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The Budget will be watched as much for any big ideas to kickstart growth as the BJP Cabinet's patchy record on fiscal prudence

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Bringing up baby

Lying abandoned for four days, a 2-year-old fought wounds, heat, hunger, thirst and maggots. The next chapter for Gudiya

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The site of the wall collapse in Pune on Saturday. The victims were construction labourers and their relatives. *Arul Horizon*

15 killed in Pune as housing society wall collapses on makeshift shelters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JUNE 29

FIFTEEN PEOPLE, including four children and three women, were killed when the wall of a housing society collapsed on some makeshift tin sheds, which housed labourers working at a neighbouring construction site, in Kondhwa area of Pune on Saturday.

Three others were injured in the incident. The victims, all construction workers and their relatives, were sleeping when the wall of the Alcon Stylus housing society, near Talab Park on the outskirts of the city, collapsed at about 1.30 am, said officials.

According to Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) officials, it appeared that the compound wall, about 150 feet in length, was not strong and had been further weakened by the excavation work underway at the neighbouring construction site, which had caused the wall to tilt slightly. The rainfall may have aggravated the situation — the city received 132.7 mm of rainfall in the 24 hours between Thursday 8:30 am and Saturday 8:30 am.

"The victims are from Balrampur and Mahisal tehsils of Katihar district in Bihar... Their bodies will be sent by flight to Patna, from where they will be sent to their homes," said Pune District Collector Naval Kishore Ram.

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G-20 SUMMIT

No safe haven for economic offenders: Osaka declaration

EXPRESS IN OSAKA

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 29

AT THE end of hectic negotiations between G-20 countries which went on till 5 am on Saturday, the Osaka declaration stressed on economic offenders as part of the anti-corruption theme — portrayed as a priority for the Indian government. While the joint statement gave very low priority to terrorism, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) got due prominence.

In the 43-paragraph joint statement negotiated under the presidency of Japan, the US — though isolated on climate change for the last two summits since its withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement — was able to muscle its way to get its position reflected in the G-20 statement for the first time.

And, as Japan gave due importance to its "Data Free Flow

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EXPLAINED

For India, wins — and a loss

INDIA'S PRIMARY concern on terrorism was not given due prominence at G-20 this year. But its concerns on black money, cross-border flow of data, BRI and importance of FATF were given due importance. Delhi will now have to start thinking about its agenda for 2020, especially since it is going to shape the agenda in 2022 as host of G-20.

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When Modi, Trump met: The story of a 'productive conversation'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
OSAKA, JUNE 29

AS US President Donald Trump walked into the room where the G-20 session on women's workforce participation, future of work and ageing societies was being held, at 10.36 am local time on Saturday, he greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Modi, who was talking to India's G-20 Sherpa Suresh Prabhu, shook hands with Trump and patted him on the back.

This came a day after their bilateral meeting on Friday, where Trump is learnt to have told Modi that "you can call me directly if you have any issues." Trump is

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I am scared, says official attacked by Vijayvargiya's MLA-son

DIPANKAR GHOSE
INDORE, JUNE 29

THREE DAYS after he was attacked by BJP Indore MLA Akash Vijayvargiya, Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) officer Dhirendra Bayas said he lives in fear and has sought police protection. Speaking to *The Sunday Express* at length for the first time since the attack on Wednesday, Bayas said that there was no provocation for the attack and that he was simply doing his job.

Vijayvargiya, who was sent to jail for the assault, was granted bail by a special court in Bhopal on Saturday.

Explaining the sequence of events of June 25, Bayas, who has been working with the IMC since 1992 and is now zonal officer, said, "When we reached the spot, police personnel were with us. Akash (Vijayvargiya) ji said, 'We are also coming, wait for us'. We said okay. My senior officer Ashish Khare was the one speaking to him, not me. He told him that this building is deteriorating, it has to be demolished, and that we had issued a circular (for the demolition) on the 19th (of June)."

Bayas said, "When they

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Kartarpur: India proposes next round of talks in July

SHUBHAJIT ROY
OSAKA, JUNE 29

A WEEK after a bridge at Zero Line on the India-Pakistan border at Dera Baba Nanak emerged as the latest bone of contention between the two countries on the Kartarpur corridor issue, New Delhi has proposed to Islamabad that the second round of meeting on the modalities could be held between July 11 and July 14.

Sources said the meeting, proposed to be held at the Attari-Wagah border on Pakistan's side, would discuss the draft agreement on the modalities for movement of pilgrims and resolve outstanding technical issues related to alignment and infrastructure along the corridor.

So far, three rounds of technical-level discussions have been held at the experts' level to try and finalise the alignment, crossing point and infrastructure.

Sources said that after the decision taken by the Cabinet on November 22, 2018, India is "expeditiously building the requisite infrastructure", including a four-lane highway and a state-of-the-art passenger terminal.

"More than 45% of work on the Indian side has been completed. It is targeted to complete the road by end of September and the passenger or pilgrim terminal by end of October this year, in time to operationalise the Kartarpur corridor on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November," the source said.

"The government's effort is to ensure that pilgrims can visit the holy Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib easily and smoothly in a safe and

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Meeting to discuss draft agreement on modalities

'Significant drop' in infiltrations this year

BASHAARAT MASOOD & NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
SRINAGAR, MUMBAI, JUNE 29

WITH NO encounter being reported at the Line of Control (LoC) between militants and security forces, police and security officials say there has been virtually no cross-border infiltration so far this year — a marked departure from previous years.

