on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 5.00 p.m. (IST). During this period, Members may cast their votes electronically. The remote e-voting module will be disabled by NSDL thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. The facility for voting through electronic voting system or ballot paper shall also be made available at the AGM venue and Members who have not already cast their votes by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right to vote at the AGM. The Members who have already cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again.

A person who acquires shares and becomes a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the Notice of AGM and is holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e Friday, July 12, 2019, may obtain the login ID and password from NSDL by sending a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in). However, if the person is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then the existing user ID and password can be used for casting their vote. Alternatively, if you are also registered for NSDL e-services i.e. IDEAS, you can login at <https://eservices.nsdl.com/> with your existing IDEAS login and password for casting your vote electronically. If the person has forgotten his password, he can reset his password by using "Forgot User Details/Password" or "Physical User Reset Password" option available on [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or contact NSDL at the Toll Free No.: 1800-222-990 or email at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in). Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting their votes on the e-voting system of NSDL.

For details relating to remote e-voting, please refer to the Notice of the AGM. In case of any queries, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions ('**FAQs**') for Shareholders and User Manual on e-voting system for Shareholders available at the 'Downloads' section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or call on toll free no.1800-222-990 or send a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in). In case of any grievances with respect to the facility for voting by electronic means, Members are requested to contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager at [amitv@nsdl.co.in](mailto:amitv@nsdl.co.in) (+91 22 2499 4360) or Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager at [pallavid@nsdl.co.in](mailto:pallavid@nsdl.co.in) (+91 22 2499 4545) or at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) (1800 222 990) or write to NSDL at NSDL, Trade World, 'A' wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013.

Further, the Company is providing facility of live webcast of the proceedings of the AGM from 3.00 p.m. (IST) till the conclusion of the AGM. Members can use their remote e-Voting login and password to view the proceedings of the AGM by accessing NSDL's website where the EVEN number of the Company will be displayed.

Persons entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may vote in person or by proxy through authorized representative, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form/authorization duly signed by the person entitled to attend and vote at the AGM are deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at Bombay House, 24 Horni Mody Street, Fort, Mumbai 400 001, not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the AGM.

**Tata Steel Limited**  
Sd/-  
**Parvathesam K.**  
Company Secretary &  
Chief Legal Officer (Corporate & Compliance)

June 25, 2019  
Mumbai

**TATA STEEL**



FROM THE GALLERY

5 QUESTIONS



CONGRESS'S KISHANGANJ MP **DR MOHAMMAD JAWED** RAISED THE ISSUE OF DEATHS OF CHILDREN DUE TO ENCEPHALITIS IN BIHAR. HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO FINISH AND WAS TOLD BY THE SPEAKER THAT HE WOULD GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO RAISE THE ISSUE. HE SPOKE TO **AVISHEK G DASTIDAR**..

**Do you think the encephalitis incident has not been raised enough at the national level?**  
Where has it been raised, you tell me? No one has talked about it here and it is such a huge tragedy.... The government is not talking about it and not even acknowledging it.

**Why do you think that is happening?**  
This government prefers to ignore anything that is negative for its image....

**But is the tragedy being under-reported?**  
The official figure is that more than 150 children are dead. But we all know that whenever something like this happens, the government's figures are always lower... this government at the Centre and the one in Bihar, both are in the habit of falsifying figures....

**What do you want the state government to do?**  
After every year's deaths, the government says we should not let this repeat... But actually no one takes it seriously. There were supposed to be awareness campaigns down to the block level, but that did not happen. Hospitals were not equipped, medical staff were not trained. It is still not being done.

**But isn't that the domain of the state government and not so much the Centre?**  
The party ruling in the Centre is in alliance with the party ruling the state in Bihar... the honourable PM, who addressed a dozen rallies in Bihar to seek votes just a few months ago, has not found the time to even tweet about this tragedy...

Govt, Oppn trade charges in Upper House

MANOJ C G  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

THE DEBATE on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday witnessed many attacks and counterattacks from the ruling and opposition members, ranging from a Trinamool Congress leader claiming that Facebook's Delhi office has "virtually become an extended BJPT cell", a Shiv Sena member saying that a Ram Temple would be built in Ayodhya under Narendra Modi's leadership, and a Congress leader questioning the sincerity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reach out to Muslims.

Almost all opposition members attacked the government, accusing it of denigrating institutions and destroying federalism. Many also raised the issue of lynching of a Muslim youth in Jharkhand.

BJP's Vinay Sahasrabudhe accused the Congress of deriding the BJP's New India slogan, and asked whether it wants the old India of nepotism, middlemen, Sikhs being massacred and Kashmiri Pandits forced to leave the Valley.

Hitting back, Congress's Digvijaya Singh questioned Modi's 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' slogan. "The individual who was not ready to apologise for the riots which claimed the lives of 2,500 people, the individual who was not ready to wear a topi (skull-cap), the individual who as Gujarat CM was not ready to distribute the Central government's scholarship scheme for Muslim students... the individual who as prime minister did not attend the President's iftar dinner, is talking about winning the confidence of minorities in his first speech... I congratulate him... is this transformation real or is it a jumla?" Singh said.

Trinamool Congress's Derek O'Brien questioned the BJP's governance record and schemes, contrasting them with those of his party's government in West Bengal. He also criticised Facebook. "Eighty per cent of ads on Google, Youtube and Facebook are pro-BJP ads... Facebook senior management in India are de facto campaign managers of the BJP... Facebook censored anti-BJP news and put other parties in jeopardy. The Facebook algorithm censors anti-BJP content..." he claimed. "In return Facebook got a lot of benefits."

Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut demanded that a Ram Temple be constructed at Ayodhya at the earliest.

44 YEARS SINCE EMERGENCY

Leaders stress need to be vigilant for democracy

PM slams Congress, says Emergency living example of how court is ignored; Yechury calls for stronger resolve than 1975

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

EXACTLY 44 years after it was imposed, Emergency remained the dominant theme inside and outside Parliament on Tuesday with leaders across party lines speaking about the need to be vigilant so that the "dark days" do not come back.

In his reply in the Lok Sabha to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reminded the House of the date — June 25. "Congress leaders were asking questions — answer this one, who declared Emergency when the spirit of India was trampled upon, media was strangled and India was made a prison just because somebody was scared of losing power... it is a living example of how the court is ignored," he said.

The reference was to the genesis of the Emergency proclamation from a judgment of the Allahabad High Court on June 12, 1975, that found then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty of electoral malpractice and ruled that she could not contest elections. Thirteen days later, Emergency was imposed.

"This June 25 we have to reiterate our commitment to democracy, nobody can forget the sin of trampling upon the Constitution, this taint can never be wiped and should be recalled time and again so that nobody else walks that path again. It is important to remember this day not to criticise anyone but to understand the importance of faith in democratic institutions," Modi said.

In the Rajya Sabha, BJP's Vinay Sahasrabudhe began his speech on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address recalling the Emergency. He said June 25 is considered a black day in the history of India's democracy. "Describing those days, Atalji (A B Vajpayee) used to say that the entire country had become kind of a jail. The rulers then used to smell a conspiracy behind every tree," he said.

Concluding his speech during the debate, TMC's Derek O'Brien said he was speaking on a very important day — "25th of June 44 years ago was the darkest day of India. Democracy was strangled, misused and two years later the people of India gave a fitting reply to those who strangled and mutilated democracy. Today, 25th of June as we begin in 2019... we did not tolerate the Emergency, we will be alert and we will fight under Mamata-di (Banerjee) never to allow a super emergency."

Outside Parliament, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar accused the West Bengal Chief Minister of having ushered in

PM Narendra Modi made a passionate reference to the dark days of the Emergency and put the Opposition Congress in the dock over the suspension of civil liberties and fundamental rights of people by the party's government. Here is a list of eight ministers, five Governors, two CMs and one deputy CM who were incarcerated during the Emergency:

MINISTERS

RAJNATH SINGH

Defence Minister  
Was imprisoned for 18 months. He was the Mirzapur district president of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and also the district co-ordinator of the JP Movement.

RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

Minister of Law and Justice, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology  
Was jailed. He was an ABVP activist at Patna University.

PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; I&B  
Was jailed after he led a protest in Pune as an ABVP activist.

SANTOSH GANGWAR

Minister of State for Labour and Employment  
Was also in prison for participating in a protest.

RAM VILAS PASWAN

Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Was behind bars for 18 months. He was a general secretary of the Bharatiya Lok Dal.

THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Was jailed in Ujjain for 10 months. He was the chief organiser of the RSS shakha at the Nagda junction.

ASHWINI CHOUBEY

Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare  
Was detained because of his participation in the JP movement.

MAHENDRA PANDEY

Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
Was in jail for five months.

CHIEF MINISTERS:

PINARAYI VIJAYAN (KERALA):

Was arrested and lodged at Central Prison, Kannur, in Kerala. He was a CPI(M) member of the Assembly.

VIJAY RUPANI (GUJARAT):

Was active in the RSS and Jan Sangh. He was incarcerated at the Bhuj and Bhavnagar jails for 11 months.

NITISH KUMAR (BIHAR):

Was active in the JP movement. He spent nine months in the Arrah, Buxar and Bhagalpur jails.

DEPUTY CM:

SUSHIL KUMAR MODI (BIHAR):

Was lodged at Hazaribagh jail.

GOVERNORS:

**OM PRAKASH KOHLI** (Gujarat) was active in the Jana Sangh. He was arrested and sent to prison in Agra and Varanasi, where he spent 19 months.

**VAJUBHAI VALA** (Karnataka) was active in the Jana Sangh and RSS. He was jailed for 11 months.

**CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO** (Maharashtra), who was the convener of the Karimnagar district unit of the Jana Sangh, was sent to jail.

**GANESHI LAL** (Odisha) was jailed.

**KALYAN SINGH** (Rajasthan) was a Jana Sangh member of the UP Assembly. He spent 10 months in jail.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with MoS (Home) Krishan Reddy at Parliament. "On this day, we the people of India should always remember the importance of upholding the integrity of our institutions and the Constitution," Singh tweeted. *Renuka Puri*

fight was of the people. I am surprised that some leaders are claiming there is Emergency today. There is a free press, there is a free social media. There has been a TV revolution through cable TV. Everybody's voice can reach the people, whether it's right or wrong. There is freedom to speak, both inside the House and outside. That is what the Congress had finished. And the leaders who are speaking today were all in the Congress at that time..."

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted, "India is a Secular Democracy. One fundamental pillar, ie of Democracy was hit on this day, 44 years ago as the Emergency. We must remember our fight then to resist it, push it back and then restore democracy. Today, a stronger resolve than in 1975 is required, to fight back attacks on Secular Democracy. This attack is by those who don't think India belongs to all its citizens. But it does, to all Indians irrespective of which god they pray to (or don't)."

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad tweeted: "On 25th June 1975 Indira Gandhi had imposed #Emergency to save her government. Lakhs of people including opposition leaders, journalists and social activists were jailed. Today I wish to remember every citizen of India who fought against Emergency to restore democracy."

IJP president and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan tweeted: "This is saddening that a political party that had imposed Emergency in the country, is today making baseless allegations on Modi government of imposing emergency."

wherever there is any problem regarding democracy, we will fight it," he said.

Earlier in the day, Banerjee had tweeted: "Today is the anniversary of the #Emergency declared in 1975. For the last five years, the country went through a 'Super Emergency'. We must learn our lessons from history and fight to safeguard the democratic institutions in the country."

Speaking to journalists outside Parliament, Javadekar said: "The Emergency

was imposed by destroying the Constitution. It finished the freedom of the press, freedom of thought, made the entire country a jail-house. Lok Sabha elections, which are never delayed, were pushed forward from 1976 when they were due... Thousands and lakhs of workers fought against it under the leadership of Jayaprakash Narayan, Morarji Desai and Atal Bihari Vajpayee..."

He congratulated all those who had made sacrifices then and suffered. "But this

TMC MP: India moving towards fascism, signs everywhere if you open your eyes

KRISHN KAUSHIK  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

IN HER maiden speech in Parliament, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra warned that prevalent signs suggest that India is moving towards fascism. During the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in Lok Sabha, the Krishnanagar MP said, "Only if you would open your eyes, you would see that there are signs everywhere, that this country is being torn apart."

Quoting freedom fighter Maulana Azad, and poets Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and Rahat Indori, the former investment banker spoke about dissent, religious freedom, and media control, besides other issues. She said that the Constitution which each member of the House has "sworn to protect" is "under threat today". "Of course you may disagree with me, you may say achche din are here," she said, pointing to the Treasury benches, "but then you are missing the signs".

Moitra pointed to seven signs to say that the country was sliding down a dangerous path.



**Mahua Moitra:**  
You may say achche din are here, but then you are missing the signs

She said that the US Holocaust memorial museum put up a poster in 2017 that "contained the list of all the signs of early fascism" and that each of the signs she mentioned are on that list.

She urged the members to decide "which side of history do we want us to be on".

Of the seven signs, Moitra began with the "powerful and continuing nationalism that is searing into our national fabric", which she said "is superficial", "xenophobic" and "narrow". "In a country where ministers cannot produce degrees to show they graduated from college, you expect dispossessed poor people to show papers to show that they belong to this country," Moitra said.

Another sign, Moitra said, was the "re-

sounding disdain for human rights that is permeating every level of government". Mentioning the "10-fold increase" in hate crimes, she said that there are forces in this country that are "pushing this number up".

She also spoke about "an unimaginable subjugation and controlling of mass media today".

There is an "obsession with national security and identification of enemies" and everyone is in fear of "some nameless, shameless *kaala bhoot*", she said. Moitra claimed that the "achievements of the Army are being usurped in the name of one man".

She also rued the intertwining of "religion and government" and cited the NRC and Citizenship Amendment Bill to state that "we are making sure that it is only one community that is the target of anti-immigration laws".

The "most dangerous" sign was the "complete disdain for the intellectuals and the arts" and "suppression of all dissent".

Just one party had spent nearly 50 per cent of the Rs 60,000 crore in the recent elections, Moitra said, claiming that "there is an erosion of independence in our electoral system".

‘Average Indian feels Modi’s victory is victory for new India’

KRISHN KAUSHIK  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

TEJASVI SURYA, 28, the BJP MP from Bangalore South constituency, was among the strongest defenders of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's performance of the last five years in his maiden speech in Parliament on Tuesday. He credited the government with creating a "new India" while taking potshots at the Congress.

Surya said he couldn't have dreamed of getting the opportunity to speak in the House "because for a very long time, politics was more of a family business and the country's political institutions and political geography, more or less, seemed to be under the control of a few oligarchs, and more and more, it seemed like a kleptocracy".

Under Modi, Surya said, democracy has been strengthened.

If a 'chai-wallah' (tea-seller) has risen to the post of the country's Prime Minister, not for once but for two times, it only shows that the country's democracy is being strengthened, and along with him he is bringing peo-



**BJP MP**  
Tejasvi Surya

ple like us as faces of new India; as faces of young India to come and speak on the aspirations of the country," Surya said. He maintained that the average Indian feels that Modi's victory is a "victory for a new India, which is why they all came together".

The first-time MP said the country is more enlightened as a result of the "Opposition's fake news, the Opposition's untruth, and the Opposition's propaganda, and it all fell flat". This, he said, was because the narrative "crafted by a handful of editors, or anybody sitting in the Lutyens' Club in Delhi" was rejected by the people, who have found a democratic platform in social media, where "I can speak what I want (to), unhindered by the fact that a few people with prejudices can stop me".

PM resorted to old evading tactics: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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THE CONGRESS on Tuesday hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi soon after he launched a broadside against the party while replying to the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in the Lok Sabha. The Congress said the Prime Minister's reply was disappointing as he resorted to the "old evading tactics" and did not touch upon issues concerning the people.

"Prime Minister's reply has disappointed the people of our country, by not taking up issues concerning the people, right from agriculture to industry to unemployment and last but not the least Bihar's encephalitis situation where hundreds of children have lost their lives. He resorted to old evading tactics to hoodwink the common people, as if he was still in election mode," Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said.



## NORTH

## 3 students die, 4 others hurt as dumper falls into Chenab

**Jammu:** Three students between 7 and 16 years died and four others were injured when the vehicle in which they were travelling fell into river Chenab in J&K's Ramban district on Tuesday. Identifying the deceased as Manjit Singh, 7, Pooja Devi, 15 and Gaurav Singh, 16, sources said that they had boarded a

dumper tipper to reach home after school hours. The ill-fated vehicle rolled 100 mt down the road at Karol before falling into river Chenab. Gaurav happens to be the son of injured tipper driver Mohan Singh, 50. The other injured include Shatrupa, 10, Skamlesha Kumari, 15 and Jyoti Devi. **ENS**



A charred compartment of the Howrah-Jagdalpur Samaleswari Express that got derailed, in Rayagada on Tuesday. At least two passengers died. **PTI**

## EAST

## Kashmiri man held by Assam Police for Facebook comment

**Guwahati:** A Kashmiri man was arrested by Assam Police for allegedly making an obscene comment on Facebook against the widow of a CRPF personnel killed in a recent encounter in Kashmir. Assam Police's Crime Branch along with Jammu & Kashmir police ar-

rested Syed Abbass and produced him at a local court in Kulgam district on June 22. He was sentenced to eight days transit remand in Assam and was being brought from Kashmir to Guwahati by air, stated a press release from Assam Chief Minister's office. **ENS**

## WEST

## Man stabbed by vegetable seller over an old note of Rs 10

**Mumbai:** An argument over an old note of Rs 10 cost a 35-year-old man his life in Mumbai's Dadar, police said on Tuesday. According to police, the victim Mohammed Hanif Siddiqui had handed the old banknote to a vendor while purchasing vegetables outside Dadar (West) railway station on Monday night. An argument ensued between

the two over the old currency, which soon turned into a scuffle and the vendor allegedly stabbed Siddiqui with a knife. Siddiqui was rushed to hospital where he was declared dead, he said. The vegetable seller, who fled from the crime scene, was later arrested. A case of murder was registered against the accused, the official said. **PTI**

## SOUTH

## Complaint against MP for 'threatening' Muslims

**Hyderabad:** Muslim leaders in Adilabad district of Telangana lodged a complaint against Adilabad BJP MP Soyam Babu Rao for allegedly threatening to behead Muslim youths if they harass Adivasi girls. Speaking at a public meeting on Sunday night, Rao said that there were many complaints against Muslim

youths for harassing and sexually abusing Adivasi girls and women. "I am warning the Muslim youths that if you harass Adivasi women, Soyam Babu Rao will behead you," he reportedly said. Muslim leaders complained to Additional SP (Adilabad) K Mohan against the threats uttered by Rao. **ENS**

## Mother, aunt run over for protesting molestation bid: Bulandshar family

Police say harassment, murder attempt added to complaint later; accused held, investigation on

**AMIL BHATNAGAR**  
BULANDSHAHR, JUNE 25

TWO DALIT women were allegedly crushed by a Bulandshar-based driver in the city on Monday evening after they protested his attempt to molest and sexually harass the daughter of one of the deceased, the family has stated in a complaint to the police.

Two other family members were injured when the man allegedly drove the vehicle into a group of members of the family. They are recuperating at GTB Nagar Hospital in Delhi.

The accused, Nakul, who was allegedly driving the vehicle, was arrested from Aligarh on Tuesday. He works with a Bulandshahr-based car agency, the police said.

The police said the complaint of molestation and murder attempt was added subsequently, and details will emerge after interrogation of the accused.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Bulandshahr, N Kolanchi said on Tuesday: "We received a complaint from the family about an accident involving a white car and two family members. We received a second complaint from them - that a woman member of the family was mo-



The car of the accused outside the police station in Bulandshahr. Gajendra Yadav

lested, and that the accused caused the accident deliberately. We are investigating the facts since the molestation bid was not mentioned in the first complaint, and it was (initially) deemed an accident."

According to police, the initial FIR was filed under IPC Sections

dealing with rash driving, causing hurt and death due to negligence. After the second complaint letter, Sections 307 (attempt to murder), 302 (murder), 354 (outraging modesty of a woman), 323 (punishment for causing hurt) and relevant sections of SC/ST Act were added to the FIR.

According to the complaint, Nakul was driving a white-coloured Maruti Ertiga with Haryana registration. The police have released a CCTV footage of the incident in which a car can be seen hitting people at high speed.

On Tuesday, the daughter of

one of the deceased said: "It must have been around 9 pm. We were seeing off some relatives after my cousin's wedding when I suddenly saw Nakul getting off his car, parked about 100 metres away. He was inebriated; he came up to me and whispered in my ear to get in the car. He held my hand in an attempt to drag me. I told him that just because we belong to a lower caste doesn't mean we will give in to what he says."

The 21-year-old said a minor argument ensued, as other family members intervened. Nakul reacted in a lewd manner to mock them and threatened that "he will be back", she alleged.

According to her, the accused went back to the car - while the family claimed there were four others in the vehicle, the police said there was only one more person in the front passenger seat - and allegedly tried to run it over family members assembled there. While the two women came under the car, two others were thrown away by the impact, and survived.

According to the family and neighbours, Nakul then drove on to the highway and collided into a divider. Its occupants subsequently fled.

"In a matter of seconds, my mother and my aunt died," the daughter said.

## KARNATAKA

## NIA arrests missing suspect in 2014 Burdwan blast case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, JUNE 25

A SUSPECT in the 2014 Burdwan blast case who had been missing was arrested by the NIA in Karnataka's Dodaballapur region on Monday night and was sent in transit on Tuesday by a local court for production in a Special NIA court in Kolkata in five days' time.

The case involves a bomb blast that occurred in a house in the Khagragarh locality Burdwan town on October 2, 2014, in which two people engaged in preparing IEDs were killed.

The accused was identified as Habibur Rehman Sk alias Habibur Sk alias Sheikh alias Habibur Kabore Shaik, a resident of West Bengal. Linked to the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), the 28-year-old has been identified as the accused number 25 in the Burdwan case.

Rahman was named in a chargesheet in the case as a resident of a JMB safehouse where a gun was found. He was "earlier chargesheeted on 30.03.15 in this case for his direct involvement in the conspiracy of JMB to wage war against Government of India and Bangladesh", the NIA said in an official note.

Meanwhile, the STF of Kolkata Police has arrested four persons, claiming that they are members of IS-affiliated terror outfit, JMB. Of the four arrested, three are Bangladesh nationals, police said.

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## VVIP CHOPPER CASE

## SC asks Saxena if his relatives will stand surety for his return

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
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AMIDST STERN opposition by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Supreme Court Tuesday sought to know if any close relative of Rajeev Saxena, who is an accused-turned-appraiser in a money laundering case linked to the AgustaWestland VVIP chopper scam and who has sought permission to travel abroad on medical grounds, will stand surety to ensure that he returns to India after treatment.

A vacation bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai asked senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, who said Saxena's sister and sister-in-law would stand surety for him, to take instructions and inform the court Wednesday whether they can furnish surety of Rs 5 crore each.

The court was hearing a petition by the ED challenging a Delhi High Court order allowing Saxena to travel abroad for treatment of blood cancer and other ailments. The HC, while allowing this, had noted that Saxena had already been granted bail on medical grounds.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who opposed the prayer, said Saxena had been extradited from Dubai and there was a genuine fear that he may not return if allowed to go.

## Day after, bulldozers move in to raze Rs 9-cr hall built by Naidu

**SREENIVAS JANYALA**  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

A DAY after Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's decision to raze the Praja Vedika building near state capital Amaravati, built under his predecessor N Chandrababu Naidu, bulldozers and demolition workers went to work after the two-day conference of district collectors and superintendents of police wound up on its premises on Tuesday evening.

While dozens of workers arrived to remove furniture, electronic equipment such as giant screens and computers, air-conditioning units, flower pots, and so forth, six bulldozers and more axe-wielding workers arrived later for the demolition work.

An official said whatever can be dismantled and reused was being taken to a godown. A large contingent of police has been posted outside Praja Vedika, as the demolition may take place any time during Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and the police anticipate protests by TDP workers.

Praja Vedika was constructed in 2017 as a people's grievance centre by then TDP government, and as a venue for official meetings.

Naidu, who is abroad, is scheduled to return late Tuesday night to his home, located adjacent Praja Vedika.

On June 5, the TDP chief had written to Jagan and requested him to let him use the building



A bulldozer outside the Praja Vedika building built during the N Chandrababu Naidu rule. Express

by considering it as an extension of his official residence. The state government did not reply.

Sources in TDP said Naidu has told them that the next target would be Lingamaneni guesthouse - his official residence since 2016 - and he may have to move out at a short notice. Naidu and his family own a four-storey bungalow in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills. The bungalow was built after demolishing their old house at the same location. Although the family performed a ceremony on April 9, 2017, but moved to the Lingamaneni guesthouse at Undavalli, which is now part of the Amaravati Capital Region.

While the state government is set to bring down the building, many political leaders and activists have appealed to the Chief Minister against demolishing an asset created with public money. Some YSR Congress leaders were also reportedly against the decision to demolish the building, built at a cost Rs 8.90 crore.

"Since Praja Vedika was built with public money, it should be used for public purposes. Demolishing it would mean wasting Rs 8.9 crore of taxpayers' money," state BJP chief Kanna Laxminarayana said.

Jana Sena Party chief K Pawan Kalyan said he has no objection if the building is demolished if it is harming the environment, but if Praja Vedika is demolished then all buildings constructed on ecologically fragile zones should be demolished.

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## 6 years after cop was paralysed, Mumbai Police told to restore his salary

**SRINATH RAO**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

BALASAHEB WAKCHAURE has spent the last five years wishing he could take back his angrily written resignation from the Mumbai Police, after an accident on duty a year before left him paralysed below the neck and spiralling into depression.

Last week, the Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal (MAT) gave him the opportunity to reverse that mistake after reminding his bosses of rights under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

The tribunal's order to the city police and the state home department, directing them not only to consider the bedridden Wakchaure's resignation untenable but also to restore his salary, employee provident fund and pension benefits, as though he were still in service, has brought him relief.

"Now, I just hope they don't appeal the order. If I receive my salary again, I can support my parents in some way at least," the 37-year-old former constable said over the phone from his home in Vithe village in Ahmednagar's Akole taluka.

In May 2013, while posted at Ghatkopar police station, Wakchaure noticed a dried tree branch at the police colony in the suburb. "Children living in the colony would hang off from it. I could see that it was bound to fall at any time and if it did, could hurt those children," he recalled.

Raised in the village to climb trees without fear, Wakchaure did not hesitate. But just as he was about to chop the branch from his vantage point, it suddenly gave way and sent Wakchaure falling to the ground. The impact snapped his spinal cord and left him unconscious.

Even as his colleagues rushed him to the closest hospital, the first doctors to attend to him gave him a grave diagnosis. "We were told that it would be impossible for him to move again," said Wakchaure's brother, Santosh, a constable attached with the Thane Rural Police.

Emergency surgery proved to be of no avail and before long, Wakchaure had to move out of his rented flat in Kalyan to his parents' home. Meanwhile, with his medical leave exhausted, Wakchaure was sent notices by the police to return to duty.

"I wrote to the police commissioner stating that I was paralysed



Balasaheb Wakchaure

and couldn't work anymore. I also sent a certificate from the district civil surgeon who had examined me and concluded that I was 87 per cent paralysed and unfit," he said.

With his wife filing for divorce and the gloom resulting from the permanence of his injuries, the threat of his salary being stopped unless he returned to work proved too much to take.

"I asked a friend to lift my hand and make a thumb impression on the resignation letter," Wakchaure said. Three months later, the department accepted his resignation and Wakchaure returned to be being washed, fed and cleaned by his aging mother.

While an employee provident fund lump sum from 11 years of service, income from land that his parents cultivated and a donation of Rs 1 lakh by sympathetic colleagues in Mumbai left the family floating, it wasn't until a friend read up the Persons with Disabilities Act that Wakchaure realised the opportunity to rectify his lapse of judgement.

The department held firm that the resignation could not be revoked as a 90-day window to do so had elapsed. Left with no option, Wakchaure appealed to the tribunal through his advocate A V Bandivadekar. The lawyer's son, advocate Gaurav Bandivadekar, who also represented Wakchaure, said that the MAT's order was a significant step in upholding the rights of disabled persons.

Tribunal member A D Kamraj and vice-chairman P N Dixit gave the Mumbai Police and home department three months to comply with its order and also ordered them to pay Wakchaure Rs 10,000 towards litigation expenses.

Dismissing the plea of the respondents, the tribunal held that the police failed to protect the interests of a disabled employee. "In the peculiar circumstances, it is the duty of the department to support the Applicant at the time of his misery and the same cannot be overlooked by resorting to technicalities," read the June 14 order.

## INDIANS ONLINE HAVE DIVERSE POLITICAL NEWS DIET: REUTERS INSTITUTE RESEARCH

## Online readers didn't polarise during LS polls: Study

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

UNLIKE OTHER partisan news audience around the world, India's online news readers did not polarise into separate audience bubbles during the recent Lok Sabha elections. Instead, Indian online news consumers appear to have overlapping and diverse consumption patterns across the political spectrum, according to an Oxford study accessed by *The Indian Express*.

The Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism researchers compared online audience behaviour between 37 digital-born outlets and 64 legacy media outlets, 38 of which were regionally-focused. They collected election-

related Facebook posts (66,000 from 78 news outlets) and tweets (63 million from 73 news outlets) between April 11 and May 19, as well as Web traffic statistics for 101 outlets between January and March this year. They chose organisations with the highest online performance.

The researchers mapped tweets and audience data of news outlets to determine if Indian audiences were overlapping across outlets or polarised into clusters around certain organisations. The online polarisation phenomenon - often referred to as "filter bubbles" or "echo chambers" - has been associated with algorithms that filter content personalised to the user. For example, studies have shown how a Left-leaning Facebook user who clicks or 'likes'

mostly liberal news content trains the algorithm to present more content on their news feed that agrees with their perspective.

The new findings from the recent elections, however, suggest Indian online audiences have "omnivorous media diets" and do not fall into the predicted polarised patterns.

*The Times of India*, *NDTV*, and *The Indian Express* had central positions in the Twitter networks, which means their audiences were most likely to interact with most other outlets. On the open Web, digital-born outlets also occupy these central positions. "This suggests that the audiences of these newer digital-born outlets also navigate a diverse set of media outlets, including the mainstream legacy outlets, without

necessarily being trapped within echo chambers," the report states.

"Our analysis thus provides a reminder that while the existence of active, visible, and vocal partisan minorities engaged in often highly polarised debates (sometimes in orchestrated ways driven by particular political agendas) can create the impression that the overall online environment in India is fragmented along partisan lines, our findings suggest that this is not the case overall."

The report also found that both regional and national digital-native outlets had higher engagement per thousand followers on FB and Twitter than legacy media websites, even though digital-born outlets have smaller overall website audiences than legacy media websites.

*Great Andhra*, *One India*, *Swarajya*, and *The Wire* had highest FB engagement, it found. *Twitter* had less clear category trends, with *BBC India* receiving the highest engagement, followed by *OpIndia*, *Sabrang*, and *Deccan Herald*. As for active content posting, regional news outlets prioritised content creation on Facebook, while digital-born and legacy outlets prioritised *Twitter*.

Regional newspapers posted the largest volume of political content on FB by a huge margin, especially in the run-up to the second polling day on April 18. Following them far behind were national TV broadcasters, national daily newspapers, and, finally, national digital-born outlets.

All four categories, the study found, are more equal when it

comes to Twitter, with digital-born organisations and national daily newspapers posting the most, followed closely by national broadcasters.

Video content saw the highest engagement, with the most engagement on an *ABP News* Facebook video of Modi seeking blessings from Mother Hiraba before voting and a *Times Now* Twitter video about "proxy voting in West Bengal".

"The Indian case is not just intrinsically important, but also of broader relevance as an example of a market in the Global South characterised by rapid growth in internet access and a significant number of new digital-born news media competing with legacy media for audience attention and engagement," the report states.

CHHATTISGARH

# Baghel for tougher policy on Maoists who surrender, triggers a debate

DIPANKAR GHOSE  
RAIPUR, JUNE 25

A DEBATE has begun within Chhattisgarh's security apparatus after Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's speech at the governing council of Niti Aayog on Saturday, in which he suggested that the government's surrender and rehabilitation policies must be changed to allow legal cases to continue against senior Maoists who surrender.

While both the Centre and the Chhattisgarh government's surrender and rehabilitation policies do not dismiss any pending cases on surrender of senior cadre, senior police officers said it is rare for harsh legal scrutiny to follow such surrenders, given that Maoists who surrender often insist that they stay out of jail.

