

No exemption, be present, will expedite trial: Court to Pragya

SADAF MODAK  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE SPECIAL Court hearing the 2008 Malegaon blast case Monday rejected an application from accused Pragya Singh Thakur, the newly elected BJP MP from Bhopal, seeking exemption from appearance during the trial from June 3 to June 7.

As stipulated earlier, Thakur will have to remain present before the court at least once this week. The court also referred to a Supreme Court order, which had directed trials involving political figures to be expedited, and said that since Thakur is "now an MP and a

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## 3-language policy: NEP draft revised, 2 members object

RITIKA CHOPRA & SHYAMLAL YADAV  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

TWO MEMBERS of the government-appointed committee led by scientist K Kasturirangan are learnt to have objected Monday to their chairperson's decision to revise a contentious paragraph in the draft National Education Policy (NEP) 2018, dropping a reference to Hindi and English in the recommendation on the three-language formula.

Following protests by political parties, mainly in Tamil Nadu, on what they called the "imposition" of Hindi, the HRD Ministry, at Kasturirangan's behest, has shared a revised document on its website, which dropped the recommendation that stipulated the languages that students must choose to study from Grade 6.

Committee members Ram Shankar Kureel, former founder vice-chancellor of Baba Saheb Ambedkar University of Social

EXPLAINED  
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### The formula, the opposition

THE THREE-LANGUAGE formula, dating back to 1968, means students in Hindi-speaking states should learn a modern Indian language, apart from Hindi and English and, in non-Hindi-speaking states, Hindi along with the regional language and English. Tamil Nadu has always opposed this policy, and the new row is over the draft NEP proposing its continuation.

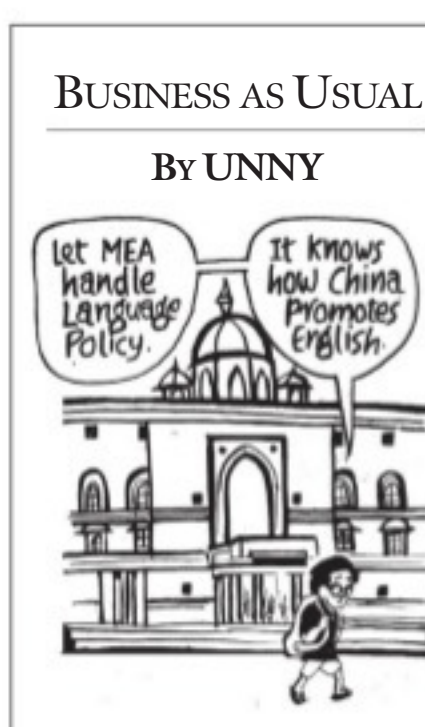
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## FIRST STOP SIACHEN

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Army chief General Bipin Rawat (left) and Northern Army Commander Lt General Ranbir Singh in Siachen, Monday. ANI

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## Ex-Army man declared illegal: Witnesses say police faked it

ABHISHEK SAHA  
GUWAHATI, JUNE 3

AN FIR was registered Monday against a former sub-inspector (SI) of the Border branch of the Assam Police — a special wing that deals with detection of suspected illegal foreigners residing in the state — for preparing an allegedly fabricated report against a retired serviceman,



Sanaullah is being held in an Assam detention centre

Md Sanaullah, in 2008-09 which led to him being declared an "illegal foreigner" last month and subsequently arrested.  
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## SEARCH OPS UNDERWAY IAF transport aircraft with 13 on board lost in Arunachal

AN-32 took off from Jorhat base for Mechuka, not far from China border

ABHISHEK SAHA & SUSHANT SINGH  
GUWAHATI, NEW DELHI, JUNE 3



AN INDIAN Air Force AN-32 transport aircraft with 13 people on board went missing Monday while flying over Arunachal Pradesh. Officials said a massive search operation was underway.

The aircraft, which took off from Jorhat in Assam around 12.30 pm, was scheduled to land an hour later at Mechuka in Arunachal Pradesh's newly created Shi Yomi district. The weather over the region was turbulent Monday, and the AN-32's last contact with ground staff was at 1 pm.

The 13 on board the aircraft comprise six officers, five airmen and two non-combatants (enrolled). Shi Yomi borders China to the north and is one of the remotest locations in the Himalayan state.

IAF PRO Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh said: "An AN-32 got airborne today from Jorhat at 1227 hours for Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground. The aircraft last contacted ground agencies at 1300 hours (ap-

prox). Thereafter, there was no contact with the aircraft. Since the aircraft did not reach the destination, overdue actions were initiated by Indian Air Force. A total of eight aircrew and five passengers were on board the aircraft."

He said no civilian was on board. IAF aircraft C-130, AN-32, two Mi-17 helicopters and Indian Army ALH helicopters were trying to locate the missing aircraft.

The IAF spokesperson said the aircraft had not been located until Monday evening. "Some ground reports were received on possible location of a crash site. Helicopters were routed to the location. However, no wreckage has been sighted so far," he said.  
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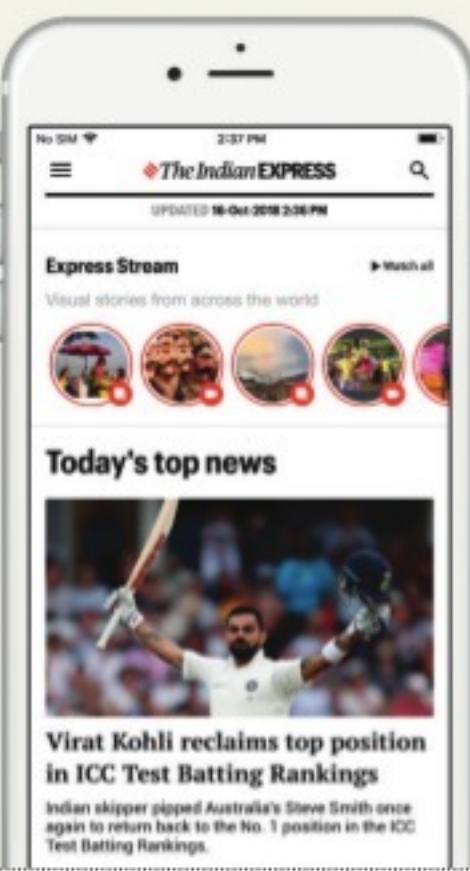


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The new Kannur International Airport which was opened in December 2018, serves passengers from Kannur, Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kozhikode in Kerala and Kodagu and Mysuru in Karnataka. The airport is set to be a boon for the tourism industry in south-west Karnataka.

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Delhi CM has said his government is seeking to make travel free

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Aircraft was carrying eight crew members and five passengers

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After BJP barbs, Kamal Nath calls meet to take stock of power situation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BHOPAL, JUNE 3

CLAIMING THAT Madhya Pradesh is a power surplus state, Chief Minister Kamal Nath on Monday expressed unhappiness over reports of electricity failures and undeclared cuts across the state.

The CM has called a meeting of senior officers of electricity companies on Tuesday to take stock of the situation.

With maximum temperatures hovering around 45 degrees Celsius in several cities and towns of the state, power outages have become common, with the Opposition BJP accusing the Congress government of incompetence in handling the matter.

The BJP has organised protests against power failures in places like Mandasaur. On Monday, poet Rahat Indori expressed his frustration over power failure by posting a message on Twitter. "Power failures have become common these days. Even today, there is no power for last three

hours. It's summer and Ramzan. Nobody is answering phones. Please help," he tweeted, tagging the office of the chief minister. It was retweeted and liked by many, forcing the government to take notice.

Nath on Monday ordered officials to ensure uninterrupted power supply to homes and 10-hour supply for agriculture work. "Having power cuts when the state is power surplus is a serious matter," the CM said, ordering that officials responsible for it should be punished. "Power cuts without any valid reason will not be tolerated," he said.

Nath also ordered the mechanism to listen to complaints should be improved so that people could be provided relief at the earliest.

During campaign for the general elections, the BJP had exploited the power failure issue to the hilt, reminding voters the Congress government has been in office for only few months but it's taking people back to days when cuts were common, referring to the Congress regime before 2003.

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Ex-Army man

Three persons who were named as witnesses in the 2009 report by SI Chandramal Das registered police complaints Sunday alleging forgery of signature and fabrication of statement by Das to frame Sanaullah as a "foreigner", officials said on Monday.

Additional SP, Kamrup, Sanjib Saikia, told *The Indian Express*, "An FIR has been registered at Boko police station based on the complaint by the three witnesses that the investigating officer (Das) did not take their witness (as he claimed in his report) and had forged their signatures."

Sanaullah, 52, retired as a Subedar with the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) of the Indian Army in August 2017, after serving in insurgency-affected areas of Jammu-Kashmir and the Northeast. He had joined the army on May 21, 1987 and in 2014 awarded the President's Certificate. Post retirement, he joined the Border wing of the Assam police as a sub-inspector in Kamrup (rural) district after qualifying the requisite tests.

After investigating him as a suspected illegal foreigner in 2008-09, the Border wing of the state police put a "reference" case against him at a Foreigners' Tribunal (FT). The basis of the "reference" to the FT was the afore-mentioned interrogation investigation report by Das.

Amjad Ali, Md Kuran Ali and Md Sobahan Ali — all residents of Kalahikash village under Boko police station of Kamrup district from where Sanaullah hails — were put as witnesses I, II and III in the 2009 inquiry report (dated 27.7.09) by the then SI (Border) Chandramal Das. In their statement, the trio had said separately that they were bonafide local residents while Sanaullah was not and that they did not know anything about Sanaullah's citizenship.

Sanaullah received a notice to appear in the case last year and lost it on May 23. Five days later he was taken to a detention centre for illegal migrants in Assam's Goalpara district. The FTs - 100 across the state - are quasi-judicial bodies meant to "furnish opinion on the question as to whether a person is or is not a foreigner within the meaning of Foreigner's Act, 1946".

In their complaint to the officer-in-charge at the Boko police station on Sunday, the trio submitted three separate complaints in Assamese stating the witnesses was fictitious, that their names were included without their permission, and that their signatures were fake.

Kuran Ali, 65, told *The Indian Express*, "I have never met this police officer (Das). In 2008-09, I used to stay in Guwahati since I was employed with the Water Pollution Control Board from 1981 to 2014 - he could not have met me here. It's completely false. He fabricated the witness of all three of us and hence we lodged the police complaint. We will go to court and say the same if need be. I know Sanaullah's family, their house is around a

IAF transport aircraft with 13 on board lost in Arunachal

The IAF was coordinating with the Indian Army as well as government and civil agencies to locate the missing aircraft. "Search operations from air and by ground parties of Indian Army are planned to continue through the night," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was at the Siachen glacier earlier in the day on his first official trip, spoke to IAF Vice Chief, Air Marshal Rakesh Singh Bhadauria, about the missing aircraft. "He has apprised me of the

steps taken by the IAF to find the missing aircraft. I pray for the safety of all passengers on board," Singh posted on Twitter.

In October 2017, a Mi-17 helicopter of the IAF, crashed near Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, close to the China border, killing all seven military personnel — five IAF personnel, including two pilots, and two Army men.

The AN-32 is a Soviet-designed twin engine turboprop transport aircraft which was first inducted in the IAF in

1984. Having undergone several upgrades, it has been the workhorse of the IAF transport fleet in border areas.

The last time an IAF transport aircraft went missing was in 2016, when an AN-32 disappeared over the Bay of Bengal after taking off from Chennai for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The search and rescue operation continued for weeks but the aircraft was never found. All 29 people on board were presumed dead.

Coincidentally, 10 years

ago, in June 2009, IAF had lost an AN-32 aircraft flying on the same route, at Rinchi Hill, about 30 km from Mechuka ALG. All 13 defence personnel on board the aircraft were killed in that mishap.

An AN-32 crashed in February 2000 at the Vijaynagar ALG in Arunachal Pradesh, while another crash was reported near Palam airport in Delhi in March 1999, killing 21 personnel on board. In 1992, two AN-32 aircraft had collided mid-air during formation flying.

Panel chief revises NEP suggestion on 3-language policy

of Uttar Pradesh High School and Intermediate Examination Board, are learnt to have registered their opposition to the revision of the draft with the government.

Responding to an email sent by an HRD Ministry official, informing all committee members of the change effected at the behest of Kasturirangan, Kureel is learnt to have called the move unfortunate, while Tripathy objected to the changes made without consulting the committee members — especially since the changes had been discussed and decided against during the panel's deliberations. The panel has a total of 11 members.

When contacted, Tripathy

refused to comment on the matter. Kureel told *The Indian Express*: "The committee had submitted the hard copy to the HRD Minister (on May 31) and that is the report of the NEP. I stand by that report. The three-language formula is in the interest of national integration." He did not wish to comment any further.

Advocating for bringing in flexibility in the implementation of the three-language formula, the earlier version of the draft NEP, uploaded on the ministry's website on May 31, read: "In keeping with the principle of flexibility, students who wish to change one of the three languages they are studying may do so in Grade 6, so long as the study of three

languages by students in the Hindi-speaking states would continue to include Hindi and English and one of the modern Indian languages from other parts of India, while the study of languages by students in the non-Hindi-speaking states would include the regional language, Hindi and English."

The revised version states: "In keeping with the principle of flexibility, students who wish to change one or more of the three languages they are studying may do so in Grade 6 or Grade 7, so long as they are able to still demonstrate proficiency in three languages (one language at the literature level) in their modular Board Examinations some time during secondary school."

The draft NEP was submitted to the new HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on May 31, following which it was made public for feedback and suggestion.

The earlier version of the draft's pitch for the proper implementation of the three-language formula in schools across the country drew strong reaction from the DMK, which dubbed the suggestion as an effort to "thrust" Hindi on Tamil Nadu.

The criticism forced the HRD Ministry to issue a statement Saturday clarifying that the policy was only a draft and will be finalised after incorporating public feedback and views of the state governments.

Villagers strip, thrash 'robbers', FIR lodged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
VADODARA, JUNE 3

IN A case of vigilante justice in Dahod's Garbada taluka in Gujarat, two alleged robbers were stripped and beaten up by villagers before being handed over to police late on Sunday night. Police have filed an FIR against the villagers on the basis of a video of the incident that has gone viral.

According to the police, Sardar Bhabor (35) and Babu Bhabor (35), along with a third accomplice, Rahul Bhabor attacked a father-daughter duo and robbed them of cash and jewellery worth Rs 22,000.

According to a complaint filed by the father, Devsinh Parmar, he was on way to Dahod, along with his daughter Sangeeta on a bike, from his native village Ablor in Garbada, when the three stopped him. They were allegedly beaten up with sticks and robbed.

Sangeeta then raised an alarm, following which the villagers gathered there. While Rahul managed to flee the spot, along with the cash and jewellery, Sardar and Babu were roughed up by the villagers. A video, that went viral, shows both the men purportedly stripped, pinned to ground and being thrashed by the villagers before being handed over to the police. Both Sardar and Babu are now undergoing treatment at Dahod government hospital and are said to be stable.

Police have recorded the statements of the accused. "We have recorded the statements of both the loot accused and based on the video, we have registered an offence against the villagers under charges of voluntarily causing hurt. The medical examinations are underway and based on the reports, we will add more sections if required....," said Superintendent of Police Hitesh Jyosar.

Man who killed 7 women in 6 yrs held: Kolkata Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, JUNE 3

A 35-YEAR-OLD man who is suspected to have killed at least seven women in the past six years was arrested by the East Burdwan police in West Bengal on Sunday.

The accused, identified as Kamruzzaman Sarkar, has allegedly attacked 11 women since 2013 and is suspected to have killed seven of them, police said. His latest victim was a 52-year-old woman who was strangulated to death in East Burdwan's Kalna this April.

Bhaskar Mukherjee, Superintendent of Police of East Burdwan, said Kalna recently witnessed a number of murders, especially of women, and the pattern was strikingly similar.

"Sarkar has admitted that he committed the crime. The victims were all strangulated with chains. In some cases, they were hit by a heavy object on their head and then strangulated," said Mukherjee. In one or two cases, there were also indications of sexual assault before

murder. The crimes were mainly committed in areas under police stations of Kalna, Manteswar, Memary (East Burdwan district), Balagarh and Pandua (Hooghly district). Looking at the pattern of the murders, police say there were no accomplices with him. The police also spoke to two women from Kalna in East Burdwan who claimed to have survived the murder attempt in 2018. The CCTV footage of the area where they were attacked was also examined. As per police, a sketch of the accused couldn't be done as he would mostly wear a helmet while committing the crime.

However, after examining the cases closely, police zeroed in on the colour of the bike he allegedly used.

The accused is from Murshidabad district but has been staying at a place under Nadanghat police station for over two years. "We also raided his residence and found some jewellery, mostly imitation, which we believe he took from the victims," said the officer adding the motive is not clear yet.

kilometer away from mine."

*The Indian Express* reported last week how the family and lawyers of Sanaullah had pointed out multiple anomalies in Sanaullah's purported confession, attached in the investigation report, and alleged it to be completely fabricated.

Sanaullah in this "confession" says that he was born in Dhaka in Bangladesh. "As per my knowledge, I was born at village Kasimpur of Dhaka district in Bangladesh. I do not remember the name of police station. I am an illiterate person, I have not cast my vote till date," part of the alleged confession reads in Assamese.

The report describes Sanaullah as a "labourer" — when he was serving in the Army; calls him "illiterate" and gets the names of his children wrong. Moreover, as Sanaullah submitted to the FT during the case, he had never met the police officer and on the day of the supposed interrogation — May 23, 2008 and July 27, 2009 — he was "in active service in Counter Insurgency Area (OP HIFAZAT, Manipur)".

Das is now retired. Multiple calls to his mobile phone went unanswered Monday morning. On Friday, he had appeared — with his back to the camera — for an interview on a local television channel NewsLive and said, "The person whose interrogation I had done is not the person who has been taken to detention camp now. The report was written by me, in my hand-writing. The Sanaullah whose thumb impression I had taken is not this

Sanaullah. The person I am now seeing on TV, I have never seen him before."

The FT order is based on, among other factors, supposed inconsistencies in Sanaullah's age and that of his relatives, differences in spelling of certain names, and absence of certain documents. On the other hand, his lawyers say, the order overlooks documents like voters' list of Sanaullah, educational certificates, his passport, his service documents from the Indian Army.

Sanaullah was discharged from his job with the Assam police soon after his arrest. As he remains lodged in the detention centre, his lawyers have appealed Gauhati High Court against the detention and they are hopeful of a listing soon.

