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SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 28



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe share a fist bump during their meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Osaka, Japan, Friday. AP

WITH A small piece of paper in hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke first and set out four priority issues he wanted to discuss with US President Donald Trump — Iran, 5G, bilateral ties and defence relationship. Trump picked out trade and 5G, even as he was effusive in his praise for Modi.

On Friday, the bilateral meeting between the two leaders went slightly beyond the allotted 40 minutes, with Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale telling reporters later that both sides "aired their concerns", and agreed that their trade ministers, or representatives, will meet soon to sort out these issues.

Trump, who had targetted India in a tweet for "very high tariffs" barely 24 hours ago, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



According to the Agriculture Ministry's latest sowing data released Friday, the total area planted under all crops during this kharif season has been only 146.61 lakh hectares (1h), as against last year's corresponding coverage of 162.07 1h and the normal five-year-average of 196.66 1h for the same period.

The season roughly begins from June 1 with the onset of the southwest monsoon.

Pulses have taken the maximum hit, with a mere 3.42 1h being planted, which is way below **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

India refuses to sign declaration on free flow of data across borders

SHUBHAJIT ROY
OSAKA, JUNE 28

IN A sign of resistance against developed countries led by the US and Japan, which are pushing for free flow of data across borders, India Friday refused to become a signatory to the Osaka declaration on digital economy that was signed by 24 countries and groupings.

While a majority of G-20 countries signed off on the launch of "Osaka track", an overarching framework promoting cross-border data flow with enhanced protections launched by Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, India was joined by South Africa and Indonesia in keeping away.

Seated between US President Donald Trump and Chinese

EXPLAINED

India is hedging its bets

AS TRADE wars roil global markets, the Osaka move on data signals that digital economy matters now to world leaders at the geopolitical level. Still building a framework to harness its data economy potential, India is hedging its bets on the issue. Even if it means breaking ranks with strategic partners — the US and Japan.

President Xi Jinping at a meeting on digital economy, Abe underscored the importance of his "Data Free Flow with Trust" concept — a move spearheaded by Japan that calls for the creation of international rules enabling free movement of data across borders.

The issue of data for development was flagged by India at the BRICS leaders' meeting Friday, which Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said had emerged as a "major issue" in international rule-making.

Gokhale, who briefed reporters after the BRICS meeting, said India believes that the discussions and negotiations pertaining to data should be held within the context of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). "Data is a new form of wealth," **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Article 370 temporary provision, separatists in Valley scared: Shah

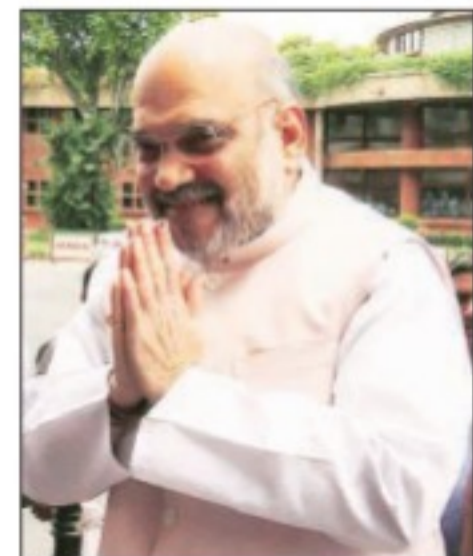
DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

CALLING ARTICLE 370 of the Constitution "temporary" in nature and "not permanent", Union Home Minister Amit Shah said in Lok Sabha Friday that the provision extending special status to Jammu and Kashmir was included in the Constitution in this form in agreement with Sheikh Abdullah, the first Prime Minister of Kashmir.

Indicating that there are slim chances of any dialogue with Hurriyat leaders, Shah also said that his government was there to strike terror in the hearts of separatists and reiterated that the government had zero tolerance for terrorism, and vowed it will be rooted out.

Replying to his first debate in Lok Sabha after becoming Home Minister, Shah said, "As far as the question of 370 is concerned, you must know that it is mentioned as temporary in the Constitution and not permanent. And this was done in agreement with Sheikh Abdullah."

He also blamed the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, for Article 370. "As many as 630 princely states acceded to India. None have Article 370. Nehru negotiated with one state and it has Article 370," he said.



Shah outside Parliament Friday. Anil Sharma

The debate was on a Bill to grant reservation to those living along the International Border in J&K and a resolution to extend President's Rule in J&K by another six months — both were passed by voice vote.

Incidentally, the BJP has always maintained that it stands for the abrogation of Article 370 and it believes the provision is an impediment to the development of J&K. The party had even mentioned this in its manifesto before 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Several Opposition members had asked if the government will accept the olive branch extended by Hurriyat chairperson Mirwaiz Umar Farooq when he had **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Clash among militant groups exposes rift in Valley

MUZAMIL JALEEL
SRINAGAR, JUNE 28

THE FIGHT between indigenous militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and a group associated with the global Islamic State has triggered the first direct clash involving the three in South Kashmir.

A commander of the Islamic State Jammu Kashmir (ISJK), which operates under the banner of Wilayah Al Hind, was killed and a Hizbul militant seriously injured in the gunfight in Anantnag district Wednesday. The injured militant was later arrested by J&K Police.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a senior police officer in South Kashmir said: "We have arrested a terrorist belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen, who was wounded in the firefight. The fight started because of some issue regarding weapons. The injured terrorist is in hospital."

He said there are "four to five terrorists associated with ISJK in South Kashmir". "This is a very small group of ISJK and I don't think they can withstand the pressure of Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar. This is the first such incident in South Kashmir and now one of the ISJK terrorists, who was part of the clash, has **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Pehlu Khan was lynched, now he is chargesheeted by Cong govt

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, JULY 28

THE RAJASTHAN Police have filed a chargesheet for cow smuggling against Pehlu Khan, the dairy farmer who was beaten to death two years ago by a mob of gau rakhshaks in Alwar for transporting cattle, and his two sons.

The chargesheet also names the owner of the pick-up truck that was used for transporting the cattle on April 1, 2017, when the lynching took place near Behror.

The latest chargesheet, in



Pehlu Khan's lynching was captured on camera

CASE AGAINST MURDER ACCUSED IN TRIAL STAGE PAGE 9

which Pehlu Khan has been posthumously charged, was prepared on December 30 last year, days after the new Congress government came into power in Rajasthan, and was presented in the court of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in Behror on May 29 this year.

The chargesheet accuses Khan and his sons under sections 5, 8 and 9 of the Rajasthan Bovine Animal (Prohibition of Slaughter and Regulation of Temporary Migration or Export) Act, 1995 and Rules, 1995.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Khan's eldest son Irshad (25), **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Vijayvargiya Jr swung bat for building that was declared danger more than a year ago

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DIPANKAR GHOSE
INDORE, JUNE 28



The Indore building over which Akash Vijayvargiya clashed with municipal officials. Dipankar Ghose

TWO DAYS ago, images of Indore MLA Akash Vijayvargiya, the son of powerful BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, attacking officials of the Indore Municipal Corporation with a cricket bat sparked outrage across the country. But for the BJP in Indore, he is a symbol of courage.

On Friday, all across Rajwada chowk in the heart of Indore, the BJP held a protest with posters that read "Salute Akash." Slogans rent the air: "Akash ji dil hai, BJP ke sher hai (Akash ji has courage, he is the lion of the BJP)".

Akash has been remained in judicial custody for assaulting house inspector Dharmendra Bais and preventing the demolition of a building declared unsafe in Indore's Ganji compound. But on Friday, it seemed his actions had lent themselves to a political image construction.

The writ of Kailash Vijayva- **CONTINUED ON PAGE 10**

rgiya runs through the manicured streets of Indore. He is the man who has never lost an MLA election in Indore, and rose from the post of Mayor to running the party's growing operations in West Bengal. In contrast, Akash, a 34-year-old first-time MLA, was known to be "soft, polite, perhaps not up for a fight."

Not anymore. From up on stage at the BJP protest, former BJP MLA Jitu Jirati said: "I have known Akash since he was a child. He always had sanskaar (culture), is polite, well-educated. What would it have taken for him to get so angry to take **CONTINUED ON PAGE 10**

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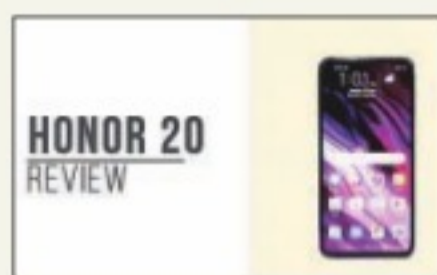
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Modi, Trump

"welcomed the idea", according to Gokhale. This indicated that both sides have decided to take these issues to the negotiating table and not make any public comments.

Modi did mention the retaliatory tariffs after the US decision on revoking its Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for India, but merely said that it was "something that had

already happened", and now they should look at how "they can resolve these issues".

On trade, the Foreign Secretary made it clear that "negotiations are not done at the level of leaders... the idea was to clear the air, and then to set the agenda for discussions in resolving trade matters. In that direction, both leaders have directed officials to now move forward. And that's where we found the discussions to be very open and very productive."

Gokhale said, "Both US Trade Representative (Robert) Lighthizer and their Treasury Secretary (Steven) Mnuchin were in the room, and so what we expect now is an early meeting... whether it will be at the level of Commerce and Industry Minister and USTR or we will first have technical discussions, that's an issue to be decided."

According to the White House readout: "The two sides had the opportunity to share their concerns and priorities with regard to trade issues. They called on their respective economic teams to work constructively toward finding solutions that would benefit both economies."

The tone of the bilateral meeting was set at the beginning, when Modi reminded Trump that he was back with a "huge and landslide victory", and recalled his telephone conversation with the US President, his "love towards India" and the "warm message" sent through US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo.

Trump too, in his opening remarks, said that they've become "great friends" and the two countries have never been closer. Acknowledging Modi's "landslide election" by saying that "you deserve it", Trump said: "I think we're going to have some very big things to announce. A very big trade deal." He also told Modi that "it's been a lot of fun being with you".

Free flow of data

The Foreign Secretary said, adding that the WTO is framing international rules on this issue. Sources said this issue has become a major point of discord between major developed countries in the G-20 on one side, and India and China on the other side.

India's position was articulated at the recent G-20 ministerial meeting in Tsukuba city in Japan on June 8 and 9, when Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal conveyed concerns over playing catch-up in this technological frontier.

The Osaka initiative, introduced in a speech at this year's World Economic Forum and one of Abe's pet projects at the G20, seeks to standardise rules in global movement of data flows with better protection in personal information, intellectual property and cybersecurity.

Trump supported Abe's plan, saying the free flow of data is integral to the American digital economy's success, along with strong privacy and intellectual property protections, and access to capital and innovation.

Kharif sowing

the 8.86 lh and 18.18 lh area sown during this time in 2018 and 2017, respectively.

KHARIF SOWING AREA (IN LAKH HECTARES)

	2019	2018	NORMAL*
Rice	27.09	27.12	35.54
Coarse cereals	19.12	21.41	25.60
Pulses	3.42	8.86	11.28
Oilseeds	13.43	14.08	24.19
Sugarcane	49.81	51.27	47.22
Cotton	27.08	32.20	45.61
Jute & Mesta	6.66	7.13	7.23
TOTAL	146.61	162.07	196.66

*Five-year average for the corresponding week

All major kharif pulses have reported huge declines: arhar or pigeon-pea (0.84 lh versus 3.69 lh and 5.82 lh for the preceding two years), urad or black gram (0.62 lh versus 1.05 lh and 2 lh) and moong or green gram (1.04 lh versus 2.75 lh and 6.58 lh).

Oilseeds and coarse cereals, too, have registered significant shortfalls relative to their normal acreages for June. Even these would have been worse, but for a somewhat decent monsoon in Rajasthan and the Saurashtra region of Gujarat receiving showers during the second and third week of this month, thanks to the effects of Cyclone Vayu.

As a result, the area under groundnut is up (9.81 lh, against 4.40 lh in 2018 and a normal average of 8.56 lh for this time), especially so in the two states.

ducer of maize.

According to the Met Department, the all-India area-weighted rainfall during June 1-28, at 97.9 mm, was more than 35 per cent lower than its corresponding long period average of 151.2 mm. While June has been practically dry, a revival in monsoon can still enable sowing in most kharif crops, for which the window extends till mid-July.

The Met has forecast the formation of a low pressure area over the north Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood around June 30, "which is likely to become more marked and concentrate into a depression during the subsequent 48 hours". That should favour the further advance of the monsoon into the remaining areas of central India and more parts of western and northwest India by early July.

Amit Shah

suggested that the Hurriyat was ready for talks with the government. J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik, too, had said that the Hurriyat was ready for dialogue with the Centre.

While he did not address the question directly, Shah said, "Those (in Kashmir) who have anti-India thoughts in their minds should fear us. We are not members of the 'tukde-tukde gang'."

Speaking of fear in the minds of Kashmiris, he said, "There are two aspects to the debate on fear. Those (in Kashmir) who love peace are happy and enthusiastic that the stranglehold of just three families in Kashmir politics has been broken. But those who harbour feelings of secession in their hearts are scared. They should be scared and this fear is only going to increase."

Replying to Congress leader Manish Tewari's assertion that the government must rise above ideology to address the Kashmir issue, Shah said, "But our ideology is already in favour of Bharat Mata. There is no need to rise above it. I believe it is only our ideology which can solve this problem. And Kashmir has been a priority for us from the very first day." The Home Minister then spelt out how his government dealt with separatist leaders when previous governments had dithered from taking action for "vote-bank politics".

"There should be democracy, but we should also talk about what all was done for vote-bank politics. Why was Jamaat-e-Islami allowed to function? What was Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front trying to liberate? You didn't ban them. We had to do it. You gave security to those who engaged in anti-national talk. We found out they had no threat to their life and removed 919 people from that list. They had got security merely for being anti-national," he said.

All those who supported terrorism in the Valley, we put them under preventive arrest. There were videos of assembling AK-47 shown in Kashmir jails. Pakistan TV channels were beaming propaganda in the Valley. We stopped all that."

He also said that he does not deny that previous governments, too, tried to fight terrorism in the Valley. "But there is a difference in the way we fight and the results too. Earlier terrorists were engaged with us our own soil after infiltration from Pakistan. But the Modi government struck at the roots of terror and hit them in their own house," said Shah.

Pehlu Khan

who is named in the chargesheet, said: "We lost our father in the attack by cow vigilantes and now we have been charged as cow smugglers. We had hoped that the new Congress

government in Rajasthan will review and withdraw the case against us but now a chargesheet has been filed against us. We hoped for justice after the government change but that didn't happen."

Khan's younger son, Aarif, has also been named in the chargesheet.

Last year, the previous BJP government in Rajasthan had filed a similar chargesheet against Azmat and Rafique, two associates of Khan who were also attacked by the mob that also targeted the truck driver Arjun. Jagdish Prasad, the owner of the pick-up, was also charged under Section 6 of the Act.

"After complete investigation in the matter, offences under section 5, 8, 9 RBA Act has been proved against accused Irshad, Aarif and Pehlu Khan while offences under Section 6 RBA Act has been proved against accused Khan Mohammed," states the current chargesheet filed against FIR number 253/17 of Behror police station, Alwar.

In 2017, police filed two separate FIRs under the RBA Act because two separate pick-ups were attacked - one owned by Jagdish and driven by Arjun and in the second pick-up, owned by Mohammed, Pehlu Khan and his sons were aboard.

While one case was filed against Azmat, Rafique, Arjun and later Jagdish, in which the chargesheet was filed last year, a second FIR was filed against Pehlu Khan and his two sons. In the second case, Mohammed was also made an accused after police found during the probe that he owned the pick-up in which Pehlu was travelling.

Militants clash

issued a video regarding the incident," he said.

The clash took place inside apple orchards at Sirhama village in Bijbehara late Wednesday night. "The ISJK terrorist killed in the shootout has been identified as Adil Das of Waghama Bijbehara while the injured Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist is Arif Hussain Bhat of Larkipora Anantnag," the officer said.

He said there were "three terrorists belonging to ISJK while four or more Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar terrorists" were involved in the skirmish. "There was firing from both sides," he said. The ISJK has issued a video in Kashmiri on the incident. "The man who has issued the statement has been identified as ISJK terrorist Khateeb Das, who is apparently related to the killed terrorist," the officer said.

Police sources said Adil Das was a Lashkar militant before switching to Islamic State. They said Lashkar wanted Adil to return their gun, which triggered the fight. While Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar have been silent on the incident, the ISJK video accused them of tricking their commander into believing they had come to join ISJK.

"The tragedy that befell us happened because of the spying of Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar. These are Pakistan's dirty tricks and (Hizb chief in Kashmir) Riyaz Naik's dirty tricks. We will give you proof. They tricked Adil Das into believing that they were going to join Islamic State and swear allegiance to Islamic State (chief) Abu Bakr Baghdadi... After martyring Adil, they opened a burst of fire at (another ISJK man) Turabi (who was there) and it hit their own associate. They are apostates and are fighting for apostate Pakistani state here," the video statement said. The ISJK video also accused Hizbul Mujahideen of killing several other militants.

There has been growing friction between local militant groups and affiliates of global outfits in Kashmir. Both Hizbul Mujahideen and the separatist Hurriyat Conference has said that there is no role for global outfits like Islamic State and Al Qaeda in Kashmir. While Hizbul Mujahideen, which has a presence only in J&K, advocates accession to Pakistan, the IS and Ansar Ghazwatul Hind (AGH), an affiliate of Al Qaeda with only a few members, have global ambitions. They have vowed to fight Pakistan and local militant outfits.

Though the people of Kashmir have generally stayed away from the radical ideology of the Islamic State and Al Qaeda - only one youth studying in Australia joined Islamic State in the last five years - the ISJK and Ansar have little presence in the Valley.

Islamic State flags first emerged in Srinagar during protests a few years earlier. But it announced its presence for the first time when a local militant Mughais Mir, who was earlier with Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen, was killed in an encounter in Zakura in Srinagar's outskirts on November 18, 2017.

A day after the killing, Al Amaq, which claims to be the media channel of Islamic State globally, identified Mir as their man. In March 2018, when a Srinagar engineering student with ISJK, Eisa Fazili, was killed, a confrontation broke out during his funeral which led to a heated debate on social media with several confronting the idea of the emergence of these global groups in Kashmir.

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'EACH CITIZEN HAS RIGHT TO CHOOSE LIFE PARTNER'

High Court reunites inter-faith couple, cops will 'sensitise' parents

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

AN INTER-FAITH couple, who were allegedly forcibly separated by the woman's family, has been reunited by the Delhi High Court, which was also informed by the Delhi Police that they will sensitise their parents about the "right of a citizen to choose a life partner". Delhi Police has also promised to assign a beat cop to regularly check on the young couple to ensure their "safety and security".

The petition was moved by a 27-year-old man after his wife was whisked away from Delhi to Uttar Pradesh by her family earlier this month, days after their marriage.

In his plea, the man demanded that his wife be produced in court, and also sought protection for her as he "apprehended grave danger to her life, limb and liberty". The man alleged that the woman's family did not approve of their marriage.

On being produced before a bench of Justice Jayant Nath and Justice Najmi Waziri on Wednesday, the 25-year-old woman categorically stated that she would like to stay with her husband, whom she married of her own free will. Her father later told the court that he has accepted their marriage, saying he cannot do anything since his daughter has taken the decision.

The counsel for the State assured the court that the "matter shall be looked into by the SHO of the area concerned, and the parents will be duly sensitised about the rights of the petitioner". "The right of a citizen to choose a life partner and to live in accordance with law is an immutable constitutional right and the same cannot be curtailed or otherwise encumbered by any individual, and that the parents or relatives cannot interfere in the exercise of such right," the counsel said.

Taking note of the State's submission, the bench ordered that the man and his wife be

provided with telephone numbers of three police officers, including a woman officer. "These numbers shall be kept operational at all times so that any exigency can be intimated on either of the numbers by the petitioner," it added.

The counsel for Delhi Police informed the court that "any message received on the said numbers or on any other telephone number of the police either by way of a telephone call or SMS shall be immediately responded to".

"The beat constable/division staff of the area shall regularly visit the residence of the petitioner (the man) on a daily basis and report the same in the roznamcha... The safety and security of the petitioner shall be assessed by the SHO on a weekly basis with due endorsement of the same in the roznamcha for two months. The beat constable shall record entries in his beat book. The petitioner shall furnish their address in Delhi to the SHO concerned..." it said.

CP plan for pedestrians runs into some opposition

New Delhi: With a mock trial of the Connaught Place pedestrianisation project set to take place on Sunday and Monday, differences have cropped up between the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and market association over the execution. The council, however, said it will carry out the plan along with traffic police.

According to the council, car users will be allowed entry only

for the purpose of parking at the nearest site, which meant that vehicles will not have complete access to the inner circle.

Personnel will be on ground to ensure this, said an official.

The market association is against this, and has said vehicles should have complete access to the inner circle and freedom to park in any parking lot, else it will hurt business. **ENS**

Many leaders missing from Delhi BJP meet, upset Tiwari seeks a report

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

DELHI BJP chief Manoj Tiwari expressed displeasure that several office-bearers did not turn up for a two-day executive committee meeting, which began Friday, to

discuss Assembly poll planning.

The meeting was to be attended by all seven MPs, district presidents, district in-charges and office-bearers. MPs Gautam Gambhir, Hans Raj Hans and Meenakshi Lekhi were present.

A senior party leader said four out of 14 district presidents

and some district in-charges did not attend, and a few leaders left midway. District presidents had to present work they have done in their areas at the meeting.

Sources said Tiwari has asked a general secretary of the Delhi BJP to ask leaders why they did not turn up, and to file a report.

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12-yr-old takes cash to buy e-cigarettes, mother goes to cops

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

AFTER A woman found two devices used in e-cigarettes inside the schoolbag of her 12-year-old son and Rs 1,000 missing from her purse Thursday, she went to the police. The distressed mother filed a complaint at Ghazipur police station against a 60-year-old man for allegedly selling e-cigarettes to her minor children.

"The woman asked her 12-year-old son about the missing Rs 1,000 on Thursday but he didn't give a proper reply... she then found two suspicious electronic gadgets used for smoking, and the child admitted he bought it from a nearby shop. Each gadget, the child said, was for Rs 380," DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh said.

The accused shopkeeper has been arrested and a case has been registered under section 77 (penalty for giving intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug or psychotropic substance to a child) of the Juvenile Justice Act at Ghazipur police

station.

An officer said, "The mother said she was worried her 12-year-old son was influencing his 10-year-old brother. When she asked her sons about the smoking equipment, the elder child said this was the first time he had bought it... she felt that if she spoke to the shopkeeper about it, he won't listen to her."

The woman said her son told her that the accused taught him how to use the equipment, and that he had stolen Rs 1,000 from her purse to buy it. "We spoke to the children and told them about the ill-effects of smoking. We've approached the Child Welfare Committee to further counsel them," a police officer said.

Police said they are investigating if the accused sold e-cigarette equipment to other children as well. Last month, AllMS director Randeep Guleria had warned that "e-cigarettes are as harmful as regular cigarettes... tobacco use is rising at an alarming rate among young people and will continue to worsen, especially through the e-cigarette market".

Armed men barge into house, shoot at woman and son

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

A LOCAL BJP worker and her son were shot at point-blank range by armed assailants, who barged into their home in Rohini's Kanjhawala Friday, police said.

Police suspect Raj Rani (60), the BJP Mahila Morcha district chief in Outer Delhi zone, and her son Netrapal (35), who assisted his mother with party matters, were shot over a property-related matter by a relative. Rani sustained a bullet wound to her leg and her son was shot thrice in the stomach. "The woman is stable, but her son is very critical. The main suspect is related to the family and his address has been traced to Haryana. This shooting was a result of a property dispute," said DCP (Rohini) SD Mishra.

Police said the main suspect has six criminal cases against him, including one in Delhi. He was out on bail and was supposed to attend a court hearing in the coming days, police said. Police have so far not named the accused. At the hospital, Rani said, "I have told police about this entire conspiracy to kill my family. They (the assailants) have multiple cases against them." Rani's family said they had drafted a letter to police seeking protection from the accused, af-



Police outside the victims' house. Prem Nath Pandey

ter he allegedly sent threat messages over a social networking site. "We were supposed to submit the letter today. I know who tried to kill my wife and son. He has been trying to forcibly take over our property," said Hawa Singh, Rani's husband.

The incident took place at 5.11 am, when the accused and at least three other men came in a Scorpio and parked it outside Rani's house. Rani's husband was sleeping in the first room, along with his three grandchildren, when he heard the men enter. "They locked my door. I heard gunshots and one of them said, 'your family is gone, now take care of the children'," Singh said.

After the shooting, two policemen with SLR rifles have been deputed outside Rani's house. "We have approached the Haryana Police in connection with the case," DCP Mishra said.

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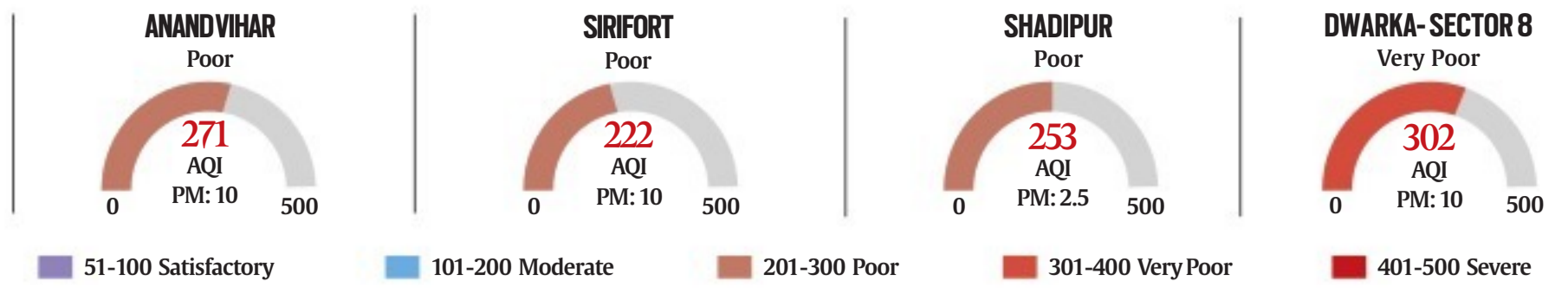
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KESHOPUR DRAIN

Working on Jal Board project, 1 dead, 2 missing

Cops await post-mortem to determine if 3 fainted before water rushed in

SHIVAMPATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

A LABOURER drowned and two others are feared dead after a mishap at an under-construction "interceptor sewage project" in West Delhi Friday. The incident took place at Vikaspuri's Keshopur drain, which comes under the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), around 12.45 pm. A PCR call was received at 1 pm.

Delhi Fire Services (DFS) chief Atul Garg said, "Prima facie it appears the men were doing welding work and suddenly the water flow increased drastically, and took them with it."

Police are also exploring eyewitness claims that the workers fainted after inhaling toxic gases, and said a post-mortem will confirm what exactly transpired.

Shah Rukh Khan (25), who was pulled out of the site by DFS, was declared dead on arrival at DDU Hospital, DCP (West) Monika Bhardwaj said. He hailed from UP's Bulandshahr.

"The other workers, Ankit (19), a resident of Hardoi, and Devender Sharma (25), a resident of Etah, have not been located so far," she said. Preliminary investigation suggests nine other workers were deployed for construction. A contractor was detained from the spot, police said.

Bhardwaj said, "Investigation revealed that the DJB had awarded the contract to Delhi-based M/S Pratibha to erect a cemented wall over the drain for

treatment of water, to be sent to the Yamuna."

Garg alleged the DJB "did not shut off water flow despite repeated requests". "We suspect the labourers drowned because water flow was switched on during work," he said.

DJB vice-chairman Dinesh Mohaniya said work had been going on for a few months and was "98% complete".

He said the labourers were doing welding work inside the chamber which would separate floating material from waste water from a drain next to it. The waste water would then be transported to Keshopur STP nearby, from where treated water would be released back into the Yamuna.

"We can't comment on requests made to close the drain gates, as we are waiting for police investigation to finish... Families of those involved in the incident will be compensated," he said.

Imran (19), a labourer at the site, claimed none of the workers were given safety equipment.

A DJB spokesperson said "the main contractor for this project is Engineers India Limited, which gave the contract to M/S Pratibha". "Our only job here is to check the status of work every month. We did not receive any official communication that water flow needs to be shut," the spokesperson said. A DJB official said that since an official was immediately detained by police from the spot, "the message about shutting off water flow could not be relayed to the DJB".



A fireman at the spot where the victims fell into the drain. *Cajendra Yadav*

For firemen, hopeless wait for signs of life

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

EIGHT HOURS after fire officials reached Keshopur drain where three labourers had drowned, they hadn't been able to enter it from the shallow end. "The flow is strong and the drain is very deep. Till water is diverted, men can't enter it. Plus it's not a river, it's a tunnel, so swimming to conduct the rescue is next to impossible," fire chief Atul Garg said.



(Clockwise from top left) Ankit, Shah Rukh, Devender. Two men, feared dead, are yet to be found. Fire official Sanjay Tomar said, "A man was pulled

out as his body was stuck at the shallow side of the pipeline... our men tried entering with a ladder and breathing apparatus."

Garg said at least seven fire officials are stationed at manholes with hooks going inside the drain "in case a body gets stuck".

Tomar said, "We can break the pipeline and ventilate it to release poisonous gases inside... that's another way to find the bodies."

In the evening, the rescue team discussed where the bod-

ies could have reached. Fire official Bhupender Prakash said, "At the end of the drain is a water treatment plant, where it's deeper. We've put three stainless steel strainers to stop the bodies from drifting further and lights to locate them."

By 9 pm, a machine was deployed to break the pipes. "But we don't know the pipeline as it belongs to the DJB. We need their inputs to figure out where it ends and where the turns are," said Tomar.

'Lost consciousness inside... others were too scared to enter'

SHIVAMPATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

WORK BEGAN at 11 am Friday for a group of labourers at a sewage interception project chamber at the Subhash Nagar drain near West Delhi's Keshopur.

Around 12 pm, one of the men, Devender Sharma, entered the chamber to take measurements of a metal bar screen being repaired inside, meant to separate waste water from floating refuse and transport it to a sewage treatment plant nearby.

Devender was being paid a salary of Rs 13,000 per month, but no safety equipment such as a mask, gloves or boots was given, his brother Ravi Kant alleged.

"He went inside the chamber and within a few minutes, he inhaled toxic gases and started losing consciousness. We threw a rope to pull him up, but his grip loosened. He fainted and dropped on the ground," Kant alleged.

Police said they are verifying claims of the workers fainting before being swept away by the water.

Shah Rukh Khan, another labourer, went inside to pull out Devender but he too fainted, Kant claimed. He said that a strong flow of water then swept Devender into a waste water

pipeline going to the treatment plant. Khan's hand was caught in iron bars next to the waste water pipeline, preventing his body from being pulled in.

Imran (19), another labourer at the site, threw a ladder into the chamber and rushed to pull Khan out, but he too began losing consciousness and was immediately pulled out by others at the site.

"After I regained consciousness, I saw that a lot of people had gathered around the chamber and were shouting for help, but nobody dared to enter it. The gate of a drain next to the chamber was open and water was entering the chamber through it. A group of us went to a room on top, where two men refused to listen to our request to close the drain gate," Imran claimed.

Meanwhile, Ankit rushed inside the chamber to bring Khan out, but he too fainted and was pulled into the pipeline, eyewitnesses said.

Khan's father Shokeen, a farmer, rushed to Delhi from Bulandshahr. He said, "He never spoke about the dangers involved with his work; the contractor should have told the men about it... we don't want to send our kids away for jobs that endanger their lives, but there are so many mouths to feed." Shokeen's other son is also in the same profession.

BRIEFLY

Woman killed at home

New Delhi: A 24-year-old woman was stabbed to death, allegedly by a man who police say she was in a relationship with. The incident took place in her South Delhi home Friday.

SC declines to hear rebel AAP MLA's plea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday declined to entertain a petition by dissident AAP MLA Devinder Sehrawat on a disqualification notice issued by the Speaker to him, after AAP sought action against him under the anti-defection law for joining the BJP during the Lok Sabha polls.

Ayushman Bharat raised in Lok Sabha

New Delhi: During the Lok Sabha's question hour on Friday, Union Health Minister Ashwini Choubey invited the Delhi government to join the Centre's Ayushman Bharat health-care scheme to help the capital's poor avail its benefits.

South MCD increases tax

New Delhi: The South MCD has increased house tax on properties given out for rent in commercial areas, Mayor Sunita Kangra said. A senior South MCD official said that under the MCD Act, there are provisions to increase the tax slab but it is applicable only for people who rent out commercial properties. Congress leader Mukesh Sharma, however, called it an "anti-people order and said it would be applicable to unauthorised colonies, DDA flats, urbanised villages and resettlement colonies". **ENS**

Thiru/Selvi: In Tamil Nadu, it means Mr or Ms; in Delhi University, it means confusion

ARANYA SHANKAR & ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

IN TAMIL Nadu, the titles 'Selvi' and 'Thiru' are prefixed before names to denote 'Ms.' or 'Mr.'. In some Delhi University colleges, though, these titles created confusion among officials who Friday said they couldn't admit students with the prefix mentioned in their OBC certificate, as it was not present in their application form or other certificates, thereby creating a "discrepancy".

That's not all. The cultural practice of using the father's name as the first name, or abbreviating the surname, is also creating issues for some aspirants. The problem was most acute at Shri Ram College of Commerce, where many students from Tamil Nadu came to take admission un-



At Ramjas College on Friday. *Abhinav Saha*

der the first list, released late Thursday night.

Hamshika B from Erode, who had come to take admission in B.Com (H), faced problems because of her father's name. In the OBC certificate, his name is Thiru Bhaskar, whereas in the Class X school certificate it's A Bhaskar.

His Aadhaar card, however, mentions his name as Bhaskar Arumugam.

Despite getting 98.05% in her best of four and clearing the 96.5% cut-off for OBC category, college authorities were not sure whether to grant her admission. "They have given me provisional

admission as of now, but within 14 days I have to submit another OBC certificate without any 'discrepancy'," she said.

Navaneetha R S, also from Erode, faced problems because the OBC certificate mentions her name as Selvi Navaneetha R S. At SRCC college for admission in B.Com (H) without her parents, she said: "I don't know what will happen. I hope I get admission. Going back to Erode to make a certificate again will be very difficult."

Ashwini Kumar, member of the SRCC Admissions Committee, said: "DU's rules say that if there is any discrepancy, the candidate should be asked to get a new certificate. In cases where we are finding several different spellings or names, we are giving them 14 days to do so, or in minor cases, we are taking an affidavit from the student stating that their name is such and such."

In Lady Shri Ram College for Women, a similar problem was faced by a candidate from Namakkal, who had come to apply for Political Science. Her OBC certificate mentions her name as Selvi Atshaya, whereas her Class X board marks certificate has Atshaya S. "In Tamil Nadu, we refer to girls as 'selvi', and register them as Selvi Atshaya... But here, they are not accepting that certificate since on the board marksheet, it is different," said her brother Cheran.

Several students facing problems also visited the Dean of Students' Welfare office. "We are going to consider such students for admission as long as they are able to provide some other ID proof as evidence. We are trying that candidates don't face many difficulties," said DSW Rajeev Gupta.

(Ananya Tiwari is an intern at The Indian Express)

'Unprecedented rush' on day 1 of admissions, many seats filled

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

DESPITE HAVING 99% cut-off for Political Science, Hindu College filled 72% of its seats to the course Friday, the first day of admissions after the first cut-off list. Breaking the trend of the past few years where admissions remain slow on the first day, several top DU colleges saw heavy traffic this year.

Hindu College has 43 seats for Political Science, of which 31 had filled Friday. Overall, the college saw 310 admissions - most in Political Science and Physics. Last year, the college admitted 172 students on the first day. "Despite the 99% cut-off, we saw many people seeking admission in Political Science, which was quite astonishing. Several students who had come to take admission today had a 100% 'best of four' percentage," said Hindu College

principal Anju Srivastava, adding that there may not be a second cut-off for the course.

Kirori Mal College saw 368 admissions, with Political Science (128) and History (55) being the most popular. "This is very high for the first day. Usually, it is in double digits. It's also interesting that most of the admissions were of students from CBSE and none from UP or Bihar boards... This is probably because CBSE has given very high marks in Class XII," said

Sunil Singh, admission committee convener at KMC.

Ramjas College saw around 300 admissions, compared to 125 last year. "Political Science and BA Programme are the most popular courses till now," said principal Manoj Khanna.

SRCC saw around 260 admissions on day one, up from 189 last year. Roughly 200 admissions took place in B.Com (H) and around 60 in Economics. Hansraj College, however, did not see as

many admissions. A total of 168 admissions took place Friday, of which the highest (21) were in History.

LSR College principal Suman Sharma, who was camping in college late into the night trying to finish admissions, said there was an "unprecedented rush" and that it was "across all departments". Till 10.30 pm, over 300 admissions had taken place and students were still in queue. Kamala Nehru College saw

143 admissions, with Sociology and Geography gaining the most traction.

Several students, like Shrishti Parihar who had come to take admission in Economics at LSR, said they had trouble downloading the admission form from the university website. However, DSW Rajeev Gupta said the problem only occurred in the morning, and was fixed afterwards.

(With inputs from Ashna Butani & Ananya Tiwari)

Man shot dead at petrol pump

New Delhi: A 35-year-old petrol pump salesman was shot dead by three customers, allegedly over payment issues, in Greater Noida Friday. The victim, Sanjay, was working at a petrol pump in Jewar when the incident took place. "We received information that unknown assailants opened fire at the salesman. The victim was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead on arrival," an officer said. **ENS**

MOVE TO TACKLE EXCESS TRAFFIC

Visiting 7 waste wonders will cost twice as much on Sunday

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

SINCE IT opened in February, the Waste to Wonder park in Sarai Kale Khan, which houses replicas of seven iconic monuments from across the world, has seen a rush of visitors over the weekend. This has resulted in traffic snarls in the area, as the South corporation does not have enough parking spaces. To curb this, officials said ticket prices will be doubled on Sundays -

from Rs 50 to Rs 100.

According to an official, the civic body wants to shift the Sunday rush to other days. While the park sees a footfall of 8,000 on weekdays, this nearly doubles on Sundays to 15,000 visitors.