The Army usually tracks infiltrations through the number of face-offs at the LoC and this year, there has been none. The J&K Police, on the other hand, uses ground intelligence to find out new faces from across the border. Police say there has been a "significant drop" in infiltrations.

While Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik has

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Amid video & bhog, Haryana village mourns six-year-old girl who died in Arizona desert

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA
JALANDHAR JUNE 29

THOUSANDS OF miles from the arid deserts of Arizona, where six-year-old Indian girl Gurpreet Kaur died reportedly of heat stroke while on her way with her mother to the US, a village in Haryana is still in shock. Amid prepartions for her *bhog* (last rites) to be held on Sunday, a video has emerged from the US, of a happy Gurpreet and her mother alighting from a bus in the desert.

The Sunday Express spoke to her family members and others in Gurpreet's Hasanpur village in Thanesar sub-division of Kurukshetra district of Haryana.

Gurpreet's paternal grandfather Gurmit Singh said his daughter-in-law Satwinder Kaur, 27, got in touch with him after the incident and told him that after their bus entered the US, they were walking when Gurpreet asked for water. Satwinder, he said, left her

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A video grab of Gurpreet and her mother Satwinder

Under PMJAY, most claims for dialysis

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 29

NINE MONTHS after the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) was launched, dialysis has emerged as the most claimed package under the scheme. This, despite the fact that the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme, which was rolled out in 2016, also provides free dialysis to kidney patients in district hospitals.

The rising number of claimants under PMJAY is proof of India's hypertension and kidney disease burden.

Of the 30.78 lakh beneficiaries in the 277 days since the government's flagship health scheme was launched, 4,55,155 claims of hemodialysis — a procedure where the kidney function is performed by an external contraption when the organ is not working at full capacity — have been cleared. According to

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TOP FIVE PROCEDURES

PACKAGES	CASES	MONEY SANCTIONED
Hemodialysis per sitting	4,55,155	Rs 175.89 cr
Cataract with foldable intraocular lens	1,11,469	Rs 79.24 cr
Caesarean delivery	89,749	Rs 101.55 cr
Cataract with foldable hydrophobic acrylic intraocular lens	88,249	Rs 68.77 cr
Other deliveries	82,302	Rs 82.17 cr

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Auto-driver to IIM case study: His journey on uncharted highway

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, JUNE 29

IN 2004, when 26-year-old autorickshaw driver Pyare Khan approached the Nagpur branch of ING Vysya Bank for a loan to buy a truck, branch manager Bhushan Bais wasn't impressed since Khan had little by way of collateral. Yet, after Khan's relentless pursuit, Bais finally sanctioned a loan of Rs 11 lakh. Khan bought his truck and repaid the loan within two years, at least two years ahead of the deadline.

On June 20 this year, when UAE-based investment bank Imperial Capital L.L.C. offered a loan of Rs 80 crore to Khan's transport company, Ashmi Road Transport, leading the charge on Khan's behalf was Bais as the company's Head of Finance, a position he took up after he quit ING Vysya in 2016.

Between the story of these two loans lies the story of how Khan, now 41, scripted one of the most heartwarming entrepreneurial success stories. Registered in 2013, Khan's Ashmi Road Transport Pvt Ltd is now a Rs 400-cr-turnover company that owns a fleet of 125 trucks and hires a fleet of over 3,000 trucks a day to ferry steel and power infrastructure across the country, and even abroad. The company has 10 branch offices across the country, with about 500 employees.

Khan's loan application to buy a truck was almost turned down in 2004; now owns fleet of 125 trucks. *Monica Chaturvedi*

Talking of his days of struggle, Khan says, "My mother Raisa Khatun did odd jobs to feed the four of us — my two brothers, a sister and me. We chipped in by selling oranges at the Nagpur railway station. As soon as I got a driving licence, I joined a courier company as driver but left the job after an accident in Odisha when I was 18. In the late nineties, I bought an auto-rickshaw and ran it for a while," says Khan, adding that in those days, he played the keyboard and was part of Nagpur's Melody Makers group.

"I thought I should buy a bus to ferry our group to programme venues. So I bought one by selling some of my instruments and other valuables," he says. That venture, however, soon went bust and in 2004, he decided to buy a truck.

There has been no looking back since then. By 2007, Khan had a fleet of eight trucks and in 2013, he registered his company. Khan now undertakes deliveries for companies such as KEC International, JSW Steel, Tata and SAIL.

"In 2016, I undertook an assignment for KEC International to transport their transformers to Bhutan. The transportation entailed laying a 30-km road by cutting trees in some of the troubled areas of the Northeast and propping up weak bridges on the way to our destination. We reached Bhutan after doing all that but our trucks were stuck at a welcome arch that was lower than the height of our consignment. I requested the Bhutan authorities to allow me to dig the ground and promised to re-lay it later. They agreed and it was done. They issued me a special commendation letter for that," he says.

Those who have known Khan vouch for his integrity.

"He is gritty, confident and delivers the consignment without thinking about profit and loss. He even takes up challenging assignments that others refuse," says JSW Nagpur plant

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