Following Baghel's speech, there is consternation among some quarters in the state's security establishment, with some officers arguing this will strike at the core of the principle of surrender, and senior Maoist cadre may choose not to surrender under these circumstances. This, they said, will be a bigger loss.

In his speech, made in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other CMs — *The Indian Express* has seen a copy of it — Baghel said: "There should be a relook at the surrender and rehabilitation policy for Maoists. There are many Naxals who are of the rank of Central Committee, who have been involved in violent activities for 25-35 years, (and) surrender because they are unwell or getting old. Because of the present policy, they escape any punishment."

In this situation, Baghel said, there should be a "reassessment towards giving them appropriate sentences, and in the interest of justice".

Senior police officers said the Centre's surrender and rehabilitation policy does not take away pending cases, but allows room for manoeuvre with the use of the word "may." It states, "Heinous crimes committed by the surrenderee may continue in courts. For minor offences, plea bargaining could be allowed at the discretion of the State Authorities. States may consider providing free legal services / advocate to the surrendered naxalite as per the policy of the concerned State. Fast track courts may be constituted by the concerned States for speedy trial of

cases against surrenderees."

Chhattisgarh's policy goes a step further, with the Raman Singh government having made changes to it in 2015. Based on a surrendered Maoist's contribution against the movement, and based on assessment of his/her behaviour, a sub-committee of the Cabinet is authorised to take a decision on revoking pending cases.

Senior officers said in cases where senior Maoist leaders surrender, or in negotiations before that, any continuation of serious cases that could lead to jail is rare. "It is part of the strategy which looks at their leaving the organisation as a much bigger blow than the lack of any continuance of legal cases," a senior state police officer said.

Chhattisgarh's Director General of Police D M Awasthi told *The Indian Express*, "I am aware that the Chief Minister has made these remarks, and these have been said at the state level too. We are looking at solutions to the problem of Left Wing Extremism from all angles."

Asked whether the government is apprehensive that a policy shift may deter senior Maoist members from surrendering, Director General (Anti-Naxal Operations) Girdhari Nayak said, "I don't believe surrenders will stop. They are surrendering because their situation has become so bad, and they need to (surrender). Justice must be done. If you look at some other cases, such as those of the dacoits of Chambal, chargesheets were filed even after they surrendered."

But sections among the police force believe this is not a good strategic idea. An officer explained: "When someone becomes a (member of) Central Committee or a higher level, there is no option that allows you to slink away...you cannot simply return to your villages for fear of reprisal. Either they are in the organisation — in the forests, working for Maoists at very high levels — or they surrender."

Senior Maoists surrender, especially in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, because they feel no harm will come to them, the officer maintained. "It is clear that this strategy has served those states well. It is clear that if the government says legal action will follow, it will deter senior Maoists from coming out, and that makes the state lose one bargaining chip," this officer said.

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## 7 IMA DIRECTORS ARRESTED, INTERPOL BLUE CORNER NOTICE AGAINST FOUNDER

# Drawn to 'halal' firm and its founder 'who spoke of god', 40,000 investors left in lurch

JOHNSON TA  
BENGALURU, JUNE 25

AN ELDERLY investor in the company I Monetary Advisory (IMA) — which has left 40,000 investors stranded after its founder went underground on June 8 — has blamed politicians and religious leaders from the Muslim community for the alleged scam.

"People trusted the company because its founder Mohammed Mansoor Khan was seen in the company of political leaders at events. Religious leaders said the company's investment schemes were in line with our beliefs. So people flocked to invest in IMA," said Mohammed Akram, 70, who has approached police to recover his principal amount of Rs 12 lakh from the sunken firm.

A number of companies allegedly running ponzi schemes, targeting mostly middle class Muslim investors — with money

from small businesses or jobs in West Asia — with promises of huge returns have crashed in Bengaluru in the last few years.

The Karnataka government has acted against them under Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004. But IMA, which claimed to be involved in gold bullion trading, managed to thrive the most by positioning itself as a halal firm where investors are partners and not depositors. Established in 2006, IMA hit the big time around 2015. It thrived despite warnings against its schemes from the RBI, I-T investigations and a public declaration by the Karnataka government in November 2018 of seizure of the firm's assets.

"Some people gave a fatwa saying that investments in IMA is halal. People followed like sheep," said Azhar Ahmed, a social worker from Shivajinagar in Bengaluru where IMA is head-

quartered. "They were paying returns on time, but suddenly stopped early this year," Taha Baxi, an investor, said.

One of the factors that led to a large number of people from the Muslim community to invest (nearly 80 per cent of investors in IMA are Muslims) was the words of the firm's founder Mohammed Mansoor Khan (46), "People trusted him because he used 'Allah Allah, Quran, namaz'," said Subiya Khan, another investor. "I trusted you because you always spoke about god and I felt you are a true Muslim and will never cheat the middle class," said Yashas Kumar, a Shivajinagar resident.

As many as 40,000 investors lost funds of Rs 1,000 crore, preliminary investigations by a Special Investigation Team of Bengaluru Police revealed. IMA's business began unravelling in October 2018, according to an admission by the absconding Mohammed Mansoor Khan in a

social media video on June 23. "We suffered losses in the range of Rs 2,000-3,500 crore and then there was a delay of payment in returns for one month. People started sending rowdies to the firm to threaten us. I had to save myself," Khan says in the message explaining his disappearance.

According to Khan, IMA's schemes benefitted 21,000 families before it unravelled.

As the losses of the firm — with investments also in hospitals, real estate, retail jewelry, pharmacies — began mounting, and defaults on payment to investors began growing, the state revenue department issued a notice on November 16, 2018, ordering seizure of all properties of IMA and its directors. It said IMA was "illegally collecting money from the public and diverting the said funds to its directors' self-interest" and had defaulted in paying depositors as a result.

Khan and IMA managed to

survive the action by promising to pay investors after obtaining a Rs 600 crore loan to tide over the crisis. Khan is reported to have been taken to Karnataka Revenue Minister R V Deshpande by Congress MLA from Shivajinagar constituency Roshan Baig — who was associated with IMA's activities including philanthropy. The IMA founder sought a no-objection certificate from the revenue department to obtain a loan to revive IMA but the NOC was not given, Deshpande said.

According to Deshpande, no action was initiated against IMA after the November 2018 notice because there was no police report on the matter.

Another factor for IMA staying afloat despite setbacks was Khan's proximity to key politicians in Karnataka. Shivajinagar MLA Baig was closely associated with IMA for years. Congress leader Zameer Ahmed Khan, Minister for Infrastructure and Haj, is reported

to have met Khan on May 28, a few days before the IMA founder disappeared. Incidentally, Baig and Zameer are involved in a political war to emerge as the main leader of the Muslim community in Karnataka. In fact, the IMA scam exploded on June 10 while Baig was meeting Union Ministry Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.

In his messages to top police officials, Khan has blamed extortion by unnamed politicians for the downfall of his business.

Over the past week the SIT has recovered jewelry worth Rs 11.72 crore from IMA's jewel stores. It has arrested seven IMA directors and obtained an Interpol blue corner notice against Khan, suspected to be in West Asia. The Directorate of Enforcement of the Union finance ministry is also probing the matter. BJP and leaders like Baig have demanded a CBI probe.

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Rajesh Sahni, who lost his seven-year-old daughter to AES on June 9. Ritesh Shukla

## Bihar: Fathers of two AES victims among 19 booked for protest

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VAISHALI, PATNA, JUNE 25

THE FATHERS of two children who died of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) in Bihar's Vaishali district are among 19 people named in an FIR for blocking traffic on the Muzaffarpur-Hajipur highway during a protest on June 18.

The residents of Harvanshpur village were demanding water tankers for their village after seven children succumbed to AES over the period of a fortnight. The 19 have been booked under IPC Sections 147, 148 and 149 (rioting and unlawful assembly), 188 (disobedience to order), 283 (obstruction in public way), 353 (assault) and 504 (breach of peace).

Rajesh Sahni, who lost his seven-year-old daughter to AES on June 9, said: "As the state government had not been listening to us even after children had been dying, several of us protested on the national highway, demanding water tankers. I was surprised to see my name among 19 accused for breach of peace."

He claimed that it was only after the protest that the government "woke up" and started a door-to-door check-up of children in Harvanshpur.

Ramdev Sahni, another Harvanshpur villager who lost his two-year-old daughter to AES, is also among accused.

"I came to know about being named in the FIR only two days ago. I am still mourning my daughter's loss. Is demanding water tankers a crime? This

shows the very attitude of the government towards the poor," he said, denying charges of rioting and assault as mentioned in the FIR.

Harvanshpur villagers and social organisations have taken up the matter with Vaishali district administration.

Kedar Singh, president of a voluntary group expressing solidarity with the villagers, said, "We demand the FIR be quashed and brought it to notice to district administration. Some government officials visited the village on Tuesday."

Bhagwanpur police station in-charge Sanjay Kumar said, "We have booked those who had been blocking traffic and causing law-and-order problems. As Rajesh and Ramdev were also present, they were booked."

## Asked if NRC will be extended, Centre refrains from direct answer, presents Assam details

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

THE UNION government on Tuesday did not give a direct answer on whether the National Register for Citizens (NRC) will be extended beyond Assam.

In response to a question, the Home Ministry said the provisions under which NRC was being conducted in Assam, without mentioning whether it will be applied anywhere else.

This comes days after President Ram Nath Kovind mentioned in his address to the joint sitting of Parliament on June 20 that NRC will be implemented in areas affected by infiltration.

BJP MPs Manoj Tiwari and Ravi Kishan had asked the Home Ministry about states where people are "being enlisted in" NRC, whether it will be extended across the country", and steps taken to stop illegal immigrants from coming to India.

In response, Minister of State

for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said the NRC is being updated at present in Assam "as per provisions of Citizenship Act, 1955, and the provisions contained in the Schedule framed under Rule 4A (4) of Citizenship Rules, 2003". He said the NRC in Assam was prepared in 1951, and the "exercise to update NRC 1951 is being conducted under special provisions in respect of the State of Assam".

Regarding other issues raised by Kishan and Tiwari, Rai said detection and deportation of illegal

immigrants is a continuous process and "instructions have been issued to the state governments... for taking appropriate and prompt steps for identification of illegal migrants, their restriction to specified locations as per provisions of law, capturing their biographic and biometric particulars, cancellation of fake Indian documents obtained by them and initiation of legal proceeding including deportation proceedings as per provisions of law", among other steps.

In his speech, the President said "illegal infiltrators pose a major threat to our internal security... leading to social imbalance in many parts of the country, as well as putting a huge pressure on limited livelihood opportunities".

He said the government had "decided to implement the process of National Register of Citizens on priority basis in areas affected by infiltration" and "security along the border will be further strengthened to prevent infiltration".



Goa Minister Milind Naik pays tribute to Mohan Ranade in Pune on Tuesday. Arul Horizon

Gomantak Dal — a group of revolutionaries who were determined to fight Portuguese with 'direct action strategies', was arrested by Portuguese

police in 1955, after he was found attacking the Betim Police Station. He was incarcerated at the Fort of Caxias near Lisbon, Portugal and was

kept in solitary confinement for six years. After Goa was liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961, there was a growing demand for Ranade's release. The then opposition leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee had raised the issue of Ranade's release in Parliament.

After returning to India, Ranade chose to live in Pune. He engaged himself in social work and ran a voluntary organization to provide educational support to the needy students from tribal, nomadic and backward communities. "Ranade suffered from

esophageal cancer for the past few years. He had to be hospitalized due to depleted hemoglobin levels and difficulty in breathing. He died at around 6.30 am this morning," said his caretaker Shrishri Date.

On Tuesday, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant issued a statement saying, "Ranade has contributed immensely during the Goa movement."

Born in 1929 at Sangli in Maharashtra, Ranade was awarded with 'Goa Puraskar' in 1986 and Padma Shri in 2001. He had written about his experienced during Goa liberation struggle in *Satichae Vaan* in Marathi and *Struggle Unfinished* in English.

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TELLING NUMBERS

State divide in unemployment:  
Nagaland 21.4%, Meghalaya 1.5%

NAGALAND HAS the highest unemployment rate among the states at 21.4%, and Meghalaya the lowest at 1.5%, figures tabled by the government in Parliament during the current session show. The Periodic Labour Force Survey for 2017-18, other aspects of which have been reported earlier, shows huge variations among the states. Besides Nagaland, states with high unemployment are Goa and Manipur. Chhattisgarh and Sikkim are among those with the lowest rates. If Union Territories are included in the comparison, Nagaland still tops the list while Dadra and Nagar Haveli replaces Meghalaya with a low of 0.6%.

Country-wide, PLFS pegs the unemployment rate at 6.1%, with the rate lower among females than males. Among the states, Nagaland and Meghalaya again take the top and bottom positions in both the female and the male lists. Goa and Kerala are high in female unemployment (respectively 26.0% and 23.3%) but their re-

RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE  
(UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN %)

|               | Female | Male | Overall |
|---------------|--------|------|---------|
| Rural         | 3.8    | 5.8  | 5.3     |
| Urban         | 10.8   | 5.7  | 7.8     |
| Rural + urban | 5.7    | 6.2  | 6.1     |

Source: PLFS 2017-18 via Labour & Employment Ministry, in Lok Sabha

spective male unemployment rates are three times lower (8.1% and 6.2%), giving them overall rates of 13.9% and 11.4%. States showing the opposite trend — female unemployment lower than male unemployment by at least half — include Bihar (2.8% to 7.4%, overall 7.2%), Madhya Pradesh (2.1% to 5.3%, overall 4.5%), Rajasthan (2.3% to 6.0%, overall 5.0%) and Uttar Pradesh (3.1% to 6.9%, overall 6.4%). Union Territories included, Lakshadweep has a 50.5% female unemployment rate, while Andaman & Nicobar has 42.8%.

THE STATES\*

(Unemployment rate in % for persons of all ages according to usual status (ps+ss) approach during 2017-18)

|                 |               |                  |                  |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Highest rate    | Nagaland 21.4 | Goa 13.9         | Manipur 11.6     |
| Lowest rate     | Meghalaya 1.5 | Chhattisgarh 3.3 | Sikkim 3.5       |
| Female, highest | Nagaland 34.4 | Goa 26.0         | Kerala 23.3      |
| Female, lowest  | Meghalaya 1.9 | MP 2.1           | Rajasthan 2.3    |
| Male, highest   | Nagaland 18.3 | Manipur 10.2     | Delhi 9.4        |
| Male, lowest    | Meghalaya 1.3 | Sikkim 2.6       | Chhattisgarh 3.3 |

\*Excluding UTs other than Delhi

Source: Periodic Labour Force Survey for 2017-18 via Ministry for Labour & Employment (reply tabled in Lok Sabha)

THIS WORD MEANS

PAROLE

Release of a convict while serving his or her sentence. Why is it granted, what are the conditions to fulfil?

CURMEET RAM Rahim Singh, the Dera Sacha Sauda chief convicted of rape and murder, has applied to the Haryana government for parole. Parole is a system of releasing a prisoner with suspension of the sentence. The release is conditional, usually subject to behaviour, and requires periodic reporting to the authorities for a set period of time. A broadly similar but subtly different concept is furlough, which is given in case of long-term imprisonment. While furlough is seen as a matter of right, to be granted periodically irrespective of any reason and merely to enable the prisoner to retain family and social ties, parole is not a matter of right and may be denied to a prisoner even when he makes out a sufficient case.



Parole is considered a reformative process, and the provision (along with furlough) was introduced with a view to humanising the prison system. In the US and Britain, every sentence above 18 months is eligible for parole, after completion of one-third of prison time. In India, parole and furlough are covered under the Prison Act of 1894. Prisoners convicted of multiple murders or under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act are not eligible for parole.

Since prison is a subject of the state, the Prison Act of the particular state gov-

ernment defines the rules under which parole is granted. State governments have their own Prisoner Release on Parole Rules. For instance, in Rajasthan, initial parole is granted for 20 days; a second parole is for 30 days and a third for 40 days. Thereafter, the prisoner can apply for permanent parole.

Parole is granted by the state executive — the jail authorities submit the report to state government — and competent authority takes a final decision on grant of parole on humanitarian considerations. If parole is rejected, the convict can move the High Court challenging the order of the competent authority. Also, apart from regular parole, the superintendent of a jail can also grant parole up to a period of seven days in emergent cases. For instance, actor Sanjay Dutt was granted parole on medical grounds; and Santosh Kumar Singh, who is serving a life term for the 1996 rape and murder of law student Priyadarshini Mattoo, was granted three weeks' parole to write his LLM examination. In recent times, one of the most high-profile cases of parole granted was that to former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif — for 12 hours for his wife's funeral.

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

AMITABH SINHA  
PUNE, JUNE 25

ON MONDAY, the Cabinet cleared the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill once again, paving the way for its reintroduction in Parliament. The Bill had been passed by Lok Sabha in January this year, but could not get the approval of Rajya Sabha. As a result, it lapsed once the tenure of the previous Lok Sabha expired last month.

The fresh clearance by the Cabinet is the third attempt by the government to enact a law to regulate the use of DNA technology in the country. An earlier version of the Bill had been finalised in 2015 but could not be introduced in Parliament. The proposed law has been in the making since at least 2003.

The purpose

The Bill seeks to create a regulatory framework for obtaining, storing and testing of DNA samples of human beings, mainly for the purposes of criminal investigations, and with the objective of establishing the identity of a person. DNA testing is already being used for a variety of purposes, such as criminal investigations, establishment of parentage, and search for missing people. The proposed law seeks to bring in a supervisory structure to oversee these practices, and frame guidelines and rules so that the DNA technology is not misused.

To achieve these objectives, the bill proposes to set up two institutional structures — a DNA regulatory board, and a DNA data bank — at the national level. Regional centres of the board as well as the data bank can be set up at the state level as well.

The board, which is proposed to be the main regulatory authority, would frame the rules and guidelines for DNA collection, testing and storage, while the data bank would be the repository of all DNA samples collected from various people under specified rules.

The Bill proposes that testing of DNA

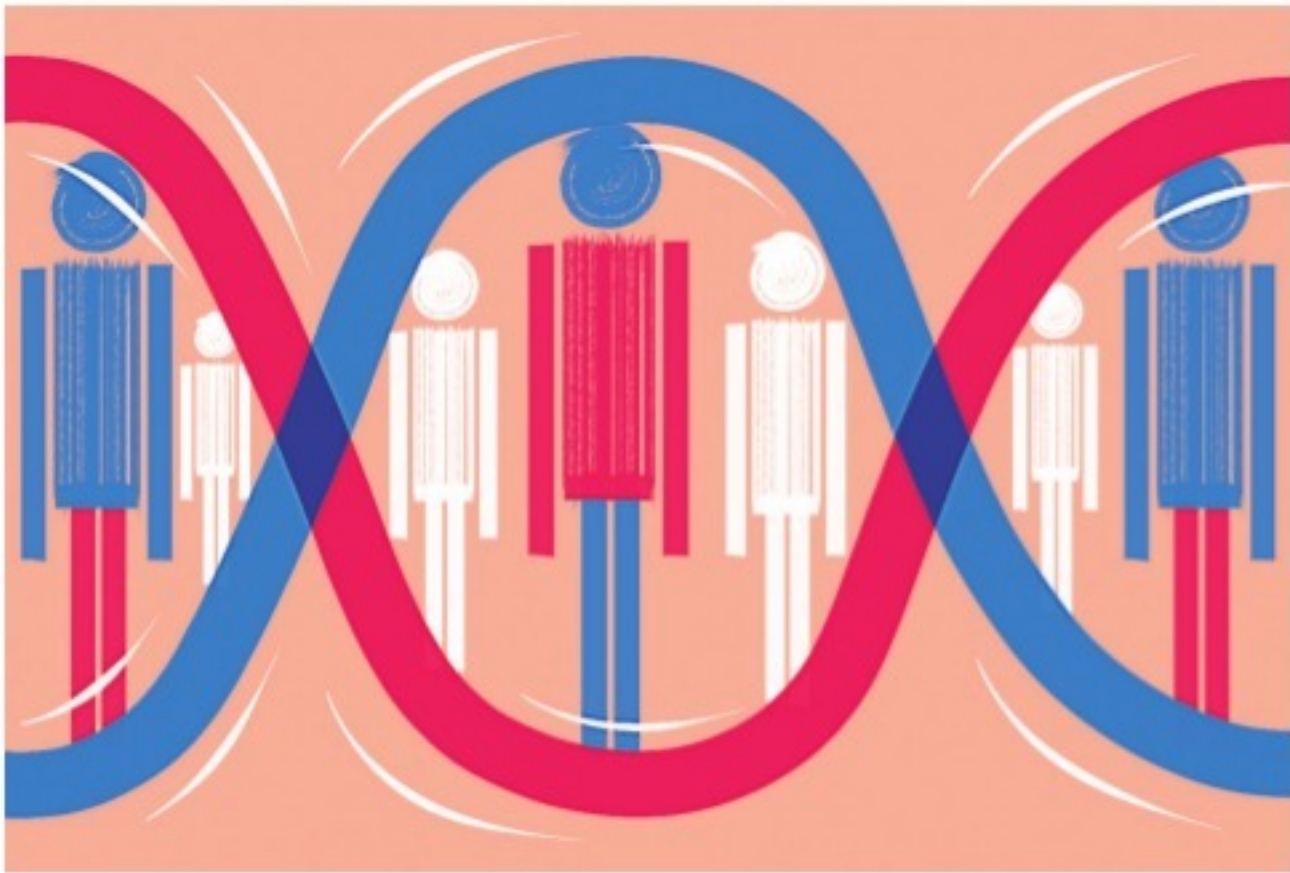


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samples can be carried out only at laboratories that are authorised to do so by the regulatory board. It also specifies the circumstances under which a person can be asked to submit DNA samples, the purposes for which such requests can be made, and the exact procedure for handling, storing and accessing these samples.

The process

According to the provisions of the proposed law, police can ask for DNA samples of the person accused of an offence to facilitate their investigation. But unless the offence is of a very serious nature, punishable by death or by imprisonment for at least seven years, the DNA sample can be obtained only on the written consent of the accused. It can be also be obtained if an authorised magistrate is satisfied that a DNA test is absolutely necessary for investigation of the crime.

People who are witness to a crime, or want to locate their missing relatives, or in similar other circumstances, can volunteer

to give their DNA samples, again through written consent.

DNA samples can be collected from the objects found at the crime scene, or from the body of the accused or volunteer. The samples, collected by an authorised technician or medical practitioner, would have to be sent to an accredited laboratory for tests and analysis. The information generated from these tests would have to be mandatorily shared with the nearest DNA data bank, which in turn, would be required to share it with the national data bank.

Under the provisions, the data banks are required to store the information under one of the five indices — a crime scene index, a suspect or undertrial index, an offenders' index, a missing persons' index, and an unknown deceased persons' index. Although information from DNA can yield a lot of information about the person, the data banks are supposed to store only that information that is necessary to establish the identity of the person.

While the information in the crime

scene index can be stored permanently, entries in other indices can be removed through processes prescribed. People whose DNA samples have been collected, either from the crime scene, or through voluntary written consent, can also request the removal of their information from the index. DNA samples of people who are not suspects or undertrials cannot be matched with already stored information in the suspects/undertrial index or the offenders' index.

The debate

The main debate over the proposed law has been around three issues — whether the DNA technology is foolproof, whether the provisions adequately address the possibility of abuse of DNA information, and whether the privacy of the individual is protected.

DNA information can be extremely revelatory. It can not only establish a person's identity but also reveal a lot about physical and biological attributes of the person like eye, hair or skin colour, susceptibility to diseases, possible medical history, and possible clues to biological relatives. For years, critics of the Bill have been claiming that collecting and storing such intrusive information could lead to abuse, besides being violative of a person's privacy.

The government, on the other hand, has been arguing that since DNA tests are already happening, and frequently used as the most reliable tool to establish identity, it would be better to have regulatory safeguards so that it is carried out only in prescribed manner and by authorised personnel and institutions. The text of the Bill has undergone several changes over the years to address some of the concerns on privacy and the possibility of abuse. The government has also claimed that very limited information is proposed to be stored in the indices — just 17 sets of numbers out of billions that DNA samples can reveal. These can tell nothing about the individual except to act as a unique identifier, it has said.

Why BSP sees merit in splitting with SP

In failed alliance arithmetic, BSP gained more than SP, now looks at building platform for 2022 elections

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

ON MONDAY, BSP chief Mayawati snapped an unsuccessful alliance with the Samajwadi Party, saying her party would contest future elections on its own. Weeks earlier, she had announced that the BSP would go solo in 11 Assembly seats that are scheduled to witness byelections on account of the MLAs having become MPs.

The stated reasons

Mayawati has cited a review that reportedly found that the BSP did not gain from the alliance as it had expected. The SP's attitude after the Lok Sabha elections, she said, suggests that it will not be possible for the alliance to defeat the BJP.

Earlier this month, she had said the SP's core voters, the Yadavs, had drifted away from the alliance, even in SP strongholds. The claim is based on the fact that in five seats where the SP fielded Yadav candidates (Jhansi, Kannauj, Mainpuri, Badaun and Firozabad), their vote count was less than half the combined votes polled by the SP and BSP candidates in 2014. In Mainpuri, SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav had polled 5.95 lakh votes in 2014 and the BSP 1.42 lakh, but Mulayam's count dropped to 5.24 lakh in 2019 despite the alliance with the BSP.

While the BSP cites such examples, the fact remains that the party's votes rose in most of the 38 seats it contested, which could not have been possible without the votes of

many traditional SP supporters.

Eye on 2022

Beyond the stated reasons, the election brought bigger gains to the BSP (10 of 80 seats) than the SP (5). It has provided the BSP an opportunity to present itself as a viable alternative for Muslims, the SP's other vote bank. While Mayawati claimed Yadav votes drifted away from the SP, she has thanked Muslims for supporting BSP, and appointed Kunwar Danish Ali as party leader in Lok Sabha.

Also, an alliance would have brought additional problems in the 2022 Assembly elections. One is the question of a chief ministerial candidate, with both parties aiming for the seat, while seat-sharing could raise local rebellion in some of the 403 seats, sources in both parties said.

On the flip side, the BSP stares at a possible loss of credibility. It risks losing the goodwill of Yadav voters, whom it has blamed for the alliance's poor showing. The announcement having come before the 11 Assembly byelections, it also carries the risk of turning a number of voters towards the BJP.

But to the BSP, which does not have the numbers to even elect Mayawati to Rajya Sabha, the Assembly elections offer the only immediate route for a possible revival.

How they got together

The BSP and the SP had joined hands after over two decades, with the aim of pooling their votes against BJP. The footprints of both were shrinking as the BJP had swept most of the state's Lok Sabha seats in 2014 and 80% of the



BSP chief Mayawati and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on campaign for the 2019 LS elections. The BSP won 10 of 80 seats, the SP just 5. Vishal Srivastav/Express Archive

WHEN THE NUMBERS DID NOT  
ADD UP AS THEY HAD HOPED

| Party    | 2014 LS | 2017 VS | 2019 LS |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| SP       | 22%     | 22%     | 18%     |
| BSP      | 20%     | 22%     | 19%     |
| SP + BSP | 42%     | 44%     | 37%     |
| BJP      | 43%     | 40%     | 50%     |

Assembly in 2017. Their individual vote shares, however, added up to more than the BJP's in 2017 (44% against BJP's 39.7%) and was fractionally behind in 2014 (42% against 42.6%).

From constituency-wise data of 2017, projected to 2019, SP and BSP leaders figured that by pooling their votes they could defeat the BJP in 50 Lok Sabha seats. They joined hands in 2018, and won Lok Sabha bypolls in Gorakhpur, Phulpur and Kairana (the last with RLD support). But in 2019, these calculations failed to work as the BJP won 62 seats and its ally Apna Dal (S) won two.

The earlier break-up

The SP and the BSP had contested the 1993 Assembly elections together. They polled over 29% votes and won 176 seats — the SP 109 and the BSP 67 — against the BJP's 33% and 177 seats. Mulayam became Chief Minister of the SP-BSP alliance. Frequent conflict followed, however, and on June 2, 1995, Mayawati decided to withdraw support. That evening, some SP MLAs and district-level leaders reached the State Guest House in Lucknow, where Mayawati was meeting her MLAs to discuss their next step. SP MLAs and workers surrounded the guesthouse and went on the rampage, forcing Mayawati to lock herself into a room while they detained several of her MLAs. Then BJP MLA Brahm Dutt Dwivedi, who was present, is widely acknowledged as having stepped in to protect Mayawati against possible physical assault. Mulayam's government was sacked on June 3 and that same evening, Mayawati took oath as CM with outside support from the BJP and the Janata Dal.

Atomic clock, green fuel, ashes: what's aboard Falcon Heavy, what for

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

ON TUESDAY, Elon Musk's SpaceX launched its Falcon Heavy spacecraft on its third mission, and the most complex one yet by the company. Among the various reasons which make the mission important, one is its huge payload — 24 satellites from various organisations, including government agencies. These will be launched in three different orbits. What are these satellites for?

■ **Deep Space Atomic Clock.** Sent by NASA and collaborators on one of the 24 satellites, DSAC is incredibly precise and compact, and the size of a toaster. Accurate timekeeping is crucial to the performance of GPS, and atomic clocks work by observing the behav-

our of atoms as precisely as possible. The NASA website says DSAC is expected to be stable to better than one microsecond per decade (one second per 10 million years), which would be about 50 times more accurate than atomic clocks already aboard GPS satellites. At present, satellites rely on an exchange of signals with Earth, where atomic clocks calculate the time it takes for the signals to arrive. The new technology targets aims at helping spacecraft navigate by themselves, relying on the new atomic clock in space. The DSAC project will perform a year-long demonstration in space.

■ **ASCENT green fuel.** One of the satellites will be a test spacecraft for a safer rocket fuel. The traditional fuel used in satellites is hydrazine, which is extremely toxic to humans as well as the environment. The



Deep Space Atomic Clock, satellite for testing ASCENT green fuel, solar-powered satellite LightSail2. NASA, Planetary Society

new alternative is called ASCENT (Advanced Spacecraft Energetic Non-toxic Propellant), formerly called AF-M315E, which is a hydroxyl ammonium nitrate fuel/oxidiser blend. First developed by the US Air Force and now launched as part of a NASA-led col-



laboration, ASCENT is described as a fuel with significantly reduced toxicity levels compared to hydrazine, and potentially shorter launch processing times, resulting in lower costs.

■ **Solar-powered sail.** LightSail 2 is a



crowd-funded solar sail project from the Planetary Society. It seeks to become the first orbiting spacecraft to be propelled solely by sunlight. In 2005, the Planetary Society launched the world's first solar sailing spacecraft, Cosmos 1, which was lost

due to a rocket failure. In 2015, LightSail 1 spacecraft successfully completed a test flight. LightSail 2, which is aimed to go into orbit, is enclosed within Prox-1, a small satellite built by Georgia Tech students, which is scheduled to deploy the sail on July 2, the Planetary Society website says.

■ **Ashes of the dead.** Falcon Heavy's payload includes the ashes of over 150 deceased persons, one of those being astronaut Bill Pogue, who flew on Skylab in the 1970s and died in 2014. Among other items aboard, the US Air Force Research Laboratory had space weather experiments, while the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has six small atmospheric experimental satellites for weather forecasting.

Source: NASA, Planetary Society, Reuters



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EASE THE TENSION

Viral Acharya's exit from RBI brings institution's relations with government into focus, issues he flagged must be discussed

THE EXIT OF Reserve Bank deputy governor, Viral Acharya, caps an unhappy sequence of three top central bankers moving out over the last three years — governors Urjit Patel and Raghuram Rajan being the other two. This is a record of sorts and reflects their uneasy relationship with the government. What's unfortunate is the manner of their departure. Acharya's decision to quit six months ahead of the completion of his three-year term may not have come as a surprise in the backdrop of the tensions between the RBI and the government towards the fag end of last year and culminating in the A D Shroff Memorial Lecture, where Acharya warned of the wrath of the financial markets if governments failed to respect the independence of the central bank. That riled the government. Acharya had also argued against easing the Prompt Corrective Framework for weak banks in the face of requests from the government, saying the first priority ought to be to limit losses and prevent further erosion of capital; he also made the point that there was no strong case for the RBI to help the crisis-ridden NBFCs by acting as a lender of last resort. Acharya had also opposed cutting interest rates until the recent monetary policy review.