Due to lack of parking spaces, visitors park haphazardly and obstruct traffic, the official said. "The corporation had expected that the rush would be around 1,000 people on weekdays, which could double on weekends. But it has gone beyond our estimation," he said.



On one such weekend, the corporation collected around Rs 10 lakh from sale of tickets. The tickets are priced at Rs 25 for children aged between 4-12 years and Rs 50 for those aged between 13-64 years.

Leader of the house, South MCD, Kamaljeet Sehrawat said they are exploring the possibility of opening a dedicated parking space near the site to tackle

The park sees around 15,000 visitors on Sundays

the rush. She added that the park was built at a cost of Rs 7 crore and the corporation has already recovered half the price.

A senior official said extra parking space is being created to accommodate over 300 cars, from the present capacity of around 100.

The South body is also preparing an area-traffic management plan, in consultation with traffic police, to create a walkable stretch from the Nizamuddin Metro station around a kilometre away.

L-G Anil Bajjal had earlier suggested creating stack parking, improving walkability and introducing online ticket booking to cater to visitors at the park.

Meanwhile, buoyed by the success of the Waste to Wonder Park, the South MCD will soon start a Bharat Darshan park in Punjabi Bagh where the plan is to make replicas of popular monuments, with food stalls serving cuisines of several Indian states. Sehrawat said the corporation is in talks with private players to fund the project.

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The placements have not only been restricted within India, lucrative international packages have also been witnessed. Ishan Wadhwa, Hotel Management final year student from Mukhsar, Punjab, has been placed at Grand Hyatt Dallas Texas, USA with a Package of Rs 14.56 lakh per annum. Arshdeep Kaur from Ludhiana has been

placed in Australian food chain brand, Zagames with a handsome package of Rs 16 LPA after completing her internship from TAJ, Chandigarh.

Engineering students of CGC Landran have made a mark by grabbing multiple placement offers. IT Engineering student, Mohammad Haider Ali has been offered job from 5 different companies namely, Cognizant, Wipro, Mindtree, Navigus and Accolite Software. Another student, Abhishek

Mathpal, Electronics and Communication and a native of Punjab has grabbed multiple placement offers from 4 different companies Deloitte Consulting India, Cognizant Technology, Wipro Technologies and Capgemini.

While congratulating the students Satnam Singh Sandhu, Chairman, CGC Landran and Rashpal Singh Dhaliwal, President, CGC Landran, said, "Our sole aim at Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Landran, is to produce globally accepted employable youth who can excel in their chosen fields. We congratulate all the students for their success and wish them all the luck for their future endeavours".

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A recent survey done by Global Human Resource Development Center has placed MM Institute of Management at one of the top notch rankings in the list of BBA Institutes in the country. M.M College of Pharmacy of MMDU has found a place amongst the top 50 pharmacy colleges in India and NIRF rankings of the Year 2019 have placed the MMDU amongst the best 200 universities in the country consecutively for the last 3 years. MMCT & BM (Hotel Management) has also attained the first rank in the state and second rank in the category of Excellence as per 2019 Hotel Management Institute survey done by GHRDC. M.M. Institute of Computer Technology & Business Management has secured 6th ranking in the category of top BCA Colleges in India 2019 by GHRDC reaffirming the general opinion that MMDU is a pioneer in courses related to Computer Application & Technology.

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Commuter assaults toll plaza PRO with brick, arrested



Fourth such incident at Kherki Daula in the last one week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JUNE 28

A DAY after a toll collector at Kherki Daula toll plaza was dragged on the bonnet of a car for 100 metres when he tried to stop a commuter from passing without paying tax, the PRO of Skylark, the toll operator, was beaten up with a brick by a commuter on Friday.

Police said the PRO refused to exempt the accused from paying tax because the registration certificate he produced appeared to be fake.

The accused, Kiranpal (39), a resident of Badhanki village in Gurgaon, was nabbed by employees at the plaza and handed over to police on the spot.

According to an FIR registered in the matter, the incident took place at 12 pm.

The Maruti WagonR came to the plaza and on being asked to

pay the requisite tax, the driver produced a registration certificate in which the address was that of Manasar.

"The toll collector became suspicious and asked the driver to park the vehicle on the side. When the matter was investigated, the complainant alleged that it was found the document did not belong to the driver. The latter then called up the owner of

the vehicle, now the accused in the case, who came to the spot and started fighting with the plaza employees," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

Officials at the plaza said the car owner then assaulted the PRO. "He beat up our PRO, Kirpal Singh, with a brick that was lying on the road, until he fainted. He then tried to flee, but our toll collectors managed to nab him," said

Rajender Bhati, Project Head at Skylark.

Singh was rushed to Civil Hospital, from where he was referred to Medanta - The Medicity. "He has been admitted in the Emergency as of now. A CT scan is being conducted to determine how bad the injuries are," said Bhati. An FIR was registered and police formally arrested the accused late on Friday afternoon. "He will be produced in court on Saturday. Further investigation is on," said the PRO.

This is the fourth such incident to take place at the plaza in the last one week. On June 21, a woman tax collector was punched in the face by a man when she refused to allow him to pass without paying the tax. The driver has been arrested. In another incident the same day, a toll collector was hit by a vehicle when he tried to stop the driver from passing without paying the requisite amount.

Delhi Cong's clean slate: All 280 block committees dissolved by Dikshit



ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

TAKING A step towards addressing the Lok Sabha loss in the capital, the Delhi Congress unit is set to form a fresh committee to handpick new block presidents.

The decision was taken after the five-member committee, formed by DPCC chief Sheila Dikshit to assess the reasons behind the party's defeat, suggested an overhaul from the ground level.

The new committee includes senior leaders Dr A K Walia, Mangat Ram Singhal, Jitender Kohar, Ramakant Goswami and the three working presidents - Haroon Yusuf, Rajesh Lilothia and Devender Yadav. Formed with an

A panel formed by Dikshit to assess the Lok Sabha loss suggested the move

aim to appoint new block presidents, the committee will start its work on Monday. Lilothia submitted his resignation as a mark of protest against Rahul Gandhi's resignation as Congress president.

"We were waiting for the meeting scheduled with Rahul Gandhi ji. It has been unanimously decided that the party will have to work in unity to en-

sure better results in the Assembly polls," said a senior leader.

On Friday, Dikshit dissolved all 280 block Congress committees in Delhi "with immediate effect". The decision was taken "keeping in line with the report submitted by the five-member fact-finding committee constituted for the Lok Sabha elections".

"The idea is to prepare the party for the Assembly polls. Responsibilities will be fixed on certain leaders at the booth-level. The discussion to form the committee was held a few days ago. The goal is to unite the party for the polls," Dr Walia told *The Indian Express*.

However, on June 11, the party had asked district and block committee presidents to submit a list of three names each, including that of a woman, from their respective areas for selection of

Congress candidates for the Assembly polls, Till now, the unit has received 225 names.

"What was the point of asking for names if the plan was to dissolve block committees? Such activities leave a negative impression on workers who were enthused to participate actively in the Assembly polls," a senior leader said.

Dikshit and six other candidates who fought the Lok Sabha polls met Rahul at his residence Friday morning. "The duty of these leaders will be to identify loopholes at the lowest level and amend them," said a senior leader.

In the Lok Sabha polls, the Congress secured the second position, pushing AAP to the third spot. But since then, the party has been witnessing infighting with two groups emerging in support of Dikshit and AICC Delhi in-charge P C Chacko.

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Final Result for the post of Junior Engineer (Electrical) For UHBVNL ,Haryana Against Advt. No. 01/2019, Cat No. 01.

On the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Socio-economic criteria for the post of Junior Engineer (Electrical), Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, Against Advt. No. 01/2019, Category No. 01, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

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1191002698	1191004330	1191005311	1191005485	1191006970	1191008059	191008300
1191008389	1191008437	1191008447	1191008529	1191008888	1191008916	191009031
1191009328	1191010173	1191011947	1191012735	1191012954	1191014026	191014550
1191014627	1191014780	1191015146				(81.00)

General Waiting

1191000632	1191002095	1191003262	1191013041	1191013225	1191014447	(80.00)
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SC (08 Posts)

1191000760	1191001694	1191001734	1191006014	1191007390	1191008432	191008771
1191010158						(75.00)

SC Waiting

1191000004	1191009836					(74.00)
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BCA (03 Posts)

1191000354	1191002001	1191006436	1191007213	1191008577	1191010381	191014044
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BCA Waiting

1191003823	1191006462					(77.00)
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BCB (03 Posts)

1191008924	1191009829	1191012393				(78.00)
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BCB WAITING

1191004226	1191010465					(77.00)
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ESM GEN (03 Posts)

1191003295	1191008246	1191010431				(68.00)
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ESM GEN Waiting

1191006717	1191010577					(68.00)
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ESM SC (01 Post)

1191005085						(62.00)
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ESM SC Waiting

1191002841	1191008699					(49.00)
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ESM BCA (01 Post)

1191007801						(72.00)
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ESM BCA Waiting

1191001883	1191009429					(57.00)
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ESP SC (01 Post)

1191003351						(48.00)
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ESP SC Waiting

1191003418	1191010106					(42.00)
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HH (01 Post)

1191001546						(67.00)
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HH Waiting

1191009798	1191014463					(49.00)
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1.) WRITTEN EXAMINATION..... 90-MARKS
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Total: 100 - MARKS

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1.	Selection of Consultant for Pilot Demonstration of Hydroponics at Center of Excellence, Dholi, Bassi, Jaipur	16-07-2019 upto 2.00 pm	16.07.2019 3.00 pm	200.00	4.00	1000

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EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer-[M. Shah(N)]-II
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NIT No. EE-[M. Shah(N)]-II/19-20/04 Dated : 25.06.2019
Executive Engineer M-II/Shah(N) invites tender on behalf of Commissioner EDMC from registered contractor of MCD.

S. No.	Item/Name of work	E/M (in Rs.)	Time of Coml.	Cost of Tender	H/A	Tender No.
1.	Imp. Dev. of road from Fateh Singh road (V-637) to Gautam Vihar Chowk (K-322) by pdg. RMC from in ward no. 255/46-E. Shah(N) Zone in Ghonda.	106850	5Months	1000	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315027
2.	Imp. Dev. of gali no. 3 from H. No. H-75/13 to H-61/23 (Gamri road) and its links in H-Block jal Prakash Nagar by pdg. RMC in Ghonda ward no. 46-E, Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	54350	4Months	500	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315028
3.	Providing and laying of RMC on Bhajanpura main market road from Bhajanpura pump house to Central Bank in Bhajanpura ward no. 44-E, Shah(N) Zone Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	170900	6Months	1000	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315029
4.	Improvement Dev. of Sudamapuri road from 5th Puta culvert (Shiv Mandir) to Ch. Ajeet Chowk by pdg. RMC in Bhajanpura ward no. 44-E, Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	154400	6Months	1000	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315030
5.	Imp. Dev. of service road along Gokalpur drain from gali no. 1A-Block Bhajanpura to 5th Pusta culvert service road along Gokalpur drain from gali no. 11 B-Block Bhajanpura to Ch. Mehak Singh house and service road along Gokalpur drain from 5th Pusta culvert to 4th Pusta Lal Mandir both side by pdg. RMC in ward no. 44-E, Bhajanpura Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	127350	6Months	1000	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315031
6.	Improvement Dev. of road from H. No. 368 to V-69 in Brahmपुरi gali no. 1 by pdg. RMC in ward no. 46-E, Ghonda, Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	134950	6Months	1000	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315032
7.	Imp. Dev. of road from Central Bank to pump House (Gamri road) by pdg. RMC in ward no. 44-E, Bhajanpura Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	74550	4Months	500	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315033
8.	Imp. Dev. of Rubber factory road from Dispensary chowk to gali no. 20 in K-Block, Gangotri Vihar by pdg. RMC in ward no. 45-E in Yamuna Vihar Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	133200	6Months	1000	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315034
9.	Construction of drain from Fateh Singh road (L-224) to Gautam Vihar Chowk by pdg. Brick work in ward no. 46-E, Ghonda Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	64500	4Months	500	XL-VIII-S(iii)	315035
10.	Improvement Dev. of side berms and drain both side from H. No. B-4/176 to B-4/58 in B-4 Block by pdg. RMC from in Yamuna Vihar in ward no. 45-E, Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	60000	4Months	500	XL-VIII-S(iv)	315036
11.	Imp. Dev. of Rajesh Pilot Park to C-5 Block Yamuna vihar by pdg. Brick work in ward no. 45-E, Shah(N) Zone. Tender Amount (in Rs.): Item Rate, Validity : 6 Months	67200	4Months	500	XL-VIII-S(i)	314952

Last date & time of Download of tender document: 10.07.2019 upto 14.00 PM.
The detailed documents can be seen & downloaded by the registered contractor from website <http://mcdetenders.com>. The tender will be opened in the office of E.E. [M Shah(N)]-II on 12.07.2019.

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S. No.	Name of work	Value Put to Tender	EMD	Period of Completion	Bid Available Date	Bid Opening Date
1	Ornamental Streetlight pole with LED fittings and Revitalization of Meenakshi Temple Surrounds and Meenakshi Park and linking of Heritage site through a Heritage Routes in A2D area in Madurai City Municipal Corporation	Rs. 5.34 Crores	Rs.5.34 Lakhs	12 Months	29.06.2019 upto 30.07.2019 upto 3.00 PM	31.07.2019 upto 3.30 PM

2. Date, Time and Venue for the Pre-Bid Conference : 15.07.2019, 12.00 Hrs at Conference Hall O/o. Madurai Corporation Building, Aringar Anna Marg, Madurai-625002. 3. Form of Contract: Two Cover system. 4. Bid documents will be available in <https://tenders.in> and <https://www.tenders.in> from 29.06.2019 to 30.07.2019, 3.00 P.M. bid opening will be on 31.07.2019 upto 3.30 PM

5. The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited reserves the rights to accept or reject any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document.

6. For any clarifications in Bidding Documents the Bidders may contact the office of "The Managing Director, MSCL and the Commissioner, Corporation of Madurai, Aringar Anna Marg, Talakulam, Madurai-625002".

7. Bids must be submitted to the "The Managing Director, MSCL and the Commissioner, Aringar Anna Marg, Talakulam, Madurai-625 002 Corporation of Madurai" in person on or before 15.00 hours on 31.07.2019 and bids will be opened on 31.07.2019 at 15.30 hours, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the stated date of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS - TWO COVER - ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM

IFB No.	04/F. Outlined/ SDO(T3)/CE/ CBE/ 2019/ Dt : 27.06.2019
Eligible class	Class-I
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.30, Sivurani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore -641 043.
Downloading	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in (free of cost)
Date and time of Pre bid meeting	15.07.2019 at 11.00 AM
Cost of Tender Document	From the O/o the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Maintenance Division, No.71, Poonkundranar Street, Karungalpalayam, Erode by cash Demand Draft payable at Coimbatore Rs.

7 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

J&K polls to be held by EC, Centre won't interfere: Shah

Blames Nehru for troubles in Valley, says Sardar Patel not taken into confidence

DEEPTIMANTIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

UNION HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Friday said that Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir can be held anytime after the Election Commission (EC) gives its go ahead, denying accusations that his government was scuttling the democratic process in the state.

Shah also blamed the Congress and former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru for the troubles in the Valley.

"Everyone is asking about when are elections going to be held in Jammu and Kashmir. Elections are going to be held by the Election Commission. The Centre has no interference in this. The Congress used to once run the EC. We don't do that... The day EC gives a go ahead, we will not waste a second in holding the elections," Shah said.

He also said that the J&K Assembly elections couldn't be held along the Lok Sabha polls in the state as holding them together would have meant providing protection to each and every candidate and that was not possible as the forces were spread thin across the country.

Dismissing accusations that the BJP government in the Centre was "throttling" democracy in J&K, Shah said, "We imposed President's rule in Kashmir due to a special situation. In this country, Article 356 has been used 133 times. Of these, 93 times it has been used by the Congress. You will teach us democracy? To meet your political ends, you have dismissed scores of elected governments within a day. We have never done it for political purposes."

The Home Minister said his government was absolutely pro-democracy in Kashmir and an example of the same was the peaceful completion of the Panchayat elections in the state, which elected 40,000 Panchs and Sarpanchs.

"Earlier, just three families would win all elections in Kashmir from Panchayat to Assembly... We conducted elections and to-



Home Minister Amit Shah speaks in the Lok Sabha on Friday. LSTV/PTI

day 40,000 Panchs and Sarpanchs are developing their areas with full rights... They say we are not in control of the Kashmir situation. We have seen so much bloodletting in elections earlier. But when we conducted Panchayat elections, not a drop of blood was spilled," Shah said.

He also blamed the "historical blunders" of the Congress government for the trust deficit between Delhi and Srinagar.

"Who was responsible for Partition? We have always believed the country should not be divided on the basis of religion. Today one third of Jammu and Kashmir is not part of India. Who is responsible? You talk of not taking stakeholders into confidence over Kashmir. When our forces chased away Pakistani invaders up to the Line of Control, who decided to announce ceasefire? Nehru did not even take (then home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai) Patel into confidence," Shah said.

"Had Nehru taken Patel into confidence, PoK would have been a part of India and terrorism would have been obliterated from its roots," Shah said.

He said India could not win the trust of Kashmiris because no efforts were made in that direction. "In 1931, the Muslim Conference was formed under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah. And you put all the eggs in one basket. Abdullah eventually ran away with the basket," Shah said.

The home minister then recounted how Abdullah was later put in jail and bogus elections were held in 1957, 1962 and 1967. "This was a joke on democracy. And this is where we lost the trust of the people," he said.

Shah said his government was committed to the three principles of Insaniyat, Jamhooriyat and Kashmiriyat to resolve the Kashmir issue. He said government's commitment to Insaniyat was reflected in government benefits reaching the people, Jamhooriyat was reflected in peaceful completion of Panchayat elections, but asked if Kashmiriyat meant bloodletting.

"Where are the Sufis of Kashmir? Who drove out Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley? ... Yet we will not let Kashmiriyat be diluted," he said.

'Root cause of J&K's present problem was PDP-BJP tie-up'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

OPPOSING THE statutory resolution in the Lok Sabha for an extension of President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir, Congress MP Manish Tewari on Friday said that an elected government in the state was in the interest of the nation and will help the Centre in its fight against terrorism.

Tewari said, "The challenge from our western neighbour (Pakistan) is not going to end; it is a long battle... There would be a need for a consensus... The states where this battle has to be fought, it may be Jammu and Kashmir or any other state of India, it is essential to keep the people of those areas with us."

He said that an "elected government in Jammu and Kashmir... will help the Centre in its fight against terrorism there."

Tewari maintained that it was "not in the interest of people in the state and the country" that Jammu and Kashmir remained under President's rule. "The root cause" of the present problem in the state was the PDP-BJP coalition, he said. "Unfortunately, it was an alliance of ideologically incompatible people," the Congress MP said, adding that the sense of alienation among the people of Jammu and Kashmir had increased under the BJP regime.



Manish Tewari said that an elected government in J&K will help the Centre fight against terrorism

Tewari asked, "If elections to the Lok Sabha can be conducted in a peaceful atmosphere, why can't Vidhan Sabha elections be held alongside?" Addressing Home Minister Amit Shah, he said, "If you pursue an enlightened policy on Jammu and Kashmir, our party will certainly support you."

On the question of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, Tewari said the Congress was not against the spirit of the Bill, but said that it was for the state Assembly to pass this legislation.

Other opposition leaders also expressed their opposition to the extension of President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir. Revolutionary Socialist Party member N K Premachandran said, "Why is there a delay in holding Assembly elections... If you can have the Parliamentary election in a smooth and peaceful way, what obstructs the Election Commission from holding the elections to the state (Assembly)?"

Disappointed at proposed extension of President's rule: J&K parties

Srinagar: With Home Minister Amit Shah proposing a six-month extension of President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir in the Parliament, political parties in J&K have expressed disappointment, stating that the state is being denied an elected government and pushed towards deepening uncertainty.

National Conference vice-president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah on Twitter expressed hope that Assembly elections can be held in J&K "before the winter begins, perhaps along with Jharkhand, Haryana & Maharashtra".

PDP spokesperson Waheed Para said that with the Panchayat as well as Lok Sabha elections being held, "Centre should move on

conducting Assembly elections. People deserve an elected government and this is a clear denial of their democratic rights."

State Congress chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir stated that the Central government has "no justification" to keep stalling elections in the state and extend President's rule. "They tried installing a government, when that didn't happen, they dissolved the Assembly. All parties in the state demanded Assembly elections should be held simultaneously with the general elections, they didn't do that either. The three election observers who came here also stated that elections should be held, they have not moved on their suggestions as well," Mir said.

Govt committed to end manual scavenging: minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28



Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment

ASSERTING THAT the Centre was committed and is working to end the "curse" of manual scavenging, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot on Friday said state governments must ensure proper implementation of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, and said action will be taken if it is not implemented.

Gehlot's comments came against the backdrop of the deaths of several people involved in cleaning of sewers and septic tanks in many states. He was replying to a private members' resolution in Rajya Sabha moved by RJD's Manoj Jha, seeking a "much more concerted effort" to root out the "inhuman practice" and amend the Act to increase compensation for those who die while cleaning septic tanks and sewers, and substantial grants for rehabilitation of persons liberated from manual scavenging.

Participating in the debate, CPI's D Raja asked the government to direct the NITI Aayog

to call a meeting on manual scavenging.

"India is advancing. India is moving forward technologically. India is considered to be a nation of knowledge. But, we do not find proper technology to put an end to the manual scavenging. The government should address this issue... What is the mandate you (government) have given to the NITI Aayog? Why can't NITI Aayog give priority to this issue? Let NITI Aayog convene a meeting on how to put an end to the manual scavenging. They are calling meeting on every other issue," he said.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'New India' slogan, he said, "You are talking about new India?... You take up the challenge that in New India, there will be no body as a manual scavenger, and, manual scavenging will be put an end to. Take up this challenge."

There must be endency of pendency of Bills: Venkaiah

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28



Vice President and Chairman of Rajya Sabha M Venkaiah Naidu

VICE PRESIDENT and Chairman of Rajya Sabha M Venkaiah Naidu on Friday took up some administrative issues of the House and stressed on the importance of clearing pending Bills, the need for the government and Opposition to have regular interactions and the possibility of increased scrutiny of Bills by Parliamentary Committees.

Naidu said that Congress leaders and the Leader of the Opposition had spoken about the need for Parliamentary scrutiny of Bills by committees and assured the House that he was looking into the matter. "I am examining it. Some figures have been given. I am going through it. I will be discussing the need for parliamentary scrutiny with the ministers concerned also," he said.

Naidu, however, said that "we should not send this message to the people that the Bills are being delayed on one pretext or the other" and the House needs to "strike a balance between these two".

He said that once a committee has decided on a Bill, "there should not be a practice of again and again referring it to different committees". The House is Supreme, he said, but "we must follow some practice to see that we expedite the functioning" as "people want results".

There are a number of Bills that are pending for years, the Chairman said, asking the House what could be done. "If the govern-

ment wants to withdraw them, I think we should come to an understanding that we should allow the government to withdraw those Bills," he said. "The reason is that the backlog of 32-33 Bills pending in the Rajya Sabha is not sending a positive image".

In his quintessential style, Naidu said that there should be an "endency" of "pendency" of Bills and the members should, "in a meaningful manner, come to a conclusion as to how to tackle 32-33 pending Bills".

Earlier in the day, the Vice President congratulated the members for a successful week, and said that he was happy after he had received people's feedback that the House had raised and discussed people's issues.

But some members complained that the government does not give enough time for all members before a Bill is moved and taken up, providing a copy of it either the same morning or the previous evening.

Jairam Ramesh of the Congress also asked the Chairman to "tell the government to not declare Bills as Money Bills" to avoid discussion in the Upper House.

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8 GOVT & POLITICS



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ALL IS WELL

WHILE THE constitution of key Cabinet committees earlier this month set many tongues wagging about the pecking order in the government, it did not seem to have affected relations in the top brass. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday received ample praise from Home Minister Amit Shah for his work on suppressing terrorism in Kashmir during his earlier stint in the Home Ministry. Shah spoke of Singh not once but twice during a debate on Kashmir in the Lok Sabha. Even as Shah said that the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and Rajnath Singh had ensured a tough stance against terrorism, Singh was seen frequently prompting and assisting Shah through written notes during his speech.

HEALTH CONCERN

IT SEEMS Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan will not tolerate anything unhealthy in the vicinity of the health ministry. In an order, the ministry has formalised the practice of serving healthy snacks at official meetings. The order says that healthy snacks like dates and nuts will be served. The order also says that the canteen will no longer sell biscuits, and appeals to all to not use plastic water bottles. Glass bottles have been distributed to officials at the joint secretary level, leaving many to ask why employees down the bureaucratic hierarchy have been left to their own to become environment conscious.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

RAJYA SABHA Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has nominated Congress member Abhishek Singhvi as member of the Indian Council of World Affairs, Rakesh Sinha of BJP as member of General Assembly of Indian Council for Cultural Affairs and nominated member Swapna Dasgupta as member of the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies. While Singhvi's and Sinha's tenures will last for three years, Dasgupta will hold the office for two years.

Connectivity, infrastructure key points in Modi's trilateral meeting with Trump, Abe



EXPRESS IN OSAKA

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 28

AT THE beginning of the Japan-US-India trilateral meeting on Friday, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump and Japanese PM Shinzo Abe were prompted to shake hands for the cameras, Trump initiated a three-way fist bump.

Soon after, the three leaders — in their second trilateral meeting in seven months — made common cause as they took on China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and pushed for "connectivity" and "quality infrastructure".

Japan has put "quality infrastructure" on the G-20 agenda, which India is backing. India has opposed the BRI since May 2017, although the criticism has been quite muted in the last one year since the Wuhan summit in April last year. But, the Osaka declaration is likely to have a strong mention of quality infrastructure.

After the trilateral meeting, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale called it a "very good" and "very productive" meeting, and said the main topic of the discussion was the "Indo-Pacific" about how the three countries can work together in terms of "connectivity, in terms of infrastructure, in terms of ensuring that peace and security is maintained and in terms of working together to build upon this new concept so that it benefits the region as a whole and for the three countries".

A senior US official said planned discussion topics included "strong naval cooperation," following up on a recent joint exercise in the South China sea. The official said the meeting was also "an opportunity to promote a resilient quality secure infrastructure".

Quality infrastructure is a euphemism for better alternatives to BRI, which has been accused of debt-trap diplomacy.

According to the White House, the three leaders reaffirmed the critical importance of strengthening US-India-Japan cooperation to reinforce shared core democratic values, which promote global security and prosperity. The leaders agreed to meet annually and to ensure successful cooperation in multiple areas, including maritime security, "quality infrastructure", and advancing peace and prosperity in the Indian Ocean and Pacific region and beyond, the statement said. "All three countries promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region," a US official said.

While the Trump administration has sought to promote that concept, in part as a means of countering China, India has taken a slightly nuanced view which was articulated by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar earlier this week after meeting US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo in Delhi. He had said the Indo-Pacific is for something, not against somebody, and that something is "peace, security, stability, prosperity, and rules". "So we're really looking at a landscape where a number of independent players today work together for what they believe to be global good," the External Affairs Minister had said.

On Friday, Abe called the three countries the "foundation of peace and prosperity in the region". "Free and open Indo-Pacific is something that we would like to strive toward, and I'd like to have closer coordination among three countries going forward," he told Modi and Trump.

Modi said that JAI — Japan, America and India — in Hindi means "victory." "...in this forum of ours has received a new impetus, and there is a new faith and confidence in our relations. We have common interests in the area of Indo-Pacific... We are committed to democracy, and therefore we would like a peaceful development and security in this region."



PM Modi with Russia President Vladimir Putin and China President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan. Sputnik/Mikhail Klimentyev/Kremlin via Reuters

Modi pitches global summit on terror to Russia, China, BRICS

SHUBHAJIT ROY
OSAKA, JUNE 28

HOURS AFTER the Japan-US-India trilateral meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin met for the Russia-India-China trilateral meeting where they discussed challenges pertaining to economy and peace and stability.

They separately also met Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa for the BRICS meeting.

In both these meetings, Modi pitched his idea for a global conference on terrorism, which he had proposed in Maldives earlier this month.

"I have recently called for a

global conference on terrorism. Lack of necessary consent to fight against terrorism cannot keep us deedless. I appreciate Brazil to give a place in the main priorities to the fight against terrorism," he said. "We have to stop all the means of support and help available to terrorism and racism," he said.

In a joint statement, BRICS called on all States to prevent financing of terrorist networks and of terrorist actions from their territories, as they pledged to combat terrorism and illicit financial flow. "We strongly condemn terrorist attacks, including against BRICS countries, in all forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever ever committed," they said.

Without naming any country, the five leaders reiterated

that it is the responsibility of all states to prevent financing of terrorist networks and of terrorist actions from their territories.

While recognising that states have the leading role to ensure safety and security in the use of the information and communication technologies, they called on the technology companies to cooperate with governments, in accordance with applicable law, to eliminate the ability of terrorists to use digital platforms.

Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said these elements were part of what New Delhi had worked hard to get in the BRICS joint statement.

The leaders of the five nations also pledged to strive to promote international anti-corruption cooperation and strengthening of legal frameworks.

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India adopts issue-based alignment

INDIA ADOPTED issue-based alignment in G-20 summit. While it took on China's BRI at the trilateral with Japan and US, it made its opposition to the US and Japan very clear on data free flow. Delhi, however, pushed its agenda on terrorism at the plurilaterals — both RIC and BRICS.

Taking steps to keep oil supply regular: MBS

SHUBHAJIT ROY
OSAKA, JUNE 28

THE CROWN Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman on Friday told Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he was taking steps to keep the oil supply "sustainable and regular" for countries like India.

Modi, who met Crown Prince Salman, commonly referred to as MBS, had discussed the situation in Gulf. He appreciated MBS's leadership for keeping the oil prices "stable and predictable", according to Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale.

Salman also invited Modi for an international event to be held later this year, and the PM has accepted. "Details will be worked out later," Gokhale said.

Flurry of resignations as leadership crisis deepens young-vs-old faultlines in Cong

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

THE CRISIS in the Congress triggered by Rahul Gandhi's decision to step down as party president has deepened and revived the young versus old faultlines in the party on Friday after several young office-bearers of the party and its frontal outfits resigned in solidarity with Rahul, mounting pressure on the elders. The young leaders want Rahul to continue as the Congress president.

At least one AICC general secretary, Madhya Pradesh in-charge Deepak Babaria, and one state Congress president, Goa's Girish Chodankar, resigned hours after some 300 young leaders — most of them in their 40s — converged at the AICC headquarters in the first such



Rahul Gandhi with Congress representatives from Wayanad. ANI

show of solidarity with Rahul ever since he told the party about his decision to step down.

The Indian Express on Friday reported about Rahul's unhappiness over the fact that none of those state leaders and in-charges under whose watch the party fared badly owned up responsibility even after he decided to step down enforcing the principle of accountability.

"There was a meeting of young turks today and the consensus was that not only Rahul Gandhi, but everyone who was there in the front seats, should take moral responsibility and resign. I am in agreement," Babaria told The Indian Express over phone. He said Rahul had mentioned this in his meetings with some leaders earlier this week.

Chodankar said the "firm de-

cision of Rahul Gandhi to not withdraw his resignation as Congress president morally does not permit me to continue. The defeat is our collective responsibility. I tender my resignation as Goa Congress president."

At the meeting, AICC secretaries Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Rajesh Dharmani, Virender Singh Rathore, Working Presidents of Delhi and Telangana Congress Rajesh Lillothia and Ponnamp Prabhakar, Haryana Mahila Congress president Sumitra Chouhan and Mahila Congress general secretary Netta D'Souza, were among the many who signed on a symbolic joint resignation letter which said "I would like to immediately resign from my post in respect and honour of Rahul Gandhi".

Those who organised the meeting said over 120 leaders

have resigned from their posts. At least one of them said the young leaders want all the office-bearers to resign within three days or they will visit their houses to seek their resignation. At the meeting, the leaders felt there is no alternative to Rahul in the Congress and he has to continue as the party president. They plan to meet him to persuade him to continue.

In Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath said he had offered to resign from the post of state Congress president after the party's defeat. "Rahul Gandhi is right... I personally believe that I am responsible... I do not know who else is responsible," he said.

Meanwhile, Rahul on Friday appointed Chhattisgarh MLA Mohan Markam as the head of the party's Chhattisgarh unit, replacing CM Bhupesh Baghel.



Ashwani Kumar

'Transparent introspection needed, must not shirk from conclusions'

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

AS RAHUL Gandhi remains firm on his decision to step down as the Congress president, senior party leader and former Union minister Ashwani Kumar Friday called for a collective leadership at all levels and argued that there should be a "transparent and objective introspection" over the poll debacle "that will not shirk from harsh conclusions, including fixing of accountability".

Kumar also took veiled potshots at party leader Anand Sharma, who has said that the inclusion of promises like repeal of the sedition law and amendment of the AFSPA in the Congress manifesto were avoidable as the BJP used to attack the party. "Clearly an ex post facto objection to certain inclusions in an otherwise excellent manifesto deliberated upon at various levels is to offer a simplistic answer to serious faultlines in the party that need to be identified," Kumar said.

"The party could not sharpen its counter narrative nor communicate it to the people in an idiom that could carry conviction... We could not convince the people that nationalism, freedom, justice and dignity were not mutually exclusive. We needed to anchor our politics in soaring idealism rather than succumbing to the seductive appeal of realpolitik and caste-driven alliances," Kumar said.

INTERVIEW: ANAND SHARMA

'Viable mechanism needed to revive Cong; Rahul, Sonia will be integral to solution'

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and deputy Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha ANAND SHARMA speaks to MANOJ CG on Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's decision to resign and the need to fix accountability within the party. Excerpts:

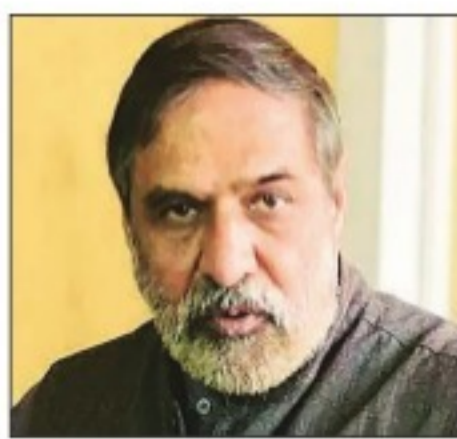
It has been a month since the election results came out but there has been no honest introspection and fixing of accountability. Why?

Party leaders and workers are demoralised and disappointed. There is need to take corrective actions to revitalise the party. The outcome of the election is because of a combination of factors, not one. There is need for dispassionate, objective and honest evaluation, introspection to identify all the factors and shortcomings...

But what about fixing of accountability?

Accountability is collective... You cannot pick a few individuals and say that is where the accountability is... it has to be an honest and objective analysis... The Congress fought as hard as BJP on social media, but there is a huge gap... when it comes to resources... But I will not attribute the mandate only to that. Their (BJP's) message connected.

Rahul Gandhi has made it



'There should not be any knee-jerk responses and you can't look for scapegoats'

clear that he does not want to continue as Congress president. Why are you not able to resolve the issue?

The party leadership is fully conscious of the gravity of the sit-

uation... The Congress president worked tirelessly, he campaigned hard and this situation of uncertainty is because the Working Committee has collectively and unanimously rejected the offer and urged Rahul Gandhi to continue... It is true that some viable mechanism has to be created to ensure that the organisation is fully revived and the shortcomings which were observed at different levels, right up to the booth level, in the organisational structures are corrected at the earliest... And that mechanism or whatever the structure is, Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi... they will be integral and also to the solution.

But he says he doesn't want to continue.

I am sure that he will very

much be there along with Sonia for whatever the viable mechanism... Rahul Gandhi will be actively campaigning for the party... When the Assembly elections come you will see.

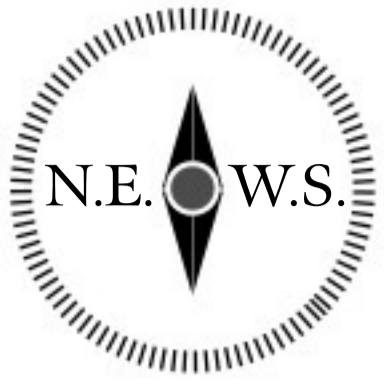
Many believe this uncertainty is hurting the party.

Congress has the resilience and the capacity to do course correction and revive itself...

But there is a crisis, a leadership vacuum?

Well, as of today yes... the party in its collective wisdom will have to resolve the issue... Congress is also bound by the Working Committee resolution... But to think that the party is in a limbo is not true. FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

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NORTH

Jaish militant killed in Budgam encounter: police

Srinagar: A Jaish-e-Mohammad militant was killed in an encounter with security forces in central Kashmir's Budgam district early Friday, police said. "On a credible input, a cordon and search operation was launched jointly by police and security forces in district Budgam," J&K Police said. The encounter

lasted about five hours in Kralpora Checkpora area. The militant fired on the search party and the subsequent retaliation led to an encounter, police said, claiming to have recovered incriminating material including arms and ammunition. Police identified the militant as a foreigner from Pakistan, Zarat. **ENS**



Three people were killed in separate incidents as the first spell of heavy rain lashed Mumbai on Friday. Five others were injured. **Deepak Joshi**

EAST

Man throws acid on niece for refusing sexual advances

Krishnaganj (West Bengal): A 35-year-old man threw acid on his niece, injuring her critically after she refused his sexual advances in West Bengal's Nadia district, police said on Friday. The incident occurred on Thursday night, when the 25-year-old woman, who lives with her parents and her five-year-old son, was sleeping. The

accused had made several sexual advances towards the woman, but she spurned his proposals. Angry over the rejection, the man barged into the house on Thursday night, poured acid on the woman's body and face, and fled, police said. The woman has been hospitalised while the accused was arrested, police said. **PTI**

WEST

Rape undertrial escapes custody, manhunt launched

Panaji: An undertrial facing rape charges escaped custody as he bolted through a window in the toilet of a court complex in Mapusa. Ramchandran Yallapa, arrested in December 2018 for robbing and raping a 40-year-old British woman at Palolem beach in South Goa, pulled the glass panels off the ventilator near the roof and es-

caped, the police confirmed. "A massive manhunt has been launched..." SP (South Goa) Arvind Gawas said. The British tourist was waylaid and robbed in December last year. The accused was hunted down the same day. In her complaint, the woman also wrote that Yallapa raped her, and made away with Rs 20,000 in cash. **ENS**

SOUTH

Ex-Armyman held for girl's rape and murder

Chennai: A four-year-old girl was found raped and murdered at her house on Thursday. According to police, a retired Army officer was arrested in connection with the case. A senior officer said the incident happened when her relatives went out. "We arrested the accused, who lived on the first floor of the house

where the girl and her family stayed. Preliminary investigation shows that the crime happened on the first floor as he had taken the child to his house, raped her and murdered her. Later, he brought the body downstairs and kept it in the bedroom of the girl's house in a plastic bag," the officer said. **ENS**



(From left) *The Indian Express* Principal Correspondent Kaunain Sherif M, Executive Editor (Investigation) Ritu Sarin, Assistant Editor Santosh Singh, and Special Correspondent Mihir Vasavda at the RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism ceremony in Mumbai. **Nirmal Harindran**

Three RedInk Awards for The Indian Express

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 28

THE INDIAN EXPRESS on Friday won awards in three categories at the RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

Ritu Sarin, Executive Editor (Investigation), Kaunain Sherif M, Principal Correspondent, and Jay Mazoomdaar, Associate Editor, received the award in the 'health and wellness' category

for the Implant Files, a 10-month investigation on the medical devices industry in collaboration with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ).