Court to Pragya

political leader", this trial has to be speeded up.

On May 17, the court had directed all accused to remain present before it at least once a week unless they have a "cogent reason" for their absence.

On Monday, Thakur's advocates J P Mishra and Prashant Maggu filed a plea stating that she had to complete various Parliamentary procedures, including enrollment, identity card and allotment of residence.

She said that this would require her to go from Delhi to Bhopal and that travelling to Mumbai for the court appearance would be difficult.

"The grounds shown in ap-

plication for grant of exemption by accused number 1 (Thakur) cannot be accepted as time and again she undertakes to remain present before court," special judge V S Padalkar said, while rejecting the plea.

The court said that while granting bail to Thakur, the Bombay High Court had specifically directed her to remain present at the time of hearing. It said the presence of the accused on each and every date has already been relaxed, and they are directed to remain present only once a week.

"It is seen that on many dates, exemption application of accused were granted by court, only for reason that the prosecution had examined the injured and medical witnesses. Now, the material witnesses are being called by the prosecution to adduce their evidence to prove the case. The presence of accused is certainly necessary before the court," the court said.

So far, the court has heard witnesses from among those injured in the blast as well as those who examined them, as one of the accused Sudhakar Dhar Dwivedi has denied that a blast took place on September 28, 2008, causing the death of six persons and injuring 101.

On Monday, an official from the then land records department in Nashik, who had prepared maps of the blast site, was examined by special public prosecutor Avinash Rasal. Thakur's advocates cross-examined him.

The special court said the presence of the accused is nec-

essary as at the end of the trial, they have to answer on the evidence presented against them by the prosecution.

"The accused are entitled to submit their say while recording their statements (under section 313 of the Criminal Procedure Code). The advocates engaged by the accused cannot answer to questions put forth by court while recording of their statements," the court said.

"Time and again, the honourable apex court has directed the court to decide matters of political leaders expeditiously. In view of these directions, now that accused number 1 being an MP and a political leader and since the matter is already expedited...again I pass order that she should remain present in court once in a week, so also other accused. In case of failure to obey order, necessary order will be passed," the court said.

While her advocates pointed out that Thakur had sought exemption to complete procedures in Parliament, the court pointed out that there is no session till June 7. The next Parliament session begins on June 17.

The court, however, permitted the exemption application filed by accused Dwivedi, who said he was away for religious activity, and Sudhakar Chaturvedi, who said he could not attend for a day due to a "personal difficulty". Both were exempted only on Monday and their lawyers were directed to inform them to remain present at least once this week.

The other accused, including

Sameer Kulkarni, Ajay Rahirkar and Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Purohit, were present in court.

Delhi metro

is considered to be the safest mode of travel and taking this into account, we have decided to make travel free for women on the Metro, DTC buses and cluster buses," he said.

The Delhi government has directed departments and agencies concerned to work out the modalities of the proposal within a week. Subsequently, it will have to be vetted and cleared by the Cabinet, while an assembly session will be convened to allot the subsidy.

Flanked by Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, Kejriwal said the government has decided against forcing the subsidy on anyone, acknowledging that there are women who may not like to avail free rides.

"There are women who can afford the Metro and bus fares, and they are free to purchase tickets. It will essentially also help subsidise those who actually need it," he said.

Kejriwal said that going by preliminary estimates, if the scheme is implemented for around six months in 2019, the Delhi government will have to spend around Rs 700-800 crore.

Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC) vice-chairman Jasmine Shah said that due to Delhi's revenue surplus status, financing it won't be a problem.

Kejriwal said around 30-33 per cent of the total ridership in the Metro and buses each are women. Shah said the estimates are based on spot surveys carried out in recent months. DMRC is used by around 25 lakh people on daily basis while the total bus ridership stands at around 40 lakh daily. The DMRC did not offer an immediate reaction to the proposal.

According to Shah, the plan was set in motion a few months ago, and the government was waiting for procurement of buses, so its fleet could be augmented before the announcement. "We did not want the system to get choked," Shah said. "A few spot surveys to ascertain the share of women in public transport were also commissioned."

The BJP dismissed the move as a "poll gimmick" while the Congress asked Kejriwal to desist from making promises "that cannot be fulfilled".

"What did Kejriwal do to ensure safety of women in the last four years? After losing all the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi, Kejriwal is again trying to lure voters by offering free rides in Metro and buses for women to hoodwink them ahead of the assembly polls scheduled early next year," former Union Minister Vijay Goel said.

"Wat happened 2 ur promises of CCTV & marshals in buses? Since last 5 years we hear dat new buses r coming but in fact DTC fleet is reduced by 1400 buses. Metro is delayed 4 1st time. Women wud prefer safer, surer & more frequent availability of public transport rather than free rides (sic)," Delhi Congress leader Sharmistha Mukherjee tweeted.

NIA grills duo held in Gujarat for 'planning terror attack'

Rajkot: NIA Monday interrogated Waseem Ramodiya and his younger brother Naem, arrested by Anti-Terrorist Squad of Gujarat in February 2017 for allegedly planning terror attacks. The two brothers, currently in Rajkot Central Jail, were allegedly planning attacks on Chotila temple in

Surendranagar district and other places in Gujarat, drawing inspiration from Islamic State. The NIA has taken over the investigation of the case from Gujarat ATS. Sources said the NIA team interrogated the two accused in light of recent revelations following arrest of a few persons in other cases. **ENS**

DABHOLKAR MURDER

Lawyers backing accused advocate demand CBI officer's transfer

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A group of lawyers on Monday came out in support of advocate Sanjiv Punalekar (53), arrested by the CBI in connection with the murder of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar, and demanded that

the officer behind his arrest be transferred and a new officer be appointed for carrying out "unbiased" investigation in the case.

Punalekar and his assistant Vikram Bhawe (34), who is also a convict in blasts case in Thane in 2008, were arrested by the CBI on May 25.

In a press conference on

Monday, the lawyers' group 'Samasta Adhivakta, Maharashtra' said the CBI arrested Punalekar without any evidence, just on the basis of a statement of an accused in Gauri Lankesh murder case in Karnataka.

"We are going to file complaints against the CBI before the Union Home ministry, Bar

Council of India, Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa. Home Ministry should conduct an inquiry against the CBI for wrongfully arresting Punalekar," said advocate Nilesh Nidhalkar.

Advocate Tejsingh Gurjar of Jaipur said protests to condemn Punalekar's arrest will be held across the country.



# Nathula: A Gateway of Friendship Where Hearts Meet



Indian pilgrims walk through the Nathula Pass

## 1. Sunshine at Nathula

NATHULA is located at the junction of Yadong County, Shigatse City of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), China and Sikkim of India. In Tibetan language, Nathula means a place where the "snow is deepest and the wind strongest". It is about 4300 m (around 14,100 ft) above sea level and is the highest trade route by road in the world. Nathula was once the main pass of the southern line of the ancient Silk Road and the ancient Tea Horse Road, connecting the main trade markets of China and India.

Nathula has a special significance in the history of China-India exchanges. Historically, the ancient Tea Horse Road, spanning the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and crossing many high mountains and long rivers, heads south to India and other South Asian countries via Tibet. Nathula Pass is one of the important passages. Taking advantage of geographical proximity, Yadong County on the Chinese side attracted merchants from various countries, and became an important border tradetown in the exchanges of China's Tibet with the outside world. In 1958, the then Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru crossed Nathula to Bhutan via Yadong, and also passed through Yadong when he returned.

Geographically, the Nathula Pass is 54 km away from Gangtok of Sikkim, 52 km from Yadong of Tibet, only over 400 km from Lhasa to the north, and over 700 km from Kolkata to the south. In 1888, after the British invasion of Tibet, Yadong was forcibly turned into a commercial port, and then became the largest commercial port between China and India. At that time, it took less time to travel from Tibet through Nathula to India and then to Shanghai by ship from Kolkata, than from the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau to Sichuan and then to Shanghai via the Yangtze River. Nathula emerged as an important hub for Asian trade. In the early 20th century, the annual transaction volume reached the highest of over 100 million Tibetan silver dollars, accounting for more than 80% of the total border trade between China and India at that time.

At present, Nathula is the most convenient land route connecting China and India, which is of great significance for China-India connectivity. Every year, many official Indian pilgrims travel to Yadong via Nathula, and continue their yatras to Kailash Mansarovar in Tibet. Nathula, the cold military stronghold in the high mountains, influenced by the two warm currents of border trade and pilgrimage, has gradually melted into a heart-to-heart gateway of friendship between the two peoples, enhancing mutual trust, and becoming a symbol of exchanges and mutual learning between China and India.

## 2. A New Journey of Border Trade

Border trade in Yadong has a long history. After India's independence in 1947, Yadong became the first trading port between China and India. In 1954, China and India signed the Agreement on Trade and Intercourse between Tibet Region of China and India, which made proper arrangements for border trade, pilgrimage, and personnel exchanges in the border areas between the two countries. By 1957, no less than 700 people travelled to and from the Nathula Pass, and over 1,000 mules were used to transport goods every day. Before the closure of the Nathula Pass in 1962, trade markets on both sides of the Nathula Pass stayed open for 12 months a year, except for an unexpected avalanche or in rainy season. It was the largest border trading port in Tibet.

In 2003, during the visit of the then Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to China, the two governments signed a memorandum on expanding border trade, designating Changgu of Sikkim state and Renqing gang of the TAR as the venues for border trade markets. In 2006, the two sides reopened the Nathula Pass, resuming China-India border trade through Nathula after 44 years. Thereafter, the total border trade reached over 180 million RMB (approximately ₹1.8 billion) in 10 years, more than 100 times the amount in 2006. At present, border trade through Nathula with China is in India's favour, with its export volumes to China 10 times its imports.

Luo Zhaohui, the Chinese ambassador to India, was involved in promoting the reopening of border trade through Nathula and pilgrimage. In 2005, he visited the Chinese side of the Nathula Pass from Yadong of Tibet. From May 8th to 11th 2019, Ambassador Luo Zhaohui visited Sikkim of India and



Immigration facilities at the Renqinggang border trade market



Chinese Ambassador H.E. Luo Zhaohui visits the Renqinggang border trade market in Yadong



Kailash Mansarovar in all its beauty



Immigration facilities at the Renqinggang border trade market



Indian pilgrims go through immigration



Pilgrims take a short break at the reception centre



Indian pilgrims have lunch at the Nathula friendship restaurant

went from Gangtok by road to the Chinese side of the border, where he reviewed the border trade cooperation at Nathula in Yadong County. Since 2006, the Chinese side has been investing a large amount of money in building the trade and immigration facilities at Nathula Pass. The border trade market at Renqinggang, with an area of 2.84 acres, costs over 65 million RMB (approximately ₹650 million) and has 194 stores. It has also built a customs building, reception centre for Indian pilgrims and Nathula friendship restaurant, which can be compared to a 5-star hotel.

Now, the local governments of Sikkim and TAR share high enthusiasm for cooperation, and look forward to further improving and promoting border trade cooperation through Nathula. The two sides could discuss the possibility of upgrading Nathula to a land port, and establishing a cross-border economic cooperation zone. More efforts need to be made in removing the item list of border trade, extending the transaction period and establishing a regional communication mechanism in a bid to make Nathula a truly "smiling border".

## 3. A Friendly Pilgrimage Route

Situated in Ali area of TAR, which is at an average altitude of over 4500 m (around 14,760 ft), Kailash Mansarovar is a sacred mountain and lake for religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Bonism. Indian pilgrimage to Tibet has a long history. In 1954, China and India signed the Agreement on Trade and Intercourse between Tibet Region of China and India, which stipulates "pilgrimage by religious believers of the two countries shall be carried on in accordance at the pilgrimage sites designated by both parties", thus officially starting pilgrimage-related exchanges. From 1981, after ups and downs, China began to accept yatras by official Indian pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar. Before 2015, Indian pilgrims entered Tibet through Qiang La (Lipulekh) Pass, and trekked through mountains and rivers on the plateau 19,000 ft above sea level. A number of senior pilgrims were unable to finish this hard journey. To fulfill more Indian pilgrims' dream of a yatra, the Chinese government opened an additional pilgrimage route

and increased quotas for Indian pilgrims. According to the consensus reached by President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, the Chinese side opened the pilgrimage route through Nathula Pass for official Indian pilgrims in 2015. Compared with the Qiang La Pass, this route is safer, more comfortable and convenient. It gives the aged and frail pilgrims an opportunity to fulfill their dream of yatra.

When Indian pilgrims walk across Nathula Pass from India to China, they go through entry formalities at Yadong customs and immigration, and are well received with a brief and warm ceremony. Subsequently, the Indian pilgrims move to the Renqinggang border trade market and have lunch at the pilgrim reception centre. They are also provided foreign exchange service. After a short break, the Indian pilgrims depart from Yadong County by tour buses and embark on their journey to Kailash Mansarovar. Along the way they can enjoy beautiful scenery such as snow-capped mountains, lakes, vast grasslands and blossoming flowers, and experience the delightful feeling of relaxation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and Ministry of External Affairs of India have made great efforts on coordination and established the Contact Mechanism for Indian Pilgrims. The government of TAR has undertaken heavy logistics work. As Kailash Mansarovar is located on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, which is known as the Roof of the World, the natural conditions there are harsh. However, the TAR has invested significant funds and manpower to build reception centres, hotels, roads, bridges and rest areas. Professional guides and interpreters have been trained, and first-aid services have been made available. Indian chefs have been dispatched to prepare vegetarian food. On average, for every three pilgrims, one local staff assists them during the yatra. Every year before the pilgrimage starts, the Chinese Embassy in India transfers additional visa officers from the headquarters to speed up visa processing for Indian pilgrims. It is with the joint efforts and hard work by both sides that the number of pilgrims surged from several hundreds in the 1980s to more than 20,000 in 2018.

Though the pilgrimage time is limited, faith tran-

scends time and space. Pilgrimage is not only about the faith of the Indian people, but also serves as a bond to enhance mutual understanding and deepen friendship between the two peoples. It is an important platform to consolidate popular support for China-India relations. China will continue to work closely with India to widen the friendly pilgrimage routes across the border, and take China-India relations to a new level.

## 4. Chronicle of Border Trade Through Nathula Pass

More than 2,000 years ago, Nathula Pass was the main passage of the southern line of the ancient Silk Road and an important part of the ancient Tea Horse Road. The Chinese and Indian inhabitants in the border areas traded goods through the Nathula Pass.

In 1894, Yadong was opened as a commercial port, where the government of the Qing Dynasty set up the first customs office in Tibet. In the early 20th century, Yadong gradually emerged as an important hub for Tibet.

In 1954, China and India signed the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India on Trade and Intercourse between Tibet Region of China and India. After 1947, Yadong became the largest land trading port between China and India.

However, after the Sino-Indian border conflict in 1962, the border trade through Nathula was brought to an end.

In 1991, a Memorandum between the Govern-



The Renqinggang border trade market

ment of China and Government of India on the Resumption of Border Trade was signed.

In 1992, the two sides signed the Protocol on Entry and Exit Procedures for Border Trade.

In 2003, during the visit of Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to China, the two sides signed the Memorandum on Expanding Border Trade, which respectively designated Renqinggang and Changgu as the venues for border trade markets.

In 2006, the border trade through Nathula Pass was resumed. The two sides agreed to open border trade through the Nathula Pass from May to November annually, and the trade continues from Monday to Thursday every week.

In 2015, the border trade through Nathula recorded the highest volume of 183 million RMB (approximately ₹1.83 billion). In 2018, the volume reached 111 million RMB (approx. ₹1.11 billion).

## 5. Chronicle of Indian Pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar

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The Chinese staff assists Indian pilgrims during the yatra

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In 1981, the Chinese government decided to resume Indian pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar. The official Indian pilgrims were to enter China in groups through the Qiang La (Lipulekh) Pass in Pulan County, TAR.

In May 2013, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visited India and the two sides signed the Protocol on Indian Official Pilgrimage (the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra) to the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

In 2014, during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to India, the two sides reached a consensus on opening an additional pilgrimage route to Kailash Mansarovar in Tibet, China through Nathula Pass.

In 2015, the pilgrimage route through the Nathula Pass was officially opened. A total of 240 official Indian pilgrims in 5 batches paid homage to Kailash Mansarovar in Tibet, China through the Nathula Pass in the same year.

In 2016, a total of 350 official pilgrims in 7 batches made pilgrimages to Tibet, China through the Nathula Pass. The number of pilgrims through the Qiang La Pass rose to 1,080 (18 batches) per year.

In 2017, 500 official Indian pilgrims in 10 batches made pilgrimages to Tibet, China through the Nathula Pass.

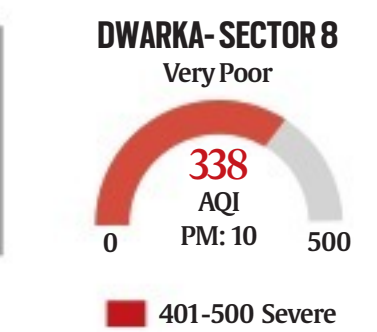
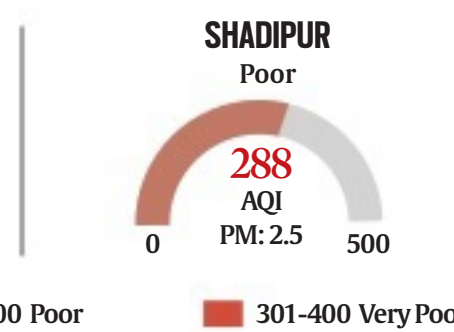
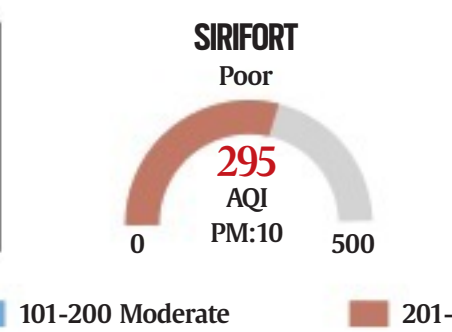
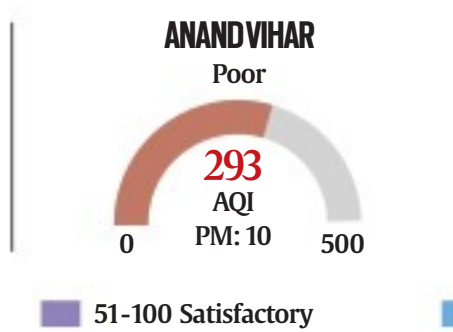
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In 2019, 500 official Indian pilgrims are expected to make pilgrimages to Kailash Mansarovar through Nathula Pass in 10 batches starting this month.





