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### No proposal received on free metro rides: Puri

NEW DELHI  
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### Man ends life over house demolition

NEW DELHI  
A 40-year-old man ended his life after his house was demolished by officials in outer north Delhi's Bawana on Thursday afternoon, the police said. DCP (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma said the man is survived by his wife and two children.

### Inmates, cops clash in Punjab jail

CHANDIGARH  
A violent clash broke out between inmates and police at Punjab's Ludhiana Central Jail on Thursday, leaving one inmate dead and five injured.

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# Trump terms India's high tariffs on U.S. products unacceptable

President says he will take up the issue with PM Modi at G-20 summit in Osaka

**SRIRAM LAKSHMAN WASHINGTON**  
U.S. President Donald Trump said he will speak to Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the fact that India, which are "unacceptable".  
"I look forward to speaking with Prime Minister Modi about the fact that India, for years having put very high Tariffs against the United States, just recently increased the Tariffs even further. This is unacceptable and the Tariffs must be withdrawn!" Mr. Trump tweeted on Wednesday night Washington DC time, en route to Osaka in Japan for the G-20 meetings.  
He was referring to the tariffs India had levied on 28 goods, including walnuts, pulses and almonds, starting



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— DONALD TRUMP, U.S. PRESIDENT

June 16. This was in retaliation for the March 2018 tariffs the Trump administration had levied – ostensibly on national security grounds – on steel and aluminium from a number of countries, including India.  
U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, who was in New Delhi this week, discussed trade with his counterpart, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

Mr. Modi is expected to meet Mr. Trump at 9.35 a.m. local time in Osaka on Friday, prior to which he will hold a trilateral with Mr. Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. On Thursday, the White House issued a statement on the G-20, which talked about Mr. Trump's intent to achieve "fair and reciprocal trade".

## Modi holds talks with Abe

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe in Osaka on Thursday on the global economy, fugitive economic offenders and disaster management. He also announced that President Ram Nath Kovind would participate in the coronation ceremony of Emperor Naruhito in October. Addressing the Indian community in Kobe, Mr. Modi said India's ties with Japan had become stronger from the time the two countries cooperated to make a car to their coming together to make a bullet train.

## Four bank accounts of Nirav Modi, sister frozen

Swiss action came on request by ED

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI/LONDON**  
Four bank accounts of Nirav Modi, main accused in the PNB fraud case, and his sister have been "frozen" in Switzerland as part of the money laundering probe against them in India.  
Mr. Modi was further remanded in judicial custody in the United Kingdom until July 25 on Thursday.  
Official sources said the accounts, at present, have

deposits totalling ₹283.16 crore and were frozen on the request of the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

**PMLA provisions**  
The ED, the sources said, made the request to the Swiss authorities sometime back and had also sent an official request under the criminal provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

## AI flight suffers 6-hour delay after bomb hoax

Diverted to airport near London

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI**  
A hoax bomb threat to Air India's Mumbai-Newark flight on Thursday forced it to divert to an airport near London, where it was escorted by the Royal Air Force's fighter jets. The plane, with 327 passengers, landed safely and, following a security drill, resumed its journey after a delay of over six hours.  
"AI 191 (Mumbai-Newark)

was diverted to London Stansted Airport around 9.50 a.m. local time on June 27, following reports of a security alert. All 327 passengers were deployed and served snacks and beverages," Air India's spokesperson said.  
The drama unfolded after a mail was sent to Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport about a bomb threat.

## Sizzling Virat, solid Dhoni



**Takes two to tango:** Skipper Virat Kohli (72) and Mahendra Singh Dhoni (56) took India to 268 for seven in the World Cup match against the West Indies at Old Trafford on Thursday before the bowlers bundled out the Caribbeans for 143. Kohli overtook Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara to become the fastest to score 20,000 International runs (417 innings).

## Bombay High Court upholds reservation for Marathas

Calls 16% quota unjustifiable, caps it at 13%

**SONAM SAIGAL MUMBAI**  
The Bombay High Court on Thursday upheld reservation for the Marathas but quashed the 16% quota by calling it "not justifiable".  
The court said it should not exceed 12% for education and 13% for jobs as recommended by the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission.  
A Division Bench of Justices Ranjit More and Bharati Dange said, "We...declare that the State possesses the legislative competence to

### Stamp of the court

After the State legislature approved the 16% quota for the Marathas, reservation in Maharashtra increased from 52% to 68%. The High Court said the reservation for the community should be 12-13%. The chart shows community-wise reservation in the State

Community	Reservation (%)
Unreserved	35
SC	13
ST	7
OBC	19
Others (SBC, Denotified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes- B, C, & D)	13
Maratha community (HC recommendation)*	13

\*The Assembly had approved 16% reservation for the Marathas

enact the Maharashtra State Reservation for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018, and the State's legislative competence is not in any way affected by the Constitution."

## Haryana Congress leader shot dead in Faridabad

He was attacked while leaving a gym; 13 FIRs registered against him

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH**  
Congress leader Vikas Chaudhary was on Thursday shot dead by unknown assailants in Haryana's Faridabad, an incident which evoked sharp criticism against the ruling BJP-led government by Congress leaders.



**Vikas Chaudhary** • ANI  
Chaudhary had a criminal background and 13 FIRs of extortion, kidnapping, and attempt to murder, were registered against him since 2007 in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Virk added: "Several police teams have been deployed to crack the case and the Faridabad Police is confident of solving it soon. Commissioner of Police, Faridabad, is personally supervising the investigation."

**Hit by multiple bullets**  
Mr. Chaudhary, a party spokesperson, was hit by multiple bullets in the Sector 9 area of the city at 9.30 a.m. "CCTV footage showed that he [Chaudhary] was in a sports utility vehicle, parked outside a gym when the assailants fired multiple gun

shots at the vehicle from two sides. The bullets hit him on the neck and chest," ACP Jai-veer Singh Rathie told reporters.  
Mr. Rathie said Chaudhary was rushed to a nearby private hospital where he was declared dead. "Twelve spent cartridges have been recovered from the crime scene. The body of the deceased was handed over to the family after post-mortem. The post-mortem report is awaited," he added.  
Police have registered a case under Section 302 of the IPC, and investigation is under way.

## At Hindu, it is 99% for B.A.(H) political science

**SIDHARTH RAVI NEW DELHI**  
Hindu College stopped just short of asking for a perfect score for students seeking admissions to B.A. (Honours) political science with the first cut-off list, released on Thursday, calling for 99%. Last year for the same course it was 96.75%.  
At LSR, the highest cut-off is for B.A. Psychology at 98.7%. The highest cut-off at Miranda House is for B.A. (Honours) Economics and B.A. (Honours) Geography at 98.25%.

## 11 students killed in Kashmir road accident

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR**  
Eleven students, including nine girls, died when the vehicle they were travelling in fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district on Thursday. The accident happened when the vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down the gorge near Pir Ki Gali. "Seven others were injured in the accident," said the police.

## National mission on natural language translation soon

₹450 crore-proposal is part of the 100-day action plan charted out by MeitY

**YUTHIKA BHARGAVA NEW DELHI**  
The Ministry of Electronics and IT will soon place before the Union Cabinet a ₹450 crore proposal for National Language Translation – one of the key missions identified by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).  
The proposal is part of the 100-day action plan charted out by MeitY, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's instructions.  
The national mission on natural language translation aims to make science and technology accessible to all by facilitating access to

Language	Mother tongue of speakers (%)
Hindi and associated languages	43.63
Bengali	8.03
Marathi	6.86
Telugu	6.7
Tamil	5.7
Gujarati	4.58
Urdu	4.19
Kannada	3.61

SOURCE: CENSUS 2011

The proposed cost of the Natural Language Translation mission is ₹450 crore

translation will be used," a senior government official told *The Hindu*.  
The official said the Ministry had proposed an outlay of ₹450 crore for the mission over the next three-year period.  
The official said that to overcome the language barrier, the government planned to set up an ecosystem which involved the Central and State agencies and start-ups.  
"Start-ups can help expedite the work to build implementable solutions to help make research," he said.  
Translation activities can also help generate employment for educated unem-

ployed, he pointed out, adding that the mission would help not just students who find it difficult to access knowledge because of language barrier, but also teachers, authors, publishers, translation software developers and general readers.  
The IT ministry is the lead agency for implementation of the mission along with Ministry of Human Resource Development and Department of Science and Technology.  
The PM-STIAC is an overarching body that identifies challenges in certain areas of science and technology.

### TESTIMONIAL

I owe my success to the whole Nirvana IAS Academy team for guiding me throughout my journey. My success today is because of the proficiency and expertise of the teachers at Nirvana and their immense faith in their students.  
When I first decided to pursue civil services, I was very skeptical about the process, full of doubts with numerous questions in my mind. Then one of my seniors from graduation days (who himself is an IAS Officer) told me about Nirvana. After the mandatory and insightful counselling session with Karam Sir, I had a very positive feeling and surprisingly I found the process relatively "not rocket science".  
Nirvana played a very crucial role in my success, especially with regards to my GS preparation. The explicit focus on current affairs to keep us in line with the changing pattern of the civil services exam at all stages. Karam Sir's classroom discussions have been a guiding tool in making sure that we don't just pass the exam but also understand the world around us. He makes sure that the journey at Nirvana makes us all better citizens and be of service to the society. Ruby Ma'am also gave us great tips for the CSAT paper and made sure that the paper is more of a fun exercise than an uphill task. She was instrumental in helping me choose Law as my optional subject. Walidwa Sir's history classes were also interesting with deep understanding of events and their consequences in today's world.  
"Only those succeed, who don't get bogged down by the complexities and challenges of life and instead use them as the stepping stones to Glory." These words stand true to Karam Sir's approach towards the preparation process as well as general attitude towards life. I am very grateful to him and hope that this association and friendship remains for life.  
The dedication and commitment of the teachers at Nirvana and their ability to make the classes so interesting is a superlative effort which is unmatched. The underlying key to the success of Nirvana is the ability of the teachers to relate to the students and identify their strengths and weaknesses which are ultimately helpful to provide personal guidance to all of them as per their need. I deeply acknowledge Nirvana IAS Academy for giving me knowledge which has helped me shape my dreams and in making me capable of achieving them.

Shubham Gupta, AIR-6, CSE 2018

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## IN BRIEF



## BSES launches energy saving app

**NEW DELHI**  
Electricity discom BSES on Thursday launched multiple initiatives to improve energy efficiency through 'demand side management'. The firm has joined hands with TERI, Panasonic, Council of Energy, Environment and Water to launch a 'behavioural energy saving app', a 'green division concept' and 'solar micro grids with battery storage'.

## Air quality of Delhi-NCR

City	AQI	Category
Delhi	184	Moderate
Gurgaon	169	Moderate
Ghaziabad	225	Poor
Faridabad	183	Moderate
Noida	198	Moderate
Greater Noida	221	Poor

Legend:   
 Good (0-50)   
 Satisfactory (51-100)   
 Moderate (101-200)   
 Poor (201-300)   
 Very poor (301-400)   
 Severe (>401)

AIR QUALITY INDEX AT 4 P.M., YESTERDAY (AVERAGE OF PAST 24 HOURS) | SOURCE: CPCB

## AAP MLAs asked to meet people in their constituencies

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday asked MLAs to meet people in their constituencies every day and tell them about works done by the Delhi government. The programme is named as *Aapka Vidhayak Aapke Dwar*. A team of party volunteers will be appointed to track the MLAs and submit a report on the programme to Mr. Kejriwal.

Mr. Kejriwal directed all legislators to meet people in their Assembly constituencies, listen to their problems and resolve it. "The Chief Minister said in the meeting that the AAP government has brought fundamental changes in the field of water, power, education and health with projects like doorstep delivery of services in the last four and a half years. The CM asked the MLAs to take this work to the people and discuss the progress with them," an official statement read.

## Delhi Cabinet approves key projects

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, approved several key projects on Thursday.

These included an amendment in the Delhi Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1971, for the inclusion of Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib, Talwandi Sabo in Bhatinda as the fifth Takhat, the Delhi government said.

The AAP government also increased by ₹2 lakh, the annual family income criteria for the vocational training scheme, run by its agency DSFC for SC, ST, OBC, minorities and differently abled persons.

It also approved a rehabilitation scheme under which manual scavengers will be provided with one-time cash assistance of ₹40,000, concessional loans of up to ₹15 lakh and credit-linked capital subsidy of ₹3.25 lakh.

## DELHI TODAY

**Exhibition:** Between Art Deco and Modernism- Polish posters from 1918-1939, an exhibition of archival posters from the collection of the Poster Museum at Wilanow at Main Art Gallery, Kamaladevi Complex, India International Centre (IIC), 11 a.m. onwards

**Exhibition:** Exhibition of the works of Mexican Master Engraver, Joel Rendón at Annexe Art Gallery, IIC, 11 a.m. onwards

**Exhibition:** Assemblage '19, an exhibition by the students of the Delhi School of Photography, at Convention Centre, IIC, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Talk:** WHANS Series on Positive Psychology, discovering self and becoming more aware through Expressive Therapies at Casuarina, IHC, 7 p.m. onwards. (Mail your listings for this column at cityeditor@thehindu.co.in)

## Hindu sets target at 99% for pol science

English (Honours), most applied for course in Delhi University, finds highest cut-off at 97.75% at LSR

SIDHARTH RAVI  
NEW DELHI

Hindu College stopped just short of asking for perfect score for students seeking admission to B.A. (Honours) political science with the first cut-off, released on Thursday, calling for 99%. Last year, eligibility for the same course was pegged at 96.75%.

The highest cut-off last year was 98.75% for B.A. (Programme) at Lady Shri Ram College. At LSR this year, the highest cut-off is for B.A. psychology 98.7%. Among other women's colleges, the highest cut-off at Miranda House, ranked number one in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), is for B.A. (Honours) economics and B.A. (Honours) geography with 98.25%. At Maitreyi College, the highest cut-off is for B.A. (Honours) economics and B.A. (Honours) English at 96%.

The most applied to course - B.A. (Honours) English - to which up to 1,42,970 applications were received found the highest cut-off at Lady Shri Ram College at 97.75%. The cut-off for the same course last year was 98%.