Central banks the world over are encountering political pressure with the prospect of the slowdown deepening. Acharya's resignation raises the larger issue of not just autonomy or the de facto independence of the RBI, but also the enabling environment for policymakers who are outsiders and with foreign credentials. It's not as if the country's establishment has been always hostile to the entry of technocrats and professionals going by the experience of the mid 1970s, 80s and 90s, when an array of them led by Manmohan Singh helped put the building blocks for a modern economy. If many of them succeeded, it had much to do with political backing, a better understanding of the country context or ethos and perhaps, a less dogmatic approach to tackling economic issues. The exit of three central bankers and two senior economic policymakers including chief economic adviser, Arvind Subramanian, is bound to reignite the debate on how welcoming is the system of "outsiders". At a time when the government is keen to promote lateral entry of specialists in the bureaucracy, these resignations send out the wrong message.

Acharya himself had warned earlier of the dangers of attrition of human capital and deterioration of the efficiency and expertise of the central bank if its governance was undermined. Surely, a government which hopes to helm a \$5-trillion economy over the next few years and engage more with the world wouldn't want to be seen as inward looking or insecure about policymakers who aren't insiders or part of the career policy establishment or who do not share a political ideology.

FAMILY FIRM

Mayawati's choice of kin to revive BSP could be the wrong tactic when political dynasties are on the decline

THE FAILURE OF the gathbandhan to make an impression in the general election has prompted BSP chief Mayawati to rethink her party's priorities in Uttar Pradesh. Her first step was to break the alliance with the SP after accusing it of failing to consolidate even its core caste vote. Over the weekend, she inducted her brother, Anand Kumar, as national vice-president and nephew, Akash Anand, as national coordinator. While it is refreshing that the BSP supremo, unlike most other leaders in the Opposition, has been quick to accept the election verdict and move on, her decision to fall back on family to shore up her party's fortunes follows a predictable path that many outfits have taken. None of them, however, has been better off for it.

One of the takeaways of the May 23 verdict is that the electorate rejected candidates whose primary claim to nomination was their dynastic legacy. An effective campaign weapon that the BJP wielded against the Congress was that it had become a party of dynasts and the Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's sole claim to office was his lineage. Members of political dynasties linked to the SP, RJD, RLD, TRS, TDP and JD(S) also lost out in the hostile climate. It is a reasonable assumption that a relatively young electorate has rejected candidates who want to ride the coat-tails of family over their own achievements. Mayawati, however, seems to believe that the BSP cadre is immune to this trend and will accept her choices for leadership positions, irrespective of their record. Ironically, her confidence stems from the understanding that the BSP is essentially a political movement and its ideals and goals override all other factors, including who its faces are at the time of elections. While this is partly true, founders and supremos of similar movement-parties have misused the trust reposed by cadres in the leadership to turn the outfits into family fiefs. This affliction is the singular factor that has caused the decline of parties that emerged from movements that championed social justice across the country. The BSP too appears to face a similar prospect.

Mayawati's attempt to entrust the BSP with her family has come at a time when her claim to be the sole leader of the Dalits is tested by a new crop of young, militant politicians. These leaders too have emerged from the crucible of agitational politics. Mayawati's refusal to engage with them could cost the BSP dearly.

NATURE VS NUPTIALS

A pristine Himalayan meadow stood no chance against the might of the Big Fat NRI wedding

IT WAS ALWAYS a losing battle. The tide has not turned since *Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!* Even at 3,000 metres above sea-level, despite having the higher ground, once-pristine Auli has fallen to the Big Fat (Non-Resident) Indian Wedding. After all, what chance do the Himalayas have against Rs 200 crore? And, isn't it the case, as Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said, that the massive five-day affair — in which two scions of the Gupta family, the controversial industrialists from South Africa were married — has put Auli on the map?

A 16-hour drive from Delhi, Auli had hitherto been visited only by a small and dedicated groups of adventure sports enthusiasts and those looking to be as far as possible from the madding crowd. Rawat, who attended the wedding, also remarked that it would help boost tourism in the region. The Uttarakhand High Court, however, was less optimistic — it had ordered the Guptas to deposit Rs 3 crore to ensure that the effects on the fragile ecosystem be mitigated. Quite apart from the vast amounts of plastic used as packaging to transport various perishable and non-perishable items to the alpine meadow, the area is ecologically fragile and the effects of such a massive event are difficult to predict. The five-day party left behind 220 quintals of waste, while the daily garbage from the entire district is usually about 20 quintals. Incidentally, Uttarakhand has a ban on single-use plastics.

Against the potential and actual damage to the environment in a part of the country that is essential to maintaining the delicate balance of nature in the era of climate change, stand the musical stylings of Badshah, performances by Katrina Kaif and Javed Akhtar and a host of others. Against the pristine privacy, natural beauty and laws protecting it, stood the might of consumerism at its height, of an opulent excess only vast wealth can buy. Of course, Auli never stood a chance.



COOMI KAPOOR

FORTY-FOUR YEARS ago, Indira Gandhi introduced an internal Emergency in India. In establishing her authoritarian regime, she used sledgehammer tactics, devoid of any finesse or pretensions of keeping up a democratic façade. She was guided by her spoilt and willful son, Sanjay, who in turn, was advised by men such as Bansilal, R K Dhawan and V C Shukla, who were at heart bullies and believed that everyone should do their bidding and there was no room for such high-minded principles as respecting dissent, the rule of law and the freedom of thought and expression. Bansilal as Chief Minister of Haryana had, in fact, set the blueprint for an unofficial emergency in his own state prior to June 26, 1975. He ruled with despotic ruthlessness. When the Emergency plans were being drawn up in the countdown to June 26, Bansilal had famously advised Mrs Gandhi to send all the troublesome Opposition leaders to his jails and he would know how to set them straight.

Indira Gandhi, the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, considered the fountainhead of humanism, liberalism, tolerance and democratic traditions, ignored all the principles which her father held dear. In order to save her own position as prime minister, following a court case which declared her election void, she turned India into a fascist state. Opposition leaders were arrested and whisked away in the dead of night to jail without any recourse to appeal to the courts. The Press was muzzled, with blanket censorship imposed. Even the speeches of the few dissenters left in Parliament could not be reported by the media, only the summary of the proceedings authorised by the Speaker. The dreaded Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) law meant the summary arrest of tens of thousands for an indefinite period. Many of the MISA detainees filed habeas corpus petitions under Article 226 of the Constitution demanding that their fundamental right to life and liberty be upheld by the court. While most high courts accepted their plea, the five-member Supreme Court bench, where it was sent in appeal, struck it down, with the exception of Justice H R Khanna. Judges, who had once been eloquent about civil liberties

It is unlikely that it will return, but eternal vigilance is the price for freedom

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and human rights, sang a different tune when it came to the crunch.

As one who has witnessed Indira Gandhi's government first hand and has written a book, *The Emergency*, based on those experiences, I am often posed the question: Can a state of Emergency ever happen again? On the face of it, it appears unlikely. After the Emergency, the 44th amendment of the Constitution was passed by Parliament, which decrees that Article 19 and 21 of the Constitution, concerning personal liberty and protection of life, cannot be tampered by Parliament. Information minister V C Shukla could control the dissemination of news in 1975 with ease. There were, after all, only a few thousand publications and a solitary state-controlled television channel, Doordarshan. Foreign publications were censored or prohibited. In the 21st century, with the huge flood of messages on the social media apart from a constantly proliferating media, a news blackout is simply not possible. And yet some sceptics still voice fears that the country may be heading towards an Emergency-like situation.

Authoritarianism does not necessarily come about like Indira Gandhi's Emergency in one fell swoop. Dictatorships sometimes creep in slowly and insidiously without any official declaration. The health of a democracy is judged by several parameters. The most basic being whether free and fair elections are held and the people's choice gets to rule. On this score, India ranks high, the carping about the EVMs smacks of sour grapes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has won a huge mandate and clearly has the people's confidence.

But there are other hallmarks of a healthy democracy which should not be forgotten. A spirited Opposition, for example, keeps a ruling party on its toes. Brute majorities tend to operate unilaterally. The depleted numbers and the total demoralisation in the Opposition ranks in today's Lok Sabha does not augur well for a system of checks and balances. The ruling party, instead of being content to rest upon its laurels, has unhealthy predatory instincts. Anti-defection laws make it near impossible for a legislator to jump from

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The makers of our Constitution envisaged India as a parliamentary democracy on the lines of Great Britain. Under Prime Minister Modi, increasingly, the government has acquired the traits of a presidential form of government, which may not necessarily be a bad thing. The recent poll was very much a presidential contest with the voters electing Modi as PM and unconcerned with individual MPs. Today Modi wields power unmatched by any previous PM, other than Indira Gandhi. If Indira Gandhi was called the only man in a cabinet of women, similarly, no one doubts that Modi, along with his deputy Amit Shah, takes all major decisions. Ministerial appointments are often window-dressing, selections made for considerations of political strategy and loyalty, not concern for suitability for the post. As in Indira Gandhi's time, the PMO is the nerve centre of the government, nothing can be done without its endorsement. Modi's office is burgeoning with highly motivated and driven officials and technocrats, who are entrusted with working out the blueprints for ministries and supervising the implementation.

On the question of media freedom, those who grumble about lack of access to the PM and denial of information, are often the same ones who expect special privileges and the presence of government representatives at their functions. It is a PM's prerogative to decide who he speaks to and who he does not, but arm-twisting the media is another matter. And when the sources of government information are not available, transparency becomes a casualty. For a vibrant democracy, transparency is an important requisite. India today may not yet be heading for an Emergency, as some doomsday sayers predict, but it is always good to remember that eternal vigilance is the price for freedom.

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ARUN ANAND

THE ROLE OF the Indian press during the Emergency, imposed at midnight on June 25-26, 1975, by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, has been discussed in detail. But the little-known fact is the foreign press played an important role by highlighting how democracy was getting throttled by Indira Gandhi, her son Sanjay and the Congress.

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The first foreign casualty was the correspondent from *The Washington Post*, who was expelled from India four days after Emergency was imposed. The correspondents from *The Times* (London), *Daily Telegraph*, *Newsweek* and *Far Eastern Economic Review* had to leave the country within the next few days as they refused to adhere to "Press Censorship Guidelines" and the diktats issued by the Information and Broadcasting ministry, headed by Vidya Charan Shukla. The BBC also had to shut down its office in August, 1975, due to the lack of freedom to report. Some Indian representatives of the foreign media organisations suffered even worse. Not only were their accreditations were cancelled, one of them, K R Sunder Rajan, was detained under the draconian Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA).

The foreign correspondents were treated roughly by the government and many of

THE FOREIGN HAND

How the international Press stood by Indian democracy during Emergency

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them had to leave India. An article, published on July 31, 1976, in *The Guardian* titled 'A rough Passage from India' begins with an editorial note: "A month ago Christopher Sweeney went to New Delhi on behalf of the 'The Guardian' and 'The Economist'. This week he was obliged to leave under the threat to his physical safety. Here he details his treatment by the Indian authorities."

Sweeney gave an account of his experience: "...I came under obvious suspicion within days of my arrival in the country (India)... After arranging meetings by telephone, odd characters would turn up to observe who I was seeing each morning, others would be waiting in red settees in the entrance of the Delphi Hotel. People I spoke to openly would be later stopped and questioned. At least twice my hotel room was broken into and searched..." Sweeney further recounted: "When I complained of the continued harassment by Government agents and asked Mr Haksar (A N D Haksar was the chief government spokesperson) to explain why it had been necessary to organise breakings to my hotel rooms, he replied that unless I left the country, as soon as possible, there would be a 'further prospect of physical inconvenience'."

Despite such hostility, the foreign press continued to send despatches that highlighted two important things — the communists' support to the Emergency and the stellar role played by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its ideological offshoot in politics, Bharatiya Jana Sangh. In January, 1976, *The Economist* published an

article titled 'Yes, there is an underground'. The article mentions, "The shock troops of the movement largely come from Jana Sangh and its ideological affiliate, the RSS, which claim a combined membership of 10 million (of whom 80,000, including 6000 full-time party workers, are in prison)."

Highlighting the pro-government role played by the communists, *The Guardian* wrote in August 1976 in an article titled "The Empress Reigns Supreme": "...Pro-CPI (Communist Party of India) journals in India are being given some latitude by the censors because the party is in favour of even stronger measures to suppress the non-communist opposition." The same article also highlights how the Indian government was pressurising King Birendra of Nepal to hand over some of the RSS members who were running the underground movement against the Emergency from Nepal. The article, quoting a source close to the Nepalese embassy in India said, "...Kathmandu will never hand over to the Indian government members of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)... banned by the Gandhi regime shortly after the promulgation of Emergency."

It is clear that the saga of struggle against Emergency would never be complete without recognising the role of foreign press during that era. The country will remain indebted to them for their contribution towards saving Indian democracy.

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JUNE 26, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

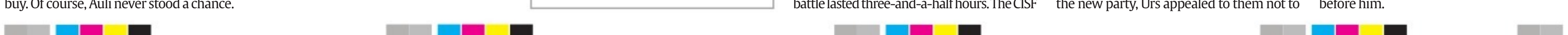
ARMY VS CISF AT LEAST 22 persons were killed and nearly 100 injured in a pitched battle between the army and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel at Bokaro in the early hours of this morning, according to reports received in Patna. The condition of 17 of the injured persons is stated to be serious. Curfew has been clamped over the CISF area, necessitating the closure of the head offices of the Bokaro steel plant and Hindustan Steel Construction Ltd. The trouble began at 3 am when the army personnel swung into action to disarm the CISF and take over the armoury and the CISF personnel resisted it. The gun-battle lasted three-and-a-half hours. The CISF

personnel reportedly surrendered only after the army blew up the armoury from which they were drawing arms and ammunition

KARNATAKA CONGRESS SIDDARAMA REDDY, MP and vice-president of the dissolved KFCC (I) was unanimously elected president of the newly formed "Karnataka Congress" in Bangalore. The chief minister, Devaraj Urs, who had earlier announced his resignation from the post of the PCC (I), himself proposed Reddy's name at the specially convened general body meeting of the erstwhile KPCC (I). While some members wanted Urs to continue as president of the new party, Urs appealed to them not to

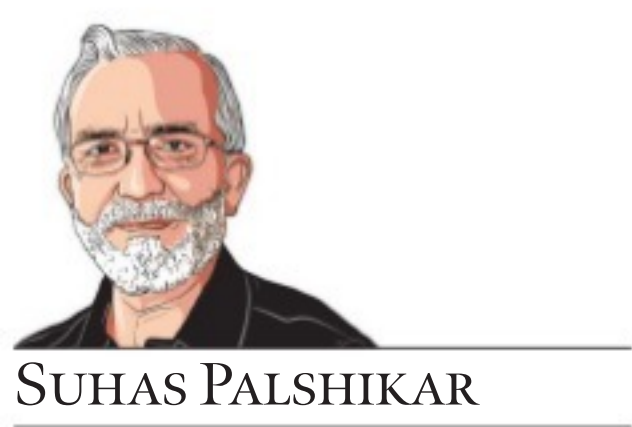
press him on this issue.

BENGAL BORDER SEALED THE BORDER BETWEEN Nadia district in West Bengal and Bangladesh has been virtually sealed to prevent movement of people across the border. The BSF stationed along the border have been reinforced by an additional four companies. This step followed the complaint by Bangladesh that about 25,000 people had migrated to Kushtia district from riot-torn Nadia. Atiquzaaman Khan, Bangladesh deputy high commissioner, called on Chief Minister Jyoti Basu, and formally placed Bangladesh's complaint before him.



# Slippery slopes of democracy

People’s demand for a strong leader feeds into the BJP’s majoritarian politics perfectly



SUHAS PALSHIKAR

ANALYSES OF THE factors that contributed to the handsome victory of the BJP in the 2019 elections will continue to compete for attention and popular as well as scholarly acceptance. The political spectrum, however, appears to be hopelessly divided and oblivious to reality. If proponents of Narendra Modi have been reading in the BJP’s electoral success the role of governance, foreign policy, anti-terror aggression and, as a footnote, the many welfare programmes implemented by the Modi government, the anti-BJP forces continue to sulk in the argument that this victory hinged on an almost fraudulent exercise of money power and the consequent use of image projection.

What both sides refuse to publicly acknowledge is the extraordinary coincidence of the demand side of political culture and the supply side of the BJP’s politics almost matching each other neatly — and feeding on each other. The continued dominance of the Modi-led BJP, and the rise of a new majoritarian grammar of politics, needs to be understood in the context of two distinct but not-so-curiously linked characteristics of what I have elsewhere called the “political culture of new India” (essay of the same title in Niraja Gopal Jayal’s edited volume: *Re-forming India*, Penguin, 2019).

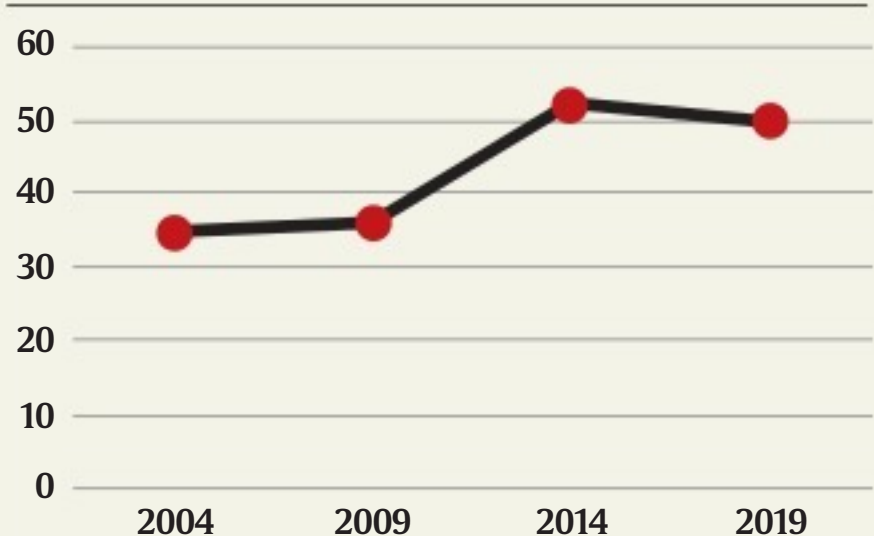
Looking back at the two decades since Congress’s decline began in 1989, one unmistakably comes across the intertwined narratives of victimhood and dominance. Collectively, and also in parts, Indian society has chosen to construct and nurse a sense of victimhood, of having lost the initiative, of being left behind despite the chimera of welfare and equality on the one hand and the lures of the competitive market economy on the other. This sense of victimhood swiftly permeated into the inter-community arena. Obviously, it could easily inflate the pre-existing mega narrative of Hindu victimhood. The other narrative that was shaped almost simultaneously was one seeking self-assertion and dominance. One version of this narrative revolved around the idea of “dreaming”. This involved the grand dream of India becoming a global power but in the arena of intra-societal relations, this resulted in competitive assertion. Shifting away from searching for soft-power assertions, this gave rise to a politics of identity and numeric claims.

The two narratives suitably gave a fillip to the politics of Hindu assertion and the dream of a Hindu millennium. Through adroit political manoeuvring, the framework of “us and them” got popularised in the backdrop of these narratives. This framework of Hindus as victims, Hindus as majority and Hindus as claimants to Indian nationhood finds resonance with one particular understanding of democracy — the idea that claims made by the majority are a natural corollary of democracy. Over the past decade-and-a-half, this idea of democracy has settled itself quite comfortably in India’s collective imagination of democracy (see Graph 1).

Not surprisingly, the BJP not only contributed to the shaping of this majoritarian sentiment but also articulated it politically. Of course, the moment of the Congress’s decline and the inability of the Mandal constituency to consolidate politically did contribute to the BJP’s success. Even in 2019, its success can be attributed sociologically to the support it received among the OBCs and Adivasis. But over the years, the proportion of majoritarian voters among the BJP’s voters

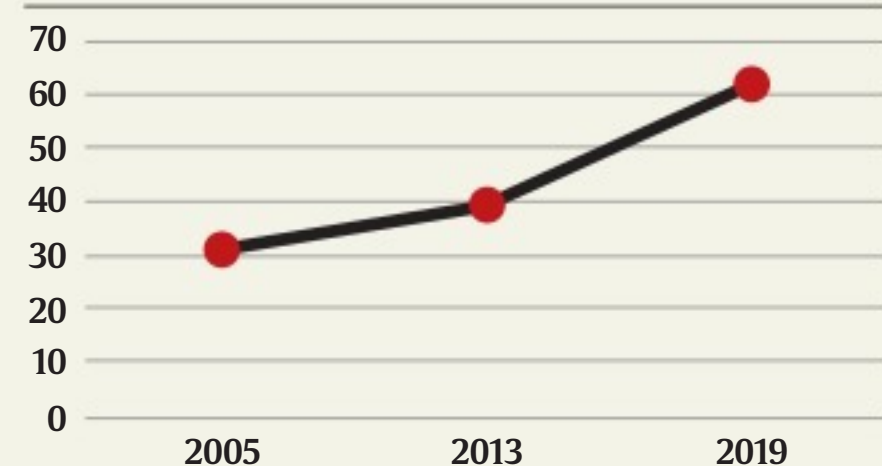


GRAPH 1: IN A DEMOCRACY, WILL OF MAJORITY COMMUNITY SHOULD PREVAIL; DO YOU AGREE?



Source: Based on Lokniti’s National Election Studies: NES 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019

GRAPH 2: THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY A STRONG LEADER WHO DOES NOT HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT WINNING ELECTIONS. DO YOU AGREE?



Source: Data for 2005 and 2013 is from Lokniti’s study, State of Democracy in South Asia, data for 2019 is based on NES2019

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what alarming proportion of two in every three by 2019 (see Graph 2).

Interestingly, 40 per cent of the sample in the 2019 study agreed with both propositions — that democracy means an assertion of will of the majority community and that we need a strong leader unencumbered by elections. What complicates matters further is the fact that though the BJP does get larger share among this group, this social section is fairly spread across political parties in terms of its vote preference. This overlap and its cross-party existence suggests that both these emerging political cultural traits are not only interconnected but they also represent a common challenge for conceptualising and practicing democracy. One dimension assumes that community dominance is compatible with democracy if the numbers favour a given community. The other assumes that “popularity” of the leader is the sole source of authority, making democracy and popularity coterminous.

Thus, the two traits comprising the political culture of contemporary India not only help us partially unravel the secret of the BJP’s second victory, they also alert us to the difficult route being taken by India’s democracy — a route where it is not easy to convince many voters that majoritarianism and overdependence on a strong leader are slippery curves in the journey of democracy.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The Tory membership will decide whether Boris Johnson reaches Downing Street. Their judgment is not a representative one and may not be a good one, but should be an informed one.” — THE GUARDIAN

# The savings dilemma

Focus should be on lifting savings rate, else there is a risk of private investments being crowded out



DHARMAKIRTI JOSHI AND ADHISH VERMA

EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE shows that developing economies have a positive long-term correlation between savings and growth. In a fast-growing economy like India, investments generally outpace domestic savings, and the gap gets funded by foreign savings. This shows up as current account deficit. Maintaining adequate domestic savings, therefore, is essential to sound macroeconomic management — more so in today’s challenging global environment.

Unfortunately, Indians have been saving less. Worse, our rate of savings has fallen sharply. The overall savings rate (households, public sector and private sector), or the proportion of gross domestic savings in the GDP, plunged to 30.5 per cent in fiscal 2018 from a peak of 36.8 per cent in fiscal 2008, rising marginally in the interim. It has been downhill since fiscal 2012. The external shock of the global financial crisis led to a sharp slowdown in public savings in fiscal 2009, with the government resorting to fiscal stimulus. The savings rate recovered marginally in the next three years, only to lose momentum thereafter. This could compound India’s problem of slowing growth.

Understanding the granular trends in the savings rate helps us pinpoint solutions. The largest savers in the economy, household savings, (the government and the corporate sector being the other two categories) fell from 23.1 per cent as a per cent of the GDP in fiscal 2010 to 17.2 per cent in fiscal 2018. As a result, its share in gross savings fell from 68.2 per cent to 56.3 per cent. Household savings in physical form (largely in real estate and also referred to as physical savings), declined from 15.9 per cent to 10.3 per cent. Financial savings declined too, from 7.4 per cent to 6.6 per cent. That’s a major source of concern because households have been traditionally net suppliers of funds to the private corporate sector as well as the public sector. This means that excess of household sector savings over their investments is used to fund the saving-investment gap of the other two sectors. That level of financial savings is just about enough to finance the combined fiscal deficit of the Centre and the states. A continuation of this trend will shrink the pool of savings available to facilitate private investments. Put another way, it could lead to a “crowding out” of private investments.

What explains the decline in household savings? A part of the answer lies in the consumption trend. National accounts data shows that over the past few years, private consumption as a percentage of the GDP has risen — in a reversal of the trend seen till the early 2000s. From around 65 per cent at the beginning of 2000s, private consumption as a percentage of the GDP fell to 55 per cent towards the end of that decade. It has rebounded since then to 59.4 per cent

in fiscal 2019.

Given favourable demographics, households are becoming consumption-centric, and their financial liabilities have been rising, as evidenced in retail credit, which, at 17 per cent annually, is the fastest-growing loans segment in the past five years. Pertinently, this has happened in tandem with a moderation in household disposable incomes. This fall in household savings rate is also corroborated by a sharp fall in household saving elasticity (the proportional change in savings to a change in income) since the beginning of this decade.

So what are the reasons for the fall in the household savings rate? Franco Modigliani’s life cycle hypothesis says a youthful population typically tends to consume more than they earn. Individuals seek to smoothen their consumption over the course of a lifetime — borrowing in times of low-income (initial working years) and saving during periods of higher income. In India, about 70 per cent of the working age population falls in the 20–40 years category. On the other hand, savings of government corporations (departmental and non-departmental enterprises) are largely offset by government dis-saving (as it runs a revenue deficit), which keeps the overall public savings rate low.

But the private corporate sector savings bucked this trend, surging to 11.6 per cent of the GDP in fiscal 2018 from 7.4 per cent about a decade ago. Part of this is the result of a change in the base year to 2011–12, which led to physical assets of quasi-corporations being excluded from households and included in private corporations. So while private corporate savings surged, household savings declined commensurately. Yet, the rise in private corporate savings is in line with evolving global trends in savings after the global financial crisis. According to research, “Whereas in the early 1980s most of global investment was funded by household saving, nowadays nearly two-thirds of global investment is funded by corporate saving.”

In India too, rising corporate savings could be channelled for financing private corporate investment when the opportunity arises. Beyond these domestic sources, an increase in private sector investment will need to be financed by foreign savings, which carries its own set of risks beyond a point. It is noteworthy that the expansion of the Indian economy before the global financial crisis coincided with a significant lift in both savings and investments. With the election-related uncertainty behind us, a softer monetary policy stance, and the government’s resolve to push growth up, investments are likely to increase in the future. But if savings do not rise commensurately, India’s current account deficit could come under stress. Clearly, it’s time to reignite the virtuous cycle of high savings, investment, and growth so that the country returns to the high-growth trajectory of the past. Pushing up household financial savings would require greater efforts towards financial inclusion, and possibly, incentives for saving. These must be complemented by productivity-enhancing reforms that encourage private sector investments.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### END THE IMPASSE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Time to talk’ (IE, June 25). The persistence of the Kashmir problem is not surprising. Some leaders of the BJP seem to be vying with each other in order to be seen as more patriotic and nationalist. Now as a section of militants is ready to come on board to discuss the problem, and more importantly the state’s governor has also support talks, the government must reciprocate.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

### MILIEU MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Power play’ (IE, June 25). I disagree with the contention that a national distribution company shall bring a paradigm shift in the power sector. The chronic issues plaguing the state discoms such as inadequate tariff hikes, high technical and commercial losses could well be ultra vires for the new agency. Second, it would be wrong to assume that it shall promote competition and benefit the end consumer. The government has always held a sway over the energy sector. When the administered price mechanism was annulled, it was believed that the oil marketing companies shall be free to decide the pricing and private and public sector shall be provided level-playing field. However, this has not happened till date.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

### LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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### TWO TO TANGO

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Nurturing a friendship’ (IE, June 25). The visit of US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo comes at a time when India-US relations are going through a rocky phase. The US must acknowledge India as an important trade partner and New Delhi must reciprocate.

Pranay K Shome, Kolkata



## VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

### CHIMERA OF ALLIANCE

THE EDITORIAL IN *Organiser* notes that there were social media posts and opinion articles on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi being greeted with “Jai Shri Ram” and “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” during the oath-taking in Parliament. But what was not discussed, notes the editorial, is that Owaisi ended his oath by raising slogans, “Jai-Bhim,” “Jai-MIM,” “Takbeer-Allahu Akbar,” and “Jai Hind”. The editorial points out that this was not the first that the reincarnated avatar of the Razakars, the AIMIM, has invoked slogans that speak of a Muslim-Scheduled Caste alliance. It notes that the party’s tactical alliance with Prakash Ambedkar in Maharashtra was part of a grand design. Its outcome, asserts the editorial, was that the SC candidates lost while the MIM candidate won in Aurangabad. The forging of the alliance was not merely a result of immediate electoral considerations, there were ideological reasons behind it, the editorial contends. It further argues that this was not the

first attempt to forge a caste-based communal alliance. “To Babasaheb Ambedkar himself, many Muslim clerics, including the representative of Nizam offered not just the alliance but also tried to convince him to convert to Islam. The reply of nationalist Ambedkar was clear and blunt. Jinnah also tried the similar trick, but Dr BR Ambedkar was critical of the so-called Dalit-Muslim unity being fostered in politics today. If it is the likes of Owaisi today, it was Jinnah then,” the editorial argues, and points out that the real followers of Babasaheb will always be sceptical about such an unholy alliance. The editorial asks a few questions: “Now you are saying, ‘Jai-Bhim, Jai-MIM,’ in the same order. When you have a problem with Bharat Mata, Vande Mataram in the name of Islam, how will the same Islam allow reverence to Babasaheb? Babasaheb believed in Buddhism as a thought and not just as a religion. Buddha was the greatest spiritual reformist for him. Will MIM consider Tathagat Buddha of the same stature as Babasaheb used to give, or there also Islam will become a problem?”

### AIRCRAFT UPGRADE

AN ARTICLE IN *Organiser* about the AN-32 aircraft crash demands an inquiry into the incident and calls for corrective measures. It also asks the government to expedite the procure-

ment process for the armed forces. The article argues that that excessive discussion in the media, especially the negative opinions, affects the morale of the air warriors. “We need to wait for the inquiry to be completed... and the effort put in by various agencies in SAR (Search and Rescue) needs to be complimented”. The article points out that the IAF has over 100 AN-32 aircraft of which only 46 have been upgraded. The turmoil in Ukraine, the country that produces these aircraft, is the main reason for the delay in upgrading, the article notes. It adds that upgrading a large number of aircraft is a long-drawn process and it is a moot point whether the aircraft need to be grounded till they are upgraded. The article says that IAF cannot afford to keep over 50 per cent of its workhorse aircraft on the ground, especially when there is an operational requirement of maintaining troops and civil population in the high-altitudes of North/Northeast India. The article points out that the procurement process in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) makes acquisition/upgradation/modernisation a long-drawn affair.

### STATES AND CENTRE

AN EDITORIAL IN *Panchjanya* comes out in support of the idea of “one nation, one election”. It argues that the government has shown its resolve on this issue by convening a meeting of political parties and forming a

committee to remove confusions. The editorial stresses the need to make the electoral system concise, integrated and connected. It points out that the Lok Sabha and assembly elections had been held simultaneously till 1967 and the Election Commission gave a suggestion to this effect in 1983. The editorial says that certain political parties may have the wrong apprehension that the idea of “one nation, one election” could be a conspiracy to impose the President’s rule in the states via the backdoor. “Political parties get such apprehensions... because of their experiences during Congress rule,” the editorial contends. It also contends that there is weight in the argument that national issues can be raised effectively in regions as well if the Lok Sabha and assembly elections are held simultaneously. “Raising national issues gives an opportunity to think and approve decisions like a grand family. Local issues do make their space. When has border security suppressed issues of roads and schools?” the editorial questions. Holding Lok Sabha and assembly elections separately in Bihar and Karnataka cost Rs 9,500 crore. If that money had been spent on hospitals in Bihar, number of deaths of newborns would have been averted, the editorial says in an apparent reference to the deaths of children in Bihar due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES).