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FREE METRO, BUS TRAVEL FOR WOMEN IN DELHI

# Kejriwal sets the wheels in motion



Officials said that if Metro agrees to the move, it will have to devise a mechanism to register the number of women who avail free rides and those who don't. Anmol Bains

### ON TRACK, ON ROAD

METRO

**373 km** | **271**

LENGTH | STATIONS

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**₹ 10**

MINIMUM

**₹ 60**

MAXIMUM

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**25 LAKH**  
Daily average ridership

**₹ 1.45**  
Operating cost per passenger

**₹ 2.01**  
Earnings per passenger

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN

**30-33%**  
ridership in buses, Metro (approx)

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DTC BUSES

SANCTIONED STRENGTH

**1,781** cluster buses against mandated fleet of 5,500

**3,781** DTC buses in fleet against sanctioned strength of 5,500

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Daily average bus ridership (DTC + Cluster) | **42 lakh**

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**OPERATIONAL LOSSES**

Cluster Rs 17.53 per passenger

DTC Rs 61 per passenger

Routes in capital with no buses 5

Routes with one bus 75

Routes with one-five buses 230

Total routes 464 (all DTC)

**FARES**

₹ 5 NON-AC | ₹ 15

MINIMUM | MAXIMUM

₹ 10 AC | ₹ 25

MINIMUM | MAXIMUM

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*The Chief Minister has asked people to write to this email ID with suggestions on how the proposal can be taken forward and implemented in the capital.*

## Experts see hope, some apprehensions

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

FROM A potential rise in the share of women in the total workforce to balancing the skewed public sector spending on travel — urban mobility experts see many positives in the Delhi government's proposal to offer free rides to women in buses and the Metro.

Pravesh Biyani, a faculty with IIT-Delhi, said the disproportionate spending on public transit for the affluent by focusing on building more roads, flyovers and parking lots needs to be corrected by investing in making journeys taken by the poor smooth and affordable.

"But just offering free rides is not enough. There has to be a systemic improvement in public transport coupled with cheap tickets for everyone. The proportion of income that a poor person has to spend on travelling alone is huge, and it is a great step towards easing their burden," Biyani said.

Jasmine Shah, vice-chairman of the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC), pointed out how participation of female workforce stands at a measly 11.4%

in Delhi, against the national average of 26%. "The participation of women in the overall workforce has been steadily declining over the years. Our hard policies need to be oriented towards addressing the issue of economic empowerment of women," Shah said.

According to a Deloitte report titled 'Empowering Women and Girls in India', the female labour force participation was 36.7% in 2005, and it dropped steadily over the last decade. Factors include lack of access to quality education and a digital divide, states the report.

Sewa Ram, Professor of Transport Planning at the School of Planning and Architecture, welcomed the move, saying increased mobility will be a clear advantage. The policy will work especially well for women from the lower strata as the area to which they can travel to work safely will increase, he said.

"The government must also spend on increasing security in these modes of transportation. A major concern is peak hours and odd hours when men outnumber women on public transport. It will not affect congestion on roads as the segment that drives will not switch to the Metro. What the government now needs to do is make sure that last-



Delhi govt will have to overcome crisis in DTC to implement the move

mile connectivity is addressed. For a lot of women, getting to the nearest bus stop or Metro station is a task. The government can take up one area and work on door-to-door mobility as a model," he said.

Geetam Tiwari, Professor at the Transport Engineering department at IIT-Delhi, said that while the idea was good, the government needs to work on funds for the proposal. "DTC has been running into heavy losses, so how will the government foot the bill? Several countries have models where a

certain section of people, senior citizens and students, for example, are exempt from paying for public transportation. In Nordic countries, people get passes as soon as they turn 60 or 65," she said.

Shah, however, said that funding won't be a problem for a budget surplus state like Delhi.

**Women hail move**

The move was also met with enthusiasm from women who travel long distances to work every day. Meeta Kanaujia, who works in the real estate in Noida's Sector 10, said: "None of us stand to lose anything if this plan is implemented. I'll end up saving a lot of money as I often take the Metro."

Sunita, a domestic help working in Mayur Vihar, said free bus and Metro services would increase employment opportunities as she wouldn't have to think twice before taking up work in a relatively distant location. "And we will hopefully save a little extra every month," she said.

However, 23-year-old Rozi Dixit said the move might lead to overcrowding in Metros. "The Metro I take from Gurgaon is already cramped. If this is implemented, many women will just come in for the AC," she said.

## Luxembourg to Germany, many have given free public travel a shot

MALLICA JOSHI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

IN DECEMBER last year, Luxembourg announced that it would make all public transportation — trains, trams and buses — free for everyone by March 2020, becoming the first country in the world to do so.

Years before that, in the mid 1990s, cities in Germany and Belgium had also made public transportation free for residents.

The Delhi government's plan, however, will possibly be the first where free public transport will be available only to women. The move, experts believe, will give women mobility and open up more opportunities to them.

Another difference between policies implemented by the West and the one conceived by Delhi is the stated purpose. While the West came up with the policy as they were grappling with road congestion and private vehicle use, the plan here is to make sure women travel safely.

Luxembourg, the richest of the 28 OECD countries, also has the highest car per inhabitant ratio. Road congestion was the primary reason for the policy in the small country with a population of about 6 lakh.

But before Luxembourg, Estonia's Capital Tallinn started a similar experiment in 2013. While the number of public transportation trips increased from 55% to 63%, the number of car or walking trips reduced. The biggest difference was seen in the number of women taking public transportation, rising from 43% in 2012 to 71% in 2013, a study titled 'The prospects of fare-free public trans-



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Monday. Praveen Khanna

port: evidence from Tallinn' stated.

One benefit of the policy, according to the research paper published in the journal *Transportation*, is that the frequency and volume of public transportation increased when the policy was implemented, as did the ridership.

It, however, states that the shift to free public transport was accompanied by an "undesired shift" from walking to public transport and an increase in car traffic.

"There is mixed evidence concerning whether fare-free public transport improved mobility and accessibility of low-income and unemployed residents. Fare-free public

transport led to a trip generation effect among these user groups and the respective market share of public transport increased by more than 20%. However, there is no indication that employment opportunities improved as a result of this policy. Satisfaction with public transport and popular support in FPPT increased during the study period," it added.

Several other cities, however, have rejected the policy years after it was implemented. Belgium's Hasselt, which was among the pioneers of the policy in 1997, decided to revoke it in 2013 owing to budgetary constraints.

## Challenges en route: Separate entry gates, clarity on NCR travellers

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

WITH TRANSPORT Minister Kailash Gahlot helming the board of the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), implementing the Delhi government's proposal to let women travel for free in buses is likely to be a smooth affair. However, it remains to be seen if the government can get the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on board and implement the same on the Metro network.

DMRC, a special purpose vehicle, is a joint venture between the Delhi government and the Centre.

Announcing the proposal Monday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal emphasised that the DMRC was "on board" as well. But the corporation did not react to queries on the issue through the day. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs also did not offer any comments.

According to the Delhi Metro Railway (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002, commuting fares are to be decided by a fare fixation committee. "The recommendations made by the fare fixation committee shall be binding on the Metro railway administration," the Act states.

The prevailing fares in the Metro were fixed by the fourth fare fixation committee, which had submitted its report in 2016. Fares were raised in two phases in 2017, which drew stiff resistance from the AAP government.

But the Delhi government claimed that since the execution of the latest proposal will

### DEPLETING BUS FLEET

**New Delhi:** The AAP government's announcement has shifted the spotlight on Delhi's depleting bus fleet, with hundreds of old buses set to go off roads in the next two years. CM Arvind Kejriwal Monday said around 25-30 new buses will augment the fleet by the end of this month, and around 3,000 buses will hit the streets within a year. Currently, there are around 5,500 buses in Delhi.

But these buses will augment the fleet of orange cluster buses, operated by private players. The revenue collected goes to the government, which in turn subsidises the viability gap or operational losses. DTC, which has the world's largest CNG bus fleet, is staring at a crisis as many of its buses have crossed the average age of 6.2 years they are known to serve, as per the corporation's data. The last fare hike was in 2009. Ridership figures have also sharply plunged to around 31 lakh daily, from around 42 lakh seen a decade ago. ENS

pensate the corporation for whatever losses they bear," Jasmine Shah, vice-chairman of the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi, said.

Shah told *The Indian Express* that the government has also indicated it will incur the possible implementation costs on the DMRC's part owing to any technological intervention, such as installation of special entry gates. "They will have to come up with a plan and flag the challenges. And they were obviously taken on board, considering it is such a major decision," she said.

Earlier, DMRC MD Mangu Singh had told *The Indian Express* that the corporation was mulling introducing biometric authentication to offer special rebates to senior citizens and students. However, the plan has not been implemented so far.

Government officials also explained that even if the Metro agrees to implement the move, it will have to devise a mechanism to register the number of women who avail free rides and those who don't. "It cannot be the case that those who avail free rides will just walk into the system," the official said, indicating that a card will have to be issued even to avail free rides.

Shah also said authorities were examining the case of women who will use the Metro system only within NCR cities such as Gurgaon, Noida, or Faridabad.

"If both point A and point B fall within a town outside the jurisdiction of the Delhi government, we are not sure if they will also be able to avail free commute," he said. However, the scheme will not be restricted to women who are Delhi residents only, he said.





# Man beaten to death outside his house

SAUMYA RASTOGI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

A 27-YEAR-OLD man was beaten to death with stones and a concrete slab after he objected to his neighbour allegedly relieving himself in front of his wife, in South East Delhi's Govindpuri. Police said the victim, Lilu, was allegedly beaten up the neighbour's sons, Ravi and Nilkamal, who have been arrested.

According to police, Lilu died after sustaining injuries to his head and chest. The parents of the accused have also been detained for allegedly participating in the assault outside the victim's house in Navjeevan camp.

The incident took place late Sunday night, when Lilu confronted the man who was relieving himself outside his house. Lilu's wife Pinky said: "He told him 'Aapke ghar mein behan beti nahin hai? (Do you not have mothers and daughters at your home?)"

Following this, police said Nilkamal and Ravi intervened and allegedly abused Lilu, which led to a heated scuffle.

The victim's family has alleged that the accused men were intoxicated at the time of the incident, said police. APCR call was made, but by the time police reached the spot, the victim was



Victim's wife, Pinky

taken to a local hospital where he died during treatment.

"I have been diagnosed with tuberculosis. There was a power outage in our area, and my husband and I were sitting outside our house. The father of the two brothers who killed my husband was relieving himself outside and my husband objected. They killed him for it. I want the strictest punishment for the accused," said Pinky.

While Nilkamal is a vegetable seller and works in an export line business, Ravi works as a waiter. Lilu worked as an e-rickshaw driver and a labourer. According to police, Lilu has around 17 criminal cases against him, including snatching, robbery and under the Arms Act.

(Saumya Rastogi is an intern with The Indian Express)

# Fire in Janakpuri hotel, police say short circuit

ANANYA TIWARI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

A FIRE broke out on the second floor of Hotel Piccadilly in Janakpuri West. The blaze, which started in the laundry room, was contained before it spread to other floors, officials said.

The hotel, situated a stone's throw away from Janakpuri West Metro station, belongs to the Piccadilly group of companies. It is owned by ex-Congress veteran Venod Sharma (71), whose son Manu Sharma was convicted and is serving life imprisonment for the murder of Jessica Lal in 1999. SHO Suresh Kumar said that the hotel is owned by Venod Sharma "through some partnership."

The Janakpuri West fire station received a call from the hotel at 6.44 am, and reached the spot a few minutes later with seven tenders and a sky lift. They contained the fire by 7 am, but the blaze had consumed the entire room by then.

The SHO of Janakpuri police station Suresh Kumar said: "The fire was caused by a short circuit and it was contained. It was an ordinary fire."

ADO Satpal Singh



The fire started in the laundry room

Bharadwaj, who was present at the site, said, "The fire was probably caused by a short circuit, but some maintenance work was also underway on the floor below. Everything was damaged in the room, we cannot confirm anything."

According to fire officials, the false ceiling in the laundry room, which also served as a locker room for hotel management employees and was filled with clothes, caught fire. Smoke engulfed the entire floor, which was unoccupied at the time, and spread to the staircase.

ADO Bharadwaj, who confirmed that an NOC had been is-

sued to the hotel a year ago, said: "Smoke detectors were switched off... else there would not have been smoke as the ventilation system works once it goes off. It had to be manually switched on after the fire was contained. No fire alarm went off; we went to the floor above to inform the guests of what had happened."

According to the 2016 building bylaws for Delhi — which were updated by the Delhi government after the fire at Hotel Arpit Palace that claimed 17 lives in February — it is mandatory for hotels and guesthouses to have an auto detection fire system. Smoke detectors are mandatory on corridors and staircases. It is also mandatory for devices such as fire alarms and smoke detectors to be functioning automatically and not manually, with alternative power supply, such as electric generators, readily available if necessary.

Hotel authorities, when asked about the incident, denied any fire had broken out. Hotel manager Kulwinder claimed: "There has been no fire here."

(Ananya Tiwari is an intern with The Indian Express)

# Night club excise licence suspended for 'violations'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

THE DELHI Excise department has suspended the excise licence of a night club, which was functioning out of a prominent five-star hotel in the Lutyens' zone, for alleged violations that include serving liquor to underage customers.

Sources in the government said that based on inputs, on May 26, a joint team of the excise department and police had raided the nightclub Privee in Shangri-La's Eros and found the alleged violations.

"The licence was taken for Privee. Later, the licence name was changed to Privee Novel Exo. While that is a common violation, they went on to operate three nightclubs against the same licence," a senior officer, on

condition of anonymity, said.

The official said there were inputs that minors were also frequenting the nightclubs. "During the raid, the statements of a few minors were recorded," the official said. "Penalties are likely to be imposed. Police also found illegal hookah parlours inside the club," an official added.

Responding to the government's action, the hotel in a statement said: "We are deeply concerned that Privee Pub, which is adjacent to Shangri-La's Eros Hotel, had breached the law by serving alcohol to underage patrons on May 26. Shangri-La's Eros Hotel is not involved in any of the pub's operations. We strongly condemn such actions and will raise the matter with all relevant parties to ensure stricter control... to prevent a recurrence."

WITH PTI INPUTS

# CBI officer dies in accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

A 40-YEAR-OLD Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officer died and the driver of the cab he was travelling in was injured after the vehicle allegedly rammed a stationary dumper truck in Delhi Cantonment early Monday morning, said police.

The incident took place around 4.10 am, when the officer, Vivek Prakash, was heading to the IGI Airport.

According to police, the cab driver, Mohammed Sajid, has been admitted to DDU hospital and is recuperating. The errant truck driver fled the spot and a search is on to nab him, said police.

"The incident took place at Subrata Park where some construction work is on. The driver hit the brakes on seeing the parked dumper. He lost control... and rammed the dumper," a senior police officer said.

"We had to use gas cutters to open the car and pull out the driver and the CBI officer. Locals helped, but they had a tough time getting the victims out of the car as it was badly mangled," an officer said.

## BRIEFLY

### Three held for throwing acid on woman

Greater Noida: Three persons were arrested by Noida Police for allegedly attacking a woman with acid in Greater Noida, said police. Two of the accused are the woman's brothers, who allegedly committed the crime as they disapproved of her relationship with a man. "The incident took place on May 10. They threw acid on her inside a car and dumped her near Koti Pull in Dadri," said Ramen Singh, SHO Dadri.

### 250 stalls gutted in fire

New Delhi: A fire broke out in Sabzi Mandi in Nand Nagri, North East Delhi, at 2.35 am Sunday, destroying at least 250 vegetable stalls, said fire officials. Ten tenders were rushed to the spot, said officials, adding that the cause of the fire is not known yet.

### Two held for robbery

New Delhi: Two men were arrested Monday for robbing a chartered accountant in South East Delhi. With this, police claimed to have solved four cases of robbery and snatching.

### Development work resumes in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: Development work in Gurgaon is set to resume over the next three months, before the poll code is enforced ahead of the Haryana state polls, Haryana PWD Minister Rao Narbir Singh said Monday. Among the projects in the pipeline is the construction of a new Civil Hospital with 500 beds and a medical college in Kherki Majra.

### Delhi govt suspends its summer camp

New Delhi: The Delhi government Monday suspended its ongoing summer sports camps in schools owing to heat wave conditions in the city.

### 6 lawyers booked

New Delhi: Six lawyers were booked for rioting and attempt to murder after they allegedly beat up a police constable at Surajpur Court Monday, police said. ENS

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Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Advt. No.	Cat. No.	Date & Time of Examination	Place
1.	Sheet Metal Worker Instructor (Theory)	05/2018	20	10.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M.	As Per Admit Card
2.	Electrician Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	15	10.06.2019 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
3.	Tractor Mechanic Instructor (Theory) and	-Do-	33	10.06.2019 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 03.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
4.	Millwright Mechanic (Mechanical) Instructor	-Do-	22	11.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M.	As Per Admit Card
5.	Draughtsman (Mechanical) Theory	-Do-	41	11.06.2019 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
6.	Wireman Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	21	11.06.2019 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 03.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
7.	Mechanic Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	14	12.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M. 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
8.	Computer Operator and Programming Assistant Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	06	12.06.2019 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
9.	Draughtsman (Civil) (Theory)	-Do-	40	13.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M.	As Per Admit Card
10.	Die Marker (Dies & Moulds) Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	39	13.06.2019 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
11.	Machinist Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	34	13.06.2019 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 03.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
12.	Mechanic Motor Vehicle Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	37	14.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M.	As Per Admit Card
13.	Fitter Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	02	14.06.2019 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M. 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 03.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
14.	Welder (Gas & Electric) Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	03	15.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M. 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
15.	Mechanic Diesel Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	36	15.06.2019 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 03.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
16.	Lab. Attendant Food Production Instructor (Theory) Mechanic Consumer Electronics Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	10 & 18	16.06.2019 1st Shift Entry Time: 07.30 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. No Entry after 08.30 A.M. Exam Start Time: 09.00 A.M. Exam End Time: 10.30 A.M.	As Per Admit Card
17.	Millwright Mechanic (Electrical/Electronics) Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	23	16.06.2019 2nd Shift Entry Time: 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon No Entry after 12.00 Noon Exam Start Time: 12.30 P.M. Exam End Time: 02.00 P.M.	As Per Admit Card
18.	Mechanic Electronics Instructor (Theory) and Tool	-Do-	16	16.06.2019 3rd Shift Entry Time: 02.30 P.M. to 03.30 P.M. No Entry after 03.30 P.M. Exam Start Time: 04.00 P.M. Exam End Time: 05.30 P.M.	As Per Admit Card

Other terms and conditions of Examination Notice dated 24.05.2019 will remain same. No separate information will be sent to the candidates by the Commission through post.