The highest cut-off for both B.A. economics (Honours) and B.Com (Honours) are at Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) with 98.75% and 98.50% respectively, an increase of 1% and

COLLEGE	B.Com	B.Com (Hons.)	BA (Hons.) English	BA (Hons.) History	BA (Hons.) Pol Science	BA (Hons.) Economics	B.Sc (Hons.) Mathematics	B.Sc (Hons.) Physics	B.Sc (Hons.) Chemistry
Aryabhata	94	96	94	90	91	96	94	-	-
ARSD	95	97	95	91	93	97	95	94	93
Daulat Ram	96	96.5	96.5	95.5	95.75	96.75	96	97.66	96
DCAC	96.5	97.25	96.5	94	95.5	96.75	-	-	-
Dayal Singh	95	96.5	93	91	93	97	95	96	97
Gargi	95.5	96.5	96	95	96	97	97	97	97
Hans Raj	-	98.25	97.25	96.5	-	98.5	96.5	97.33	96.33
Hindu	-	98.25	97.75	98	99	98.5	97.75	98.33	97.33
IP College	-	97	96.5	96	96.5	97	95.5	-	-
Kamla Nehru	94	96	95.75	92.5	95	96.25	95	-	-
Kirori Mal	97.5	98.5	97	95	96	98.25	97	96.66	96
LSR	-	98	97.75	97	98	98	96.75	-	-
Maitreyi	94	95	96	93	94	96	95	95	96
Miranda House	-	-	97.5	97	98	98.25	96.75	97	96.67
Motilal Nehru	95	96	93	91	93	96.5	96	96	95
Ramjas	97	98	97	97.25	97	98	97	97	96
Bhagat Singh College	96	97.5	95	92	93	97.5	94.5	-	-
Sri Venkateswara	96.75	97.75	96.75	96.5	96.75	98	96.75	97.33	96
SRCC	-	98.5	-	-	-	98.75	-	-	-
Zakir Husain	95	95	94	88	92	95	94	-	94

SOURCE: DELHI UNIVERSITY

0.75%.

Among the science courses, the cut-off for B.Sc physics was 98.33% while B.Sc computer science at Dayal Singh was 98%. B.Sc statistics at Hindu College was 97.75%. Most of the cut-offs in science courses saw a marginal increase while compared to last year.

This year the number of seats also increased from about 56,000 in 2018 to close to 63,000. The expansion

took place in order to account for the 10% reservation mandated for students from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

Students who have cleared the cut-offs for the courses of their choice will have to download the application form for the particular course from the online portal. Following this, they will have to visit the college to have their documents verified and receive approval

from the principal. Candidates are required to complete this by July 1.

## Second list on July 4

All students who have cleared the cut-offs are eligible for admission in the college. However, those who come after the last date won't be entertained.

Once the approval has been received, a payment gateway will be made available on the candidate's portal on

the DU website. Students have been advised to make the payment within 24 hours of receiving the approval. The next list will be released on July 4.

According to DU Registrar, those who meet the requirements notified in the first cut-off list are advised to complete the admission formalities in the colleges concerned within the stipulated time as notified on the university website.

## 4 DJB officials suspended for consuming liquor in office

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Four Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials were suspended on Thursday after a video of them consuming alcohol and playing cards inside the office with outsiders went viral. They were suspended pending a vigilance inquiry into the incident.

"We do not know when the video was shot. We have suspended them till the inquiry is over, which usually takes more than three months. All of them are lower rank officials," said Dinesh Mohania, Vice Chairman of DJB.

Nine people, including the person who shot the video, could be seen in the clip. A Board official said that of the nine, four are DJB officials and others outsiders. The incident happened in the Punjabi Bagh zonal revenue office of the DJB after the working hours.

"DJB received the video from public domain. There was no formal complaint. Looking at the nature of the video, strict action has been taken... DJB has zero tolerance against such unprofessional activities in its premises," a written statement by the DJB said.

In the video, people could be seen drinking beer and asking someone to bring glasses and soda.

## Delhi government gives ₹15 lakh each to kin of Ankit Saxena, Dhruv Tyagi

Directs officials to call meeting over naming road after Saxena

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Thursday distributed compensation cheques of ₹15 lakh each to the families of Ankit Saxena and Dhruv Tyagi.

Saxena was killed by the family of his girlfriend, including her parents and maternal uncle, on February 1 last year as they were against their interfaith relationship. Tyagi was murdered while allegedly defending his daughter from harassment.

Ankit's father Yashpal recently addressed the media, saying that he had not received any financial or judi-

## 'Not received any proposal from AAP govt. over free metro rides'

Union Minister tells Lok Sabha; Kejriwal reassures people

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Centre had not received any proposal from the Delhi government for making metro travel for women free, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (Independent charge) Hardeep Puri told the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The Minister said this in response to a question by All India Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy.

## Proposals cleared: CM

This comes in the wake of the AAP government in Delhi announcing plans to make metro and bus rides free for women. "I, the Chief Minister of Delhi, assure the peo-



Hardeep Puri

ple of Delhi, the women of Delhi that the metro rides would be free for the women of the city. Have faith in your Chief Minister," Mr. Arvind Kejriwal said while interacting with the media after meeting Union Finance Minister on Thursday.

Replying to a question,

the Chief Minister said, "All the proposals which were stuck got cleared. We got file of mohalla clinics cleared, CCTV project cleared. We got all of them cleared."

On another question related to the scheme of free metro travel for women, he said, "We don't need to send any proposal to the Central government. Delhi government has decided to make metro travel for women free by giving subsidy for the same. We legally don't need to send proposal to the Central government. We wrote to the DMRC to send a proposal to us. We in-principle agree to the proposal sent by the metro to us. Delhi metro is ready. We are also ready."

## EDMC proposal to take over land at Gonda Gujran postponed

Dumping at Ghazipur landfill continues as civic body has no alternative site to deposit waste

SIDHARTH RAVI  
NEW DELHI

A proposal for 'permission to take over' land at Sonia Vihar and Gonda Gujran for waste processing purposes by the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), placed before the standing committee, was postponed citing its "sensitive nature" on Thursday.

The EDMC was dumping nearly 2,000 MT of municipal solid waste per

day at the Ghazipur site even after the 2017 collapse, the civic body said. Dumping was supposed to be stopped after the incident that had claimed two lives. Currently, the landfill is about 65-metre tall, already 40 metre over the prescribed limit for landfills.

While multiple experts, including an expert from IIT-Delhi and the Scientific Advisory Committee of the De-

partment of Science and Technology, have advised that dumping at the site be stopped, it continues as the civic body has no alternative site. While about 500 MTPD was being dumped at the SDMC's Okhla landfill for some time, that was stopped as well, the EDMC said.

## Project opposed

The DDA had handed over the land at Gonda Gujran to

the EDMC in March this year after National Green Tribunal direction. The civic body plans to instal an "integrated waste development" facility at the site, but the project has been opposed by locals and environmental activists who say it lies in the "O zone" of the Yamuna bank.

The civic body, however, claims that it has carried out analysis of the area by the National Environmental Engi-

## CM assures Sitharaman of 'full cooperation'

Stresses the need to work together

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia on Thursday called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and assured her of "full cooperation" from the Delhi government.

The two leaders told Ms. Sitharaman that Delhi was "not getting its due share" in Central taxes and also asked her to provide Central funds for the municipal corporations.

"The CM and Deputy CM congratulated Ms. Sitharaman on assuming the important charge as Finance Minister. Mr. Kejriwal assured the Union Minister of full cooperation from the Delhi government and stressed upon the need for the two governments to work together for the betterment and further development of the national capital," the Delhi government said in a statement.

## Seeks share in tax

According to the statement, the CM said the goal of his government is to "tirelessly work for the welfare of Delhi". The two leaders told Ms. Sitharaman that Delhi contributes around ₹1.5 lakh crore as income tax towards the Central exchequer. However, in return, Delhi gets



Arvind Kejriwal

merely ₹325 crore as share in Central taxes, which too has been frozen since two decades. In comparison, the share of other States in Central taxes is "quite high", the statement added.

"The CM told the Union Minister that the more the Centre invests in Delhi, it will lead to a boom in the economy and Delhiites will provide more tax to the Centre," it added.

Ms. Sitharaman was also apprised of the fact that Delhi has been deprived of Central grant for the municipal corporations, while other States are getting the same. They requested her to provide funds for the civic bodies to improve its financial conditions. "The Delhi government also requested the Union Minister to clear ₹3,000 crore pending integrated goods and services tax [IGST] dues of Delhi," the statement added.

## Expedite approval for metro feeder electric buses, Centre tells AAP govt.

Procurement of vehicles will improve last-mile connectivity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The procurement of over 400 electric buses for the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's (DMRC) feeder service for improving last-mile connectivity had been held up by the Delhi government, the Union Housing and Affairs Ministry said and asked it to expedite the approvals, sources said.

## Pending VGF approval

In a letter to Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Dev earlier this month, Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said that the DMRC had informed that it submitted a proposal for viability gap funding (VGF) for procurement of 427 electric buses to Delhi

government in January 2018.

The DMRC had flagged the issue of the pending VGF approval with the State government on many occasions and given the State Transport Authority (STA) the clarifications that were sought, he wrote, adding that the AAP government had agreed to the proposal in-principle.

## Tenders invited

"The DMRC has invited tenders for procurement of buses in anticipation of VGF approval from the GNCTD. Tenders for East, West, South and Central cluster are held up for want of VGF approval from the GNCTD. The tender for North cluster for Shastri Park has been floated," the Secretary

wrote. He asked the Chief Secretary to intervene in the matter and "expedite the approval" of the VGF proposal of the DMRC.

The DMRC in May had written to the Transport Department seeking in-principle approval for cluster-wise operation of electric buses and VGF approval on "priority basis" for two of the clusters.

"The VGF approval may be accorded on a priority basis as two of the tenders namely South and West clusters are nearing their bid validity and will be vitiated. Hence, immediate action is required from STA and GNCTD," the letter to the Special Commissioner Transport read.

## 6K illegal units demolished since April 2018: Puri

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Delhi's municipal corporations had cleared thousands of square metres of land from encroachment and initiated demolition action against over 6,000 properties for unauthorised construction from April 2018 till May this year, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri told the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

Replying to a question by BJP MP Manoj Rajoria about unauthorised construction in Delhi's illegal colonies, the Minister said, the North Corporation had cleared 1,930 sq metres of land pockets from encroachment, excluding roads, footpaths etc., from April 25, 2018 till May 31 this year. It also initiated action against 4,004 properties for unauthorised construction.

The Minister further said that the SDMC had removed encroachments from 23,312 sq metres of land during the same duration. In addition, 896 properties had been sealed and 1,935 units demolished. The EDMC had said that it cleared 1,405.40 km of road from encroachment in its jurisdiction.

## Hospital asked to pay ₹7 lakh as compensation for negligence

State Consumer forum also directs insurance firm to pay

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Holding an Uttam Nagar-based hospital guilty of medical negligence, the State Consumer Disputes Redressal forum here has dismissed an appeal moved by the hospital. Upholding the order passed by the District forum, the State Commission directed the hospital and an insurance firm to compensate the complainant by paying ₹7 lakh.

## Surgical procedure

The directions came when a city resident moved the consumer forum while alleging

that his wife had died during childbirth due to hospital's negligence.

Observing that the hospital was guilty of medical negligence, the consumer panel held, "There is clear evidence on record which establishes that septicemia was due to surgical procedure. The medical board has also observed that the possibility of septicemia is also due to low immune status due to fever in the antenatal period."

Directing the hospital and the United India Insurance company to compensate the family, the consumer panel

further held, "Had the hospital and doctors been careful, patient's valuable life could have been saved. The child has been deprived of mother's love and affection forever on account of negligence and deficiency on the part of the hospital."

The hospital had moved the State panel with an appeal to reduce the amount of compensation ordered by the district forum. However, the panel observed, "A very meagre amount has been awarded by the district forum. We find no reason to reduce in the same as is prayed."

# World calls for joint efforts to protect global growth as G20 draws near

Ahead of the Group of 20 (G20) summit in Japan, the international community is calling for joint efforts by major economies to help maintain global growth amid rising uncertainties.

## THREATS TO GLOBAL GROWTH

The bloc of major economies will soon be in the Japanese city of Osaka as the global economy is increasingly threatened by protectionism.

In the name of protecting domestic industries, Washington has slapped steep tariffs on billions of U.S. dollars' worth of products from its partners, heightening trade tensions worldwide and rocking the foundation of the multilateral trading system.

"Today uncertainty is not so much about integration but about disintegration. Multilateralism and free trade have come under pressure, for example, with international trade conflicts," said Burkhard Balz, a member of the executive board of Deutsche Bundesbank.

Moving towards isolationism and unilateralism damages the G20 spirit significantly, said Lee Hee-ok, a professor of political science at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul.

Finance ministers from the G20 economies on June 9 issued a joint statement, saying global growth "remains low and risks remain tilted to the downside" and listing trade tensions as the key factor.

The latest World Trade Outlook Indicator reading of 96.3 remains at the weakest level since 2010, signalling continued falling trade growth in the first half of 2019, said the World Trade Organization (WTO).

According to a key UN report released earlier in June, global foreign direct investment (FDI) slid to 1.3 trillion dollars in 2018, in its third straight annual decline.

Factors such as escalating trade tensions "risk continuing to weigh on FDI in 2019 and beyond," said Mukhisa Kituyi, secretary-general of the UN Conference on Trade and Development.

"Economic prospects are now weaker in nearly all G20 countries than previously anticipated," said the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its recent interim economic outlook. Besides, there are other major risks such as geopolitical tensions and climate crises.

Kituyi said the main drag on FDI in Europe is the "negative pull of Brexit in Britain," which has created considerable uncertainty.

In its latest monthly report, the U.S. Energy Information Administration cut its 2019 world



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 13, 2019. (Xinhua/Yin Bogu)

oil demand growth forecast by 0.2 million barrels per day (bpd) to 1.2 million bpd, amid escalating tensions in the Middle East. "According to the World Bank, air pollution costs societies more than 5 trillion dollars every year," said Joyce Msuya, deputy executive director of UN Environment.

"This meeting is coming at a time which is seeing perhaps the most significant shift in the global environment since the Cold War," said Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg.

## NEED FOR CONSENSUS

What concerns the international community the most is whether G20 economies can show solidarity at the upcoming summit in tackling the risks of global economic downturn.

Although many G20 economies have repeatedly called for coordination of economic policies over the past few years, the bloc is still divided on certain thorny issues, such as rising protectionism and climate change.

For example, the G20 ministerial meeting

earlier in June failed to include the part of opposing trade protectionism in the joint statement due to objections from the U.S. side. "The United States ... lost interest in cooperating in a multilateral format and actually stalled the process of reforming the system of global governance," said Professor Yana Leksyutina of St. Petersburg State University.