Santosh Singh, Assistant Editor, won the award in the 'crime' category for a series of reports on the Muzaffarpur shelter home abuse. Mihir Vasavda, Special Correspondent, won the award in the 'sports' category for a story on Baghpat being the

hotspot of India's future shooters.

The lifetime achievement award went to two retired senior journalists — former *Maharashtra Times* journalist Dinu Ranadive (94) and *Mumbai Mirror's* former photo editor Sebastian D'Souza. Former *Tribune* journalist Rachna Khaira won the RedInk Journalist of the Year Award 2019.

In its ninth year now, the RedInk Awards are hosted by Mumbai Press Club.

Jagan, KCR decide to work together on water-sharing

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JUNE 28

THE CHIEF Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on Friday buried the hatchet on water-sharing issues between the two states and decided to work together on resolving them to ensure a proper supply to every region, officials privy to the meeting said.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy met his Telangana counterpart K Chandrashekar Rao at Pragati Bhavan in Hyderabad. Both CMs decided to amicably resolve any issue pending between the states since the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in June 2014.

Due to an acrimonious relationship with former Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu and Rao, water sharing was not discussed between the two. "At the meeting today, both CMs asserted that it would be their endeavour to ensure that water reaches every nook and corner of both the states for cultivation, drinking and for industries. They assured that they would go forward in utilising the water resources available in both the states efficiently. Both CMs have resolved to work together in this direction," said an official privy to the discussion.

As part of the new stance, it was decided at the meeting that waters of the Godavari River would be diverted to Srisailem

Notice for 'removal' of guest house leased by Naidu

Hyderabad: The AP Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) on Thursday served a notice for 'removal' of a guest house owned by M Lingamaneni Ramesh, which has been leased by former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and serves as his official residence in Amaravati. The notice calls for the 'removal' of the house, which it says has been built in violation of environmental norms, and asked Ramesh to respond within seven days. The June 27 notice states that at least 10 violations were detected on the property. "You are directed to reply to this notice within 7 days, failing which, further action would be initiated," the notice stated. **ENS**

in Andhra to combat the dipping levels of the Krishna River. The move is expected to benefit Andhra's Rayalaseema region and the Palamuru and Nalgonda regions in Telangana. The CMs instructed their officials to chart out a plan to successfully divert the water, officials said.

Accused in Pehlu Khan lynching case on trial in Alwar court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, JUNE 28

THE CASE against the men accused of lynching dairy farmer Pehlu Khan is currently being tried at the court of the additional district judge number 1, Alwar.

At present, seven accused are being tried in the Alwar court while two other accused, who were minors at the time of the crime, are being tried separately at a juvenile court.

All the accused in the case are currently out on bail.

Back in 2017, after a probe by the CID-CB of the Rajasthan police, the officials had given a clean chit to all six named by Khan in his statement before dying.

The clean chit had resulted in

After 3-month lull, UP sees 30 encounters this month, 4 killed

AVANEESH MISHRA LUCKNOW, JUNE 28

AFTER A brief lull in police encounters over the past few months, the Uttar Pradesh Police have killed at least four criminals and injured over 30 in June in more than 30 instances of alleged exchange of fire with "those facing criminal cases or carrying rewards."

While there were no encounter killings in the past three months, in at least 15 police encounters in the past four days in the state, three wanted criminals were killed and around a dozen injured. Among those, two criminals were killed in Barabanki on Friday while one was left injured in Mathura. In all, at least 77 have been killed and over 1,100 were left injured in such police encounters since the BJP government came to power in the state in March 2017.

In March this year, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on completion of two years of his government, had said that more than 8,000 criminals were arrested and more than 1,000 injured in over 3,500 encounters under his tenure. Around 12,000 criminals claimed to have cancelled their bail and surrendered

to the courts. More than half a dozen policemen were killed in the encounters.

Uttar Pradesh Additional Director General (ADG) Law and Order P V Ramasastry, however, said there was no reason to believe that there was a sudden increase in such incidents and arrests of criminals was a continuous process.

"These things (encounters) are not planned. The arrest of dreaded criminals is a continuous process. During the arrest, one doesn't know if a criminal is going to respond violently. Sometimes, there will be more incidents where criminals resist arrest in a violent manner. Then, the use of minimum force is applied as sanctioned under the law. There is no basis for any such perception that there suddenly is a surge in encounter cases in the state," he said.

Earlier, a statement issued by the office of the Uttar Pradesh DGP said two wanted criminals carrying a reward of Rs 75,000 and Rs 25,000 were killed in Barabanki in the early hours of Friday after they tried to jump a police barricade and allegedly opened fire at a police station.

"Acting on a tip-off that two criminals were trying to flee after looting motorcycles, the police

teams of Baddapur and Mohammadpur Khala police station put a barricade at Jhanjhar chauraha. When two persons tried to stop them, they allegedly opened fire at the police team with an intention to kill. In the retaliatory fire, two criminals, identified as Zuber and Lomas, were left injured. They were taken to hospital where they were declared dead on arrival," said the statement.

Two policemen, including Baddapur station house officer (SHO) Sumit Kumar Srivastava suffered injuries and were admitted to the district hospital.

According to the statement, Zuber had 50 cases against him, lodged at different police stations in Sitapur and Barabanki. Zuber had a total reward of Rs 75,000 on his head. Meanwhile, Lomas had around 45 cases against him at different police stations in Sitapur and Barabanki and had a bounty of Rs 25,000 on his head.

In Mathura, a history-sheeter, Durgapal, with a reward of Rs 25,000, was arrested after a police encounter in the Govardhan police station area on Friday.

Another criminal, Aamir, carrying a Rs 15,000 reward was arrested by the Ghaziabad police after an exchange of fire.

Man held for killing five family members in UP's Hamirpur

Lucknow: A day after five members of a family, including a man, his wife, daughter, niece and the grandmother, were found murdered in Hamirpur's Rani Laxmi Bai locality, police on Friday arrested the brother of the man for allegedly killing the family.

Raees (38), wife Roshni Khaton (28), their daughter Alia (2), his grandmother Shakina (85) and niece Roshni (15) were bludgeoned to death with a hammer.

Additional Director General of Prayagraj zone, S N Sabat, said the alleged assailant, Nafees (32) killed all five in an inebriated state following an argument with his younger brother Raees. The accused has confessed to the crime, the ADG said. **ENS**

Another leader from Dhinakaran camp joins DMK

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JUNE 28

AFTER SETHIL Balaji, an influential leader and former AIADMK minister, from Kongu belt left the T T V Dhinakaran camp and joined DMK last year, another key face in Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK), Thanga Tamilselvan, also joined the main opposition party on Friday.

One of the 18 MLAs disqualified by the Assembly for their allegiance to AIADMK rebel faction, Tamilselvan held the



Pehlu Khan was returning from a cattle fair when he was attacked.

widespread criticism for the then BJP government in Rajasthan.

Apart from the juveniles, on the basis of video and other evidence, the police had arrested seven men — Vipin Yadav, Ravindra Kumar, Kaluram, Dayaram, Yogesh Kumar alias

leadership vacuum in AIADMK was one of the reasons for his decision. "They lack a single leadership and are struggling to take decisions," he told the media.

He added that he was happy to join the DMK for the strong leadership of Stalin, and called him a hardworking leader.

Tamilselvan had been making critical statements about AMMK in public. "He was unhappy about the AMMK's performance in elections. He accused at least three district leaderships of the party for not performing well. When he aired his opinions to the media, we opposed it," said a senior

AMMK leader.

However, sources close to Tamilselvan said that informal talks were still on with top leaders in both the DMK and AIADMK.

While Thani is considered an AIADMK bastion for its powerful OBC Thevar votes and faces like Panneerselvam and candidature of late J Jayalitha and M G Ramachandran from the region in several polls, the refusal of popular Congress leader J M Aaroon Rashid to contest the last Lok Sabha election, citing personal reasons, was a major setback for the DMK-Congress alliance.

Boy says assaulted on train, UP police probe veracity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JUNE 28

THE ALIGARH police on Friday evening lodged an FIR into an incident of alleged assault and humiliation of a 17-year-old boy by a group of co-passengers in a train between Aligarh and Bareilly.

Police officials, however, also claimed that the boy has changed his statement multiple times, raising question marks over the authenticity of his claims.

According to the case lodged at the Jawan police station based on a complaint filed by the boy's father, the boy alleged that a group of youths harassed him and sedated him before forcing him to get down from the train.

"On May 18, around 1.37 pm, the boy boarded a train from Sunamayi railway station for a

madrassa in Bareilly. On the way, 8-10 youths harassed him. They threw his skullcap away and made him inhale a sedated handkerchief and forced him to get off the train. When the victim gained consciousness, he found himself in a field. His belongings and money were missing. Some locals later helped him board a bus to reach his home," police said quoting the complaint.

Police have lodged the FIR against unidentified persons. When contacted, the boy's brother said that only three to four persons were involved in the act. "He was not given a sedative. He initially had claimed he was sedated, but is now denying it," the brother said.

Circle Officer of Civil Lines area, Anil Kumar, said, "He has changed his statement more than once. We are investigating the matter. It will be clear very soon."

DR M ANNADURAI, PROJECT DIRECTOR, CHANDRAYAAN 1

'Chandrayaan 2 logical extension of what we did in first mission'

DR M ANNADURAI served as project director for ISRO's first mission to the moon Chandrayaan 1 and worked on the Chandrayaan 2 project, scheduled to be launched on July 15 for ISRO's first soft landing on the moon. He was closely linked to the mission as director of the U R Rao Satellite Center in Bengaluru until his retirement last year. He spoke to **JOHNSONTA** on the similarities and differences between ISRO's first and second missions:

You were project director for the Chandrayaan 1 mission undertaken in 2008 and the first project director for the Chandrayaan 2 mission. How different are the two?

Overall, the project is more or less the same — it is a logical extension of whatever we have done with Chandrayaan 1. The



only thing is that in Chandrayaan 1 we had the 35 kg moon impact probe which we released after getting to the moon. It crashed on a targeted spot. Now we are going to have a controlled soft landing. Previously, it was like passive throwing of the moon impact probe from the orbiter. The orbiter in Chandrayaan 2 is the same as the Chandrayaan 1 — that is why we were ready with the Chandrayaan 2 orbiter some three or four years ago. Unfortunately, the Russians

dropped out (of making a lander and rover). That was the orbiter eventually used as the Mars orbiter in the Mars mission (2013-14). That is the secret behind how we were able to do the Mangalyaan project in 13 months. The lander is new.

The Chandrayaan 1 launch was on the lightweight PSLV but the Chandrayaan 2 is on the powerful GSLV Mk III. What difference does this make to the project?

The GSLV will put a heavier payload further into space. This is how it was originally planned as well. We now have the Mk III instead of the Mk II. Once you put it in an orbit, it will be more or less what was done with the Chandrayaan 1 mission. We were the first people in the world to use a launcher like the PSLV and do a mission like Chandrayaan 1.

We launched on October 22, 2008 and reached only on November 8. We took so many days because we gradually increased the orbit (firing on board engines) to finally reach the orbit of the moon.

In Chandrayaan 1, there were issues with lunar heat radiation which caused damages to the orbiter leading to a premature end to the project. Have those issues been addressed?

Although the heat radiation was identified initially as the cause of the shortening of the Chandrayaan 1 mission, we found an inherent issue with one of the imported dc/dc converters used in the spacecraft itself. We used some 757 of them in Chandrayaan 1. That was used worldwide but unfortunately the batch we used, developed prob-

lems. Heat was generated internally as a consequence of the faulty converters and along with the environment, a hot spot was created. We made a correction in Mangalyaan orbiter. We made our own dc/dc converters. Over and above that, whatever inputs we got from Chandrayaan 1 are going into Chandrayaan 2. This is especially for the orbiter which will be used for more than a couple of months.

What is the communication network between the rover, the lander, orbiter and earth?

The rover can communicate only to the lander (for power optimisation) but the lander and orbiter can communicate with each other and earth. Lander is more like a relay.

The Chandrayaan 2 project now has a woman project

director. How significant is it?

It is not something new. You know there is T K Anuradha (who has headed some of ISRO's communication satellite programmes). There was Vallarmathi for the RISAT project. We have other women as well (in key roles).

How would you describe the Chandrayaan 2 project director Dr Muthayya Vanitha?

For some time, she worked with me. She is a systems engineer and as project director, she needs to know about all the systems. She picked up her knowledge in the period she was the associate director and was then made the project director. She has done well as project director.

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KERALA LAND DEAL ALLEGATIONS

Priests oppose Vatican move to reinstate Cardinal as head of archdiocese

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 28

THE PRIESTS of the Ernakulam archdiocese on Friday passed a resolution questioning the decisions of the Vatican, which has reinstated Cardinal George Alencherry as the head of the archdiocese and suspended two auxiliary bishops in an unceremonious manner.

A year ago, the Vatican had removed Alencherry as the archbishop of Ernakulam following his alleged involvement in dubious land dealings which caused Rs 90 crore loss for the archdiocese in 2016. He was reinstated on Thursday. Priests revolting against the decision of the Vatican is unheard of in the history of the Kerala-based Syro-Malabar Catholic Church.

The resolution said the priests would not cooperate with Alencherry and his office. "Did Vatican think that priests and

faithful of the Ernakulam archdiocese can function under the archbishop (Alencherry), who is an alleged accused in a criminal case related to financial malpractices. We cannot cooperate with those who dishonestly lead the archdiocese."

Archdiocese public relations officer Fr Paul Kareedan said, "The developments at the Church are extraordinary. We don't know how the protest of the priests would take shape in the coming days. The Cardinal has asked the auxiliary bishops to move out of the archbishop's house. Most of the priests in the diocese are against the suspension of the auxiliary bishops," he said.

Sources said 160 priests out of the 450 in the archdiocese attended the meeting on Friday and claimed that majority of the priests are against the Cardinal.

The resolution said the priests have taken strong exception to the decision of Rome to reinstate Alencherry as the head of the archdiocese. "It is ludicrous that

Alencherry has entered the archbishop's house and taken charges in the night. Did Vatican ask the Cardinal to implement its directive under the cover of darkness?" it said.

The priests questioned the suspension of the auxiliary bishops Sebastian Adayanthirath and Jose Puthenveetil. "It was the priests who had protested against the Cardinal. Why no action was taken against the priests? Vatican has suspended the auxiliary bishops who had cooperated with the priests. We consider the action of the Vatican as mere revenge against the auxiliary bishops."

It said the Oriental Congregation (under Rome) and the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church have the responsibility to inform the faithful about the findings of the commissions which had probed into the land dealings involving the Cardinal. Only then the priests and the faithful can accept Alencherry as the head of the archdiocese, the resolution said.

Twitter to hide politicians' tweets that violate its rules

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

TWITTER WILL now hide tweets by politicians and government officials behind a company label if they violate the firm's rules. The tweet will be visible only after the user clicks through the company's notice.

"There are certain cases where it may be in the public's interest to have access to certain tweets, even if they would otherwise be in violation of our rules," the company's blog post on Thursday said. "On the rare occasions when this happens, we'll place a notice — a screen you have to click or tap through before you see the tweet — to provide additional context and clarity..." it added.

This will apply to current government officials as well as those running for or being considered for a government position. They must have more than 1,00,000 followers and be verified. Previously, the company would allow tweets to remain in the public interest even if they violated rules.

Surat diamond firm lays off 80; industry cut 600 jobs since Jan

KAMAAL SAIYED SURAT, JUNE 28

AROUND 600 diamond polishers in Surat have lost their jobs since January as the industry is "passing through a recession", with J B & Brothers Pvt Ltd, a leading diamond firm, laying off 80 people on Friday.

J B & Brothers Pvt Ltd is a Diamond Trading Corporation sightholder (authorised bulk purchaser of rough diamonds) and receives a stock of rough diamonds from various mines across the globe. Over 2,000-2,200 diamond polishers were employed at the firm before the layoffs.

On Friday morning, 80 of the polishers were informed by the firm's owners that they were being laid off. They then gathered outside the company premises

and requested the security guards to allow them to talk to the manager or the owner. They were not allowed to enter.

The polishers, who did not receive last month's salary, then went to the Surat diamond workers' association office at Varachha and complained against the owner. The president of the association, Jaysukh Gajera, spoke to the firm owner, who cited the recession for the job cuts.

Gajera concurred that the recession had indeed been the cause of the majority of the 600 layoffs since January. "We have sought the district collector's help," said Gajera.

On Friday evening, representatives of the diamond workers' association met the district collector and handed over a memorandum saying they had not been given even a month's no-

tion, and sought help to obtain their pending salary. Repeated phone calls to Deep Shah, director of JB & Brothers, remained unanswered.

On June 13, Blue Star Diamonds, located on Lambe Hanuman road, had also laid off hundreds of polishers, but the diamond workers' association was able to get the workers their dues.

Surat Diamond Association president Babubhai Gujarati said that the diamond industry was going through a slump. "For the past two months, business has gone down, as there is no major demand in the market," Gujarati said. We learned that diamond factories have reduced production by an estimated 25 per cent to survive this crucial period."

Day after HC order on Maratha quota, caveat filed in SC

Mumbai: A day after the Bombay High Court upheld the Maharashtra government's decision to provide reservation to the Maratha community under Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, a social worker filed a caveat before the Supreme Court anticipating a challenge to the verdict.

Vinod Patil, a Maratha leader and a social worker, is one of the several interveners supporting the reservation. A caveat is a form of application filed by a person, informing the court that another person may file a suit or application against him and that the court must give the person filing the caveat a fair hearing before deciding any matter. ENS

Flow of raw sewage into Ganga to be fully stopped by 2022: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

UNION MINISTER for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Friday announced that the flow of raw sewage into the Ganga river will be fully halted by 2022.

Addressing a national conference, exhibition and awards ceremony called 'Innovative Water Solutions' here, Shekhawat said his ministry was working in "mission mode" to achieve the 2022 target. Outlining that Uttarakhand and Jharkhand had already achieved this feat, he vowed to make the whole river fit for holy rituals by December.

Shekhawat, however, said that the ministry would not be able to achieve this goal on its own. "Everybody, from the common man to corporates, have to come on board. India can't afford the duality of scarcity of safe

drinking water on the one hand, and wastage of some 25 litres of water in a shower bath on the other. I am ready to sit with corporates to chalk out a viable strategy for industrial use of water and discharge of untreated industrial waste into rivers," Shekhawat said, adding that a "meagre three per cent" of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities were focused on water.

Speaking later at another event, Shekhawat cited a ministry report to say that the Yamuna flows for 54 kilometres through Delhi. Of this, the 22-km stretch from Wazirabad to Okhla — which is less than 2 per cent of the river's length — accounts for about 76 per cent of the pollution levels in the river.

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STATE BANK OF INDIA STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH 2ND FLOOR, AJEET COMPLEX, SAHARAN PUR ROAD, DEHRADUN-248001 SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002: Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the State Bank of India (Secured Creditor), the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on below mentioned dates, for recovery of under mentioned dues & further interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below. The reserve price and EMD amount for each property has been furnished below. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website, www.sbi.co.in

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.) Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com सार्वजनिक सूचना औद्योगिक भूखण्ड संख्या-सी-24 सेक्टर-09, नोएडा के आवंटित को सूचित किया जाता है कि आवंटन एवं लीजडीड निष्पादन के उपरान्त अनुमत्य समय सीमा से 08 वर्ष से अधिक की समयावधि व्यतीत हो चुकी है। निरन्तर नोटिस के बावजूद अभी तक कार्यशीलता प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त नहीं किया गया है एवं भूखण्ड पर अनुमत्य परियोजना के विपरीत कार्य किया जा रहा है। इस नोटिस के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 15.07.2018 तक कार्यशीलता एवं अनुमत्य परियोजना संचालित किये जाने सम्बन्धी साक्ष्य/अभिलेख प्रस्तुत कर दे अन्यथा आपको आवंटित भूखण्ड निरस्त कर दिया जायेगा। विशेष कार्यधिकारी औद्योगिक विभाग, नोएडा CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS-2019 In order to clear extra rush of passengers Railways have decided to run the following "Summer Holiday" Special Trains as per schedule given below:- 04111/04112 Allahabad Jn. - Jammu Tawi - Allahabad Jn. (Weekly) Exp. Special Train 10 Trips Train No. 04111 STATIONS Train No. 04112 Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. 14:45 Allahabad 20:25 00:35 00:55 Delhi Jn. 10:10 10:40 13:50 - Jammu Tawi 22:10 Days of Run: 04111 from Allahabad Jn. on Every Wednesday from 03.07.2019 to 31.07.2019 & 04112 from Jammu Tawi on Every Thursday from 04.07.2019 to 01.08.2019. Stoppages: Fatehpur, Kanpur, Etawah, Tundla, Aligarh, Ghaziabad, Delhi Jn., Panipat, Ambala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt. and Pathankot Cantt. Stations. Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

HARYANA GOVERNMENT CORRIGENDUM NOTICE Sr. No. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OLD REFERENCE/INT NO. NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL 1. HPGCL NIT REFERENCE NO.124027, BIDDING DOCUMENT NO. 5/CE/PLG/NTP/CRGT/PP/FGD-250, CORRIGENDUM-1, 2, 3 & 4 DATED 21.05.2019, 30.05.2019, 03.06.2019 & 19.06.2019 RESPECTIVELY. AMENDMENT IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS). www.hpgcl.org.in ceplg@hpgcl.org.in 2. HPGCL 1ST CORRIGENDUM E-NIT NO. PTP/POM-111850 (EVENT NO.121907) (START DATE 05.03.2019 AT 17:00 HOURS & LAST DATE 17.07.2019 AT 13:00 HOURS) www.hpgcl.org.in 0172-5023425 www.hpgcl.org.in 3. HPGCL NIT REF NO.124427, BID DOC. NO. 6/CE/PLG/FGD/PTPS-U6/299, CORRIGENDUM-1 & 2 DATED 12.06.2019, 20.06.2019, RESPECTIVELY. AMENDMENT IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS). www.hpgcl.org.in 0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in 4. UHBVN NIT-10/SEOPKTL/2019-20 EMD RS 1.00 LACS www.uhbvn.org.in 93540-29529 5. UHBVN NIT NO 247/P&D/2019-20/BID NO. B- 591 CORRIGENDUM- II BIFURCATION/TRIFURCATION OF OVERLOADED FEEDERS, AUGMENTATION OF CONDUCTOR OF HT LINE AND NEW DT. UNDER OPERATION CIRCLE UHBVN, KATHAL ON TURNKEY BASISOPENING DATE: 08.07.2019 www.uhbvn.org.in 0172-3019143 xenddiuhbvn@gmail.com 6. UHBVN NIT NO 244/P&D/2019-20/BID NO. B- 588 CORRIGENDUM- II BIFURCATION/TRIFURCATION OF OVERLOADED FEEDERS, AUGMENTATION OF CONDUCTOR OF HT LINE AND NEW DT. UNDER OPERATION CIRCLE UHBVN, AMBALA ON TURNKEY BASISOPENING DATE: 08.07.2019 www.uhbvn.org.in 0172-3019143 xenddiuhbvn@gmail.com 7. UHBVN NIT No.-1/M&P/2019-20 DATED 30.05.2019 THE NEXT DATE FOR PURCHASE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS IS 03.07.2019 UP TO 1.00 PM. THE SEALED TENDERS SHOULD REACH IN THE OFFICE OF XEN/M&P DIVISION, UHBVN, AMBALA ON 03.07.2019 UP TO 1.00 PM. OPENING DATE SAME DAY AT 3.00 PM. www.uhbvn.org.in 9315642000 xenmpuhbvnambala@gmail.com 8. HVPNL TENDER NO. 97/CR-1 THE LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 09.07.2019 UPTO 15:00 HRS www.hvnpn.org.in 0172-2683789 pro@hvnpn.org.in 9. DHBVN 57/XEN/CIVIL/WORKS/GGN/2018-19 DATE EXTENDED UPTO 08.07.2019 (13:00 HRS) www.dhbvn.org.in 0124-2970011 xencivilgn1@gmail.com 10. DHBVN 52/XEN/CIVIL/WORKS/GGN/2018-19 DATE EXTENDED UPTO 08.07.2019 (13:00 HRS) www.dhbvn.org.in 0124-2970011 xencivilgn1@gmail.com FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I Pradeep Kumar, son of Braham Dutt, Residing at H.No. 171, Pole No-91, Near Musjed, Mundka, New Delhi-110041, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Pardeep Kumar in my 10th class marksheet and voter id card. The actual name of mine is Pradeep Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

I, Vikas Aggarwal S/O Shri Narendar Aggarwal R/O D-143-144, flat no-9, 2nd floor, Mahendru Enclave, Azad Pur, Delhi-110033, have changed my minor daughter name from Akshara Garg to Akshara Aggarwal.

I, Uma Shankar S/O Parmanand Gautam H.No-274, Block-G2, Gali, No-18, Sangam-Vihar, New Delhi-110062 Have Changed My Name To Umashankar Gautam.

I, Sunil Kumar S/O Roshan Lal Raheja, R/O-1396, Sector-14 Housing-Board Colony, Sonipat have changed my name to Sunil Raheja, for all purposes

I, Sogesh Kumar S/O Late Shri. Pawan Kumar Bakshi R/O H.No. RG-B-270, Raghubir-Nagar Near Blind School, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Sogesh Kumar Bakshi, for future purposes.

I, Shadav Khan S/O-Irshad Khan/R/O-House No.-F-268/11, HaujRani, Malviya-Nagar, NewDelhi-17 have changed my name to Shadab Khan, for all future purposes.

I, Rajni Devi W/O Ashok Kumar R/O-7/71 Yudhister Gali Vishwas-Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Rajni for all purposes

I, Rajiv Jain S/O-Roshan Lal Jain R/O-plot no.16,D-Block Prashant Vihar Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Rajeev Jain for future.

I, Pawan Chauhan S/O Chander Pal Singh Chauhan R/O-U-64, Street.No-5, Shakur Pur, Delhi-110092 Changed My Name To Pawan Kishor Singh Chauhan.

I, Neeraj Kumar Tyagi S/O Raghubar Tyagi R/O-A-60, Pocket-8, Kalkaji-Extension, ND-19. Have changed my name to Neeraj Tyagi, for all purposes.

I, Naveen Negi S/O Beer Singh Negi R/O-A-27/28, Flat.No-6, Khanpur Extn, NewDelhi-110062.Changed My Name To Naveen Singh Negi.

I, Naresh S/O-Yash Pal, R/O-H-16/243, Bapa Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed the name of my minor child from Fateh Singh to Dharmesh for, all purposes.

I, Anil Kumar S/O Inder Pal R/O-1/133, 3rd-Floor, Gali No-10, Garwali Mohalla, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092 Changed My Name To Anil Sikka.

I, Nalin Kapoor S/O-Madan Gopal R/O-533, Abhinav Apartments, Vasundhara Enclave Delhi-96, have changed my name from Nalin Kumar to Nalin Kapoor for all purposes in future.

I, Mukesh Parewa S/O-Nanak Chand Parewa, R/O-B-293, Raghubir-Nagar NewDelhi-110027, Have Changed My Name To Ravi Shanker Srivastava S/O Kamlesh Lal Srivastava R/O 373, Radhika Appt, Pocket-1, Sector-14 Dwarka Delhi-110078 Have Changed My Name to Ravi Srivastava.

I, Hem Raj S/O Shri. Devender Kumar R/O-208, Gali.No-1, Bhagtan-Mohalla, New Delhi-110053, have changed my name from Hem Raj to Hemraj Sharma, for all future purposes.

I, Hari Shanker S/O Baldev Prasad H.No.65a Block-C Gopalnagar-Extn Dhansa-Road Najafgarh New Delhi-43 Changed My Name To Hari Shankar Prasad.

I, Eric Praveer Thomas S/O Manic Thomas R/O-J-15/1, J-15/2, J-15/3 FF Front-Middle Side Rama-Park Road Mohan-Garden Uttamangar N.Delhi-110059, changed my name to Eric Thomas.

I, Bhati D/O Mahender Kumar R/O-74/5539, Reghar Pura, Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Bhawna Ratawal for all purposes.

I, Bedo Devi W/O Late. Rai Singh R/O.H.No.150, Dada Shahad, Pooth-Khurd, Delhi-110039, Have Changed My Name To Bed Kaur For All Purposes.

I, Aavneet Chadha D/O Satinder Singh Chhabra R/O-1, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Aavneet Chhabra for all purposes.

I, Natasha W/O Pawan Chandna R/O 17 MC.Colony Sonipat, have changed my name to Natasha Chandna for all purposes.

I, Aashray Tripathi S/O Dr.Monika Shyam R/O Flat No.703, Tower-6, Sunworld Vanalika, Sector-107, Noida-201304, have changed my name to AASHRAY SHYAM for all future purposes.

I, Vishaka Malhotra D/O Balvinder Singh R/O:WZ-73, Chaukhandi Chowk, Ram-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-18 Have Changed My Name to Vishaka.

I, Vikas Bhardwaj S/O O.P. Sharma R/O 27/5/20, Jwala Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my minor son name from Rudraansh Bhardwaj to Paarth Bhardwaj.

I, VEDULA ANAAHAT RAO, son of Vedula Bhaskar Rao and holder of Indian Passport No. N5927663 issued at The Hague on Nov 27, 2015, permanent resident of B2-104, PWO Housing complex Sec-43, Sushant Lok1, Gurgaon-122002, India, and presently residing at 13032 87th PI NE, Kirkland 98034, USA, do hereby change my name from VEDULA ANAAHAT RAO to ANAAHAT MISHRA VEDULA, with immediate effect.

I, Sumit Kumar Singh S/O Om Prakash Gupta R/O 28/102, Kasturba Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi 110032, want to change my name from Sumit Kumar Singh to Sumit Gupta for all future purposes.

I, Sukhvinder Kaur/S Sukhwinder Kaur W/O Balvinder Singh R/O 931A, Gali No.8, Govind Puri, New Delhi-110019, do hereby solemnly affirm that Sukhvinder Kaur and Sukhwinder Kaur both are same and one person.

I, Sonu Kumar S/O Shri. Manoranjan Singh R/O-F-113, Khadra No.437, Near-MCD Park Teacher-Enclave Alipur Delhi-110036 changed my name to Shobhit Singh.

I, Sonali Agarwal W/O Mukesh Kumar R/O Flat No.911, Supertech Avant-Grade, Plot No.1, Vaishali, Sector-5, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name to Sonali Chaudhary.

I, Shriya Tripathi D/O Dr. Monika Shyam R/O Flat No.703, Tower-6, Sunworld Vanalika, Sector-107, Noida-201304, have changed my name to SHRIVA SHYAM for all future purposes.

I, Shivani Deb Roy W/O, Himangshu Debroy R/O-Siena 112, mahagun-Mascot, Crossings Republik, Ghaziabad-201016, have changed my name to Shibani Debroy.

I, Shanti John @Santhi Memana Thomas @Santhi M.T. D/O Thomas W/O John Peter John R/O.H.No.95-A, Savitri-Nagar, Malviya-Nagar, NewDelhi-110017, have changed my name to Shanti John for all purposes.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Late Shri J. D. Dogra R/O 726, LIG Flats, DDA Flats, Hastasl, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name from Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Kumar Dogra for all future purpose.

I, Saneha Dua D/O Late Sh. Ramesh Dua, R/O-C-141, Ground-Floor, MotiNagar, NewDelhi-110015, have changed my name to Saneha Dua.

I, Rupinder W/O Harjot Singh H.No-1082 Ward No-1 Mehrauli Delhi-110030. Have Changed My Name To Rupinder Kaur.

I, Ravi Shanker Srivastava S/O Kamlesh Lal Srivastava R/O 373, Radhika Appt, Pocket-1, Sector-14 Dwarka Delhi-110078 Have Changed My Name to Ravi Srivastava.

I, Ram Parkash Gupta S/O Dhoomi Mal Aggarwal R/O C-6/2 Rana Pratap Bagh Delhi-110007 Have Changed My Name to Ram Prakash.

I, Rajesh Kumar Garg S/O Amar Chand Jain R/O P-224, JJ Colony, Raghubar Nagar, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Jain for all purposes.

I, Pushpalata Singh, W/O Shri Shailesh Kumar Singh, R/O 502 D/5A, 1st floor, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, informs that before marriage i.e. July 06, 1988, my name was Pushpalata Kumari. Now, I have changed my name as Pushpalata Singh for all future purposes.

I, Priyanka Nayak, W/O Ajay Kumar Pradhan, R/O M-66, 2nd floor, Saket, ND-17, inform that in my daughter Varnika Pradhan's passport, my name has wrongly been mentioned as 'Priyanka Pradhan'. The correct name is 'Priyanka Nayak' for all purposes.

I, Priyanka D/O Gurudev Singh R/O-68B, Sri Nagar-Colony, Bharat-Nagar Road, Sindhora Kalan, Delhi-52 Changed My Name To Priyanka Rai.

I, Nitin Kumar Verma S/O Naveen Kumar Verma R/O 510/5, Doodh Wali Gali, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, have changed my name from Nitin Kumar Verma to Nitin Verma as per Pan Card/Aadhar Card/ ECHS Card for future reference.

I, Pooja D/O Late Sh. Dataram W/O Sh. Ashwini Kumar Joshi R/O 508, CS 6 Tower, Supertech Capetown, Sector-74, Noida Sector-34, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.-201307 have changed my name after marriage to Pooja Kumar Joshi for all purposes.

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Nanak Chand R/O-17 MC.Colony sonipat, have changed my name to Pawan Chandna for all purposes.

I, Pankaj Kumar S/O Raj Kumar R/O-72B, DDA Janta Flat, Rampura, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to PANKAJ for all future purposes.

I, Neeraj S/O Dharam Pal R/O H.No. 237/12, Krishna Colony Gurugram, informs that I have changed my name from Niraj to Neeraj for all purposes.

I, P M Vikasen S/O Ponnraschery Velu Mani R/O 278-A, Pocket C-2, Mayur Vihar Phase-3 Delhi-110096 Have Changed My Name to Ponnraschery Mani Vikasen.

I, Nidhi W/O Umesh Chandhok R/O:WZ-45, First Floor, Ram-Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18. Have Changed My Name to Nidhi Aggarwal Chandhok for all purposes.

I, Naveen Kumar Singhal S/O Vishan Dayer Singh R/O Flat No-104, Tower-D-83 Galaxy Supertech Livingston Dundahehra Ghaziabad-201001 Have Changed My Name to Naveen Singhal.

I, Naveen Kumar S/O HariOm Minda R/O-59-B/GP/HIG, GK-II, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Naveen Kumar Minda for all purposes.

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I, Naval Kumar Goyal S/O, Dinesh Goyal R/O-B-202, New Kanchanjunga Apartment, Plot No.1, Sec-23, Dwarka RD No-77, have changed my name to Naval Goyal.

I, Montu S/O Sudershan Sharma R/O RZ-G-211, Gali.No.12, Sitapuri Part-2, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Montik Sharma.

I, Minakshi Khanna W/O Vijay Kumar R/O-48/3 Ashok-Nagar Tilak-Nagar N.Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Meenakshi.

I, Kanta W/O Mohan Sharma R/O F-63, Street No-11, Jagat Puri Delhi-110051. Have Changed My Name To Kajal Sharma.

I, Kamini Sharma W/O Vinit Saini R/O-9032/B, Shiddi Park, East-Park Road, KarolBagh, Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Kamyia Saini.

I, Jitendra Garg S/O Late Hari Shanker R/O 1195, Gali Babu Ram, Bazar Sita Ram, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Jitender Garg.

I, Jessica John Dass, R/O Polish Embassy Staff Qtrs., 1 Tilak Lane, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Jessica John. 0070662573-1

I, Hem Raj S/O Shri. Devender Kumar R/O-208, Gali.No-1, Bhagtan-Mohalla, New Delhi-110053, have changed my name from Hem Raj to Hemraj Sharma, for all future purposes.

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I, Sanjay Kumar, Son of Jagdish Prasad Gupta R/O A-5 Shalimar Apartment/Masjid Mooth South Extension 2 Near Lila Ram Market New Delhi 110049, have changed the name of my minor daughter Kartikeya aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as Kartikeya Gupta.

I, Raghav S/O Mahinder Kumar Resident B-1/145-146 Ashok Vihar Phase-II Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Raghav Arora.

I, Mohd Rahamtullev S/O Shaikh Bahuddin R/O House Number -A-6/82, Swarn Jayanti Vihar ,Tikri Khurd, Narela, North West Delhi-110040 Have Changed My Name To Mohammad Rahamtullah

I, Veronica John Dass R/O Polish Embassy Staff Quaters, 1 Tilak Lane, Tilak Marg Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Veronica S John.

I, Vikas Aggarwal S/O Shri Narendar Aggarwal R/O-D-143-144, flat no-9, 2nd-floor, Mahendru Enclave, Azad Pur, Delhi-110033, have changed my minor son name from Bhavya Garg to Bhavya Aggarwal.