**1. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION ARE AVAILABLE ON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) WHICH SHOULD BE GONE THROUGH BEFORE COMING FOR EXAMINATION.**

Place: Panchkula  
Dated: 3rd June, 2019

Sd/- Under Secretary Examination,  
For COE, Haryana Staff Selection Commission,  
Panchkula.

## EXPRESS Careers

### RASHTRASANTUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR

No. RTMNU/GA/830 Date: 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2019

**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**

Applications are invited in the prescribed format from eligible candidates for the post (02 posts) of **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (Subject : LAW)** in Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University's Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur. The prescribed application form is available on the Website of the University [www.nagpuruniversity.org](http://www.nagpuruniversity.org)

The application form alongwith self-attested true copies of the relevant documents/certificate in ELEVEN SETS is to be submitted on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019.

(Dr. VINAYAK S. DESHPANDE)  
Registrar(Officiating)

### INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT, CATERING TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED NUTRITION,

Veer Savarkar Marg, Dadar, Mumbai - 400 028  
(AN AUTONOMOUS BODY UNDER THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, GOVT. OF INDIA)  
Tele no.: 022-24457241 Website: [www.ihmctan.edu](http://www.ihmctan.edu) E-mail: [info@ihmctan.edu](mailto:info@ihmctan.edu)

#### TEACHING ASSOCIATE

Applications are invited for filling up 'TEACHING ASSOCIATE' 04 posts (UR - 03 & OBC - 01) on contract basis. For eligibility criteria and other details visit Institute website: [www.ihmctan.edu](http://www.ihmctan.edu).

**Last date for receiving duly filled form with required attachment is 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, 5.00 P.M.** Principal

## GMU

GUJARAT MARITIME UNIVERSITY  
તમરો મા યોગિર્ગમ્ય

**APPLICATIONS invited for the post of: Placement Officer (1 Post) on contractual basis**

For more details, kindly visit [www.gmu.edu.in/career](http://www.gmu.edu.in/career)

-Registrar

### RASHTRASANTUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR

No. RTMNU/GA/823 Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

Applications are invited in the prescribed format from eligible candidates for the post of **DIRECTOR, BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION** in the University.

Applicants shall apply in the prescribed Application form of this University which is available on the Website of the University [www.nagpuruniversity.org](http://www.nagpuruniversity.org) alongwith all the required information.

**Last date of submission of Application form alongwith self-attested true copies of the relevant enclosures in NINE SETS is 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.**

(Dr. VINAYAK S. DESHPANDE)  
Registrar(Officiating)

## SBI CENTRAL RECRUITMENT & PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

CORPORATE CENTRE, MUMBAI, Phone: 022-2282 0427; Fax: 022-2282 0411

### Recruitment of Specialist Cadre Officers on Contract Basis for our Wealth Management Business Unit (SBI Wealth)

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the post of:

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancy
1	Head (Product, Investments & Research)	1
2	Central Research Team (Fixed Income Research Analyst)	1
3	Relationship Manager	
4	Relationship Manager (e-Wealth)	486
5	Relationship Manager (NRI)	
6	Relationship Manager (Team Lead)	20
7	Customer Relationship Executive	66
8	Zonal Head Sales (Retail) Eastern Zone	1
9	Central Operation Team Support	3
10	Risk & Compliance Officer	1

Eligibility criteria (age, qualification & experience), requisite fees and other details are available under Advertisement No. CRPD/SCO-WEALTH/2019-20/06 on Bank's website <https://bank.sbi/careers> OR <https://www.sbi.co.in/careers> along with a link for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fee. Candidates are advised to go through the detailed advertisement ensuring their eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees.

**Date For Filing Online Application & Payment Of Fees: 23.05.2019 To 12.06.2019.**

For any query, please write to us through link "CONTACT US" → "Post Your Query" which is available on Bank's website (URL - <https://bank.sbi/careers/psq.htm?action=pquery> OR <https://sbi.co.in/careers/psq.htm?action=pquery>)

Place: Mumbai | Date: 23.05.2019 General Manager (CRPD)



# Engineering student jumps to death: Greater Noida police

AMILBHATNAGAR  
GREATER NOIDA, JUNE 3

A 22-YEAR-OLD engineering student allegedly committed suicide by jumping off the roof of the building he was living in late Sunday, Greater Noida police said.

According to police, Neeraj Kumar, a student of Galgotias University, had been "depressed" for the last few months. "We received information that a student had jumped from the roof of a building in Greater

Noida around 3 am. A team rushed to the spot and found him lying in a pool of blood. The body has been sent for post-mortem and his family has been informed," said Ajay Kumar, SHO Kasna.

A student of Computer Science, it was Neeraj's last semester. He lived at the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited Apartments with seven other students on rent.

"There was a noticeable change in his behaviour in the last two-three months. He became very quiet...He stopped go-

ing out and would keep to himself in his room," claimed Shubham, Neeraj's flatmate.

On Sunday night, Neeraj got himself a meal but did not eat it, said police. He went to the roof between 2 and 3 am and allegedly jumped.

Two of his flatmates, who were awake at the time, spotted the body and called police, an officer said, adding that no suicide note has been recovered and no complaint lodged.

Neeraj is survived by his mother, who lives in Jharkhand, police said.

# AAP, BJP share stage, food at iftar

New Delhi: At the iftar hosted by the Delhi government on Monday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and leader of opposition, BJP's Vijender Gupta, shared a friendly moment — when Gupta offered a spoonful of food to the CM as several invitees broke their fast.



Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta, CM Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

will benefit Delhi...But this is their strategy," he said. Gupta and BJP MLA OP

Sharma were part of the iftar while Congress leaders were conspicuous by their absence. ENS

# UNIVERSITY WILL ADMIT ABOUT 62,000 STUDENTS THIS YEAR

# Student intake up 10% this year, DU doesn't have enough hostel space

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

WITH DELHI University set to expand its student intake by 10% this academic session, following the implementation of the EWS quota, the already existing campus accommodation crunch is going to be experienced far more acutely. While the university is opening its doors for more EWS students — whose household income is below Rs 8 lakh — it is not balanced out by living facilities to accommodate them.

"This will depend on the Centre releasing funds, which has not happened so far. Hopefully, by next year, some funds will have been received. But this year will be a stretch across the board," said Dean, Students Welfare, Rajeev Gupta.

Nearly half of the varsity's approximately 1.8 lakh strong student body comes from outside Delhi, and only a fraction are accommodated in hostels provided by the colleges or university. The rest depend on paying guest (PG)

## HOSTELS SEATS ACROSS COLLEGES

- RAMJAS COLLEGE**  
Men: 120; women: 80
- KIRORI MAL COLLEGE**  
Men: 190
- ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE:**  
380 seats with 3 blocks for women and three for men
- LADY SHRI RAM COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**  
Women: 300
- HANSRAJ COLLEGE**  
Men: 200
- MIRANDA HOUSE**  
Women: 366
- SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE**  
Men: 72; women: 72
- HINDU COLLEGE**  
Men: 200; women: 156



Only a fraction of students are accommodated in hostels provided by the colleges or university. Archive

**UNIVERSITY HOSTELS**  
17 hostels in North Campus  
3 in South Campus

- IP COLLEGE** Women: 450
- DDU COLLEGE** Men: 90; women: 90
- SRCC** Men: 145; women: 53
- LADY IRWIN COLLEGE** Women: 200
- SGBT KHALSA COLLEGE** Women: 147
- KESHAV MAHAVIDYALAYA** Women: 78
- MAHARAJA AGRASEN COLLEGE** Women: 58
- SHAHEED RAJGURU COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES** Women: 110
- DRC** Women: 200

Accommodation is an issue and we are expecting that there will be a plan and resources to work on that. Colleges also have long-standing problems like shortage of space on campus. There are off-campus possibilities which can be explored, like the hostel for women students from the North East. But this will be looked into after admissions," said Kirori Mal College principal Dr Vibha Chauhan.

With a student body of 5,000 — roughly half of which are women — the college has a men's hostel with a capacity for 190.

Dr Manoj Khanna, principal of Ramjas College, said colleges will be better able to assess their requirements once this year's admissions are completed and the new student intake is stabilised within the college.

The average cost of living in a PG in Kamla Nagar, North Campus's student centre, is Rs 12,000. At the lower end of the spectrum are rooms for Rs 3,000, while at the other end are "luxury PGs" that cost over Rs 20,000.

Till last year, DU had 56,000 seats. But with the quota this year, the number of seats will increase to about 62,000.

## SALUTE THE SOLDIER

MARTYRS OF CISF ON 04<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

ASI/EXE LACHMAN PANDEY CCL KARGALI 04-06-2003	CT/GDP MURMU CCL KARGALI 04-06-2003	CT/GD DWARKA YADAV CCL KARGALI 04-06-2003

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these brave-hearts. On this day, they laid down their lives at the altar of duty. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for their noblest deeds.

## NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender No.: SI/HGJV/H/LB/Tmp/19 Dated: 28.05.2019

### E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Operating) / North Central Railway / Allahabad for and on behalf of President of India invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 14.30 hrs. on 03.07.2019. The details of the Tender are as under:

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost of work (₹)
1	062019	Hiring of 01 (one) number four wheeler Non AC diesel road vehicle Tavera / Bolero / Xylo or similar in good condition with registration after 01.01.2017 including driver, fuel & maintenance etc for transportation of Crew & Guard along with their line boxes and other works in HGJ - ALJN and nearby area, for round the clock working and up to 2000 Km per month / per vehicle under Control of SS/HGJ for 02 Two Years.	₹ 8,20,551.60
2		If the vehicle runs more than 2000 km upto 6500 km.	₹ 8.91 / Km.

Earnest Money (in ₹): ₹ 16400/-. Cost of Tender Form (in ₹): ₹ 2000/-. Completion Period: 24 Months. Date of Opening of Tender: 03.07.2019 after 15.00 hrs. Note: (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 14.30 hrs. on due date of tender opening. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body (5) This tender notice have also been uploaded on [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). (6) Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. (7) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 733/19 (A)

## IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

SHORT TERM NOTICE RE-INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. XIV, I&FCD invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender for the following work:

NIT No. EE/CD-XIV/NIT/08/2018-19 Percentage Rate  
HOA: (2711 Revenue Section)

Name of work:- Deployment of Boats and supply of professionals at various sites from Badarpur to Jaipur during the flood season in river Yamuna including Ganesha Chaturthi, Kartik Snan, Vishwakarma day, Durga Pooja, Chhat Pooja and Independence day festival at various sites in river Yamuna and other sites. Estimated cost Rs. 1,69,68,558/- & Earnest Money Rs. 3,39,371/-. Period of completion: One Year. Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 PM, on 06.06.2019. (Tender ID 2019\_IFC\_173103\_1).

Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> DIP/Shabdarth/0139/19-20

## MAINTENANCE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AT TINSUKIA DIVISION

Open E-Tender Notice No. M-TSK-2019-21; Dated: 31-05-2019. Tender No.: M-TSK-2019-21. Name of work: Maintenance of 5 kg and 10 kg DCP type Fire Extinguishers at various Depots/sheds/Administrative building of Tinsukia Division for a period of two years. Location of work: Mariani, Ledo, Dibrugarh and Tinsukia. Tender Value: ₹6,21,810/-; Earnest Money: ₹12,400/-; Last date and time for submission of tender: 24-06-2019 at 13:00 hrs. Date and time of opening of tender: 24-06-2019 at 15:00 hrs. Website particulars where complete details of the tender can be seen and downloaded: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Notice board locations: Offices of CME/MLG, FA&CAO/MLG, CWM/DBWS, CWM/NBQS, DRM(M)/LMG, DFM/LMG, DRM(M)/APDJ, DFM/APDJ, DRM (M)/RNY, DFM/RNY, DRM(M)/KIR, DFM/KIR and DRM(M)/TSK. Offices of CDO/DBRG, CDO (NG) Cum SSE/TSK, SSE/IC/C&W/NTSK, SSE/IC/C&W/MXN. Sr. Divl. Mech. Engineer, Tinsukia NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers with a smile"

## DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION AT DIBRUGARH

E-Tender Notice No. M-TSK-2019-20 Dated: 31-05-2019. Tender No. M-TSK-2019-20. Name of work: At Dibrugarh: Design, supply and installation of Automatic coach washing plant with vertical brushing units along with washing pump units, related pipelining and control panel with necessary sensors, proper earthing and all civil works. Tender Value: ₹2,33,43,190.98, Earnest Money: ₹2,66,700/-. Date & Time of Closing of E-Tender: 13:00 hrs. on 24-06-2019 and opened at 15:00 hrs. on 24-06-2019. Detailed Tender can be seen at website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) & in office of the Notice board locations: CME/MLG, FA&CAO/MLG, CWM/DBWS, CWM/NBQS, DRM (M) /LMG, DFM/LMG, DRM (M)/APDJ, DFM/APDJ, DRM (M)/RNY, DFM/RNY, DRM (M)/KIR, DFM/KIR and DRM (M)/TSK. Offices of CDO/DBRG, CDO (NG) Cum SSE/TSK, SSE/IC/C&W/NTSK, SSE/IC/C&W/MXN. Sr. Divl. Mech. Engineer, Tinsukia NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers With A Smile"

## REGIONAL OFFICE (U.P) TC-3V, VIBHUTI KHAND, GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW - 226010

### E-TENDER NOTICE

On line tenders under two bid systems are invited from experienced / in-experienced / Sole Proprietary concern or Registered Partnership Firm or a Private Limited Company or a Public Limited Company incorporated in India for appointment of HTC / RTC / ITC at various depots / Centres in UP Region. The terms and conditions and other details are available at <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/> app and FCI website <http://www.fci.gov.in>. Document download / Bid submission etc. date is from 04.06.2019. Online Technical Bid will be opened on 26.06.2019 at 03.00 pm. Prebid meeting in reference to above tender is to be held on 14.06.2019 at 12:00 Noon. Further, any corrigendum in this regard will be published on CPP portal or on the FCI website <http://www.fci.gov.in> if necessary.

GENERAL MANAGER (UP)

## NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY EVENTS, HONOURS

### CSR-NBCC

In its bid to support widows of Indian Navy officers who lost their lives on duty, NBCC has constructed a four-storey Sahara Hostel in New Delhi. NBCC has borne 50% of the construction cost amounting to Rs 512.64 lakhs with the Indian Navy.

### INAUGURATION-DELHI POLICE

The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Amulya Patnaik inaugurated the fifth season of Road Safety Awareness Summer Camp at Traffic Training Park, Baba Kharak Singh Marg recently. The summer camp is being organized by Delhi Traffic Police with the support and cooperation of corporate houses such as IGL, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Ltd. (HMSI), Hero Motocorp, SIAM and NGO Synergie. The objective behind organizing the summer camp is to help children utilize their summer vacation in a meaningful way and to enable them to learn traffic rules & regulations and some life skills in an enjoyable manner which will have a bearing on their career and life. The summer camp will be a two weeks programme. It will be organized in two batches, each of five days duration (Monday to Friday) at its five locations i.e. Traffic Training Parks located at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Bal Bhawan, Punjabi Bagh, Roshanara Bagh and Dev Samaj School, Nehru Nagar. Each batch will have strength of approx. 200-250 students. The course contents of the summer camp have been designed in such a manner, so as to inculcate road safety habits in the students which in turn will help them become sensible, sensitive and responsible road users.

## E-Tender No.: JHS\_M\_19\_12 E-Tendering Tender Notice Dated: 29.05.2019

On behalf of President of India DRM (M)/JHS, NCR invites "Open E-Tender" through online (E-Tendering) for the following work in prescribed format.

E-Tender No.	Description of work and place	Estimated cost of work	Tender form cost	Earnest Money	Time of Completion
JHS_M_19_12	Provision of Supply and Fitment of ventury Type Ventilation arrangement for Lavatory of Jhansi Based ICF Coaches.	₹ 4179528.72 (Rs. Forty One Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight & Seventy Two Paise only)	₹ 3000/- (Three Thousand only) Non Refundable	₹ 83600/- (Rupees Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only)	06 Months

Tender submission date and time: 27.06.2019 Closing Time 11.00 hrs. 1. Online Tender can be submitted upto 11.00 hrs on 27.06.2019. 2. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "www.ireps.gov.in". 741/19 (A)

North central railways [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in) railwaynorthcentral@CPRONCR

## DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) W-VI CHANDRAWAL: WW-II CIVIL LINES DELHI-110054 Ph: 011-23814133 E-mail: eepw6.djb@nic.in NIT No. 02 (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Tender fee (Rs.)	Last date / time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Construction of Truss bridge and consequent shifting of old 1200 mm dia CI water line with 1200 mm dia MS water line near Wazirabad barrage. (Tender ID: 2019_DJB_173179_1)	44,44,743/-	89,000/-	30.05.2019 04.00 P.M.	500/-	18.06.2019, upto 3.00 PM

The complete details can be seen on website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>. The tender has been uploaded on website ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Sd/- EE (Project)W-VI Advt. No. J.S.V. 50/2019-20

## HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ (EMD) (APPROX) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	GMDA	CONSTRUCTION OF MANHOLE OF SWD AND DAMAGED SURFACE DRAIN ALONG SECTOR DIVIDING ROAD DIVIDING 4950, GURUGRAM AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERTO + 9 OTHER WORKS	01.06.2019 08.06.2019	4.79 LACS	<a href="https://www.gmda.gov.in">https://www.gmda.gov.in</a>	xen2infr@2.gmda@govmail.com
2.	HAFED	SALE OF MOLLASSES STEEL TANK & OPEN PIT, NICKEL SCREEN, SS TUBES, DG SET SPARE, COMPUTERIZATION OF CANE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM(CMS), INSURANCE OF STOCK	03.06.2019 12.06.2019	1.24 LACS	haled.gov.in	9354224146 dgmh@2@gmail.com
3.	HSPV	SEE OF 25X7W LED SL IN SEC-12, BAHADURGARH WITH 9 YEARS DLP MITC, ONOFF 1ST YEAR FREE AND 2 YEARS ON LABOUR RATE + 11 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 24.06.2019	418.92 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01262-243900

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## MoU-INDIAN RAILWAYS

MoU was signed between IRFC & Ministry of Railways on May 20. V Kumar, MD/IRFC & Additional Member (Budget), Railway Board executed the MoU on behalf of IRFC, whereas SK Mishra, Secy, Railway Board, Gol executed on behalf of Railway Min.