Besides, the UN climate change conference held last year in Poland also witnessed some countries voicing opposition to including the draft text in the final outcome document.

Participating countries of the G20 summit should act positively to reach some agreement "which would be beneficial to people across the world," Qian Meijun, professor of the College of Business and Economics in the Australian National University, told Xinhua.

OECD Chief Economist Laurence Boone suggested "governments should coordinate policy actions to avoid a further downturn."

In an interview with Xinhua, Atsushi Sunami, vice president at the National

Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, called on all to understand the real impact of trade tensions, and end the trade frictions as soon as possible.

There will not be any winner, Takakage Fujita, a political analyst, told Xinhua.

He said the economic and trade friction provoked by the United States hurts not only China, but also U.S. farmers as well as U.S. industries, which have already issued warnings against such reckless acts of the U.S. government.

Economy has no borders, Tadashi Yanai, founder of the famous Japanese clothing brand Uniqlo, told Xinhua, adding he hopes all could understand that the world is closely linked, and people of all countries look forward to a peaceful and stable life.

## CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

Many hope that G20 economies can take concrete actions such as returning to the negotiating table to alleviate trade tensions.

Fujita suggested major economies like the United States should, from the perspective of

being conducive to world peace and development, return to talks, and solve issues through rational negotiation and consultation.

Talks are the only right choice, he said.

The international community also urged G20 economies to develop open and fair platforms like the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and promote the reforms of international organizations, to better defend the multilateral trading order.

The BRI really supports the growth of the global economy, said Sunami.

It is a more open and multilateral idea that goes against unilateralism and isolationism, said Lee.

Developing countries should take part in the effort to strengthen the role of the UN in world affairs and reform backbone institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the WTO, said Leksyutina.

During the G20 summit in Argentina last year, many leaders called for a WTO reform. And so did the joint statement issued after the foregoing G20 ministerial meeting.

It is important for G20 leaders to come up with more transparent rules, especially concerning trade tensions and the digital economy, said Sunami.

They need to talk about the WTO and other world organizations, and whether the WTO can play a more active role in creating a fair environment for everybody to agree on, he said.

"Leaders must do something more than repeat the call. It is imperative that we see action," Director-General of the WTO Roberto Azevedo said.

He particularly called on joint efforts to reform the WTO's dispute settlement system to avert an acute Appellate Body crisis.

Besides, Chen Yulu, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, suggested carrying out an IMF quota reform to objectively reflect the relative positions of member countries in the global economy, and strengthen the voice of emerging market economies.

"How the major central banks should react to the most recent developments on the market and the world economy, including interest rates, quantitative easing as well as currencies, is another issue," said Dawie Roodt, chief economist at African financial services company Efficient Group.

Experts also expect the upcoming summit to help find solutions to climate change.

According to Ottmar Edenhofer, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, G20 leaders should consider carbon pricing and the development of new low-carbon technologies to cut emissions, and integrating their carbon markets to push forward ongoing international negotiations.

## President Xi's talks on China's development, global governance at G20 summits



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech at the Business 20 (B20) summit in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, Sept. 3, 2016. (Xinhua/Ma Zhancheng)

As one of the most-anticipated global gatherings every year, the Group of 20 (G20) Summit provides a multilateral platform for countries to seek consensus on global governance and sustainable development.

On the eve of the upcoming G20 summit in Osaka, Japan, a review of Chinese President Xi Jinping's remarks at previous G20 summits will help draw further inspiration from Chinese solutions to challenges facing the world.

## ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

Economy is always ranked high on the agenda of the G20 Summit.

"In mankind's relentless quest for development and progress, the trend toward openness and integration among countries is unstoppable despite ups and downs in the global economy," Xi said at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2018.

"Greater co-ordination and complementarity among countries meet the need of productivity growth. They will also shape the future of relations of production," he said. "In this process, countries are increasingly becoming a community with shared interests, shared responsibilities and a shared future."

Xi has called for building an open global economy many times.

"This commitment of the G20 to build open economies saw us through the global financial crisis, and this commitment is vital to re-energizing the global economy," he said in 2017 at the G20 Hamburg Summit.

Making an appeal to foster new sources of growth for the global economy, Xi said that "innovation, more than anything else, is such a new source of growth."

"Another source of growth derives from making greater efforts to address the issue of development and implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and such efforts will both benefit developing countries and generate business and investment opportunities for developed countries," he added.

## ON GLOBAL COOPERATION

Cooperation is another keyword in Xi's remarks at previous G20 summits.

At the G20 summit in China's Hangzhou in 2016, Xi said that "We will continue to reinforce macro-policy dialogue and coordination, work in the spirit of

partnership to promote mutual help and win-win cooperation, and focus our minds and energy to pursue strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth."

"We should forge strong partnership and step up macro policy coordination. Partnership is the most valuable asset of the G20," Xi said at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires in 2018, emphasizing that "we G20 members should work together to surmount whatever difficulty that lies ahead."

As regards the rising protectionism, Xi said in his remarks at the G20 summit in 2015 that "we should reject protectionism and uphold and strengthen the multilateral trading regime in order to provide sufficient space for the development of different countries."

"As the world's major economies, we should and must lead the way, support the multilateral trading system, observe the jointly established rules and, through consultation, seek all-win solutions to common challenges we face," Xi reiterated in 2017 at the G20 summit in Hamburg.

## ON CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT

As the leader of the world's second largest economy which has contributed over 30 percent of global growth, Xi has always been generous in sharing China's development experience.

"China owes its progress to reform and opening-up, and will continue to advance on this path," Xi said in 2018 at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires.

"China will continue to improve its business environment, and hopes that all countries will work together for a free, open, inclusive and orderly international economic environment," he added.

Speaking of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, Xi said in 2017 at the G20 Hamburg Summit that "guided by a new vision of governance, we built a new platform of cooperation to tap into new sources of growth. The commitment of the Belt and Road Forum is highly compatible with the goal of the G20."

Also in remarks at the Hamburg summit, Xi called on the participating countries to "work together to promote interconnected growth for shared prosperity and build toward a global community with a shared future."

## World looks to G20 Summit to address challenges of world economy, says expert

by Pankaj Yadav



Blake Hurst, president of the Missouri Farm Bureau, also a corn, soybean and greenhouse farmer, stands on his fields in Tarkio, Missouri, the United States, June 10, 2019. (Xinhua/Liu Jie)

All eyes will be on the Group of 20 (G20) summit in Osaka this week, as observers look for solutions to challenges facing the world economy, an expert has said.

"In the 21st century, the global focus has shifted from security to development and G20 represents the largest economies on the planet," Professor Swaran Singh of the School of International Studies at Delhi-based Jawaharlal Nehru University told Xinhua.

"They (leaders of G20) sit together and decide what should be the direction of the global economy and how to address the challenges that the global economy has at that given time," said Singh.

These 20 top economies of the world represent specific regions, and the increasing connectivity of G20 with their respective regions mean the stakes are high, he added. "When you talk of economic relations, these are extremely not only intertwined but interdependent," said the professor.

The G20 meeting, slated for June 28-29, comes at a time when the U.S.-initiated trade disputes with China is raising concerns worldwide about the prospects for future global economic development.

Chinese President Xi Jinping held a telephone conversation with his U.S. counterpart Donald Trump on June 18 at the latter's request.

Trump said he looks forward to meeting Xi again during the upcoming Group of 20 summit in the Japanese city of Osaka later this month and conducting in-depth discussions on bilateral ties and issues of common concern.

The Chinese president said he stands ready to meet Trump in Osaka to exchange views on fundamental issues concerning the development of China-U.S. relations.

"G20 is going to be very focused on finding some kind of respite, if not resolution, to this continuing tension between the United States and China," said Singh, adding that the proposed meeting between Trump and Xi "is of interest to everybody around the world." Citing data by the International Monetary Fund, Singh said that due to the U.S.-China trade and tariff tensions, the world economy is likely to shrink by about 0.5 percent, or about 500 billion U.S. dollars.

Trump's protectionist policies and the idea of "American First" have surely rattled global business and economic relations, said Singh.

"Even if this is sowing some positive growth in the short term, American companies are already voicing their long term fears of negative implications. Major economies are so intensely intertwined that it is insane to imagine sealing economic interactions within national borders or dictating terms to other sovereign nations," said the professor.

Regarding the U.S. ban on Chinese company Huawei, Singh noted that the U.S. tactic was nothing but politics.

"China's unprecedented development and American economic deceleration has triggered alarm bells in Washington about China possibly overtaking it sooner than later," he said.



A man looks for special offers at a sporting goods store in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, the United States, Aug. 1, 2018. (Xinhua/Li Ying)

"The basic motive behind raising trade tariffs or banning of Huawei remains their sentiment to delay China's rise as much as possible," he added.

When asked if U.S. trade disputes with China is responsible for recent weakness in global growth, Singh replied that several reputed international institutions had already given their forecasts of a "negative impact" of the trade disputes.

## IN BRIEF

**Two arms suppliers held; 19 pistols recovered**

NEW DELHI  
Two arms suppliers have been arrested from Ghazipur, the police said on Thursday. They claim to have recovered 19 pistols, two revolvers and 34 magazines from their possession. The accused were active in Delhi-NCR for the last 20 years. They used to transport weapons in a truck from Sendhwa in Madhya Pradesh to supply in Delhi-NCR, the police said.

**Contractor killed for not returning money**

NEW DELHI  
A 36-year-old contractor identified as Fateh Ali was stabbed and shot allegedly by two persons over a money dispute in Sangam Vihar on Wednesday night, the police said on Thursday. The accused — Pintu and Rafiq — said they committed the crime as the victim was not able to pay them, the police added.

**HC grants protection to couple**

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NEW DELHI  
The Delhi High Court has granted police protection to a 21-year-old woman and her husband who married against the wishes of her parents. They apprehend danger to their lives.

Justice Najmi Waziri directed the police that the matter be looked into by the Station House Officer (SHO) concerned and the petitioner's family be duly sensitized about her constitutional rights.

"The petitioner seeks protection from this court to her as well as her husband life, limb and liberty and she shall be granted protection for the same," the court said.

**Man ends life over house demolition**

'Officials manhandled him when he resisted'; consumed poisonous substance: cops

HEMANI BHANDARI  
NEW DELHI

A 40-year-old man ended his life after his house was demolished by government officials in Outer North Delhi's Bawana on Thursday afternoon, the police said.

DCP (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma said the man is survived by his wife and two children.

**Had taken loan**

"Preliminary enquiry revealed that he had recently constructed the house for which he had taken a loan. During demolition, he consumed a poisonous substance. He told his wife about it when he was rushed to a hospital. He died during treatment," Mr. Sharma said.

His nephew said the deceased was a private LIC agent and also did pest control work. "Around 12 p.m.,



Government officials on Thursday demolished 26 houses in Bawana. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

officials came and started taking out his belongings from inside the house. He pleaded to the officials but they manhandled him," said the nephew added.

A government official said the land, on which the house was built, was acquired for

construction of highway and the proceedings were on since 2012.

"The residents had approached the High Court and the Supreme Court regarding the matter. In January, the courts demarcated the land for demolition. Initially,

there were 70 houses and then it was finally brought down to 26, which were demolished today [Thursday]. The residents were informed on June 19 to vacate their houses when they had asked for a few more days, which they were given," the official said, adding that the family is authorised to get compensation. His family claimed that he had written to Centralized Public Grievance Redress And Monitoring System (CPGRAMS), demanding "action against actual culprit".

His family said he had sold his property in his hometown in Bihar's Samastipur after which he had bought this land and constructed the house.

**Suicide prevention helpline: Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health, Telephone: 011-4076 9002, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. -7.30 p.m.**

**Homeless man killed by speeding car; driver held**

One injured; victims yet to be identified

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

A homeless man was killed and another injured after a speeding car hit them in north Delhi's Kashmere Gate, the police said on Thursday.

The victims are yet to be identified, they said.

The incident took place on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday on a flyover near ISBT when Imran (42) and his younger brother were heading towards Kashmere Gate from Seelampur in their car, they said.

Imran was driving towards Kashmere Gate when he spotted a truck and tried to make way for it but lost control and hit a divider, injuring two pavement dwellers before their

**Imran was driving when he spotted a truck and tried to make way for it but lost control and hit a divider, injuring two pavement dwellers**

POLICE OFFICER

vehicle overturned, said an officer.

The occupants of the car have been rescued unhurt, the officer added.

The victims were rushed to a nearby hospital where one of them was declared brought dead while the other is undergoing treatment, the officer added.

A case has been registered and Imran has been arrested, the police said.

**Youth drowns in North body swimming pool; probe on**

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

A 21-year-old youth drowned in a North body swimming pool on Wednesday afternoon, the police said.

DCP (North-West) Vijayanta Arya said the victim has been identified as Parth from Sabzi Mandi. "A PCR call was received from Fortis Hospital regarding death of a boy. The police were told that he drowned in a pool at BK-II in Shalimar Bagh," Ms. Arya said.

She said they are trying to find out if a lifeguard was present at the pool. A case has been registered under Section 304 A (causing death by negligence) of the IPC and probe is under way.

**Cops failed to deliver justice, say murder victim's parents**

Neetu Solanki was killed in 2011

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

"The police have failed to deliver justice to our daughter as none of the officers took the case seriously," alleged parents of Neetu Solanki, who was murdered by her live-in partner Raju Gehlot in 2011.

On Wednesday, Gehlot who had been absconding since 2011, died in a private hospital in Gurugram. He had killed the woman and abandoned her body outside New Delhi Railway Station.

The victim's father Kartar Singh said the accused managed to evade arrest for eight years in a city adjacent to the Capital. "The police could not trace him," he said, adding, "It has become easy for criminals to get away by obtaining a fake ID. We did not get justice. We were waiting for the day when Gehlot will get caught. We wanted to see him behind bars, but it never happened." Gehlot had ob-

**We were waiting for Gehlot to get caught. We wanted to see him behind bars, but it never happened**

KARTAR SINGH  
Victim's father

tained a fake ID in the name of Rohan Dahiya and was working with an automobile company, the police said.

The police got to know about him after they got a call from the hospital where he was being treated for a liver ailment.

"We rushed to the hospital in Gurugram when the doctors told us that he died in the morning," said an officer.

**'Request to close case'**

The accused was a proclaimed offender and had a bounty of ₹2 lakh on his head. "Now, we will submit his death certificate in the court and request to close the case," added the officer.