I, Suman Lata Gaur W/O Late Shri D. K. Gaur R/O BW-7C, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88 have lost our Original Property Documents, Allotment Letter, Demand, Mutation Letter, Site Possession Letter, Possession Letter, Electric & Water NOC of Flat No. H-135, DDA Flats, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-52. FINDER CONTACT: 8076284905

I, Gaurav Makhija S/O Sh. Harish Makhija, R/O YG-20, Shiva Enclave, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-63, (Mob. 9818124825) lost my original set of possession paper of property, M-24, Sector-1, DSIID Bawana, Delhi-39. FINDER please contact above.

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I, Veronica John Dass R/O Polish Embassy Staff Quaters, 1 Tilak Lane, Tilak Marg Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Veronica S John.

I, Vikas Aggarwal S/O Shri Narendar Aggarwal R/O-D-143-144, flat no-9, 2nd-floor, Mahendru Enclave, Azad Pur, Delhi-110033, have changed my minor son name from Bhavya Garg to Bhavya Aggarwal.

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13 BODY & MIND

Opt out of a digitally drugged culture, reclaim your life

Choose a lifestyle of digital minimalism for more joy and creativity



IMAGINE
BY SHELJA SEN

Dear Young Readers
YOU MIGHT be a little tired of the older people referring to you as the “iGen”, or the “App generation” or even as the WiFi-powered generation. I get that it can be really annoying, especially the underlying judgment or even the hypocrisy of it as they themselves are so addicted to their gadgets but constantly criticise you for, “Why are you always on your mobile?” So you might even wonder why I am writing this column for you? There is a simple reason for this, I work with young people and I am more interested in their minds and recently I have been researching, reading and experimenting a lot in this area which I would love to share with you.

The problem: What are we going up against?
“Checking likes is as addictive as smoking!”: This is what Rhea, a 21-year-old young old told me, half in jest, while sharing her struggle with social media. The pressure of showing the world and her ex-boyfriend that she was “happy and cool” had pushed her to

constantly keep posting pictures of how much fun she was having after the break-up. As she commented, “Every like I got for my posts was a way to show the world that I was worthy till the time it became an obsession.” This was so true as we human beings are wired to seek connection, be visible and be seen as worthy and “likeable”. Social media companies exploit this need to a level that starts working against us and rather than seeking real, authentic relationships, we start craving superficial likes as a mark of our worthiness. No wonder studies are showing that we are lonelier than ever before. Despite being connected 24x7, we are most disconnected!

“You are not the user; you are the product”: This is a very powerful statement made by the author Seth Godin. We are not the customers of Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc., we are the products they are trying to sell to the sponsors on whose money these multimillion dollar companies run. Through complex algorithms and configurations, they are able to work out each person’s interests and affinities and pitch the right sponsors and advertisers to keep us lured and trapped. In that sense, we are not using them, they are using us for mega bucks.

Getting us hooked: Have you noticed how we keep checking our posts, emails, WhatsApp repeatedly, always in the hope of seeing something exciting? You want to know the reason? It is the fact that the reward is intermittent and is delivered unpredictably. Cal Newport, in his book *Digital Minimalism*, quotes a Facebook designer as saying that what the social media giant aims to do is create “bright dings of pseudo-pleasure,” and that gets us hooked in no time.

The dark side of “fast and easy”



Illustration Suvajit Dey

pleasure: Do you find that you would rather go for activities that are “fast and easy” and avoid the ones that tend to be “slow and flow”? “Flow” is a concept that Psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi coined while researching activities that make us lose sense of time and our own selves, such as reading, writing, drawing, hiking and playing an instrument, among others. These are brain-strengthening activities which build our muscles of focus, productivity and creativity. This is the main reason that the late Steve Jobs and many other innovators from Silicon Valley do not allow their kids any screens, because they understand the damaging impact. They should know as they have designed them so!

How our minds are getting colonised: The scary thing is that we have accepted this digital clutter so much in our minds and our lives that it has become normal to see people

preferring to be on their phones than talk to the person next to them. Or to choose to play a game with all its ‘ready dings of pseudo pleasure’ than sit down and craft a story or just go for a walk in the wilderness. During a holiday, we spend more time chasing Instagram-worthy pictures rather than actually enjoying the moment while it lasts.

The solution: What can we do about it?

Now if you might be dismissing me as a Luddite, but I will be the first to admit that I have this huge tendency to be addicted to my gadgets. However, what tipped the scale for me was the realisation of how much of my attention was getting drained by techno exhaustion. That is the time I decided to do some experiments on myself and came up with simple strategies that really worked for me. So, now that you have read up till

here, why don’t you go ahead and try some of them.

Start with intention: What gives you a sense of joy, brings value to your life and makes you more creative? If there is an app that helps you do that, then choose that one only. For example, you might be a photographer or artist and you want to showcase your art on Instagram or your music on YouTube. When you have a clear intention, then you know why you want to use an app, and the next step is to decide how often and for how long. You might decide that every weekend you would upload a new song or series of photos and therefore, through the week, you might want to delete the app and reinstall it on weekends. Many times, young people use Internet and gaming as a way to numb the pain in their life, caused by mental health problems or other difficulties. If you sense that is the problem, then please speak to somebody you trust, who will understand what you are going through. Screens are not going to take that pain away.

Declutter your phone or computer: This is what Rhea told me when I asked her how she managed to detox herself. She did a serious digital declutter and removed most apps on her phone. I took her advice and removed Mail, all social media apps and many other random apps that just randomly sat on my phone screen. I have made access to my social media so inconvenient, even on my laptop, that the temptation to do a “quick peek” does not even arise. When I am off-screen, I lock away my phone and laptop as I have noticed that “out of sight, out of mind” really works.

Build substitutes for your fidgety fingers: In this experiment, I reached an interesting realisation which has been really helpful in my detox – we humans love to fidget with our fingers. I realised that more

than actually seeking these apps, what I needed was something to do with my twitchy fingers when I was idle. So, I started finding substitutes like doodling or writing in my diary, which immediately settled the urge. Maybe you can think of something that your fretful fingers would like to do? Strum a guitar, pummel the dough, try pottery... whenever you feel the urge to go down the rabbit hole of the internet.

Do it in a group: Social media apps use our need for connection and visibility as a way to get us addicted. One perfect example of this is the Snapchat “streak.” Why not use their strategy to detox yourselves and stay connected at the same time? Form a group at school or college where you all keep track of, or even create offline “streaks”, of how many hours a day you kept for deep work or “flow” activities. Meet regularly and have some off-screen fun – play board games, have a go at your instruments, go for treks, start dance clubs, but make sure the gadgets are locked away.

Choose “slow and flow” over “fast and easy”: While writing this column, whenever I felt a little stuck, I could sense the twitchy gremlins creep up on me to go for a quick buzz on the Internet. However, I was alert to the lure, watched them with curiosity (“I see that you are trying to hijack my mind”) but did not give in until the time they faded away and left me to my writing. In fact, what I love about my digital declutter (still a work in progress) is that I have much more time to do things that add value to my life. So go on and check out of that little gadget that gives you ‘dings of pseudo-pleasure’ and check in on real fun and reclaim your life.

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DIET DIARY

Cottonseed oil should be used with caution



BY ISHI KHOSLA

COTTONSEED OIL is derived from the seeds of cotton plants. A whole cottonseed contains about 15 to 20 per cent oil. It is now commonly used in cooking as a vegetable oil in cotton-growing belts including Uzbekistan, Egypt, India, Sudan, Pakistan and US.

The food industry also uses cottonseed oil as it helps improve the flavour of food while keeping the food from going rancid. Rich in anti-inflammatory polyunsaturated fats (52 per cent), along with saturated fats (26 per cent) and a moderate amount of heart-friendly monounsaturated fats, (18 per cent) it is also rich in Vitamin E and natural anti-oxidants. According to the cottonseed oil industry, it does not need to be hydrogenated as other polyunsaturated oils to achieve stability and hardness because of its inherent higher level of saturated fatty acids. Cottonseed oil is largely used in the food industry to blend with other oils or to make hydrogenated margarines and vanaspatis. Hydrogenation of fats produces undesirable toxic trans fats, which are inflammatory.

Cottonseed oil has been viewed with suspicion as a cooking oil on account of its toxicity, high saturated fatty acid content and hydrogenation. Other issues include the heavy use of pesticide on cotton crop and its genetically modified status. Cottonseed oil also contains gossypol, a naturally occurring toxin that gives the oil its yellow colour and protects the plant from insects. The oil must be refined to remove gossypol. Unrefined cottonseed oil is sometimes used as a pesticide. This toxin has also been linked to infertility and liver damage. All in all, cotton seed oil seems to possess stability and high anti-oxidant content, along with anti-inflammatory benefits. Safety issues have been studied in several studies with conflicting results. While the jury may still out on this, the demand for this oil is growing rapidly globally. It is prudent to use this refined oil as part of the cooking oils to ensure well balanced fats in the diet. Avoid hydrogenated, non organic, genetically modified cotton seed oil.

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DOLLY CHUGH

IN MY first job out of college, at an investment bank, I spent a year as the only woman – and only person of colour – on a seven-person team.

Being the only one had some benefits (I guess): I was usually noticed and remembered. I suspect that my ability to keep up – and even surpass the performance of my male peers – was at times unexpected, and thus viewed positively by some in the firm.

But it also meant there were few role models for me. It was harder for me to visualise being there long-term. I felt like an outlier.

Being the minority in a group – whether that be for your gender, your race, your sexual identity or something else – can be more than just lonely. It can mean that everything you do stands out, or that you are viewed as a “token” or an “other,” and that your successes (or failures for that matter) aren’t simply perceived to be one-offs but wholly representative of your identity. (Think of Indra Nooyi, the former PepsiCo chief executive who is an Indian-American woman, or Ursula Burns, the former Xerox chief executive, who is African-American. Their race and gender are often mentioned in the same breath as their names.)

Defensive driving teaches us how to anticipate and react to the poor driving of others. Similarly, we need to embrace defensive career-ing. While it is not our responsibility to fix others’ poor driving – or biases – we benefit from being able to avoid the consequences of it.

See the Big Picture

A quick public service announcement to people who feel like “others”: Do not underestimate how important your presence is. Study after study shows that companies with greater diversity have better performance and are more productive. In her book, *The Power of Onlyness*, the business thinker Nilofer Merchant argues that we are in an unprecedented moment when a person’s “only” status – what she dubs their “onlyness” – can be a lever to move the world. “We lose far too many ideas, not because the idea is deemed unworthy; but the person bringing that idea who’s deemed unworthy of being heard,” she said. So remember, and don’t hesitate to remind others: Your organisation is lucky to have you, and your ideas are worthy.

Find a Community

Being the only doesn’t mean you have to be alone. Here’s how to find a community.

■ **Identify allies:** Odds are there are people out there rooting for you and willing to support you. To find them, pay attention to moments when a colleague might make a point of crediting a female colleague for her overlooked ideas or a white colleague challenges an insen-

When you’re the only woman in the room

Being the ‘only’ can leave you feeling like an outsider when you just want to be in. Learn how to view your status as a strength, not a stigma



Illustration Ilya Milstein

sitive joke. Or their behaviors may be more subtle, like when that colleague takes time to check in after a difficult meeting. Nurture relationships with these potential allies. Share your experiences – and frustrations – and make it clear that you welcome their support.

■ **Cultivate a sponsor:** In her TED talk, the Morgan Stanley executive and author Carla Harris talks about “sponsors” as the people who will take your file into the room behind closed doors and argue on your behalf. Research suggests that sponsors who are different from you may be particularly helpful, because they expose you to different networks. If you’re in the minority of any group, sponsors can be essential in standing up for you and helping you navigate potential misperceptions people may have about you. Make it easy for them to advocate for you by keeping them in the loop about your successes and strengths.

■ **Find people like you:** Research has found that for women, forming tight networks is important to finding jobs and getting pro-

moted. How to find these people? Start by showing interest in informal happenings like lunch or book clubs. Look inside – and potentially outside – your workplace for affinity groups (at New York University, where I work, we have a “women’s faculty group”). If you can’t find one that already exists or works with your schedule, consider starting something. Someone out there is wishing they knew you.

Advocate for Yourself

There are a bevy of studies that have found that men are likely to receive more credit than women in a workplace context – even when

Try to focus on being “excellent” – not perfect – and let yourself make mistakes. Think of a failure as a guide map for the future, not a stop sign

they work in groups with other women. That means that those in the minority may have to work extra hard to be acknowledged for the work they do, and often that means speaking up to advocate for it or having others do so on your behalf.

■ **Track your successes... and broadcast them.** Keep track of things that show your impact – whether that be congratulatory emails or a tally of the number of people you mentor. You never know when these lists will be useful – as a reminder of your value on a discouraging day. (Personally, I keep a “feel good” email folder that I turn to on bad days) or as data in a pay negotiation.

Then practice broadcasting those wins. If it feels awkward to say “I was the top sales performer last month,” then practice saying it in the third person: “Dolly was the top sales performer last month.” Say it 10 times like you mean it. Now switch back to “I.”

■ **Beware of office housework:** Research shows that women are more likely to be asked

to take on so-called “office housework” – the menial tasks that need to get done, but may not be recognized as “mission critical,” such as organizing office parties or serving on committees. Experiment with saying no to these tasks, or using the requests as an opportunity to trade off other less desirable tasks. If you feel you’re being asked too often, consider setting up a rotation so that everybody takes a turn. I happen to have a very effective “no club” with two of my female colleagues. We email each other when we are asked to do optional tasks and advise each other on what to decline and how to say no.

■ **Recognise bias:** Stereotypes about women’s skills abound – from not being viewed as good “leaders” to assumptions that we are bad at math and science. Additionally, women must also navigate the seemingly endless double binds that play out in ways big and small: being viewed as “too aggressive” when they are assertive or too “soft” when they are nice. These stereotypes are often additionally tricky for women of color, who face stereotypes around both their race and gender. Avoiding these stereotypes will not always be possible – but knowing they exist is the first step toward being able to avoid them. Call them out if you feel up to it – and if you know how to do that with a sense of humor, even better. And be careful: Women hold unconscious gender biases, too, so watch your own blind spots.

Acknowledge the Emotional Toll

Tired? No surprise. Being the only in a group can mean being watched, scrutinized, stereotyped – or what I call the “exhaustion trifecta.” It can also mean that the burden to educate your peers on how to be “more inclusive” often falls to you, whether you wanted that responsibility or not.

■ **Focus on excellence, not perfection:** The adage that you will need to be twice as good as everyone else may be true. Research shows that when you’re the “only one,” you are held to higher standards. That might explain why women often hold themselves to near-impossible standards – in other words: perfection. But that promise of perfection actually makes it more difficult for women to take risks or fail. Try to focus on being “excellent” – not perfect – and let yourself make mistakes. Think of a failure as a guide map for the future, not a stop sign.

■ **Practice self-care:** Women are more likely than men to report feeling “very tired or exhausted” and to experience emotional exhaustion. When you are the target of bias, there are significant health effects. That’s where self-care comes in. Think about what you eat, how often you move, and how much you laugh. Stay connected to your friends and family. Lean on your faith or meditation practice or binge-worthy shows, whatever brings down the stress. NYT

SHORT COURSE

[0-10 YEARS] Migraine in pregnancy linked to complications for mothers & babies



PREGNANT WOMEN with migraine headaches are more likely to develop complications, and their babies are at higher risk for complications early after birth, too, a large study from Denmark suggests. Researchers identified 22,841 pregnant women with migraine and compared them with 2,28,324 pregnant women without migraine. They found that the debilitating disorder was tied to pregnancy-associated blood pressure problems as well as miscarriage. And newborns of mothers with migraine had higher rates of low birth weight, respiratory distress syndrome, and seizures compared with children of mothers without migraine. Migraine is more common in younger women, with up to 25 per cent of women of reproductive age affected by the disease, the authors wrote in the journal *Headache*. REUTERS

[10-20 YEARS] Teens with strong connections at home may become healthier adults



TEENS WHO feel understood by their parents and teachers may grow up to be healthier adults, a US study suggests. The 14,800 study participants completed health surveys at an average age of 15. “Connectedness” scores averaged 22.1 out of a possible high score of 30 for teens’ relationships at school and 25.5 out of 30 for family relationships. Later, at an average age of 28, participants with higher levels of school connectedness in adolescence had lower rates of emotional distress, suicidal thoughts, physical violence, victimisation and perpetration, multiple sex partners, sexually transmitted infections, and drug abuse, the study found. Higher levels of family connectedness were linked to lower odds of emotional distress and drug abuse, among other factors, the study found. REUTERS

[20-50 YEARS] Young women smokers at much higher risk of deadly heart attack



WHILE SMOKING boosts the likelihood of heart attack in both men and women of all ages, it has a much more powerful effect in younger women, especially those under 50, a new study suggests. For women smokers ages 18 to 49, the risk of a deadly type of heart attack was more than 13 times higher than it was for non-smoking counterparts, researchers reported. There was the hint of some good news in the new study. When women quit smoking, their risk of a major heart attack dropped back to that of non-smokers. “This reversibility was a surprise... this will undoubtedly incentivise those smokers who may have genuine concerns regarding their longer term health and realise the massive benefits of abstaining,” said a researcher. REUTERS



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Death of Enterprise

The Indian economy's crisis is not of GDP growth, but a drying up of animal spirits



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DOLING OUT QUOTAS

Bombay HC clears reservation for Marathas. But more quotas are a blunt instrument, don't answer complex problems

THE BOMBAY HIGH Court has upheld the Maharashtra government's decision to extend reservation in education and employment to the Maratha community on the basis of a report submitted by the Maharashtra State Backward Classes Commission. While it pared down the proposed quota from 16 per cent to 12 per cent in education and 13 per cent in government jobs, the Court said it was convinced that the Marathas, a politically dominant community, were educationally backward. The Maratha quota takes reservation in Maharashtra to 65 per cent, beyond the 50 per cent limit imposed by the Supreme Court following the 1992 *Indra Sawhney* judgment. The HC has justified this transgression of the SC benchmark citing "exceptional circumstances and extraordinary situation" and the "legislative competence" of the Maharashtra government to enact the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018.

The law is likely to be challenged in the apex court. And the outcome has implications for the architecture of the politically fraught OBC reservation system in the country. The Patidars in Gujarat, Jats in Haryana and Kapus in Andhra Pradesh — all socially and politically powerful communities — have been demanding quotas on the basis of claims similar to those of the Marathas. The concerned state governments may now be forced to engage with the issue afresh, and even legislate favourably. Though the "legislative competence" of the state governments must be respected, it is important to recognise that numerically strong, socially dominant and politically powerful intermediate castes now covet the "quota" as a convenient option to advance their economic interests. Caste constituents are mobilised in large numbers — the Marathas did it and so have the Patidars, Jats and Kapus — to press their case and to signal to political parties that there will be consequences if their demands are ignored. These political mobilisations, even when peaceful, bring pressure to bear upon governments to acquiesce. This approach is far removed from the radical, constitutionally-mandated policy and purpose of caste reservation, anchored by a moral argument for fair representation of historically marginalised castes and communities in educational institutions and the bureaucracy.

The government gives in to the "quota" claims since it helps assuage the restive intermediate castes. The crisis in the agrarian sector and slowdown in the rural economy have turned many rural communities insecure. The absence of social security nets, employment stagnation in the formal sector, limited opportunities in higher education, underlie the demand for reservation among them. These issues call for imaginative interventions from the state. Providing quotas may temporarily address the insecurity among socially dominant communities, but it is no remedy to a complex structural problem.

STATE OF STABILITY

The good news is that bank NPAs have fallen. But NBFC troubles continue to pose risks

THE BROAD MESSAGE from the RBI's latest financial stability report is that, despite some recent dislocation, the financial system is stable. Specifically, the problem of bad loans that has plagued the banking system appears to have been arrested. Gross NPAs of banks declined to 9.3 per cent of advances at the end of March 2019, from 11.5 per cent the year before. The central bank expects them to fall to 9 per cent by March 2020. Further, the number of banks with more than 20 per cent NPAs — mostly public sector banks — has also come down. The provision coverage ratio has also improved, indicating an improvement in asset quality. This is good news. Quick resolution of cases that are currently stuck in the IBC process would further aid the sector's recovery.

But the liquidity and solvency issues of non-banking financial companies continue to pose risks to the financial system. According to the RBI, NPAs of NBFCs have risen to 6.6 per cent in FY19, from 5.8 per cent in FY18. This is likely to be an underestimate. While an asset quality review could reveal the true extent of bad loans, and help identify the bad apples, the process will only delay an end to the uncertainty surrounding the sector. Already, the ripple effects of the crisis are being felt in the larger economy. Data released by the finance industry development council shows that loans sanctioned by NBFCs (excluding HFCS) fell by 31 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2018-19.

So far, the RBI has resisted calls to set up a special liquidity window for NBFCs. The central bank is rightly worried about issues of moral hazard. And the sector, which has seen unsustainable growth, requires a shakeout. But the situation appears to be worsening. Recent reports suggest that some of the bigger players in this segment are struggling to meet their loan obligations. It might be a mistake to assume that this poses no systemic risk. RBI's own tests show that failure of the largest NBFC/HFC will not only erode part of the banking system's tier 1 capital, but will also lead to the failure of one bank. Given the interlinkages in the financial system, that is built on trust, this could have cascading effects. The short-term consideration should thus be to prevent the situation from worsening further. Perhaps backstopping the 263 systematically important non-deposit taking NBFCs could be a start, while putting in place a turnaround plan, and tighter regulations.

BOWLED OVER

Three deliveries in the cricket World Cup will leave behind three memories

NOTHING EXPLODES LIKE a magical delivery. A graceful cover drive fleetingly enthralls, like a feathery leg glance or a text-book straight-drive. But they can't have cult status like an artist's single — like John Lennon's *Imagine* or Bob Dylan's *Like a Rolling Stone*. That's the reason there exists a ball of the century, and not a shot of the century. They evoke an immediate mental reel — a casual reference and the entire sequence plays out in front of the eyes. In that sense, this World Cup is blessed. In no particular order, Mohammad Shami's nip-backer to Shai Hope, Mitchell Starc's yorker to Ben Stokes and Kuldeep Yadav's floating beauty that foxed Babar Azam.

Generally, it is the quality of the ball and context of the game when it is bowled that determines how long they are remembered. So, first the quality. Shami's ball swerved in the air before it seamed in. More dramatically, Starc got it to curl away with the angle before it swung back deviously. As for Kuldeep, his flighted delivery drifted away before spitting back into Babar. Now the context. India weren't defending a formidable total and Shami nailed West Indies' anchorman. Stokes was digging England out of trouble when Starc struck. Babar had added 104 runs with Fakhar Zaman when Kuldeep beat him.

These game-changing deliveries gave a fillip that this World Cup desperately required. Disturbed by showers and disenchanted by one-sided matches, monotony had been gnawing at cricket's biggest event. Some felt it was too long, some quibbled at the quality, others called for revoking super sixes and eights. Interest in the slow-burning tournament was dying a slow death. But before the clouds cleared up, the meek started fighting and the bowlers began to turn on the magic, so much so that even if the World Cup is long forgotten, these three balls (maybe a few more) would live to tell the tale.

"NOBODY EVER IS an entrepreneur all the time, and nobody can ever be only an entrepreneur", wrote Joseph A Schumpeter in his 1939 classic *Business Cycles*. Equally famous is the passage from John Maynard Keynes' *A Treatise on Money* (1930): "If Enterprise is afoot, wealth accumulates, and if Enterprise is asleep, wealth decays".

Truth be told, entrepreneurship in India is today comatose, if not dead. And it has been for much of this decade. For proof, one need just look at the first two decades after economic reforms. That period after 1991 saw the emergence of new capitalists, and also the rise of the old not-so-big, on an unprecedented scale.

Their firms belonged to diverse sectors: IT (Infosys, Wipro, HCL, Satyam); pharmaceuticals (Sun Pharma, Dr Reddy's, Aurobindo Pharma, Biocon, Serum Institute); automotive components (Motherson Sumi, Amtek Auto); aviation (Jet, IndiGo); telecom (Airtel); infrastructure & mining (Adani, Vedanta, GMR, GVK, Lanco, Navayuga, IRB, IVRCL, Soma Enterprise); banking & financial services (Kotak Mahindra, Yes Bank, Indiabulls, Shriram Group, Dewan Housing, Edelweiss, Motilal Oswal, JM Financial, India Infoline); media (Zee/Essel, Sun Group, Network 18, NDTV); gems & jewelry (Rajesh Exports, Su-Raj/Winsome Diamonds, Gitanjali); modern retail (Future Group, Kalyan); and renewable energy (Suzlon). Many of these were relatively new industries that had benefitted from globalisation or been liberalised for the entry of private players.

But this period was also about "new" entrepreneurs in "old" sectors: textiles (Alok Industries, Welspun, Trident); sugar (Shree Renuka); dairy (Hatsun Agro); rice milling (KRBL); and farm solutions (UPL, Jain Irrigation, Mahyco, Nuziveedu Seeds). Besides, there were "old" corporate houses that did things no less entrepreneurial by going global or foraying into new areas: Tatas, Reliance, Aditya Birla, Mahindra, Hero, Bajaj, Essar, Godrej, RP Goenka, Thapar, TVS, Amalgamations and Murugappa. Even the likes of Jaypee and DLF were middling concerns till the 1980s; they became big — the former in cement, power and construction, the latter in real estate — only during the Nineties and Noughties.

The current decade, by contrast, has been marked by a general decline in the supply of what Schumpeter called New Men. Such en-

trepreneurs, whose growth is a phenomenon of not beyond 10 years, can be counted on the fingers of, maybe, three hands: Patanjali Ayurved, Flipkart, Paytm, Snapdeal, OYO Rooms, Ola Cabs, BigBasket, Byju's, Zomato, Swiggy, InMobi, Bandhan Bank, TeamLease, Dilip Buildcon and Ashoka Buildcon. Most — barring Patanjali (FMCG), Bandhan (banking), TeamLease (human resources outsourcing) and the last two names (construction) — straddle a narrow business segment of e-commerce or mobile-enabled services.

However, the real story of the third decade of reform isn't about new but destruction of existing enterprise. For that, one has to merely identify companies/groups that have been neck deep in debt or gone belly-up in the last 6-7 years. An illustrative list, by no means exhaustive, includes Essar, Jaypee, Videocon, Reliance (Anil Ambani), UB, Jet Airways, Zee, Ballarpur Industries (Thapar), GMR, GVK, Lanco, IVRCL, Soma, Jindal Steel & Power, Bhushan, Electrosteel, Braj Binani, Ruchi Soya, Alok Industries, S Kumars, Amtek Auto, Suzlon, Moser Baer, Nagarjuna Fertilisers, Punj Lloyd, KSK Energy, Era Infra, Dewan Housing, Hindustan Construction, Bajaj Hindusthan, Shree Renuka Sugars, JBF Industries, Unitech, Gitanjali Gems, Winsome Diamonds, Jain Irrigation and Sintex Industries. Many of their promoters are reformers' children, whose capital, accumulated in the first two decades after liberalisation, has undergone destruction.

The above destruction isn't of the "creative" kind that Schumpeter referred to, as there's very little new capital or enterprise replacing what has suffered ruin. Arvind Subramanian has recently claimed that India's annual GDP growth during 2011-12 to 2016-17 may have averaged just 4.5 per cent, as against the official estimate of about 7 per cent. The crisis after 2011-12, though, is not about growth slowdown or credibility of the new GDP measurement methodology. It's about the death of enterprise and a drying up of animal spirits that Keynes defined as "a spontaneous urge to action rather than inaction". When there are no New Men and the old still-surviving ones have gone into their shell — even Reliance Industries and Tata Sons are engaged in deleveraging and consolidation, as opposed to investing — this is an existential crisis for Indian capitalism, no less.

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like a heart attack, but spread silently like a cancer. The warnings were there. The "twin balance sheet" problem, a UPA regime legacy, was diagnosed in the Finance Ministry's Mid-Year Economic Analysis report of December 2014. Yet, only in June 2017 did the Reserve Bank push banks to refer the first lot of highly-indebted companies for bankruptcy proceedings. By then, the "stressed" loans of state-owned banks had crossed 16 per cent of their outstanding advances. In the meantime, we had the twin shocks of demonetisation and Goods and Services Tax (GST). However, according to government data, average GDP growth during January-September 2017 — the period when these would have caused significant disruptions — was a decent 6.6 per cent year-on-year, rebounding to 7.7 per cent and 8.1 per cent by the October-December 2017 and January-March 2018 quarters.

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While Schumpeter was right that everyone cannot be an entrepreneur all the time, reviving the animal spirits of those who can be is important. Without such men and women, willing to put money in projects not yielding immediate returns, there can be no sustainable recovery.

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INDIA-PAK, A PIVOTAL MOMENT

India can start negotiating to inaugurate an era of peace, to transform South Asia



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PRIME MINISTER IMRAN Khan is trying to cleanse Pakistan of corruption and set up a new equation with India at the same time. With the first, he refuses to change his style; with the second, he honestly strives for change but is expected to get nowhere for the time being. The military establishment is behind both projects. Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa has said so. Khan's political opposition wants relief from the corruption cases against them; and the PM's aggressive but unattractive style of public address ends up giving them some relief.

Pakistan has a long history of ignoring its economy while concentrating on Islamising an already non-secular state. Decades of state evolution has moulded the nation in a direction favouring militarisation aimed at revisionist adventure against India. Few can challenge this direction because of the textbook indoctrination of "homo Pakistanicus", from school onwards.

India didn't reject the Raj completely. Shashi Tharoor embraces the pluralism of an Indian Constitution showing "continuity" with the legacy of the Raj despite his remarkable case-building against its exploitative aspects. Indians living under Ambedkar's constitution have gotten used to accepting the non-Hindus of India as equals. If Prime

Minister Modi has any obstacle standing in the way of his Hindutva drive, it is this experience. In contrast, Pakistan has aspired to the consolidation of the identity of the Muslims. PM Modi should look closely at what Pakistan has done to itself. Laws target its unthreatening, minuscule non-Muslim minorities and make their lives untenable, targeting them through what is called the Sharia and special legislation such as the Anti-Blasphemy Law. Pakistan kills its Christians on the pretext of blasphemy. The Hindus of Sindh — some of whom belong to the same Gujarati community as that of the founder of the nation — are being subjected to persecution that the state can do nothing about. It is killing the Muslims, too, because they are Shia; and the world watches the genocide of the Hazaras of Quetta. Is the Modi government going to do the same kind of thing to the non-Hindus? Pakistan has been lynching; now India lynches too. In Pakistan people are scared of protesting against this lynching; in India, too, the secularists are frightened by what is happening in the streets while the state institutions look the other way, just as in Pakistan.

Has India decided, through its election of Modi, to teach a lesson to revisionist Pakistan by becoming just like Pakistan? It may have, but with one difference: Pakistan is economically belly-up while India is still doing well. The retreat into religion by India is going to be different from the way the Middle East and Turkey have accomplished it.

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ically belly-up while India is still doing well. The retreat into religion by India is going to be different from the way the Middle East and Turkey have accomplished it.

India under Modi will hopefully be pragmatic, if only to reap the advantage of being the big and economically dominant state of South Asia. Bangladesh, has prospered by not antagonising it through any kind of revisionism; and has done so well economically that Pakistan has had to take note of it. By changing its current stance of "no-truck" with Pakistan, India can start negotiating to inaugurate an era of peace that may transform South Asia with India as its central power.

If China can be India's largest trading partner why can't India be Pakistan's, burying the issue of Kashmir through free movement of capital and people? It is no longer a secret that behind Imran Khan's peace overtures — so far unsuccessful — stands China, increasingly conscious of the dangers posed to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor by India's aggressive proxies on the Durand Line. If an Indo-Pakistan normalisation begins, it will transform South Asia and bring prosperity to its impoverished population.

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JUNE 29, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



OPEC RAISES PRICE

THE ORGANISATION OF Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) today raised the base price of its crude oil to \$18 a barrel. The cartel also said members could add surcharges of as much as two dollars a barrel as market conditions permit, but set the maximum price of a barrel of OPEC oil, including allowances for quality, at \$23.50. The new price structure in fact leaves OPEC a two-tiered system of prices, much like the one the cartel had in the first half of 1977. Saudi Arabia, which had held out for a low price, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, will be the only countries actually charging \$18 a barrel.

MP RIVER POLLUTION

EVEN WHILE LARGE-SCALE pollution of rivers and streams in Madhya Pradesh is fast turning them into virtual septic drains, proving a serious health hazard to millions of people, the MP Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Board seems reluctant to take action against erring industries releasing untreated chemical pollutants into the rivers. Only 32 of the 170 industries, which have been given consent by the board, have bothered to install treatment plants to check their pollutants. But even after five years' wait — the board was set up in 1974 — the authorities responsible for checking water pollution in the state have failed to use their sweeping

powers against erring industries.

OPEC IMPACTS INDIA

THE LATEST INCREASE in crude prices announced on June 28 by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will impose an additional burden of Rs1,200 crore a year in foreign exchange. This volume of impact will be at the current level of crude imports totalling 16.5 million tonnes in 1979. Speaking at a meeting of the MPs Consultative Committee attached to his ministry, the petroleum and chemicals minister, H N Bahuguna, voiced his grave concern at the 35 per cent rise in the prices of crude approved by the OPEC at its meeting in Geneva.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The climate crisis underlines the need for effective global economic leadership. The US president makes this harder, but so do China and several others."
— THE GUARDIAN

Rethink poverty — and policy

Given the estimated poverty decline in India between 2011-12 and 2016-17, time has come to change our economic policies — concentrate on what causes growth, not what causes poverty to decline



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TODAY IS NATIONAL Statistics Day and there is a reasonable chance that the NSSO Consumer Expenditure Survey report for agricultural year (July-June) 2017-18 will be released over the next couple of weeks. Based on our analysis of existing trends in consumer expenditure and consumer prices, we predict that this will (should) unleash seismic changes in the way Indians (including the Union government) think about absolute poverty and its alleviation, macro-growth policies and micro policies, especially those on agriculture.

First rethink: We are not a poor country any more, not with just 4.5 per cent of the population classified as poor (the Tendulkar poverty line of Rs 44 per person per day in 2017-18 prices). Given that there has been very low inflation since then, consider this as the poverty line today.

Second rethink: We have always considered food consumption as the ultimate criterion of poverty. Hence, we have built up an elaborate (too elaborate) ecosystem of food production, consumption, and distribution. Time has come to dismantle this ecosystem — an ecosystem that is biased against the poor farmer, against climate change mitigation and also against efficient use of water and energy.

Third rethink: 4.5 per cent of the population as poor is not right, does not sound right, and isn't right. The rethink has to be about defining poverty in relative, not absolute terms. Most European nations have a relative definition of poverty — that is, a fixed proportion of the median income. We should move towards that by the end of 2024, when India will likely be a \$5 trillion economy — with a per capita income of around \$3,500-\$4,000. This is where Indonesia is today, and where China was in 2008-9 (in terms of per capita income). But before we move to a relative definition, India should forthwith move towards an updated poverty line, a poverty line consistent with our income status today as a lower-middle income country — note, no longer a poor economy.

Fourth rethink: This is something we believe that the Narendra Modi government has been involved in for the last five years. Poverty is now not just about food but living standards — sanitation, housing, piped water, electricity, education, health, and jobs. And on each of these elements, the focus should shift to quality, not quantity.

Fifth rethink: We should recognise that the country has a messed up and archaic agricultural policy, one that was not even fit for the earlier poor economy times. But no reason to blame the past — the emphasis should be in reforming the present for a better future. Poverty is no longer about food, so free up the food producers rather than keeping them as prisoners of policy (and politicians and bureaucrats). No Essential Commodities Act, no Food Corporation of India (whoever named this bureaucratic-political-corrupt delivery of food as a corporation?), and no Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee — now called the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing Act 2017 (APLM). Notice how little we have developed: Farming and trade (marketing) are the oldest activities known to man and woman and we need an Act of Parliament in 2017 to keep regulating it? Alternative "Act" — farmers are free to buy, sell, hoard, export, import, like the rest of the seven billion residents of this planet. And no bans please, we are no longer a poor economy.

The above rethink is not based on idle



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speculation but rather on an analysis of trends in consumer expenditure since 2011/12. Consumption is 60 per cent of the GDP, and poverty is defined in terms of per capita consumption. The latest NSSO survey is likely to show a sizeable reduction in poverty rates across the country. Our estimates for 2017-18 are based on the estimation of poverty line in 2017-18. This estimate is based on the increase in poverty line or price level (over 2011/12) for each state, and every urban and rural area of all states. We use the NSSO distribution for 2011/12 and increase the average per individual nominal consumption for each individual by the all-India constant magnitude of 89 per cent. The per individual poverty line for everyone is estimated as above. The \$3.2 middle-income poverty line is obtained from the Tendulkar poverty line by multiplying the latter by 3.2/1.9 (given that the Tendulkar poverty line in 2011-12 is equal to PPP \$1.9). We will update our analysis in the form of a research paper once the 2017 consumption survey data is released but the findings are likely to be identical.

According to the Tendulkar poverty line, poverty is today around 4.5 per cent of the population or less than 70 million. According to a 70 per cent higher in real terms poverty line [equivalent to PPP\$ 3.2 dollars per person per day (pppd), the World Bank poverty line for middle-income economies or Rs 75 pppd], poverty in India is estimated at 31 per cent down from 57 per cent in 2011/12. Half of these poor reside in three Hindi heartland "old" states (before reclassification) of Bihar, MP and UP. Therefore, there is a 26 ppt decline in poverty over six years. That is above a 4 ppt decline per year — the fastest pace of poverty decline India has ever experienced, and that to with a 70 per cent higher poverty line.

What happened to set this record decline amidst demonetisation, GST, two drought years, and lower than potential GDP growth? We believe a large part of this decline took place due to better targeting of government programmes — made possible by expanded (and extensive) use of direct benefit transfers (DBT).

Therefore, the new approach towards poverty alleviation should involve targeted income transfers. Under our proposed targeted basic income programme, which is a top-up scheme, the government transfers the poverty gap (difference between per capita consumption of the household and the poverty line faced by the household) into the bank account of the poor. The cost of such a programme is likely to be between Rs 2.5 and 3 trillion and it will ensure nobody has a consumption below the poverty line. India's cur-

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rent expense on poverty alleviation programmes is approximately Rs 3.4 trillion and the cost to make one person non-poor through the PDS in 2011-12 was Rs 24,000. The same for MGNREGA was Rs 40,500. Therefore, assuming perfect targeting, a basic income programme is likely to cost substantially less than the current policies and it will ensure that the poverty rate is reduced to zero based on the higher poverty line.