## MoU- POWERGRID

POWERGRID has signed a MoU with Ministry of Power, Gol for FY '19-20. It was signed on May 24 by AK Bhalha, Secy (Power), Gol & R.P. Singh, CMD, POWERGRID in the presence of SN Sahai, Addl. Secy, and others.

## ANNOUNCEMENT- CCL

Moving ahead towards its goal of inclusive growth, CCL during a function at its Ranchi headquarter, handed over 101 appointment letters to dependents of its employees who laid down their life during their service in the company.

## CLEANLINESS FORTNIGHT- POSOCO

A cleanliness fortnight (16-31 May) was celebrated by POSOCO Corporate Centre & all Regional Load Despatch Centres. During the period, a Cleanliness Drive, Essay & Painting competitions, debates & talks & Plantation progs were organized in local schools.

## APPOINTMENT-BEML

MV Rajasekar has assumed charge as Director (Mining & Construction) and member of the board of BEML LIMITED, on 1st June 2019. Prior to assuming charge, he was Executive Director & Marketing Head of Mining & Construction Business, BEML. He succeeded B R Viswanatha who retired from services on account of superannuation. Rajasekar is graduate in Metallurgical Engineering from VNIT, Nagpur and holds a post graduate degree (M. Tech) in Welding Engineering from IIT Chennai and done his MS in Technology Management from Germany.

## MEET-NHPC

NHPC Limited conducted an Analyst Meet on May 30, 2019 at Mumbai. The meet was attended by Balraj Joshi, CMD, Ratish Kumar, Director (Projects), NK Jain, Director (Personnel), MK Mittal, Director (Finance), Janardan Choudhary, Director (Technical).

## BHEL

For its superlative performance, BHEL has been awarded the DSII Award 2018 for the 'Fastest Growing Maharashtra of the year - Manufacturing', in the country. An independent jury unanimously selected BHEL for the recognition in the manufacturing category based on outstanding profit & EPS growth. As a result of strategic initiatives, BHEL registered quantum growth in its profit and gained significant traction in growth drivers - diversification & technology.

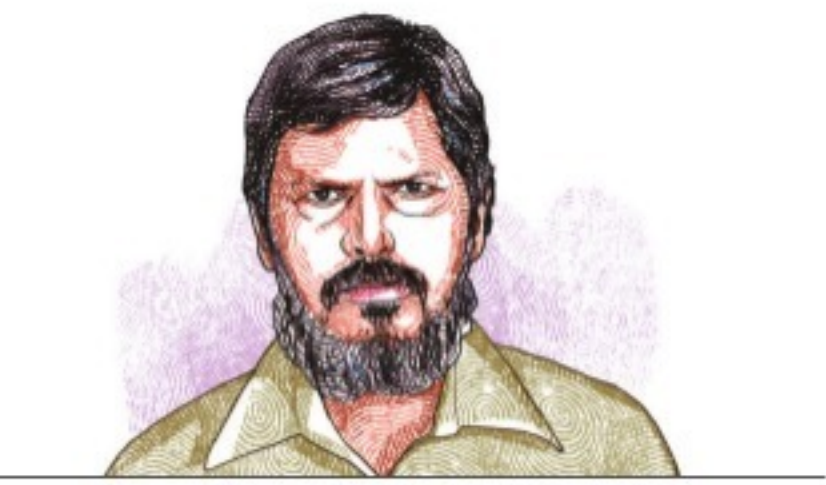
TCIL signed a MoU with Ministry of Communications. It defines TCIL's performance targets for the FY 2019-20. A Sundararajan, Chairperson, Digital Communications Commission & Secy (Telecom), Ministry of Communications, & A. S Rao, CMD, TCIL signed the MoU.



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## DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



### GRAND WELCOME

R.P.(A) LEADER Ramdas Athawale, who took charge as Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Monday, is set to be welcomed by the Maharashtra unit of his party with great pomp. The celebrations will start from the moment Athawale lands in Mumbai Tuesday evening. A 15-km road-show from the airport will end at Chaityabhoomi in Dadar, where Athawale is to pay tribute to Dr Bhabhaheb Ambedkar.

### DRAWING APPLAUSE

ON HIS first day after taking over as Railway Minister for the second time, Piyush Goyal drew applause from railway employees as he addressed a retirement function for, among others, Railway Board Member, Traction. In an apparent reference to working long hours in his first term and his style of pulling no punches in meetings, Goyal said in a lighter vein that after portfolios were announced, he had feared that he would be greeted with long faces in Rail Bhawan. Bureaucrats in the ministry are speculating that Commerce ministry might take away much of Goyal's time since it is a new charge for him and also because much of his work in Railways in the previous term are already in progress.

### A LONG WAIT

HEMWATI NANDAN Bahuguna Garhwal University, which is without a head since its V-C was sacked in December 2017, will have to wait longer. Although the panel of three finalists was ready by September last year, the HRD Ministry forwarded it to the President only in February. In the meantime, one of the three finalists, Avinash Khare, was appointed V-C of Sikkim University. The President's office is learnt to have sent the file back to the ministry, asking for more names.

### HANGING IN BALANCE

THE ABSENCE of BJP leader Sushma Swaraj in cabinet leaves the fate of Group of Ministers (GoM) examining the possibility of enacting a law to check lynchings hanging in balance. The GoM headed by then Home Minister Rajnath Singh held meetings with members of the expert panel which had submitted suggestions. One has to wait and see if the GoM will be revived in this term.

# Gathbandhan may not hold, BSP silent on pact for bypolls

LALMANI VERMA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

IN THE first indication that the SP-BSP alliance may not hold, BSP chief Mayawati Monday highlighted the SP's poor performance while analysing its Lok Sabha poll debacle in Uttar Pradesh, and did not mention the poll partner while saying that her party would contest by-polls to the Assembly this year.



Mayawati

BSP sources told *The Indian Express* that Mayawati, while addressing her party's MPs and office-bearers in a closed-door meeting in the Capital, also said that the future of the alliance would be reviewed. When contacted, SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said his party will "decide its stand" Tuesday after its chief Akhilesh Yadav returns to Lucknow from Azamgarh. The SP and BSP had first tied up before the Lok Sabha bypolls in the state in early 2018. After that alliance defeated the BJP in Gorakhpur, Phulpur and Kairana, the two sides decided to extend their tie-up to the general elections last month. However, the "gathbandhan" could manage just 15 seats in UP, with BSP winning 10 and the SP just five — the third partner, RLD, could not win a single seat.

Referring to the election results in the Monday meeting, a

senior BSP leader said Mayawati spoke about the defeat of the SP in its strongholds of Kannauj, Badaun and Firozabad, where Akhilesh's family members had contested.

Quoting Mayawati, the leader said: "The SP had won these seats when there was no alliance but lost after tying up with the BSP. That means the SP got the BSP votes. But SP's own Yadav voters were divided. There was also no unity in the SP family... rebel leader Shivpal Yadav caused damage to the alliance."

Another BSP leader, who was present in the meeting, said: "The party president said the BSP will contest the Assembly by-polls. But she did not clarify whether the BSP will contest in alliance with the SP or separately. She has asked us to strengthen the organisation. Some changes at the lower level have been suggested." Mayawati also said that "there was lack of hard work to some extent from

## EXPLAINED

### Remarks point to trust deficit

MAYAWATI'S REMARKS suggest a trust deficit with the SP's support base after the poor poll show. The BSP chief hasn't formally called off the alliance but her views can deepen fears of a split within both parties. If the divide isn't bridged, it will be advantage BJP for the assembly bypolls this year.

both sides" in the Lok Sabha polls, he said.

A third BSP leader, however, claimed that it was clear from Mayawati's speech that the party would contest the bypolls on its own.

Monday's meeting was called to discuss the Lok Sabha results and "future strategy" for the bypolls to be held in 11 Assembly seats after eight MLAs of the BJP and one each of Apna Dal (S), SP and BSP were elected to the Lok Sabha.

For the Lok Sabha elections,

BSP contested from 38 seats, SP from 37 and the RLD from three. The alliance left two seats — Amethi and Rae Bareilly — for the Congress.

The SP and the BSP had formally announced their Lok Sabha poll alliance on January 12, with Mayawati calling it the "rajnaitik kranti" (political revolution) of 2019. The tie-up marked the coming together of bitter rivals after nearly 25 years of hostility.

During the elections, Mayawati addressed election rallies with Akhilesh and even shared the stage with SP patron Mulayam Singh Yadav in Mainpuri.

Asked about the BSP chief's remarks, a newly elected BSP MP said: "Mayawati is testing Akhilesh... how he handles the affairs of his party. This is too early to reach any conclusion."

SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said, "No official statement has come from the BSP yet. SP president Akhilesh Yadav is in Azamgarh today. We will talk about this when he returns on Tuesday. Only then will the party decide its stand."

Meanwhile, NDA partner, IJP chief and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, tweeted that he had predicted the break-up of the SP-BSP alliance after the Lok Sabha polls. "Today I repeat that the SP-BSP alliance will break in the UP assembly polls," he posted on Twitter.



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy holds a meeting at his office in Vijayawada on Monday. PTI

# Jagan lifts curbs against CBI, orders review of contracts

SREENIVAS JANYALA  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 3

ANDHRA PRADESH Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday directed state home department officials to lift the restriction on the CBI entering the state and also ordered a review of contracts awarded during the previous TDP regime to find if any irregularities were involved.

The restriction was imposed by former CM N Chandrababu Naidu in November after he accused the BJP of using the agency to harass TDP leaders. The TDP government had withdrawn the "general consent" given to the CBI to conduct operations in the state following raids on businesses and firms of several TDP leaders.

Officials said the move to allow the CBI indicates that if irregularities are found in the award of contracts by the TDP regime, Jagan won't hesitate to seek a CBI probe against Naidu and his colleagues in the previous government.

YSRCP's Rajya Sabha MP S Vijay Sai Reddy said, "The YSRCP government will root out corruption from all departments. Those who indulged in corruption in the previous regime should beware..."

Among the contracts Jagan has ordered to be reviewed are the contract to Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd to execute Polavaram Project, Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited for the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation project, contracts to various firms for work relating to the new capital and sand mining contracts awarded in all districts.

The YSRCP government has also cancelled several contracts signed after April 1, 2019. "The contracts were worth thousands of crores and even a cursory

glance reveals a lot of irregularities. We have cancelled all those projects signed after April 1 which are yet to be grounded. The works that have already started are under scrutiny," senior YSRCP leader Botsa Satyanarayana said.

"Polavaram, Pattiseema and other huge projects will be scrutinised. Our aim is not to just cancel or object to projects but to find out at what rates the contracts were awarded, if there was any favouritism in spite of higher rates etc," Satyanarayana added.

Sources said that Jagan is likely to appoint a retired judge to scrutinise the projects. The Polavaram Dam project was originally awarded to Transtroy India Ltd, owned by former TDP MP Rayapati Sambasiva Rao. However, former CM Naidu was unhappy with the slow pace of work and sought the Centre's permission to replace Transtroy.

When new bids were invited, bidders quoted an estimate of Rs 1,483 crore, about Rs 500 crore more than the contract with Transtroy. However, Navayuga Engineering offered to take up the works at the old rates. On January 30 last year, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari agreed to handover the project to Navayuga which is executing the project as per schedule. The company is at present executing worth Rs 3,400 crore under the Polavaram project.

It is learnt that Jagan is of the opinion that since the project is centrally-funded, it should be handed over to the Centre to be constructed under its supervision. "Funds are also likely to be released quickly if it is under the Centre's supervision. The government will discuss this with the Centre soon," a CMO official said.

## LS poll was race between Ferrari and cycle, says Akhilesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, JUNE 3

AFTER THE Samajwadi Party's (SP) dismal show in the Lok Sabha polls, newly elected MP from Azamgarh and SP president Akhilesh Yadav held a public meeting in his constituency Monday and said the BJP managed to win the elections as they have "the power to divert minds."

Akhilesh thanked people for his win from the seat against BJP candidate Bhojpur actor Dinesh Lal Yadav "Nirahua". He asked SP workers and supporters to dream bigger for 2022 Vidhan Sabha polls and the next Lok Sabha elections.

Referring to a news report, he said, "A journalist asked in an article I was reading that why are these people happy? Those who are happy, why is that? The race (in the election) was between Ferrari and Cycle. Everybody knew that Ferrari is going to win and not the Cycle. You tell me, who was on TV every day? They forced that into our minds. They played with our minds, with our mobile phones. The Samajwadis and mainly farmers and poor should understand that this is a different kind of fight. The day you understand this fight, you will win," said Akhilesh.

He thanked the workers of both SP and the BSP and also people who voted for the two parties.



Mamata Banerjee at an iftar party at Kolkata's Park Circus Maidan. Partha Paul

# Will launch campaign for return to ballot papers, says Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, JUNE 3

RAKING UP the EVM issue once again, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday said her party will launch a campaign to bring back the system of ballot paper in a bid to save democracy in the country. She also urged the opposition parties to unitedly demand the same.

While speaking to reporters at the state secretariat, the TMC chief accused the BJP of using "money, muscle, institutions, media and the government" to win the Lok Sabha election.

"Our workers fought boldly in this election. They (BJP) got 18 seats (in Bengal) misusing money, muscle, government, communal

and media power. They had targeted 23 seats and maybe the EVMs were pre-programmed in favour of them," she claimed.

Announcing her party's upcoming programmes, she said, "We are starting a movement 'Save Democracy, Bring Back Ballots'. We do not want (electronic voting) machines. We want ballots to save democracy. We will launch the campaign from Bengal and will spread the message across the country. We are also appealing to the Opposition parties to raise their voices in favour of ballots."

Claiming that the real mandate of the people did not reflect in the election results, she said, "How do you prove that there was no pre-planned programming? The Election Commission should have supervised it, but

they did not. Many of the EVMs were replaced during the election without conducting mock polls on them. Who knows that the replaced EVMs were not programmed?" Banerjee said.

"The verdict was not spontaneous and the BJP's victory was because people supported them. It was through an artificial mechanism and that is why they have been trying to capture the party offices," she added.

Banerjee said that her party would organise public relation marches across the state ahead of the TMC's annual Martyrs' Day rally on July 21. "Our leaders and workers will conduct door to door campaign and later launch public relation activities. We will start from the booth level and then take it across the state," she said.

# Sena: Nehru-Gandhi family can't be blamed for non-generation of jobs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE SHIV Sena on Monday criticised ally BJP over rising unemployment, saying that the "Nehru-Gandhi family can't be blamed for non-generation of 10 crore jobs that the BJP promised in 2014".

This came as the first editorial of the Sena's mouthpiece *Saamana* that was published after the party got the same heavy industries portfolio at the Centre. In the editorial, the Sena said it seemed that the new government had started working but many challenges lay ahead. "While there was a rise in the satta bazaars and share market after hearing that the Narendra Modi government was coming to power, the GDP growth rate de-

creased and the rate of unemployment increased. It is not a good sign. Rather than only discussing and advertising on how to tackle it, action is required," said the editorial.

The editorial referred to the National Sample Survey Office report that showed a rise in unemployment of 6.1 per cent.

"The Union labour ministry has confirmed it. These are not our figures. The ruling party is claiming that the rise in unemployment is not our sin. Nitin Gadkari said the BJP has not created the unemployment issue in the last five years. We agree with his view but it has not achieved the target of generating two crore jobs per year and ten crore jobs in the last five years. The Nehru-Gandhi family cannot be blamed for it," said the editorial.

# RJD says will welcome Nitish if he wants to return; JD(U) says all is well in alliance

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, JUNE 3

THE RJD has reached out to its estranged ally JD(U), soon after the Nitish Kumar-led party decided against joining the government following the BJP's "symbolic" offer of one ministerial berth. The JD(U), however, has asserted that it is very much in the NDA.

RJD national vice-president Raghuvansh Prasad Singh said on Monday, "We would welcome Nitish Kumar if he decides to leave the BJP after receiving ill-treatment RJD and JD(U), with the help of other parties, can defeat the BJP". Asked about Leader of Opposition in Assembly Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's reservation against forging an alliance with Nitish Kumar again, Singh said, "Tejashwi has not said this in writing."

The RJD's move came a day af-



Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi at an iftar party Monday. PTI

ter Nitish expanded his cabinet, including eight ministers — all from the JD(U). The BJP later clarified that it would take its share of ministry later.

Meanwhile, Grand Alliance constituent RLS's chief Upendra Kushwaha, said, "BJP should be

ready for 'dhokha number 2' (second betrayal). Nitish Kumar has a habit of disrespecting mandate."

The JD(U) had parted ways with the NDA in 2013. In 2017, the party walked out of its alliance with the RJD and Congress and re-joined the NDA.

JD(U) spokesperson Ajay Alok said, "RJD and others should not read too much into what is happening inside NDA. We are together and RJD must take care of its own affairs." Sources within the NDA, however, hinted at some tensions brewing. "We are deeply upset at the offer of one ministry at the Centre... This is not what we had expected from the BJP," said a JD(U) leader.

JD(U) national executive meet on June 9

The JD(U) has convened a meeting its national executive at Patna for June 9, party secretary-general KC Tyagi said Monday. Though the meeting comes soon after JD(U) rejected the BJP's offer of one ministerial berth at the Centre, Tyagi emphasised there was no need to read any politics in the meeting. He maintained that the JD(U) will remain part of the NDA. **ENS**

# Court orders framing of rape charges against Goa MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PANAJI, JUNE 3

AN ADDITIONAL Sessions court in Goa has ordered that charges be framed against Panaji MLA and Congress leader Atanasio Monserrate for the alleged rape of a minor in 2016.

In her complaint, the victim said that Monserrate drugged her before raping her. Judge Sherin G Paul found merit in the chargesheet and kept June 12 for framing of charges.

The chargesheet has accused a second person, Rosy Ferrao, of luring the victim.

Monserrate had recently won the bypoll for the Panaji seat, which had been held by for-

mer chief minister Manohar Parrikar since 1994.

In the run up to the bypolls, the case had become a campaign point after the BJP pointed out that Monserrate hadn't declared the case as prescribed by Election Commission.