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## TOP OF THE WORLD



### USA

#### N Korea's Kim not ready to denuclearise: US intel chief

Washington: The US intelligence community does not believe North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is ready to denuclearise, US Defence Intelligence Agency Director Lieutenant General Robert Ashley told Fox News in an interview on Monday. A summit in February between Kim and President Donald Trump collapsed when the two leaders were unable to bridge differences between U.S. demands for denuclearization and North Korean demands for sanctions relief. "We still continue to assess within the IC (intelligence community) that Kim Jong Un is not ready to denuclearize," Ashley said. Trump will visit South Korea this weekend.

### BRITAIN

#### Court overturns order for mentally disabled woman to have abortion

New York: Three days after a British court ordered a developmentally disabled woman to have an abortion against her and her mother's wishes, an appeals court overturned that decision, the mother's lawyer said Monday. Last week, a judge had ruled that an abortion was in the best interests of the unidentified woman, who is in her 20s, lives in London and has the mental capacity of a 6- to 9-year-old, according to evidence presented in court. The woman is 22 weeks pregnant, and the court was told that the circumstances of the pregnancy were unclear.

### KAZAKHSTAN

#### ISS astronauts return to earth

Dzhezkazgan: The first crew to blast off to the International Space Station following a launch accident that deepened doubts over Russia's space programme returned to earth safely on Tuesday. NASA astronaut Anne McClain, veteran cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko of Roscosmos, and Canadian Space Agency record-holder David Saint-Jacques emerged from the space craft to applause from support crews, after touching down near the Kazakh city of Dzhezkazgan.

### MALAYSIA

#### 500 schools shut in 2nd episode of toxic fumes

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia has ordered nearly 500 schools and kindergartens to close until Thursday, after dozens of people were hospitalised with symptoms suggesting they breathed toxic fumes, possibly from industrial waste, the second such incident this year. Students made up the bulk of the 75 people who have suffered breathing difficulties, vomiting and dizziness since last week, after inhaling the fumes, possibly from waste dumped by factories in the southern state of Johor, bordering Singapore.

## TENSIONS ESCALATE

# Iran: New US sanctions mean end of diplomacy, offer of talks hollow

Trump threatens Iran with obliteration; White House mentally ill, says Rouhani

### AGENCIES

TEHRAN, JUNE 25

IRAN VEHEMENTLY responded Tuesday to new US sanctions against its leaders, saying they showed Washington was "lying" about an offer of talks and marked the end of diplomacy with the Trump administration, amid an escalating regional standoff.

Washington blacklisted Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and top military chiefs Monday, saying it would also sanction Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif later in the week.

"At the same time as you call for negotiations you seek to sanction the foreign minister? It's obvious that you're lying," Rouhani said in a meeting with ministers, broadcast live on TV. He also derided the White House as being "afflicted by mental retardation".

His comments came as US National Security Adviser John Bolton described as "deafening" Iran's apparent silence on an offer to negotiate with Washington. "The President has held the door open to real nego-



"(Trump) has held the door open to real negotiations. In response, Iran's silence has been deafening."

— JOHN BOLTON

US NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER



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— HASSAN ROUHANI

IRAN PRESIDENT

tiations," Bolton told journalists in Jerusalem. "In response, Iran's silence has been deafening," he added.

Meanwhile, Trump tweeted: "Any attack by Iran on anything American will be met with great and overwhelming force. In some areas, overwhelming will mean obliteration."

Tensions between the US and Iran have been escalating since President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew last year from a

landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and reimposed sanctions on the Islamic republic.

Trump has since moved to choke Iran's economy, blacklisted Iran's Revolutionary Guards as a "terrorist organisation" and nearly launched a military strike in retaliation to Iran downing a US spy drone.

He has said he is ready to negotiate with Iran "with no preconditions" and that Iran could have a "phenomenal future".

## EXPLAINED

### Crisis worsens amid sanctions deadlock

THE US has imposed a number of economic sanctions on Iran after pulling out of the nuclear deal, and wants Tehran to commit to a long list of new restrictions, including limits to its nuclear programme. Iran, angered by the imposition of sanctions, has refused to negotiate with the US until they are lifted. The latest sanctions has further solidified the position of both countries and worsened the crisis which has brought the two countries to the brink of armed conflict.

But Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said Tuesday that the new sanctions meant "permanent closure of the path to diplomacy with Trump's desperate government."

## MEANWHILE

### SCIENTISTS TRANSFER 1ST TEST TUBE RHINO EMBRYO

Scientists in Europe said they've successfully transferred a test tube rhino embryo back into a female whose eggs were fertilised in vitro, as part of an effort to save another nearly extinct sub-species of the giant horned mammal. The procedure was performed last month on a southern white rhino in Poland.

## 'Wanted better life for her': Mother of 6-yr-old Indian who died near US border

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

WASHINGTON, JUNE 25

THE PARENTS of a six-year-old Indian girl who died of heat stroke near a remote and deserted US-Mexico border said they sought asylum in the US because they desperately "wanted a safer and better life for her", according to a media report.

Gurupreet Kaur, who was a month shy of turning seven, was found dead by the US Border Patrol officials 27 kilometres west of Lukeville, Arizona, after her mother left her with other Indian migrants she was travelling with to go in search of water.

"We wanted a safer and better life for our daughter and we made the extremely difficult decision to seek asylum here in the United States," CNN quoted a joint statement by the girl's mother and her father released through the US Sikh Coalition. "We trust that every parent, regardless of origin, colour or creed, will understand that no mother or father ever puts their child in harm's way unless they are desperate," it said.

The girl's father, identified as A Singh, has been living in the US since 2013, and has an asylum application pending before the New



### Border security chief Sanders set to step down

THE CUSTOMS and Border Protection agency's acting commissioner, John Sanders, is expected to step down in the coming weeks as the government's primary border enforcement executive, a federal official said Tuesday, a development that comes as the agency faces continuing anger over the treatment of detained migrant children. **NYT**

York immigration court, Sikh Coalition Programme Director Mark Reading-Smith said. The girl's mother, identified as S Kaur, crossed the border with her this month. It is not clear when they left their home in Punjab, or how exactly they made their way to the US-Mexico border.

## Indian channels taken off air in Nepal to protest Bill that seeks ad restrictions

### SHIRISH B PRADHAN

KATHMANDU, JUNE 25

INDIAN TELEVISION channels have been taken off air in Nepal for 24 hours in protest against a proposed Bill which seeks to restrict foreign TV channels from broadcasting advertisements.

Indian television channels are very popular in Nepal.

The Internet and Digital Television Coordination Committee and Nepal Cable Television Association closed the distribution of foreign channels, broadcasting advertisements for 24 hours starting 3 PM on Monday which ended on 3 PM Tuesday.

If implemented, the Advertisement (Regulation) Bill, registered in Parliament by the KP Oli government, will restrict foreign television channels, mainly Indian channels, from broadcasting advertisements.

Indian broadcasters have already said that they cannot provide a clean feed to Nepal as it is economically and technically not viable.

The cable operators have argued that the proposed policy will cause severe drop of their income as foreign television channels will not be available for distribution. **PTI**

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## FALCON HEAVY FLIES AGAIN

A SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket lifts off from pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, early on Tuesday. The company launched its biggest rocket for only the fourth time, carrying 24 research satellites. This was the first military-ordered flight of the Falcon Heavy rocket. **AP**

## Trump, accused of sexual assault, resorts to old insult: She's not my type

### PETER BAKER

& NEIL VIGDOR  
WASHINGTON, JUNE 25

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Monday again denied assaulting a columnist for *Elle* magazine more than 20 years ago, asserting just hours after she aired her explosive accusation on television that he would not have assaulted her because "she's not my type."

Trump said that E Jean Carroll, who wrote for years for *Elle* magazine, was "lying" when she said that he threw her up against a wall and forced himself on her in the mid-1990s, and he insisted that he did not know her.



"I'll say it with great respect," he said in an interview with *The Hill*, a Capitol Hill news organisation. "No. 1, she's not my type. No. 2, it never happened. It never happened, OK?"

Earlier Monday, Carroll spoke publicly for the first time since an excerpt from her new book — *What Do We Need Men For?* — was published. She said in an interview to CNN that Trump threw her up against a wall so hard that "I hit my

head really hard: boom." She said she tried to fight Trump's advances in a fitting room of Bergdorf Goodman in Manhattan.

Trump in the past has rejected other sexual assault accusations by asserting that the women who accused him were not attractive enough to engage in such behaviour. "Believe me, she would not be my first choice, that I can tell you," Trump told supporters at a campaign event in 2016 after a woman accused him of putting his hand up her skirt while on an airplane. "You don't know. That would not be my first choice." As the crowd laughed, he added, "Check out her Facebook, you'll understand." **NYT**

## 2017 DEATH OF ADOPTED 3-YEAR-OLD

## Sherin Mathews case: US-Indian father pleads guilty to lesser charge

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

HOUSTON, JUNE 25

IN AN unexpected turn, the Indian-American father, accused of killing his three-year-old adopted daughter Sherin Mathews and dumping her body in a culvert in suburban Dallas, has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, media reports said Tuesday.

Wesley Mathews, 39, pleaded guilty to injury to a child by omission even before his capital murder trial opened at a Dallas district court on Monday. Mathews had been charged

### Wesley Mathews

#### pleaded guilty to injury to a child by omission even before his capital murder trial opened at a Dallas court Monday

with capital murder of a person under the age of 10 in the death of his special needs daughter in October 2017.

Mathews and his wife Sini Mathews, both from Kerala, adopted Sherin (born as

Saraswati) from an orphanage in Bihar in 2016.

If convicted, Mathews faced life in prison without parole. Now, with the charge of first-degree injury to a child by omission, Mathews could get probation or face prison with the possibility of parole after serving 30 years.

Mathews' attorney told jurors that the defendant will admit to lies and mistakes he made during the time Sherin went missing and was found dead two weeks later.

Sini was initially charged with child endangerment but prosecutors later dropped the charges citing a lack of evidence.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. Sharif was ejected from his post by the Supreme Court on corruption accusations and then was sentenced to prison just two weeks before the election, in July. Sharif and other political leaders have accused the military of denying them a level playing field in those elections, paving the way for Khan's win. Some members of Sharif's party accused the military of pressuring them to change parties.

The military, which remains popular among many Pakistanis, continues to reject the accusations of meddling in politics. **NYT**

## THE PHRASE 'SELECTED PRIME MINISTER' DECLARED OFF-LIMITS

## Tired of hearing Imran criticised, Pak official starts banning words

### SALMAN MASOOD

ISLAMABAD, JUNE 25

WORDS FLY around Pakistani Parliament sessions at a furious pitch and pace. So when a senior leader declared one particular phrase off-limits, it was inevitable that a war of many more words would begin.

That phrase is "selected prime minister", and when it has been applied by Opposition politicians and activists to Prime Minister Imran Khan, the implication has been clear: that his election victory last year was engineered by the country's powerful military,

which muzzled the press and targeted opposing parties for months ahead of the vote.

After nearly a year of hearing that phrase brandished during debates in the National Assembly, the deputy Speaker of the body, Qasim Khan Suri, had evidently had enough. Declaring that it was an insult to call Khan, his party chief, a "selected" leader, he banned the phrase outright during the session on Sunday.

"This is a House of elected representatives!" he thundered. "No one will use this expression from now on!"

He was wrong, of course. It didn't take long at all on Monday



When opponents call Imran Khan the 'selected prime minister', the implication is that he was put into office by Pakistan's powerful military. **NYT**

for someone to push the issue: Marriyum Aurangzeb, an

Opposition lawmaker, was soon reprimanded by Suri for contin-

uing to describe Khan as "selected". Afterward, she took a different tack, referring to the Prime Minister as "handpicked".

Whether they are defying the order, digging into the thesaurus, or defending the ban as proper, lawmakers are now making the order itself the focus of debate.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party, is questioning whether it is possible for one official to ban words in Parliament at all. Zardari is the lawmaker most widely credited with first using the phrase to describe Khan last year, and it has picked up resonance as Khan and his party,

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, or PTI, have struggled.

"Because of the Prime Minister's ego, you have banned this word," Zardari said on Monday, calling the move censorship. "What kind of freedom is this that members of National Assembly cannot express themselves on the floor of the house?"

Another Opposition lawmaker, Hina Parvez Butt, filed a resolution in the Punjab provincial Assembly condemning the deputy Speaker's move.

Khan became the Prime Minister last year after running a campaign rooted in fighting corruption and criticising former



GOLD

₹34,470



RUPEE

₹69.36



OIL

\$64.23\*



SILVER

₹39,200

\*Indian basket as on June 24, 2019

₹10K CR FUND OF FUNDS PLANNED TO SUPPORT VC/PEs INVESTING IN THE SECTOR'

# Reserve Bank panel proposes ₹5K-cr 'distressed asset fund' for MSMEs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

THE UK Sinha Committee on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), constituted by the Reserve Bank of India, has proposed the creation of a Distressed Asset Fund with a corpus of Rs 5,000 crore and a Fund of Funds (FoF) of Rs 10,000 crore to support venture capital and private equity firms investing in the struggling MSME sector.

The committee said the proposed distressed fund should be structured to assist units in clusters where a change — like a ban on plastics or dumping — in the external environment has led to a large number of MSMEs becoming non-performing assets (NPAs). "This fund could then operate on the lines of the Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFs) which has been in existence over many years. This would be of significant size in order to make equity investments that help unlock debt or help revive sick units," it said.

The formation of the committee was proposed in the December 5 policy of the RBI when Urjit Patel was the RBI Governor amid complaints that MSMEs were facing credit crunch and closures after the demonetisation. The panel, headed by former Sebi Chairman UK Sinha, submitted its report to the RBI Governor last week.

The structure of the distressed fund would recognise that exits will not be big bang but through a percentage of revenues or profits over a period of say 3-5 years.

CREDIT FLOW TO MSME SECTOR (AMOUNT IN ₹ CRORE)

| Year ended  | Banks     | NBFCs   |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
| March 2014  | 10,39,930 | 8,576   |
| March 2015  | 11,71,026 | 28,648  |
| March 2016  | 12,16,007 | 88,013  |
| March 2017  | 12,96,398 | 111,310 |
| March 2018  | 13,24,239 | 144,140 |
| March 2019* | 15,77,566 | 162,217 |

"Such a fund could work in tandem with the RBI mandated restructuring schemes or bank led NPA revival solutions for MSMEs. The onus of creating this fund would lie with the government," he said. The committee said a government sponsored Fund of Funds (FoF) of Rs 10,000 crore to support VC/PE firms investing in the MSME sector that will support crowd funding from venture capital and private equity firms, which focus on investing in the MSME segment on modified term sheets developed by SIDBI. "This would encourage innovation in term-sheets and product structures," it said.

The committee has recommended that the limit for collateral free lending to MSMEs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) should be increased to Rs 20 lakh from the current level of Rs 10 lakh.

Accordingly, the portfolio guarantee extended under the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) should be extended to Rs 20 lakh for borrowers under the Prime Minister's Mudra Yojana (PMMY) and SHGs. The corpus of CGFMU should be augmented accordingly to Rs 10,000

crore by 2024. As on March 31, 2018, the corpus of CGFMU was Rs 3,200 crore.

The committee said an MSME account could be considered for upgrade to "standard" after six months of satisfactory operation, instead of one year at present. In order to provide loan portability in a seamless manner to MSMEs, the committee has recommended that the RBI should come out with measures on portability of MSME loans with a lock in period of one year, it said.

It has said as the Standup India Guarantee Scheme overlaps with the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) with similar cover, this scheme needs to be folded up with the corpus being redeployed either in CGTMSE or in the CGFMU. Guarantees for Standup India loans would continue to be extended through CGTMSE. According to the committee, the working group of SIDBI and the Indian Banks Association (IBA) may also consider ways to reduce turnaround time (TAT) especially in the pre loan origination system (LOS) or centralised sanction stage.

## Group death, accident cover proposed for MSME entrepreneurs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

AS MSMEs face significant risk on account of delays in payment by the borrower, diversion of fund/fraud, death or major illness of the borrower, calamities and catastrophe the UK Sinha led committee has proposed group policies for death and accident cover for MSME entrepreneurs that is significantly higher than the cover currently offered under existing schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.

Pointing that stress in almost 30-35 per cent of MSME accounts is due to payment delays and such catastrophe/calamities, the committee said that, "the intent must be to mitigate the impact".

"As Group policies, these would involve significant reduction in premium payable ... A portion of the sum assured could be assigned towards settling workers' dues at the unit," the committee said.

It added that while the insurance cover would require no subsidy support from the government, it could "be configured as an incentive for MSMEs which have been formalised, for in-

**"As group policies, these would involve significant reduction in premium payable ... A portion of the sum assured could be assigned towards settling workers' dues at the unit"**

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ON MSMEs

stance, through GST enrolment or MSME registration or under the Shops and Establishments Act".

While banks offer a rescheduling of existing loans on declaration of a natural calamity, it increases the overall leverage along with providing some immediate succour and thus in most cases the old and new debt together becomes difficult to sustain. The committee recommended that this gap can be met by either in two possible ways.

"The first would be to make changes in the Relief Manual so that a fixed amount could be given as ex gratia for MSEs in lieu of equity to enable them to restart their enterprise. The other alternative could be to set up a micro equity window, with GoI funding, operated by SIDBI for providing patient capital to formalised, calamity affected MSEs," the committee recommended.

## '51% millennials question need to own vehicle'

As shared mobility gains traction in India, 51 per cent of millennials are questioning the need to own a vehicle, according to 2019 Global Automotive Consumer Study by Deloitte

**DIGITALLY EMPOWERED:** Consumers in India feel empowered trusting the power of digital solutions that make their commute safer

**76%** respondents in India in favour of connected vehicles with 84 per cent feeling that connected vehicles will be beneficial in providing suggestions regarding safer routes

**SHARED MOBILITY:** Compared to the older generation, younger consumers are more likely to understand the idea of shared mobility and to question whether vehicle ownership is a necessity

**34%** pre-boomers generation have questioned the need for an owned vehicle

**VEHICLE SALES:** Even though the daily usage of personally owned vehicles in India is quite high, the cumulative vehicle sales for the country have seen a sharp decline over the last year

**44% Gen X** are questioning the need for an owned vehicle, while 51 per cent of Gen Y/Z users have similar thoughts

**47% consumers** use their own vehicle everyday at present in India which is expected to increase to 50 per cent in the next three years

**TREND CHANGERS:** It is expected that the younger audience would subvert the trend of personally owned vehicles in the time to come with their growing affinity, towards shared mobility and digital technologies, it said



# Madras High Court upholds ₹2,500-cr tax demand on Cognizant

SAJAN C KUMAR  
CHENNAI, JUNE 25

A SINGLE judge bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday upheld the tax demand of over Rs 2,500 crore as dividend distribution tax (DDT) raised by the income-tax department on IT company Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS) on account of share buyback undertaken by it.

The case stems from the demand for payment of tax at the rate of 15 per cent on the remittance of Rs 19,415 crore to its non-resident shareholders in the US and Mauritius, against buyback of 94 lakh of its equity shares in May 2016. Rejecting the appeal by the company against the department's demand as not maintainable at this point, Justice K Kalyanasundaram directed the company to exhaust all other available legal remedies, including moving the appellate authority, before approaching the high court. The court had in April 2018, granted interim relief to CTS by staying the operation of the demand notice on the condition that it should deposit 15 per cent of the disputed amount in a suspense account with the department while providing security for the rest of the amount.

The company, however, submitted that, it had remitted capital gains tax of Rs 898.01 crore to the I-T department by way of deduction of tax at source for having remitted Rs 19,415 crore to its

**The case stems from demand for payment of tax at the rate of 15% on remittance of Rs 19,415 crore to CTS's non-resident shareholders in US & Mauritius, against buyback of 94 lakh of its equity shares in 2016**

non-resident shareholders, through a scheme approved by high court in 2016 for buyback of shares. In these circumstances, the company argued that it was not liable to pay any more tax.

The department, however, argued that the buy-back of shares under Section 391 of the Indian Companies Act is nothing but the distribution of accumulated profit and it has to be treated as dividend under Section 2(22)(d) of the Act and dividend distribution tax at 15 per cent is required to be paid by the company under Section 115O of the Act. Though the petitioner deposited a sum of Rs 898.01 crore by way of withholding tax, it has not deposited the remaining tax to the extent of Rs 2,500 crore.

The department also refuted the argument submitting that the company had framed a scheme for buyback because the number of shares was more than the limit allowed under Section 77A of the Companies Act 1956. If the shares had been bought under Section

77A, then the company should have paid tax at the rate of 20 per cent.

The I-T department has also alleged that Cognizant had evaded DDT on some transactions the Indian entity has made while buying shares of the company from the Mauritius and US companies of Cognizant. These companies held 54 per cent and 46 per cent shares respectively in Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt Ltd and the shares were sold at an inflated valuation, it alleged.

"The only exception to this is the buyback under Section 77A of the Companies Act and CTS (Cognizant) was not covered. Therefore CTS was required to pay DDT of more than Rs 2,500 crore in FY 2016-17 itself but failed to pay," according to the I-T department. When contacted a Cognizant spokesperson said in an e-mailed response: "As a result of today's direction from the High Court, Cognizant will continue to challenge the actions of the Income Tax Department. Cognizant will now appeal the High Court order to the Division bench. It continues to be Cognizant's position that the recovery proceedings initiated by the Income Tax Department are improper and that no additional taxes are owed. Cognizant's operations remain unaffected by this litigation, which has been going on for more than a year. We remain confident in the judicial system and believe our position will ultimately be upheld". **FE**

# 'Cash-flow lending can help close credit gap for MSMEs and create jobs on ground'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

MAKING A pitch for cash-flow based lending to ease the credit gap faced by MSMEs, the report of the Expert Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises under the chairmanship of UK Sinha said that while the availability of digital public infrastructure such as GST and India Stack make it a possible, such form of lending will not only power the growth of MSMEs but also help create "jobs on the ground".

"A combination of Digital Public Infrastructure, progressive regulation and new market forces has the potential to energise the MSME Lending Sector. Emergence of a digital lending value chain will provide fast turnaround and easy accessibility for MSME borrowers and use new data and credit scoring algorithms to provide new types of risk-adjusted lending products. This infrastructure can operate at a scale, break access barriers, and provide MSMEs with

## EXPLAINED Cash-flow based lending to open new funding channels

WHILE the MSME sector faces constraint on funding, the committee's recommendation to push cash-flow based lending on the back of publicly available digital infrastructure will not only open a new form of funding for the sector but will also help in generation of new jobs in the economy.

the ability to access finance and scale to reach their potential," the committee said in its report.

According to the report, while cash-flow loans are short-term, they don't need borrower assessments or project assessments and are tied to future cash-flows. While MSMEs have been facing problems of credit availability, the committee pointed that there were structural barriers such as customer acquisition costs for lenders and lack of inter-connected borrowers, among others.

It said that these structural barriers can be addressed by bringing greater innovation in how small business loans are evaluated, underwritten, and managed and further added that paperless applications, rapid loan underwriting, and a greater emphasis on customer service can redefine the MSME lending sector.

The committee recommended that the Reserve Bank of India should create a new category of Loan Service Providers — who will be agent of the bor-

rowers and act with more transparency, disclosing their conflicts that compromise their impartiality, such as incentives from lenders to "market higher-priced loans".

It also recommended that the RBI should facilitate the creation of a Self-Regulatory Organisation to organise and provide light-touch regulation for this category of players.

Stating that cash-flow lending is possible only in a digital lending and payments value chain as it needs visibility to past and future cash-flows, it said that the Account Aggregator system provides this information on a consented basis. While the lender can be assured of repayment through a lien on future cash flows, the committee pointed that this is now possible due to a set of interlocking Digital Public Infrastructure, as E-Liens.

Besides, a shared Digital Public Infrastructure like India Stack is also in place.

The committee thereby recommended that industry deployment of E-Liens should be

accelerated so that future incoming cash-flows can be locked down for better loan repayment rates. It said that GST Council should require buyers to pay only to the payment address mentioned in the GST invoice.

Further, it said that TReDS window should be created for reverse factoring so that supplier financing can be provided easily. It also said that Enterprise ID using PAN should be introduced on a mission mode basis to ensure the availability of credit to MSMEs.

It also recommended to connect GSTN to Account Aggregators and upgrade E-Way Bill system to include Proof-of-Delivery.

Making GST invoices available to lender is essential for cash-flow lending to take off. For this, GSTN system needs to be connected to the AA system. Dematerialising of POD is essential for inventory financing for MSMEs to grow.

The design is already in place. Only an implementation project needs to be created, the committee said.

## AMID TARIFF TUSSLE

# 'US-China trade teams in contact ahead of G-20'

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
BEIJING, JUNE 25

CHINESE AND US trade negotiators are discussing ways to resolve disputes ahead of a meeting between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping at the G-20 summit in Japan later this week, a Chinese official has said.

The sides were seeking to "consolidate the important consensus reached between the two leaders" in a telephone call last week, Wang Shouwen, a Commerce Ministry vice minister, told reporters. Wang gave no details about specific issues under discussion. This week's G-20 meeting in Osaka is the first opportunity Trump and Xi have had to thrash out the trade dispute face-to-face since Trump said he was preparing to target the \$300 billion in Chinese imports that he hasn't already hit with tariffs, extending them to everything China ships to the United States. In advance of the Trump-Xi meeting, US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer



US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. AP

spoke by phone Monday with the top Chinese negotiator, Vice Premier Liu He, according to a spokesperson for the Trade Representative's office who did not have further details of the discussions. Trump has already imposed 25 per cent tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese imports and China has retaliated with tariffs on US goods.

The two sides are in a stalemate after 11 rounds of talks that have failed to overcome US concerns over China's acquisition of American technology and its mas-

## PHONE CALL BETWEEN USTR, CHINESE VICE PREMIER

■ In advance of the Trump-Xi meeting, US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer spoke by phone on Monday with the top Chinese negotiator, Vice Premier Liu He, according to a spokesperson for the United States Trade Representative's office

champion of Chinese industry.

Washington claims Huawei poses a national security threat because it may be beholden to China's ruling Communist Party. However, American officials have presented no evidence of any Huawei equipment serving as intentional conduits for espionage by Beijing. Huawei's placement on the US government's Entity List is widely seen as intended to persuade resistant US allies in Europe to exclude Huawei equipment from their next-generation wireless networks, known as 5G.

Responding to a question about whether it would be best for all 5G devices sold in the US to have been made outside of China, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Americans seemed to be conjuring up non-existent threats. "I want to tell individuals in the US that they have been living in a panic made by themselves, and they have reached a state of extreme nervousness in which they even apprehend danger in every sound," Geng said.

## 'Trump-Xi meeting's goal is to reopen trade talks'

**Washington:** The goal of a meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping at this week's G20 summit in Japan will be to restart trade talks and there was a pretty good chance that will happen, a senior administration official said on Tuesday.

The US and China could agree not to impose new tariffs as a goodwill gesture, but it is unclear if that will happen at the meeting scheduled for Saturday, the official said. The US will not accept any tariff conditions, the official said. However, the case of Huawei Technologies may come up during talks. **REUTERS**



‘WRITE-OFFS, RECOVERIES UNDER IBC HELPED IN REDUCTION IN FY19’

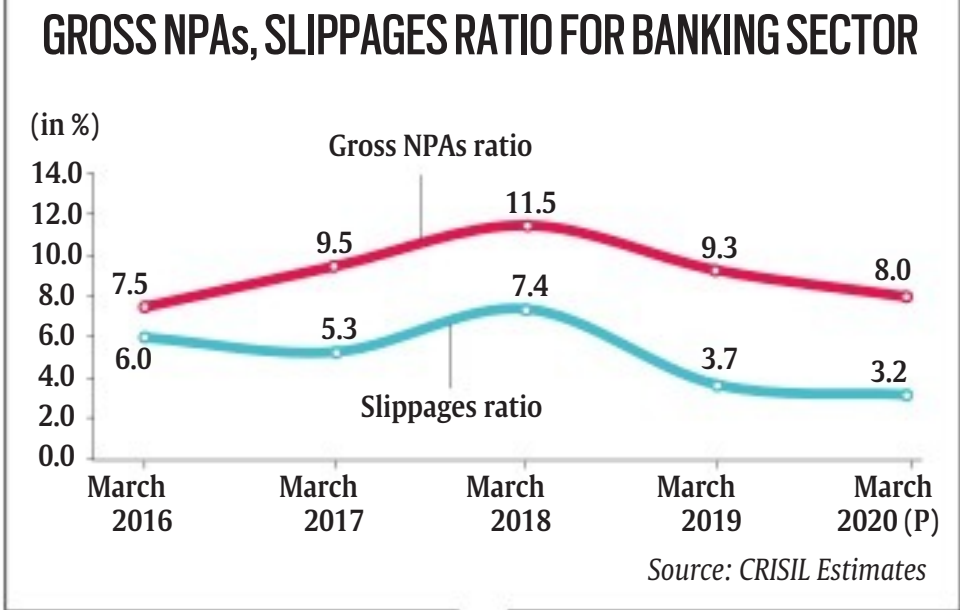
# ‘Gross NPAs of banks may shrink to 8% by March 2020’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

REDUCTION in fresh accretions to non-performing assets (NPAs), higher recoveries from existing stressed assets under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and a pick-up in credit growth should help shrink banks’ gross NPAs by 350 basis points to 8 per cent by March 2020, Crisil said in a report on Tuesday.

According to the agency, public sector banks, which account for over 80 per cent of the NPAs in the system, alone could see gross NPAs climb down over 400 bps to approximately 10.6 per cent by March 2020, from a peak of 14.6 per cent in March 2018.

According to Krishnan Sitaraman, senior director, Crisil Ratings, “In fiscal 2019, write-offs, coupled with recoveries under IBC in key large stressed assets, played a critical role in reduction of NPAs. Further, after a gap of six years, the pace of NPA reduction is estimated to have overtaken that of fresh slippages for the banking system in fiscal



2019. Private banks, which have had fewer asset quality issues, should also witness an improvement in portfolio performance.”

Gross NPAs within the banking system hit a peak of 11.5 per cent in March 2018 and stood at 9.3 per cent in March 2019.

As Crisil points out, banks have already recognised approximately Rs 17 lakh crore in stressed loans as NPAs since financial year 2016, aided by the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) strict norms and asset quality reviews.

Meanwhile, accretion of fresh NPAs dropped to 3.7 per

cent in FY 2019 against 7.4 per cent in FY18 and is expected to be lower at around 3.2 per cent this fiscal year, even factoring in slippages from the stress witnessed in a few large corporate and financial sector entities.

Other factors that the agency’s estimates depend on include resolution of some large NPA accounts under the RBI’s NCLT-1 and NCLT-2 lists by the end of this FY and supportive trends in corporate credit quality at an aggregate level.

The agency’s credit ratio, i.e. number of upgrades to down-

grades, rose to 1.81 per cent in the second half of FY19 against 1.67 per cent in FY18.

Even if this credit ratio moderates going ahead, steady domestic growth and benign interest rates should continue to support credit profiles in the corporate sector, the report said.

Meanwhile, delinquencies have inched up marginally in the retail segment, the agency noted. However, “the granular nature of these loans should ensure diversification and support against material deterioration going forward.”

Also, given the regulator’s stance on restructuring of loans to small and medium enterprises (SME) till the end of FY2020, overall NPA position of banks should continue to witness an improving trend, Crisil noted.

According to Vidyathanan Ramaswamy, associate director, Crisil Ratings, “We believe the seasoning of retail loans and performance of SME loans post the restructuring period will shape the asset quality trends for the banking sector, especially PSBs, over the medium-to-long term. FE

# Gold soars to six-year high as trade, Iran tensions mount

REUTERS  
NEW YORK, JUNE 25

GOLD SOARED to almost a six-year high on Tuesday on escalating US-Iran tensions and US-Sino trade anxiety, leading traders to pile into safe-haven government debt and to snap up the yen and Swiss franc at the expense of the dollar. Gold has gained 10 per cent in price so far this month, climbing above \$1,400 an ounce for first time since August 2013 after briefly touching the psychological barrier on Monday.

The dollar, meanwhile, fell to a three-month low against the euro and dropped to its weakest against the Japanese yen since early January as the prospect of an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve knocked demand for the US currency.

The yen also benefited from concerns about tensions between the United States and Iran, which said US sanctions permanently closed the path to diplomacy between the two countries.