The direct benefit transfer mechanism of the government has been able to resolve targeting problems for a bulk of the 430 government schemes and subsidies. The current PM-Kisan programme that provides income support to approximately 14 crore farmers is an example of how, through DBT, the government can provide direct income support as its focal policy towards poverty alleviation. Such a policy is likely to help the government in rationalising and consolidating its poverty reduction programmes, thereby freeing up resources for other sectors in the economy.

India's recent growth has led to a sizeable expansion in the number of taxpayers, and successive reforms over the last five years have simultaneously improved tax compliance in the country. The increase in number of individual return filers from 3.5 crore in FY2013 to 6.4 crore FY2017 and the improvement in revenue realisation from direct taxes reflects this.

However, now the government should focus on bringing more people under the tax net at the higher income brackets. Our recommendation towards achieving the same would be to reduce both corporate income tax rate and the highest personal income tax rate to a flat 25 per cent. Therefore, to improve revenue realisation from direct taxes, the government should focus on improving compliance by reducing the highest slabs of the tax rate. This rethink is necessary if we are to achieve accelerated growth, and higher tax revenues.

The Indian economy requires adequate investments in critical areas such as road, railways and water. Therefore, the government needs to rationalise its expenditure and tax rates to ensure reallocation of resources. Our pace of poverty reduction has improved over the last five years. We can augment this through a targeted basic income policy and free up resources for other sectors of the economy. Times have changed and so should our policies towards poverty alleviation.

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Where's the big liberal idea?

The 2019 defeat puts a question mark on what we believe India stands for. The onus to find answers is not just on the Congress



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IT HAS BEEN a month since India witnessed a decisive mandate in favour of the BJP. Of the post facto commentary, the most revealing has been the one by the "liberals". It reveals the larger and more serious ailment that afflicts us all — seeking easy answers to complex questions.

From the messenger to the message, the liberal commentary has attacked everything about the Congress. Their reasons would have been easy to believe, had this been a marginal defeat. Blaming the rout on one individual or any one aspect of the campaign comes easy and it also helps avoid tough questions that face what is loosely labelled as the liberal worldview.

Do we have empirical evidence on exactly which aspects of our message got rejected? Can we safely, confidently say that our entire message got rejected? If we were told that through this mandate, India has rejected the need for jobs, for hassle-free business or the need for safety of women, would we agree? Are we confident that the voters of Bhopal voted against Hemant Karkare and voted for Nathuram Godse? Is India homogeneous in its voting behaviour?

On the one hand, our liberal friends expect the Congress to be their national political voice, on the other hand they do everything to weaken the party. They want the Congress to "show a large heart" and cede space to regional parties — reducing the party to be neither national, nor political and definitely not a voice. When we look for their support, we definitely do not expect the liberal-intellectual space to be full of dotting, unquestioning imbeciles. We do not wish to have replicas of bhakts on our side. Question us, but also strengthen the liberal-plural voice by thinking of effective ways to question and demolish the ideology that now looks comfortably ensconced in every institutional nook and corner of India.

You were out there on the streets and in the TV studios against UPA 2, and why not? Have you shown the same grit to bring this government to its knees every time it showed signs of betraying the mandate? Where was the push back when you were lampooned as the "award-waapsi gang"? This is not a skirmish where you can hit and run. This is a war of civilisation and we are a generation lucky to be participating in it.

Talk to a Narendra Modi bhakt. She will forgive him everything, overlook all his faults and thinks, so much so that you will find experts actually defending his bizarre cloud-radar theory. But a liberal will not be so tolerant. A liberal will be the first to attack the party for an extra word said by Rahul Gandhi, or a tweet by him or a slip up by a leader. A well known ambassador of liberal discourse advises us not to celebrate Rahul Gandhi's birthday because according

to him, those who fail their exams do not deserve to even have their birthdays. Another comes on television and first calls us a party obsessed with dynasty and then starts attacking Rahul for his decision to quit. Those who want Rahul to quit also want Rahul to decide his successor and then will also want to complain about Rahul controlling the party through a proxy.

Ideas that capture the collective imagination of a people do not necessarily come from the political space. Politics, through its idiom, helps in pedestrianising these ideas. What has been the contribution of the liberal-intellectual space in terms of a potent idea in this century? The counter argument to plural India has always had a voice. And it was always shrill. That voice now appears to have acquired legitimacy through electoral muscle. It can only be defeated by a more captivating idea and a sharper if not shriller voice.

The concept of secularism, for example, has been under systematic and sustained attack since L K Advani coined the term "pseudo secularism". Secularism was never a political construct. It was a worldview in consonance with Hinduism and India. Liberals must either help us reclaim the founding idea of the Republic or help us reinvent it or throw in a new theory which captures the minds of the millennial. Or would you just be happy to counter what is happening out there on the street through a tweet?

Much of what is going on in India and the Congress party is similar to what is going on in the Democratic Party in the US. There is the Nancy Pelosi end of the Democratic Party that is centrist, conciliatory and is not as fiercely anti-corporate as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Abdullahi Omar are. Is this a generational shift in the party or is this a Leftward turn in the party as a reaction to Trump and the Republican Party on the extreme right?

The Congress has traditionally been a harbour for all economic and political ideologies — much like India — without being defined by any one. Over time, critics have viewed it as being ideology-less, they say the Congress does not offer any one strong narrative. But that is precisely its strength. The Congress can, to quote Walt Whitman, contain multitudes. Just like India can. It just needs to learn how to articulate this for the 21st century voter.

This defeat is not of a party, an individual, a campaign, an assessment or an ideology. The result of Lok Sabha 2019 puts a huge question mark on the very existence of what we largely believe India, with all its diversity, stands for. The onus to find answers to the question is not just on a political party but on each one of us from under the debris of lethargic liberal snobbery.

Postscript: This is not a critique of the liberal class. In the words of Ahmed Faraz, *tuu khuda hai, na mera ishq farishton jaisa/dono insaan hain/ toh kyun itne hijabon mein milein.* (You are not God, and my love isn't angelic/ We are both human/So why meet hidden behind the veil?)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COSMETIC GESTURES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Past and present' (IE, June 7). Recent gestures such as supporting India's candidature as a non-permanent member in the UN Security Council and the unveiling of a statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh in Lahore might make it seem that Pakistan is softening its attitude towards India. However, the real test will be how soon it stops terrorist attacks from its soil and supplying arms, money and providing training to local terrorists. Being under the global glare for sheltering terrorists, these moves may be mere cosmetic gestures.

YG Chouksey, Pune

BALANCE TRADE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Osaka opportunity' (IE, June 28). Indian foreign policy is increasingly becoming more independent. However, of late, it has been following a protectionist trade policy, by imposing tariffs on US goods and dragging the US to the WTO. India's sluggish economic and trade reforms have not gone down well with its trading partners. The G20 Summit is an excellent opportunity for India to explain its stance on trade to the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's majority in Parliament will enable better diplomacy in this regard.

Sauro Dasgupta, Kolkata

MIDDLE GROUND

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Valeria

LETTER OF THE WEEK

MILIEU MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Power play' (IE, June 25). I disagree with the contention that a national distribution company shall bring a paradigm shift in the power sector. Chronic issues plaguing the state discoms could well be ultra vires for the new agency. It would be wrong to assume that it shall promote competition and benefit the end consumer. When the administered price mechanism was annulled it was believed that the oil marketing companies shall be free to decide the pricing and private and public sector would be provided level playing field. However this has not happened till date.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

and Gurupreet' (IE, June 28). Immigration spurs growth but it also causes resentment amongst the majority regarding cultural erosion. Balancing the two extremes with an approach of merit-based controlled immigration and a compassionate policy for refugees is essential to ensure that no one suffers as Valeria and Gurupreet did.

Anish Manchanda, Delhi

Stray cattle issue, a reality check

Don't lay blame, analyse consequences of enforcing laws against cattle slaughter



FAUZAN ALAVI

INDIA IS HOME to the largest livestock population in the world. The country is also the biggest producer of milk in the world, apart from being the third largest bovine meat exporter to almost 70 countries. There are links between the two sectors. The spent buffaloes are utilised by the bovine meat sector. That is why it's extremely rare to see a stray buffalo in most parts of the country. The farmer can sell his unproductive buffalo in the open market and get almost 40 per cent of his original investment as the termination value — this he can utilise to purchase buffaloes.

In the last few years, there has been much talk about stray cattle causing distress to farmers, especially in UP and the NCR. This narrative ascribes the problem to the ban on cow slaughter. However, the ban on cattle slaughter has been in place for decades —

Maharashtra allowed bulls to be slaughtered but this practice was stopped in 2014. It seems that a large number of people are ill informed — their views in favour of the farmer or against the current dispensation lacks an appreciation of the issues at hand.

What nobody is asking is why was there no such issue before 2015? Most people assume that illegal slaughtering of cows was rampant before 2015 and this cattle was being exported. Nothing could be further from the truth. What is being exported is buffalo meat. To link legitimate trade to cow slaughter would be grossly incorrect and damaging to a trade which is the backbone of the dairy and leather industry.

What has caused the stray cattle problem, then? For decades, the entire population of spent animals would move to Bangladesh

and Myanmar via the country's Northeast. According to unofficial records, almost 25-28 lakh cattle used to cross the border every year — the trade is estimated to be above Rs 20,000 crore. Since 2014, the Ministry of Home Affairs has conducted operations to put an end to this illegal trade — rightly so, keeping the religious sentiments of people in mind. But no one thought about or advised on how the consequences of this enforcement would be dealt with in a country that is perennially short of fodder. About 10 per cent of the country's livestock becomes unproductive every year. Given that the country's cattle population is over 250 million, finding out the number of these spent animals is no rocket science. There are more than a crore stray cattle while there is shelter and food for not even 10 per cent of these animals — and no re-

sources for this purpose. In the Delhi-NCR region, more than 200 cows and bulls die every year due to lack of such resources.

It is important that we get the correct perspective on the problem of stray cattle rather than blame a community or a trade. We should analyse the result of stopping the movement of cattle into the Northeast and Bangladesh. There are a number of reports on this aspect of the cattle trade in the public domain. It will also be pertinent for the policymakers to review the livestock policies of the country and ask why farmers are moving to buffaloes in place of cows. What must be kept in mind is that a farmer's decision-making is guided by economic factors.

The writer is spokesperson for the All India Meat and Livestock Exporters Association

AVERAGE SINCE 2014

ONE MIGRANT CHILD DEATH DAILY: UN

The UN migration agency says migrant children have died or gone missing at the rate of at least one per day worldwide over the past five years. In its 'Fatal Journeys' report, the agency said some 1,600 children — some as young as 6 months old — are among 32,000 people who have perished in dangerous travels since 2014.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Boris Johnson

UNITED KINGDOM
Boris called the French 'turds' in deleted footage

London: Footage of British prime ministerial hopeful Boris Johnson calling the French "turds" over their Brexit stance was cut from a BBC documentary, following a request from the Foreign Office, the *Daily Mail* reported Friday. A Whitehall memo seen by the paper said the department asked for the footage to be cut, saying it would make Anglo-French relations "awkward" and make Brexit negotiations more difficult. The comments were reportedly made during Johnson's time as foreign minister.

EGYPT
Authorities killed Morsi, claims Al-Qaeda

Cairo: The Al-Qaeda accused Egyptian authorities of killing jailed former President Mohamed Morsi, who died in a Cairo courtroom during trial earlier this month, in a statement posted Thursday. In the statement, the militant group's media arm, As-Sahab, urged Egyptians to "rise against" current President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, and added that they "did not doubt" that Morsi "was killed, oppressed, and humiliated" in jail. Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected president, who hailed from the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood, which is now outlawed, was ousted by the military in 2013 after massive protests against his divisive rule.

PAKISTAN
Lack of fiscal management led to crisis: Bajwa

Islamabad: Pakistan Army Chief Qamar Javed Bajwa blamed "fiscal mismanagement" for the country's economic crisis Friday, days after he was made member of a panel to stabilise the economy. In a seminar on 'Pakistan's Economy: Challenges and Way Forward', held at National Defence University (NDU), he said armed forces played their part by voluntarily foregoing an annual increase in the defence budget. Pakistan's Parliament on Thursday unanimously approved the Rs 1,150 billion defence budget for the next fiscal year (2019-20).

PHILIPPINES
5 dead in bomb attack, IS claims responsibility

Indanan: Three soldiers and two civilians were killed in a bomb attack on an elite Philippine army unit in southern Philippines on Friday, military spokesmen and witnesses told Agence France-Presse. They added that nine other soldiers were also wounded in the midday blast, which took place on the island of Jolo, a stronghold of Islamic State-linked gunmen. The IS has claimed responsibility for the attack.

With nuclear deal on the brink after talks, Iran says demands not met

Official says Tehran has lost patience with signatories

JOHN IRISH & FRANCOIS MURPHY
VIENNA, JUNE 28

LAST-DITCH TALKS to persuade Tehran not to exceed nuclear limits within days were on course for failure on Friday, as Iranian officials said their demands had not been met and Washington rebuffed European calls to ease sanctions to allow negotiations.

A week after Washington called off air strikes just minutes before impact, diplomats say Iran is on course within days to exceed the threshold of enriched uranium allowed under its nuclear deal with world powers, which Washington quit last year.

Iranian officials met in Vienna with representatives of the countries that are still party to the nuclear deal — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China. The Iranians repeated their demand that they be allowed to sell oil.

The talks were a "last chance for the remaining parties ... to gather and see how they can meet their commitments towards Iran," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi had said. However, speaking nearly



Iran's top nuclear negotiator Abbas Araqchi (centre) and Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS) Helga Schmit in Vienna on Friday. Reuters

four hours after the meeting, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi "It was a step forward, but it is still not enough and not meeting Iran's expectations."

"I don't think the progress made today will be enough to stop our process but the decision will be made in Tehran."

He said the Europeans had told the meeting that the Instex trade mechanism had been made operational, with the first transactions already processed, but that this was still insufficient because European countries were not buying Iranian oil, the key demand for it to stay in the 2015 nuclear deal. REUTERS

US VOWS TO CHOKE IRANIAN OIL SALES

- US Special Representative for Iran, Brian Hook, told reporters in London that Washington would choke all sales of Iranian oil
- "We will sanction any imports of Iranian crude oil... There are right now no oil waivers in place," he said
- The US would study reports of Iranian crude going to China, Hook said when asked about the sale of Iranian crude to Asia, adding: "We will sanction any illicit purchases of Iranian crude oil"
- The US aims to cut Iran's oil sales to zero to force Tehran to negotiate a broader deal
- Hook said the US was on track to deprive Iran of \$50 billion in oil revenues and told European companies to choose between doing business with the United States or Iran

UAE scales down military presence in Yemen as Gulf tensions flare

AZIZ EL YAAKOUBI & LISA BARRINGTON
DUBAI, JUNE 28

THE UNITED Arab Emirates, a key member of Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen, is scaling back its military presence there as worsening US-Iran tensions threaten security closer to home, four western diplomatic sources said.

The UAE has pulled some troops from the southern port of Aden and Yemen's western coast, two of the diplomats said, areas where the Gulf state has built up and armed local forces who are leading the battle against the Iran-aligned Houthis group along the Red Sea coast.

Three of the diplomats said Abu Dhabi preferred to have its forces and equipment on hand should tension between the US and Iran escalate further after attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf and Tehran's downing of a US unmanned drone.

"It is true that there have been some troop movements... but it is not a redeployment from Yemen," a senior Emirati official said. REUTERS

Harris dominates debate, challenges Biden over race

JAMES OLIPHANT & GINGER GIBSON
MIAMI, JUNE 28

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Kamala Harris dominated her Democratic rivals in a debate on Thursday, confronting front-runner Joe Biden on race and calling his remarks about working with segregationist senators "hurtful."

In a breakout performance, the daughter of a black father from Jamaica and an Indian mother was at the center of several heated exchanges during the second night of debates among Democrats vying for the right to challenge President Donald Trump in the 2020 election.

Harris said the issue of race was deeply personal for her. She noted she was bused to school as part of integration efforts in California, and she questioned Biden's 1970s opposition to school busing.

"I do not believe you are a racist. And I agree with you when you commit yourself to the importance of finding common ground," said Harris, 54.

"But I also believe — and it's personal and it was hurtful to hear you talk about the reputations of two United States senators who built their reputations and career on the segregation of race in this country."

Biden, who was on the defensive throughout the night, has faced heavy criticism for his recent comments that he worked decades ago with two Southern segregationist sena-



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tors as a way to get things done in the US Senate.

He appeared shaken by the attack, but defended his record on civil rights and said his remarks had been mischaracterised as praise for racists.

"If we want to have this campaign litigated on who supports civil rights and whether I did or not, I'm happy to do that," he said, noting he had only opposed busing for school integration ordered by the federal government, not by local governments.

"Everything I have done in my career, I ran because of civil rights and continue to think we have to make fundamental changes," he said. REUTERS

G20 SUMMIT IN OSAKA

May to Putin: Stop destabilising UK, allies

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
OSAKA, JUNE 28

BRITISH PRIME Minister Theresa May told Russian President Vladimir Putin Friday normal relations will not be restored until Moscow ends "irresponsible and destabilising" activity, a Downing Street spokesperson said.

The comments came as May met Putin on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Japan's Osaka, their first formal face-to-face

since the poisoning of former spy Sergei Skripal last year.

"She told the president there cannot be a normalisation of our bilateral relationship until Russia stops irresponsible and destabilising activity that threatens the UK and its allies — including hostile interventions in other countries, disinformation and cyber attacks," the spokesperson said.

May also told Putin that Britain "has irrefutable evidence that Russia is behind the attack" on the former spy.

"The prime minister underlined that we remain open to a different relationship, but for that to happen the Russian government must choose a different path." London has made clear May's meeting with Putin does not represent a thawing of ties.

Ties between Moscow and London have been severely strained since the March 2018 poisoning of the former Russian spy and double agent Skripal and his daughter Yulia in the English city of Salisbury.

'PRESIDENT GAVE NECESSARY ANSWERS'

PUTIN'S SPOKESMAN Dmitry Peskov said the Russian president and May first met one-on-one, accompanied by translators. "...May spoke about the Skripal affair, she raised this issue and got necessary answers from the Russian president," Peskov said.



At the G20 summit in Osaka on Friday. Reuters

Don't meddle in US polls, grinning Trump tells Putin

PETER BAKER & MICHAEL CROWLEY
OSAKA, JUNE 28

FOR MORE than two years, friends and foes alike have pushed President Trump to tell President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia not to interfere in American democracy. As the two leaders sat side by side on Friday for their first formal meeting in a year, Trump obliged — but in his own distinctive way.

Only when a reporter shouted out a question, asking Trump if he would tell Russia not to meddle in American elections, did the president respond, and then by making light of the matter. "Yes, of course I will," Trump said.

Turning to Putin, he said, with a slight grin on his face and an almost joking tone, "Don't meddle in the election, President." As Putin also smiled, Trump pointed at another Russian official in a playful way and repeated, "Don't meddle in the election." NYT

EXPLAINED
Backlash in US likely

TRUMP'S COMMENTS about alleged Russian interference has often drawn bipartisan flak.

His remarks on Friday will likely lead to another domestic backlash, as critics have often hit out at him for not taking the issue seriously. Most recently, the president stirred outrage when he reportedly said he would accept incriminating information offered by Russia on his opponents. He later switched tracks and said he would report it to the authorities.

Trump lacks moral principle: Dalai Lama

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

THE DALAI Lama has accused US President Donald Trump of lacking "moral principle" in a wide-ranging BBC interview in which the Tibetan spiritual leader said that any female successor should be attractive.

"One day he says something, another day he says something," the 83-year-old Buddhist monk said. "But I think (there is a) lack of moral principle."

"If female Dalai Lama comes, then she should be more attractive," he said. "If female Dalai Lama, oh, oh... that people, I think prefer, not see her; that face."

He also reiterated his views on immigration into Europe.

"The European countries should take these refugees and give them education and training, and then aiming is returning to their own land," said the Dalai Lama.

"But whole Europe eventually become Muslim country? Impossible. Or African country. Also impossible... Keep Europe for Europeans," he said.

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'FAMILY PHOTO'

World leaders at a photo session during the G20 leaders' summit in Osaka on Friday. Reuters



'NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE SEEN SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE (AT AN IMMIGRATION SEMINAR)'

Amid extradition bill fury, many Hong Kong youths look to flee

CLARE JIM
HONG KONG, JUNE 28

IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS in Hong Kong have seen a dramatic surge in inquiries, especially from the young, after mass protests against an extradition bill that would allow people to be sent to mainland China from the Asian financial hub for trial.

Millions of people have taken to the streets in recent weeks in some of the Chinese-ruled city's largest and most violent demonstrations in decades, forcing Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam to suspend the bill indefinitely. The planned legislation

sparked concern it will threaten the rule of law that underpins Hong Kong's international financial status at a time when many are already worried over the tightening grip of Communist Party rulers in Beijing over the former British colony.

Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997 under a "one country, two systems" formula, which guarantees its freedoms, including freedom to protest and an independent judiciary, not enjoyed on the mainland.

Young people are more interested in Asian destinations such as Taiwan, Malaysia and Thailand, in contrast to previous trends that saw many target the



Hong Kong activists hold an anti-China protest during the G20 leaders summit in Osaka. Reuters

likes of Canada and Australia, thanks to cheaper immigration costs and better job prospects closer to home, immigration consultants said.

Last weekend, around 1,000 people attended an immigration seminar on Southeast Asia organised by Golden Emperor Properties, a rise from around 100 at its previous seminars.

"It's the first time ever so many people have attended our seminar, and never before have we seen so many young people attending," Golden Emperor Properties managing director Terence Chan said, referring to interest from 30- and 40-year-olds. General inquiries had in-

creased since June 9 when hundreds of thousands of protesters took to the streets to try to thwart the extradition bill, and the number spiked after June 12 when Hong Kong police fired rubber bullets and tear gas at demonstrators.

Centaline Immigration Consultant general manager David Hui said he had received more inquiries in the past two to three months as controversy over the bill intensified.

The number of inquiries from young people rose around 30%, he added.

Some Hong Kong tycoons have already started moving personal wealth offshore amid concerns over the legislation.

"Many people wouldn't consider Southeast Asia before... but one client told me jokingly he thought that region was not very politically stable, but now Hong Kong is even more unstable," Chan said.

He said Southeast Asia was ideal for young people who do not have a lot of money but are desperate to seek an "escape door".

Even though it is difficult to acquire permanent residency in some of these Asian countries, Chan said people were happy with a long-term visa.

"They don't mind because they don't want to be completely detached from Hong Kong," he said. REUTERS

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹34,285	₹69.03	\$64.83*	₹38,600

*Indian basket as on June 27, 2019

SENSEX: 39,394.64 ▼ 191.77 NIFTY: 11,788.85 ▼ 52.70 NIKKEI: 21,275.92 ▼ 62.25 HANG SENG: 28,542.62 ▼ 78.80 FTSE: 7,420.47 ▲ 18.14 DAX: 12,334.96 ▲ 63.93

International market data till 1900 IST

'STAFF NEEDS TO BE COOPERATIVE; LEARN TO LIVE IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD' Will move Cabinet note soon on revival package for BSNL & MTNL, says Prasad

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

HAVING POINTED out that stiff competition in mobile segment, high employee cost and absence of 4G services in a data-centric telecom market is eroding the competitive strength of state-owned telecom companies Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL), Minister of Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad said Friday that the government is preparing a revival package for the two public sector firms.

He added that one of the proposals being looked at, was the companies launching 4G services. Currently, neither of BSNL or MTNL have spectrum to deploy 4G.

"We will make a very focused attempt for revival of BSNL and MTNL and very soon we will be moving a Cabinet note. There are three reasons for this initiative — firstly, these

EXPLAINED E. Rationalising high employee cost may be in focus

SEVERAL PROPOSALS to merge, shut down, divest and revive the two sick telecom PSUs have been discussed by the government.

However, increasing competitive landscape in the telecom sector that rendered several private firms out of business is creating pressure on these companies. Rationalising the high employee cost for these two firms — 75.06 per cent of total income for BSNL and 87.15 per cent for MTNL, compared with 2 to 5 per cent for private companies — could be one of the priority areas the telecom ministry could look at while preparing the revival package.

two companies are a national asset, they operate in strategic areas that concern defence and home affairs, and lastly they are at the forefront of giving free services at time of natural calamities. A revival package is being worked out to make them more competitive and we will try to ensure that there is least pressure on the government," Prasad told reporters.

"I would appeal to the employees of these companies to be cooperative, professional and learn to live in today's com-

petitive world. Our government supports competition, some element of disruption does come but we must appreciate the benefits of competition. I have noted some consolidation in the sector and that is a natural process ... but my government will ensure that competition is fair now," he added.

It is learnt that to prepare the revival package for the two telecom public sector undertakings (PSUs), the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is looking at the recommendations of IIM Ahmedabad and Deloitte that were mandated to prepare a report on revival of the two companies.

For allocation of 4G, the report had noted: "...there is the opportunity cost of 4G spectrum, additional capex for 4G roll-out and risk of continuing with business-as-usual attitude. On the other hand, non-allocation would result in further loss of market-share, revenue and loss of morale

among the employees. On balance, we recommend that 4G spectrum may be allocated for five years conditional on BSNL addressing the issues related to manpower, real estate monetisation/utilisation and improvement in market-share/operating performance".

Notably, BSNL steered clear of the 4G technology when most operators were rolling out the service, citing high investment costs.

However, in the recent months, the service provider has launched 4G in some locations across the country.

Both BSNL and MTNL had also requested the government for the allotment of spectrum in 800 MHz, 1,800 MHz and 2,100 MHz bands for providing 4G services in different service areas. However, considering the Supreme Court judgment in the 2012 2G case, the DoT has referred the matter of administrative allocation of spectrum to the Solicitor General of India for his opinion.

DHFL postpones financial results by two weeks, shares fall 11.75%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 28

DEWAN HOUSING Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) on Friday postponed its financial results for the quarter and year ended March 2019 by two weeks. DHFL shares plunged by 11.75 per cent to Rs 72.10 on the BSE following the decision to postpone the board meeting to approve the results.

DHFL said the postponement is due to "certain unforeseen operational engagements including non-availability of a few directors to ensure participation of all the members of the audit committee as well as the board for taking into consideration and approval of the

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financial results for the fourth quarter/financial year ended March 31, 2019".

"The date of the board meeting... to consider and approve the audited financial results of the company for the fourth quarter/financial year ended March 31, 2019, and matters relating to the ensuing annual general meeting, as intimated earlier that June 29, 2019, is being postponed to July

13, 2019," DHFL said in a filing. Earlier this week, it said it will shortly divest its full stakes in subsidiaries DHFL Pramerica Asset Managers and DHFL Pramerica Trustees.

The firm earlier this week defaulted on 60 per cent of principal repayment on its commercial papers worth Rs 375 crore. It defaulted on principal repayment on CPs worth Rs 225 crore, while the payment on rest of Rs 150 crore (40 per cent) was done. DHFL also said the balance of Rs 225 crore will be paid once the surplus cash flow position improves over the next couple of days. It has resorted to various modes of fund mop-up including stake sale in subsidiary firms to meet its debt obligations.

INTERVIEW: CHAIRMAN & MD, DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD

'Hope to conclude stake sale in two weeks; sector needs govt intervention on multiple fronts'

Under pressure to meet repayment obligations in a scenario where fresh funding has dried, KAPIL WADHAWAN, chairman and MD, DHFL, told SANDEEP SINGH that the company is hopeful of concluding stake sale with strategic investor over the next couple of weeks. Stating that several players in the industry are under stress, he pointed out the need for steps on multiple front to arrest the crisis. Excerpts:



"So what choices are left with sector as a whole in the absence of fresh borrowing from the system — to go sell off your assets, generate liabilities and clear off your obligations. It also shows the shallowness of our debt markets"

KAPIL WADHAWAN, CHAIRMAN AND MD, DHFL

While DHFL is under stress, how do you see the macro problem?

Because of the IL&FS issue and uncertainty surrounding any solution, the market confidence is shaken and because of that mutual funds went into a shocked-freeze. So both short-term lending and long-term lending by banks has stopped. Also, while credit demand is still domestically-led and high, supply looks choked across most categories.

Where do you borrow from now?

Even though our asset base is large and we may have contributed significantly to the core sector of the economy, including housing for low and middle income segment, which is a priority area, we are facing this issue. So what choices are left with the sector as a whole in the absence of fresh borrowing from the system — to go sell off your assets, generate liabilities and clear off your obligations. It also shows the shallowness of our debt markets. For a country of our economic size and aspiration, we need to develop debt markets and bond markets.

While you have been selling assets to generate resources, how long can you manage without a liquidity support?

It has been a harrowing task for us and since September 2018, while we have repaid obligations worth over Rs 42,000 crore, the only fresh borrowing in this period was Rs 2,000 crore in November through NCDs. All we have done is to sell our retail assets and we are now in the process of selling our wholesale assets to the same banks. However, if liquidity doesn't come into the industry, the industry can't stand tall for too long. It will crumble one after another as everyone is in pain and rightly so, because if the supply side is closed then what can one do. It is not just our problem,

many HFCs and NBFCs are under stress. So, the solution has to be a collective one.

What is the progress on strategic sale?

From our perspective, the solution lies in the fact that we are in the process of finalising stake sale with a large strategic investor. So the stake sale process is on and the discussions with potential investors are at advanced stage with due diligence process nearly complete. We are hopeful that it will conclude over the next couple of weeks. It should help the company as a large investor will bring in equity capital as well as the power to originate additional debt.

Do you see that the government and regulators are working to resolve the crisis and will a liquidity window at this time solve the problem?

Yes, I am absolutely certain that there is a clear intent within the government and it sees the challenge and the problem. I think the government and the Reserve Bank will have to come together along with the participants and come out with the solutions to be implemented. Multiple things need to be done. One, clearly, is to make money available in the system by flooding the market with instruments that provide liquidity. The confidence needs to be restored. I think the time is of essence. Nine months have already gone and as more time gets

spent on analysing the problem, it will only deteriorate the underlying base of financial institutions.

While the SLR can be brought down by three-four per cent to infuse liquidity, there has to be focus on reviving the real estate sector. While liquidity has to be provided, supply bottlenecks need to be removed. Also, while all channels of funding — mutual funds, insurance companies, provident funds and banks — are getting closed, PSU banks have to start lending.

How do you see the credit rating agencies' move to downgrade your rating to D?

Unfortunately, without getting into actual dynamics of things, people start inferring things. On June 4, when our delay happened, we cured it within the curing period, but did the curing have any impact on the ratings? The moment you assign 'D' rating, everyone started taking a mark down in their MF schemes. When you see four notch downgrade in a fortnight, who do you talk to? What's the review mechanism for knee jerk rating actions? While Crisil and ICRA downgraded our NCDs following the delay on June 4, they even downgraded my CPs in anticipation, even as the CP payment was not due. What kind of predictive analysis is this? They have only perpetuated my problems further.

There is an argument that your books are skewed more toward wholesale?

I had around Rs 80,000 crore of retail book and rest was wholesale. Over the last nine months, I sold almost Rs 42,000 crore of retail asset and what is left is Rs 38,000 crore of retail and rest wholesale. If my retail and wholesale asset was 75 per cent and 25 per cent respectively before the beginning of the crisis, it is now at 50-50.

Mutual funds are saying that they are cautious on HFCs that have ALM mismatch?

So, where do the housing finance companies go, how does one raise long term fund. That means this country needs specialised banks, just like building societies in UK, specialised mortgage banks in Germany and even in the US. Specialised lenders with special windows of dispensation available, going out and raising debt from the market.

Fiscal deficit touches 52% of full year target in first two-months

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

THE GOVERNMENT'S fiscal deficit touched 52 per cent of the budget estimate for the full year in the first two months of 2019-20.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit or gap between expenditure and revenue, was Rs 3,66,157 crore, as per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

The fiscal deficit was 55.3 per cent of 2018-19 budget estimate in the year-ago period.

In the Interim Budget passed in February, the government had estimated the fiscal deficit at Rs 7.03 lakh crore for 2019-20.

The government aims to restrict the fiscal deficit at 3.4 per cent of the GDP during the current fiscal, same as the last financial year.

The CGA data showed that revenue receipts of the government during April-May, 2019-20 was 7.3 per cent of the Budget Estimate (BE). In the year-ago period also, the revenue receipts were at similar level.

However, the capital expenditure was only 14.2 per cent of the BE as compared to 21.3 per cent in the year-ago period.

Total expenditure during April-May period stood at Rs 5.12 lakh crore or 18.4 per cent of BE. It was 19.4 per cent of BE in the corresponding period of the last fiscal.

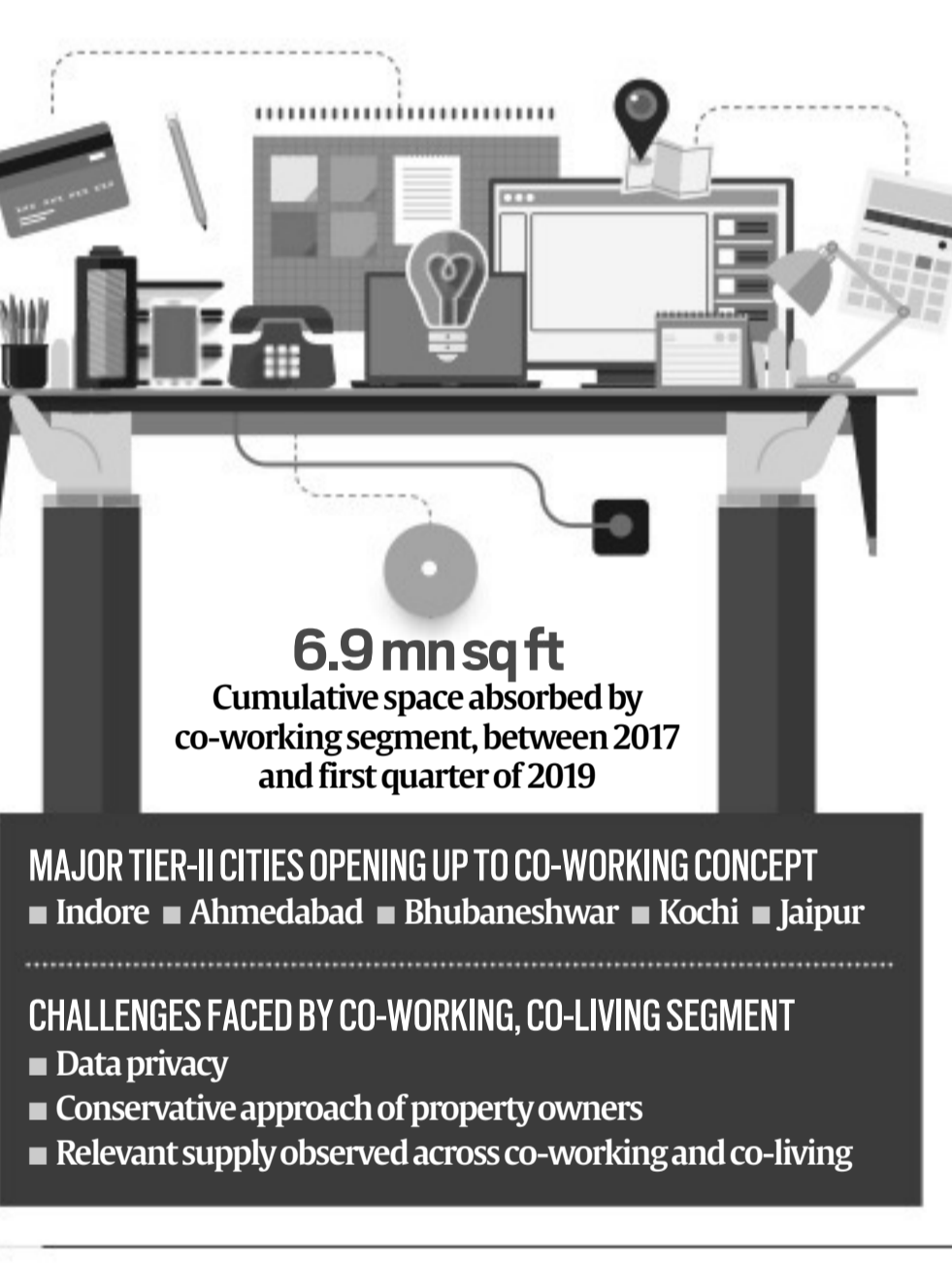
The interim budget has fixed target of getting fiscal deficit at 3.4 per cent.

According to a report released by India Ratings, "Based on the current trend in GDP and tax-/non-tax revenue growth, we believe adhering to the fiscal deficit target at 3.4 per cent will be difficult without squeezing expenditure."

'Co-living to offer ₹1 lakh cr business opportunity by 2023'

Co-living segment will offer a business opportunity of Rs 1 lakh crore by 2023 as demand for shared rental space is rising, according to the reports 'Co-Living — Reshaping Rental Housing in India' and 'Co-Working — Reshaping Indian Workplaces', jointly released by JLL and FICCI

- 5.7 mn:** Expected capacity of beds by 2023, as against 3.6 million in 2018
- 12%:** Rise in co-working share in total office leasing in first quarter (January-March) 2019, as against 8 per cent in year-ago period, driven by demand for shared office space from corporates, start-ups and entrepreneurs
- 20-25%:** Cost savings offered by co-working, compared to traditional office space leasing
- 2-4x:** Higher returns offered by co-working, compared to the traditional residential yield of 2-3 per cent



CAD falls to 0.7% in Q4 of 2018-19

Current account deficit was 1.8% (\$13 bn) of GDP in fourth quarter of 2017-18

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 28

AIDED BY a fall in trade deficit, India's current account deficit (CAD) has declined to 0.7 per cent (\$4.6 billion) of GDP in the fourth quarter of 2018-19 from 1.8 per cent (\$13.0 billion) of GDP in the same period of 2017-18.

The contraction of the CAD on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis was primarily on account of a lower trade deficit at \$35.2 billion as compared with \$41.6 billion a year ago, the Reserve Bank has said. CAD was down from 2.7 per cent (\$17.7 billion) in the preceding quarter ended December 2018.