The MLA said he was ready to face the trial. "We are going to face trial here. We will go to the High Court to tell them to expedite the matter. I want to basically tell them to finish it. Even if it goes on a daily basis, I want to finish it. I am innocent from day one. I have been telling," he said.

Last week, Monserrate was booked for molestation after a woman complained of a verbal confrontation with the legislator at a local rally against casinos.



### SIT member questioned in Saradha scam

**Kolkata:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Monday interrogated a police official who was a member of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed to probe Saradha Ponzi scam. Dilip Hazra reached the CBI office at CGO complex around 10 am and left at 1.30 pm, sources said. He was questioned by the central agency over his role in SIT and who he reported to. **ENS**



### HEALTHY LIVING

Union Cabinet Minister Harsh Vardhan cycled to Nirman Bhawan to take charge as the Health Minister on Monday. He said his priority will be to strengthen the implementation of Ayushman Bharat programme, and efforts will be made to empanel more private hospitals with the scheme. **Amit Mehra**

### Shah holds first security meet; Doval gets Cabinet minister rank

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3**

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Monday held his first internal security meeting, with National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Intelligence Bureau Director Rajiv Jain and Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Anil Dhasmana briefing him about the security situation in the country. Sources said that the Home Minister was also briefed specifically about developments in Kashmir, the Northeast and Left-Wing Extremism-affected districts. Shah was apprised of security force operations in the Valley during Ramzan.

The 10 am meeting, a routine in the Home Ministry, was also attended by Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba.

Meanwhile, the government extended the tenure of Doval for another five years as NSA. He was also elevated to the rank of Cabinet Minister.

An order from the Department of Personnel and Training said that Doval had been appointed NSA by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet and that his tenure would be co-terminus with that of the Prime Minister or "until further orders".

Doval met the Home Minister for the second time late afternoon. The purpose of this visit was not known.

During the day, Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit visited Shah. Directors General of BSF, CRPF and NDRF also paid a visit to the Home Minister.

### Rajnath visits Siachen, attends security review meet at Srinagar

**ADILAKHZER  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 3**

DURING HIS first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after taking over as Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh on Monday held a high-level security review meeting in Srinagar and also visited the Siachen base camp to interact with soldiers.

As part of a day long trip, Singh also visited the Chinar Corps headquarters in Srinagar in the afternoon.

"He (Singh) was briefed in detail about the situation on the Line of Control, hinterland and the successful counter terrorist operations. He was also apprised of the great synergy and the close coordination amongst all the government agencies towards bringing back normalcy in the region and about the preparations in place for smooth conduct of the upcoming Amarnath Yatra," said Col Rajesh Kalra, Srinagar based defence spokesperson, in a statement.

Stating that Singh lauded the sacrifice of every soldier serving in these challenging situations for national integrity, the spokesperson said, "Defence Minister urged all to continue the good that they were doing and ensure safety of innocent people while dealing firmly with the inimical elements".

"He (Singh) also impressed upon the commanders to maintain strict vigil along the Line of Control and remain prepared to give a befitting reply to any misadventure from across," the spokesperson added.

Sources said that Singh, during the meeting in Srinagar took a complete review of the border situation and the security situation in Valley. Army Chief General Bipin Rawat and other senior



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacts with soldiers at Siachen on Monday. **PTI**

Army officers were present during the meeting.

Earlier in the day Defence Minister visited a forward post and Siachen base camp and interacted with the Army personnel. Army Chief General Bipin Rawat also accompanied Singh.

About Singh's maiden visit to the world's highest battlefield, the spokesperson said, "...he made an aerial reconnaissance of the Siachen Glacier to get acquainted with the expanse of this formidable frozen frontier and landed at one of the forward posts of the Glacier".

At the Siachen base camp during his address to troops, Singh said, "I am proud of all Army personnel serving in Siachen who are leaving no stone unturned to defend our motherland. I am also proud of their parents who have sent their children to serve the Nation by joining the Armed Forces. I will personally send a thank you note to them."

Defence Minister also laid a wreath at the 'Siachen War Memorial' in memory of the brave soldiers.

### SANTS MEET IN AYODHYA

## 'Govt formed in name of Ram, time has come to do the work of Ram'

**MAULSHREE SETH  
LUCKNOW, JUNE 3**

ALMOST 10 days after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government came back to power at the Centre, seers met in Ayodhya to again discuss the construction of Ram Temple on Monday, maintaining that time has come to talk about it as the government was formed in the name of "Ram".

It was suggested that a delegation of seers meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the issue. The seers also decided to take up the issue at the "Sant Sammelan" called on June 15 in Ayodhya to mark the birthday of Ram Janma Bhumi Nyas chief Nitya Gopal Das. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate the week-long birthday celebrations on June 7.

"Elections are over. The government has been formed in the name of Ram and by taking the name of Ram. Now time has come to do the work of Ram as well," Kamal Nayan Das, successor of Mahant Nitya Gopal Das, told *The Indian Express*.

"A meeting of seers was called today, which was also attended by the national leadership of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). The developments so far in the construction of Ram Temple, including the steps taken by Supreme Court, and what needs to be done in the future were discussed," said Das.

He said both the government as well as the Supreme Court should now take up the issue on priority. "Seers from across the world will attend the June 15 sammelan and another meeting will be held in Haridwar on June 17-18, which will

have Ram temple construction as the main agenda," he added.

VHP vice-president, Champat Rai, who was part of the meeting, told *The Indian Express*, "Everyone expressed confidence that this government would correct things. It is clear that Ram temple would be constructed during the regime of Modi ji."

Earlier in the day, member of Ram Janma Bhumi Nyas, Ram Vilas Vedanti, told reporters that time was right for the construction of Ram Temple and said that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss further steps in the direction. "The BJP will get it constructed by making a law after it achieves majority in the Rajya Sabha as well by 2020," he said, expressing confidence that there would be no objections as the BJP had won more than 300 seats in the Lok Sabha elections.

## Govt will reintroduce triple talaq Bill in House: Prasad

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3**

UNION CABINET Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, who took charge of the Ministry of Law and Justice on Monday, said that the Narendra Modi government will reintroduce the triple talaq Bill in Parliament. The Bill makes talaq-e-biddat a cognizable offence punishable by imprisonment up to three years.

Prasad said the ban on triple talaq "is part of the BJP political manifesto" and, therefore, will be introduced in Parliament. In December last, the triple talaq Bill was passed in Lok Sabha but it remained pending in Rajya Sabha. The opposition has pitched for referring the Bill to a joint panel of the Parliament, claiming that specific provisions were unconstitutional and that there was a need for further examination.

The government, which has rejected the Opposition's demand, has twice promulgated The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2019. The ordinance lapsed after the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. On Monday, replying to question on whether the government will introduce the Bill again, Prasad said, "Yes. Obviously. (The issue of) triple talaq is part of our manifesto. Why not?"

On the contentious issue of the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) to be followed for appoint-



Ravi Shankar Prasad takes charge as Union Law Minister at Shastri Bhawan in New Delhi on Monday. **Prem Nath Pandey**

ments to the higher judiciary, Prasad said the government "will work it out" with the Supreme Court on finalisation of the MoP. "We will work it out. I have already conveyed it to you that there are certain issues about screening etc on which we have two views. But there is always a healthy meeting ground which we will be able to find," he said.

The government and the Supreme Court collegium are yet to find common ground in drafting the revised MoP. After striking down the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act in October 2015, the Supreme Court had directed the Centre to finalise the existing MoP in consultation with the SC collegium,

taking into account issues such as secretariat, transparency and complaint mechanism.

With several appointments to the higher judiciary pending, the Law Minister said neither he nor his ministry will be a "post office" on judicial appointments and that he will work as a stakeholder in consultation with the Supreme Court and high courts to fast-track the recruitment of judges.

"As a Law Minister, I will not be a post office simpliciter. The Law Minister and the Law Ministry has a role as a stakeholder, obviously giving due regard and respect to the Collegium system. But as Law Minister, neither I nor my department will remain a post office," Prasad said.

## Irani plans to auction memorabilia, donate proceeds to weavers

**DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3**

NEWLY INDUCTED Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani has said that she plans to auction her personal memorabilia and donate the proceeds to weavers. The items, strictly pertaining to her "pre-politician days", also include her Provident Fund records, while she was employed with a McDonald's outlet in the late 1990s.

Even the proceeds of the PF, which Irani says she has not claimed till date, will be donated.

Official sources in the Textile Ministry confirmed that they have been asked to identify a weaver cluster to whom the proceeds can be donated. The plan is at a preliminary stage, and the list of items to be included is being finalised.

"Even during her previous term in the Textile Ministry, the minister was very keen to work for the betterment of handloom



Smriti Irani takes charge as Union Minister for Women and Child Development at Shastri Bhawan. **Prem Nath Pandey**

weavers. Based on the list of items, the date and other details will be worked out, and the weaver cluster/clusters will be finalised," the official said.

Irani was earlier quoted as saying that after her application for a cabin crew job was rejected by Jet Airways, she landed a "lowest-

rung job at a McDonald outlet, where she earned Rs 1,800 a month". Now, the PF records for her employee-ship have been retrieved by an official of one of the textile councils based in Mumbai. It was her first job and the records carry her maiden name - Smriti Malhotra.

## Prime Minister to visit Maldives on June 8

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3**

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will pay a two-day visit to the Maldives beginning June 8, in his first bilateral trip after his re-election for a second term, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Monday.

The ministry stated that Modi will also travel to Sri Lanka on June 9 and that the two visits would reflect India's priority on its neighbourhood-first policy.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a state visit to the Republic of Maldives on June 8 and 9 at the invitation of Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives," stated the Ministry of External Affairs.

It said the visit is reflective of the new momentum in high-level exchanges between India and the



Modi will also travel to Sri Lanka on June 9

Maldives.

President Solih had come to India in December 2018 on a state visit. The MEA said Modi's visit will provide an important occasion to review the recent developments in bilateral relations.

"Prime Minister Modi will also visit Sri Lanka on June 9 at the invitation of Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka," stated the ministry.

## India, China talk disarmament, non-proliferation

**New Delhi:** India and China on Monday exchanged views on a variety of issues relating to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, the External Affairs Ministry said.

The two sides shared their respective positions on the issues during the 6th round of India-China bilateral dialogue on disarmament and non-proliferation. The Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary (Disarmament and International Security Affairs) Indra Mani Pandey while the Chinese side was led by Ambassador Fu Cong, Director General, Department of Arms Control of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"The two sides exchanged views on a variety of issues of mutual interest related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control," the MEA said. **ENS**

### BID TO BOOST JD(S) FORTUNES AFTER LOK SABHA POLLS

## Kumaraswamy to revive village stay programme

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, JUNE 3**

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister and JD(S) chief H D Kumaraswamy has announced the revival of a village stay programme he conducted as CM in 2006-07 as part of efforts to revive the fortunes of his party in Karnataka. The move comes in wake of the heavy defeat suffered by the JD(S) in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and the consistent loss of political ground in north Karnataka since 2008.

"To mingle with people, to under-



Programme will be held two days every month

stand their problems and to assess functioning of the government, village stays are important. I will soon start village stays at local government schools," Kumaraswamy said.

After meetings with senior government officials, including financial advisors and secretaries, Kumaraswamy on Monday said that

this visit will begin from Gurmitkal in Yadgir region of north Karnataka on June 21.

As part of the plans, the Chief Minister will stay in local government schools overnight and dedicate an entire day to meeting local people and addressing their problems. The programme will be held for two days every month, the Chief Minister's office has announced.

Unlike in 2006-07, Kumaraswamy is now scheduled to stay at schools to prevent inconveniencing locals and attracting criticism of the home stay being a pure "gimmick".

BJP leaders like former chief minister B S Yeddyurappa have also stayed and eaten at homes of Dalits but reports later revealed that the hosts were forced to create modern toilet facilities or serve food sourced from hotels for VIP guests.

Senior BJP leader and Union minister for Chemicals and fertilizers D V Sadananda Gowda has called it a "gimmick".

"Earlier also he used to stay at villages but none of the villages later received government attention. Now, to save his shaky government he wants to shift the focus with village stays," Gowda said.

## EXPLAINED Decade ago, drive boosted popularity

IN HIS first tenure as CM in a coalition with the BJP in 2006-07, Kumaraswamy had stayed at the homes of villagers to improve his image. The programme contributed to a rise in his popularity in the northern parts of the state where the Lingayats, the majority community, tend to lean heavily in favour of the BJP. However, after the JD(S) failed to adhere to a 20-20 power-sharing agreement with the BJP in 2007, Kumaraswamy and JD(S) lost goodwill in north Karnataka.

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**WEST**

## Ex-MP Ateeq Ahmad shifted to Sabarmati jail

**Ahmedabad:** Former Uttar Pradesh MP and strongman Ateeq Ahmad was on Monday transferred to the high-security Sabarmati central jail here in Gujarat from the Naini jail in Uttar Pradesh on directions of the Supreme Court, an official said. Ahmad was brought to Ahmedabad from Varanasi in a flight in

the morning, they said. "Ateeq Ahmad was brought to the Sabarmati central jail today morning as directed by the supreme court," said a jail official. In April, the Supreme Court had ordered shifting of Ahmad from the Naini central jail where he was lodged for kidnapping and assaulting a businessman. **PTI**



300 shacks gutted in a fire near Jammu railway station on Monday. *Express*

**NORTH**

## 300 shacks razed in Jammu fire, no casualties

**Jammu:** Nearly 500 families hailing from UP, Bihar, Maharashtra and even Myanmar were rendered shelterless when around 300 jhuggis at Maratha Basti near the Jammu railway station were razed on Monday under suspicious circumstances. Though no one was injured, the jhuggi dwellers lost all their belongings to the mid-

night blaze. This was the second incident of fire in the slum in an year as last time, two people had died and nearly a dozen sustained burns in fire that had erupted during night. While police attributed the fire to short circuit, some of the victims said that they woke up after hearing some explosion around 12.45 am. **ENS**

**EAST**

## Crocodile kills man in Odisha's Kendrapara

**Kendrapara:** A 47-year-old man was killed allegedly by a crocodile near Bhitarkanika National Park in Odisha's Kendrapara district, an official said on Monday. An adult crocodile pounced on Sanjay Kumar Pradhan of Mandapada village on Sunday as he was taking bath in a bathing ghat. The maimed

body of the victim was fished out of the river by locals on Monday, the official said. The incident occurred outside Bhitarkanika national park limits. The deceased man's family would be given ex-gratia, said Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar Mangrove forest division, Bimal Prasanna Acharya. **PTI**

**SOUTH**

## Worker killed in blast at explosives unit in Hyderabad

**Hyderabad:** A 21-year-old man from Chhattisgarh died in a blast at an explosives manufacturing unit near here Monday, police said. The explosion occurred in a room on the unit's premises. The worker was handling a bottle containing some chemical which is used as raw material to fill detonators, they said. The bottle apparently fell

down and due to its impact, the other 48 bottles stored in the room exploded. The chemical from each bottle is used to fill 3,000 detonators, police said. The worker, who was alone in the room, was blown to pieces in the impact of the blast, a senior police official said. The deceased hailed from Bastar district of Chhattisgarh. **PTI**

# Kerala on Nipah alert, again

No confirmation so far; 86 people put under observation in precautionary step

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 3

FOLLOWING THE hospitalisation of a 23-year-old youth in Kerala with symptoms similar to those in a Nipah virus infection, 86 people who were in touch with him recently have been put under observation.

After reviewing the preparedness, state health minister K K Shailaja has said there was no confirmation about a Nipah infection so far. "We are waiting for a confirmation from the National Institute of Virology in Pune where serum samples of the patient have been rushed. The result is expected tonight or Tuesday. However, the health department has already taken precautionary steps and has geared up to face



Nipah outbreak claimed 17 lives in Kerala last year. *File*

any situation on the assumption that the suspected case is that of Nipah virus," she said. She said there was no reason to panic as the condition of the youth, who is admitted to a private hospital in Kochi, is stable and those under observation do not have fever or any other symptom so far.

The hospitalised youth be-

longs to North Paravur in Ernakulam district and is studying at a technical institute at Thodupuzha in Idukki district. He moved to Thrissur for a training programme and was hospitalised with fever. Those put under observation include four of his roommates in Thodupuzha, others who were in touch with him in Thrissur and his

family members in Emakulam.

On Monday, serum samples of the youth reached National Institute of Virology in Pune, which is one of the major institutes of Indian Council of Medical Research and the WHO collaborating centre for arboviruses reference and haemorrhagic fever reference.

While NIV director Dr D T Mourya was unavailable for comments, officials at the Indian Council of Medical Research said the samples have been received by the NIV and tests are underway. Results will be available only by Tuesday, officials said. Meanwhile, as per WHO protocol, a multi-disciplinary central team from National Centre for Disease Control and scientists from NIV have been sent to Kerala.

A Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala last year claimed 17 lives. **—WITH INPUTS FROM PUNE**

# At least 5 political workers killed in UP post elections

Among them, three SP workers, one BSP leader and one BJP worker

**ASAD REHMAN**  
LUCKNOW, JUNE 3

FIVE LOCAL political functionaries, including three of the SP, and one each of the BJP and BSP, have either been shot dead or attacked in the week after the Lok Sabha poll results were declared, with the Opposition parties accusing the police of being partial in investigation.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has claimed that SP leaders are being killed one after another in the state, with his party's spokesperson Rajendra Choudhary alleging bias in the police probe.

A look at the five murders and progress in investigations.

**AMETHI (MAY 25):**

BJP worker Surendra Singh, who actively participated in Smriti Irani's Lok Sabha campaign in Amethi, was shot dead while sleeping outside his house at Baraulia village. Two days after the murder, police arrested three of the five suspects named in the FIR with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directing the DGP to take "severe" and "effective" action and arrest the culprits within 12 hours.

**GHAZIPUR (MAY 24):**

District panchayat member and SP worker Vijay Yadav alias Pappu (44) was shot dead outside his house at Salarpur village. Three unidentified persons were named in the case. Ghazipur SP Arvind Chaturvedi said, "We have identified the accused, but we can't divulge the names yet. We are not sure about the exact motive yet." Newly-elected BSP MP Afzal Ansari alleged that the police detained a few people in the case but they were released under pressure from the BJP.

**JAUNPUR (MAY 31):**

Local SP leader Lalji Yadav was killed in Udali village in Sarai

**UTTARAKHAND**

## Bodies of five missing trekkers spotted; three others suspected dead

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
DEHRADUN, JUNE 3

BODIES OF five trekkers, who had gone missing since May 24, were spotted at an altitude of over 5,000 metres near an unnamed peak in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district, on Monday.