YELLOW METAL  
UP ₹200 IN DELHI



New Delhi: Gold prices jumped by Rs 200 to Rs 34,470 per 10 gm here Tuesday on increase in demand from local jewellers and positive global markets as investors are preferring the yellow metal as safe haven amid US-Iran tensions. Tracking movement of gold, silver prices also rose by Rs 110 to Rs 39,200 per kg. PTI

tween the two countries. MSCI’s gauge of global equity

# ‘L&T buys controlling stake in Mindtree’

Bengaluru: Larsen and Toubro Ltd (L&T) has acquired a controlling stake in IT services company Mindtree Ltd, CNBC TV18 reported citing sources. The report comes within months of Mindtree rejecting a hostile takeover bid from L&T, saying the plan was of no value for it or its shareholders.

L&T’s hostile bid to acquire a controlling stake in Mindtree is first in India’s software services industry and is rare in India’s corporate sector, where unsolicited suitors are usually deterred by founders with large shareholding. The construction giant increased its stake in Mindtree to 51 per cent, the channel reported, adding L&T got over 21 per cent stake through open offer so far. REUTERS

# NCLT okays Dhanuka Lab’s resolution plan for Orchid Pharma

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
CHENNAI, JUNE 25

THE CHENNAI bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has okayed the resolution plan by Dhanuka Laboratories for Orchid Pharma and rejected a plea by Accord Life Spec — another resolution applicant which cited inadequate mandatory vote share of committee of creditors (CoC).

According to the Dhanuka’s plan, the creditors will get around Rs 1,116 crore including Rs 570 crore quoted by Dhanuka Lab. Orchid’s liquidation value was around Rs 1,300 crore.

The earlier resolution plan by Ingen, which was approved by the NCLT in first attempt and later annulled by the tribunal, was for a

markets, most major European indexes and stocks on Wall Street slipped, with bank shares dipping ahead of speeches by at least five Fed policymakers later in the day, including Chair Jerome Powell.

Factors behind gold’s strength include slower global growth, “the tinder box of the Middle East with Iran and the G20, which may not bring the (trade) deal with China that everybody is expecting,” said George Gero, a managing director at RBC Wealth Management in New York. Spot gold added 0.8 per cent to \$1,430.44 an ounce.

Equities traded lower due to Iran tensions and trade worries, while demand for the dollar dipped to three-month lows against major currencies on expectations the Federal Reserve would cut interest rates this year.

Lower interest rates reduce the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion and weigh on the dollar, and bullion has gained nearly \$100 in value since the Fed’s statement last week that hinted at monetary easing.

## BRIEFLY

### Use of GI logo: Draft guidelines issued by DPIIT

New Delhi: Retail outlets or e-commerce platforms can use the Geographical Indication logo and tagline for display and sale of Indian GI products with prior approval of DPIIT, as per the guidelines proposed by the commerce and industry ministry. PTI

### FedEx sues US govt over restrictions

New York: American logistics giant FedEx sued the US government on Monday, saying Washington’s restrictions on exports and imports due to growing trade disputes and sanctions created an “impossible burden” for delivery firms. AFP

### AbbVie makes \$63 billion bid for Allergan

New York: Drugmaker AbbVie Inc said on Tuesday it would buy Botox-maker Allergan Plc for about \$63 billion, grabbing control of by far the biggest name in medical aesthetics to help reduce its reliance on blockbuster arthritis treatment Humira. REUTERS

### E-commerce policy within 12 months: Govt

New Delhi: The government will come out with a national e-commerce policy within 12 months to facilitate achieving holistic growth of the sector, an official said. This was informed by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal in his second marathon meeting with stakeholders, including e-commerce companies, on Monday. PTI

### Cure.fit raises \$120 mn in funding round

New Delhi: Health & fitness start-up Cure.fit on Tuesday said it has raised \$120 million in a fresh round of equity and debt funding from existing and new investors. The firm, founded in 2016 by Myntira co-founder Mukesh Bansal and former Flipkart executive Ankit Nagori, said fresh investment will fund expansion plans. PTI

# Powell says US Fed is wrestling with whether to cut rates, insulated from politics

New York: US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell on Tuesday said the central bank is “insulated from short-term political pressures,” as policymakers wrestle with whether to cut rates as US President Donald Trump has demanded.

“The Fed is insulated from short-term political pressures — what is often referred to as our ‘independence,’” Powell said in a speech he delivered at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. “Congress chose to insulate the Fed this way because it had seen the damage that often arises when policy bends to short-term political interests. Central banks in major democracies around the world have similar independence.” Powell’s remarks come as the central bank faces increasing anger from Trump. REUTERS

# China criticises possible US penalties against banks

Beijing: China has criticised Washington’s efforts to enforce US law abroad following a news report three Chinese banks might be penalised over dealings with North Korea. The banks named by The Washington Post denied they were under investigation.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang, said, “We consistently oppose the so-called long-armed jurisdiction of the US on Chinese companies.” The Post said the court didn’t identify the banks but details of the case fit identities of Bank of Communications, China Merchants Bank and Shanghai Pudong Development Bank. AP

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CONCOR invites Online Open E-Tender in Single bid system for “The work of Expansion of Data Centre in CONCOR No. 106 & 107 at CFMI/ Tughlakabad, New Delhi. Only through e-tender mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000.00 through online from the website (www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL).”  
Tender No. को-चि-सी.जी.ए./TKD/Data-Centre/2019  
Estimated Cost ₹ 285.44 Lakhs (Inclusive of all)  
Completion Period 04 Months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance  
Earnest Money Deposit ₹ 2,52,720/-through e-payment.  
Cost of Document ₹ 1000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment  
Tender Processing Fee ₹ 5,310/-Inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable) through e-payment.  
Date of Sale (On Line) From 26.06.2019: 11:00 hrs. to 10.07.2019 upto 17:00 hrs.  
Last Date & Time of submission 11.07.2019 upto 15:00 hrs.  
Date & Time of Opening of e-tender On 12.07.2019 at 15:30 hrs.  
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(Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)  
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in  
Tender Enquiry No. 251 dt. 21.06.2019

Short description: Providing electrical drives (Gear driven actuator fitted with electric motor etc.) on existing five no. manual decontamination chamber drain valves (non-rising spindle type, hand operated) for Shanan Power House at Barot.

Start date for downloading tender documents: 03.07.2019  
Date and time upto which tender can be downloaded: 31.07.2019 (11:00 AM)  
Date and time upto which tender shall be received: 01.08.2019 (11:00 A.M.)  
Date and time of opening of tender: 01.08.2019 (11:30 A.M.)  
EMD: @ 2% of Tender Value rounded off to a multiple of Rs. 10/- on the higher side.

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL, website www.pspcl.in.

Tender Specification along with detailed terms and conditions can only be downloaded from Web-site: https://pspcil.abcpocure.com. Details regarding e-tendering is available on Website: www.pspcl.in.

All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the Website https://pspcil.abcpocure.com and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**  
ITEM RATE Offer(s) in two part system are invited from reputed, resourceful and experienced parties meeting prescribed qualifying criteria for following work:  
Sl. No. Description of work and NIT No. Tender Document available on B&R's Website Due Date of submission of Bid  
1. Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation & Commissioning, Testing and maintenance of CCMS / Smart Meter based CCMS boxes / any other relevant Street Light controlled technology for Lighting control of installed LED Lights in Bihar and Uttarakhand. NIT No.: B&R / MDS / 71107 / EESL / NIT - CCMS / B&R/UK DATED 21.06.2019  
Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in  
Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in only.

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Tatibandh, G. E. Road, Raipur-492 099 (CG) (www.aiimsraipur.edu.in)  
Adv. No. AIIMS-RPR/Rect. & Adv. Cell/CS/2019/1531, Date: 25-06-2019  
Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur Chhattisgarh, G. E. Road, Raipur, invites e-tender for following:  
**E-TENDER CALL NOTICE**  
Tender Title EMD Cost Published on CPPP/Website Pre-bid Meeting Date Closing Date  
Supply of Vestibular Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Lab System for the Department of ENT Rs. 1,35,000.00 19-06-2019 28-06-2019 At 03:30 pm 13-07-2019 at 06:00 pm  
Supply of Defibrillator with ECG Monitor for Trauma and Emergency Dept. Rs. 70,000.00 19-06-2019 28-06-2019 at 03:30 pm 16-07-2019 at 03:00 pm  
Tender for Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Reagent and Consumables for Chemistry Analyzer Machine of Beckman Coulter Ltd. for Department of Biochemistry AIIMS Raipur Rs. 8,10,000.00 22-06-2019 03-07-2019 at 03:30 pm 20-07-2019 at 03:00 pm  
Ultrasound machine with colour Doppler system at AIIMS Raipur Rs. 1,95,000.00 22-06-2019 12-07-2019 at 03:00 pm 23-07-2019 at 03:00 pm  
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**SWITCHGEAR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
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**Expression of Interest (EOI) for Procuring Spring Charging Motor for Medium Voltage Switchgear Application**  
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Annual Requirement : Approx. - 4000 nos (10 Lakhs) presently and will increase in coming years.  
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Vendors has to furnish documents as mentioned in the Sl. no. 3 of attachment (download) to Email id : [arun\\_kumar@bhel.in](mailto:arun_kumar@bhel.in) on or before 15.07.2019.  
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| Tender Notice No. PI(E)/19-2002 Phone No. 0172-2756469                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                      |                                 |             |               |
| Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/ agents on the prescribed form for purchase of various items against tender No. 1-59. The manufacturers and their authorized dealers / distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form. |                                                                                                                                      |                                 |             |               |
| Sl. No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Equipment/ Item Name                                                                                                                 | Quantity                        | EMD         | Opening Date. |
| <b>Non Pre Bid Cases</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                      |                                 |             |               |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | High End Ventilator                                                                                                                  | 03No's                          | 1,50,000/-  | 16.07.2019    |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | OT light for day care OT                                                                                                             | 04No's                          | 1,20,000/-  | -do-          |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Malaria Antigen based Elisa with Terson Tips                                                                                         | 700 Kits                        | 96,600/-    | -do-          |
| 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Deca Head Binocular Teaching LED Microscope with Camera and Projection Monitor                                                       | 01No's                          | 70,000/-    | -do-          |
| 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Autoclave                                                                                                                            | 01No's                          | 70,000/-    | -do-          |
| 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulator RTMS                                                                                     | 01No's                          | 70,000/-    | 17.07.2019    |
| 7.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Multipara monitors                                                                                                                   | 05No's                          | 50,000/-    | -do-          |
| 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fract Diffusion Cell Assembly                                                                                                        | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | -do-          |
| 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Resorbable Plating System                                                                                                            | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | -do-          |
| 10.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fully Integrated Digital Pedium                                                                                                      | 02No's                          | 12,000/-    | -do-          |
| 11.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Body Fat cum BMR Analyzer Composition Analyzer                                                                                       | 01No's                          | 32,000/-    | 18.07.2019    |
| 12.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Laparoscopic Instruments                                                                                                             | As per technical specifications | 30,000/-    | -do-          |
| 13.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | HD Endoscopic camera & medical Grade Monitor                                                                                         | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | -do-          |
| 14.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Digital Photography Unit for Gross Specimen                                                                                          | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | -do-          |
| 15.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | HD Video Camera Head with control limit and accessories                                                                              | 02No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 16.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Selective laser Trabeculectomy (SLT)                                                                                                 | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | 19.07.2019    |
| 17.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Electrosurgical Unit                                                                                                                 | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | -do-          |
| 18.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | OT Table For GYN&E OT                                                                                                                | 01No's                          | 40,000/-    | -do-          |
| 19.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Magneto Therapy                                                                                                                      | 01No's                          | 32,000/-    | -do-          |
| 20.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Flexible High Definition Video Ureterorenoscope with accessories                                                                     | 01No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 21.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | VP Shunt                                                                                                                             | 250 No's                        | 25,000/-    | 22.07.2019    |
| 22.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Precision Balance                                                                                                                    | 01No's                          | 24,000/-    | -do-          |
| 23.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Multiparameter Monitors                                                                                                              | 21 No's                         | 2,40,000/-  | -do-          |
| 24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Sealing Machine for autoclave Room                                                                                                   | 01No's                          | 20,000/-    | -do-          |
| 25.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Cryostat with standard Accessories                                                                                                   | 01No's                          | 20,000/-    | -do-          |
| 26.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Slide Printer                                                                                                                        | 01No's                          | 50,000/-    | 23.07.2019    |
| 27.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Disposable Flexible Ureterorenoscope with accessories                                                                                | 20No's                          | 50,000/-    | -do-          |
| 28.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Portable Endoscopy System with UGIE and LGI Scope                                                                                    | 01No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 29.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ultra Sound A/B scan                                                                                                                 | 02No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 30.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Video Dermatoscope and Trichoscope                                                                                                   | 01No's                          | 70,000/-    | -do-          |
| 31.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Universal Ventilator for PACU                                                                                                        | 02No's                          | 60,000/-    | 24.07.2019    |
| 32.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lower Tract Endoscopy Set                                                                                                            | 01set                           | 50,000/-    | -do-          |
| 33.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pediatric Ventilator                                                                                                                 | 02No's                          | 60,000/-    | -do-          |
| 34.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Spot Welders                                                                                                                         | 04No's                          | 32,000/-    | -do-          |
| 35.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wireless Binocular indirect ophthalmoscope                                                                                           | 05No's                          | 20,000/-    | -do-          |
| 36.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Platelet Incubator and Agitator                                                                                                      | 02No's                          | 50,000/-    | 25.07.2019    |
| 37.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Automated Microtome                                                                                                                  | 01No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 38.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Live Cell Imaging Microscope                                                                                                         | 01No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 39.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ventilator                                                                                                                           | 04No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 40.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 84" Smart LED TV with Sound System for Teaching (compatible with Olympus Research Microscope).                                       | 01No's                          | 30,000/-    | -do-          |
| 41.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Inverted Microscope                                                                                                                  | 01No's                          | 24,000/-    | 26.07.2019    |
| 42.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Automatic Blood Collection Monitors                                                                                                  | 10No's                          | 50,000/-    | -do-          |
| 43.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lymphilizer                                                                                                                          | 01No's                          | 20,000/-    | -do-          |
| 44.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | DIGITAL OVUM ASPIRATION PUMP WITH ACCESSORIES & CONSUMABLE                                                                           | 01No's                          | 6,000/-     | -do-          |
| 45.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Cautery Machine                                                                                                                      | 01No's                          | 50,000/-    | -do-          |
| 46.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Anaesthesia Workstation-23nos                                                                                                        | 23No's                          | 17,92,000/- | 29.07.2019    |
| <b>Pre Bid Cases</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                      |                                 |             |               |
| 47.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Central ICU Monitoring System                                                                                                        | 20No's                          | 7,80,000/-  | -do-          |
| 48.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Autostainer with Automated Coversliper                                                                                               | 01No's                          | 1,50,000/-  | -do-          |
| 49.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Confocal Microscope                                                                                                                  | 01No's                          | 3,20,000/-  | -do-          |
| 50.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Washing & Disinfection system for endoscopes on turnkey basis                                                                        | 01No's                          | 2,00,000/-  | -do-          |
| 51.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Shock Wave Therapy Unit                                                                                                              | 01No's                          | 90,000/-    | 30.07.2019    |
| 52.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Portable Doppler Ultrasound Machine for NICU                                                                                         | 01No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 53.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ten Header Microscope with Digital Imaging System                                                                                    | 02No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 54.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Teaching Microscope 26 Header Upgradable to 30 Header with Camera Head                                                               | 01No's                          | 80,000/-    | -do-          |
| 55.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | FFA Digital Fundus Camera-01 No.                                                                                                     | 01No's                          | 1,00,000/-  | -do-          |
| 56.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Operating Microscope for Cochlear Implant Surgery                                                                                    | 01No's                          | 1,80,000/-  | 31.07.2019    |
| 57.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Multipara Monitor( with turnkey component)                                                                                           | 10No's                          | 2,00,000/-  | -do-          |
| 58.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Flow Cytometer                                                                                                                       | 01No's                          | 50,000/-    | -do-          |
| 59.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | MRI Compatible Accessories for ACC MRI (a) Ventilator (1No.), (b) Laryngeal Mask Airway(10 Nos.) and (c) MRI Compatible Syringe Pump | As per technical specifications | 80,000/-    | -do-          |

Tender List can also be downloaded from website [www.pgimr.edu.in](http://www.pgimr.edu.in) and Item wise Tender Form with specifications can be downloaded from website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Cost of Tender is Rs.200/- (non-refundable) which can deposited in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) must be in the form of FDR / TDR valid for a period of one year from any scheduled bank in the name of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. EMD in any other form will not be accepted. Tender can be dropped in the tender box placed in the Procurement Branch (Import) manually by 2:30 PM on or before the date mentioned against respective item. The tenders shall be opened on the same date at 03:00 PM in the presence of the authorized intending tenders. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form, not accompanied with valid Earnest Money and tender cost shall be summarily rejected straightway. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof. “PRE-BID CONFERENCE” WITH INTENDING BIDDERS FOR ITEM Sr. No. 47 to 59 shall be held on 11-07-2019 from 3:30 P.M. ONWARDS IN THE PGIC, OFFICE, PGIMER, CHANDIGARH For more details contact: 0172-2756469 at Procurement Branch (Import).  
NOTE: If any of the tender opening dates happens to be a holiday in PGIMER, Chandigarh, then the same shall be opened on next full working day.  
PROFESSOR IN-CHARGE (EP)

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD**  
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**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
General Manager/ Project/ IV, Konkarn Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work: Name of Work: Shotcreting with Synthetic Polyester fibre and Rock bolting in Karbude Tunnel at Km 189/100 to 195/700 in Ratnagiri region. Tender Notice No.: KR-CO-SW-T-RBSC-2019-07, Dtd- 10.06.2019. Estimated Cost: Rs 2.05 Crores. Closing Date/Time: 01/07/2019 up to 15:00 Hrs. for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion Period: 10 (Ten) Months excluding monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) website for details/participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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**PUBLIC TENDER**  
Sealed tenders are invited from accredited manufacturers/suppliers for supply of the followings in IIIST, Valiamala.  
1. SCMS CAMERA - Tender No. 201800609501 - 1 No. (TWO PART BID)  
2. Rate Contract For Provisions - Tender No. 201900663901 - 1 Lot (SINGLE BID)  
The tender documents including detailed Terms and Conditions & Quantity can be downloaded from our website: [www.iist.ac.in](http://www.iist.ac.in). The due date of receipt of tender shall be 08.08.2019 at 14.00 HRS. The tender shall be opened in the presence of bidder's representatives on the next day i.e. 09.08.2019 at 10.30 Hrs. at IIIST. Sd/- Deputy Registrar (Grade I), Purchase for and on behalf of Director, IIIST  
Date : 26.06.2019

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Phone : 28191390 / 28190259; Fax: 044 - 28190636  
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**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE**  
1. The Government of Tamilnadu has received a Financing (Loan No. IN8499) from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.  
2. The due date for the tender is extended as follows:  

| S. N | Description                                       | IFB No                                       | Sale period   | Last date and time for receipt of bid | Date and time of opening of bid |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1    | Modular Operation Theatre (1)                     | RSP1/NCB/TNRSP-II/TNMISC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19 | Upto 15.07.19 | 16.07.19, 11.00 AM                    | 16.07.19, 12.00 PM              |
| 2    | Angiography C-Arm based with Angiosuite (1)       | RSP2/NCB/TNRSP-II/TNMISC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19 | Upto 15.07.19 | 16.07.19, 03.00 PM                    | 16.07.19, 04.00 PM              |
| 3    | a. Ventilator with high end with compressor (10)< |                                              |               |                                       |                                 |

## IMMIGRATION

## Crossing over

Immigration shapes the politics of California and Texas

SEVERAL THOUSAND feet up in the air, under the deafening whirr of the rotor blades of a helicopter belonging to Texas's department of public safety, your correspondent found it easy to lose track of which country she was flying over. Much of the border between Texas and Mexico is the Rio Grande river, and the land on both sides looks similar. There is, however, one unmistakable clue: the direction of those crossing the river. Even in broad daylight, small groups of people are wading, swimming and rafting across. It is a one-way flow of human traffic.

The different philosophies of California and Texas, which were both once part of Mexico, can be summed up by what they do on their southern border. California's governor, Gavin Newsom, recently withdrew several hundred National Guard troops from southern California in a symbolic protest at President Donald Trump's hardline stance on immigration. Texas, by contrast, spends \$400m a year of its own money to police the border. This investment has been essential in reducing crime in the Rio Grande Valley, says Steven McCraw, who is in charge of the department of public safety.

For much of the past century immigration has spurred economic prosperity in the country as a whole, and in California and Texas in particular. Around five in ten workers in Texas were not born there. Half of those came from another American state, and half from overseas. Texas and California have the largest share of undocumented immigrants in the country, an estimated 3.8m, or 36% of those nationwide.

## Back where they came from

According to the Pew Research Centre, a think-tank, in 2016 undocumented immigrants accounted for 6% of the two states' total population and 8.5% of their workforce, filling vital jobs in industries like agriculture and construction. The number of people coming across the border has declined from a peak of around two decades ago, but recently there has been an uptick. In May more than 144,000 people were apprehended in the south-west border region, the most since 2007.

As America has become polarised over immigration, politicians in California and Texas have staked out different public positions. No state has gone further than California to demonstrate support for immigrants, both legal and undocumented, who together account for around a quarter of the state's population. California has declared itself a "sanctuary" state, which means it limits its contact between its own law-enforcement officials and federal immigration authorities. (This designation prompted Mr Trump's administration to sue, but California's policy was upheld in an appeals court.)

It is one of a few states to offer driving licences and preferential in-state tuition rates at universities regardless of immigration status. It already offers health coverage to undocumented children, and is set to become the first state to extend it to undocumented adults.

Texas has taken a harsher stance. Dan Patrick, the lieutenant-governor, has described illegal immigration as an "invasion". Many Texas leaders "were Trumpy before Trump", says Matt Barreto of Latino Decisions, a polling firm, pointing out that their harsher stance on immigration began with the rise of the conservative Tea Party, which predated



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Mr Trump's election in 2016.

Since then heated talk about immigration has only become hotter. In 2017 Texas passed a controversial law that, in effect, bans sanctuary cities and gives law-enforcement officials the right to ask people they arrest or detain to show papers confirming their citizenship. More recently Texas led several states in a lawsuit to end a federal programme that provides a path to citizenship to young immigrants who came to America as children, a policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

This year state officials were involved in a controversial voter purge after they identified 100,000 supposed non-citizens and urged local officials to investigate and remove them from voter registries, even though that list included naturalised citizens. (The action was successfully challenged in court.) Mr Patrick has gone so far as to say that Texas would consider building Mr Trump's border wall on the federal government's behalf, as long as the state were reimbursed.

Neither state has always maintained its current political stance. The governorships of George W. Bush and Rick Perry in Texas were marked by tolerance, as well as outreach to, and support from, Hispanics. Under Mr Perry, Texas was the first to extend in-state tuition rates at universities to immigrants regardless of their citizenship status. Today such moderate Republicans are like cowboys — symbols of an earlier, simpler era.

## Poll dancing

California's own volte-face on immigra-

tion is a cautionary tale. In the 1990s California led the country in anti-immigrant rhetoric. In 1994 Pete Wilson, a Republican governor, led a campaign for Proposition 187, which limited undocumented immigrants' access to public services and required public workers to report them. The campaign's name, "Save Our State", or "SOS", captured its zealotry. Voters approved the proposition by a wide margin. Although it was later gutted by judicial and political decisions, its impact was long-lasting. Hispanic voters, who had previously been unengaged, became politically mobilised and turned on the Republican Party for its perceived racism.

Some think that Texas may be heading for its own Wilson moment. Greg Abbott, Texas's governor, says that the state's political rhetoric is not "anti-immigrant", just "anti-illegal immigrant", but many Hispanics and others in Texas hear something harsher. "The way they talk raises the hackles of immigrants of all stripes," says Ed Emmett, a Republican former Harris County judge. Such rhetoric led more Asian immigrants, who had been keen supporters of the Republican party, to vote for the Democrats in the election of 2018, says Mark Jones of Rice University in Houston.

Hispanics, who have been a latent politi-

cal force in Texas, could also be mobilised. Around 46% of the country's registered Hispanic voters live in Texas and California. There will be 32m eligible Hispanic voters nationwide in 2020, surpassing African-Americans for the first time. One political asset California has that Texas lacks is a strong union infrastructure, which mobilised Hispanics. Community-based organisations in Texas will have to fill that hole if there are to be big rises in registration and participation.

In today's political climate many Hispanics may feel that it is the Democrats who have their best interests at heart. There was record Hispanic participation in the elections of 2016 and 2018 in Texas, in part because of Mr Trump's rhetoric on immigration. Democrats are hopeful they will be able to win over more Hispanic voters. For two decades Texas has been red with pockets of blue, but that started to change in 2018, and the Democrats are hoping to win more ground in 2020.

Changing demography and the possibility of evolving voter preferences help explain why another event in 2020, the census, has taken on great importance. The once-a-decade tally of citizens is used to apportion resources and political representation among states accord-

ing to population size. This could mean a meaningful boost to federal funding and extra seats in the House of Representatives for California and Texas, but that depends on their populations being counted accurately. "An inaccurate census count could cost California billions," says Xavier Becerra, the state's attorney-general, who sued the federal government over whether it can include a question on citizenship status, which might discourage people from taking part.

California has invested \$150m in doing outreach and ensuring an accurate count, whereas Texas has spent nothing. Some think that Texas's leaders are willing to undercount their immigrant populations, even if it means forgoing federal funding and representation, because any extra seats in the House of Representatives would probably go to Democratic districts. Both states' once-a-decade redistricting plans will also be undertaken according to where populations are clustered, so a census that counts more recent immigrants could alter the status quo in Texas.

Though both states have staked out different positions on immigration control, the power they hold is limited. Federal funding that could stop drugs and criminals from entering America from the south has been stalled by arguments over the need for a wall. Only the federal government can set the numbers and types of immigrants who are lawfully allowed to enter each year, and policies have been in limbo because of the debate about the wall.

DACA, for example, is ensnared in a legal fight, and its future is unclear. "No one is get-

ting the emotional drain on people," says the boss of one of Silicon Valley's largest firms, who thinks the "overhang of uncertainty" on immigration is hurting the business environment by making it harder to hire immigrants.

## Another brick in the mall

In Texas businesspeople are also rooting for a revamped national immigration policy that would allow more immigrants to work lawfully. The last big immigration bill was passed in 1986 when Ronald Reagan was president, and a smaller bill in 1990, but more recent bipartisan attempts at federal immigration reform have been defeated. "What would cause Texas to really boom is a good immigration bill," says Ross Perot junior, a businessman, who believes a shortage of workers is the biggest constraint on building.

The Dallas area, for example, is short of at least 20,000 workers, which causes delays of around two months and an additional cost of \$6,000 for every new home, according to the Dallas Builders Association. A report by the Centre for Houston's Future calculated that allowing for more immigration could result in \$67bn more in GDP by 2036, around one-sixth of Houston's economic output.

Immigration and climate change are two areas where chief executives and Texas's political leadership are not seeing eye to eye. According to Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune, "There is more daylight between the business community and elected leadership than there has been in a long time."

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## EGYPT

## An epilogue for the revolution

Muhammad Morsi, Egypt's only democratic ruler, dies in court

THE CASES against Muhammad Morsi, now in their sixth year, long ago took on the air of a Kafka novel. Every few weeks Egypt's only democratically elected president, deposed in a coup in 2013, would appear in court to answer one charge or another. He was accused of espionage and torture, and of stealing livestock. Most people lost interest, but the wheels of Egyptian justice ground on. And then, abruptly, they stopped. On June 17th state television reported that Mr Morsi had died of a heart attack during a court session. He was 67.

Born in the Nile Delta, Mr Morsi trained as an engineer and finished his PHD in America. He returned to Egypt in 1985 and took up a university post in Sharqia governorate, where he had grown up. For the next 15 years he was an academic and a high-climbing member of the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group that was then banned but tolerated by Hosni Mubarak's government. In 2000 he was elected to parliament, as an independent, since the Brotherhood was not allowed to field candidates. He served only one term.

This was an unlikely CV for the man who would emerge as Egypt's president after Mr Mubarak was toppled in the Arab

spring of 2011. Indeed, Mr Morsi was not even the Brotherhood's first choice. The group wanted to run its deputy leader, Khairat al-Shater, a wealthy and well-known businessman. But the army decided that a recent prison term made him ineligible to compete. Mr Morsi was a compromise—uncharismatic, perhaps, but a trusted member of the group. He was nicknamed the "spare tyre".

Egyptian liberals, who split their vote during the election's first round, did not share Mr Morsi's Islamist politics, but he seemed the democratic choice, a break from the old regime. Many held their noses and voted for him in the run-off against Ahmed Shafiq, Mr Mubarak's last prime minister, in June 2012. After his victory, Mr Morsi's first act was to address a crowd in Tahrir Square, the heart of the revolution. There he awkwardly unbuttoned his jacket to show he was not wearing a bulletproof vest—a man-of-the-people gesture that he hoped would endear him to the nation.

The goodwill was short-lived. Mr Morsi and his allies never got a grip on Egypt's fractious state. The army undermined him, while the intelligence services worked to bring him down. The Mubarak-era courts became a frequent source of opposition: judges dissolved parliament, in which the Brotherhood held a



Muhammad Morsi was a poor president. But he was the only popularly elected one in Egypt's long history. Reuters

plurality, and repeatedly blocked Mr Morsi's efforts to schedule a new election. In November 2012 the president issued a decree that shielded his decisions from judicial review. Anti-Morsi protesters who surrounded his palace were soon attacked by Brotherhood supporters.

His edict, and the violence that followed, caused a lasting rupture with the revolutionaries who helped put Mr Morsi in office.

When the army removed him in July 2013 — led by his hand-picked defence minister, Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi—many were happy to see him go. Even the killing of hundreds of pro-Morsi protesters the following month, a massacre unprecedented in Egypt's modern history, drew only muted public criticism.

The Brotherhood is again banned, and now not even tolerated. Once a strict hierarchy, it is no longer a coherent group, its leaders locked

in heaving jails or exiled to Doha, Istanbul or Europe. Nor is there any other source of opposition. In April Egyptians approved constitutional amendments that let Mr Sisi (now president) rule until 2030. An engineer named Ahmed Badawi held a one-man protest on a Cairo street. He was swiftly arrested.

Mr Sisi's foes hoped that Mr Morsi's death would provide a rallying point. That was wishful thinking. The public is tired of un-

rest. There are few political figures with the standing to lead protests, or Egyptians willing to risk the consequences of joining. Still, the government took no chances. It did not allow Mr Morsi's family to bury him in their home village, lest it become a spectacle. He was interred privately in Cairo. Egyptian newspapers, which have little independence, all but ignored the news. State-run Al-Ahram gave it seven lines in the crime section. None referred to Mr Morsi as a former president. A presenter on CBC, a channel owned by the intelligence services, ended her report on his death with the words "sent from a Samsung device", suggesting that officials had e-mailed the script.

Three hours after Mr Morsi died, Egypt's public prosecutor published a report on his death. Unsurprisingly, it found no signs of mistreatment, and so no reason to blame the state. But Mr Morsi's family had long worried about his health. He was held in solitary confinement in Tora prison, notorious for its grim conditions. Human Rights Watch, a pressure group, alleges that the diabetic ex-president received inadequate medical care. During a court session he hinted that guards were trying to poison his food. Amr Darrag, a former minister in Mr Morsi's government, calls his death "tantamount to state-sponsored murder".

Mr Morsi's treatment contrasts sharply with that of his predecessor, a man who misruled Egypt for 30 years. Mr Mubarak too faced trial after the revolution. He was held not in Tora prison but in a military hospital in a pleasant Cairo suburb. With the cases against him dismissed, he is enjoying a peaceful retirement. The armed forces look after their own.

Mr Morsi was a poor president. But he was the only popularly elected one in Egypt's long history. It is a tragic coda for the revolution that he spent his final years rotting alone in a cell.

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# Classifieds

## PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Pavita Puri, D/o Mr P.K.Puri, residing at 7138, B-10, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, declare that I am the mother of legally adopted girl child named Riya in the adoption court order. The adopted child's name has since been changed to FIDA PURI as per the birth certificate. It is certified that I have complied with all legal matters in this connection.