However, CAD increased to 2.1 per cent of GDP in fiscal 2018-19 from 1.8 per cent in 2017-18 on the back of widening of the trade deficit. India's trade deficit increased to \$180.3 billion in 2018-19 from \$160.0 billion in 2017-18. CAD is a measurement of a

External debt up 2.6% to \$543 bn

Mumbai: India's external debt witnessed an increase of 2.6 per cent at end-March 2019 over its level at end-March 2018, primarily on account of an increase in short-term debt, commercial borrowings and non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits.

Total external debt was placed at \$543 billion, recording an increase of \$13.7 billion over its level at end-March 2018, the RBI said. The increase in external debt was partially offset by valuation gain resulting from the appreciation of the US dollar. **ENS**

country's trade where the value of the goods and services it imports exceeds the value of the products it exports. It includes net income, such as interest and dividends, transfers such as foreign aid and foreign investments. Net services receipts increased by 5.8 per cent on a y-o-y basis mainly on the back of a rise in net earnings from telecommunications, computer and information services, the RBI said. Private transfer receipts, mainly representing remittances by Indians employed overseas, at \$17.9 billion, declined by 0.9 per cent from their level a year ago.

In the financial account, net foreign direct investment at \$6.4 billion in Q4 of 2018-19 remained at the same level as in Q4 of 2017-18. Foreign portfolio investment recorded net inflow of \$9.4 billion in Q4 of 2018-19 as compared with \$2.3 billion in Q4 a year ago, on account of net purchases in both debt and equity market.

Net inflow on account of external commercial borrowings to India increased to \$7.2 billion in Q4 of 2018-19 from \$1 billion a year ago, the RBI said. In Q4 of 2018-19, there was an accretion of \$14.2 billion to the foreign exchange reserves (on BoP basis) as compared with \$13.2 billion in Q4 of 2017-18.

In 2018-19, net FDI inflows at \$30.7 billion in 2018-19 were marginally higher than \$30.3 billion in 2017-18. Portfolio investment recorded a net outflow of \$2.4 billion in 2018-19 as against an inflow of \$22.1 billion a year ago. In 2018-19, there was a depletion of \$3.3 billion of the foreign exchange reserves (on a BoP basis).

"We can expect the CAD to be around 2.5 per cent next year. For FY20, the critical factors would be — trade balance which will tend to widen and software and private transfers which could slow down in case world economy grows at a lower rate," said Care Ratings chief economist Madan Sabnavis.

SPENT NEARLY 30 YEARS AT COMPANY; LED DESIGN OF IMAC THAT HELPED APPLE RE-EMERGE FROM NEAR DEATH IN 1990s

Apple design chief Jony Ive, Steve Jobs' confidant, to leave and start own firm

STEPHEN NELLIS SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 28

JONY IVE, a close creative collaborator with Apple Inc co-founder Steve Jobs whose iPhone and other designs fueled Apple's rise to a \$1 trillion company, will leave later this year to form an independent design company.

Apple said Ive will continue work on its products at his new venture, but shares fell as much as 1.5 per cent to \$197.44 in after-market trading, wiping about \$9 billion from the firm's value.

Ive spent nearly 30 years at



Apple CEO Tim Cook (left) and chief design officer Jonathan Ive at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, California, on June 3, 2019. AP File Photo

Apple, leading the design of the candy-colored iMacs that helped Apple re-emerge from near death in the 1990s to the iPhone, regarded by some as one of the most successful consumer products of all time. "It's the most significant departure of somebody who was a core part of the growth story" under Jobs, said Ben Bajarin, analyst, with Creative Strategies.

Ive joined Apple in 1992 and led Apple's design teams since 1996. He became chief design officer in 2015. Ive's new company will be called LoveFrom, the Financial Times reported, quoting Ive as saying it would be based in

California "for now." Ive told the newspaper he would work on Apple devices in addition to unspecified "personal passions" and non-Apple projects. "I have the utmost confidence in my designer colleagues at Apple, who remain my closest friends, and I look forward to working with them for many years to come," Ive said.

Ive's departure comes amid falling iPhone sales, including a record drop in Apple's most recent quarter. Jobs deeply involved himself in Apple's design process, sometimes even visiting Apple's design studios daily to offer Ive feedback. **REUTERS**

'Mac Pro production to move to China from US'

Bengaluru: Apple Inc is shifting manufacturing of its new Mac Pro desktop computer to China from the United States, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter.

The move comes at a time when the Trump administration has threatened to impose new levies to cover nearly all imports from China and pressured Apple and other manufacturers to make their products in the United States if they want to avoid tariffs.

Last week, Apple asked its major suppliers to assess the cost implications of moving 15 per cent-30 per cent of their production capacity from China to Southeast Asia, according to a Nikkei report.

China is a key market for Apple as well as a major production center for its devices. The company got nearly 18 per cent of its total revenue from Greater China in the quarter ended March. Apple's Mac Pro, a \$6,000 machine used by creative professionals, has been facing waning

demand, the Journal said.

"Like all of our products, the new Mac Pro is designed and engineered in California and includes components from several countries including the United States," an Apple spokesman said. "Final assembly is only one part of the manufacturing process."

Apple's decision coincides with the end of tax subsidies that it got for making the desktop in a plant in Texas run by contract manufacturer Flex Ltd, according to the Journal. **REUTERS**

Calcutta HC sets aside CAT order in compulsory retirement case

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Friday nullified the order of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)'s Kolkata Bench, terming it as 'usurpation of jurisdiction'. The CAT order on Wednesday had stayed "compulsory retirement" handed to an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) official under Section 56(j) of fundamental rules.

The government argued in the high court that CAT was required to refer the matter to a division Bench, but instead the matter was heard by a single judicial member of the tribunal. The government also produced documents to prove that division Bench was available on the date the matter was heard and decided by the CAT.

The HC, while setting aside the CAT order, said the single judicial member of CAT had usurped a jurisdiction that did not vest in him. The court added that the order had committed judicial impropriety, and directed other issues related to matter be heard by the division Bench of CAT, which would not include the judicial member who had heard the case earlier.

Over the last month, the government has used 56(j) to retire at least 27 revenue department officials who have been facing corruption cases. Under this Section, the performance of an officer who has turned 50 or 55 or has completed 30 years of service (whichever is earlier), is reviewed to ascertain if he/she is liable for compulsory retirement.

Though the Section 56(j) has been in vogue for several decades,

it has sparingly been invoked.

On Thursday, Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court in another case related to 56(j) directed the Lucknow Bench of the CAT to first decide whether it had jurisdiction over such matter. The tribunal had passed an order asking the Central government to produce all records of 'compulsory retirement' case in relation to Ram Kumar Bhargava, an IRS official.

The government had challenged the CAT order on the ground that the CAT at present has no jurisdiction because there is an alternate remedy available to the retired officer to file representation before the Representation Committee under Rule 56j. In a similar case earlier this week, the CAT Bench in Odisha heard the matter but the order was reversed. **FE**

Das cautions against cherry-picking of data by experts

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RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Das Friday cautioned against cherry-picking of data by experts, saying correlations can conveniently be used to establish "spurious causality" to achieve desired results. His remarks come in the backdrop of recent controversies over GDP data after former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian in a research paper claimed that India has over-estimated its economic growth.

"The doctrine, even tradition, of statistical significance in scientific research has come under some cloud for its veracity and the journal American Statistician published a special edition on this issue earlier this year," he said, at RBI's 13th Annual Conference.

"Similarly, an opportunity to cherry-pick variables is available. In other words, correlations can conveniently be extended to establish spurious causality," the Governor said.

Interest rate on small savings schemes cut by 0.1% for Q2FY20

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THE GOVERNMENT Friday reduced interest rate on small savings schemes, including NSC and PPF, by 0.1 per cent for the July-September quarter.

The move is aimed at matching the softening of interest rates in the banking sector since the RBI cut its benchmark policy rate thrice during the year. Barring interest on savings deposits, which has been retained at 4 per cent annually, rate on all other schemes has been slashed by 0.1 per cent.

"On the basis of the decision of the government, interest rates for small savings schemes are to be notified on a quarterly basis," the Finance Ministry said while notifying the rates for the second quarter of financial year 2019-20.

Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) will fetch annual interest rate of 7.9 per cent from the existing rate of 8 per cent, while Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) will yield

7.6 per cent with maturity of 113 months. At present, interest rate on KVP is 7.7 per cent and maturity is 112 months. The girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samridhi Account will fetch a lower return of 8.4 per cent from 8.5 per cent. Term deposits of 1-3 years will fetch interest rate of 6.9 per cent, to be paid quarterly, while the five-year quarterly pegged at 7.7 per cent and for recurring 7.2 per cent from existing rate of 7.3 per cent.

Furthermore, interest rate for the five-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme will now fetch a lower rate of interest at 8.6 per cent from 8.7 per cent.

FORMER RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR RELEASES NEW PAPER

'Need to push up savings rate to achieve new growth trajectory'

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

FORMER RESERVE Bank of India Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan said there is a need to increase savings and investment rate to move India to a new growth trajectory in the future.

"Pushing up exports growth, which has been almost nil in the last six years, is needed to expand and it is possible since the world demand for manufactured goods will rise manifold in the coming years," he said on Friday at the release of his new paper, 'Moving India to a New Growth Trajectory', at Brookings India.

Mohan said historically, Indian growth accelerations have been accompanied by higher gross domestic investment rates, largely financed from correspondingly increasing domestic savings, supplemented modestly by external savings including foreign direct investment (FDI). He said the secular uptrend in domestic growth

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RAKESH MOHAN
EX-DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RBI

since Independence is clearly associated with consistent trends of increasing domestic savings and investment over the decades.

Gross domestic savings increased from an average of 11 per cent of GDP during 1950-65, to over 33 per cent of GDP in 2003-08 (37 per cent in 2007-08); over the same period, the domestic investment rate also increased continuously from 12 per cent to 34 per cent (38 per cent in 2007-08).

But the savings rate has fallen in recent years, and the reasons are not very clear. "This is, to my

mind, the major issue," that needs to be tackled, Mohan said. Household savings reached about 21 per cent of GDP during 1997-2003 and ascended further to just under 24 per cent during 2008-11, but have since fallen to around 17 per cent in 2016-2018. There has been a dramatic fall in net household financial savings from the high of 11-12 per cent of GDP reached in 2007-08 to around 7 per cent in recent years, he said.

"These need to be restored to the 10 per cent level in the near future (from 7 per cent at present), and then increased gradually to around 13 per cent by 2030-35. Such a steep fall in recent years is difficult to understand since household financial savings had been around 10 per cent of GDP for almost 20 years right through the 1990s and 2000s," he added.

Mohan also said the crisis in non-banking financial companies and their knock-on effects on debt mutual funds may, however, have an adverse effect on household confidence in these market-re-

lated instruments. "Ensuring positive real returns on bank as well as small savings deposits in an environment of low and stable inflation is necessary to reverse the downward trend in household financial savings," he said.

Mohan said urgent policy attention is required to push growth to 8-7 per cent on a sustained basis. He also stressed on the need to relook the structure and functions of the think tank NITI Aayog, as well as giving it fund allocation powers analogous to that of the Planning Commission.

"The NITI Aayog must be technically strengthened and reorganised so that it can develop long-term integrated programmes for investment and management of key interconnected sectors," the former RBI Deputy Governor said.

"The Aayog's function to coordinate public investment programmes between ministries at the central level and across states must be restored, but within the framework of new cooperative federalism," he added.

'Organised jewellers to grow at 10-11% through FY22'

Aggressive promotional schemes and opening of new stores will help domestic organised jewellery retailers maintain growth of 10-11% over the next three fiscals, as against 11.9% growth between FY16-FY19, Crisil said

FUNDING TO RETAILERS

Bank credit to gems and jewellery sector remains constrained; new store additions by organised jewellery retailers will be largely funded through internal accruals

PROFITABILITY SUPPORTING

Favourable product mix towards high-margin categories diamond and diamond-studded jewellery has supported operating profitability of late

17% Expected revenue growth in the next three fiscals through 2022

~5% Expected operating profitability of domestic organised jewellers

FACTORS THAT AIDED REVENUE GROWTH FROM FY16-FY19

- Increase in gold prices
- Rise promotional schemes period from 70-80 days to 150-170 days
- Store additions of around 33 per cent

200-300 BASIS POINTS

Expected rise in proportion of high-margin products in sales



Videocon loan case: ED questions Chanda & Deepak Kochhar, Dhoot

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday questioned former ICICI Bank chief executive Chanda Kochhar, her husband Deepak Kochhar and Videocon promoter Venugopal Dhoot in connection with its money laundering probe into the Videocon loan case.

The three had been issued summons by the agency for appearance earlier. Sources said their statements have been recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

They have been grilled by the agency in the past in connection with the case. Last month, the ED had questioned and recorded statements of Chanda Kochhar and Deepak Kochhar over multiple sessions at its office in Delhi.

ED is also preparing to analyse details of the Kochhars' assets and others, so that they can be provisionally attached under the PMLA. Chanda Kochhar's brother-in-law Rajiv Kochhar has also been grilled by the ED multiple times in the case. The Kochhars and Dhoot were questioned at the ED's zonal office in Mumbai after it conducted raids on March 1. The searches were

conducted at the premises of Chanda Kochhar, her family and Dhoot in Mumbai and Aurangabad (Maharashtra).

The ED had registered a criminal case under PMLA earlier this year against Kochhars, Dhoot and others to probe alleged irregularities and corrupt practices in sanctioning Rs 1,875-crore of loans by ICICI Bank to the Videocon. The case registration was based on an FIR registered by the CBI, which has named all the three and Dhoot's companies — Videocon International Electronics Ltd (VIEL) and Videocon Industries Limited (VIL) — in its case.

Airtel closing Kolkata 3G ops, to move to 4G

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

BHARTI AIRTEL has begun the process of shutting down its 3G services and migrating such customers to its 4G network. The company on Friday became the first incumbent telecom operator to have shut down its 3G network in Kolkata and said that it has reformed the 900 MHz spectrum being used for 3G to further strengthen its 4G network.

3G technology, which came to India only around 2011, has thus seen the fastest eclipse. Randeep Sekhon, CTO, Bharti Airtel, said, "Going forward, we

plan to reform all of our 3G spectrum across India and deploy it for 4G in a phased manner." Sources said that in the next six months, the entire 3G network will be shut down and subscribers moved to 4G.

Airtel will continue to have 2G subscribers as they comprise around 70 per cent of its total subscriber base and migrating them to 4G will not be as easy as the 3G users since they do not have smartphones.

However, the telecom company has started the process of weeding out low paying 2G subscribers by making it mandatory that customers recharge every month for a minimum Rs 35 voucher. **FE**

Airtel Africa IPO debuts at 80 pence

London: Shares of Bharti Airtel's Africa arm began trading at the London Stock Exchange Friday at 80 pence apiece. The initial public offer, to raise up to \$750 million, was oversubscribed with strong interest from a variety of reputed global investors across the UK, US, Africa, Europe, Middle East and Asia, Bharti Airtel said in a regulatory filing.

The company has put 744,047,619 new shares on offer, out of which 94.7 per cent of the stocks will be listed on

the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and rest in Nigeria.

"The Offer also came with a secondary listing on the Nigeria Stock Exchange with meaningful allocations to Nigerian investors," it said.

Trading for institutional investors began Friday, while retail investors can start trading in the shares from July 3 in the UK, and from July 5 in Nigeria. Bharti Airtel entered Africa in 2010 with the \$10.7 billion acquisition of Zain Telecom. The company operates in 14 African countries now. **PTI**

Payment security mechanism for private power plants launched

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

RESPONDING TO the long-standing demand of independent power producers (IPPs), Power Minister R K Singh on Friday approved implementation of the payment security mechanism. The new order, coming into force from August 1, would make it mandatory for power distribution companies (discoms) to open and maintain adequate letter of credit (LC) as payment security to private power plants.

Discoms' dues to power producers stood at Rs 35,845 crore as of April-end, up 30 per cent from a year earlier, and 58 per cent of these were "over-dues" with payment default of 60 days or more.

Calling it "a bold and innovative step to put an end to the decades old problem," Ashok Kumar Khurana, director general, Association of Power Producers, said, "States may oppose this step to discipline them but they need to recognise that they cannot keep on buying power without paying and make generators default in their debt obligations."

The order says load dispatch centres "shall dispatch power only after it is intimated by the generating company and distribution

ORDER TO COME INTO FORCE AUG 1

■ The new order would come into force from August 1

■ It would make it mandatory for discoms to open and maintain adequate LC as payment security to private power plants

companies that a LC for the desired quantum of power has been opened". Generating companies can encash the LC after expiry of grace period, which usually ranges between 45 and 60 days.

The order also makes sure that discoms cannot arm-twist generators by threatening to buy power from alternative sources if IPPs choose to curtail supply after payment default. However, the introduction of this mechanism signals that the Centre will not pursue the idea of the high-level empowered committee (HLEC) on stressed power assets anymore. The latter had proposed a model through which REC and PPC (now merged) could make upfront payment to private power producers. **FE**

G20 SUMMIT Trump prepares for 'productive talks' with Xi on trade war

REUTERS
OSAKA, JUNE 28

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Friday said he hoped for productive talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on a trade war that is casting a shadow on global growth, but said he had not made any promises about a reprieve from escalating tariffs.

The trade feud and signs of a global slowdown have loomed over a two-day Group of 20 (G20) summit in the Japanese city of Osaka, where Trump and Xi met in passing and prepared for one-on-one talks on Saturday. To lay the groundwork, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He met Trump's treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, and Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer at the hotel where the US delegation was staying, a source familiar with the talks said.

Expectations have dimmed that the world's two biggest economies can ease tension when Trump and Xi meet. "At a minimum it will be productive. We'll see what happens and what comes out of it," Trump told reporters here.

Single battery module caused car fire in Shanghai, says Tesla



Newly built Tesla electric vehicles are transported for delivery along a highway in Los Angeles, US. Reuters

REUTERS
BEIJING/TOKYO, JUNE 28

TESLA INC said on Friday a single battery module caused a car to catch fire in Shanghai and it had revised its vehicle settings to further protect its batteries following an investigation into the incident.

The company said in a statement posted on its Weibo social media account that the joint investigation team had conducted an investigation and analysis of the battery, software, manufacturing data and vehicle history.

The investigation found no system defect, and the initial findings show the incident was

caused by a single battery module located at the front of the vehicle, Tesla said. Japanese battery manufacturer Panasonic supplies Tesla with battery cells, but not modules, which are a group of cells joined together.

The company has revised the charge and thermal management settings on Model S and Model X vehicles via an over-the-air (OTA) software update, to help further protect the battery and improve battery longevity, the statement said.

A parked Tesla Model S caught fire in Shanghai on April 21. Tesla has said its EVs are about 10 times less likely to experience a fire than petrol-powered cars.

Prasad sets up panel under Telecom Secy to look into spectrum charges

KIRAN RATHEE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

TELECOM MINISTER Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Friday he has set up a committee under Department of Telecommunications (DoT) secretary Aruna Sundararajan to look into the entire issue of rationalisation of levies and submit a report in two weeks' time. He added he will shortly meet the telecom operators to discuss the issues.

"The telecom sector has been going through stress for a very long time, I have myself noted that

... I have formed a committee under the Telecom Secretary to look into the entire issue of rationalisation of levies, etc, and ease of doing business. I have also told her to revisit the whole issue of spectrum usage charges and I expect a report in two weeks' time," Prasad said. He added that there has been a disruption in the sector but it has also resulted in cheapest mobile and data rates for people in India.

The industry has for long been demanding lower taxes and levies, which add up to about 30 per cent of their revenues. In the NDA government's last tenure, a

telecom policy statement said such levies would be rationalised. The outstanding industry debt is pegged at over Rs 7 lakh crore.

In fact, in the past, TRAI has recommended lowering of certain levies by way of providing financial relief to the operators. For instance, it has recommended fixing a flat spectrum usage charge (SUC) for operators at 3 per cent of their adjusted gross revenue.

At present, the SUC operators' pay varies between 3 per cent and 5 per cent because they hold a mix of administratively allocated spectrum and through auctions. **FE**

'Google leveraged Android dominance, put unfair conditions on device makers'

ADITYA KALRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

GOOGLE APPEARS to have misused its dominant position in India and reduced the ability of device manufacturers to opt for alternate versions of its Android operating system, government officials found before ordering a wider probe in an antitrust case.

A 14-page order from the Competition Commission of India (CCI), reviewed by Reuters, found Google's restrictions on manufacturers seemed to amount to im-

position of "unfair conditions" under India's competition law.

Reuters reported last month that CCI had launched a probe in April against Google for its alleged abuse of Android's dominant position to block rivals, but the contents of the directive detailing the initial assessment upon which that probe was ordered have not been previously revealed.

This case is similar to one Google faced in Europe, where regulators imposed a \$5 billion fine on the company for forcing manufacturers to pre-install its apps on Android devices. Google

has appealed against the verdict.

By making pre-installation of Google's proprietary apps conditional, Google "reduced the ability and incentive of device manufacturers to develop and sell devices operated on alternate versions of Android", the CCI said in the order. "It amounts to prima facie leveraging of Google's dominance". Asked for comment, Google referred Reuters to its statement last month, in which it said Android had enabled millions of Indians to connect to the internet by making mobile devices more affordable. **REUTERS**

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Forex reserve hits record high

Mumbai: India's foreign exchange reserves soared to a new record high of \$426.416 billion in the week to June 21, surging \$4.215 billion boosted by higher foreign portfolio investments and a stable rupee. The previous high was \$426.028 billion in week to April 13, 2018. **PTI**

RBI tweaks ARC conditions

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India Friday permitted Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) to acquire financial assets from each other on meeting certain conditions, in light of changes made in Sarfaesi Act. **PTI**

Leverage ratio for banks eased

New Delhi: The RBI has relaxed the leverage ratio for banks to help them boost their lending activities. The leverage ratio stands reduced to 4 per cent for Domestic Systemically Important Banks and 3.5 per cent for other banks effective October 1, 2019. **PTI**

Staff consortium of Jet set to bid

New Delhi: A Jet Airways Employee Consortium and Adigroup Friday announced a partnership to bid for 75 per cent of airline through the NCLT process. **PTI**

EU, Mercosur agree on FTA

Brussels: The European Union and South American bloc Mercosur have agreed a draft free-trade treaty, the parties to the deal said on Friday, bringing to an end almost 20 years of negotiations. **REUTERS**

Output: ONGC seeks partners

New Delhi: Oil and Natural Gas Corp has invited bids from private companies for handing over operations of 64 small and marginal oil and gas fields with a view to raising production. **PTI**

Merlin to be taken private

London: Lego's founding family and private equity firm Blackstone are taking Britain's Merlin private again in an agreed deal valuing the Madame Tussauds and Legoland owner at \$7.5 billion. The world's second-largest operator of visitor attractions after Disney said the deal would give it greater scope for "significant, long-term investment". **REUTERS**

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2019 (OJEE - 2019)

NOTICE FOR 2ND / Special OJEE FOR B.TECH, Lateral Entry TO B.TECH, MBA, MCA & Lateral Entry TO MCA

No: 292 /OJEE2019

Date: 27.06.2019

Date of Examination : 21.07.2019 (SUNDAY)

2nd /Special OJEE for B.Tech., Lateral Entry to B.Tech., MBA, MCA and LE-MCA will be held on **21.07.2019 (SUNDAY)**. For other details, please visit:- [ojee.nic.in / www.odishajee.com](http://ojee.nic.in/).

Syllabus for Examination : For B.TECH as per JEE MAIN 2019, For Lateral Entry to B.TECH, MBA, MCA and LE-MCA, the syllabi are same as given in OJEE 2019 Information Brochure.

Candidates, who have rank in JEE MAIN 2019 for BTECH or OJEE 2019 for Lateral Entry to BTECH/ MBA/MCA/LE-MCA are not required to appear the 2nd /Special OJEE.

Duration and Type of Examination : Time: 10AM to 11AM (1Hour)

(60 Multiple Choice Question type)

Schedule:

1. Online Application with fee : 30.06.2019 to 10.07.2019
2. Download of Admit Card Starts : 15.07.2019
3. Date of Examination : 21.07.2019
4. Result Publication : 25.07.2019
5. Download Rank Card and Online Registration Choice Filling : 25.07.2019 to 27.07.2019
6. Display of 1st Round Allotment : 30.07.2019
7. Document verification at Nodal Centers: 01.08.2019 to 02.08.2019
8. Final allotment and reporting to the college: 03.08.2019.

(Colleges have to verify the documents of newly allotted candidates and submit to OJEE along with the documents of college level admission candidates, whose date will be notified later.)

The allotment for this counselling will be done for the vacant seats left over after 1st phase counselling only.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI GLNS COMPLEX, DELHI GATE, NEW DELHI-110002 [VOLUNTARY ACTION CELL]

NOTICE

INVITING APPLICATION FOR GRANT-IN-AID TO NGOs & VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

Applications for the year 2019-20 from eligible NGOs & voluntary organizations are invited for following schemes of Grant-in-Aid of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India which are processed by the Voluntary Action Cell of the Department of Social Welfare, GNCT of Delhi. Names of schemes with their components are given in the table below. Detail of schemes, instructions and procedure are also available on departmental website i.e. www.socialwelfare.delhigovt.nic.in:-

S. No.	Name of GIA Scheme
1.	Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme (Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities) DDRS with following components:- a. Project for Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training b. Special Schools for children with Disabilities for:- 1. Intellectual Disability 2. Hearing & Speech Disability 3. Visual Disability c. Project for Children with Cerebral Palsy d. Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Person e. Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally III Persons f. Home Based Rehabilitation Programme/Home Management Programme g. Community Based Rehabilitation Programme h. Project for Low Vision Centres i. Projects for Human Resources Development.
2.	An integrated Program for Senior Citizens (IPsRC) with following components:- a. Maintenance of Senior Citizens' Homes/Senior Citizens' Homes for 50 elderly Women including those under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). b. Maintenance of Continuous Care Homes and Homes for Senior Citizens afflicted with Alzheimer's disease/Dementia. c. Maintenance of Mobile Medicare Units. d. Physiotherapy Clinics for Senior Citizens e. Maintenance of Regional Resource & Training Centers f. Any other activity considered suitable to meet the objective of the scheme, including implementation of the provisions of National Policy for Senior Citizens (NPSrC)
3.	Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids & Appliances (ADIP)

Last date for submission of application is **31st July, 2019** (for submission of hard copies to VAC, Deptt. of Social Welfare, GNCTD and for uploading of soft copy on Ministry of S&JE, Govt. of India website.) Eligible applicant NGOs & Voluntary Organizations should submit two hard copies of their submitted on-line application, complete in all respect with a covering letter giving index of all Annexure alongwith page numbers on or before 31st July 2019 ONLY at:

**VOLUNTARY ACTION CELL, ROOM NO. 11
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
GLNS COMPLEX, BEHIND FIROZSHAH KOTLA STADIUM,
DELHI GATE, NEW DELHI-110002**

Director
Department of Social Welfare

DIP/Shabdairth/0299/19-20

RESTORATION OF CANCELLED TRAINS

The following trains which were earlier announced to remain cancelled for safety related infrastructure upgradation works are being restored on their proper timings & path as per following dates:-

Train No. & Train Name	Date of Restoration
13257 Danapur - Anand Vihar Terminal Jan Sadharan Express	29.06.2019
13258 Anand Vihar Terminal - Danapur Jan Sadharan Express	30.06.2019

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

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

Beware of Touts Always buy your tickets from an authorised railway counter or authorised rail travel agent only.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

S. No.	Items	Tender No.	EMD (Rs.)	Last date & time for bid submission	Bid Opening date & time
1	Sweets	86-AC/O/DC/PH/Sweets/2019	1,49,884/-	22.07.2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.	22.07.2019 at 11:30 Hrs.
Cost of Tender Document Rs. 1500/- (Applicable GST @ 18% on reverse charges basis to be paid by business entity (Service Receiver))					
2	Snacks	86-AC/O/DC/PH/Snacks	74,394/-	22.07.2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.	22.07.2019 at 11:30 Hrs.
Cost of Tender Document Rs. 1500/- (Applicable GST @ 18% on reverse charges basis to be paid by business entity (Service Receiver))					
3	Bakery Items	86-AC/O/DC/PH/Bakery	32,820/-	22.07.2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.	22.07.2019 at 11:30 Hrs.
Cost of Tender Document Rs. 500/- (Applicable GST @ 18% on reverse charges basis to be paid by business entity (Service Receiver))					

Detailed information and Tender form is available on the official website of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in 209319

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakara Nagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092

No.: EE/BTP/BBMP/E-PMT/08/2019-20 Date: 28.06.2019

INVITATION FOR SHORT TENDERS (IFT)

TWO COVER TENDER (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) Tender for the following works on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents KW-4 by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Package Amount (Rs. in Lakhs) : 200.00
1	Package-1, includes 3 works of Rs. 200.00 Lakhs Improvements of Roads and Drains at Maruthinagara and B.B. Nagara at Kodigehalli in Ward No. 8.	65.00
	Improvements of Roads and Drains at Gangabhavani Temple surrounding area Kodigehalli in Ward No. 8.	55.00
	Improvements of Roads and Drains and Construction of Community Hall at A.K. Colony at Kodigehalli in Ward No. 8.	80.00

EMD (in Rs.) : 2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on 10.07.2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division. (3) Last date for uploading the filled tender document is 18.07.2019 upto 04.00 p.m. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> in the office of the Executive Engineer on 19.07.2019 at 4:30 p.m. if possible. (5) Date of opening of Financial bids is on 20.07.2019 at 11:00 a.m. if possible. Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, BBMP
"Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru"

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOURISM (M&W) KASHMIR, SRINAGAR

2nd FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDERS TWO COVER SYSTEM e-NIT No. DT/M and W/K/55 of 2019-20 Dated 27.6.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of J&K State Fresh Tenders are invited from Reputed Agencies/ Firms having sufficient experience in execution of same Nature of Jobs for Design, Consultancy, Construction, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Outdoor Self Supported Artificial Rock Climbing Wall of International Standards including Providing and Fixing of Panel Holds at Gindun Park Rajbagh, Srinagar J&K. The Tender Documents containing details/specification and general terms and conditions of the Tender can be had from website: <http://ktenders.gov.in>.

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27.6.2019
2. Period of Downloading of Bidding Documents	From 30.05.2019 05.00 P.M. to 17.07.2019 upto 04.00 P.M.
3. Bid Submission Start Date	27.6.2019 From 02.00 P.M.
4. Bid Submission End Date	17.7.2019 Up to 04.00 P.M.
5. Pre-bid Meeting	04.07.2019 at 11.00 A.M.
6. Date & Time of Receiving of Technical Bid (Cover 1) (Online)	18.7.2019 at 11.00 A.M. in the Office of Director Tourism Kashmir TRC Srinagar or Deputy Director Tourism, (M & W), Srinagar
7. Date and Time of Opening of Hard Copies for Cover 1	To be notified separately.

Position of AA: Submitted Partly available

Terms and Conditions:

- The Bidders should in his own interest thoroughly, inspect and examine the Site, its Surroundings, Nature of Ground, Climate Conditions, Accessibility and other relevant parameters for Men and Machinery to be used and also decide the strategy to be adopted for successful execution and completion of work, at his own expenses and responsibility to satisfy himself fully before tendering for the advertised work.
- The Bidders should carefully study the document and prepare his tender with consideration of all provisions of documents. He should fully acquaint himself with site conditions and all other factors which may influence preparation of his tender.
- TECHNICAL BID (COVER 1)**
The Bidders must upload the Scanned Copies of following Documents with Cover 1 (Technical Bid)
a) The Bids must be accompanied with Cost of Tender Document to the tune of Rs. 6000/- (Non-refundable) in the shape of Demand Draft and Earnest Money to the tune of Rs. 2.00 Lacs in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Dy. Director Tourism (M&W), Srinagar.
b) Experience Certificate from any Authorized Officer of Central/State Government or from any Reputed Company/Firm regarding successful completion of one or more works of same nature (International Climbing Walls which are operational) having executed during last 10 years.
c) Bidders must upload the design calculations along with Technical Bid (Cover 1)
d) Details of tools and requisite machinery to be provided in shape of an Affidavit that the Firm/Agency can arrange or is in its possession.

NIT No: DT/M&W/K/55fresh Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Kashmir.
Dated: 27.06.2019
DIPK-NB-1457/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

Sh. Sandeep Ameriya S/o Sh. Prem Kishore Ameriya, Asstt. Loco Pilot, HQ DEE resident of H. No. 5/117, Nai Basti, Tel Mill Road, Tundla, Distt- Firozabad, U.P.- 283204, is hereby informed through this notice that you are running unauthorized absent since 13.03.2018 to till date. In this context, SF-5 had already been issued to you. You are being advised to attend this office within 10 days after publication of this notice, otherwise ex-parte action under D&AR 1968 will be initiated against you.

ADME/POWER,
2070/2019
DRM Office, New Delhi

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E-6A, Sector-01, Noida-201301

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. HSSC/PMSSY-AG/Office-Fur/2019 Dated: 28.06.2019

Online item rate bids are invited by HSSC (India) Limited as executing agency of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, through e-tendering from eligible applicants who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in Vol-I (NIT/PO document) for the work "Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Office Furniture and other associated works for Super Specialty Block at Allahabad & Gwalior (2nd Call) Estimated project cost is Rs. 2.42 Crore. Completion period is 03 Months & other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 02.07.2019 and Last Date of submission of Bids: 17.07.2019 at 15:00 hrs.

The detailed NIT will be available on websites www.tenderwizard.com/HSSC and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

Sr. Mgr. (C), HSSC (I) Ltd

Petronet LNG Limited

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF 12 INCH ULTRASONIC FLOW METER WITH FLOW PROFILER AND METER RUN AT PETRONET LNG LIMITED, DAHEJ (GUJARAT) INDIA

Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) invites bids from experienced and financially sound contractors for "Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 12 Inch Ultrasonic Flow Meter with Flow Profiler and Meter Run" at Petronet LNG Ltd., Dahej (Gujarat).

Interested parties are requested to visit our website www.petronetng.com for detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issuance of Tender document.

Note: PLL reserves the right not to issue the tender document and / or accept or reject any or all the bids at any stage of the process and/or modify the process without assigning any reasons on its sole discretion. No separate notification shall be issued in press. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly to keep themselves updated.

Chief Manager (C&P)
PETRONET LNG LIMITED
GIDC Industrial Estate, Plot No. 7/A, Dahej, Taluka: Vagra, Distt. Bharuch 392130, Dahej, Gujarat. Tel No. 02641-300235/232/233/231
E-mail id:- materials@petronetng.com

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(REGD. OFFICE: PSEB HEAD OFFICE, THE MALL, PATIALA)
O/o SE/TL Circle, PSPCL, Patiala, Flat No. 11, Officer's Flats, Shakti Vihar, Patiala-147001
Tel. Ph. 0175-2301339, E-mail ID: tl-circle.pspcl.pta@gmail.com

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice for Construction of 66 kv SC on DC Lhragaga-Khanebad line T-off for Balran.

E-Tender Enquiry No. 169/TLC/PTA/2019-20

Completion period 03 Months from the issue of Work order
Tender Cost 1180/- and EMD 53,500/-

Last Date & Time for downloading of e-Tender 30.07.2019 upto 05.00 P.M.
Last Date & Time for up-loading of e-Tender 31.07.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
Last Date & Time for Submission of Document 31.07.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
Date and Time for Opening of Tenders 31.07.2019 at 11.30 A.M.

NOTE:
Details of NIT may be downloaded from PSPCL website www.pspcl.in and <https://pspl.abcprocure.com>.
The tender shall be accepted only through online mode.
In case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website www.pspcl.in and <https://pspl.abcprocure.com>.
SE/TL Circle, PSPCL, Patiala C-6013/Pb

No.A.17014/22/2018-HFW
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Dated Aizawl, the 25th June,2019

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Mizoram from reputed and Bonafide Manufacturer or their authorized dealers for the supply of Ayurvedic and Homeopathic Medicines which will be received by Office of the National AYUSH Mission, Mizoram, Aizawl on or before 22.07.2019 upto 1200 noon. Quotations are to be opened by Director (AYUSH), Mizoram, Aizawl or his authorized representatives at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The tenderers or their representative may also be present at the time of opening of the Quotations, if they so desire.

Detailed terms & conditions can be obtained from the office of Director, Hospital & Medical Education, New Secretariat Complex, Khatla Aizawl during office hours on all working days.

Sd/- H.LALENGMAWIA
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
IPR NO 95 Health & Family Welfare Department

राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान, भुवनेश्वर
(परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग, भारत सरकार का एक स्वयं शासित संस्थान)
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, BHUBANESHWAR
(AN AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE UNDER DEPT. OF ATOMIC ENERGY, GOVT. OF INDIA)
PO-Jatni, Dist- Khurda, Odisha, Pin-752050
Website: www.niser.ac.in, email id: fa@niser.ac.in

Adv. No. FA-Rct/NA/02/2019

पुस्तकालयकर्मों के लिए विज्ञापन / Advertisement for Library Personnel

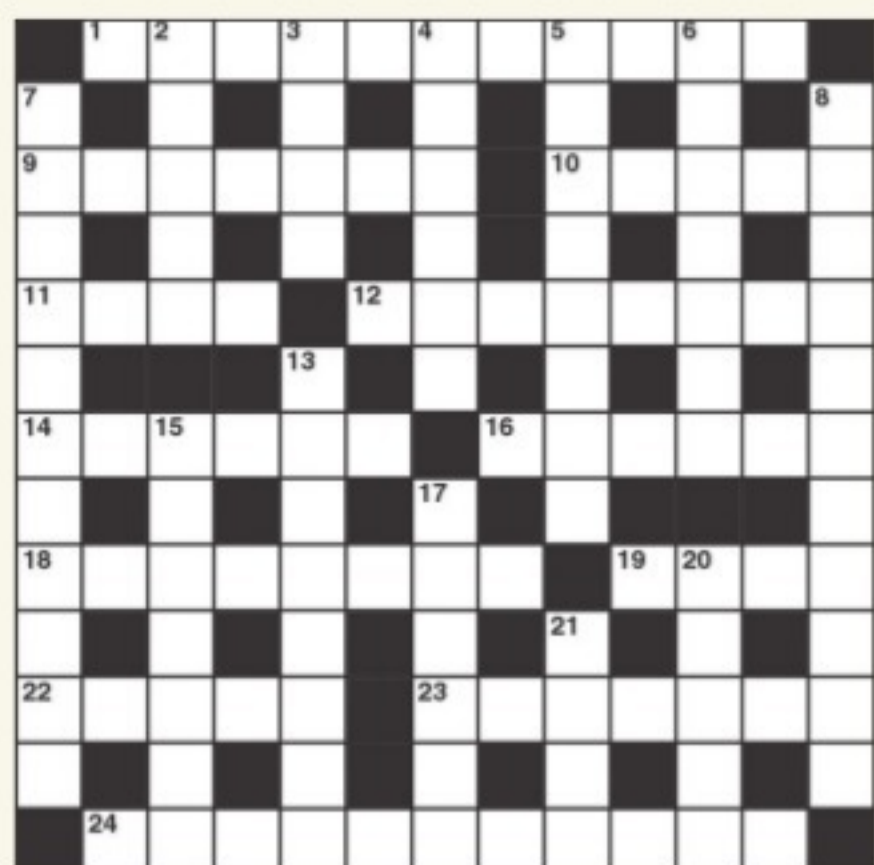
राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान, भुवनेश्वर में सेन्ट्रल लाइब्रेरी के लिए नियमित आधार पर वैज्ञानिक अधिकारी 'सी' के पद पर भर्ती हेतु योग्य भारतीय नागरिकों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।
Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for recruitment in the position of 'Scientific Officer 'C' on regular basis for Central Library of NISER.