Three of the total eight trekkers who went missing, are yet to be traced, but the administration suspects that they too are dead and are buried under an avalanche.

A group of 12 trekkers, who had permission from the Indian government and the forest department to trek to Nanda Devi East at 7,400m, had started trekking from Munsiyari in Pithoragarh district on May 16. On May 22 the trekkers reached the Nanda Devi base camp. From there four of them took to the trek route for Nanda Devi East, and the remaining eight started trekking for an unnamed peak at 6,477m, Pithoragarh District Magistrate VK Jogdande said, adding that the required permission for the unnamed peak was not taken by the trekkers.

On May 24 the two teams could not connect with each other. The team of four returned to the summit base camp at 5,800m after it failed to reach the summit. However, there was no trace of eight other trekkers.

On May 31 the team stranded at the summit base camp was able to contact the Delhi-based private agency through which the trek had been planned. Jogdande said, "On May 31 I received an email from the agency about the stranded and missing trekkers. We sent two teams on foot to search for the trekkers." One team comprised 10 Indo-Tibetan Border Police personnel. The other was a 14-member team of four doctors, six SDRF personnel and four policemen.

Khwaja police station area by three-four unidentified men. Sub-inspector, Sarai Khwaja police station, Ramesh Yadav, said, "The accused are still unidentified, but we will soon identify and arrest them." Police are yet to ascertain the motive.

**GREATER NOIDA (MAY 31):** SP functionary Ramtek Kataria was shot dead in his car by unidentified persons at Jarcha Road. A BJP office-bearer is among the six accused named in the FIR. Gautam Buddha Nagar (Rural) SP Vineet Jaiswal told The Indian Express that the murder was a result of a family feud. "There are six named accused in the case and some accused are unidentified. All the named accused are absconding," Jaiswal said. However, SP district president Beer Singh Yadav alleged that the police have not nabbed any accused since two of them are linked to the BJP.

BJP's district chief Vijay Bhati admitted that one of the accused is a BJP office-bearer but denied that any other suspect has links to his party. Another SP leader, Brijpal Rath (47), was shot at in Greater Noida on May 31. "Rathi was in his car when he was attacked. He is in hospital. A case of attempt to murder has been lodged against unidentified persons, but no arrest is made so far," said Munish Chouhan, SHO of Surajpur police station.

**BIJNOR (MAY 28):**

BSP leader Haji Ehsan Ahmed (50) and his nephew Shadaab (27) were shot dead at their real estate office on May 28.

Police had said that the accused entered Ahmed's office with a box of sweets to congratulate him for the victory of the party's newly-elected MP Malook Nagar.

Two people have been arrested in the case and a hunt is on for the third, the police said.

## A group of 12 had started trekking from Munsiyari in Pithoragarh district on May 16. On May 22, they reached the Nanda Devi base camp

Also, on June 1, a state government helicopter was sent on a search and rescue mission, but was unable to conduct any search due to bad weather, Jogdande said.

"We then requested the Indian Air Force (IAF) for two helicopters that started the search and rescue mission on June 2," he said, adding that one of the IAF helicopters found four trekkers stranded at the summit base camp at 5,800m, and the other IAF helicopter rescued them and brought them back to Pithoragarh, but the remaining eight trekkers were not found on June 2. After information from the rescued trekkers, on Monday one of the IAF helicopters was sent to search for the eight missing trekkers.

"We took photographs from the area where they were suspected to have gone missing and while analysing the photographs we spotted a lower limb, and 500m above we spotted bodies of four trekkers tied together lying on an avalanche," the district magistrate said.

While five bodies were traced on Monday, the administration suspects that the remaining three bodies might be buried under the avalanche. "We shall now retrieve the bodies," Jogdande said. Of the eight trekkers, four were from the UK, two were from the US, one trekker was an Indian, and the group had one female trekker who was from Australia.

# 7 months, 300 km and a few knocks later, giant statue reaches Karnataka temple

**AMRITA DUTTA**  
BENGALURU, JUNE 3

FAITH CAN move mountains — but it might take seven months to cover 300-odd km, and also knock down a few houses, shops, walls and electric poles along the way.

For seven months now, a colossal slab of granite, weighing 420 tonnes, quarried from a hill in Korakottai village in Tiruvannamalai district, Tamil Nadu, has been travelling on a vehicle with 240 wheels, as it makes its way to a temple in Bengaluru's Ejjipura.

It is no ordinary stone, but an unfinished monolith statue (64 feet high, 25 feet wide) of Vishwaroopam, a figure believed to represent the 10 avatars of god in Hinduism.

"This is the supreme bhagwantam, who came to the aid of Hindus by taking on different avatars at different times... There is no unity among Hindus because we believe in different gods... So, I decided to build a statue wherein all the Hindu gods are engraved on the body of the Lord," said Dr Sadananda, a maverick doctor who, inspired by the Bhagvad Gita, embarked on this mission about seven years ago.

The Kothandaramaswamy Charitable Trust, headed by Sadananda, is bearing the cost of this adventure. Of the Rs 2.5 crore spent already, transport alone has cost Rs 1.8 crore.

"It was delayed because the roads had to be widened. Some houses and shops had to be broken, and then compensated," said Tiruvannamalai collector K S Kandasamy, who was appointed the nodal officer for the transport of the rock by the Tamil Nadu government.

After crossing four districts and two states, the statue now rests at a street corner in Ejjipura, at the mouth of a narrow lane that leads to the Kodanda Rama Swami temple, which was built by Dr Sadananda's father 75 years ago. The final 400-odd metres will take about four days to cover, said Dr Sadananda, 65.

Standing in the way now are a cluster of electric poles. "Once they are uprooted, we can move



The unfinished monolith statue of Vishwaroopam has been travelling on a vehicle with 240 wheels for seven months to cover some 300 km. *Meghana Sastry*

inside. For that period, this area won't have power," says Naseem Khan, who took turns with three other drivers to manoeuvre the massive vehicle and its unusual cargo. "On good days, we would cover 10 km a day. Sometimes much less," he said.

The statue arrived in Bengaluru over a week ago. "We had to do some road modification from Hosur to Ejjipura. Some medians had to be modified. Now, in the last stretch, we have to remove a few electric poles," said K V Jagadeesh, DCP (traffic-east).

Dr Sadananda identified the stone, which can be polished to a blackish blue, in 2012, after an extensive recce of villages in Tiruvannamalai. It took him two more years to get the requisite clearances.

But in 2017, when the rock was about to be shifted, a PIL was moved in the Madras High Court against its transport. After that was disposed of, the one-and-a-half axle vehicle began its long journey in November last year.

The first hurdle came in Vellimedupete village in Villupuram district, where the vehicle ended up ramming into houses and shops abutting a narrow carriageway. "We were not that experienced. The truck driver drove very harshly. In that

village alone, I had to pay Rs 25 lakh as compensation," said Dr Sadananda.

The trust had offered to pay to break down the wall of the 9th Century Senji fort in Villupuram, in order to access the highway. "But the archaeological authorities refused and so we had to reroute," said Kandasamy.

Another setback to the transport came from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). "The NHAI refused us permission to cross small bridges and culverts on the way, as they feared the weight would be too much," said Kandasamy.

"I had to build 8-10 ramps/diversions on my own, ranging from 1.5 km to 3 km in length. Each cost Rs 8-10 lakh," said Dr Sadananda.

Two such ramps ran into stiff local resistance. One was allegedly built over the bed of Markandeya river in Krishnagiri district in February. Another ramp was built over the Thenpennai river in Hosur, near the Perandepalli bridge, allegedly blocking the course of the river.

"We turned the flow by dumping mud... We are going to remove everything eventually... It is just that we have been busy," said Dr Sadananda.

The Tamil Nadu government

and officials, he said, supported him "99 per cent". But his message of Hindu unity also came up against the hostility of the residents in Tamil Nadu. "They asked, why should we give our stone to Karnataka when they haven't given us Cauvery water," said Kandasamy.

For a moment in Villipuram, said Dr Sadananda, when residents climbed on to the statue, refusing to let it move, "it seemed like Babri Masjid". "When I finally crossed the border into Karnataka, I felt like Captain Abhinandan," he said at the temple.

The compound resembles a construction site, with a JCB roaring in the background. The front wall has been demolished to make way for the stone.

"Once it is here, it will take another two years for sculptors from Tirupati to carve the full statue," said Dr Sadananda, who left his full-time job as a professor of surgery in a medical college for this task. "I have been harassed no end and only because I am an ordinary man... I have taken three loans to finance it... But I was convinced that the supreme god deserved no less than such a huge statue," he said to *The Indian Express*.

The statue has now reached the temple gate.

**YEAR AFTER VIOLENCE AT PUNJABI LANE IN SHILLONG**

# Shillong civic body asks residents for land papers

**ABHISHEK SAHA**  
GUWAHATI, JUNE 3

A YEAR after Shillong was brought to a standstill by violent clashes at Punjabi Lane, the Shillong Municipal Board (SMB) on Friday put up notices asking its residents to furnish information and documents certifying them as owners of a land or structure there. This was meant to formulate a policy to solve their long pending issues, the SMB said.

The Punjabi community that forms a majority of the residents of the lane has reacted sharply to the notice, seeing it as another bid to oust them. A statement by the Harijan Panchayat Committee of the area invoked a high court or-



The barricade at the entry of Punjabi Lane. It houses about 350 families of Dalit Sikhs. *Abhishek Saha*

der saying the residents should not be disturbed in any way and calls the SMB's move "unlawful and a deliberate violation".

Punjabi Lane houses about 350 families of Punjabi-origin Dalit Sikhs whose ancestors had been brought as scavengers and

sweepers to the hill station by the British over a century ago, and is still — including in the SMB notice — referred to by some as 'Sweeper's Lane'.

The May 31, 2018, violence, had been triggered by a minor skirmish, bringing forth a long-festering demand to relocate the residents of Punjabi Lane.

Last year, the residents had appealed to the Meghalaya High Court to counter any attempts to relocate them. In his order staying the process of relocation initiated by the HLC and government, Justice S R Sen of the Meghalaya HC said on February 15, "I direct the government and all the other agencies not to disturb the petitioners in any manner and, if at all they want to evict or remove

them, they are to approach the civil court."

In mid-May though, a High-Level Committee (HLC) formed by the Meghalaya government and headed by Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong gave the residents a month to prove they live in the area "legally". It also instructed the SMB to create "an inventory of properties" belonging to the residents. However, an attempt to conduct the survey had been foiled by residents, leading to the notice.

Says Meghalaya Health and Family Welfare Minister A L Hek, who is also a member of the HLC, "We will be listing how many people with government service stay in Punjabi Lane. Their rehabilitation is our responsibility. We

are not going to throw them out." Gurjeet Singh, president of the Gurdwara Committee of Punjabi Lane and secretary of the Harijan Panchayat Committee, asks what would happen to the others. "The terms of reference of the HLC are themselves wrong. They call it the HLC for relocation. Should it not be HLC for 'redevelopment'?"

The demand to relocate residents of Punjabi Lane has grown steadily with time. The area is adjacent to Lewduh or Bara Bazar, the city's largest traditional market, and stands out with its odd cluster of wooden houses with tin roofs. Many argue that a commercial hub should not have a residential area. Others claim that the locality has become a den for criminals and "illegal" settlers.



India rejects OIC stand on J&K, says no locus standi

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

THREE MONTHS after New Delhi had toned down its criticism of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) reference to Jammu and Kashmir, India on Monday raised the decibel and rejected the OIC's reference to Kashmir as "unacceptable" and said that the grouping has "no locus standi". This is a turnaround from the March 2 statement earlier this year when India had merely said that Jammu and Kashmir is an "integral part of India and is a matter strictly internal to India". But, unlike previous statements, it did not say in the March 2 statement that OIC has no locus standi and that India is rejecting the statement. In its final communique at the Mecca summit, the OIC reiterated its support for the "legitimate rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir" and even appointed a special envoy for the state. The OIC is an international organisation comprising 57 member states, 53 of them Muslim-majority nations. Responding to a communique adopted at OIC's summit meeting in the holy city of Mecca last week, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, "We categorically reject yet another unacceptable reference to matters internal to India in the Final Communiqué adopted at the conclusion of the 14th Islamic Summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states held at Makkah on May 31."

reiterated that OIC should refrain from making such unwarranted references," he said. On March 1, then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj had attended the inaugural plenary of the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC in Abu Dhabi on March 1. She was the first Indian minister to address the OIC meeting, India's participation came despite Pakistan's strong demand to rescind the invitation to Swaraj.

Pakistan's request was turned down by host UAE, resulting in Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi boycotting the plenary. A day after Swaraj had attended the summit, a resolution adopted condemned the "atrocities and human rights violations" in Kashmir — a standard template for all OIC statements over the last several decades. "As regards the resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir, our stand is consistent and well known. We reaffirm that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India and is a matter strictly internal to India," the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Kumar had said on March 2.

At that point, India had expressed its gratitude to the UAE that Swaraj attended the Council of Foreign Ministers session as the Guest of Honour at the invitation extended by the Foreign Minister of the UAE. "We deeply appreciate this historic gesture on the 50th anniversary of their first meeting," the MEA spokesperson had said. Since India got the honour, 50 years after it had been rebuffed, it had chosen to downplay the communique which was adopted at Pakistan's behest.

"The OIC has no locus standi in matters relating to the state of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India. It is

Verdict in Kathua rape-murder case may come by June 10

SOFIAHSAN CHANDIGARH, JUNE 3

THE FINAL arguments in the Kathua murder and gangrape case are likely to conclude in the next few hearings and the verdict may be pronounced by June 10.

The rape and murder of a minor in Kathua in January last year had triggered outrage across the country with some groups in Jammu coming out in support of the accused.

The trial had started in Pathankot after the case was transferred to Punjab on the orders of the Supreme Court. The hearing was Monday adjourned for Tuesday for further arguments and submissions, and the evidence was closed by the

Sessions Court on May 27. The chargesheet was filed on May 30 last year following which trial was conducted on day-to-day basis. While the prosecution has concluded its arguments, the defence continued to present its case on Monday.

"The final proceedings may conclude on Tuesday or June 6. The judgment is expected to be pronounced on June 10," said Special Public Prosecutor Jagdishwar Kumar Chopra.

There are eight accused in the case: former revenue official Sanji Ram, Special Police Officers Deepak Khajuria and Surinder Kumar, Parvesh Kumar, Ram's son Vishal Jangotra and a juvenile who faces a separate trial. Two investigating officers — head constable Tilak Raj and sub-

inspector Anand Dutta — are accused of destroying crucial evidence. While three accused are facing charges of rape in addition to other charges, one has been booked for attempt to rape and another for criminal conspiracy.

The J&K government had roped in senior criminal lawyers from Gurdaspur and Pathankot to prosecute the accused.

The prosecution had presented a list of 353 witnesses along with the challan and a supplementary chargesheet but produced only 114 witnesses before the court for examination. About four witnesses turned hostile. The defence presented around 14 witnesses. The in-camera trial is being presided over by District and Sessions Judge Dr Tejwinder Singh.

One militant, his associate killed in encounter at Shopian

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JUNE 3

ONE MILITANT and his associate were killed in an encounter between militants and security forces in South Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday.

Police said that during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, security forces intercepted a vehicle at a checkpoint in Mool Chitragram area of district Shopian.

According to police, militants inside the vehicle opened fire and were retaliated by the security forces. In the gunbattle, police said, one militant identified as Firdous Ahmad Bhat and Sajad Ahmad an "active associate", was killed. Sajad was driving the vehicle.

Civilian shot dead in Srinagar by unidentified gunmen

Srinagar: A civilian was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday evening.

Police identified the victim as Sameer Ahmad, a resident of Khanmoh area who was in his early 30s. Unidentified gunmen fired at him in Panthachowk area after which he was taken to the SMHS hospital in Srinagar, where the

doctors declared him brought dead, sources said. "He had bullet injuries and was declared brought dead," said Dr Nazir Chaudhary, medical superintendent at SMHS.

Meanwhile, PTI reported that a special police officer (SPO) of the J&K Police was killed in Anantnag district when his service rifle went off accidentally, police said. ENS

Both of them were residents of district Kulgam of South Kashmir. Another militant managed to escape from the area in the dark, said police.

"Bodies of both the terrorists have been handed over to their legal heirs after completion of medical and legal formalities," said a police spokesperson.

Court allows Vadra to travel abroad, imposes conditions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

A DELHI court on Monday allowed Robert Vadra, accused in a money-laundering case, to travel abroad for six weeks for health reasons, with a warning that he shall not temper with evidence.

Special Judge Arvind Kumar allowed Vadra, brother-in-law of Congress president Rahul Gandhi, to travel to the US and the Netherlands. He also directed Vadra to submit his travel schedule. Various other conditions were also imposed.

However, the court did not allow Vadra to go to the UK.

Vadra's counsel KTS Tuli told the court that his client will not go to the UK, as per his earlier prayer, "in view of the objections raised by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) regarding his UK visit".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and advocate Nitesh Rana, appearing for the ED, had opposed Vadra's plea seeking permission to travel to the UK and other countries citing health reasons.

BJP MLA assaults woman, then says sorry, gets her to tie him rakhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, JUNE 3

AFTER BEING caught on camera beating and kicking a woman NCP leader, BJP MLA from Naroda, Balram Thavani, on Monday said that he has apologised to her. He also met the woman and got her to tie a rakhi on his wrist.

In a video that had gone viral on social media on Sunday, Thavani and his supporters were seen hitting and kicking NCP leader Neetu Tejwani while she was staging a protest outside the MLA's office along with other women over poor water supply in her area. The incident is said to have taken place on Sunday morning.

Tejwani, who was discharged from the Civil Hospital on Monday morning, said that he has accepted the MLA's apology. "Balram Thavani visited the NCP office and said 'you're like my younger sister. Now, tie me a rakhi as a gift'. I was touched by his gesture and tied him a rakhi," Tejwani, who is the NCP president of Kubernagar ward, said.