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**I,Vishal Kumar Rana S/O Vijay Rana R/O Kh. No.17/6, Ground-Floor, Gali.No.12, Block-B, NathuPura, Burari, Delhi-84.** Changed My Name To Vishal Rana. 0040500717-9

**I,Vinod S/o Hari Kishan, R/o-H-159, Gali No.6, Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Gurugram (Haryana)-122001,** have changed my name to Vinod Yadav. 0040500717-9

**I,Umesh Thapa R/o-C-10/110 Block-C-10 Sector-5, Rohini Delhi-85,** have changed my minor son's name Divyanshu Thapa to Divyanshu Thapa.

0040500632-8

**I,Sidhak Singh Juneja S/o-Manpreet Singh Juneja R/o-M3/4,DLF Phase-2, Gurgaon Haryana,** have changed my name to Sidak Juneja.

0040500717-6

I, Satbiri W/o-Sh. Kanwar Lal R/o-52B/9, Kishan Garh Vasant Kunj, N.Delhi-110070, inform that SATTO and SATBIRI is one and same person and I will be known as SATBIRI for all future purposes. 0040500672-3

**I,Rooih Raina D/O-Karan Raina R/O-C-93, Interpuri, New Delhi-110012,** Have Changed My Name To Roohi Sharma.

0040500717-5

**I,Bhuwan Singh S/o-Lal Singh R/O-131, Type-2,Staff Quaters,BSA Hospital,Sector-6,Rohini,Delhi-110085,**have changed my minor son's name Saksham Dharmshaktu to Shaksham Dharmshaktu, for all purposes. 0040500665-1

**I, Yash Pal S/O Karam Singh R/O To20204 Crescent Green- Parc Sarehomes, Sector-92, Gurgaon Haryana- 122505.** Changed My Name To Yashpal Chahuan. 0040500632-10

**I, Yachika D/O.Pradeep Kumar Bhardwaj R/O.RZ-93/b, gali.no.1, Maksudabad colony,Najafgarh, south/West Delhi-110043,** have changed my name to Yachika Bhardwaj, for all purposes. 0040500676-2

**I, Vinod Kumar S/O Gulab Singh, R/O Flat No-9g, Shivalika Apartments, Sector-9, Plot.No-16,Dwarka, NewDelhi-110075,**Have Changed My Name To Vinod Kumar Rawat.

0040500665-5

**I, Vandna w/o Mukesh Kumar Batar r/o E-181, Inder Enclave Phase-2, Budh Bazar Road, Nangloi, Delhi-110086,** have changed my name to VANDNA BATAR. 0040500626-1

**I, Tarun Kawatra S/o Prem Prakash Kawatra R/o-Z-16, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-32,** have changed my name to Tarun Kwatra. 0040500672-1

**I, Sushil Mehta, W/o Bodhranj, R/o-A-4, Balaji Apartment, New Colony, Palwal, Haryana-121102** have changed my name to Sushil Kumari. 0040500658-1

**I, Sushil Kumar S/O-Ushnak Rai R/O F-15/23, Pkt-15, Rohini, Sector-15,Delhi-110085.** Have Changed My Name To Sushil Kalra. 0040500676-8

**I, Surender S/O-Baldeva R/O-Ghanghas Patti, Dhakal Tehsil Narwana, Jind Haryana-126116** Have Changed My Name To Surender Singh. 0040500690-7

**I, Sonam W/o-Ankit Malik R/o-230 Second Floor BU-Block Pitampura Delhi-110034,** changed my name to K. Sonam for all purposes. 0040500665-2

**I, Siddhant Sachdev S/o Rajeev Sachdeva R/o 5/25 Second Floor, New Delhi-110008 and Temp. R/o Flat No.1002, Mohid Heights, R.T.O. Road, Suresh Nagar, Lokhandwala, Andheri West, Mumbai,** have changed my name to Sidhaant Sachdev. 0040500625-1

**I, Shiv Naran, S/o Late Sh. Mool Chand, R/o H.No. 89, Pole No. 874/VPO: Khaira, Najafgarh, NewDelhi-110043,** do hereby informs that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my land paper (khatoni) SHYONARAIN instead of SHIV NARAIN. Hence, please use my actual name SHIV NARAIN for all future purposes.

0040500674-1

**I, Sheena D/o K. V. Joseph R/o H.No-67, Flat No-206, Gali No-2M, Back Side Badarpur Police Station Budh Vihar, Badar, New Delhi-110044** have changed my name to Sheena Saiji.

0040500624-1

**I,Sheela Devi W/o-Harbans Lal Malik, R/o-CU-13, 3rd Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034,** have changed my name to Sheela Rani for all purposes.

0040500646-1

**I, Sagardeep Singh S/O-Harwinder Singh H.No. 364, Sushant Lok-2, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana,** Have Changed My Name To Sagardeep Singh Khokhar. 0040500632-6

**I,Sunny S/o-Kewal Singh R/o-N-256, Mangolpuri, New Delhi-110083** have changed my name to Sunny Singh. 0040500717-4

**I, Ria D/O Ramesh Lalwani R/O C-5/45-B, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110015.** Have Changed My Name To Ria Lalwani.

0040500665-6

**I, Naveen Singha S/O-Keshri Singha H.No-1710, Sector-7, Block-E, Faridabad Haryana-121006,** Have Changed My Name To Naveen Kumar Singla. 0040500632-3

**I, Naresh Kumar S/o Late Sh. Harbans Lal R/o H.No-A-46, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027** in my son's 10th class school certificate my name is wrongly written as Naresh Juneja instead of Naresh Kumar, but both are one and same person. 0040500618-1

**I, Muskan Sachdeva, D/o-Sh.Upkar Singh, R/o-574,Ground Floor, E-Block, Greater-Kailash-2, New Delhi-110048,** have changed my name and I shall hereinafter be known as Muskan Kaur Sachdeva.

0040500635-4

**I, Mohammad Nizam R/o B-27, Ground Floor Nizamuddin West New Delhi-110013** have changed my minor daughter name from Hiza Shahan to Aayat for all purposes.

0040500622-1

**I, Mo Yasar S/o Zaheer Ahmed R/O R-20 Street No-21 Brahampuri Delhi-110053,** have changed my name to Mohd Yasar. 0040500668-3

**I, Md Shamim Ansari, S/O Md Mulazim Hussain, H.No-197/5, Shakti-Vihar, Block-A, Meethapur, Badarpur N.Delhi-110044,** Change My Name To Shamim Akhtar. 0040500676-6

0040500676-6

**I, Km. Rakhi Ahuja W/o-Bharat R/O VP-88-D Maurya-Enclave Pitampura Delhi-34,** changed my name to Rakhi Vanjani, for all purposes. 0040500665-3

**I, Km Shaista Zainab D/o Sywd Afzal Abbas R/O F-89A II-Floor West Jawahar Park Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092,** have changed my name to Shaista Zainab. 0040500668-2

**I, Kailash Mantion S/o,Rupa Ram Mantion R/o-T-634/A Baljeet-Nagar, Patel-Nagar, Delhi-110008.** Have Changed My Name To Kailash And my Father Name Roopra Ram.

0040500676-9

**I, Jasmeet Singh Mattoo/Jasmeet Singh S/O, Amarjit Singh Mattoo R/o 1403, Tower H, BPTP Freedom Park Life, Sector-57, Gurgaon** have changed my name to Jasmeet Mattu. 0040500653-1

**I, Inderjit Singh S/O, Late Amrik Singh R/O,23/2A, Prem-Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058,** have changed my name to Inderjeet Singh, for all purposes. 0040500676-3

**I, Hitherto known as Anita Rai, D/o Malkheet Rai, Surinder Kaur, W/o Maninder Singh R/O-133A Pocket-J&K, Dilshad Garden-Delhi-110095,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Arshdeep Kaur 0040500635-5

**I, Gurvinder Singh Ravgochar S/O S.Surinder Singh. R/O 2599/A, Mandir Waligali, Shadipur, N.Delhi-08,** have changed my name to Gurvinder Singh.

0040500676-5

**I, Gauri Chopra W/o-Rahul Gupta R/o 122 Sandesh-Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034,** changed my name to Arika Gupta, for all purposes.

0040500665-4

**I, Dinesh Goyal S/O Late Sh. Ram Kishan Goel R/O A-10, Swaran Singh Road, Adrash Nagar, Delhi-110033** have changed my name to Dinesh Goel.

0040500690-4

**I, Chinki W/o Neeraj Gupta R/O B-70A, Sector-19, Noida (U.P.)** have changed my name to Jahvni Gupta. 0040500672-2

**I, Atul Kumar Dixit S/O-Ganesh Shankar Sharma R/O-A-2/996, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035,** have changed my name to Atul Kumar for all future purposes.

0040500650-1

**I, Asma Mehta D/O Prithvi Raj Mehta Resident-82, Sangam Apartment, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087,** have changed my name to Asma Mehta.

0040500632-1

**I, Ashwani Kumar/Ashwani Kumar Sehgal S/O-Chuni Lal Sehgal R/O-Wz-14a, Gali.No-15, New Mahavir-Nagar, New Delhi-110018.** Changed My Name To Ashwani Sehgal.

0040500717-3

**I, Ashok Mehra S/O Bawa Ram, H.No-Wa-29, Wa-Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092.** Have Changed My Name To Ashok Kumar. 0040500632-4

**I, Arvind Singh S/o Sh.Gurbachan Singh Munjal R/O H-86, Ashok Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110052,** have changed the name of my minor son from Mehar Munjal to Mehar Singh Munjal for all purposes.

0040500613-1

**I, Arun Kumar R/o 26P/61, Indira Park, Delhi,** informs that in my Pan card My father's name has been mentioned as Satyaprakash Chaudhry. The Correct and documented name is Shambhu Prasad for all future purposes.

0040500698-1

**I, Anita Devi W/O,Ravinder Sehrawat R/o-187/67, Near-Main Market Sector-17, Sukhrail, Gurgaon(HR)** have changed my name to Anita Sehrawat. 0040500676-7

**I, Anil Sharma S/O Surender Pal Sharma R/o-75 Vani Vihar(D.k Mohan,Garden) West Delhi Uttam Nagar-110059,** changed my minor son's name Kabir to Kabir Sharma. 0040500690-2

**I, Afzaal S/o Mohd.Irfan R/o A-132, S.F.Old Seemapuri, Delhi-110095,** have changed my name to Mohammad Afzaal, for all purposes 0040500635-6

**I Kishan Chand Tayal S/o Chandan Lal R/o-35 AdarshKunj Apartment Sector-13 Rohini Delhi-85,** have changed my name to Kishan Tayal. 0040500632-7

**I, CHANDER SHEKHAR S/o Sh. Komal Prasad R/o RZ-356/296, Gali No.-6, Geetanjali Park, West Sagar Pur, New Delhi-110 046,** have changed my minor son's Name from Paras to Paras Singh for all future purpose. 0040500660-1

## LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original certificate of CBSE Examination, 10th Class Year-2002, Roll No-6140357 & 12th Class Year-2004, Roll No-6232454 has been actually lost, in the Name of Ritu D/O Kapoor Singh Ghanghas R/O G-12, Kiran Garden, Uttam nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059.

0040500612-1

**I, Sh. Praveen Kumar S/o Late Sh. Jagdish Mitter R/o A-102 Dayanand Colony Lalpat Nagar-IV, New, Delhi-24,** have lost Convenience Deed of my property duly Registered as Document No. 6752, Addl. Book.No.1, Vol. No.1179 pages 9 to 12, dated-25-06-1997, with Sub Registrar-VII, Delhi. If found kindly contact me at No.9999355660 0040500672-6

**I,Priyanshu Yadav, S/o Indrajit Yadav, R/o-109/A, AFS Arjanagarh,** have lost my class-12th original, transfer-certificate (T.C. no. 255351; booklet no.2554) on 16.06.2019 issued by K.V. Arjanagarh. Finder please contact-9904436227.

0040500717-2

**I, Col. Vinay Kumar Naroola (Retd) S/O-Jesht Anand Naroola R/O-A-27-D, First Floor, DDA-Flats Munirka, New Delhi-110067,** have lost my original document 5th and Final Demand, DDA possession letter, Allocation/ Allotment letter, NOC (Electricity & water) Bank challan etc. On 2-6-2019 Place New Delhi. 0040500635-8

## LOST & FOUND

NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate No. 19825 for 100 Equity shares of Philips India Ltd. standing in the names of Nitin Jain and Nirmala Kumari Jain L.F. No. 9001057 have been lost or mislaid and undersigned have applied to the Company to issue duplicate Certificate for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its registered address Philips India Limited, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tower A, DLF IT Park, 08 Block AF, Mayapuri Aerial Road, New Town (RAJARHAT), Kolkata, West Bengal- 700156, within 15 days from the date else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate.

Nitin Jain and Nirmala Kumari Jain 1969, Kirti Bhawan, Raj, Kinari Bazar, Delhi-110006

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My Clients Sh. Parveen Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. J.M. Sharma and Smt. Shashi Bala Sharma W/o Sh. Parveen Kumar Sharma both R/o 21 A Pocket 'C' Mayur Vihar, Phase II, Delhi-110091 have severed all their relations from their son namely Sh. Akash Sharma and his wife Smt. Payal Sharma & debarred them from all their movable, immovable Properties and all assets due to their misconduct and bad behaviour towards my Clients.

Sd/-  
**ANURAG SAXENA (ADVOCATE)**  
Enr.No.-D/208/91  
Ch. No.-G-222  
KKD Court Delhi-32

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My clients Sh.Darshan Lal S/o late Sh.Kirpa Ram and Smt. Minakshi Gambhir both R/o 10705, Gali no.11, Pratap Nagar, Delhi-110007 have debarred and disowned their daughter namely Simran Gambhir from their all movable and immovable properties due to her misconduct and disrespectful behaviour toward my clients. My clients have also severed all their relations with her. If anybody deals with her, he/she will do so at his/her own risk, costs and consequences. My clients shall not be held responsible for her acts and deeds in any manner for the same.

MAASOOD HUSAIN  
ADVOCATE  
Ch. No. 459A-040, Civil Wing,  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-34

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
To be known to all that my client D.N. Pandita S/o R. C. Pandita R/o-39-D, Pocket-I, MIG Flats, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 for my original Possession Letter & Demand Letter allotted by DDA File No. MD 222/40, 84/06/57R dated 20.03.1985 and NOC of water & Electricity, Chances etc of Flat No. 39D, Pocket-I, Dilshad Garden, Delhi has been actually lost/misplaced. As FIR to this effect has been lodged in the Police station, Crime Branch, Delhi vide (LR No.710614/2019, Dated 28.02.2019). Any Person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document, may/should contact with above Address/Phone No. 9560214122 with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Begunat Debbari (Director/LAB) housing or director(H), B block 2nd floor, Vikas Sadan (INA, New Delhi).

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S.K. Gupta (Advocate)  
Ch. No. D-209, Karikandoma Courts, Delhi-34

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Mr. J.R. Duggal S/o Late Late Niranjan Dass, lost all Original documents i.e. Share certificate, allotment letter and possession letter of his residential flat no. B-64, Nav Shakti Co-operative Group Housing society Ltd. Plot no. 5, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-85. If found contact, Mobile No. 9811676418

Sd/-  
(R.K. MITTAL)  
ADVOCATE  
E.No. D-185A/74  
C-4/40, Sector-15,  
ROHINI, New Delhi-110089

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known to all concerned that my client Shri Anil Gurttoo S/o Kashi Nath and Smt. Veena Gurttoo W/o Shri Anil Gurttoo, R/o GH-5/77, Flat No. 208, Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have severed all their relations with their son Shakti Gurttoo, his wife Smt. Himani Gurttoo & their daughter and have disowned them from all their movable and immovable properties. Henceforth my clients shall not be responsible for any of the acts and deeds of his above-named persons hence anyone dealing with them in any manner, shall be doing so at his/her own responsibility.

GULSHAN KUMAR (Advocate)  
Ch. No. 814, Dwarka Court, N. Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Mr. Mahesh Kumar & his wife Smt. Rekha Bhardwaj both R/o House No. 26-27, 3rd Floor, Pocket-2, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi-110085, sever all relations and debar their son Karan and his wife Mamta Bhardwaj from all movable, immovable properties and relations due to their misconduct and hostile behavior. My client will not be responsible for any of their acts in future.

Rajesh Gehlawat (Advocate)  
Ch. No. 513, Rohini Courts, Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known to Public at large that my clientless Smt. Anita Verma Wido Late Sh. Rakesh Kumar Verma R/o. 37A, 3, Shri Ram Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, hereby declaring/dissolving her son namely Yogesh Kumar Verma (from life & all properties (movable & immovable) because her son Yogesh Kumar Verma is out of control of my clientless so any body dealing with him, he/she they would be liable for that dealing. My client & her family will not be responsible for any kind of his acts in future from today.

Nand Kishor Raghuvar-Advocate  
Ch. No.8, Gate No.2,  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Client Sh. Ramesh Batra S/o Late Dharam Chand Batra and his Wife Smt. Shanti Batra R/o H.No. 178-179, Second Floor, Pocket-A-3, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Do hereby disown/debar their Son Rahul Batra and his wife Shilpa Batra from their all movable and immovable Properties and sever their relations from them due to their misconduct and my client will not be responsible for their any acts.

Tarun Bhardwaj (Advocate)  
F-244, Rishi Nagar, Ram Bagh Delhi-110034

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER ONLINE (E-TENDERING)**

The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C.Railway, Danapur is inviting online (E-Tendering)/Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered/ working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/ MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work :-

Tender Notice No.- W-7/E-Tender/ 08/Open/DNR/2019-20.

Sl.No (1) Name of the Work with its location: Interlocking of Level Crossing No.28 & 29 between WRS-NWD in KG Section under ADENRGD (2) Approx. Cost of work : 44.81,115.75 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited : 89,700/-

(2) Name of the Work with its location : Interlocking of Level CrossingNo.98(DHA-SLD), 04 (DLN-TRG) & 74 (BXR-CSA) under Sr. DEN/3/DNR. (2) Approx. Cost of work : 67,06,039.54 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited : 1,34,200/-

(3) Name of the Work with its location : Interlocking of level crossing No.47, 52, 59, 60, 61 & 65 (06 Nos.) under Sr. DEN/2/DNR section in Danapur Division. (2) Approx. Cost of work : 1,31,37,769.18 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited : 2,15,700/-

(4) Name of the Work with its location : Provision of PF surfacing and improvement of approach road of BKP-RGD & FUT-IPR section of Danapur Division. (2) Approx. Cost of work : 1,84,14,413.37 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited : 2,42,100/-

(5) Name of the Work with its location : Deep screening of Track (by BCM or manual) and TFR along with other ancillary works in FUT-IPR Section under ADENRGD. (2) Approx. Cost of work : 2,32,02,048.75 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited : 2,66,100/-

(4) Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender : The tender have to be submitted online on [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). Upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 17.07.2019 and will be opened on the same day after 12.00 hrs.

(5) Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender can be purchased etc. : 1. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: <http://www.irops.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Divisional Railway Manager(Engg.)/Danapur PR/570/DNR/Engg./T/19-20/76

**JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**

(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)

3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchary Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand. Ph.No.: +91-651-2225878, CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752, e-mail [Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com](mailto:Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com).

NIT No: JUIDCO/PMAY/Vertical-III/2019/253 Date: 25-06-2019 e-procurement (Tender Notice)

|     |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | (a) Name of the work                               | Construction (including structural design) of 190 dwell ling units in 10 number of G+3 blocks at Karharbari, Giridih under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (Package - I)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | (b) Scope of Work                                  | Scope of work include Architectural Planning & Design, Engineering Procurement, preparation of detailed structural design & drawing project execution & Construction, after obtaining approval from municipal bodies including water supply and sanitation, sewer network, electrification work, storm water drainage, rain water harvesting, landscaping, barbed wire fencing, street lighting, construction of internal roads and parking area of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana at Karharbari, Giridih on EPC cum Turnkey basis. |
| 2.  | Mode of Bid Submission                             | e-tendering ( <a href="http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in">http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in</a> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3.  | Estimated Cost (Rs.)                               | Rs. 11,87,53,000/- (Rupees Eleven Crore Eighty Seven Lakh Fifty Three Thousand ) only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.  | Tender Fee and Bid Security                        | Tender document fee: Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty- Five Thousand) only [Non-Refundable]<br>Bid Security: Rs. 11,87,530/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred And Thirty) only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5.  | Date / Time of Publication of Tender on Website    | 26.06.2019 17:00 Hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6.  | Last Date/ Time of Bid Submission                  | 17 .07.2019 17:00 Hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.  | Last Date / Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD | 17 .07.2019 17:00 Hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8.  | Date of Bid Opening                                | 18 .07.2019 17:30 Hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9.  | Bid Submission Address                             | Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi – 834001<br>+91 651 2225878                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10. | Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Note:** Only e-Tenders shall be accepted. Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-Procurement website and can be seen on the website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-  
Project Director (Technical)  
JUIDCO Limited, Ranchi

P.R.209912 Urban Development(19-20):D

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION KOTA**

**No.- NNK/2019/3982-85 E-Tender** Date: 7.6.19

Municipal corporation kota invites online tender for financial year 2019-2020 from placement agency/ firm/contractor registered by labour Department for below mentioned work. Detailed tender document can be download from website [www.spppp.rajjasthan.gov.nic.in](http://www.spppp.rajjasthan.gov.nic.in) eproc. Rajasthan gov.in and [www.kotamc.org](http://www.kotamc.org).

| S. n. | Name of Work                                                                        | Estimate Cost                                                                                                                                                         | Earnest Money | Tender Fees |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.    | (A) Computer Operator for various sub-department of municipal corporation kota      | 45 lac                                                                                                                                                                | 90000/-       | 2500/-      |
|       | (B) Computer With Operator for various sub-department of municipal corporation kota | 16 lac                                                                                                                                                                | 32000/-       | 1500/-      |
| 2.    | Bid validity period                                                                 | 70 days from the date of Submission                                                                                                                                   |               |             |
| 3.    | Processing Fees                                                                     | 500/- Each                                                                                                                                                            |               |             |
| 4.    | Website for downloading Tender                                                      | <a href="http://www.spppp.rajjasthan.gov.nic.in">www.spppp.rajjasthan.gov.nic.in</a> eproc. Rajasthan gov.in and <a href="http://www.kotamc.org">www.kotamc.org</a> . |               |             |
| 5.    | Date and time for Uploading/ downloading of bid/ document                           | 07.06.2019 to 22.06.2019                                                                                                                                              |               |             |
| 6.    | Date and time for Submission of/bid document                                        | 24.06.2019                                                                                                                                                            |               |             |
| 7.    | Last date of submission of DD in the office of EMD/ Tender fees/ processing fees    | 25.06.2019 (at 5:00 PM) Room No. 425 Nagar Nigam Kota                                                                                                                 |               |             |
| 8.    | Opening date of financial bid                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |               |             |

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|                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <b>NOTICE INVITING TENDER</b> </div> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <b>NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING</b> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Sealed bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.</p>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sl. No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Details of the Tender</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Balance works under the work of providing comprehensive water supply scheme to Okkium Thoraipakkam Area XV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| i                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Package I Tender No.CNT/WSS/NCB/CMCDM/3078/2019-20, Bid security Rs.7,00,000/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| ii                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Package II Tender No.CNT/WSS/NCB/CMCDM/3079/2019-20, Bid security Rs.6,50,000/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person) : 27.06.2019 to 31.07.2019, Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone: 044-28451300 Extn. 217) for Rs.5,250/- (including GST) Through Website: <a href="http://www.chennaietrowater.tn.nic.in">www.chennaietrowater.tn.nic.in</a> & <a href="http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in">www.tenders.tn.gov.in</a> |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on <b>01.08.2019</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | For all other details refer bid document in the website: from <b>27.06.2019</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

DIPR/2158/Tender/2019

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)**

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**TENDER NOTICE**

**e-TENDER NOTICE FOR DIFFERENT ELECTRICAL WORKS OPEN TENDER FOR ELECTRICAL (GENERAL)**

DRM (Electrical)/ ECRI/ Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invite e-Tender for execution of the following works.

**Sl.No.(1) e-Tender No: EL/06/OPEN/2019-20**  
**Name of work with its location and completion of work :** Electrical work in connection with Improvement of different stations in KQR-HZBN-ARGD) section of Dhanbad division.(**Completion period:** Six Months. (2) **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 7356705.99 (Cost of tender form Rs. 5000/-) (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 147500/-

**Sl.No.(2)-e-Tender No: EL/07/OPEN/2019-20**  
**Name of work with its location and completion of work :** Electrical works in connection with Replacement of Quarter 150 units at Patratu. (**Completion period:** Six Months) (2) **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 3318619/- (Cost of tender form Rs. 3000/-) (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 66400/-

**Sl.No.(3)-e-Tender No: EL/08/OPEN/2019-20**  
**Name of work with its location and completion of work :** Electrical work in connection with (I) Provision of 8 IBP in GOMOH & C.I.C. (II) Interlocking of Level Crossing Gales Tutu more than 20000 (11 nos). (**Completion period:** Twelve Months) (2) **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 5741551.69 (Cost of tender form Rs. 5000/-) (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 114800/-

**Sl.No.(4)-e-Tender No: EL/09/OPEN/2019-20**  
**Name of work with its location and completion of work :** Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Passenger Escalators (02 nos.) at Dhanbad Railway station For Three Years. (**Completion period:** Thirty Six Months) (2) **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 900000/- (Cost of tender form Rs. 2000/-) (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 18000/-

**Sl.No.(5)-e-Tender No: EL/10/OPEN/2019-20**  
**Name of work with its location and completion of work :** (A)Repair and maintenance of electrical assets in sectional offices of DRM office building at Dhanbad. (B) Electrical work in connection with provision of 1000 Cfm Compressor at Diesel Shed Patratu (C)Additional Electrical work in connection with GOMOH Augmentation of holding capacity of Electric Loco Shed from 120 to 175 Locomotives. (**Completion period:** Six Months) (2) **Approx. cost of the work :** Rs.5427797.98 (Cost of tender form Rs. 5000/-) (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 108600/-

(4) **Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of e-Tender -** Closing of e-Tender: On **24-07-2019** at **11:00 Hrs** Opening of e-Tender: On **24-07-2019** after **11:00 Hrs.** (5) **Website particulars.**  
**WEBSITE:** [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). Manual offers are not allowed against e-Tender.

**Div. Railway Manager (Elect.), Dhanbad**  
**PR/573/DHN/Elect./T/17-20/84**

**FORM NO. 5**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
6001/1, University Road, Near  
Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-  
226007

**SUMMONS FOR FILING &  
APPEARANCE BY  
PUBLICATION**

**O.A. No. 201/2019**      Dated:-21/06/2019

(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. 201 of 2019**

ICICI Bank LTD.      ...Applicant  
Versus  
MRS. SANGEETA DE &  
OTHERS      ...Defendant

To,

1. MRS. SANGEETA DE  
Flat No. 1601, 16th Floor  
Sunworld Arista Gh 01/c, Tower 2  
Sector 168, Gautam Buddha  
Nagar, Noida- 201301.  
ALSO AT-  
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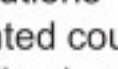
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4. M/S SUNWORLD  
RESIDENCY PVT LTD  
CORPORATE OFFICE:  
A- 4, Sector- 4, Noida 201301.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal Practitioner in this Tribunal, after Serving Copy of the same on the applicant or his Counsel/ duly authorised agent after Publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **11/09/19 at 10:30 A.M.** Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Enq. No. : OCAC-CAD-25/2009(V.3)/ENQ/1902

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Sealed offer are invited from nationally reputed institutions for providing "cutting edge technology oriented courses on co-branding mode" with OCAC. For details please visit website [www.ocac.in](http://www.ocac.in). The last date for receipt of offers is **17.07.2019, 03:00 P.M.**

OCAC reserves the right to accept / reject any / all offer proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

**General Manager (Admin), OCAC, Plot No.-N-17/D, Acharya Vihar P.O.-RRL, Bhubaneswar-751013, Ph.: 0674-2567280/2567064/2567295**

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**उत्तर पूर्वी अंतरिक्ष उपयोग केंद्र / North Eastern Space Applications Centre**  
**भारत सरकार / Govt. of India, अंतरिक्ष विभाग/Dept. of Space**  
**उमियम/Umiyam – 793103, मेघालय/Meghalaya**  
**Tel: 0364 2570140. Fax: 0364 2570043**

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Advt. No. NESAC/RMT-JRF/11.4(XII)/2019-WI तुल / June 26, 2019

एनईसैक में दिनांक **09.07.2019** को प्रातः **09.00** बजे कुनियर रिसर्च फेलो (परिचोजना आधारित) के निम्न पदों के लिए आयोजित होने वाली "वाक-इन-इन्टरव्यू" में भाग लेने के लिए एनईसैक योग्य उम्मीदवारों को आमंत्रित करता है / NESAC invites eligible candidates to attend "Walk-in-Interview" for the following position of Junior Research Fellow (on Project Basis) at NESAC, Umiyam on **09.07.2019 at 09.00 AM**

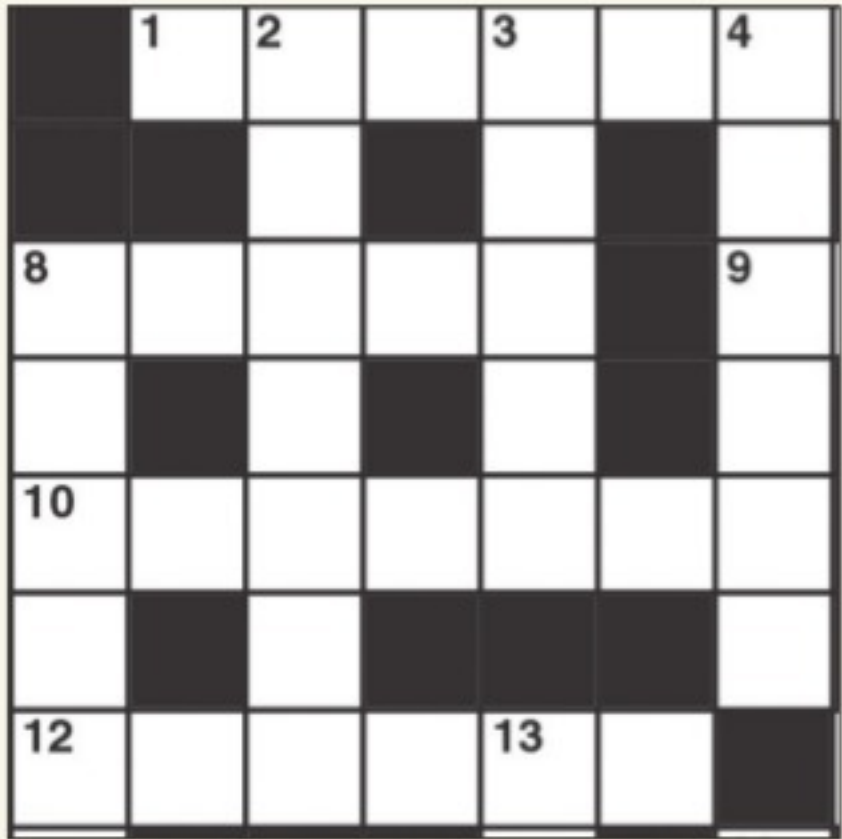
| क्रम सं.<br>Sl No | पद का नाम/Name of Post                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | पद की सं./<br>No. of Post | मासिक पारित्ययिक/<br>Monthly Remuneration                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01                | <b>Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in the discipline of Physics, Atmospheric Science, Space Science, Physical Science, Earth System Science, Environmental Science, Ecology &amp; Environmental Science / Environment Management/Forestry / Forest Science / RS &amp; GIS, Geo-informatics / Spatial Information / Geography / Applied Geography / Botany / Agriculture/ Zoology / Life Science / Wildlife Science or equivalent.</b> | 03 Nos.                   | <b>₹ 25,000/-* plus HRA &amp; Medical Benefit for self</b> |

**\* to be revised**

विस्तृत विज्ञापन के लिए कृपया एनईसैक वेबसाइट [www.nesac.gov.in](http://www.nesac.gov.in) जाएँ। शुद्धि/परिशिष्ट, यदि कोई होगा, तो केवल वेबसाइट में प्रकाशित किया जाएगा / For detailed advertisement, kindly visit NESAC Website: [www.nesac.gov.in](http://www.nesac.gov.in). Corrigendum/addendum, if any, will be published only in the NESAC website.