क्र.सं./ S.N.	वेतनमान सहित पद/ Positions with Pay	आवश्यक शैक्षिक योग्यता/ Required Qualification	वर्ग/ Category	आयु/ Age	रिक्तिता/ Vacancies
1	वैज्ञानिक अधिकारी -सी (पुस्तकालय लेवल-10, इन्डेक्स नॉन-1, वेतनमान- 56100/-) Scientific Officer -C (Library) Level-10, Index No-1, Pay- 56100/-	NET उत्तीर्ण सहित न्यूनतम 55% अंक के साथ सूचना विज्ञान में एम.लाइब्रेरी/ M.Lib in Information Science with minimum 55% marks with NET Pass विश्वविद्यालय स्तर के पुस्तकालय में जिम्मेदार पद में कार्य का 4 वर्ष का अनुभव/ 4 years experience in responsible capacity in a University level Library	अनारक्षित/ UR	40 वर्ष/ 40 Years	01 एक/ 01 (One)

उपर्युक्त पात्रता मानदंडों को पूर्ण करने वाले आवेदक ही केवल ऑनलाइन (www.niser.ac.in) आवेदन कर सकते हैं तथा आवेदन पत्र की मुद्रित प्रति भर्ती कक्ष, एनआईएसईआर, पीओ-जटनी, जिला-खुर्दा, पिन-752050, ओडिशा को भेज दें। ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि 26 अगस्त, 2019 है। विज्ञापन के सभी पहलुओं के पूर्ण विवरण हेतु उम्मीदवारों से अनुरोध है कि वे एनआईएसईआर के वेबसाइट (<http://www.niser.ac.in>) पर जाएं।
Applicants fulfilling the above eligibility criteria should apply ONLINE (www.niser.ac.in) only and send the printed copy of the application form to 'Recruitment Cell, NISER, PO- Jatni, Dist-Khurda, Pin-752050, Odisha'. The last date for applying online is August 26, 2019. For full details of all the aspects of the advertisement, candidates are requested to follow the advertisement at NISER website (<http://www.niser.ac.in>).

निदेशक / DIRECTOR

CROSSWORD 3845



- ACROSS**
- Sent to India, possibly where one wanted to go (11)
 - Insinuated that the naughty child was a fibber, too (7)
 - Child gets out of bed to do sums (3,2)
 - They provide some security for American men (4)
 - More of the same in Latin (2,6)
 - Change roles? (6)
 - Made eyes red although out of the wind at first (6)
 - Possibly press one for an answer (8)
 - Queen of Carthage apparently took no action (4)
 - One is confused in two ways by the signs (5)
 - Board a tracked vehicle (7)
 - This form of state aid can be rather remote (2,1,8)
- Down**
- Perhaps my pet needs feeding (1,5)
 - Adjust the sails and dock (4)
 - Untidy arrangement that would horrify Mrs Grundy! (6)
 - Visibly in tears (8)
 - In a bout we are able to last longer (7)
 - Personal impression that is very individual (11)
 - Vicissitudes rarely encountered in Holland (3,3,5)
 - Married in the old-fashioned way (8)
 - Get rid of players on strike (4,3)
 - Rose is involved in basketwork (6)
 - Is a short account for a patriarch (5)
 - Sicilian hothead (4)

Solutions Crossword 3844: Across: 1 Bottom, 4 Absolute zero, 9 Images, 10 Stolidly, 12 Heat, 13 Still, 17 Lodging house, 20 Double-dealer, 23 Ails, 24 Islet, 25 Ages, 28 Nightjar, 29 Posted, 30 Retinues, 31 Leader. Down: 1 Brightly, 2 Tea caddy, 3 Open, 5 Bottle opener, 6 Oils, 7 Undies, 8 Etymon, 11 Stage by stage, 15 Bigot, 16 Usher, 18 Slighted, 19 Crusader, 21 Manner, 22 Flight, 26 Eton, 27 Mode.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLIED WORDS

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

Be happy for _____ is your life. - Omar Khayyam (4,6,4,6) (two words twice)

DXEIO **AHLYMN**

ORSTT **CENSHM**

Answer: Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life. - Omar Khayyam

SUDOKU 3892

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

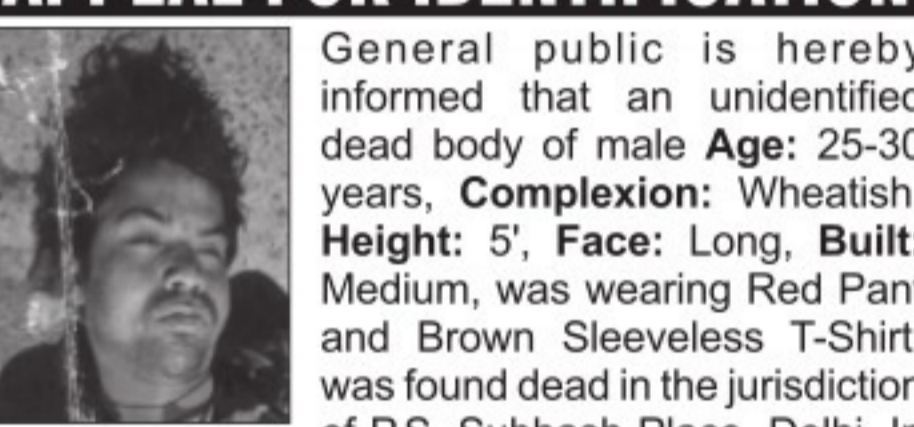
5	7		8	2				
6		7						
	8		3					4
2	1	8						
4				1				
		6	4	5				
7		9		2				
1	5		6	5				9

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3891

4	6	9	7	3	2	8	1	5
7	1	3	9	8	5	6	2	4
8	5	2	1	4	6	3	7	9
2	9	5	6	1	8	4	3	7
3	4	8	5	7	9	1	6	2
1	7	6	4	2	3	9	5	8
5	3	7	8	9	1	2	4	6
6	8	1	2	5	4	7	9	3
9	2	4	3	6	7	5	8	1

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age: 25-30 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5', Face: Long, Built: Medium, was wearing Red Pant and Brown Sleeveless T-Shirt, was found dead in the jurisdiction of P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi.** In this regard a FIR No. 191/19, dated 25.06.2019, has been registered at P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi
DP/9100/NW/19 Ph.: 011-27356336, 27353014

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely: Mohd. Kuraban S/o Md. Rehmat, R/o Plot No. 32/24/21, Gali No.-11, Gautam Colony, Safiabab Road, Narela, Delhi Age: 21 Years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Built: Thin Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Shirt & Gray Colour Pant and Black Colour Sleepers in Feet, have been missing/kidnapped since 07.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi.**

In this regard a DD No. 110-A, Dated 08.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this boy but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Website: http://cbi.nic.in **P.S. Narela, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph. 011-27282350, 27285839**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/367/ON/19**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice
e-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-
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ARTICLE 15 ★★★

Director: Anubhav Sinha Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Manoj Pahwa, Kumud Mishra, Isha Talwar, Sayani Gupta, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Nassar

Making the Invisible Visible



strosity unleashed on powerless people around him, his moustache coming off more a personal choice than a marker of male pride. You see Khurrana's initial tentativeness settling into resolve; it isn't a showy performance, and it gets better as he goes along, though I wish he had come off more steely. Like *Mulk*, *Article 15* lifts its chief plot points, and a pivotal character, from real life. The deaths of two girls in Badaayun (that image of the two lifeless salwar-kameez-clad bodies hanging from the tree is burnt on our eyeballs); the introduction of a safon-clad 'Mahantji' who canvasses for votes from across the caste spectrum, and 'wins with a thumping majority'; the flogging of Dalit youths in Una (which the film doesn't make as much of as it could have); we see a glimpse, and then it's gone). These were, and continue to be, headlines. There's a lot that's well done in *Article 15*, even though some of it is too on the nose,

like a primer-explainer of 'rural caste oppression and urban ignorance'. And at places, it feels scattered because there's too much going on. I found a few strands unconvincing: Sayani Gupta's Gaura, who plays the older sister of one of the missing girls, has a vivid presence, but is wrong for the part; Zeeshan Ayyub's rebel Dalit leader's comings-and-goings take away from the proceedings. The romantic thread between the cop and his activist lady-love (Talwar) is a filler, and the thriller-like chase to find-the-missing-girl tone feels gratuitous. The performances to watch out for come from Kumud Mishra and Manoj Pahwa, both of whom played significant roles in *Mulk*: it looks as if Sinha is building a repertory of good actors who add heft to whichever films they are in. And Nassar, as the officer who knows how not to rock the boat, is excellent.

Sinha set the bar high with *Mulk*, which brought back the words Hindu and Muslim, and everything they stand for, back into mainstream cinema. *Article 15*, which comes less than a year later, is not as impactful as *Mulk*, but it is as important a film. Corrosive religious fundamentalism divides us; caste keeps us separated in perpetuity. To make films which topline these subjects is a way of getting us to talk, and, in an ideal world, start some kind of a push-back against injustice and oppression, things we have dangerously begun taking for granted. *Article 15* may have an unsatisfactory element or two, but as a film, it rushes in to reclaim the grounds we have ceded. It is what is needed -- a clarion call, a bugle, a calling-out -- all rolled in one. Make it worth your time, because if we don't watch it, who will?

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Innocence Lost

NOBLEMEN
★★★

Director: Vandana Kataria
Cast: Ali Haji, Mohammad Ali Mir, Hardik Thakkar, Kunal Kapoor, Shaan Grover, Ivan Rodrigues, Muskaan Jaaferi, M K Raina, Soni Razdan

BULLYING CAN kill. It's as simple as that, and as hard to deal with, when you are at its receiving end. *Noblemen* pulls not a single punch in the telling of its tale, set in a plush all-boys boarding school pervaded by the fear of a bunch of bullies who prey upon younger, softer students, coupled by the equally pervasive notion of 'not being a rat' which keeps it all going. Shay (Haji) is just the kind of boy who will get picked on: bad at sports, good with words, empathetic. Things go from bad to worse when he is chosen to play the lead role in a play to be performed on the school's founders day: Baadal (Grover) believes the role is his, and enlists the services of Arjun (Mir), the school's sports captain-cum-prime bully, to that end. That boarding schools (*Noblemen* is a very thinly-disguised stand-in for one of India's most prestigious all-boys schools, which enrol female students if they happen to be the offspring of teachers) are rife with old practices of hazing and ragging, which are meant to turn boys into men, is well known. Just how terrible the outcome can be is evident in the way it impacts Shay and his

best friend Ganesh (Thakkar). The film takes us deep into the closed world of prestigious boarding schools and the toxic, misguided notions of honour, wide-spread homophobia, and the persistent harassment, verbal and physical, stretching to sexual torture, of those who cannot hit back. Kapoor's drama teacher is the one standing in between the bullies and the bullied: he is the one speaking up against these entrenched 'ways', and ironically being targeted himself in a manner of speaking. Bullying, pshaw; it is only to be toughened up the boys, declares the deputy head-master (Rodrigues), and the head master (Raina) has to finally decide which side he is on. Meanwhile, the damage is so awful and cruel that you are left shaken. The play-within-the-movie device is not as effective as the stuff that goes on outside, in dorms and classes and bathrooms: the all-powerful sports captain having the gall to tell off teachers, the guy who punishes 'panxies' but who could well be a closet homosexual, the brash entitled offspring of a celebrity father, the bright boys who learn to keep off the bullies' radar till they can't, the lone girl who is a real pal -- all these characters are expertly drawn, and the actors play them with conviction. You wish that the director had thought of a more believable climax. It is the only jarring note in a film which focuses on an important subject, with such clear insider knowledge and authenticity.

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Ghosts of the Past

ANNABELLE COMES HOME
★★★

Director: Gary Dauberman
Cast: Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, McKenna Grace, Madison Iseman, Katie Sarife, Michael Cimino

SHALINI LANGER

A CHILD who sees dead people. Now, that there is a premise that established M Night Shyamalan in Hollywood. In *Annabelle Comes Home*, that child, Judy (Grace), is just another screaming face in the Conjuring universe's expanding horror universe. Apart from Judy's budding psychic abilities, this film also has three teenagers who are credible, both acting stupidly as well as being sweetly sentimental. However, even that doesn't matter before the maniacally smiling doll Annabelle, which has now got a third film outing. The film begins with the Warrens, Ed (Wilson) and Lorraine (Farmiga), getting Annabelle home, despite having pointed out that the doll is a "conduit" for spirits as

well as pure evil who must remain locked inside a glass case, that has been blessed by a priest, in a room that has a similar "holy barrier of protection". The room has other of Warrens' various collections, gathered over the years while fighting demons and witchcraft. A year later, while the Warrens are out, the friend of a babysitter looking after their daughter, Judy, lets Annabelle out. As things start happening around the house -- things that go thud, glasses that topple over, doors that rattle loudly, mist that rolls in, music that plays on its own, people who emerge suddenly -- neither Judy, nor her babysitter Mary Ellen (Iseman), nor her babysitter's friend Danielle (Sarife), think of the most obvious answer. You know, the room below with strange things. At first this is a treat, for being a departure from horror films that can't let a chance pass from the word go. One also hopes the film will go somewhere with the rather clever idea of staging this horror episode in the Warrens' own home. But, as *Annabelle Comes Home* drags on and on without turning up the chill factor, you wonder whether Dauberman, directing for the first time but



a well-settled collaborator in Conjuring films, has run out of scares. Only in the last 20 minutes or so does the film seem to realise how much time has passed, and goes on to pack in a series of bizarre attacks while avoiding any real damage. The most disturbing aspect of the film isn't even talked about. Which parents, that

too psychics, leave their young daughter alone in a house full of evil, with a teenage babysitter, and not call back to check? An easy answer is that Judy is around for a reason -- all the better to keep Annabelle alive.

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Not a Nine to Five Watch

THE OFFICE (WEB SERIES)
★★★
Creators: Rohan Sippy, Debbie Rao, Vivek Bhushan
Cast: Mukul Chaddha, Gopal Datt and Gauhar Khan

EKTA MALIK

IN WHAT universe will the one-liner and common punchline, 'that's what she said', translate to 'baby bhi yahi boli'? Ideally, such a universe wouldn't exist. But sadly we have one where the *The Office* (US) has been given an Indian avatar. And it only confirms the old adage, that some things are too good to be remade or adapted. This version of *The Office*, which is almost a frame-to-frame, scene-to-scene and at times a dialogue-to-dialogue copy of the American one, fails on numerous fronts -- it is neither an honest homage, nor does it serve as a faithful copy. Like the original, this one too is set in a mid-size paper company -- Wilkins Chawla -- in Faridabad. It revolves around a motley crew of employees who are stuck in this dead end firm and are making the best of the situation. They are led by Jagdeep Kishore Chawla, a former salesman who has worked up the ranks, is now the head of the regional branch and calls himself a 'funjabi'. There is TP Mishra, the eccentric, self-righteous, *shudh*-Hindi speaking salesman; Pammi, the simple, girl-next-door receptionist; Amit, the resident prankster and overachieving salesman and Bhadoria, the office peon who considers making tea an art. In true mockumentary style, the camera follows them around through a typical workday. While the camera could have caught the 'unscripted', 'candid' moments of the characters, while breaking the fourth wall, here the cast chooses to acknowledge the camera at their own free will. Jim Halpert's (*The Office*, US) wide-eyed expressions at the sheer incredulity of events unfolding around him have been reduced to a zombie-eyed, blinkless version. We have not had a workplace comedy in India for a while. *Office Office* seems too long ago. The Indian remake of *The Office* could

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If You See Him, Say Hello

ROLLING THUNDER REVUE: A BOB DYLAN STORY (DOCUMENTARY)
★★★★

Director: Martin Scorsese
Cast: Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Ronee Blakley, Sharon Stone

SUANSHU KHURANA

BOB DYLAN is unreal. Yet no one writes about reality the way he does. "When somebody's wearing a mask, he's gonna tell you the truth. When he's not wearing a mask, it's highly unlikely," says a 78-year-old Dylan in filmmaker Martin Scorsese's *Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story*. It is a chronicle of the 57-show 1975 tour of Dylan in the US and Canada, in which one of the greatest songwriters of our time showed up in white face make-up, alongside a constantly shifting and extraordinary list of collaborators -- Joan Baez, Roger McGuinn, Joni Mitchell, Jack Elliott, Ronee Blakley, and violinist Scarlet Rivera. The concerts were all held in smaller venues and had the group of musicians, poets, reporters and photographers among others travelling on a tour bus with Dylan as their driver, literally and otherwise. The publicity was done through fliers distributed the same day to the people and Dylan, the troubadour, wore his white make-up mask and a hat with a bunch of flowers sitting on top of it, and sang, *I met a white man who walked a black dog... It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall* in tiny but packed venues.



The film has been strung along with the footage that was shot during the tour by cameraman Howard Alk, who was hired by Dylan in 1975 to create a project that was never eventually turned into anything. In Scorsese's hands, it turns into something unexpected. *Rolling Thunder Revue* is not just about those 57 shows and the songs Dylan sang. That would be delicious too, yes. But Scorsese is a true Bob Dylan aficionado and harbours the musician in his heart. If he scrapped various myths the world had come to believe about the musician in his 2005 documentary *No Direction Home* and captured the truth about Dylan, who for a change, didn't elude the interviewer, in his recent endeavour Scorsese adapts to Dylan's shifty world and blurs the boundaries between fact and fiction. He tailors his filmmaking to

the idea of Dylan that we have come to understand as elusive. Besides the idea that the film is presented as the work of a fake filmmaker Stefan Van Dorp, played in the film by performance artiste Martin von Haselberg, also Bette Middler's husband, Scorsese puts Sharon Stone in the mix. She, in pure documentary style interview, paired with black and white photos of her, talks about being a young 19-year-old aspiring movie actor; who, in 1975, was on the same tour with Dylan. She elaborates on her eyes tearing up when she figured that *Just like a woman*, despite Dylan telling her in his raspy voice and churlish style, was not about her. This segment, like a slew of bits and pieces in the film, is a charade, and sometimes makes us want the good old real-documentary format back. Stone was never on the tour and was 17

at the time. Other fictional characters include Michael Murphy as Congressman Jack Tanner and Paramount Pictures CEO James Gianopolous as the band's tour promoter. By doing this Scorsese keeps alive the idea of Dylan's history of concocting his own life story and shying away from the world all his life. "Life isn't about finding yourself or finding anything," says Dylan in the film. "It's about creating yourself." It can be called a masterpiece in some ways, but it is also exasperating and perplexing at the same time. The final section of the two-hour-20 minute documentary is about the song *Hurricane*, which is also where one's heart lets loose. *Hurricane* was a protest song about the boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who was falsely jailed for murder. That song and that tour and those lines were significant elements in overturning that verdict, which was based on racism. Carter was an Afro-American. *Now all the criminals in their coats and their ties, are free to drink martinis and Buddha in a 10-foot cell, an innocent man in a living hell.* So is this mask-wearing crooner of reality Dylan real or is it the one flirting with Stone? Scorsese plays with the Dylan myth in this film, even savours it. For the fans, it will be a roller coaster ride. Buried in all the goofiness is the legend of Dylan, one who lets us see what he wants us to. One who has a song for everything. One who plays wolf, one who contemplates, and the one who will remain a soundtrack to our lives.

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MISRULE

Penguin Random House has decided to not print any further copies of Pedro Baños's *How They Rule the World*. An external review found the Spanish edition of the book to contain "echoes of Jewish conspiracy theories". Initially the publisher had rejected the same allegations before the review revealed antisemitism claims as true.

Tales of Future Past

Two ambitious, engaging anthologies that navigate the best that Indian science fiction has to offer

PRATIK KANJILAL

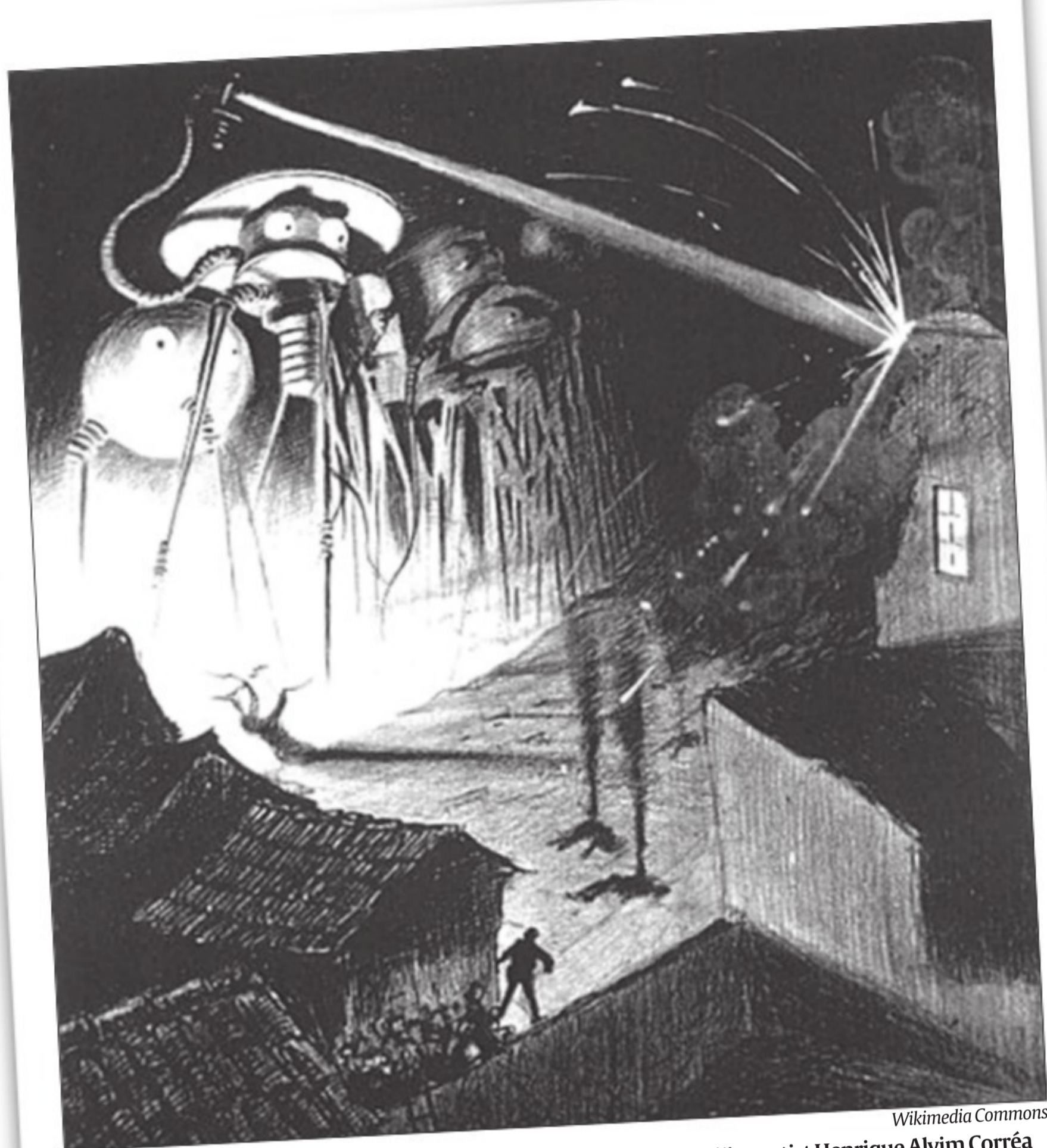
HISTORIANS STUDY the past because it illuminates the present, and writers of science fiction examine the future for precisely the same reason — it is a glass in which we see ourselves more clearly, with the benefit of foresight. But until very recent times, science fiction has flourished sporadically in India, not as a genre. Perhaps it's because the ancients had exhausted the possibilities of the collective unconscious, and readers are satisfied with the classics in new formats, like comic books and animation films. Or perhaps because here, contemporary truth is stranger than fiction. In India, 1984 does not only recall George Orwell. As Tarun K Saint notes, the year was a real, lived-in dystopia featuring insurgency, the slaying of a prime minister, a pogrom and Bhopal's industrial disaster.

But the almost simultaneous publication of two very different but extremely readable collections of short stories shows that despite sporadic production, there is a lot of engaging work here. Vinayak Varma's *Strange Worlds!* *Strange Times!* ranges from Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose to Srinath Perur, while Saint's *Gollancz Book of South Asian Science Fiction* ventures even further afield, with a gamut encompassing Harishankar Parsai, Rahul Sankrityayan and Kaiser Haq, the Bangladeshi poet. Vandana Singh and Manjula Padmanabhan are the only contributors in common, with stories concerning the appearance of a portal in Delhi, the stretchability of Indian time and a takeover by machines in a connected universe.

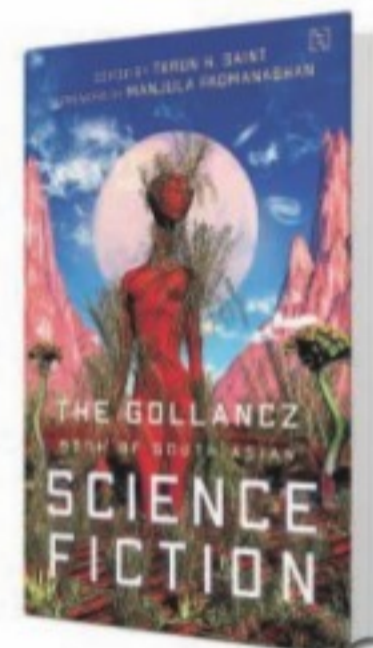
Both titles have wisely ventured into languages other than English, where much of India's best literature lies. Both have faltered on their cover art. The *Gollancz* cover recalls the Golden Age of sci-fi, while the cover of *Strange Worlds!* is plain awful. It's a surprising lapse, because contemporary art has been as essential for selling sci-fi as it has been for promoting music albums. Before good cover art appeared, in the pulp era which predated the emergence of science fiction as a popular genre, publication in luridly designed magazines had reduced many promising writers to obscurity. This awful waste was personified in the obscure writer Kilgore Trout in Kurt Vonnegut's *Breakfast of Champions*. Trout's work appeared as fillers in pornographic magazines and he had precisely one fan in the world, a wealthy lunatic.

But never mind the covers, the contents between them are excellent and generally conform to a text that I consider to be the clearest manifesto of science fiction ever written — the introduction that Ursula K Le Guin inserted in the 1976 edition of *The Left Hand of Darkness*. It states that writing about the future is not predictive, as is intuitively believed, but descriptive: "Predictions are uttered by prophets (free of charge); by clairvoyants (who usually charge a fee, and are therefore more honoured in their day than prophets); and by futurologists (salaried). Prediction is the business of prophets, clairvoyants and futurologists. It is not the business of novelists. A novelist's business is lying, ... and when they are done writing down this pack of lies, they say, 'There! That's the truth!'"

The science fiction writer's true lies are set in the future, but located in the present. George Orwell's dystopias actually depicted



Artwork for a 1906 edition of HG Wells' *The War of the Worlds*, by Brazilian artist Henrique Alvim Corrêa



THE GOLLANZ BOOK OF SOUTH ASIAN SCIENCE FICTION
TARUN K SAINT (ED)
Hachette
375 pages, Rs 599

Stalinism. The NKVD, led by men like Lavrenty Beria, was already a reality. And 1984 was not really predictive, because while omnipresent screens and cameras are popular with repressive states (China's troubled provinces are fairly teeming with them), mass surveillance doesn't really work without the internet, which Orwell could not have foreseen. In these collections, Sami Ahmad Khan's 15004 depicts the Chauri Chaura Express in the grip of a murderous madness at Deoria



STRANGE WORLDS!
STRANGE TIMES!
VINAYAK VARMA (ED)
Talking Cub/Speaking Tiger
183 pages, Rs 299

Sadar Station, but the reader instantly recalls Godhra in 2002 and with 1984, when trains on the main line through Deoria became mobile abattoirs.

The most unusual story in these collections is a scrupulously redacted translation of the Bengali Palatak Toofan by Jagadish Chandra Bose, an early work in the genre. It is illuminating to learn that Bose, famed for his research on radio, microwaves and the "nervous system" of plants, wrote the story for a

competition to promote a popular hair oil, Kuntal Keshari. Its inventor, Hemedramohan Basu, had instituted an annual prize for stories in which the product figured. And Bose, a polymath who was considered to be a peer of Heinrich Hertz and Guglielmo Marconi, was happy to enter the competition with a story in which the cooling hair oil calms a raging cyclone. It speaks well of those times.

The 39 stories in these two volumes are too diverse to be catalogued here, but Saint and Varma must be commended for going beyond literary giants like Premendra Mitra and Rahul Sankrityayan, and contemporary established writers like Vandana Singh, Priya Sarukkai-Chhabria, Keki N Daruwalla, Rukmini Bhaya Nair and the much younger Mimi Mondal, to feature writers who are not so well-known. Equally laudable is their preference for work that is literary, rather than "hard" sci-fi (focused on science, technology and accuracy, as in *The Martian*), which has become an unhealthy obsession in publishing. The "hard" genre speaks only to the already converted and baffles readers without a grounding in science, who can't readily distinguish between "albumin" and "albedo". In 2014, Ursula K Le Guin had accepted her US National Book Award in the name of "fellow authors of fantasy and science fiction, writers of the imagination, who for 50 years have watched the beautiful rewards go to the so-called realists." Recognition now comes readily for science fiction, but its complete acceptance in the canon of literature depends primarily on writers of the imagination, who let us see ourselves with the benefit of foresight.

No Smooth Sailing

The journey of a Naga man, from violent displacement from his land to the stance of forgiveness, is a political fable for our times

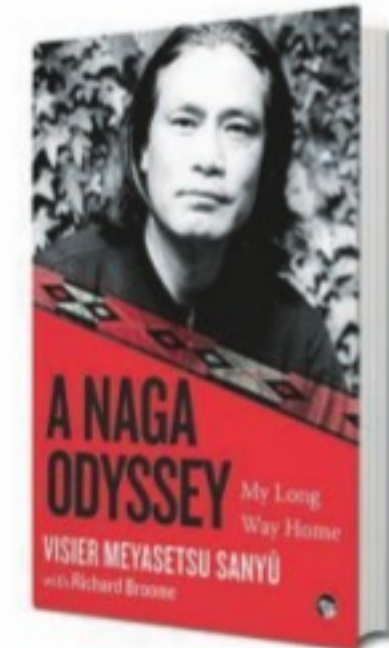
SANJAY BARBORA

AT A time when the country is going through a transformative journey that many struggle to understand, reading books ought to be a prescribed activity for those who are asking questions and looking for answers. One that should make it to that book list is Visier Meyasetsu Sanyü's and Richard Broome's book, *A Naga Odyssey: My Long Way Home*. The book can be read as a biography, as well as a sobering reflection of the political trajectories of our modern times.

Memory is both a fragile and firm thing: it is able to leave out some things and embellish others. But it is always the most important component of any storyteller's tools. Sanyü and his historian-collaborator, Broome, do well to add personal memory to the Naga national narrative, detailing the various ways in which individual stories intersect in the long years of conflict and militarisation of Naga territories. *A Naga Odyssey* begins with a memory of a festival that would be the first of several rites of passage for Sanyü. His violent displacement from a caring home in a traditional village stands in marked contrast with the time spent in the forests in the attempt to avoid incarceration by the Indian army. From the first chapter itself, one senses a very uncanny but poignant story that needs patience and reflection from the reader, as was demanded of the author in the writing of his journeys.

The book traces Sanyü's onward passage from the Naga Hills, to a disciplinary school in Odisha, where he confronted prejudice and violence with the belligerence that only a wronged young teenager could muster. From there, his voyage as an adult in search of existential answers takes him to a boarding school in Shillong, to Darjeeling, Vietnam, Canada and Europe, before he returns to take up a lectureship in Kohima, Nagaland. Throughout his journey, Sanyü raises questions that always dogged him about his land and its people, and, he seeks to find common cause with those he meets along the way.

His life, replete with losses, trials and questions enters a new phase upon his return to Northeast India. However, marriage and family does not lead to the anchoring of Sanyü's story. Rather, it opens newer frontiers of travel, with more questions about how human beings make sense of the turmoil and transformations in our lives. Throughout the personalised accounts of his experiences, Sanyü positions the story of the Naga political struggle as a canvas upon which his life finds expression. The fratricidal killings of the 1990s that led to splits within the nationalist movement influences his decision to move to Melbourne, Australia. Here, he is thrust into an entirely new experience: of an immigrant looking to find connections and succour in a country that is still



A NAGA ODYSSEY: MY LONG WAY HOME
VISIER MEYASETSU SANYÜ, WITH RICHARD BROOME
Speaking Tiger
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emerging from its settler-colonial history of violence and racism.

Naga Odyssey has an element of Herodotus's *The Histories* in it. Sanyü's journeys are not simply personal travelogues. They are folk records of the major historical events of our time. Stories about the persecuted and marginalised, as Sanyü narrates, are often derided for being simplistic, emotive, melancholic — but these are traits that make us human in the first place. This book, then, is a documentation of a life that has had to deal with tectonic social and political changes on a scale that is not quite as grand. If there is a theme that stands out in Sanyü's peripatetic biography, it is of reconciliation at every stage of his life.

Incidentally, the Forum for Naga Reconciliation is commemorating its tenth year of the Covenant of Reconciliation; where various Naga political groups and civil society have agreed to abjure violence in their dealings with one another. Sanyü has dedicated his life to healing in a small garden in Medziphema. As he finds himself in the middle of a process that looks for a gentler, less adversarial

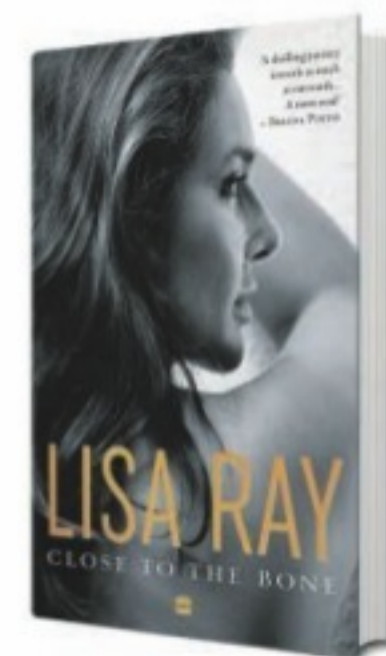
Throughout the personalised accounts of his experiences, Sanyü positions the story of the Naga political struggle as a canvas upon which his life finds expression

way to live, I recall a captivating moment in the book that holds hope for the future: A young Sanyü, brutally evicted from his village and violently removed along with other Naga students from an army boarding school in Odisha, waits somewhat defiantly for Rajmohan Gandhi to visit his home in Khonoma. Upon encountering the memorial stones of the villagers killed by the Indian army, Gandhi stops to apologise for the acts of the army (page 105-6). This apology changes Sanyü's view of Indians. As the subcontinent moves towards an amnesiac future, it is this ability to apologise that will help heal one of the most populated places in the world.

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SHELF LIFE

Life Lines



CLOSE TO THE BONE
LISA RAY
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FOR A regular reader, a memoir can be a great exercise in discerning the person it is based on. It is also a matter of fact that those who are not famous are unabashedly ruthless in the judgment of people who are.

The last time I read a memoir, it was Soha Ali Khan's. Titled *Perils of Being Moderately Famous*, it was a breezy read which made me first (unabashedly, ruthlessly) judge her, and then, completely alter my perception of her (in a very positive way). Lisa Ray's *Close to the Bone*, on the other hand, made me sit up and think — not only about the star model/actor or the cancer survivor — but about the hard

truths and emotions that come packaged into life. It is not a hyperbole when I say the book serves as a springboard capable enough in its prose to launch you into a higher, freer space.

Ray establishes who she is at the tender age of 16: "I think I have a lot of testosterone... I can't stand anyone telling me what to do. I don't know what I want to do yet with my life, but it is going to be something important. And I don't like hanging out with girls." Or, "Don't...don't...pinch my wings."

Ray is a person with a heightened sense of self-awareness — simmering, unacceptable, relatable — all at the same time. She is a bundle of contradictions (aren't we all?), whose journey in the world of modelling and spirituality — across countries, with anorexia, through toxic relationships with men, on the anvil of some largely perturbing, life-shaking events — has yielded a terrific commentary on life.

Close to the Bone is naked in its honesty — or honest in its nakedness. I liked how she does not resort to blanket lies when describing Bombay, a city which is atrociously romanticised till date. "After a while, I grew numb to the poverty. I was as much a hypocrite as the others, stuffing olives and pate in our mouths though I didn't believe that I was influenced by a Western bias."

The biggest strength of the book is that it does not, for a moment, betray the wild ride that life is. A fairly ordinary prose about a not-so-ordinary life, it feeds off an assortment of experiences, loiters off into poetic tangents and drops epiphanies as truth bombs. It's a life well written.