**Stork market**

The little birdies: A stork feeds its chicks inside an enclosure at Delhi zoo. ■SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

**Two women found murdered in Jaitpur**

Manhunt on for absconding suspect

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Two women were found murdered at their rented accommodation in south-east Delhi's Jaitpur on Thursday morning, the police said.

One of the woman's husband is a prime suspect, they said. Deputy Commissioner of Police (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said Kismat and Zabna were in their mid-30s.

The police said they received a PCR call at 11.25 a.m. regarding a foul smell coming from a room in Saurav Vihar.

"We were told that the tenant has not returned since Wednesday," Mr. Biswal said.

On reaching the spot, Kismat and Zabna were found dead with clothes tied around their neck. It is suspected that they were strangled, the police said.

The bodies have been shifted to the mortuary for post-mortem to ascertain the cause of death, they said.

**'Married both women'** Preliminary investigation revealed that the women were living with a man, who had told the locals that he had married both the women.

A 12-year-old son of one of the victims also stayed with the family.

"The locals said the family members used to fight a lot. It has also been revealed that the husband was last seen around 11 a.m. on Wednesday. He is a labourer," Mr. Biswal said, adding that Kismat was his legally wedded wife.

A case has been registered under Section 302 (punishment for murder) of the Indian Penal Code and teams are looking for the absconding suspect.

**Two held for firing at TV crew in Barapullah**

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Two persons have been arrested for allegedly firing at a television crew's cab on Barapullah flyover over two weeks ago, the police said on Thursday.

The accused were wanted in more than 20 cases, they said.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Rajiv Ranjan said the accused have been identified as Tayyab (23) and Shahid (20).

They had signaled the cab driver to stop but the journalist asked him to keep driving. After this, the duo fired three shots at the cab, but the crew managed to escape. During probe, CCTV footage helped them identify the accused.

Meanwhile, Tayyab was arrested in a year-old kidnapping-cum-robbery case of Vivek Vihar, the police said. "During interrogation, he revealed the names of his associates, who were active members of his gang. After this, Shahid who was arrested," Mr. Ranjan said.

The accused had robbed a taxi driver four days before this incident, the police added.

**Officers suspended**

At the time of the incident, three officers were suspended for lack of prompt response. The police on Thursday said one of the three officers — Assistant Sub-Inspector Jitender Kumar — has been dismissed from service after the enquiry.

**'Anti-Romeo squads to issue red cards in Noida'**

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NOIDA

The police will issue "red cards" to offenders found harassing women in public places as a warning before initiating criminal proceedings against them if they are caught indulging in the act again, officers said on Thursday.

The "red cards" will be served through anti-Romeo squads, which comprise constables — both male and female — who are deployed in public places in plain clothes.

The squads were constituted to check stalkers and eve-teasers in Uttar Pradesh soon after Yogi Adityanath assumed the office of the Chief Minister.

The 'red cards' will be handed out to offenders as a warning and if a person who has been previously issued this card is found indulging in such activities again, criminal proceedings will be initiated against that person," a police spokesperson said.

They will have details of the offenders like their name, age, address, parents' information along with the offence for which they have been issued the card, he said.

**Civic body assistant commissioner gets four-year jail term in bribery case**

Fined ₹40,000; both sentences to run concurrently, orders court

NIRNIMESH KUMAR  
NEW DELHI

Allowing plea for a lenient punishment in view of family's woes, a court here has awarded four years of imprisonment to a civic body assistant commissioner in a 2016 corruption case.

Sanjeev Kumar was posted at Karol Bagh, North Zone when the CBI caught him red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹15,000 from a clerk at the office.

The officer had offered the complainant to post him as a licensing inspector on a bribe of ₹50,000. Instead of the clerk, it was the officer who had approached him for awarding a new responsibility.

Not only that, when the complainant showed no interest in the

offer, the officer started harassing him and threatened to send him out of the department where he was working at that time.

The clerk then approached the probe agency and filed a complaint.

Holding him guilty, Special Judge Anil Kumar Sisodia said: "...the prosecution has succeeded in proving the charges against the accused beyond reasonable doubts. Accordingly, the accused is convicted for the charged offences under Section 7 and Section 13 (2) read with Section 13(1)(d), 1988 of the Prevention of Corruption Act."

"The convict is a government servant and what he was found indulged in corruption. However, there are no aggravating circum-

stances against the convict as he is neither a previous convict nor is he involved in any other criminal case. The convict has three children and aged parents dependent upon him for their livelihood," the Judge said.

"Keeping in mind all the aggravating and mitigating circumstances and taking stock of maximum and minimum sentences provided, I hereby sentence convict Sanjeev Kumar to simple imprisonment for four years under Section 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) and simple imprisonment for three years under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act," the Judge added.

The court also imposed a fine of ₹40,000 on the officer. Both sentences will run concurrently.

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**Tender Notice No. 01 / 2019-20 Amendment**

The Tenders are invited online by Executive Engineer Panchayat (R&B) Division, Chhotaudepur. Pin code No. 391165 Phone No. (2669-233053) for the Suidhpath (Total 4 Works) Which Estimated cost ranging from **Rs.50 Lacs to Rs. 295 lacs** by E-Tendering from the eligible and Approved Registered Contractor by Government of Gujarat. For Further particulars contact of above office. The website for tender document is <https://nprocure.com> and seen also Mahiti Department website: [www.statendertenders.com](http://www.statendertenders.com)

**: TIME SCHEDULE OF E-TENDERING :**

Online down load Tender last date	Dt: 08/07/2019 18:00Hrs
Submission of Tender Fee, EMD & other documents	Demand Draft for tender fee & E.M.D. &. other documents shall be submitted in electronic format only through online & All the necessary documents shall be send to this office by R.P.A.D. from 7 days after opening
On line Opening Tender	Dt. 09/07/2019 12:00Hrs
Place of Opening tender	S.E. Panchayat (R&B) Circle Office at Vadodara Ph. No. 0265-2421092

**Agency should write own Name, Address and name of work compulsory, when they submit physical document by post.**

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Panchayat (R&B) Division  
Chhotaudepur  
(INF-BRD-285-2019-2020) (190-Corrigendum)

**S.P. (CCTNS), Police Headquarter, 12, Subhash Road, Dehradun.**  
**Email ID: [cctnsprojectuk@gmail.com](mailto:cctnsprojectuk@gmail.com)**  
**Phone No-0135-2717316**  
**e-Tender For CCTNS Project-Uttarakhand**

1. Calendar of Events and Other Relevant Details

S. No.	Information	Details
1.	e-Tender reference No and Date	UKCOPS-01/2019, 24/06/2019
2.	Non Refundable Tender Cost	Rs 4,000 /-(Inc. of tax)
3.	Start Date for Issuance/Sale of Tender Document	24/06/2019, 12:00 Noon
4.	EMD	INR 1,80,000 (INR One Lakh Eighty Thousand only)
5.	Bid Submission Start Date	24/06/2019
6.	Last date (deadline) for receipt of proposals in response to e-Tender notice	08/07/2019, 12:00 Noon
7.	Place, Time and Date for opening of Technical proposals received in response to the E-Tender notice	08/07/2019, 12:30 PM, Conference Hall, Police Head Quarter, 12, Subhash Road, Dehradun
8.	Place, Time and Date for opening of Financial proposals received in response to the e-Tender notice	Police Head Quarter, 12, Subhash Road, Dehradun Date & Time Will be intimated by Department later
9.	Contact Person for queries	S.P. (CCTNS), Police Headquarter, 12, Subhash Road, Dehradun. Email ID: <a href="mailto:cctnsprojectuk@gmail.com">cctnsprojectuk@gmail.com</a> Phone No-0135-2717316
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41°C A pollution level will increase. Dry and hot weather will persist. A partly cloudy sky will prevail.

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42°C Dry weather will prevail. Day will be hot and windy with a partly cloudy sky.

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IN BRIEF

M.P. govt. mulls jail term for cow vigilantes

BHOPAL The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a proposal to amend the cow protection law and award jail terms ranging from six months to five years to those who indulge in violence in the name of cow vigilantism. The proposal to amend the M.P. Cow Progeny Slaughter Prevention Act, 2004, was cleared at a Cabinet meeting chaired by CM Kamal Nath on Wednesday. State Minister Lakhan Singh Yadav confirmed that the proposal has been cleared. PTI

Inmates, police clash in Ludhiana Central Jail

One prisoner dead; Amarinder orders magisterial inquiry

VIKAS VASUDEVA CHANDIGARH

A violent clash broke out between inmates and police officers at Punjab's Ludhiana Central Jail on Thursday, leaving one inmate dead and five injured. Around half a dozen police personnel also sustained injuries.

The violence erupted around 11.30 a.m., after news of the death of a prison inmate, identified as Sunny Sood, at the Rajendra Medical College Hospital, Patiala, reached the jail. Sood was under a trial in a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Violence over death

"The news of Sood's death triggered a riot on the jail premises. The 3,100-odd inmates refused to go back into the barracks and starting throwing stones, which were available due to some ongoing construction work. They also set on fire the record room and the car of the Jail Superintendent, and vandalised the jail property," said an official statement.

The inmates tried to break the prison gates and the police fired in the air to stop them, the statement added. Meanwhile, additional



Heavy police force deployed at Ludhiana Central Jail after the clashes on Thursday. PTI

police forces, including tear-gas vehicles and around 300 personnel, reached the spot to control the violence.

"The situation was finally brought under control around 1.30 p.m., when the prisoners were put back in the barracks," added the statement. The prisoner killed in the violence was identified as Ajit Baba.

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has ordered a magisterial inquiry, to be conducted by Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, into the incident.

Opposition slams govt.

Soon after the incident, Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal demanded the immediate sacking of Punjab's Jail Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa and

blamed the State government for the complete breakdown of law and order in the State's prisons.

Capt. Amarinder told reporters in New Delhi that the incident did not reflect any law and order breakdown in Punjab.

On the Opposition's demand for Mr. Randhawa's ouster, Capt. Amarinder said there was no question of it. "The Akali Dal and the Aam Aadmi Party have nothing constructive to say, except to make such illogical demands. We are dealing with the situation."

Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema also accused the Congress government of failing to control the deteriorating law and order situation in the State.

Swaraj India to contest all 90 seats in Haryana

To issue 'Imanpatra' instead of manifesto

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH

The Swaraj India party on Thursday announced that it will contest all 90 Assembly seats in Haryana, where elections are due later this year.

Its national president Yogendra Yadav said the party had entered politics to change the established practices, and hence it has decided to contest all the seats in the Haryana Assembly polls.

"Over the last four years, Swaraj Abhiyan and Swaraj India have been raising the issues of agrarian distress, unemployment and corruption. It was because of Swaraj India's struggle that government procurement of



Yogendra Yadav

bajra and mustard increased in Haryana," he said.

"Instead of a manifesto with empty promises and fake claims, Swaraj India will issue an 'Imanpatra' with concrete policy proposals," he said.

The party's national secretary Avik Saha said one-third of Swaraj India's candidates would be women and youth.

11 students killed in Kashmir road accident

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR

Eleven students, including nine girls, died when the vehicle they were travelling in fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district on Thursday.

The accident happened when the vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down the gorge near Pir Ki Gali. "Seven others were injured in the accident," said the police.

All the victims belonged to



An injured girl being taken to SMHS hospital in Srinagar on Thursday. NISSAR AHMAD

Poonch in the Pir Panjal Valley, and were students at a computer institute. They

when a tent fell on a crowd during a religious event.

The Congress Legislature Party passed a resolution expressing faith in the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and requested him to continue as the party president. In a meeting held at Mr. Gehlot's residence before the session commenced, the CLP also resolved to counter the "smear campaign" of the Opposition against the government.

Meanwhile, journalists covering the Assembly proceedings staged a demonstration outside Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi's office, demanding the withdrawal of new rules restricting their movement in the House.

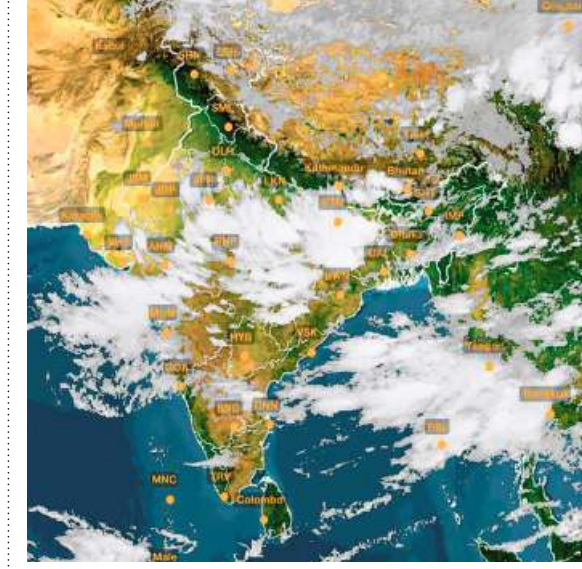
person has been referred to a Srinagar hospital for specialised treatment," said Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Owais Ahmad.

Governor Satya Pal Malik expressed grief over the loss of lives and announced an ex gratia payment of ₹5 lakh each to the next of the kin of the deceased.

Hurriyat leaders as well as mainstream parties expressed their condolences to the bereaved families.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, central Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, coastal Karnataka, Konkan & Goa and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Table with columns: CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN, CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN. Lists cities like Agartala, Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Allahabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Gangtok, Goa, Guwahati, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jaipur, Kochi, Kohima, Kolkata.

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Table with columns: CITY, SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5, PM10, AQI. Lists cities like Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Visakhapatnam.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI) SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS (An Autonomous Trust under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India) 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi-110011. Walk-in-Interview on 04.07.2019. IGNCIA intends to engage one position of Consultant (Media Liaisoning) at Cultural Informatics of IGNCIA on purely contract basis for one year.

Himachal Pradesh Public works Department "NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

Sealed item rates tenders on form No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of H.P. for the following works from Manufacturer of Prefab buildings/PUF or their dealers. The tenders should reach this office on or before 15.07.2019 up to 11.00 A.M and shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representative who wish to be present. The telegraphic and conditional tenders shall not be accepted. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (Non refundable) up to 12.07.2019 till 3.00 p.m.

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of work, Amount put to tender, Cost of tender form, Earnest Money, Time allowed. Lists work details for Check Post at Gulaba Tehsil Manali Siett.