हस्ता. / Sd/-  
निदेशक, एनईसैक/Director, NESAC

CROSSWORD 3842



- ACROSS**
- Underladen object producing an ominous rumbling (10)
  - Put us in charge of the match (5)
  - Mother strangely sweet on famous film star (3,4)
  - Sinner I reformed pulls up, perhaps (5,2)
  - Play all set to score (5)
  - Quake in the centre, more or less (6)
  - Translating Proust may produce it (6)
  - Pack animal brings everything back around morning (5)
  - There are many sides to it (7)
  - It's not a change of position (7)
  - Low joint where members meet (5)
  - One on watch keeps circling slowly round (6,4)
- Down**
- Obviously no friend of the soil (7)
  - The more of them one has, the more one wants (5)
  - Irene gets excited about many a fur (6)
  - Vessel that makes way for others in very cold weather (7)
  - Look back in Middle Ages for capital savers (5)
  - Secret lawn wild flower in North America (2,8)
  - Excellent grade for beginners? (5-5)
  - Speaking or getting into a mess (7)
  - Hide from a glutton's relations (7)
  - Long in a way for an instrument (6)
  - This may cause nearly everybody to take up weapons (5)
  - Three animals in the lead (5)

**Solutions Crossword 3841:** Across: 1 George, 4 Afresh, 9 Catarh, 10 Debar, 11 Rhoda, 12 Papyrus, 13 Take your bow, 18 Burlgar, 20 Beira, 22 Claws, 23 Accused, 24 Sherry, 25 Invent. Down: 1 Go-cart, 2 Outdo, 3 Germans, 5 Fed up, 6 Embargo, 7 Harass, 8 Shop doorway, 14 Acreage, 15 Rubicon, 16 Abacus, 17 Bandit, 19 Loser, 21 Issue.

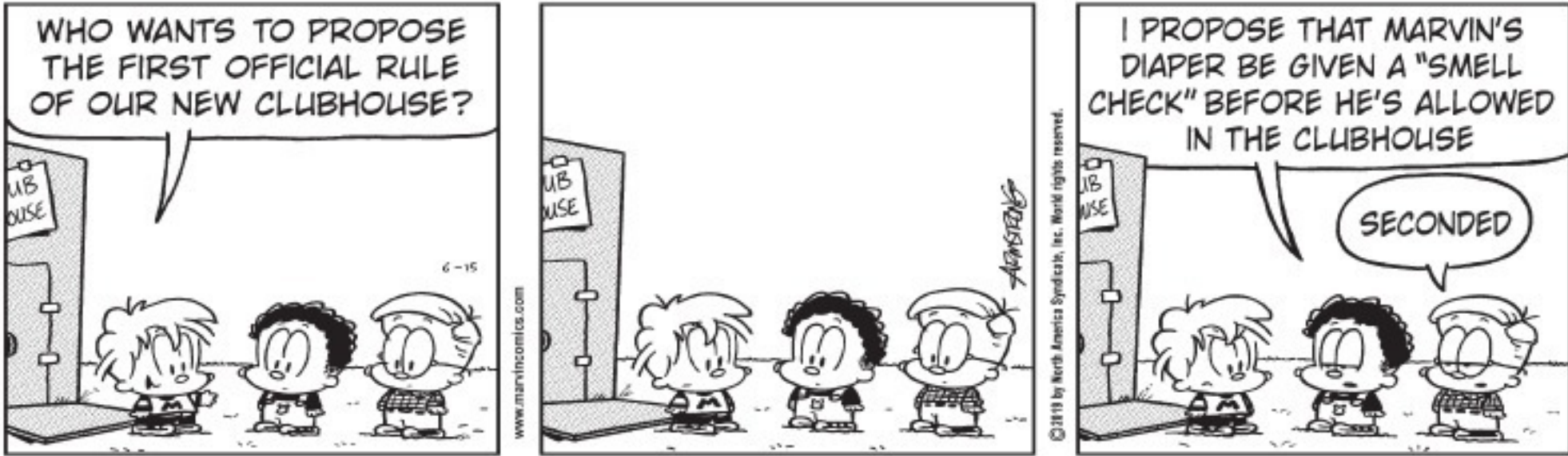
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 3889

**Difficulty Level 3s**  
**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 3888



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
You may make the most of friendly business trends and cash-in on current goodwill. You must believe that new opportunities are on the way and should act now to broaden your social contacts and encourage new connections. However, it may not be easy to get agreement from a partner.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
As long as Venus is well-placed, you may expect plenty of action and enjoyable group activities. However, your social life will tend to focus on work. Perhaps there'll be a new colleague appearing on the scene. At the very least, a rival should soon turn out to be a friend.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
Some happy surprises could affect money matters or home affairs. This looks like a fine time to stabilise and formalise domestic arrangements which, until now, may have been left up in the air, and there is much to be said for leaving awkward issues alone until you're on safer ground.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
The whole mood of the day encourages formal settings, traditional behaviour and conservative values, so do try to fit in. It may even be fun to enter into the fantasy of living in a past age. There could soon be a sharp change in your financial circumstances, so keep an eye open for new opportunities.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
Your home and working life are well-starred, but you must be aware of an approaching financial crisis. Get your affairs in order and act now if there are any outstanding bills to pay or loans to call in. If you have become overloaded by emotional burdens this could be the moment to cut loose.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
The tension is now building up, as it does once or twice a month when the planets form certain intense patterns. You are now reaching a moment of decision and will at last be forced to get off the fence. Actually, you will welcome a return to the fray.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
You may feel reasonably justified in expecting a response to a recent suggestion or, at the very least, an answer to an important question. However, planetary activity over the coming days may muddy the waters even further, before clarity is restored next week.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
For once you are trying to be rational while others are losing their heads. Any changes that you are anxious to put into effect may involve more people than you at first thought. This is why you must grit your teeth and discuss even your personal plans with friends and acquaintances.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**  
It is at the most trivial level that your grand plans are capable of coming unstuck. So, issues of principle are all very well, but you would be advised to focus on routine and mundane details. You seem to be dominated by past feelings and actions and you'll need to make an almighty effort to bring yourself into the present.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
Restless conditions could make it difficult to settle down, so it may be better to get around and explore fresh possibilities. Is there a legal complication to resolve? If so, get on to it without delay. The best ideas could be offered by family members, so if it's advice you're after, look close to home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
Long-standing money problems may be coming home to roost. Yet, rather than feel sorry for yourself, or dwell on what might have been, adopt an attitude of business as usual and compensate for any losses. Imminent changes at work may find you blaming others, but don't hit the wrong target.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
Whether your concerns are professional or strictly private do not expect life to run smoothly today. Even if you do your best, someone else is bound to come along and stir it up. Well-meaning people will still admire all your magnificent efforts to restore peace and harmony.

JUMBLED WORDS

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

Nowhere are our \_\_\_\_\_ more frequently upset than in war. - Livy (12)

KLAAG



STYLI



ORULLAN



NORCCU



SOLUTION: KOLAL, SILTY, UNNITL, CONDIR. Answer: Nowhere are our soldiers more frequently upset than in war. - Livy

**NBCC (INDIA) LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)  
CIN-L74899DL1960GOI003335

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
NIT No. NBCC/SG/NIDM/Package-II/2019/01 Dt. 26.06.2019

NBCC (INDIA) Ltd. invites online percentage rate open e-tender from eligible applicants who fulfil qualification criteria as stipulated in clause number 2.0 of the NIT for "Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Furniture Work under Package-II for NIDM Campus, Sector-29, Rohini, Delhi-110085." Estimated Cost: ₹3,17,04,061.00. Last date of submission of Bid: 09.07.2019, Completion Period: 2.5 Months. The detailed NIT will be available on websites [www.tenderwizd.com/NBCC](http://www.tenderwizd.com/NBCC) and [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on the said websites and not be published. General Manager-SBG (NIDM)

**NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
Road-V Division, Civil Engineering Deptt.  
Room No. 229, SBS Place, Gole Market, New Delhi

**Short e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
Tender ID No. - 2019\_NDMC\_174899\_1

**Name of work:** T/M of SWD system in R-V Division during 2019-20.  
**Sub Head :** Rectification of drainage system at North Avenue between Gali No. 35 to Gali No. 37 near President Estate.

**Estimated Cost :** ₹ 7.52,590/-  
**Date of release of tender :** 24.06.2019  
**Last date/time for receipt of tenders :** 05.07.2019 upto 4.00 PM

Further details can be seen at <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC, registration with e-tendering system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory.

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**PURCHASE COMMITTEE**  
**DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, JAMMU**

**E-Tender Notice No. DHSJ/Medical Gases/02 of 2019**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Online tenders are invited from the Original Manufacturers (through authorised representative) only who are already registered with Health & Medical Education Department for the supply of "Refilling of Oxygen and Nitrous Gases" for the year 2019-20 as per the following specification recommended by Technical-Sub-Committee

| S. No.                                                | Points                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Specification for Oxygen Gas (O <sub>2</sub> )        |                                                                           |
| S.No.                                                 | Name of the Item                                                          |
| 1.                                                    | Oxygen Gas Cylinder E-Type 680 Liters at 1900 Psi Weight of Gas 5.4 Kg.   |
| 2.                                                    | Oxygen Gas Cylinder F-Type 1360 Litres at 1900 Psi Weight of Gas 14.5 Kg. |
| 3.                                                    | Oxygen Gas Cylinder G-Type 6900 Litres at 2200 Psi Weight of Gas 53.2 Kg. |
| Note: Purity of Oxygen Gas 99-100%                    |                                                                           |
| Specification for Nitrous Oxide Gas (N <sub>2</sub> ) |                                                                           |
| S.No.                                                 | Name of the Item                                                          |
| 1.                                                    | Nitrous Gas Cylinder E-Type 1600 Liters at 745 Psi Weight of Gas 5.4 Kg.  |
| 2.                                                    | Nitrous Gas Cylinder F-Type 3600 Litres at 745 Psi Weight of Gas 14.5 Kg. |
| 3.                                                    | Nitrous Gas Cylinder G-Type 9000 Litres at 745 Psi Weight of Gas 34.5 Kg. |
| Note: Purity of Nitrous Gas 99-100%                   |                                                                           |

The particular of the tender are as under:-

| S. No. | Particulars of the tenders                               | Cost of Tender                                                              | Earnest Money                             |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 01.    | "Medical Oxygen and Nitrous Gases" for the year 2019-20. | Rs. 750/- General<br>Rs. 350/- SSI Unit                                     | Rs. 50,000/- Gen<br>Rs. 20,000/- SSI Unit |
| 01.    | Publish date                                             | 24th June, 2019 at 16.00 hours                                              |                                           |
| 02.    | Document download start                                  | 25th of June, 2019 at 11.00 hours                                           |                                           |
| 03.    | Bid submission start date                                | 27th of June 2019 at 11.00 hours                                            |                                           |
| 04.    | Bid submission end date                                  | 16th of July, 2019 upto 16.00 hours                                         |                                           |
| 05.    | Technical bid opening date (Online)                      | 18th of July, 2019 at 11.00 hours                                           |                                           |
| 06.    | Financial Bid opening date (Online)                      | Shall be Communicated later on after opening & evaluation of Technical Bid. |                                           |
| 07.    | Financial & Technical Bid                                | Both the Bids Uploaded separately online                                    |                                           |

The Terms & Conditions of e-NIT & other documents can be downloaded from this office official website: [www.jkhealth.org](http://www.jkhealth.org) & [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The tenderer shall have to upload scanned copy of below mentioned technical documents including CDR/FDR in the portal of jk-tenders. The below mentioned original tender documents shall be obtained only from the bidder who declared as L1 after opening of Financial Bid of "Refilling of Medical Oxygen and Nitrous Gases."

Sd/- CONVENOR,  
(Director Health Services, Jammu)  
Purchase Committee,  
DIPJ/J-1297-P/19 Directorate of Health Services, Jammu  
NO. DHSJ/Pur.Com/E-Ten.Not.2/2019/2148-50 Dated: 21.06.2019

**WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION**  
**FORTNIGHTLY TENDER ADVERTISEMENT**

Sr.DMM Ahmedabad on behalf of the President of India invites following electronic open tenders for supply of materials.

| Sr. No. | Tender No  | Brief description of material | Qty   | EMD      | Date & time of E-tender box closing |
|---------|------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1       | 86-19-5418 | Truck                         | 01 No | 31370.00 | 12.07.2019 11.00 hrs                |

Regarding detailed tender notice containing purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Manual offers will not be considered.

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work:

| 1 Name of work with its location                                            | Work of Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens Videowalls at Railway Stations over Delhi Division for a period of five years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
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| 2 Details of railway stations                                               | <table><tr><th>E-tender Notice Number</th><th>Stations</th><th>No. of Video Wall</th></tr><tr><td>Publicity Videowall 22-2019</td><td>Delhi Jn.</td><td>1 Unit</td></tr><tr><td>Publicity Videowall 23-2019</td><td>Delhi Jn.</td><td>1 Unit</td></tr><tr><td>Publicity Videowall 24-2019</td><td>New Delhi</td><td>1 Unit</td></tr><tr><td>Publicity Videowall 25-2019</td><td>Ghaziabad</td><td>1 Unit</td></tr><tr><td>Publicity Videowall 26-2019</td><td>Delhi Cantt.</td><td>1 Unit</td></tr></table> | E-tender Notice Number | Stations | No. of Video Wall | Publicity Videowall 22-2019 | Delhi Jn. | 1 Unit | Publicity Videowall 23-2019 | Delhi Jn. | 1 Unit | Publicity Videowall 24-2019 | New Delhi | 1 Unit | Publicity Videowall 25-2019 | Ghaziabad | 1 Unit | Publicity Videowall 26-2019 | Delhi Cantt. | 1 Unit |
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| Publicity Videowall 22-2019                                                 | Delhi Jn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 Unit                 |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| Publicity Videowall 23-2019                                                 | Delhi Jn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 Unit                 |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| Publicity Videowall 24-2019                                                 | New Delhi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 Unit                 |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| Publicity Videowall 25-2019                                                 | Ghaziabad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 Unit                 |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| Publicity Videowall 26-2019                                                 | Delhi Cantt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 Unit                 |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| 3 Date of Tender Opening                                                    | 19.07.2019 upto 11:00 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| 4 Approximate cost of work                                                  | As per NIT on ireps.gov.in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| 5 Cost of Tender document including 18% GST                                 | As per NIT on ireps.gov.in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| 6 Earnest Money Deposit                                                     | www.ireps.gov.in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |
| 7 Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen | www.ireps.gov.in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |          |                   |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |           |        |                             |              |        |

No. 7PUB/LED DISPLAY/VIDEO WALL/2011 Dated : 20.06.2019 2042/2019

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

**Government of India**  
**Department of Atomic Energy**  
**Bhabha Atomic Research Centre**  
**Technical Services Division**  
**North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85**

**Notice inviting e-Tenders**

The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for following work :-

**NIT No. BARC/TSD/39/2019-20, Name of work** - Augmentation and Upgradation of Existing Nisargruna (Bio Gas Plant) to New 5 MT/Day Bio Gas Plant near BARC Hospital, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai 400 094. Estimated cost - ₹1,22,81,000/- ; Earnest Money - ₹2,45,620/- ; Period of completion - 24 months; Last date and time of submission of bid - 19.08.2019 (23:59 Hrs.)

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website [www.tenderwizd.com/DAE](http://www.tenderwizd.com/DAE) or [www.barc.gov.in](http://www.barc.gov.in)

Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh, e-mail: [rudresh.tenderwizd@gmail.com](mailto:rudresh.tenderwizd@gmail.com)

Chief Engineer

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU AND KASHMIR SRINAGAR**  
(Arms & Ammunition)

Phone/Fax No. 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sgr.), 0191-2459029/2459255 (Jmu.)  
Website: [www.jkpolice.gov.in](http://www.jkpolice.gov.in) , E-mail: [phqj@jkpolice.gov.in](mailto:phqj@jkpolice.gov.in)

**NIT No. 34 of 2019, DATED: 22.06.2019**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, E-tenders are hereby invited from the original Manufacturers or their Authorized Dealers having proper authorization of Manufacturer to quote against the tender for the supply of **Tear Smoke Munitions**, as indicated in the detailed SBD & BDQ. The download of NIT shall start on **22.06.2019 at 11:00 hours**. Tenders shall be submitted online on J&K State e-Procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) before **08.07.2019 upto 18:00 hours**.

The tenders (Technical Bids only) will be opened online on **10.07.2019 at 11:00 hours** at Police Headquarters, J&K Srinagar. Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at PHQ J&K Srinagar on **29.06.2019 at 15:00 hrs**. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or else as notified separately. Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

Sd/-  
Gulzar Ahmad, SSP,  
(Armory)  
For Director General of Police,  
J&K, Srinagar.

No. Arms/Supply/OR Shell/Gred/2019-37039-51  
Dated: 22.06.2019  
DIPK-NB: 1380/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Mahavir S/o Nakashu R/o 2567, Bhagat Singh, Gali No. 9, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, Delhi**, has been kidnapped since 30.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi. In this regard a case **FIR No. 95/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 02.05.2019, has been registered at P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 38 years, **Height:** 5'3" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** T-Shirt and Green & Black Color Pajama, Chappal in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO**  
**Website:** <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Paharganj, Delhi**  
**E-mail:** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **Ph. No. 011-23524746, 23520787**  
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**SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Anjali, D/o Sanjay Das, R/o Gheura Village, Arajapat Chopal, Kiraj Ka Talab, Bijender Ka makan, Delhi** has been kidnapped since 30.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi. In this regard a case **FIR No. 95/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 02.05.2019, has been registered at P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the kidnapped girl is as under:

**Name:** Anjali, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 4'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Blue & White colour Suit-Salwar, Black colour Dupatta and Pink colour Jutti in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this kidnapped girl, kindly inform SHO Sadar Bazar, Delhi.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo) namely **Shikha Gupta, W/o Shri Akhil Singhal, R/o H.No. D-65, Prashant Vihar, Delhi** has been missing from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi since 10.06.2019. In this regard D.D. No. 64-A, Dated 10.06.2019 has been lodged at Police Station - Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:- **Age:** 32 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Built:** normal, **Clothing:** Wearing white colour kurta and black colour pajami.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing lady, may inform undersigned.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Sapan Dass S/o Sanatan Dass, R/o H. No. 380, J.J. Colony, Block-C, Bawana, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 492/15 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC** has been registered at P.S. Gandhi Nagar , Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sapan Dass** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sapan Dass** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. have been initiated in this case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sapan Dass** accused of **FIR No. 492/15 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC** is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before **05.08.2019**.

By Order  
**Ms. Harshita Vatsayan,**  
Metropolitan Magistrate Mahila Court No-01,  
Room No. 14, Shahdara District  
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

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# 23 TALK

## ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD

### SNAP SHOTS



#### On the Wall

OVER 37 posters from the Poster Museum at Wilanów, Warsaw, have travelled to India for the exhibition "Between Art Deco and Modernism: Polish Posters from 1918 to 1939". Taking place at India International Centre in Delhi till June 28, the show depicts the varied experiments with the medium in Poland. The display ranges from posters in vivid colours to folk patterns and those instilling national pride. "The two distinct approaches, traditionalism and modernism, complement each other and combine to allow for individual expression. This harmonious synthesis best defines Polish poster art in the period between the wars. Towards the end of this period, a distinct Polish style emerges," says Mariusz Knorowski, chief curator, Poster Museum.

SUBHADRA VARSHNEY

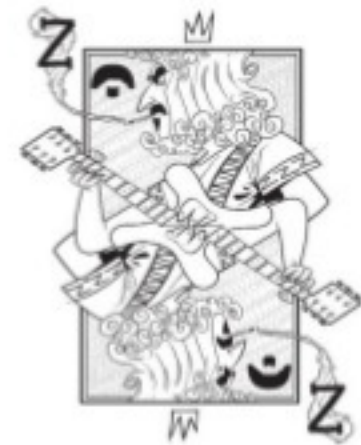
#### Read Along



FORMER SPECIAL counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign has been adapted on stage. Actors

such as John Lithgow, Annette Bening (pictured) and Kevin Kline got together on Monday for a live reading of the Mueller report at Riverside Church in New York.

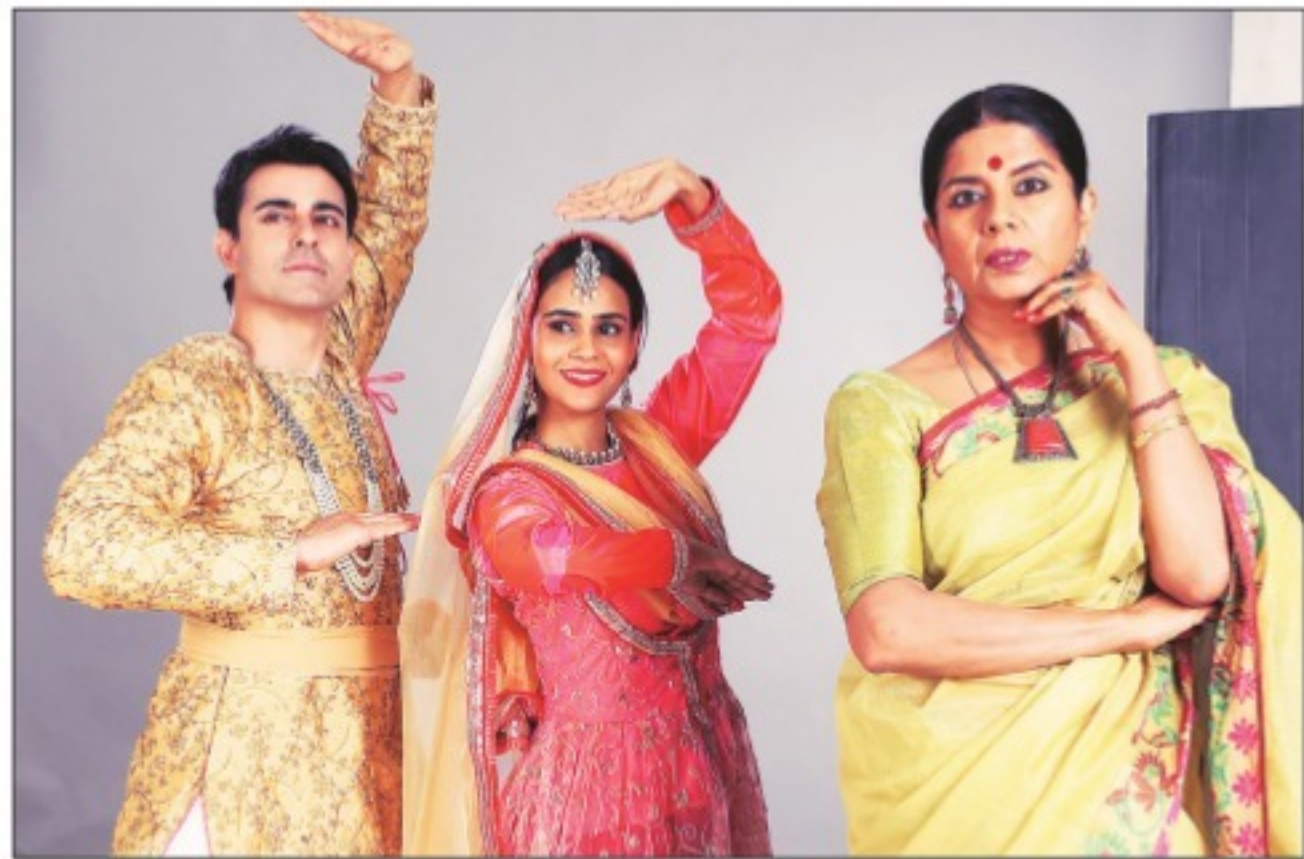
#### In the Lines



A COLOURING book will honour the late American musician Frank Zappa. To release in November, it will feature 72 pieces of art ready for colouring and will be based on the life of the musician. The book by David Calcano and Lindsey Lee has been authorised by Zappa's estate.

## Future in the Past

In director Salim Akhtar's latest theatre production, *Aarohi*, the central protagonist attempts to breakaway from her past



(From left) Gautam Rode, Dhaani Jhankal and Meeta Vasisht

#### SHANAYAD'SA

IN A rehearsal studio at Karthik Complex in Andheri West, it is the sound of the ghun-groos that welcomes one into the space. Inside is the cast of *Aarohi*, a Salim Akhtar-directed theatrical production that centers around a passionate kathak dancer and her evolution from being a naive young woman to a stronger older character. "*Aarohi* represents layers of emotions — emotions of love, passion, loss and growth. For me, this play will be a success if people associate themselves with all the layers and complexities," says Akhtar, introducing the Hindi production written by National award-winning screenplay writer Ashok Mishra.

Marking the theatre debut of television actors Gautam Rode and Dhaani Jhankal, the play also features Meeta Vasisht. "The play is like a river made by many streams — the culture of kathak, motivation and facing your past," says Vasisht.

Trained in kathak, Dhaani says, "For me, doing something that I love with something that I've always wanted to do is amazing. I've learned a lot from *Aarohi*. It has taught me that life keeps changing and letting go of your past is the only thing that enables you to go

ahead with life." Daughter of actor Ravi Jhankal, the play also gave her an opportunity to work with her father. "It was a great learning experience," she adds.

Rode, meanwhile, had to undergo two months training in kathak to play Indrajeet, Aarohi's opportunistic husband, who changes her passion into a business. She gives up everything for him. "This play marks many firsts for me — first theatre and kathak performance and first of this kind of a character," says the actor and television host who has been seen in several television shows, such as *Baa Bahu Aur Beti* and *Maha Kumbh: Ek Rahasya, Ek Kahani*, and the film *Aksar 2*.

Vasisht deeply relates with her character, as she plays the matured older Aarohi, who has learned from her past and aspires for a better future. "The worst phases in my life were when I gave myself up for someone else's dreams. Aarohi's character breaks this idealism and shows that putting yourself first isn't selfish," says she. Rode adds, "It isn't a commercial play. It has its music and its dance, but behind all the colour is also a darker side."

*The play will be staged on June 29 at St Andrew's Auditorium, Mumbai. Tickets are available on BookMyShow*

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RAKESH CHAURASIA



#### SUANSHU KHURANA

IN A concert presented last weekend as part of the HCL concert series at Shiv Nadar School's auditorium in Gurgaon, to commemorate World Music Day (June 21), flautist Rakesh Chaurasia seemed quite perplexed on stage. The displeasure seemed to be arising from drowning of the flute's sound alongside that of five other instruments. With Ut Fazal Qureshi on the tabla, Purbayan Chatterjee on the sitar, Gino Banks on the drums, Sangeet Haldirpur on the keys and Rickraj Nath on the guitar, a bamboo reed can easily get overshadowed. Chatterjee kept asking for more sound in his monitors and so did Qureshi. "Flautists usually suffer because of the pitch. When we do a collaboration, we have a bit of a hard time. It's a completely acoustic instrument among many amplified instruments and doesn't have any resonance. We don't have that pick up to keep up with the drums, the sitar and so on. The flute has to work harder than the others," says Rakesh, 48. To stand out in a space that was "not a proper auditorium", he played his heart out — be it a soothing piece in raag Ahir Bhairav that made its mark for its meditative tune or breaking the norm and having a bit of unconventional fun on stage by playing the *Pink Panther* theme song and Nokia ringtone in a semi-classical concert.

The latter would perhaps be called blasphemous by his guru and uncle, flute maestro Hariprasad Chaurasia, and those from his ilk but Rakesh is unfazed and believes in keeping an open mind. "I like to experiment with fusing various instruments. It allows me to connect with different kinds of audience," says Rakesh, who recently toured

#### NOTES FROM THE WOOD

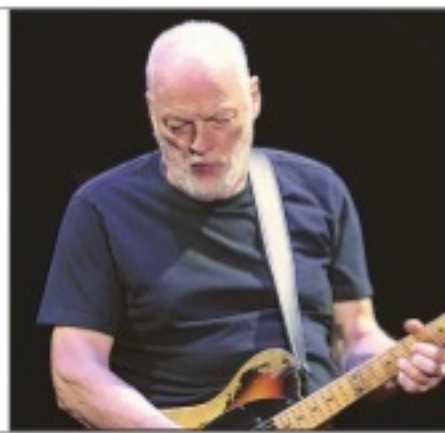
Till as recently as the 1940s, it was quite unusual for the flute to appear on stage as a solo instrument. It was made "concert-worthy" by Pandit Pannalal Ghosh, a disciple of Maihar gharana's founder Ustad Alauddin Khan. Ghosh introduced the madhyam (ma) cleft in the flute to be able to render ragas using that note. He experimented and finally settled on bamboo for the flute, which needed more air from the lungs but sounded better. This was how the flute reached the proscenium stage. This is also when Chaurasia was discovering the instrument for himself. He later trained under Annappurna Devi. Chaurasia's passion fuelled a remarkable career for him, spanning decades. Rakesh has followed in his footsteps.

the East Coast with tabla maestro Ut Zakir Hussain, legendary American bassist and composer Edgar Meyer and 16-time Grammy-winning American banjoist Bela Fleck. "Double bass and banjo are loud instruments. But abroad, they have very clear rules and regulations about the sound so that all the instruments are properly and comfortably heard. In India, people keep saying bring me up (sound-wise on the monitors)," says Rakesh, who adds that in classical fusion one needs to keep the artiste's emotions in mind.

Rakesh was four when he was captivated by the swirling sounds from the flute. His uncle (father's brother), Pt Hari Prasad Chaurasia, was at the peak of his career then, and Rakesh heard the warm notes being created by breathing life into a bamboo reed. "I was in love with the sound even as a child. It's over the years that I have come to realise the spirituality attached to it. If you look at mythology, flute is shown as Lord Krishna's instrument. It looks simple. People tell me you are lucky that it has no strings and is just a piece of wood. But if a guy is playing it on the Juhu beach, people stop by to listen at least once. The sound is

#### FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Pink Floyd frontman David Gilmour has raised a whopping \$21.5 million by selling his guitar collection, comprising 126 instruments. The proceeds will go to ClientEarth, a non-profit law group fighting for climate change.



## Making the Bamboo Sing

Flautist Rakesh Chaurasia on handling a heavy-duty surname, blowing life into a bamboo reed and being a classical musician in contemporary times

Rakesh Chaurasia; (below) the flautist with Ut Zakir Hussain Sudhir Parmar



so unadulterated, so pure," says Rakesh, whose utmost commitment to his guru and music is regularly spoken about in music circles. "I have never seen Krishna. To me, Hari ji is my Krishna," says Rakesh.

He adds that he learned more by listening to "baabuji" than by sitting at his feet. "I had very few one-on-one lessons with him. I mostly learned by listening to him, at home, in the gurukul and a lot on the stage while playing the tanpura with him," says Rakesh.

He was eight and visiting Mumbai's Yash Raj Studios — where his uncle was recording *Silsila's* music with Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma — when Amitabh Bachchan was in the studio recording *Rang barse*. The actor spotted a young Rakesh listening intently and asked, 'ye kiska bachcha hai?'. "Babuji said, 'apna hi hai'. He then asked me to play the flute. I didn't stop crying for a while," says Rakesh, who managed a 10-minute display of his skills, post a long crying session, to much appreciation from those present in the studio.

As Chaurasia manoeuvred the craters on the long flute over the years in a slew of classical concerts, Rakesh observed him and then came back home and tried to explore. "I understood it very early on, that I didn't have to copy him. I needed to learn from him and then find my own path," says Rakesh.

And he did. Slowly, Rakesh's career took off as a solo flute player. In the last decade he has brought out a slew of albums, ranging from classical to jazz and ghazal, among others. He has performed regularly at festivals and has also kept in touch with Bollywood, playing for Sanjay Leela Bhansali and Ismail Darbar, among others. He says that striking a balance among various genres has helped. "Very few instruments can meld with any kind of instruments. There is the violin, saxophone and flute. I realised that early on and kept imbibing a slew of sounds, of various other instruments," says Rakesh, who still cringes at being called "Pandit", a prefix that was used while credits were given towards the end in the Shiv Nadar concert. "It happens often and I don't like it at all. It just doesn't look good, especially when many Pandits and Ustads, our seniors, are still giving us great music. The applause, the appreciation, the happiness of one's own soul, that's enough for a true musician," says Rakesh.

## 'India has a lot of energy and happy faces'

Canadian writer-director Ken Scott shares his experience of working in India and shooting across the world

#### ALAKA SAHANI

How did you come on board as the director of *The Extraordinary Journey of the Fakir*?