ANSHIKA RAVI

Across the Black Waters

In this novel, Uzma Aslam Khan creates a universe out of a footnote of history

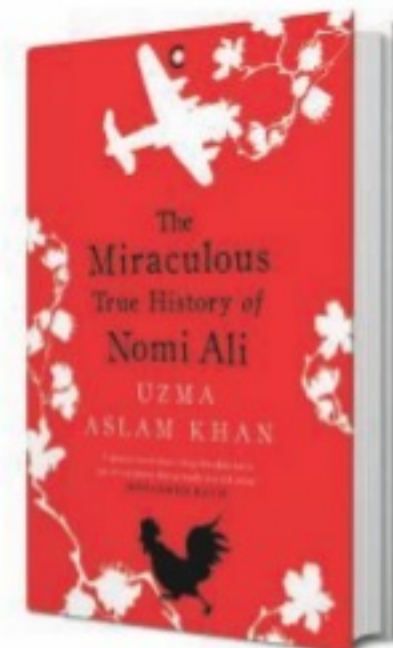
NAWAID ANJUM

IN HER richly imagined novel, *The Miraculous True History of Nomi Ali*, her fifth, Uzma Aslam Khan taps into a vein of Indian subcontinental history that is rarely revisited, especially in fiction, and, which has been reduced to a mere footnote by historians of all hues. Set in the Andaman Islands in the decade prior to India's freedom in 1947 — a decade that witnessed the ravages of the Second World War and the pinnacle of the Indian freedom movement which resulted in the country's changed political, and geographical, contours — it is the story of bleak and blighted lives caught in the vortex of history. It is also the story of wanton and gratuitous wartime cruelties.

Nomi Ali, 12, is among the islanders who must pay a price for the imperial ambitions of the British and the Japanese forces. The prisoners, transported to the island from different cities to serve *saza-e-kaala paani* in the colonial prison, are meted out soul-breaking corporal punishments: the prison, shaped like a starfish on "paradise island", is nothing short of hell. To pass through its gates means to never return the same. Here, prisoners are ground, and are ground again every time they witness the violence against others. The convicts settled on the island and their children remain vulnerable — as power shifts, loyalties do, too — and are subjected to oppression.

The aborigines, "the true security guards of the islands", also find their lives entangled in it as the island turns into a theatre of war, with the victorious Japanese forces unleashing a fresh wave of torture on the defenceless civilians, many of them women and children.

We have Nomi (meaning beauty in Japanese), her brother Zee, and their friend, Aye, a Burmese who knows the language the wind speaks — it brings to him stories from around the island. Then there are the Local Borns who live in a village, Aberdeen Square, an overlooked outpost of the Empire. Haider Ali, the father of Nomi and Zee, is a settled convict who has been given a ticket of leave (parole) after he served his sentence. He had hoped that since the Japanese, unlike the British, were "Asians, like us", life would be different once they take control. It's not. His family, including his wife Fehmida — she had come to the island along with him and works at the Female Factory, overseeing the section of sewing machines and looms where women prisoners are made to toil — is the first to be targeted by the Japanese forces. Among those serving sentence at the island prison, we meet Prisoner 218 D, who arrives on the island after being on trial in Lahore for conspiring against the Empire. This unnamed prisoner, who was brought to the island chained to another woman, is at the receiving end of some of the most gruesome torture at the hands of Cillian — the terrible jailor "who was born to never die" — her frail



THE MIRACULOUS TRUE HISTORY OF NOMI ALI
UZMA ASLAM KHAN
Context
372 pages, Rs 699

body a testimony to unimaginable monstrosity. In the end, when Prisoner 218 D hears about Freedom, the news is laced with another lacerating reality — Partition.

In the novel, the lives of these characters intersect and their destinies get intertwined. Khan is adept at creating worlds that are at

once magical and terrifying. She creates a universe out of a footnote of history. Her writing is crystal, vivid. In a novel of such scale and setting, the story tends to get bogged down and stilted by research, but Khan, as the third-person omniscient narrator, maintains a tight control over the narrative.

Early in the novel, Zee asks Nomi, "Mama sides with the British, Baba with the Japanese, whose side are you on?" And, then, he answers his own question: "You're on nobody's side okay? Because nobody's on our side." In the times fractured by war, taking a side, as many collaborators discover, can be fraught with dangerous pitfalls.

The overarching themes in Khan's fiction have included personal yearnings that shape and are shaped by larger conflicts, intersections between faith and longing (*The Geometry of God*, 2008) and identity and belonging (*Thinner Than Skin*, 2012). *The Miraculous...* also echoes these themes. It's a novel anchored largely by characters unmoored from what was once home, either serving a sentence or content with tenuous freedom, besides those serving the two Empires. Sewn into the skein of the novel are the stories of ordinary people — and their unshakeable and steadfast endurance, the "ordinariness of men who committed extraordinary wrongs", the quest for survival and wholeness, the shapes of tactile memories, and the absences created by the loss of loved ones. The novel, an archipelago of atrocities (hundreds are pushed off the boats into the sea) during the war, lends human terms to suffering, juxtaposing the beauty of the setting with the brutality of the war. Its characters, like the ones in Khan's previous novels, are weighed with grief and estrangement, both physical and emotional. They carry the burden of memory — and history.



'Showbiz' critics are waiting for England to fail: Bairstow



England opener Jonny Bairstow said former skipper Michael Vaughan criticising the team was 'a bit rich'.

REUTERS
JUNE 28

ENGLAND'S players-turned-pundits are paid to criticise the team and are waiting for the hosts to fail at the Cricket World Cup, opening batsman Jonny Bairstow has said. Defeats to Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Australia have left England in a precarious position and they are yet to seal a semi-final spot with two group stage matches remaining against India and New Zealand. England have not defeated either side at the World Cup since 1992 and former skipper Michael Vaughan suggested it could be the hosts' worst-ever campaign in the tournament if they are knocked out.

"People are waiting for us to fail," Bairstow told reporters. "They are not willing us on to win. In many ways they are waiting for you to lose so they can jump on your throat. It's just showbiz, they are paid to have an opinion and if they don't have an opinion they get sacked. I was in a radio interview and was surprised with a clip of Vaughan's comments. Bloody hell, that's pretty rich. Everyone is talking like we are eighth or ninth in the table. Bloody Nora, chill out... You're panicking."

"The comments and things like that, you can give it too much air time and then all of a sudden, before you know it, it's a big thing and it's actually really not."

Vaughan responded to Bairstow's comments by saying the media was not at fault for England's losses at the World Cup. "How wrong can Bairstow be," Vaughan wrote on Instagram. "Never has (the) England team had so much support but it's you and your team that has disappointed Jonny. Win two games and you are in the semis... With this negative, pathetic mindset I am concerned though. It's not the media's fault you have lost three games."

England's next game is at Edgbaston on Sunday against an unbeaten Indian side that leapfrogged the hosts to become the number one ranked one-day international (ODI) side this week. England prevented India from winning a 10th consecutive bilateral ODI series when Virat Kohli's side toured the country last year.

Despite criticism about their approach at the World Cup, Bairstow said England would stick to their style and play the same aggressive cricket that has brought them success.

"It's going to be interesting against India, we obviously know the following that they've got and it should be a cracking atmosphere," the 29-year-old added. "Last summer we played really good cricket against them and we won that series and we won it well, so I think we go about it the same way we went about it and have been going about our cricket. Our method doesn't change."

Upbeat despite 'external pressure': Buttler

Meanwhile in Birmingham, wicketkeeper batsman Jos Buttler insisted England are still in control of their destiny at the Cricket World Cup and the mood is pretty good in the camp despite "external pressures".

"Mood in the camp is still very good," Buttler told reporters at Edgbaston. "Naturally there are some external pressures. It would be naive to say we got blinkers on and not aware of things going on outside or the pressure of the tournament."

"We know we didn't perform well enough in the previous two games to be beaten but we still got the opportunity to put that right and the guys turned up with smile on their faces and ready for a big week."

Lasith Malinga's four-wicket masterclass in Leeds derailed England's chase against Sri Lanka and Australia outplayed them next to compound their crisis.

"Against Sri Lanka, we're very disappointed with the way we played, we should have got over the line in that game," Buttler said of his team's failure to chase down 233 in that match. "Against Australia, we unfortunately did not get the early wickets that we were hoping to and they did get those early wickets. That was big phase of the game and credit to Australia."



LORD OF ALL HE SURVEYS

Australian pacer Mitchell Starc stands the balcony at Lord's on Friday. Australia take on New Zealand at this venue on Saturday.

When Australia, NZ dehyphenate

'Australia New Zealand' is practically one word in the UK on most days — except when they face off



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JUNE 28

"OI! KIWIS in London — It's a top of the table clash this Saturday. How do you fancy a friendly wager? How 'bout this ... loser has to change their profile pic to someone from the other country for a WEEK ... Our suggested profile photos are below — annoyingly, we actually love most of your cricketer but we think we have come up with a workable solution ... You in?"

David Warner is a suggested photo for the profile swap. It's from the group 'Aussies in London', and as the post suggests, there is a pretty decent bonhomie between the two communities in London. The other group, 'Kiwis in London' have not only shared that with their members but have also thrown a friendly offer to the Aussies. At 9.30 pm on Friday, the night before the game, at a night club called Infernos at Clapham Common, the Kiwis are throwing a party — drinks and dance, and the Aussies are welcome to join.

It's still a few hours to go for the club and you see a couple at a coffee shop nearby. Waiting for the fun to begin. Next morning, they say, a breakfast has been arranged at the Globe pub at Baker street, close to the fictitious home of Sherlock Holmes. It's a 1.00 pm game, and so there is enough time to meet up with the fellow Kiwis and get their act together before they would walk down the road to Lord's.

Both groups are social clubs that help people from their respective countries to settle in the new country. Job offers are put up — from accommodation help (they even have their own apps where fellow countrymen can look for houses on rents and temporary accommodation) to job offers (from carpenters, banqueting staff to work in financial services) and, of course, social events. You notice that many job offers are for Kiwis and Aussies — in the United Kingdom, the two countries seem to be hyphenated entities.

Just when you think it's all mushy, you hear a wisecrack. "We can provide them with sandpapers!" laughs Josh Wright, the chairman of New Zealand Cricket Club, London, possibly the only Kiwi cricket club in the UK. Established in the years after second World War, the club has been all things to people from New Zealand: Comfort away from home, help with immigration and visa, tips to get driving li-



Greg Colinge (left) and Luke Vivian (right) at a summer function in the Penthouse of the New Zealand High Commission in London.

cence, ways to get best Kiwi cuisine, a social club of sorts, and of course cricket on Sundays that binds them all. "Cricket is just an excuse to get us all together."

A couple of days after they landed in London, the New Zealand cricketers were thrown a function by the LNZZC members. "They are all laidback, friendly guys," says Wright. "And we don't disturb them with cricketing pressure — just a get-together, easy talk, help them ease into this country before a campaign and I think they quite enjoyed the evening. Every two years, we throw a function like that and usually invite the Black Caps." It wouldn't have been tough as not only is the club linked with the New Zealand High Commission in London but a few internationals, such as Hamish Marshall, have played for them in the past. "LNZZC used to play matches against an Australian cricket team put up by the Australia House until recently but they slipped up in their cricket and have gone down. The team has been resuscitated," says Wright, who can't wait to have a crack at the Aussies. "Those were always special games for our club. Banter and rivalry — and then lots of drinks afterwards." Perhaps, just like the two national teams.

"Kane Williamson couldn't be more different than Brendon McCullum," says his batting coach David Johnston, who has known him since age 10. "He is very understated and a 'follow-me' sort of a leader who would lead by example. Not too many words. A lot of players in the team would find themselves inspired to follow his lead — try

in short spells.

Finch, who has played as a captain in the Big Bash tournament, is also someone who has led various teams over the years. The only change he said he has made in the recent years was to listen to his team-mates suggestion to speak less.

"They told me I speak too much in the meetings. So these days, I listen more. Stay quiet and if I have really something to say, then I speak up in the meetings." In other words, Finch is tending towards Williamson, in some ways.

Though New Zealand lost their last game to Pakistan, it could well be put down to the misreading of the pitch — they went in with just one spinner on a turner where Williamson himself had to bowl 8 overs. So they won't be unduly worried about that loss. In fact if anything, the way Jimmy Neesham and Colin de Grandhomme revived the innings from a semi-crisis would have given them great hope. No longer do they have to rely too much on Williamson or Ross Taylor.

Similarly, as the tournament has progressed, Australia have kept getting better. Now, Nathan Lyon has stepped in, the middle order is looking good and they have Starc to turn near-losses to wins. It would be a clash between two teams who are slowly filling up holes and erasing weaknesses as they advance.

"The Lord's match pitch is very green. I saw a picture." That's not from a New Zealand or an Australian player but from Josh Wright. Someone from the LNZZC club, associated with Middlesex cricket, has sneaked up to the centre pitch at Lord's and taken a photo.

When he landed up in the UK, Wright wasn't keen to socialise with fellow Kiwis, thinking he should instead fit in with the locals. But as years went by, he was drawn to it, mingling with fellow New Zealanders, finding the occasional Aussie or South Africans to hang out with. "It just made sense. Home away from home, we help each other out a lot. Most of our club members are accountants or from financial services or lawyers."

The club goes to Spain every year to play cricket against Ibiza Cricket Club, the high-point of LNZZC's yearly calendar. Four days of bacchanalia in Spain, what's not to like about it?

On Saturday afternoon, the Aussies and the Kiwis would stream home, bleary eyed after Friday night out — some from the night club Infernos. The ones from LNZZC would dress into the special club blazers — stripes of blue, red, and silver and would be clearing their lungs for New Zealand. Hopefully, the ones who end up all night dancing at Infernos find the energy to wake up and get to the stadium in time.

Pakistan wary of the Afghan spin threat

REUTERS
LEEDS, JUNE 28

PAKISTAN HAVE spared no effort in their preparations to take on Afghanistan's spinners in Saturday's World Cup clash that could be crucial to their hopes of making the semi-finals, batsman Haris Sohail said on the eve of the contest. Back-to-back wins against South Africa and New Zealand have given the former champions a chance of making the knockouts but they must beat Afghanistan and Bangladesh in their final two games and hope other results go their way to advance.

Sohail, who was dropped after their opening defeat by West Indies but returned to the side scoring 89 and 68 in the last two matches, said Pakistan had to keep a close eye on spinners Rashid Khan and Mujeeb Ur Rahman who could hurt their chances.

"We've kept it very simple. We're going from match to match. They have quality spinners and we've seen a lot of videos and we've worked from them. And hopefully we'll see a good match," Sohail told reporters.

Sohail scored only one run when Pakistan lost their warm-up match to Afghanistan last month, but the 30-year-old said he had no doubts about his ability on the big stage. "From the last series against Australia I have been playing very well, and this time they've given me the different role... bat at four or five," Sohail added. "I'm going with my plan and we have to assess the situation and I will play accordingly."

Meanwhile, Afghanistan skipper Gulbadin Naib said his team will fancy their chances on a Headingley wicket that could assist his spinners.

Afghanistan are looking to finish on a high after losing all their seven games. "If you look at similar conditions, it is certainly in our favour, it's good for our spinners," he said. "Sohail played really well in the last two games and Babar Azam too. Rashid is a different spinner, a different bowler to other spinners. So it's difficult to pick him."

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

AUS vs NZ

6 pm onwards from London

WEATHER FORECAST
Warm and Sunny

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

AFG vs PAK

3 pm onwards from Leeds

WEATHER FORECAST
Warm and Sunny

LEADING SCORERS

500 David Warner (AUS), 496 Aaron Finch (AUS), 476 Shakib al Hasan (BAN)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

19 Mitchell Starc (AUS), 16 Mohammad Amir (PAK), 16 Jofra Archer (ENG)

Proteas sail after ship has sailed

Play a perfect match to thrash Sri Lanka by 9 wickets but are already out of contention

REUTERS
CHESTER-LE-STREET, JUNE 28

FAF DU Plessis and Hashim Amla struck unbeaten half-centuries as South Africa cruised to a nine-wicket victory at the Riverside Ground on Friday to put a major dent in Sri Lanka's hopes of reaching the Cricket World Cup semi-finals.

After putting Sri Lanka in to bat, South Africa were set a target of 204 as seamer Dwaine Pretorius took 3-25 off 10 overs in an innings that was interrupted by a swarm of bees that invaded the pitch and sent the players and umpires to the floor.

After the early loss of Quinton de Kock, already-eliminated South Africa never looked troubled as Amla (80 not out) and Du Plessis (96 not out) put on 175 for the second wicket, playing with a kind of freedom not seen before by the team in a dismal tournament for the side.

Sri Lanka needed victory to move level with fourth-placed England in the race for semi-final places, but struggled with bat and ball against an opponent who have now beaten them in 17 of their last 19 meetings. Sri Lanka produced a fast start to their innings that was halted by the immaculate line and length of Pretorius as South Africa limited their opponents to 203 all out three balls shy of 50 overs. After overcoming the loss of captain Dimuth Karunaratne with the first ball of the match, Kusal Perera (30) and Avishka Fernando (30) raced to 67 inside the first 10 overs, taking the attack to the South Africans.

But Pretorius picked up both their wickets and slowed the run-rate, with seamer Chris Morris (3-46) also collecting key scalps, including that of Angelo Mathews (11).

They were aided by a slow wicket that made stroke-play difficult, but Sri Lanka's batting woes that have characterised their campaign to date returned, with Perera and Fernando ending as top-scorers in the innings. South Africa reached their target with 76 balls to spare in an accomplished display that comes as too little, too late for them in the World Cup.

De Kock struck three crisp fours before he was bowled by the wily Lasith Malinga (1-47), but Amla and De Kock played a patient game and nudged the ball for singles and twos, showing the composure their opponents had lacked. Amla took 56 balls for his half-century and Du Plessis 70, but they were always ahead of the run-rate and with no pressure on to bag a quick win, took their time. They eventually sped up when the target narrowed to under 30, but Du Plessis ran out of runs to reach a deserved captain's ton.

Though out of the tournament, South Africa restored some of their battered pride. "Long time coming hey. It was a good game, we did ourselves justice with the talent we have in that dressing room. Set up by a good bowling performance. Dwaine (Pretorius) was exceptional. We've been trying to get



South Africa's Hashim Amla and captain Faf du Plessis were involved in a 175-run unbeaten partnership for the second wicket. Reuters

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
Aus	7	6	1	0	0	12	0.906
Ind	6	5	0	0	1	11	1.160
NZ	7	5	1	0	1	11	1.028
Eng	7	4	3	0	0	8	1.051
Ban	7	3	3	0	1	7	-0.133
Pak	7	3	3	0	1	7	-0.976
SL	7	2	3	0	2	6	-1.186
SA	8	2	5	0	1	5	-0.08
WI	7	1	5	0	1	3	-0.32
Afg	7	0	7	0	0	0	-1.634

■ Sri Lanka are still in the knockout equation, provided they win the remaining games as well as England, Bangladesh and Pakistan lose theirs.

him into the XI, but it's a balance thing. The nature of the wicket told me it needed to be straight lines with the ball, and that's why I brought Dwaine and Andile on early," Du Plessis said after South Africa registered only their second win in the competition.

"Line and length was harder to face than pace on that wicket. (This win) feels bitter-sweet. It doesn't feel like it means that much. It's a little bit too late," he added.

Du Plessis said after seven games, South African batsmen finally managed to put up a decent show with the bat in the World Cup. "But the basics of batting were shown today. We haven't had guys batting through, and big partnerships, but that was the case today. One big partnership, and suddenly everything seems so much easier," he said.

"Bangladesh was the one that really took the wind out of our sails. England were too good for us on that day. Bangladesh really sucker-punched us in the stomach, and then we took that into the next game, the first week really set us back, but we can't use that as an excuse."

Losing skipper Dimuth Karunaratne lamented his side's batting approach, which according to him was the architect of the defeat. "All departments went wrong, especially the batting," Karunaratne said.

"Kusal (Perera) and Avishka (Fernando) batted really well, we struggled to get even singles. If you can't rotate the strike, it's not easy. There's pressure, and then there are big shots. The wicket got better and better, and South Africa batted really well," he said.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 203 in 49.3 overs (Avishka Fernando 30 off 29, Kusal Perera 30 off 34; Dwaine Pretorius 3/25, Chris Morris 3/46, Kagiso Rabad 2/36) lost to South Africa 206/1 in 37.2 overs (Faf du Plessis 96 not out off 103 balls, 10x4, 1x6, Hashim Amla 80 off 105 balls, 5x4) by nine wickets.

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The Toe-rpedo Trauma

THE KIWIS have been curling their toes since the time Mitchell Starc fired that yorker from hell towards Ben Stokes' shoelaces and hit the base of the off-stump. The cricket chatter on New Zealand airways is nervous. The popular podcast, The Agenda, is unusually underwhelming. They remain loyal to the "separating the sheep from the goats" routine but they don't over-do it. The Starc impact can't be missed. They talk about the left-arm pacer being the best in the world, are in awe of his reverse swing and talk up his deceptive pace. They betray the fear that seems to be slowly spreading across the tiny island.

Anchor 1: If you are given a choice of either wearing a helmet or shoes while facing Starc what would you do? Anchor 2 (Probably swayed by all the yorker chat): Hmm... Shoes. After a while there is a change of heart. Anchor 2: I will wear the helmet. I don't want to die, I would rather have a broken foot. These are traumatic voices of tortured souls that have endured the pain of Starc's heart-breaking toe-crusher for four years now. March, 2015; World Cup final. It was just the fifth ball and the day's first wicket - BB McCullum b Starc 0 (3m 3b 0x4 0x6) - but the blow was so brutal that they could have easily stopped play, set the stage, called the suits, got out the glitter and handed the trophy to Australia.

The radio show known to be irreverent is in a self-loathing mood. The discussion now goes back in time and there is a mention of how the Aussie pacers have always been aggressive while New Zealand had to do with gentlemen speedsters. Names like Richard Hadlee, Shane Bond are mentioned. So sheepish is the tone that you guess most Kiwis would have switched off their radio sets by now. The Love-thy-neighbour theme is now getting stretched too far. They even quote the meanest former Aussie pacer, Billy the Kid, Craig McDermott, who had been Australia's bowling coach once. McDermott wouldn't allow his pacers to interact with the rest of the team, he thought they were very special. The spin unit, that even had the off-spinning GOAT of sorts, Nathan Lyon, too didn't impress the Billy. You wait for the Kiwi anchors to come out of the Aussie daze and mention their own bad boy. Lockie Ferguson has the look, the aggro, pace and a lethal yorker too. Maybe, a bit of hype is all he needs.

Finding the Edge vs Kane

Baz McCullum was tamed early in the 2015 finals quashing the Black Caps and quelling the final. So Kane Williamson inherits the 'marked man' tag naturally when the two table toppers go head to head. As is Australian tradition of targeting one key opposition wicket, the Kiwi captain fits the slot too - after Chris Gayle (21), Babar Azam (30), Shakib Al Hasan (41) and Joe Root (8). SMH traces back to the time when Australian skipper Aaron Finch played alongside Kane at county side Yorkshire and prescribes disciplined line and length. "He's so damaging if you bowl wide and, he's so good off his pads, that your length has to be really, really disciplined. You have to try and dry him up," Finch said. Australians also intend to throttle him so that his batting partners are forced to hit out while he bats steady. SMH hints that since Australians have also apparently analysed that two left-arm quicks might not work against Black Caps, Jason Behrendorff might get dropped after a 5-wkt haul.

And while the green and gold chase more runs 30 through 40th over, Shaun Marsh might come in for Usman Khawaja. The biggest plan though remains snaring the main man in the op-



SELFIE IMPROVEMENT

Australian batsman Steve Smith looks at his phone after a training session at Lord's. Reuters

position camp. Williamson though might want to emulate Virat Kohli who foiled Aussie strategy with 82.

The fault in our stars

Back in 2016, New Zealand conducted a referendum to vote for the possibility of the country adopting a new national flag because the current one was way too similar to the one used by arch-rivals Australia. The only difference is in the stars - Australia's flag has six white stars and New Zealand has four red stars with white borders. The referendum didn't change anything, but what it means, when New Zealand and Australia face off at Lord's is the flags certainly cannot be used to check the fans' allegiance. Instead, replica yellow jerseys aside, Australians will brandish their beers with blown-up kangaroos or koalas while New Zealanders carry blown up slices of the kiwi - the fruit, not the namesake bird.

'Nuf of those coincidences

Pakistan drew all sorts of inspirations from 1992. But now, the onus is on Kiwis to re-write their own history. In 1992, the loss to Pakistan was followed immediately by the loss in the semi-final. But the extra team this time (there were nine in 1992 and 10 now) allows them some more playing time before the group stage, which means they can still find some momentum before the knockout. Only problem is the next opponent is noisy neighbour, Australia. The last time both teams played a World Cup

match in England, the Kiwis won again - the only time in 20 attempts New Zealand has beaten Australia at a neutral venue (overall Aussies lead 7-3.) So there's no more looking at coincidences at the World Cup.

Winter is here for Australia

The Trent Boult threat for the Australians is far too great to take it lightly. If only they had a left-arm pacer like Boult to pitch the swinging 140+ kmph deliveries at the Australian batsmen in the nets. Trust the Aussies to actually find one. In comes Nick Winter, an Australian pacer highly rated by Jason Gillespie, who is currently playing in Essex. "There were a couple of jokes about me coming in to be Trent Boult, but I think he's got me well and truly covered," Winter told cricket.com.au. Winter first made his mark on Australian cricket two years ago, when he picked up three fivers in his first two first class games.

"He's over here playing grade cricket, and he is dominating. I think he has taken four eight-wicket hauls in a row," fellow South Australian Alex Carey said of the 26-year-old. But one wonders why a team which has Mitchell Starc and Jason Behrendorff would need to call up a domestic cricket journeyman. One guess is because his bowling style may resemble Boult's, and the Aussie think tank may not want to burden their own speedsters too much. "He's not swinging it as much as I thought he would, so hopefully he doesn't catch our boys out. But they played me really well so I reckon they're in good hands," Winter b-rrred.

Skipper is one-shot Finch

In 2012, when Aaron Finch was appointed Melbourne Renegades captain in the Big Bash League, he was a bit of a motormouth; that's by his own admission. "From Melbourne Renegades to now, I've changed a lot, just in the way that I used to talk a lot. I got some feedback from the boys: 'Don't talk so much.' So I took that on board. I don't tend to not talk as much around team meetings or things like that. I try and let everyone else have their own say and just contribute where I need to," the Australia ODI skipper was quoted as saying by *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

In 2007, Finch, along with David Warner and Mark Cosgrove, had been expelled from the Australian cricket academy for what *The Age* described as "general slovenly behaviour". As SMH recounted, instead of going back home, Finch moved into the room of his friend and future Test team-mate, left-arm spinner Jon Holland and spent nights on end plonked on Holland's bed watching DVDs of Australians batting - namely Steve Waugh - the World Cup winning captain the last time it was held in England.

Waugh praised Finch right back. "Coming against a quality attack on the biggest stage in world cricket, Finch's century [against England] was his best in the green and gold," the former captain told SMH. "He is at the top of his game right now - mentally tough, technically sound, focussed and trusting in his judgement of line and length. He is leading the charge and allowing others the freedom to relax and play their own way." ENS

'Not right to give Gayle a farewell Test match'

KUSHAN SARKAR
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WEST INDIES pace great Curtly Ambrose is livid with Chris Gayle's decision to end his international career by playing a Test match, calling it a retrograde step that will send a wrong message to youngsters in the island nations. After a 125-run defeat to India knocked West Indies out of the World Cup, Ambrose, who is in England doing radio commentary, also seemed unhappy with the "lack of application and clarity of thought" in their youngsters.

Asked about Gayle going back on his retirement plans and instead playing one last Test against India, Ambrose made no bones about what he thought of the dashing Jamaican's decision. "If Chris Gayle wants to play an ODI series or a T20 series, well, that's not a problem. In terms of Test matches for me is a no no," Ambrose told PTI during an exclusive interview. "Gayle hasn't played Test matches for five years. There you go... Bringing him back for one Test, I think, is a backward step. What kind of message are you sending to the younger players? ODIs and T20s are not a problem as he still is a destructive player but Test matches, no, definitely not," said the fearsome fast bowler of the 1980s and 90s, who took 405 wickets in 98 Tests.



Chris Gayle has expressed desire to play a Test match against India.

While he didn't agree with Gayle's change of mind, he also couldn't accept the manner in which West Indies' campaign went on a downward spiral after the first game against Pakistan.

"Firstly, it's their lack of application and secondly they are not thinking enough about their cricket," the 6 feet 8 inch Antiguan didn't mince words. "It has got nothing to do with their skills because from time to time we have seen very good skills on display as they have looked a very good team. In my opinion, the two things that have brought about West Indies' downfall are the thought

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CURTLY AMBROSE

process and lack of application. It's as simple as that."

The generation that came to the fore in the late 80s was inspired by Clive Lloyd's all-conquering team and the batches of the late 90s took inspiration from the likes of Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Courtney Walsh and Ambrose. The icons for the current generation are Andre Russell and Kieron Pollard, who are stars in the franchise world of T20 cricket.

Ambrose found nothing wrong in it but urged the youngsters to strike a balance.

"I don't think it's an issue as cricket is cricket. No matter what form you play, if you

are good enough, you are supposed to make adjustments and adapt from T20s to ODIs to Tests. It's just that they are not thinking enough and have become very impatient. These youngsters (Nicholas Pooran, Shimron Hetmyer) have to sometimes understand that when the bowling is very good, you need to respect that. Because it gets easier if you can stay longer at the crease," he said, speaking about the basics.

As talks turned to the financial rewards that come with plying trade in T20 leagues across the globe compared to playing Test cricket, Ambrose termed it an individual choice. "Everyone makes their own choice. Representing the West Indies should be an honour. Not saying that you shouldn't play T20 cricket in different parts and become financially safe, but what I want is for them to strike a balance wherein they can do both. They should represent the West Indies and also play for different franchises around the world."

But are the youngsters in the islands interested in wearing the white flannels, and Ambrose answered in affirmative.

"We still have enough players who can do well in red ball cricket. Not so long ago, we beat England in the Caribbean in a Test series, right? We drew with them in ODIs. So it's not that we don't have enough talent and I will keep saying that show some patience and application, they can do much better."

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Warner looks to welcome third child after NZ match

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EXPLOSIVE BATSMAN David Warner and his wife Candice are set to welcome their third child after Australia's World Cup match against Trans-Tasman rivals New Zealand here on Saturday. The Warners are already parents of two daughters, Ivy Mae and Indi Rae, and the plan is for Candice to have her labour induced on Sunday.

The Australian cricket team has a week-long break leading into its final league match against South Africa in Manchester, and the Warners found this as an ideal window for birth of the child. Candice, who had experienced two miscarriages over the past year, was determined not to disrupt her husband's tournament and left Australia early this month for London as she medically wouldn't have been able to fly after that date.

Warner will remain in London as long as long as required, before the tournament's leading run-scorer rejoins the group at Old Trafford for Australia's final league match against South Africa. "I just love being a father. I've got a great, supportive wife, a great family base at home as well. We've got great support around us, the guys here have been fantastic, they've really got around me at this

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important time for my family," Warner said. "But my wife, as selfless as she is, cricket is a priority and winning games for Australia and that's what we're trying to do," said the 32-year-old left-handed batsman.

Warner is returning to international cricket after serving a one-year ban for his involvement in the infamous ball-tampering scandal in South Africa. The unwanted pressures of that controversy saw Candice suffer a miscarriage soon after the South Africa tour. "It was unfortunate we had two miscarriages during that time and we would have had one (baby) before this but that's just what happens," Warner said. "So we're just grateful to have two healthy little girls at the moment and hopefully that third one on Sunday, so I'm really anticipating it...and then concentrating on cricket," he said.

Alisson saves, Jesus scores in Brazil win

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Goalkeeper Alisson made a save and Gabriel Jesus scored the decisive penalty as Brazil defeated 10-man Paraguay 4-3 in a penalty shootout to reach the semifinals of the Copa America on Thursday.

Alisson dived to his left to stop the initial penalty taken by defender Gustavo Gomez, and Gabriel Jesus sealed the victory to lead Brazil to its first semifinal appearance in the South American tournament since 2007. Brazil will face either Venezuela or Argentina, which play on Friday in Rio de Janeiro. Derlis Gonzalez also missed from the spot for Paraguay, while Roberto Firmino failed to score for Brazil. Both players sent their shots wide.

Willian, Marquinhos and Philippe Coutinho converted their penalties for Brazil, while Miguel Almiron, Bruno Valdez and Rodrigo Rojas netted for Paraguay.

Gabriel Jesus had missed a late penalty in Brazil's 5-0 rout of Peru in its last group game, but calmly found the net with his shot from the spot as Paraguay goalkeeper Roberto "Gatito" Fernandez went the other way, igniting the Brazilian crowd of more than 48,000 at the Arena Gremio. "I was confident, I knew that if I took the penalty the way I'm used to taking it, I would have more chances of scoring," Gabriel Jesus said. "I was upset after the other match because I didn't take the shot my own way. This time I waited for the goalkeeper to move and just sent the ball the other way."

Gatito had been key in regulation as the visitors held on to a 0-0 draw despite having a defender sent off in the 58th minute. In the Copa America



Jesus embraces Alisson, who saved a decisive penalty, after the shootout against Paraguay. Reuters

quarterfinals, extra time is not played and the match proceeded straight to penalties. Brazil had been eliminated by Paraguay the last two times the teams met in the Copa America quarterfinals, in 2011 and 2015, both times in penalty shootouts.

Gonzalez, who also missed a penalty in Paraguay's 1-1 draw against Argentina in the group stage, had scored the decisive goal in the 2015 shootout. He was one of the five players back from that team that eliminated Brazil. Paraguay played with 10 men after Fabian Balbuena was sent off for a foul that was initially called a penalty kick but was reversed after video review determined the foul happened outside the area.

Brazil controlled possession but struggled to create scoring opportunities against Paraguay's solid defensive system.

The visitors had one of the

best chances of the first half when Gonzalez's close-range shot was saved by Alisson. Brazil pressed nearly full-time after Balbuena was sent off, but couldn't capitalize on its many opportunities. Gabriel Jesus, Coutinho, Everton and Firmino all missed great chances in front of the goal.

Fernandez made a great reflex save on a close-range header by Alex Sandro near the end of the match, and in the 90th Fernandez could only watch as a low shot by Willian struck the post. Despite reaching the semifinals in 2015 and finishing runner-up in 2011, Paraguay has won only one of its last 21 matches in the Copa America, taking advantage of penalty shootouts to advance.

Paraguay reached the last eight this year with only two points, finishing as one of the two best third-place teams from the three groups.

Tough Wimbledon draw for Nadal



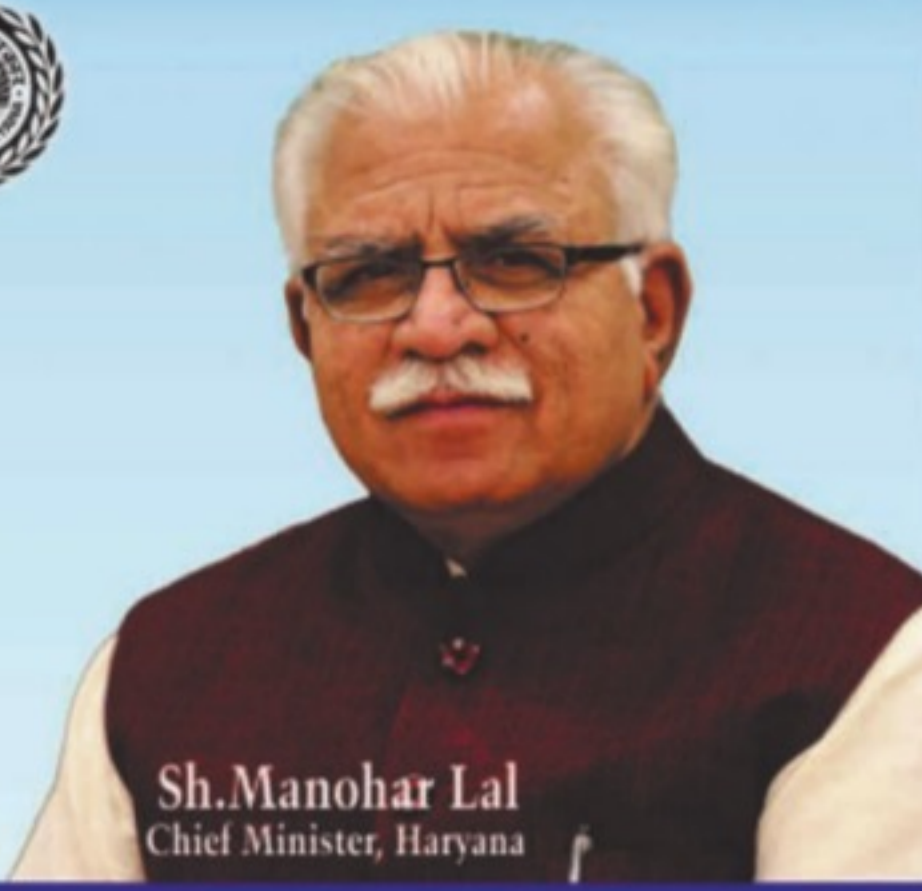
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ALREADY RILED by Wimbledon's seedings policy, twice champion Rafael Nadal's mood would not have improved after falling foul of Friday's draw which handed him a potential second-round clash with controversial Nick Kyrgios.

The 33-year-old, bidding for his first title at the All England Club since 2010, is ranked two in the world but seeded three because of Wimbledon's seedings formula which tweaks the order to take into account form on grass. He was placed in the same half as eight-time champion Federer, his potential semi-final opponent, but first he must negotiate a potentially tricky first week which could also include a third-round clash against youngster Canadian Denis Shapovalov. Nadal opens against Japan's Yuichi Sugita with Kyrgios, who he accused of disrespect earlier this year after losing to him in Acapulco, up against compatriot Jordan Thompson.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic will face Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber in the first round while Federer appears to have been given a relatively comfortable opening week and will play South African Lloyd Harris first up. Women's defending champion Angelique Kerber begins her defence against fellow German Tatjana Maria while new world number one and top seed Ash Barty plays Saisai Zheng. Serena Williams, seeking an eighth Wimbledon title and a 24th Grand Slam crown, plays Giulia Gatto-Monticone of Italy.

The most intriguing women's first-round sees five-time champion Venus Williams up against 15-year-old qualifier Cori Gauff. Williams, 39, had already won Wimbledon crowns before Gauff, the youngest player to get through the qualifying tournament in the professional era, was born.


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