TERMS AND CONDITION:- 1. Copy of sale tax number & PAN No. must also accompany with application for purchase of tender form. 2. The rate shall be valid up to 120 days. 3. 10% security 2% income tax 1% labour cess per will also be deducted from the bill + TDS as applicable rule of GST. 4. Conditional/telegraphic tenders are not acceptable. 5. Tender accepted after due date and time shall not be entertained. 6. The payment of the job shall be released only after completion of work and 10% security will be released after 6 months duly certified by the Engineer-in-Charge.

(Er. K. K. Rawat) Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, H.P PWD Kullu-175101

PRESS NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEWS PAPERS FOR E-TENDERING

On line short term e-tender on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the Contractor/Firm of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh I&PH Department.

Table with columns: Name of work, Estimated Cost, EMD, Cost of tender. Lists work details for Augmentation of flow irrigation scheme and Construction of lift irrigation scheme.

PT.B.D. SHARMA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, ROHTAK. NOTIFICATION

No. UHSR/Acad/A/11/19/4576 Dated: 21/06/2019

Online applications are invited for admission to B. Pharmacy & B. Pharmacy (LEET) Courses In Govt/Private institutions for the session 2019-20 as per following schedule :-

Table with columns: Details, Date. Lists dates for availability of prospectus, registration, submission of forms, and entrance examination.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed one boy namely Sunny, S/o Suresh Kumar, R/o H.No. E-61/AD-1/224, Juggi Nand Nagri, Delhi, Age: Approx 22 Years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long. Built: Thin, Wearing Sky Blue colour Shirt, Blue colour Jeans and Red colour Shoes in feet, has been missing from his house since 26.05.2019. In this regard a DD No. 36-A, Dated 28.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

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

Website : http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi DP/7118/NE/19 SHO

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M-1 Najafgarh Zone 1st Floor SDMC Community Hall, Sector-17A, Near DDA Market, Dwarka, New Delhi-78 Email ID: eemingzsdmc@gmail.com NIT No. EE(M-1)/NGZ/2019-20/3 Dated: 26.06.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer (M-1)-NGZ, SDMC, 1st Floor SDMC Community Hall, Sector-17A, Near DDA Market, Dwarka, New Delhi invites on behalf of the Commissioner, SDMC sealed item rate/percentage rate tenders as mentioned below from the approved and eligible contractors registered with General Wing. Detailed NIT/Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from online website www.tenderwizd.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER.

Last Date of Download of Tender Document:-15.06.2019 at 14:00 HRS. Last Date of Bid Submission :-15.06.2019 at 15:00 HRS. Last Date of Tender cost & Earnest Money D.D.:-16.06.2019 at 15:00 HRS. Opening of Financial Bid:-16.06.2019 at 15:30 HRS. 1. N.O.W:- COVERING OF NALLA (OUTER PHIRNI) IN VILLAGE DARIYAPUR IN C-40S NGZ, 1400.00 MTR Tender No.: 2019-20/3-01, Estimated Cost : Rs.32,63,800/-, Earnest Money:- Rs.65,300/- 2. N.O.W:- CONST OF ROAD BY PDG RMC AND DRAIN SHAYAM SUNDER TO CHETRAM TO BAKTAAVAR SAMADH IN VILLAGE PANDWALA KALAN IN C-40S NGZ. 90.00\*14.76, 210.00\*8.00 MTR. Tender No.:2019-20/3-02, Estimated Cost: Rs. 55,26,800/-, Earnest Money:- Rs. 1,10,600/- Head of A/c for S.No. (1&2):-XL-VIII-S, All details are available on:-www.tenderwizd.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER Ex.Engineer M-1 RO NO. 19/DPI/S/2019-20 Najafgarh Zone/SDMC

Rajasthan budget to be presented on July 10

House pays tributes to Saini, Parrikar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot will present the 2019-2020 budget on July 10 in the Assembly. The date was decided by the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting convened in the Assembly on Thursday, the opening day of the budget session. Mr. Gehlot also holds the Finance portfolio.

The second session of the 15th State Assembly started with the members paying tributes to Rajasthan BJP president and Rajya Sabha MP late Madan Lal Saini, former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar and the victims of a mishap at Jasol in Barmer district last week,

when a tent fell on a crowd during a religious event.

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One critically injured were on a excursion to Pir Ki Gali.

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File No. ITA/SC (SPV)-21/2018-19/ Dated Itanagar, the 26<sup>th</sup> June' 2019

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Itanagar Smart City Development Corporation Limited, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh invites, proposals in shape of E-Tender comprising of two cover from eligible Bidders on online from eligible contractor of CPWD/Enlisted Contractors of APWD and those of appropriate list of Department of Telecom/Communication, MES, Railway, BRO, NBCC, HPL, NPCC and other State Approved Enlisted Firms and Companies registered with appropriate level on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh for Construction works detailed in the table below.

Table with columns: Name of the work, ESTIMATED COST, EARNEST MONEY, COST OF TENDER PAPER, Period of Completion, Start date and time of submission of bid, Last date and time of submission of bid. Lists construction work details for Smart City, Itanagar.

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# 'Chandrakant Patil must resign'

Minister denies wrongdoing in land deals, Opposition objects to clarification

ALOK DESHPANDE  
MUMBAI

A day after Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrakant Patil was accused of involvement in a multi-crore land scam, the State Assembly on Thursday witnessed an uproar from the Opposition benches as Mr. Patil presented his clarification inside the House. The Assembly had to be adjourned twice due to the uproar.

Addressing a press conference, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLA Jayant Patil had on Wednesday accused the minister of irregularities in deals for two plots in Pune district. He had alleged that the State exchequer incurred a loss of ₹42 crore in one of the deals. He had earlier made the allegations inside the Assembly, but his speech was expunged by Speaker Haribhau Bagde over the technical issue of not giving notice to Mr. Patil before making the allegations.

The Opposition objected to Mr. Patil's clarification, wherein he denied any wrongdoing in the land deals.

**'No clarification needed'**  
The NCP's Mr. Patil said, "The minister had responded to the allegations by addressing a press conference. There was no need for the



On the back foot: Revenue Minister Chandrakant Patil in Assembly. • VIVEK BENDRE

clarification when the allegations were expunged from the House proceedings." NCP leader Ajit Pawar demanded that Mr. Patil's speech be made part of the proceedings or he be allowed to speak on the minister's clarification.

Coming to the minister's defence, Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said he has the right to give his clarification to allegations made outside the House. Amid the uproar, Deputy Speaker Vijay Auti adjourned the House, first for 15 minutes and again for 20 minutes.

According to the NCP leader, a *devasthan* (temple) land in Haveli taluka of Pune was illegally transferred without any *nazrana* (premium fee) being levied. "When an appeal was made to the minister, he used his

quasi-judicial powers and cleared the transaction without recovering the premium," he said. Mr. Patil also showed papers relating to the *devasthan* land.

In the second case, he accused the minister of favouring a builder over land at Balewadi in Pune. The NCP leader alleged that land reserved for a playground was usurped by Shivpriya Realtors. "The minister favoured the builder," he said, seeking his resignation.

**Privately-owned land**  
In his clarification, the minister said the 17 hectares of land at Haveli taluka in Pune district was privately owned and not *devasthan* land coming under the Inam III category. Hence, the levy of premium was not necessary.

He admitted that the Pune divisional commissioner had asked for payment of premium for the transfer of land to Radhaswami Satsang in 2008. An appeal was made to the district collector that the plot did not belong to the Inam III category and no premium payment was necessary. Similarly, in the Balewadi case, Shivpriya Realtors complained about the land measurement and hence the job was transferred to another deputy superintendent of land records, the minister said.

## 'Probe Pune land deals'

SHARAD VYAS  
MUMBAI

The government was put on the defensive in the Council by the Opposition parties who have accused Revenue Minister Chandrakant Patil of being involved in a ₹350-crore land scam.

Leader of the Opposition Dhananjay Munde (NCP) alleged that two land transactions approved by the Cabinet Minister had led to the loss of ₹350 crore to the State exchequer. This was followed by a heated exchange of words following which the House was adjourned by the chairman. "In the case of Shiv Priya Realtors in Balewadi, Pune, the ministers gave illegal stay orders to ensure the developer made a windfall of Rs 300 crore," Mr. Munde alleged during question hour.

The Opposition urged the Government to constitute a probe into the land deals, and punish the minister if found guilty. "We have documents and proof of corruption against several other ministers which could put this government in the dock," Mr. Munde said outside the House.

# Council adjourned over delay in reservation for Dhangars

Proceedings disrupted, House adjourned thrice

SHARAD VYAS  
MUMBAI

The Opposition and treasury benches were locked in a heated debate in the Council on Thursday over the promised reservation for the Dhangar (shepherd) community. The noisy exchanges forced the Council chairman Ramraje Nimbalkar to initially adjourn the House twice for 10 minutes each, and then for an hour.

However, as both the ruling and opposition members continued to argue and shout slogans against each other, the chairman adjourned the House for the day.

The point was raised by Congress legislators under Rule 97 on Thursday. However, there was pandemonium when ruling party members objected to the unparliamentary language used by Congress MLC Bhai Jagtap. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiv Sena members trooped into the well of the House shouting slogans against the Opposition. Speaking during the debate, Mr Jagtap said the Government has failed to fulfil a promise made after this government was formed. That promise still remains on paper. "Why have you [government] fooled the community. They [Dhangars] are not a family property (they do not belong to your dad's estate). Immediate justice must be given to them and Government must fulfil its promise," Mr. Jagtap said.

Noisy scenes followed the statement forcing the chairman to adjourn the proceedings. Members



Ruling and Opposition party MLCs clash outside the House after the Council was adjourned on Thursday. • P. SRUSHTI

of the treasury benches objected to the statement by Mr Jagtap and Ramhari Rupnarav who accused the government of being lethargic in pursuing the quota for Dhangars with the Centre.

Mr. Jagtap asked if the Government was waiting for people to commit suicide on this issue.

The Maratha community had to undertake 54 morchas and 42 people died before they were given a reservation, the Opposition asked. "I have been in the House for 15 years and my civility has never been questioned. I will not accept the removal of my words from the record or apologise. There is nothing objectionable in what I have said in the House," Mr. Jagtap said when asked to apologise to the Chairman for use of objectionable language.

# BJP targets 50% increase in membership: Chouhan

ALOK DESHPANDE  
MUMBAI

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Thursday said that the party aims to increase its existing 1.07 crore membership in Maharashtra by at least 50%.

"While the party has touched a new high in Lok Sabha, we believe we are yet to reach the peak. That will be achieved only when we will have our governments in States where we haven't yet won. For Maharashtra, where we are in power at present, our target is to increase our tally. Our target here is to win 226 seats," said Mr. Chouhan, who leads the party's membership drive, at a press conference in Mumbai.

Mr. Chouhan said the party will be targeting States where elections are to be held later this year. "We, along with Shiv Sena, won more than 50% votes in the Lok Sabha polls. This membership drive will target areas where we lacked and could not win satisfactory votes. There are 95,472 booths in the State and the target is to enrol at least 50 new members at each booth," he said. He added that initially the party had aimed at 20% growth in the membership but the enthusiasm of workers shows that it will go up by 50%.

The BJP's membership drive will begin on July 6, the birth anniversary of Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee, will continue till August 11. The party will be doing both online and offline membership. "The person who will give us missed call to become the member will be verified physically by our workers. The membership drive will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and every CM or president will lead the campaign in the State," he said.

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# Mother's milk banks to come up at government hospitals

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Guardian ministers would be asked to provide funds from District Planning Development Committees (DPDCs) to set up mother's milk banks in all government-affiliated medical colleges in Maharashtra, the Assembly was informed on Thursday.

Minister of State for Higher Education Ravindra Chavan told the House space has been provided at the Nagpur Medical College and Hospital (NMCH) to set up such a bank, where healthy lactating mothers can donate milk.

Mr. Chavan was responding to a question by Sudhakar Deshmukh (BJP) about the delay in setting up a mother's milk bank at the state-run NMCH.

Mr. Deshmukh questioned the delay in setting up the facility, which he said, would be useful to meet nutritional requirements of orphans and ailing infants.

The minister said the delay was due to lack of space near the paediatrics ICU at NMCH.

"Now space (250 sq ft area) has been made available and work is in progress. This system needs manpower and infrastructure to function round-the-clock," he said. Mr. Chavan said the Nagpur guardian minister had provided an assistance of ₹30 lakh from the DPDC.

"All district guardian ministers will be asked to make contribution from their respective DPDC for milk banks in government-affiliated medical colleges and hospitals," he added.



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# Two men throw stones at leopard in Vadodara zoo, security tight

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Two inebriated men threw stones at a leopard in a zoo here in Gujarat, prompting the civic authorities to step up security arrangements for the animals.

The incident took place at the civic-run Sayaji Baug zoo here on Wednesday when the leopard was sleeping in its enclosure.

"Two youths, who were drunk, threw stones at the leopard, but the animal was not injured," Vadodara Municipal Commissioner Ajay Bhadoo said on Thursday.

When some visitors brought the incident to the notice of the authorities, the security guard caught one of the drunk men and thrashed him, but the other one ran away.

While the guard was taking the man to the zoo office, he also managed to run away, zoo curator Pratyush Patankar said.

"We have decided to make special security arrangements, including appoint more security guards and install CCTV cameras, for the animals and birds lodged at the zoo," Mr. Bhadoo said.

The zoo, located in the 140-year-old Sayaji Garden here, is home to nearly 1,079 animals and birds of various species, with Asiatic lions being among the main attractions.

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## IN BRIEF



## Hearing in nun rape case posted to July 9

**KOTTAYAM**  
The judicial first class magistrate court in Pala on Thursday posted the hearing in the nun rape case against Bishop Franco Mulakkal (in picture) to July 9. Though the court was set to commit the case to the principal sessions court in Kottayam, the proceedings during the day had to be postponed after the accused's counsel sought copies of a few more documents.

## Mumbai court stays arrest of Binoy till July 1

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**  
A Mumbai court on Thursday accorded Binoy Kodyiyeri, son of CPI(M) State secretary Kodyiyeri Balakrishnan, immunity against arrest till July 1 in a case of rape and cheating registered against him on a complaint of a 33-year-old woman by the Oshiwara police on June 13. The Dindoshi court will hear Binoy's anticipatory bail plea next week.

# Work begins on Telangana's new ₹400 crore Secretariat

All Ministers to have dedicated conference halls

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD**

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation stone for the new Secretariat complex on Thursday after performing *bhumi puja* amid Vedic chanting.