I got a call from the producer Luc Bossi and he said that they were adapting the book *The Extraordinary Journey of the Fakir Who Got Trapped in an Ikea Wardrobe* (written by Romain Puertolas). Dhanush was approached for the lead role and because of my background as a comedian, the producer felt that I lived in that world of comedy. Some of

my movies have a feel-good quality like this movie. They sent me the book and the script, and I loved the story. I travelled to Chennai to meet Dhanush in 2017 and we talked about the story, the way we can work together.

Did your trip to India also involve travelling and understanding Indians?

When I came to meet Dhanush, I also tried to find the right location for the movie. Initially, we thought of shooting in Jodhpur. Later, I thought Mumbai worked better after I visited the Worli neighbourhood. I loved

its small alleys and houses. The character, when he's young, lives in Worli. As he grows older, he discovers all of Mumbai and then he sets out for the world.

Dhanush's character keeps travelling from one place to the other. Was it difficult to tackle so much travelling during the shoot?

It was important for me to make the audience experience that journey. Visually each one of these cultures needed to have a great impact on the lead character as well as on the audience. It became more of a game.



Ken Scott with Dhanush on the sets of the film

Each time we were in a new sequence, we had a different colour scheme and aesthetics. We also had a different type of music.

The approach of how we shot a particular scene was influenced by where we were. In Mumbai, we have a lot of vibrant colours.

When we are in England, the colours are all faded.

The movie also touches upon the subject of immigration, which is a major issue at the moment.

It's not a political movie because it's a fable, a metaphor. It is a comedy but it says something very important to me. It says that if we consider immigrants to be simply another version of ourselves, we will live in a better world. We will have more love for them.

After this, will you be inspired to do more work in India?

I love the shooting process here. I love the culture and working with the actors here. India has a lot of energy. The people here seem very happy. It seems like a great place to live in. It's very different from my hometown in Canada. I would love to work with Dhanush again. He's a great actor and dancer. His greatest quality is that he makes the audience care about his character. You talk to people about Dhanush and their eyes light up.



# Is the dream turning into Ashes?

Hosts England face an uphill battle to advance after defending champions Australia school them at Lord's, seal a spot in the semifinals



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA  
LONDON, JUNE 25

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA Fair. That's their national anthem and that's what they did. Advanced fair and square. Now, their fans can have real hopes about winning the World Cup. They were that good against England, first battling through conditions loaded against them to get 285 (though they looked good to get 320 at one stage) and then imperiously stubbed out any threatening English resistance (First Jos Butler, then Ben Stokes).

Mitchell Starc, take a bow. Every time a batsman has looked like waging a fight — not just in this game but throughout the tournament — he has downed them with a sucker punch. Jason Holder, Wahab Riaz, Kusal Perera, Tamim Iqbal — and now Ben Stokes can all wonder about if-only-no-Starc scenarios.

### Well begun

It had rained from 3.30 am to 6. The pavements were wet, the coffee shops outside train stations were packed. The sentries outside St John's Wood, the train station closest to Lord's, enquired whether you had an umbrella and said they hoped Australia would be made to bat first.

They did. But though the ball fizzed around, teasing the bat-edges, Aaron Finch and David Warner battled on bravely, skilfully, and slowly turned the tide once the sun peeped out. Who could have foretold a 123-run partnership in these conditions, heavily loaded in the bowlers' favour? But the Aussie openers achieved it, and half the game was won then and there.

England were feeling the burn on a mid-summer's day. Finch was on a hundred, the score read 185 for 2, it was the 36th over and 350 loomed large. Someone had to put the fire out and Jofra Archer stepped up with a good short delivery that kicked up more than Finch anticipated, was more accurate than Finch expected, and the attempted pull shot didn't get him out of jail. Top edge and gone, and England had doused the raging fire. For the time being.

Just when England thought they had done the job, had pulled Australia back by reducing them to 259 for 7, Alex Carey, the wicketkeeper-batsman, hit them hard with a late assault that escalated the pressure. And probably allowed Australia to continue attacking in the chase.

Carey has had an interesting World Cup so far; runs at most opportunities he got, and though he has dropped the odd chance now



England's Ben Stokes kicks his bat in frustration after being castled by a searing yorker from Australia's Mitchell Starc during their match at Lord's on Tuesday. (Below) Left-arm seamer Jason Behrendorff took five wickets.

and then, he has looked pretty secure. His shot selection has been wise; he doesn't slog or heave, but works the angles perfectly, slicing and driving his way through.

### Well left

If England had to have any chance, they needed a good start. The new ball was bound to jag around and Australia had two lefties who could bend the ball back into them. Wickets in hand was more important than runs but England had a horror start, losing three top-order batsmen in James Vince, Joe Root, and Eoin Morgan.

Jason Behrendorff, the man who replaced Nathan Coulter-Nile, has the ability to curve it back into right-handers. Vince would have known it but was served an absolute peach — full and swinging in as he fell over, losing his balance. Joe Root is a world-class batsman but was made to look like a novice by Starc. Full, curving, and fatal. At high pace, it curled in and Root stumbled out, pushing his bat way outside the line, stumped by the extent of deviation and speed. He was their main Test bats-



man, the one who had the technique to see through the new ball and with his fall, the English door was ajar and Australia stormed in.

Eoin Morgan looked iffy, jumping to the leg side, anticipating bouncers from Starc. He didn't exude any confidence that he would last a while. He hopped away at a

short-of-length delivery and Starc made him wait for the bouncer. Eventually it came, and Morgan's attempted feeble pull was swallowed at fine-leg.

### Some resistance

Stokes and Jos Buttler took it upon themselves to try and scale the mountain. Stokes's defensive technique is pretty tight as he has shown in Tests and he went about settling in. A tap here, a push there, rotating the strike. Buttler doesn't like to do such finesse — he can be refreshingly positive even against raging fire. He started walking down the track to throw the seamers off their nagging lengths and it seemed to work. The runs started to flow and they added 73 runs to push the total to 124 when Stoinis pitched in with his contribution of the day. It wasn't a great delivery, the usual Stoinis stuff, on a length, fairly straight and Buttler, who had taken a step or two forward, swung it to the leg side. When it connected, it made one wonder whether it would be a four or a six, but Usman Khawaja intervened at the square-

leg boundary to take a good running catch under pressure.

Stokes carried on, raising English hopes. It was time for high tea and scones and pies would have come out, but they would have feared Starc's presence. Stokes had done all he could despite his body threatening to give away. His calf muscles were cramping and he had even taken a massage from the physio — English hopes rested on his legs, hands, and cricketing brain. He chose his bowlers well, and played his shots until Starc knocked him over with a deadly swinging yorker.

Everyone knows it's his go-to delivery under pressure. Every batsman would be looking for it. Stokes, sure, would have. But he was still beaten. Pacy, curly and it sneaked under the bat. It was quite a sight. Stokes trying his best to ram his bat down, shut the barn door to keep out trouble, but it kept sneaking in the air and squeezed under. The bat hit the ground, the ball hit the stumps, and English hopes were buried. England are in danger of bowing out of the tournament if they continue this way.

## SCORECARD >>

### ENG vs AUS

Lord's | Toss: England

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| AUSTRALIA                    | 285/7 IN 50 OV        |
| A Finch c Woakes b Archer    | 100 (116b, 11x4, 2x6) |
| D Warner c Root b Ali        | 53 (61b, 6x4)         |
| U Khawaja b Stokes           | 23 (29b, 1x4)         |
| S Smith c Archer b Woakes    | 38 (34b, 5x4)         |
| G Maxwell c Buttler b Wood   | 12 (8b, 1x4, 1x6)     |
| M Stoinis run out            | 8 (15b, 1x4)          |
| A Carey not out              | 38 (27b, 5x4)         |
| P Cummins c Buttler b Woakes | 1 (4b)                |
| M Starc not out              | 4 (6b)                |

■ Extras: (lb 4, w 4) 8  
■ Fall of wickets: 1-123 (David Warner, 22.4 ov), 2-173 (Usman Khawaja, 32.2 ov), 3-185 (Aaron Finch, 35.3 ov), 4-213 (Glenn Maxwell, 38.2 ov), 5-228 (Marcus Stoinis, 41.5 ov), 6-250 (Steven Smith, 45.4 ov), 7-259 (Pat Cummins, 47.1 ov)

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| ■ Bowling: |           |
| C Woakes   | 10-0-46-2 |
| J Archer   | 9-0-56-1  |
| M Wood     | 9-0-59-1  |
| B Stokes   | 6-0-29-1  |
| M Ali      | 6-0-42-1  |
| A Rashid   | 10-0-49-0 |

ENGLAND 221 IN 44.4 OV

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| J Vince b Behrendorff              | 0 (2b)        |
| J Bairstow c Cummins b Behrendorff | 27 (39b, 5x4) |

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| J Root lbw b Starc              | 8 (9b, 2x4)         |
| E Morgan c Cummins b Starc      | 4 (7b, 1x4)         |
| B Stokes b Starc                | 89 (115b, 8x4, 2x6) |
| J Buttler c Khawaja b Stoinis   | 25 (27b, 2x4)       |
| C Woakes c Finch b Behrendorff  | 26 (34b, 2x4)       |
| M Ali c Carey b Behrendorff     | 6 (9b, 1x4)         |
| A Rashid c Stoinis b Starc      | 25 (20b, 3x4, 1x6)  |
| J Archer c Warner b Behrendorff | 1 (4b)              |
| M Wood not out                  | 1 (2b)              |

■ Extras: (b 1, lb 5, w 3) 9  
■ Fall of wickets: 1-0 (James Vince, 0.2 ov), 2-15 (Joe Root, 3.3 ov), 3-26 (Eoin Morgan, 5.5 ov), 4-53 (Jonny Bairstow, 13.5 ov), 5-124 (Jos Buttler, 27.2 ov), 6-177 (Ben Stokes, 36.6 ov), 7-189 (Moeen Ali, 39.3 ov), 8-202 (Chris Woakes, 41.3 ov), 9-211 (Jofra Archer, 43.3 ov), 10-221 (Adil Rashid, 44.4 ov)

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| ■ Bowling:    |            |
| J Behrendorff | 10-0-44-5  |
| M Starc       | 8.4-1-43-4 |
| P Cummins     | 8-1-41-0   |
| N Lyon        | 9-0-43-0   |
| M Stoinis     | 7-0-29-1   |
| G Maxwell     | 2-0-15-0   |

■ Australia won by 64 runs

## How Three Lions' third loss leaves them on brink of Wexit



Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage was among those in attendance at Lord's. Reuters

London: Australia are the first team in the semifinals but for England, the route to the knockouts just got a lot tougher. They face India at Edgbaston on Sunday, before facing New Zealand in Durham on July 3 — both teams unbeaten in the tournament till now. Eoin Morgan's men will have to win at least one of those matches, but they would like to win both just to make sure. That will take their final tally to 12 points. However, the last time England beat either of the two sides at the World Cup was the 1992 edition.

Bangladesh aren't pushovers any more and if they beat India and Pakistan, they will get to 11 points. Sri Lanka have three matches left and can potentially reach 12. Even Pakistan can get to 11 points. So, anything less than two wins seems dicey for England's semifinal aspirations at the moment. **ENS**

| POINTS TABLE |   |   |   |   |     |    |        |  |  |
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| NZ           | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 11 | +1.306 |  |  |
| Ind          | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 9  | +0.809 |  |  |
| Eng          | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0   | 8  | -1.051 |  |  |
| Ban          | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1   | 7  | -0.133 |  |  |
| SL           | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2   | 6  | -1.119 |  |  |
| Pak          | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1   | 5  | -1.265 |  |  |
| WI           | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1   | 3  | +0.19  |  |  |
| SA           | 7 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1   | 3  | -0.324 |  |  |
| Afg          | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0   | 0  | -1.634 |  |  |

## Finch, Warner make it an open-and-shut case

SRIRAM VEERA  
LONDON, JUNE 25

EVERYTHING WAS loaded against them. The toss, dark brooding clouds, a touch of green on the pitch, two new balls, and their own recent past.

Despite his two hundreds, David Warner's batting isn't where it used to be pre-suspension. Despite his recent form in ODIs, Aaron Finch's technique against the moving ball doesn't appear in the 'strengths' column in his appraisal form. Their only saving grace was that England didn't have the great James Anderson to curve and bend the ball menacingly. Still, they had two young pacemen, pretty capable of stirring up trouble. Everything else would have made the pair feel as if the Ashes had arrived early. Test-match conditions at Lord's.

This is the context why their 123-run partnership that lasted nearly 23 overs was the difference between victory and defeat.

It wasn't as if Chris Woakes and Jofra Archer wasted the new ball. Far from it. The ball fizzed around, cut into their thighs occasionally, whizzed past the outside edge often, flew over the packed slip cordon a couple of times, and crashed into the pads every now and then, triggering howzatts from the fielders and oohs and aahs from the crowd.

However, and this is the reason they survived, barring the odd occasion, Warner and Finch never chased the ball. Most times when they were beaten, the bats were inside the line. They didn't push at the ball. They didn't go chasing. It's quite a commendable achievement. One saw the difference when English batted; jittery minds led to jarring hands and clumsy footwork.

Every other over, Finch and Warner would hop across like school kids, punching their gloves, encouraging each other. At times, even during an over. Warner would go tapping some spot, and Finch would be beside him. The skipper would be scratching the crease with his shoes, and Warner

There's teams that you have a bit more confidence when you walk out and play... It was nipping around and seaming but we played well to rein it in, and cash in on width."

AARON FINCH

MAN OF THE MATCH

would be in his ear. As if they were saying, 'you aren't alone mate, we are in this together'. A classic Test match opening stand, the only way to cope with the conditions.

Archer cut it both ways, often in the same over. He stabbed Finch on his thigh with a nip-backer, before a leg-cutter had him beaten. The follow-up was a reprise of the leg-cutter. Finch held his bat in line and the ball popped off the leading edge to unmanned real estate.

### The turnaround

Finch's technique was roasted under the muggy English sky but he refused to give up. Not only did he score an admirable hundred but even if the situation was reversed — let's assume he got out when Warner did and Warner went on to a hundred, his innings would have been far more skilful. Because he wasn't supposed to be this good in these conditions. Because, last year, he was a dead duck to length deliveries. Forget the ones balls that talked and hissed, just ordinary balls that would dink in with the angle used to get him. Lbw, edged, bowled — you could pick your mode of dismissal and he would accommodate you.

Finch has been really good as a captain, marshalling his resources — at times almost bare, with just two good bowlers, but he has stood up. That confidence has seeped into his batting. Grit and ambition he had, but this knock demanded a lot more: skill and the ability to stay in the moment, not get flustered by the previous ball. A more satisfying knock in ODIs he might not have had thus far. Not that Warner had it any easier.



Aaron Finch scored his second hundred in the 2019 World Cup on Tuesday.

England attacked him in two ways: the ball seaming around, leaving him, and the one on the middle-and-leg line, the line of attack that has bothered him a great deal in the recent times.

They threatened to open him up like a can of beer a few times with deliveries that cut away, but he somehow managed to hold his balance. They then tried to pin him on that leg-and-middle line, checking to see if he falls over. Or tries to turn them to the leg side and get into trouble with leading edges. Warner didn't. He kept pushing them back down the track. The feet would shuffle sideways, and the bat would come straight.

Of course, there were times when the ball would collide with the inside edge or ram into Warner's thighs but he didn't bother. Didn't flinch. Same reaction when the ball left him late. A smile, a brisk walk towards

Finch or for some bat-tapping, and he would be ready for the next ball. Clearly, in his post-ban avatar, he has shelved his ego. No attempt to dominate, impose himself. This wasn't the pitch for it anyway but he has shown it right through the tournament.

Until a ball from Moeen Ali surprised him with its bounce and his hands betrayed him; sort of left him, waved in the air, and he watched the ball loop to a catcher. Finch, though, was ready to make the English pay for the new-ball torment. He abandoned his vigil and let rip.

The slog-sweeps and heavy cuts returned. Shots that he had possessed even as a 15-year old. He was muscular even then. Heavy frame and big shots. On Tuesday at Lord's, he showed soft hands and patience. Finch prospered, Australia prospered, and England went down.

### LEADING SCORERS

500 David Warner (AUS), 496 Aaron Finch (AUS), 476 Shakib al Hasan (BAN)

### LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

19 Mitchell Starc (AUS), 16 Jofra Archer (ENG), 15 Mohammad Amir (PAK)

# I’m fine... chilling in my hospital bed, watching England versus Australia: Lara

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

WEST INDIES cricket legend Brian Lara on Tuesday said he is “fine” and will be back in “my hotel room tomorrow”, allaying concerns of his countless fans hours after being admitted to a hospital here due to chest pain.

The 50-year-old from Trinidad, considered one of the greatest batsmen to have played the game, was admitted to the Global Hospital in Parel.

While there was no official word from the hospital on his condition, a source close to the player said there was no major cause of concern. But the cricket fraternity heaved a sigh of relief only after Lara spoke in an audio message posted by Cricket West Indies (CWI). “I know everyone is very concerned about what is happening. I may have just ex-

tended myself in the gym this morning. I was getting a pain in my chest and I just thought that it was best to see a doctor. I was taken to the hospital, pain continued obviously and a lot of tests were done,” said Lara.

The batting great may have been a tad unwell but his wits were in tact even while lying on a hospital bed. “I am just chilling in my hospital bed, watching England versus Australia...not a big fan of England, hopefully Australia can restrict England.... I am going to be alright. My phone is going non stop so I am going to switch it off. Not that I would like to switch it off because I would like to speak to my family.”

Lara played 131 Tests for the West Indies and averaged 52.89 for his 11,953 runs, while his 299 ODI appearances yielded 10,405 runs at 40.17.

He added in the audio message, “Just letting everyone know that I am fine, recover-



Brian Lara is in India as an analyst for the ongoing World Cup. *File*

“Just letting everyone know that I am fine, recovering and I will be back in my hotel room tomorrow. Couple of the tests came back already. Doctors were happy that there is nothing major. Thanks again for your concern.”

BRIAN LARA

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Before Lara spoke, a source close to the former West Indies captain had said there was nothing to worry about.

Besides his countless fans, Cricket West Indies (CWI) wished him a speedy recovery.

“Our prayers and well wishes go out to former West Indies batsman and captain @BrianLara who has been hospitalized in Mumbai due to chest pains. On behalf of all of us at Cricket West Indies, we wish you a speedy recovery,” tweeted CWI.

Earlier, the hospital authorities were tight-lipped about why Lara was admitted and refused to divulge any details.

“As a policy, we respect our patients and their right to privacy. Till the time the patient doesn’t give us consent, we cannot divulge anything about him. Please respect his privacy. At this point, we cannot say anything,” Dr Jigna Shrotriya, the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, had said in a brief statement issued in the evening.

She was asked repeatedly about the speculation that Lara underwent an angiography,

a common test to check blockages in arteries or veins, after being admitted to the hospital in the afternoon but Shrotriya declined to comment.

The former batsman is in the country as an analyst for the official broadcasters of the ongoing World Cup.

The legendary left-handed batsman is the first and only player to have registered 400 runs in a Test innings, playing the incredible unbeaten knock against England in 2004 in Antigua.

He also holds the record for the highest individual score in first-class cricket, 501 not out for Warwickshire against Durham at Edgbaston in 1994.

Nicknamed ‘The Prince’ for his languid strokeplay, Lara is considered one of the most awe-inspiring batters of an era in which the iconic Sachin Tendulkar and Australian Ricky Ponting were his contemporaries.

## Rashid under pressure in 50-over format

REUTERS  
MANCHESTER, JUNE 25

No other spinner headed into the World Cup with a burden of expectation heavier than the one on Rashid Khan’s shoulders but seven matches into the tournament and the poster boy of Afghan cricket is buckling under the weight.

His reputation, earned largely in franchise cricket, preceded him in England but success has eluded him in a tournament he was supposed to set alight.

England is not exactly a spinner’s paradise though. South African old warhorse Imran Tahir and Bangladesh talisman Shakib Al Hasan are the only two spinners among the tournament’s top 10 bowlers. Right-arm quick Gulbadin Naib is the highest placed Afghan with nine wickets from seven matches - all of which his team have lost to be rooted to the bottom of the standings. With just four wickets from seven outings, Rashid, currently the top ranked Twenty20 bowler, is not even the best spinner in his team.

Mohammad Nabi has seven from seven and Mujeeb Ur Rahman — another off-spinner — has five from five.

Batsmen initially treated Rashid with respect before Eoin Morgan destroyed him in Manchester where the leg-spinner’s 9-0-110-0 went down as the worst figures in World Cup history. No bowler in the tournament has been hit for more sixes than the dozen he has conceded so far.

“He is not bowling (at the level) where I want him,” captain Naib, who defended Rashid after the Manchester mauling saying it was a one-off day, said after Monday’s loss to Bangladesh. “But he is trying hard, he is giving his 100 percent.”

The 20-year-old endured another wicketless day at the Hampshire Bowl on Monday, even as Mujeeb got three while Shakib returned the tournament’s best figures of 5-29 on the same slow track.

The closest he came to tasting success was when he trapped Shakib leg before.

The batsman instantly reviewed it and eventually got the decision overturned with ball-tracker suggesting the delivery would have just sailed over the stumps.

His frustration was evident too as Rashid remonstrated with team mates who put up another shabby fielding display marked by spilled catches, misfields and overthrows.

Naib, who reckoned his team bled extra 30-40 runs on field, said he could sympathise with Rashid. “I’m also disappointed with our fielding like him. There was an occasion when he was very angry with a fielder,” Naib added. “If we do not field well, it upsets the bowlers. Rashid is one of those players, who is trying to do well in all three departments. But again, we gave away extra runs, and naturally he was very upset. I told him ‘relax and focus on your bowling’. He missed momentum because of our poor fielding.”

UP UNTIL now, not much has gone according to plan for Pakistan. Or has it? Go back to the World Cup in 1992. Pakistan’s first six matches went as: a loss, then a win, then an abandoned match, followed by two losses and a win. And then they went on to win the World Cup. This time around, their first six matches have had identical results, and on both occasions, their seventh was against an unbeaten New Zealand outfit. “They were unbeaten in 1992 too before playing against us and we won the game,” recalled Wasim Akram to Pakistani news channel Geo TV. “They’re unbeaten again and I hope we repeat the show, but boys will have to give their best.”

Akram has called for skipper Sarfaraz Khan to play the same starting XI that featured in the win against South Africa to keep Pakistan on course for another title-winning run. So things may not have gone entirely according to plan, but the coincidences favour the subcontinental team. Then again, how much can one look into coincidences?

Italy is supposed to reach a FIFA World Cup final once every 12 years - they didn’t last year. Liverpool is to win a Champions League every year Prince Charles gets married — no wedding bells rang this year.

They’ll have to find luck in some other stars now.

## Smells like Kiwi spirit

Grant Elliott extending his hand to a distraught Dale Steyn and offering to lift him up off the turf after hitting a six in the semifinals to clinch the game four years ago. Ross Taylor and mates running over to console a heartbroken Carlos Brathwaite after the West Indian’s attempted heist ended in the hands of Trent Boult a few inches off the boundary rope. The New Zealand team deciding not to bowl bouncers to the Pakistan batsmen during a Test match in November 2014 as a mark of respect to Phil Hughes.

Nice guys don’t finish last, they either get knocked out in the semifinals (six times) or are runners-up in the final.

When it comes to the spirit of cricket, one of the awards, which hardly gets a mention when the World’s teams and players are feted by the ICC annually, the Black Caps won it three of the seven times when it was given to a team between 2004 and 2010. Once it was decided that the award must go to an individual player, New Zealanders have picked it up the most number of times

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### HOPE FLOATS

A loss, then a win, then an abandoned match, followed by two losses and a win: Pakistan’s results of 1992 and 2019 editions of the World Cup are similar giving fans the licence to dream again. *File*

between 2011 and 2018 - Kane Williamson (2018), Brendon McCullum (2015) and Daniel Vettori (2012).

It’s not just the cricketers, even the tough ruggers from the champion nation, have played with grace and respect. The All Blacks, the more revered team from NZ, has its share of heroes. Tana Umaga stopped to check on Welsh Colin Charvis, after another All Black Jerry Collins, had knocked him over.

The All Blacks were surging ahead, but Umaga bent down to remove Charvis’s mouth-guard to ensure he did not choke as he had briefly passed out. In 2015, Sonny Bill Williams showed extraordinary compassion in his hour of glory, after beating Australia, when he handed over his World Cup winners medal to a young fan who had rushed onto the field during the victory parade but got knocked over by a security guard. New Zealand fan Charlie Line, then 14, is a proud owner of a Rugby World Cup winner’s medal.

While other teams do have their share of ‘sportsmanship’ moments - Virat Kohli asking Indian fans not to

heckle Steve Smith - the Kiwis seem to wear it as second skin, and not only when they are comfortably winning.

Boy can play (guitar too)

His bat has done all the talking. Now, it’s playing music as well. Kane Williamson turned his bat into a guitar, jamming along with singer and guitarist Mike Wilton. Well, Williamson was sitting awkwardly for majority of the duration before strumming a tune and letting himself loose.

It isn’t the first time he’s mixed cricket and music. In February this year, he invited one of New Zealand’s top bands, Drax Project, into the team’s dressing room at Basin Reserve in Wellington ahead of the nets session a day before the T20 international against India. Williamson, a keen guitarist, played some of the band’s famous songs, drawing a raucous response from the band members. The music’s done for now. Time again for bowlers to dance to his tunes.

Over rate yes, over-rated not

Praise has been pouring in thick and fast for Kane Williamson. Only his over-rate has been slow. But add ‘unselfish’ to that list of adjectives. Back home, the New Zealand captain is being hailed for putting the team before self; prioritising win over personal predicament. Williamson was fined 20 percent of his match fee for the team’s slow over rate in the win over West Indies. One more offence during the World Cup and he will be handed one-game suspension.

Speaking to New Zealand Media and Entertainment, Williamson said he was aware of the punishment that would be handed out to him, but was willing to face the music if it increased the possibility of winning the match. “The umpires do keep you noted in terms of your over rate. We were very close, and then when the game got tight, I thought what was more important was trying to make sure we were clear in what we were trying to do as a team, and then cop the charge at the end. Unfortunately, we

## Wanted to commit suicide after loss to India: Arthur

AGENCIES  
LONDON, JUNE 25

PAKISTAN’S HEAD coach Mickey Arthur has claimed that his team’s defeat to arch-rivals India had left him so shattered that he wanted to “commit suicide”. Pakistan were incredibly hurt by the scathing reactions from the media, fans and former cricketers after their 89-run loss to India in Manchester on June 16. “Last Sunday I wanted to commit suicide,” Arthur was quoted as saying in the media here.

“But it was, you know, it’s only one performance. It happens so quick. You lose a game; you lose another game; it’s a World Cup; media scrutiny; public expectation, and then you almost go into sort of survival mode. We’ve all been there,” he added.

Pakistan won their next game against South Africa to keep a slim chance of entering the semifinals alive. If Pakistan win all their remaining three games and the results of other teams go in their favour, they can still make the cut. The 1992 winners face table-toppers New Zealand, Afghanistan and Bangladesh in their next three matches. Arthur said he has asked his players to look forward to next games and give their best. “We always keep telling our players, it’s one performance. Who is going to stimulate us today?” Arthur said.

‘NZ openers can find form’

dent opening batsmen Martin Gupthill and Colin Munro will rediscover their scoring touch as the Cricket World Cup reaches the knockout phase. Stead’s unbeaten team, who top the standings, play Pakistan on Wednesday at Edgbaston before they meet two of the tournament favourites in Australia and England in their final group games.

Gupthill and Munro, in full flight, provide New Zealand with an explosive start but the pair have struggled in England, with Kane Williamson (373 runs at 186.5) and Ross Taylor (200 at 50) responsible for the bulk of the side’s runs. The right-handed Gupthill, the only New Zealander to have scored an ODI double century, has been dismissed for two golden ducks and his 133 runs in five innings are mostly courtesy of 73 not out against Sri Lanka in their opening match.

The majority of Munro’s 113 runs also came in the 10-wicket victory over Dimuth Karunaratne’s side when he scored 58 not out in Cardiff as he and Gupthill chased down the 137 needed for victory in 16.1 overs. “In any team you will have times when people don’t score runs. That’s the game of cricket,” Stead said. “Martin and Colin have both done it for us on numerous occasions and I hope that their time will be the next game.

While victory over Pakistan would confirm a spot in their eighth World Cup semifinal, Stead was wary of looking too far ahead and knows that while they top the table they could also finish outside the top four if things go against them.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
BIRMINGHAM, JUNE 25

THEIR CAMPAIGN revived by a win over South Africa, Pakistan will continue their battle of survival when they face an unstoppable New Zealand in a must-win World Cup clash here Wednesday. Pakistan faced severe criticism after their loss to arch-rivals India but their 49-run win over South Africa breathed life into their campaign but the road ahead is a tough one. With just two wins and three losses, Pakistan are at the seventh spot with five points in six games. Sarfaraz Ahmed and his men will now not only have to win the remaining three matches, starting with New Zealand, but also hope that the results in other matches favour them to salvage any hopes of a semifinal berth.

While pacer Mohammad Amir has been their biggest star, claiming 15 wickets to top the list, none of the other bowlers have backed him, which has affected their campaign. Their batting line-up too lacked spark before left-handed batsman Haris Sohail, who was dropped after the opening game, made a strong comeback with a 59-ball 89 to help Pakistan post a challenging 308 for 7 against South Africa. Shadab Khan and Wahab Riaz also chipped in with three wickets in their last game after Amir once again delivered, accounting for two scalps. While the batting and bowling units delivered



Pakistan beat South Africa to bring their campaign back on track. *File*

against the Proteas, fielding is an area of concern for Pakistan and Sarfaraz too admitted that the team will need to pull up its socks.

“We have to work harder on fielding. Again we dropped so many catches (against South Africa), some straightforward and some half-chances. All three matches now are very crucial and we have to sort it out,” Sarfaraz had said after the match.

New Zealand, on the other hand, have been invincible so far and currently hold the top position in the points table. The Black Caps, led by inspiration skipper Kane

Williamson, have been on a roll ever since they streamrolled Sri Lanka in their opening match. But no team is unbeatable and New Zealand looked vulnerable against South Africa and the West Indies but it was skipper Williamson’s twin hundreds which helped them seal the wins.

Williamson, who also anchored the side against Afghanistan, is their highest scorer in the tournament so far. Ross Taylor too has been among the runs but openers Colin Munro and Martin Gupthill are yet to click. Their bowling unit, which includes Trent Boult and Lockie Ferguson, too has been in good form, while New Zealand also have two destructive all-rounders in Jimmy Neesham and Colin de Grandhomme in their ranks.

The only aspect that they seem to be struggling is over-rate, and Williamson could be handed a suspension if the over-rate is slow in one more match.

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## Shakib is a legend, says Joshi

Southampton: Bangladesh’s spin bowling coach Sunil Joshi was in awe of star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan’s phenomenal run in the World Cup and described him as a “legend” of the game. Shakib scored 51 off 69 balls to help Bangladesh post a competitive total of 262/7 and then took five for 29 to hand Afghanistan a 62-run defeat here on Monday. Joshi expressed satisfaction at the way the spin trio of Shakib, Mehidy Hasan and Mossadek Hossain bowled to the Afghan batsmen.

“As a spin coach you cannot ask for more,” said Joshi, who has played 15 Test and 69 ODIs for India between 1996 to 2001. “Shakib is a legend, no doubt. It is a source of great pride that we have a player like that in the Bangladesh side. He is Mr Consistent for us be it with the bat, the ball or in the field. He has really focused on his fitness and lost between five and seven kilos recently. You can see how that has paid off with his running between the wickets, you can see the hunger in his cricket. His presence is really helping us to take our whole game forward,” he added.

Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Mortaza also showered praise on Shakib. “He (Shakib) has been outstanding for us, he keeps scoring runs in every game and also comes on to bowl whenever needed.” **PTI**

# Nadal not pleased with Wimbledon seeding system

**AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE**  
MADRID, JUNE 25



Any return for Neymar would likely require Barca to raise funds through sales. Antoine Griezmann is expected to join from Atletico Madrid for 120 million euros while Frenkie de Jong has already signed for 75 million euros from Ajax.

"It's not only about my particular case. There have been many occasions when players have played well all year on all surfaces but Wimbledon does not respect the ranking they have earned.

ara, who had not played in any of the two previous matches of Copa America, was a starter for Chile at the Maracana stadium on Monday. His only effort that was noticeable this time was kicking a pitch invader when the match was 0-0.

Asked about the administrative troubles plaguing the archery and gymnastics federations, Rijiju said the government 'will not

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