The State government is equipping the new complex with state-of-the-art connectivity and other features, including spacious conference halls, one for each Minister. The project is being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹400 crore.

The Chief Minister was reported to have told those in charge of the work that the new Secretariat complex should be a model for other States. Mr. Rao has considered several designs submitted by reputed architects for the complex, which is expected to have a built-up area of close to 6 lakh sq.ft.



**In with the new:** Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao launching work on the new complex in Hyderabad. ■PTI

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for the new legislature complex modelled on Parliament House. The legislature, being planned at an estimated cost of ₹100 crore on a 17-

acre premises at Errum Manzil, is expected to have modular buildings for the Assembly and Council in addition to a central hall on the lines of the Parliament complex.

BJP leaders oppose move, arrested

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD**

The BJP made an attempt to stage a demonstration at the Secretariat to protest the TRS government's move to launch construction of a new Secretariat and Assembly buildings with a ground breaking ceremony but it was thwarted by the police on Thursday.

While city president N. Ramchander Rao and MLA Raja Singh were picked up before they could reach the protest site, former MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy and others were arrested at the Secretariat.

Mr. Rao said, "The government is squandering public money on a new Assembly building even as government hospitals are crying out for funds.



**Mass defection:** TDP and Congress leaders from Telangana joining the BJP in New Delhi on Thursday. ■SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

## 3 TDP, 2 Cong. leaders from Telangana formally join BJP

Muralidhar Rao says his party is main challenger to TRS

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI**

Three Telugu Desam Party and two Congress leaders from Telangana joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday in the presence of party general secretary P. Muralidhar Rao who claimed it was his party that had emerged as the main challenger to the Telangana

Rashtra Samithi. Former Ministers in the undivided Andhra Pradesh – E. Peddi Reddy and Boda Janardhan – and former MP Suresh Reddy were some of the TDP leaders who joined the BJP at its headquarters here.

Senior Telangana Congress leaders M. Shashidhar Reddy and party's minority cell leader Sheik Rahmatul-

lah also joined the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"The Congress is helping the TRS and people see the BJP as a stable party which avoids family and caste politics," said Mr. Rao.

The BJP has been aggressively wooing leaders from the TDP and other parties in Andhra Pradesh and Telan-

## Actor-director Vijaya Nirmala no more

**SERISH NANISSETTI HYDERABAD**

Legendary actor-director Vijaya Nirmala passed away late on Wednesday at a city hospital due to heart attack. She was 73. She is survived by husband Ghattamaneni Krishna, son Naresh, and a number of foster children and grandchildren.

Some of the memorable roles essayed by the actor include *Tata Manavadu*, *Rangula Ratnam*, *Buddhimanudu*, *Om Shanti*, *Pandanti Kapuram*, and *Hema Hemeelu*.

Telangana Chief Minister



Vijaya Nirmala

K. Chandrasekhar Rao conduced the demise of Ms. Vijaya Nirmala and conveyed his sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

Born in Tamil Nadu in 1946, she began her career

as a child actor aged just four with *Machcha Rekhai* in Tamil in 1950. At the age of 11, she made her debut in Telugu movies with *Panduranga Mahatyam*. Her first big break as an actor was in Malayalam with Prem Nazir in *Bhargavi Nilayam* in 1964. In 1969, she married her co-star Krishna who has been her constant companion.

She stepped into the role of a director besides essaying the lead role in *Meena* (1973).

Ms. Vijaya Nirmala broke the mould when she acted and directed in *Devadasu* in

1974, though Akinenni Nageswara Rao's *Devdasu* (1953) was considered a benchmark in Telugu cinema for the tragic love story written by Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Ms. Vijaya Nirmala's name was listed as one of the most prolific woman directors with 44 movies under her baton.

"Her body will be kept at our residence at Nanakramda for public viewing from 11 a.m. Her final rites will be held on Friday (June 28)," tweeted Mr. Naresh on Thursday.



## Kerala's homestay industry trapped in paperwork

'Certificates mandated for accreditation cause hassles'

**E.M. MANOJ KALPETTA**

The guidelines set by the Kerala State Tourism Directorate have cast a cloud over the lives of thousands of homestay owners, including farmers who have set up farm tourism facilities on their properties.

The norms, issued in 2015, have made mandatory documents such as residence-cum-ownership certificate from the local body, location and possession certificate from village office, police clearance from Station House Officer and registration from Food Safety Commissioner

### Ignorant owners

Though the guidelines were issued four years ago, many homestay owners come to know of the difficulties involved only when they approach the authorities for accreditation. Homestays can be run

**Though the guidelines were notified to standardise facilities, they forced the closure of many homestays because of the hassles involved**

**SUNIL KRISHNAN Secretary, AHOA**

without government accreditation too, but stakeholders say that the status is crucial for their enterprises' credibility.

They demand that the norms be implemented after consultations with them.

### 90-point checklist

Homestay units fulfilling all the criteria prescribed by the Kerala Tourism on the 90-point checklist are given Diamond House status for Class A, Gold House status for Class B and Silver House status for Class C category.

Though the guidelines were notified to standardise facilities, they forced the closure of many homestays because of the hass-

les involved, Mr. Sunil Krishnan said.

He cited a criterion whereby a certificate from the Pollution Control Board had to be obtained to get residential-cum-ownership certificates from local bodies. After the intervention of the organisation, that norm was exempted recently, Mr. Sunil said.

Hundreds, including farmers and retired hands, entered the industry expecting an extra income from their property.

"The Tourism Department will tell you it is a non-commercial operation, retaining the colour and character of your old home. However, after you convert your home to a commercial establishment with all the requirements such as high tariffs and certification fee and various registrations, you will realise that there is no support from the Tourism Directorate in promoting the homestay or in finding guests," Sasi A. Pillai, president of the organisation, said.

## Kerala says 'no' to UGC proposal

**SARATH BABU GEORGE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

Kerala has formally conveyed its objections to the University Grants Commission proposal to allow two regular academic programmes simultaneously.

Instead, it has backed a proposal to allow students to pursue distance or online courses along with a degree programme in regular mode, provided the former is restricted to one at a time.

The decision comes in the wake of deliberations recently undertaken by the Kerala State Higher Education Council on a recent communication by the UGC seeking opinion regarding the validity of pursuing multiple programmes simultaneously. While clarifying that no "definite decision" has been taken, the UGC has proposed to constitute an expert committee to consider the feasibility.

The letter acknowledges that there have been queries regarding the validity of either pursuing two degree programmes simultaneously, one in regular mode and another in distance or online mode, or pursuing one degree and one diploma or pursuing two diplomas together.

The KSHEC executive body has seen a general consensus during the discussions that centred around the possible ramifications of opening the floodgates to pursue more than one course concurrently. While it feels that it would be unwise to prevent students from taking up online or distance education courses in view of the high Internet penetration, the panel has stressed the need for strict regulation of the provision.

"Enabling students to enrol for two or more courses could dilute the essence of the learning process. While it is illogical to discourage online courses in the age of Massive Open Online Courses, the current move could be aimed at legalising a market for private varsities," an official said.

## Unsafe shelter



Adivasi children sitting in a dingy anganwadi centre in Kolam Markaguda in Telangana's Adilabad district. The floor has been completely damaged by bandicoots. The centre has not received oil, dal or milk for the last three months. ■S. HARPALESINGH

## Centre's move puts Kerala on verge of grave financial crisis

₹6,000 crore cut effected in annual borrowing limit

**N.J. NAIR THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

The Centre has pushed the State government to the brink of a grave financial crisis by effecting a ₹6,000 crore cut in its annual borrowing limit for the current financial year.

Finance Department sources told *The Hindu* that the decision that is applicable only to Kerala would put the funds-starved government in dire straits and could have a serious bearing on its routine functions. The State is facing a resource crunch as revenue collection suffered a steep fall in and expenditure has been soaring.

The decision is being construed as a deft political move by the National Demo-

cratic Alliance, especially the Bharatiya Janata Party, to put the Left Democratic Front in the dock ahead of a string of Assembly bye-elections due soon and the local body elections scheduled in a year.

The State would be constrained to resort to extreme steps to tide over the crisis and that would draw flak from its political opponents. While the revenue collection remains static at around 10%, the expenditure has been estimated at 16%. Since 2013-14, the revenue collection has been plummeting from 20% against a steady growth in expenditure.

### Prime reasons

A variety of reasons, including the impact of the imple-

mentation of the Goods and Services Tax, are being cited as reasons for the current resource crunch.

The State had been looking forward to shoring up its revenue through an amnesty scheme for collecting value-added tax arrears and by bolstering the enforcement to plug GST revenue leak among others. But most of such initiatives had to be deferred once the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha election came into force, sources said. Public account borrowing through Treasury Savings Bank was the prime option the State had in its ambit to weather such crises earlier. Once the Centre choked this route in 2016-17, the State finances have been left gasping.

## A.P. to extend 'Amma Vodi' to Inter students

**STAFF REPORTER VIJAYAWADA**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday announced that the 'Amma Vodi' scheme – under which mothers would get an assistance of ₹15,000 per annum for sending their children to schools – was being extended to Intermediate students.

Intermediate students in both government and private colleges and also residential schools and hostels will be eligible.

Mr. Reddy also sought a status report on the private universities that got land allotted in the capital region but did start operations. He sought details of every school and college with photographs of their infrastructure so as to make improvements.

















## Tata Steel Europe CEO to step down

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

Tata Steel on Thursday said its European business chief executive Hans Fischer will step down, effective July 1. However, Mr. Fischer will continue to serve on the board of Tata Steel Europe (TSE) as non-executive director and advise T. V. Narendran, CEO and MD of Tata Steel Limited, till September 30, according to a regulatory filing.

Henrik Adam, currently chief commercial officer of Tata Steel Europe, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hans as the CEO from July 1, 2019. He will also join the board of TSE and report to Mr. Narendran.

## Centre to restart AI sale process

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The government is all set to re-start the procedure for Air India's (AI's) disinvestment, it said on Thursday in what is the first official statement on the matter after the general elections.

"Continued support from the government had resulted in improvement of financial and operational performance of Air India.

As per the recommendations of AISAM (Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism), the government will now go ahead with the process of disinvestment of the company." Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Hardeep Singh Puri tweeted.

Sources say that another preliminary information memorandum with revised terms of sale is likely to be out on July 7.

# And so, after all the drama, L&T now owns Mindtree

With the engineering major's open offer oversubscribed, it now owns almost 60% of shares of the mid-sized IT firm

MINI TEJASWI  
BENGALURU

Technology firm Mindtree has come under L&T's fold. The engineering major's ₹5,030-crore open offer is reported to have been oversubscribed.

The offer closes tomorrow. With this, L&T would have gained control of almost 60% of the shares in what is regarded as the first hostile acquisition in the Indian IT space.

### Consolidation time?

The aggressive bid by L&T portends some major events in the \$160-billion Indian IT industry. Will it trigger a consolidation? Or will promoters close ranks to ward off any attempt to sneak in? A clearer picture will emerge in the coming few months.

It is ironic that Mindtree, which is proud of its motto 'Welcome Possible,' is now staring at what, till a few months ago, looked impossible.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

It all started with L&T signing a definitive agreement to acquire 20.32% stake from coffee baron V.G. Siddhartha and two of his coffee enterprises for more than ₹3,000 crore on March 18. The deal was formalised in late April.

Besides announcing an open offer for 31%, the engineering giant bought another 8.58% in the open market at ₹980 a share, bringing its total ownership to 28.9%.

Soon, a war of words broke out between the managements of the companies.



Changing hands: A concerted effort by Mindtree to stop L&T in its tracks failed. \*G R N SOMASHEKAR

Although Mindtree launched, albeit a little late, a concerted effort to stop L&T and save the company's 'carefully nurtured culture', it yielded little result. Even the panel of independent directors it set up found L&T's offer of ₹980 per share a fair price. No wonder then, large

investors in Mindtree didn't think twice before offering their stake in the open offer.

One of the co-founders, Subroto Bagchi also quit the board. Amidst everything, its second biggest single investor Nalanda Capital sold its 10.6% stake to L&T and exited two days ago. S.N. Subrah-

manyam, L&T CEO and MD, joined the Mindtree board as non-executive director. Jayant Damodar Patil, senior executive vice president, defence business of L&T, and R. Shankar Raman, its CFO, also joined the Mindtree board. The case presents a curious side as the promoters possibly had time on their hands to bring in a white knight, but still acted too late.

### Cultural misfit

Their argument, that L&T was a cultural misfit and the bid sends out a wrong message to budding entrepreneurs, didn't attract too many buyers. Meanwhile, L&T focussed its energy on Mindtree. A.M. Naik, the group chairman of L&T was on record that Mindtree was top most on his agenda. Was

Mindtree a soft target for a hostile acquisition? The turn of events hints at that. In corporate history, hostile buyouts are not frequent. Here, a professionally run company has been snapped up with ease.

"Mindtree was a soft target in a way. A company started in 1999 actually took two decades to hit its first \$1 billion revenue. It was suffering some kind of slowness," said Hansa Iyengar, senior analyst at U.K.-based Ovum Consulting. Promoters hold 13.32% in Mindtree, of which the founding promoters together hold 8.96% - including Krishnakumar Natarajan (3.72%), Subroto Bagchi (3.1%), N.S. Parthasarathy (1.43%) and CEO Rostow Ravanam (0.71%).

## Air India ground handling arm divestment delayed for fifth time

Govt. tied up with Budget work, yet to clarify bidder queries

JAGRITI CHANDRA  
NEW DELHI

The disinvestment of Air India's ground handling arm, Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL), has been delayed for the fifth time in five months. The government issued a fresh corrigendum on Thursday informing that the deadline for selecting qualified bidders had been postponed.

The government had floated a tender for AIATSL on February 12, inviting expressions of interest for a 98% stake in the Air India subsidiary.

As per this tender document, the deadline for shortlisting bidders was April 30. This has now been post-



poned to August 30, as per the latest communication.

The process has not progressed after the submission of queries by the interested entities on February 26.

A source closely involved with the privatisation process said that the "interested bidders had raised certain queries but the government is busy with the Budget an-

nouncement. The delays earlier were when the government was just entering into election mode, followed by another extension when the elections were over but the government formation was yet to happen."

### 'Preparing responses'

A government official said that the process of forming responses to questions about AIATSL's contractual commitments was under way.

The questions posed by ground handling companies pertain to grandfather rights of AIATSL at various airports as well as its contracts for providing services to Air India, among others.

## FundsIndia founders cease to be employees, confirms company

Financial services platform gives no reason for departure

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI

Wealth India Financial Services that runs online financial services platform FundsIndia.com, on Thursday confirmed that the company's founders C.R. Chandrasekhar and Srikanth Meenakshi cease to be employees of the company.

The erstwhile CEO and COO, Mr. Chandrasekhar and Mr. Meenakshi, cease to be employees of the company, it said. However, it did not give any reason for their departure. *The Hindu* reported on Thursday that the founders had been ousted following differences of opinion with the firm's private equity investors. Mr. Meenakshi had ceased to be on the board of directors of the company since February 2018 and has been operating in a reduced capacity since then and his departure had been planned for many months, the company said.

"Mr. Chandrasekhar continues to serve on the board of the company. The vast majority of the existing leadership team remains in place and will continue to tirelessly service the company's customers as they have

**The firm has named Girirajan Murugan as CEO and Suraj Kaeley as a senior adviser**

been doing expertly for the past several years," it added.

The company also said its board of directors had appointed Girirajan Murugan as CEO and Suraj Kaeley as a senior adviser.

### Petition signed

The news of founders' termination invited shock reaction from mutual fund professionals on social media.

According to sources, the founders had refused to accept the termination and there was no transition plan. As many as 11 department heads and 250 employees signed a petition explaining why this move was risky at this juncture but it was not heeded, they said.

## NMDC to terminate ₹1,395-crore BHEL contract

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD

Public sector miner NMDC on Thursday said it was invoking the termination clause of a ₹1,395 crore contract awarded to state-owned engineering major BHEL following a delay of more than five years in completion of the work.

Pertaining to the 3 million-tonne integrated steel plant that NMDC is setting up in Nagarnar in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, the Raw Material Handling System (RMHS) Package contract was awarded to BHEL on August 1, 2011.

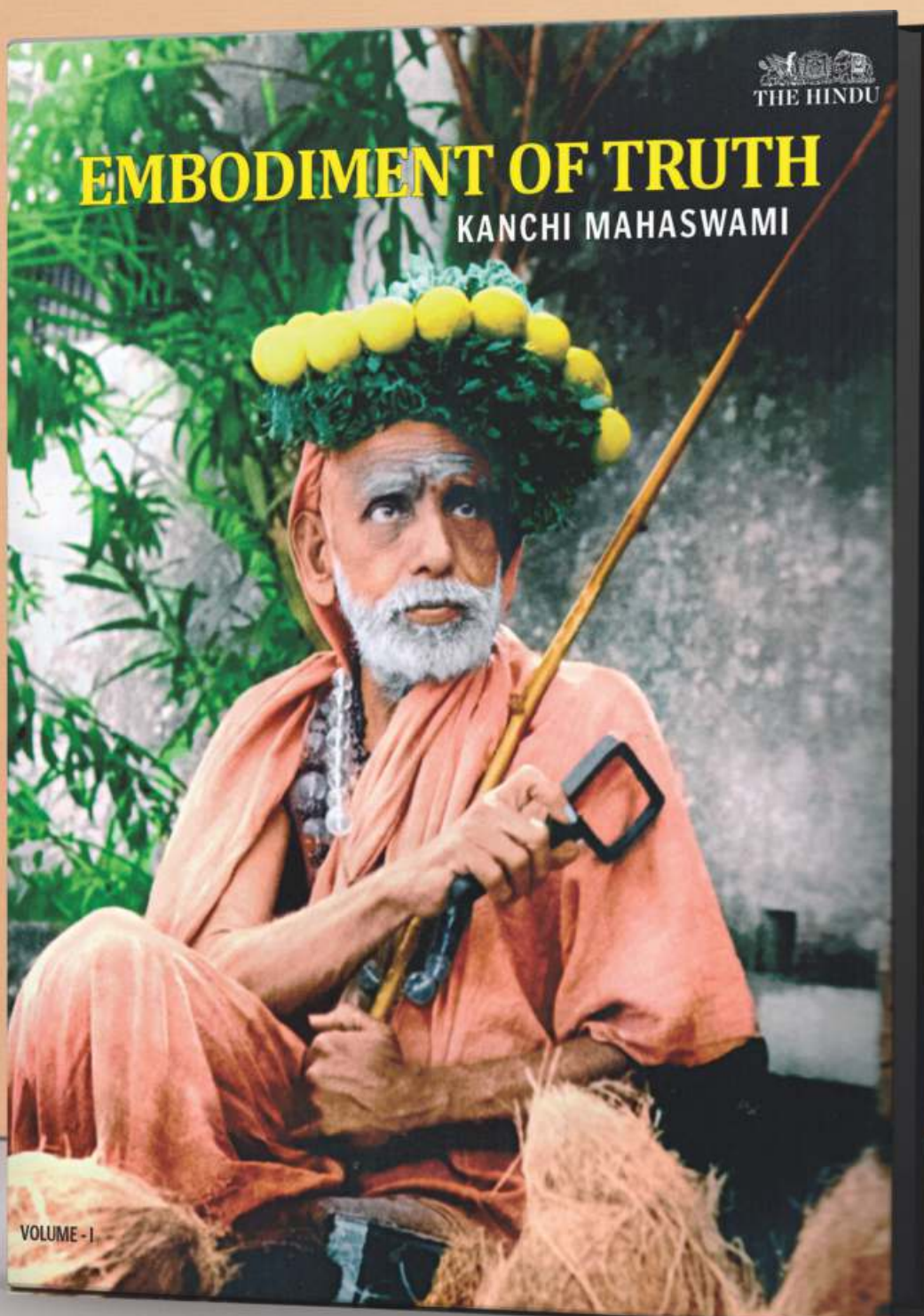
The original date of completion of the ₹1,395 crore work was February 28, 2014. However, "there is a huge delay of more than five years in completion of this package. Even after continuous follow up at NMDC and at Ministry level, BHEL is not accelerating the progress of the project," NMDC said.

Stating that a notice had been issued to BHEL on Wednesday for termination of the contract, a release from NMDC said: "the progress of work has been abysmal and after approximately 94 months since commencement of the contract, the RMHS is far from completion."

The iron ore mining major said "the work of BHEL is lagging inordinately, and is lacking intent to complete the project. BHEL is negligent towards the completion of the project. Therefore, NMDC has [invoked] the termination clause."

NMDC will now take steps through new options for expeditious completion of the work, the company said in a release.

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# 'Article 15 underlines the social fabric of the country'

Ayushmann Khurrana on dealing with caste-based discrimination in both the real and the reel world

NAMRATA JOSHI

Since his debut in 2012, Ayushmann Khurrana's filmography has been all about putting his weight behind several unconventional themes and subjects, whether it's infertility and sperm donation in *Vicky Donor*, erectile dysfunction in *Shubh Mangal Saavdhan* or middle-aged pregnancy in *Badhaai Ho*. So is *Article 15*, on the contentious issue of caste system, the first out and out political film of his career?

Khurrana considers it more social than political. "Society is intrinsic to the politics. The film underlines the social fabric of the country," he tells *The Hindu* over a phone conversation from Kanpur where he's shooting for what seems like yet another way-out film, on premature balding, called *Bala*. And that just isn't it. Coming up next is also *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan*, a same-sex love story.

**Making the invisible, visible** Coming back to *Article 15*, Khurrana thinks that the film is about real India. The not-so-laudable aspects of the Indian society got invisibilised and sanitised in his ur-



Actor and singer Ayushmann Khurrana. ■ AFP

ban upbringing but Khurrana embraced them when doing theatre in Chandigarh. "Since my college days I have been doing street plays on social issues," he says. The film, for him then, is an extension of those days.

While Khurrana hasn't experienced caste-based discrimination in his own privileged world,

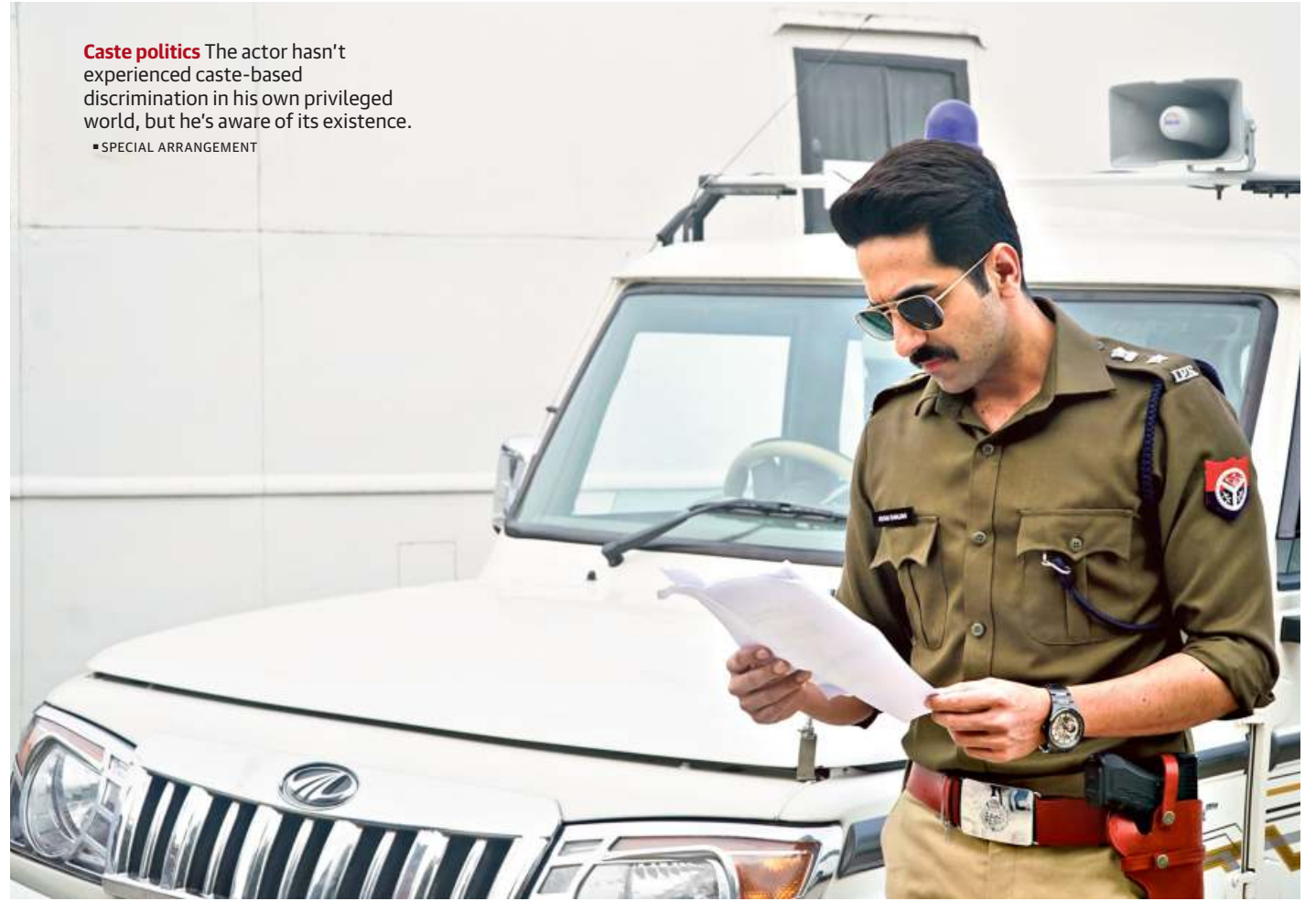
he knows of it second-hand. That is, through a meritorious topper friend in an engineering college who never revealed his 'identity' and remained in a shell lest his success be attributed by everyone to "reservation".

Khurrana's friend continues to remain an introvert till date. Other instances, the actor recalls are while travelling in a local bus to BITS Pilani for a campus festival and being asked about his caste by strangers.

"I got taken aback. Why would someone ask it? As though the answer was necessary to carry the conversation forward," he says. It made the actor realise that the need to know the caste of another person is written in the "DNA of our countrymen". "It is part of the system and needs to be done away with," the actor asserts. While the family name or surname might be needed for logistical reasons, why does caste need to be spelt out everywhere, Khurrana wonders.

#### Courageous choices

Has Khurrana's phenomenal success in the past couple of years emboldened him to choose more fiery subjects? It does give him



**Caste politics** The actor hasn't experienced caste-based discrimination in his own privileged world, but he's aware of its existence. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the courage, admits the actor but, more than that, it also ensures a bigger audience for the film.

"It isn't just about preaching to the converted, who are sensitive and on the same page with you. It's about reaching out to even those who believe in discrimination and making them think twice about their biases after watching the film," he emphasises.

Being nationalistic for the actor, is all about being "one" and patriotism is as much a celebration as it is about taking a critical stance towards society: "We call our country Motherland but it's

also a child. We need to nourish it and not just pamper it and let it go out of hand," he shares.

Article 15, for him, is one of the most important aspects of the Constitution and also the most underrated. "It is violated everyday," he says. The most beautiful and complex aspect about India, its diversity - whether it's in terms of the culture or language, weather or food - can also render it very vulnerable. "The pluralism can also be our weakness. The Constitution helps strike the balance," he says. It's the glue that binds us all.

#### Empathy as art

What about the criticism heaped against the film, even before its release, that it might be about caste politics but has been made from the perspective of a privileged protagonist? "We have to start somewhere. The film is a comment on the society as a whole," he says. He's emphatic that the film is not offending any community in particular but is against every wrong doing.

In his research for the film, Khurrana watched *India Untouched: Stories of a People Apart*, the 2007 documentary by

Stalin K. He also read Omprakash Valmiki's book *Joothan*.

"It is heart-wrenching. I was reading it simultaneously as I was shooting. It gave me sleepless nights." He admits that while reading is easy, it's empathising that's much more difficult. And there are still miles to travel on the issue, for society in general and him in particular.

For the actor, things will not end this Friday with the release of *Article 15*. "I am still learning," says Khurrana. As are all of us, from daily interactions to stories we see and hear.

#### FOOD SPOT

## Revisiting fluffy puris

Bille di Hatti, a DU-student haunt, continues to serve patrons its usual dose of chholey-puri and creamy lassi at its new branch in West Delhi



RAHUL VERMA

There was a time, many years ago, when I lived in Rajendra Nagar. That may explain the fondness I have for this neighbourhood and the areas around, just a few kilometres from downtown Delhi. I was a grubby little boy then, too young to go looking for food outlets. But family legend has it that I told my mother, in all earnestness, that I had seen a tiger throwing stones. I have gone back there many times since then, and to my sorrow, am yet to see the tiger in question. On the other hand, I have certainly come across a great many restaurants and small food shacks.

One of my favourites in this neighbourhood is Standard, where you get the most delicious chholey-bhaturey. This shop used to be in the Shankar Road Market in Rajendra Nagar, and then moved to Old Rajendra Nagar some years ago. And you get lip-smacking desi ghee meat dishes at Z corner in Patel Nagar, just a kilometre or two from Shankar Road.

Then I recently heard from my friend Raj that one of our favourite chholey-puri shops, Bille di Hatti, which had fed thousands of students of Delhi University, had opened an outlet in Patel Nagar.

So one Saturday morning, when the birds (the late-risers, not the worm-gatherers) were still chirping away, I drove up to Patel Nagar. Raj showed me the way (97, Suraj Prakash Marg, Block C, West Patel Nagar, phone:



41767788), and we landed up at Bille's just in time for breakfast.

If you are in Patel Nagar, coming from, say, Connaught Place, and moving towards Shadipur Depot, you will see an IndusInd Bank on your left.

Right after that there is a traffic light. Turn right here,

and then left. You will be on a parallel road. About 500 metres ahead, turn right. That is where you will find Bille di Hatti.

If you spot scores of Swiggy and Zomato delivery boys there, you will know that you have reached your destination.

Now Bille in Kamla Nagar



**Memories** (left) Chholey-puri; the facade of the eatery. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

was a legend. He set up shop there in 1952. Bille is no more, and his nephew runs the place there. The one in Patel Nagar, which opened some months ago, is handled by his son, Kritu. I used to go to the original Bille for their lassi, which is one of the draws in the new outlet as well. The lassi is thick and sweet, and has a creamy layer on top. A large glass costs ₹60, a small one ₹40.

But the place is still known for its puri-chholey. A plate of two puris and chholey, with pickle on the side, costs ₹60. Kachori-aloo is ₹30. Chholey-chawal, rajma-chawal and kadhi-chawal are ₹60 each, while palak-chholey-chawal is ₹80. A small do-

na of suji halwa is ₹35.

There is seating inside the small eatery. I had one puri with chholey, and enjoyed it immensely. The puri is soft and fluffy, while the chholey is very different from the usual fare you get everywhere. The chickpeas are small and come from Sudan, Kritu tells us.

The chholey is not oily, and has pieces of potatoes and little vadis in it. And the pickle, of green chillies and ghiya, is nice and tangy.

I came back home, carrying some puri, chholey and halwa. So we had some for a late brunch. All in all, it was a nice outing that ended with two very nice meals. Bille would have been happy.

The writer is a seasoned food critic

#### PRODUCT

### OTT Outhouse



Outhouse has launched their new collection, called the O.H. Series. While most of the jewellery is statement, the O.H. Series V Bags are totally over-the-top. Each is studded with the five motifs of the house: the stallion head, the charcoal grey limited-edition Swarovski crystal, Imago butterflies, the onyx dragonfly. Each has 22k gold-plated hardware. There's a black quilted vegan-leather wristlet, a grey lamb-leather one, a clear PVC bag, and one with jute accents.

This is their first designer bag collection, conceptualized for Outhouse founder's Kaabia's trip to Mykonos. The clear bag features two stings, one inspired by the nautical rope, for when you want to carry it cross-body style, and one in a thick scarf braid format for when you wear it as a waist sling. The silk pouch within carries accessories.

Available at the Outhouse store in The Chanakya and at [outhousejewellery.com](http://outhousejewellery.com); ₹30,000 upward

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#### 5 EVENTS WORTH YOUR WHILE



#### MUSIC

##### The Unplugged Project

The Unplugged Project, a Delhi-based band, will regale music lovers with its flair for blending retro Hindi with English medleys. The band consists of singers Aditya Jassi and Manish Gunthey, Ashwani Kumar on drums, Elton Fernandes on saxophone, Vipin Sharma on bass. **VENUE:** Farzi Cafe, GF 01-FF 01, Aerocity, Indira Gandhi International Airport **TIME:** 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.



#### FOOD

##### Treasures of the Orient

Experience the fragrance of Oriental cuisine as the Thai Pavilion celebrates a legacy of 25 years and the House of Ming celebrates 40 years of culinary excellence. Try dishes such as Koong Yang Rad 'Preaw-ped', Som tam, Gaeng ped kai, Tahu kratiem prik Thai and Tub tim grob. **VENUE:** The Taj Mahal Hotel, 1, Mansingh Road **TIME:** 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.



#### FILM

##### Friday Night Flicks

Friday Night Flicks 2.0 celebrates the monthly theme of LGBT rights with a screening of the film *The Kids are Alright*. Created in 2010, the film centres on a lesbian marriage. Directed by Lisa Cholodenko, the film cast includes Annette Bening, Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo. **VENUE:** American Center, 24, Kasturba Gandhi Marg **TIME:** 6 p.m.



#### F&B

##### Bleed Blue

With World cup fever at its height, cheer team India with a live screening of matches on the giant screen at Cove-The Bar. While watching the match, relish delicacies specially curated for the cricketing championship like Bumrah Chicken Wings, Mahi Tikka, Kholi ki Toli, Gayle ka Khel and Smith Slider. **VENUE:** Cove-The Bar, Radisson Blu, Faridabad **TIME:** 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.



#### MUSIC

##### Project Raag

Enjoy the soulful music of Project Raag, with band members Pratham Tandon on the keyboard, Mohit Arya on guitar, Deepak Malik as lead vocalist and Avinash Kumar, on the drums. Inspired by many different styles, the band has evolved their own distinct flavour. There are beverages and nibbles on offer too. **VENUE:** SCO, Sector 29, Gurugram **TIME:** 9 p.m. onwards

# Tales pixels tell

Sanath PC on why visual effects artists should be involved in the filmmaking process from the get-go



In service of the story Sanath PC (below) and his work • GP SAMPATH KUMAR, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



APARNA NARRAIN

Sanath PC is easily spotted in a crowd, thanks to his rather distinctive appearance. Tall and with a flowing beard, he cuts an imposing figure. In reality though, the unassuming National Award winner (through his company Firefly Creative Studio) gets animated only when discussing visual effects, films and more.

The visual effects artist sat down for a chat after his talk at the Bengaluru GAFX meet. It was in 2002 that he along with Phani Eggone and Nagesh HN – all graduates of National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, founded Firefly in Hyderabad. Since then, the company has worked on effects for *Anji*, (which won the National Award), *Maghadheera*, *Eega*, *Enthiran*, *Jersey* and *Baahubali*.

Emphasising the need for visual effects artists being more involved in the filmmaking process, he says, "We are using VFX to tell stories, not just to make things look good. So, once you know the story

and understand the feelings, you can figure out how to manipulate it better. For instance if someone asks for tiger, rather than creating a perfect tiger, I would want to know why they want a tiger. Is to scare somebody, is the tiger scared, is it wounded or old?"

So, would that mean having in-depth discussions with the director and DOP (Director of Photography) even before filming starts?

Sanath says, "Everybody sees VFX as a post (production) process. But if the director says I want this (scene or background) in red, the VFX person/team should take an extra step to understand why. The director will have a particular reason but as the visual effects artist, you may have a different suggestion. It is all about the emotional connect. As VFX artists, we should try and understand the emotional side so that we can make a proper contribution to the film."

He adds that though the audience is exposed to a lot of FX-heavy Hollywood films, one should not make the mistake of comparing the Indian film industry with Hollywood. "You should compare the storytelling,"

says Sanath and adds, "There is a lot lacking in terms of people talking about the history of our films. Anything to do with visual effects and immediately, Hollywood is the benchmark."

To the question of whether there is more scope to use VFX in epics such as *Baahubali* or *KGF*, Sanath says: "Anything larger than life gives maximum scope for VFX. Even when we did *Anji* (2004), people thought that if you wanted VFX done realistically, it had to be done abroad. It was a huge surprise for the local industry that it could be done in India. When we got the National Award, it got a little more attention. For *Chatrapathi*, we animated a shark in an underwater sequence. That was unthinkable at that point of time."

Then came *Magadheera*, and *Eega* where the character itself was CGI. The entire point is to do something that people think can't be done. Even with *KGF*, nobody expected that in Kannada films. Visually, it is quite different."

However, the audience may not even realise certain elements have been created digitally. During his

talk, Sanath mentioned that people don't even realise 40% of the effects. This was highlighted as he explained that in *Jersey* (2019), the cricket stadium was digitally rendered, complete with a cheering crowd. But why not use an actual stadium?

"There are a lot of grounds where people practise cricket that are a lot cheaper and accessible. Getting permission for a stadium is difficult and even if you get permission there are a lot of restrictions regarding movement, and crowd control is difficult. This way, we are able to sort out all these problems."

Sanath said while creating CGI, you still have to ensure the action is physically possible. For example, in *Enthiran* (2010), multiple Chittis (Rajinikanth) come together to first form a huge ball, a large python and finally, a giant.

"Sometimes when watching a film, you may have the thought that 'oh, this doesn't look real'. If you are engrossed in the story and suddenly, something doesn't work, it takes you out of the film. So, if I am inserting something digitally into an environment, I have to follow all the rules of that environment," he says.

He adds, "When we were talking about the Chittis forming the ball, we discussed how the joints will work, how the robots will be connected. All that needed to be worked on. The moment you do that, it looks more real. The layperson may not know why it doesn't work but if it doesn't, they will be the first to know, especially with regard to perspective."

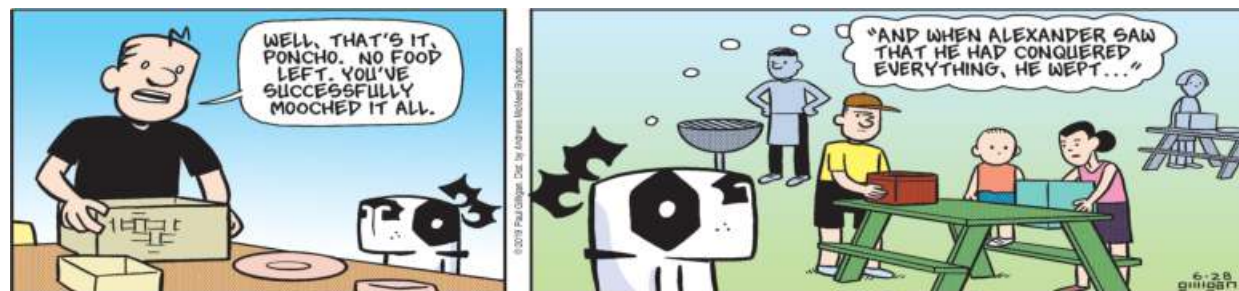
As for what he is working on at present, Sanath says, "We are working on the Surya-starrer *Kaappaan*, a Kannada film and doing world building for a different series on *Baahubali*."

He adds, "We are trying to push the boundaries in terms of what has not been done before and take Indian films to the world."

As for whether that means, having more Indian-centric and digging into our own history and culture, he says, "If you try to make a film like them (Hollywood), it will be just like their films. If you want to outdo them, you should show and talk about the things that they cannot. That takes effort, conviction, trial and error."

We couldn't agree more.

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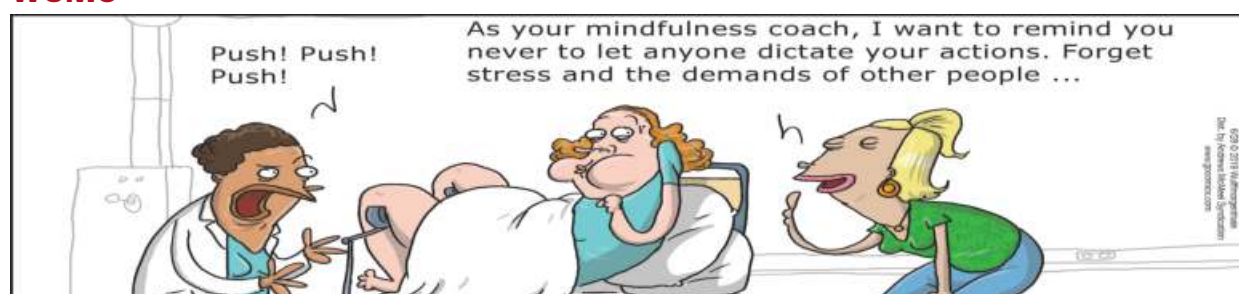
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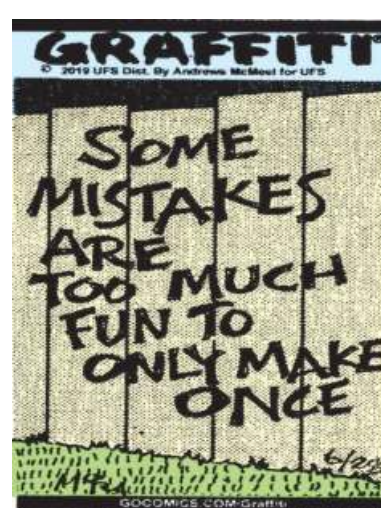
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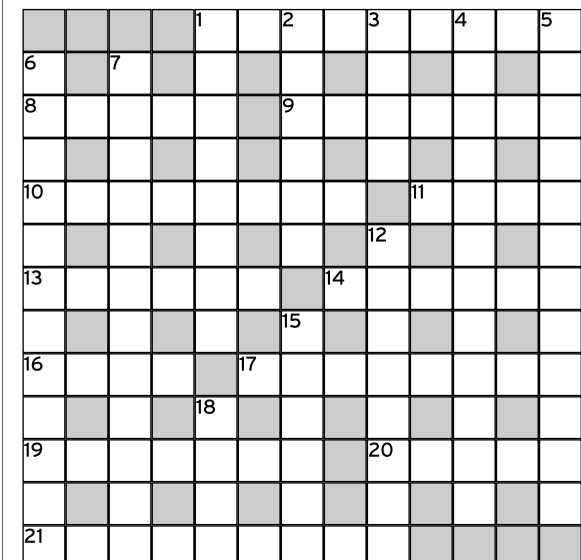
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- 11 Group of players (4)
- 13 Eraser (6)
- 14 Heavy non-venomous snake (6)
- 16 Auditory organs (4)
- 17 Counters (anag) – interpret (8)
- 19 Made possible (7)
- 20 Small wood (5)
- 21 Lasting a very short time (9)
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