"In Kubernagar, in and around Maya cinema area, water supply lines to approximately 15 to 20 small factories were cut



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for the past eight days. Each factory houses some 50-60 workers who depended on the water supply for commercial use as well as for their drinking purposes... We wanted to relay their concerns to the MLA. However, Thavani has now apologised. He has also accepted my demand that the water supply lines that have been cut off, will be restored," Tejwani said. Earlier in the day, Tejwani narrated to reporters how the MLA and his supporters had beaten her up. "When we reached the MLA's office, he was not there. But his supporters started abusing me... Soon, Balram arrived in a vehicle, came out, snatched the mobile

phone from my hand and slapped me very hard. I fell down, after which he started kicking me. They hit me with a stick. He (MLA) kicked me in the stomach and put his boots on my face. There were six-seven more people. When my husband tried to stop him, his men came out from the office and started thrashing him," PTI quoted Tejwani saying. According to the MLA he was not in his office when the protest began. "I was not in my office. When I reached there, women protesters said that water pressure was low. I told them to come the next day at 11 am and I will call the municipal corporation team.

WOMEN'S PANEL SEEKS REPORT

Ahmedabad: Taking suo motu cognizance of the incident, the Gujarat State Commission for Women sought a report from the Ahmedabad Commissioner. "We have immediately sought a report from the Commissioner. After the report is submitted to us, the Commission will take a decision on visiting the victim," Veena Patel, member secretary of the panel said. ENS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday gave the CBI three months to complete the probe in the Muzaffarpur shelter home sexual assault case, including the investigation into the suspected murders, and directed it to widen the scope to investigate "outsiders" involved.

Several girls were sexually and physically assaulted at an NGO-run shelter home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur and the issue came to light in 2018 following a report by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). The apex court also directed CBI to probe allegations of unnatural sexual assault under section 377 of the Indian Penal Code. Besides, it asked the agency to probe other offences under the IT Act regarding purported video recordings of the alleged assault on the girls.

The CBI requested a vacation bench comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and M R Shah to grant them six months. In other instructions, the bench also asked the central investigating agency to investigate the role of "outsiders who were involved and facilitated the sexual assaults..."

Tadvi suicide: Families of accused claim not called to present their side

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JUNE 3

FAMILIES OF the three final-year gynaecology students — Dr Anika Khandelwal, Dr Bhakti Mehare and Dr Hema Ahuja — accused of harassment and caste discrimination in connection with the alleged suicide of Dr Payal Tadvi, have claimed the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) has not once approached them to record their statements. The MUHS is looking into a ragging complaint against the three and has power to even terminate their admissions.

"Until today, we were not even aware that the MUHS is reviewing an anti-ragging report. Nobody from the MUHS informed us about such a committee," said Manish Pandhare, a relative of Mehare. Last week, a 21-member commit-

CRIME BRANCH TO MOVE AGAINST REMAND ORDER

Mumbai: The Mumbai Crime Branch, which is investigating the suicide is expected to approach the Bombay High Court this week to challenge a special court order sending three doctors arrested in the case to judicial custody. An officer said the case was transferred by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis last Thursday, whereas the special court issued its order the next day. ENS

ACCUSED APPLY FOR BAIL BEFORE SPECIAL COURT

Mumbai: The three doctors arrested in connection with the alleged suicide have filed applications for bail before the special court. In the application, the three have said they were unaware of Tadvi's caste and hence sections under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, do not apply against them and blamed poor working conditions. ENS

tee in BYL Nair hospital, attached with the medical college, submitted an anti-ragging report to the MUHS. The MUHS decision in this case will be considered final, officials from the medical education ministry said.

Kailash Khandelwal, Anika's father, said they were not even aware that BYL Nair hospital had submitted a report. "Our entire focus right now is to get our daughter out of jail. How can the university expect the girls to

record a statement with the committee. The entire administration seems to be working against them," he said. Kailadas Chavan, MUHS registrar, said the committee has followed protocol in the case. "The family can mail us whatever they have to say," he said. When contacted, Medical Education Minister Girish Mahajan said the report by the MUHS is expected in a few days.

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Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PuVVNL) (A subsidiary of UP Power Corporation limited) Purvanchal Vidyut Bhavan, Vidyut Nagar, P.O. - D.L.W., Varanasi - 221004 Website: http://www.etender.up.nic.in The tender invited for through e-tender no., EAV-150, 151, & 162 the date of bid opening is hereby further extended and details for the same have been mentioned below. Sl. No. 1. Tender Specification number EAV-150/18-19, Material Name 11 KV XLPE Cable(3x70) Sq.mm Last Date & time for submission of tender documents Date: 20.06.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Tender opening date & time Date: 21.06.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Sl. No. 2. Tender Specification number EAV-151/18-19, Material Name 11 KV XLPE Cable(3x120) Sq.mm Last Date & time for submission of tender documents Date: 20.06.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Tender opening date & time Date: 21.06.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Sl. No. 3. Tender Specification number EAV-162/18-19, Material Name Appointment of Project Management Agency (PMA)/ Consultant to provide services for the works of installation of LT AB Cable in Urban Area (Varanasi/Gorakhpur/Prayagraj/Mau/Bhadohi) in PuVVNL. Last Date & time for submission of tender documents Date: 20.06.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Tender opening date & time Date: 21.06.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Other terms and conditions shall remain same. Sd/- (S. K. Bharati) Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" पत्रांक: 1471/ पू.वि.वि.नि.लि. (वा.)/सा.प्र./ अअ-1/ विज्ञापन दिनांक 03.06.2019

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD CANCELLATION OF e-TENDER NOTICE No.- PR 226/2019 Tender Notice No. - PR 226/2019 issued in various newspapers on 26th May 2019 for "SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SERVERS FOR DATA CENTRE OF BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD, PATNA", has been cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. Secretary

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-IV, I & FC, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Nangloi Near DTC Depot, Nangloi Delhi-41 on behalf of the President of India, online tender are invited from the approved and eligible agencies who conduct the similar nature of work for the following work:- N.I.T. No.- EE/MD-IV/2019-20/01 Name of Work: Running and Maintenance of Machinery for the year 2019-20. Sub. Providing of Operator and Khallasi-cum-Chowkidar-cum-Helper (Unskilled Labour) for Operation and Watch & Ward of Machinery at various sites of Mechanical Division-IV & Kakrola store etc. for One Year. Estimated Cost: Rs. 3180698/- Earnest Money: Rs. 63614/- Period of completion: One Year 2711 (Non Plan) Period of completion 12 months (365 days), last date & time of Tender upto 3.00 P.M on 07/06/2019 Tender ID 2019... IFC\_173173\_1.) 1) Earnest money in physical form i.e. FDR/Pay order/Bankers cheque/ Demand Draft should be deposited in the office EE, MD-IV, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Nangloi, Near DTC Depot, Nangloi, Delhi on or before the last date & time. 2) The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in 3) Only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be accepted. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL DIVISION-IV DIP/Shabdarth/0142/19-20

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER RANI AVANTI BAI LODHI SAGAR PROJECT BARGI HILLS, JABALPUR (M.P.) Jabalpur, Dated: 29.05.2019 Brief Notice Inviting Tender (Second Call) NIT. No. 07/CE/2019-20 Online tender for the following work has been invited on the e - Procurement system Portal website http://mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below:- Name of the work: Construction of High Level Bridges on Halon river near Gadi Motinala road and Kashmir Nala near Gadi on Sijhora Gadi road on "Turn Key basis including construction of approach roads. This includes work of survey, necessary investigation, Design, Drawing, estimation, obtaining necessary permission from competent authority, construction of necessary diversion arrangement, excavation of foundation including dewatering, construction of sub structures, superstructures including all arrangement of centering, shuttering, Shifting of L/T/H electric lines, telephone lines, water supply lines and any other facility in way of works and all other miscellaneous related work complete as directed by Engineer in Charge. Probable Amount of Contract (Rs. In Crore) : Rs. 378.82 Lakhs EMD (in Rs.) : Rs.3.80 Lakh Cost of Documents Tender (Non refundable) : Rs. 15000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand Only) Date of Purchase of tender documents : Up to 21.06.2019, 17.30 Online Submission of bid : Up to 26.06.2019 17.30 Date of Opening of EMD and Pre-qualification : 01.07.2019 from 4.30 PM ONWARD Date of Opening of Financial Bid of Qualified Bidders : 09.07.2019 from 10.30 AM. The tender documents can be purchased only online from the above website after making online payment using credit card or Internet Banking Account Detailed NIT, and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal G-11567/19 Sd/ Chief Engineer Rani Avanti Bai Lodhi Sagar Project Bargi Hills, Jabalpur

SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYAPEETHA (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY) A Central Autonomous Body-Under M/o HRD, Govt. of India B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi - 110 016 TENDER NOTICE Sealed Tenders are invited for printing and typing of Journals, Books, Answer sheets and other materials in English, Sanskrit & Hindi Languages in the size of 20X30/8, 20X26/8 & 23X36/16 for the period from August 2019 to August 2021. Last date for receipt of Tender in the Publication Section is 27.06.2019 at 12:00 Noon & will be opened on same day at 2:30 PM. For details please visit Vidyapeetha website www.slbrsv.ac.in REGISTRAR

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, GANGA POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, PRAYAGRAJ N.I.T. No.1922/610/2717 Date: 31/05/2019 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE U.P. Jal Nigam, e-tenders are invited for the "for proper disposal of sewer in problematic areas and to level manhole covers with road surface for safe traffic movement" in Sewerage District-D, Prayagraj. The complete details about e-bid of above items/works will be available in the tender document on the U.P. Govt's e-procurement website https://etender.up.nic.in from 04.06.2019 to 11.06.2019 at 12:00 Hrs. which will be opened on 11.06.2019 at 15:30 hours in the Office of The General Manager, Ganga Pollution Control Unit, Prayagraj. The cost of the tender document is mentioned in the detailed notice.

परिचमाल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. ई-निविदा तिथि विस्तार सूचना: इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या 107/2018-19 को दिनांक 03.06.2019 को खोली जाती थी, के खुलने की तिथि 14.06.2019 तक विस्तार की जाती है। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेगी। कृपया वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर विस्तार में सभी जानकारी विवरण, डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन/विस्तार के लिए ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक से पहले तक लॉग ऑन करें। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत नगरीय वितरण मण्डल, मुजफ्फरपुर। राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाएं। बिजली जोती की सूचना हैलबोर्ड नं.- 9412207451 एवं 1800-180-3002 पर दें। पत्रांक सं. 1087/वि.न.वि.प. मु. नगर/ फार्स दिनांक: 03.06.19



## SC to hear fresh pleas on EWS quota in PG medical courses

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on Tuesday the pleas of some medical students who are seeking a fresh round of counselling after the re-drawing of merit list for admissions to the postgraduate medical and dental courses in Maharashtra for the 2019-20 academic year.

A vacation bench comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and M R Shah, which was initially reluctant to hear the fresh plea, agreed to hear it on Tuesday.

One of the fresh pleas filed by Sagar Sarda said that "new seat matrix", "fresh choice filing of medical streams" and "fresh round of counselling for admissions" should be allowed in view of the fact that the apex court has stayed the 10 per cent quota to students of economically weaker sections (EWS) in the courses for the current academic year.

"What is troubling us the deadline of May 31 which has been fixed by this court for concluding the admission process for PG medical and dental courses," the bench said, adding that the students should not be running from "one court to another court" for this purpose.

Another fresh plea has been filed some other medical students seeking restoration of 10 per cent EWS quota in admissions in the current academic session.

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## VHP members booked over 'swords, air rifles at rally'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PUNE, JUNE 3

A DAY after some women participating in a rally organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) in Nigdi allegedly fired air rifles and brandished swords, an offence was registered with Pimpri-Chinchwad police commissioner against the office-bearers of the outfit on Monday.

Police said the VHP's Western Maharashtra wing organised a 'Shobha Yatra' in Yamunanagar area on Sunday at 5 pm to mark the conclusion of 'Durgavahini Shaurya Prashikshan Varga'.

Police have charged VHP functionaries Sharad Inamdar, Dhanaji Shinde and Nitin Vatkar along with over 250 others for allegedly taking out the rally without prior permission and under relevant sections of the Arms Act. The organisers were also in violation of the Mumbai Police Act sections imposing orders, they said.

Amid reports that police later dropped charges under the Arms Act, Pimpri Chinchwad Police Commissioner R K Padmanabhan said: "The dropping of certain charges can be done only at the time of filing the chargesheet... it needs to be acknowledged that use of Air rifle does not come under the purview of Arms Act... However, it is certainly a case of violation of prohibitory order in place."

## Tension in Baghpat after recovery of animal carcasses

MANISH SAHU  
LUCKNOW, JUNE 3

THREE PERSONS were arrested for allegedly slaughtering cows in Purana Kasba locality under City Kotwali police station of Baghpat district on Monday, triggering tension in the area.

Those arrested — Inaam, Shahrulkh and Kallu — are owners of three houses from where the police recovered meat, skins and bones of around 40 animals on Sunday. They have been arrested under the anti-cow slaughter Act and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The recovered remains of the animals have been sent to the laboratory for examination.

Workers of BJP's youth wing, Bhartiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) reached the spot and staged protests alleging that illegal slaughter took place in connivance with the police. The protest ended after senior officials assured investigation into the alleged role of policemen.

Circle Officer Ompal Singh said most of the skins that were recovered were of buffaloes and said the laboratory report would confirm if any of them were of a cow.

Baghpat SP Shailesh Kumar Pandey said, "The recovered skins are old. We will also probe if policemen were aware about the activity at these places."

WITH SENA, JET TEAM MEETS PURI, SITHARAMAN

# Brussels attack survivor in Jet delegation to Govt for way out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

IN A BID to revive Jet Airways, crew members and a delegation of the Shiv Sena and Bharatiya Kamgar Sena (Sena's labour wing) met Minister of State for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday. They also demanded that pending salaries of the airline's employees be given to them.

Shiv Sena secretary Anil Desai, MP Rahul Shewale, labour wing president Suryakant Mahadik, cabin crew members, pilots and ground staff who met the ministers said they were hopeful the newly formed BJP-led government will help resolve the Jet crisis.

"It was a positive meeting. The civil aviation minister asked



Nidhi Chapekar, who survived the 2016 terror attack at the Brussels airport, was among those who met MoS (Civil Aviation) Hardeep Singh Puri and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday.

for some time to resolve the Jet crisis. He has just taken over office a day ago," said Nidhi Chapekar, Jet's cabin crew member. She said that Sitharaman as-

ured that the finance ministry will look into the crisis and see if funding could be provided to revive the airline.

Chapekar had survived the

2016 terror attack at Brussels airport after alighting from a Jet Airways flight. After the meeting, Puri tweeted, "I wish I met her in better circumstances, but in the Jetairways delegation which met me was the very brave airhostess and survivor of the 2016 Brussels terror attack, Ms Nidhi Chapekar. Hailing from Guru Nagri, she like me, is a Punjabi married to a Maharashtrian!"

Shewale said the finance minister assured that the State Bank of India will look into the demand to pay salaries of 14,000 Jet employees. Salaries of all employees remains pending since March. The airlines shut operations on April 17, announcing suspension of all domestic and international flights after a consortium of lenders refused to provide interim funding to keep the airline airborne.

## Gandhi tweet: Maharashtra transfers IAS officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE STATE government on Monday transferred and issued a showcause notice to IAS officer Nidhi Choudhari, whose recent tweet on Mahatma Gandhi and his killer Nathuram Godse landed her in hot water.

The 2012-batch officer has been transferred as deputy secretary with the Water Supply

and Sanitation department from the joint civic commissioner's post in Mumbai municipality.

The Chief Minister-led General Administration Department also invoked sections of the All India Service Conduct Rules, 1968, directing her to show cause on why disciplinary action should not be taken against her.

"We have issued her a show-cause notice and she has been transferred. On the basis of her reply, further action will be

taken," said Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

NCP president Sharad Pawar Sunday wrote to the CM demanding "exemplary action" against Choudhari. State Congress chief Ashok Chavan also targeted Fadnavis.

"...Some people misunderstood it (tweet). If only they had followed my timeline since 2011 they would've understood that I would NEVER even dream of insulting Gandhiji," she had

tweeted after deleting the controversial post on Twitter.

Choudhari said, "Section 6 requires an officer to make it clear that the views expressed are personal... My Twitter profile clearly states so. Section 7 disallows making statements which are critical of the current and recent policies of the government. None of my tweets have been against the government or Constitution," she said.

## Dalit tied to a tree, bootlegger held for assault: Gujarat cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 3

POLICE ON Monday detained a bootlegger and booked him for allegedly assaulting a Dalit man after tying him to a tree at Arnivada village of Kankrej taluka in Banaskantha district. The police action came after a video of the incident went viral on social media on Monday.

The accused in the case has been identified as Bhailuji Solanki, while the victim has been identified as Rakesh Parmar.

Based on a complaint lodged by Rakesh's father, Bachubhai, at Sihori police station, a case has been registered against the bootlegger, who belongs to an upper caste, under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

According to police, the alleged assault took place due to a dispute between Rakesh and one of his uncles, Ramesh Parmar, over a mobile phone. Ramesh had reportedly given a mobile phone for repair to Rakesh, who allegedly did not return the phone, leading to a quarrel between the two. Rakesh on Sunday allegedly beat up his uncle who had to be taken to Patan Civil Hospital.

Police sources said that during investigation it was found that after Ramesh was hospitalised, Dalit residents of the village along with Solanki tied

Rakesh to a tree to hand him over to police. According to police, Solanki thrashed Rakesh and the act was recorded by some people present at the spot on their mobile phones.

Sihori police said that they reached the village after receiving a call from the people about the incident and rescued Rakesh. Rakesh, according to the police, did not file any complaint, saying that it was their internal dispute. He was then allowed to go.

On Monday, police said, they received a call from Patan Civil Hospital informing them about grievous injuries to Ramesh. Police then registered a case against Rakesh.

Banaskantha SP Pradip Sejul said that as the video of the incident went viral on Monday, they tried to register an FIR. However, Rakesh has reportedly gone absconding.

"We contacted Rakesh's father, Bachubhai, to register an offence, he named Solanki as the person who had beaten up his son. He (Bachubhai) does not know who tied his son to the tree. So, on the basis of the video, we are trying to identify people to book them in the case... He (Solanki) has been rounded up," said the SP, adding further investigations are on to ascertain various aspects of the case.

According to the SP, Solanki is a bootlegger with at least eight cases against him under the provisions of the Prohibition Act.

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Union Bank of India Versus Mrs. Rekha & Ors.

Applicant Defendants

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D-2 Sh. Anil Son of Sh. Dayanand Both Residents of House No. 1 & 2 IIIrd Floor, Pocket- 2, Sector 22, Rohini, Delhi - 110 085  
D-3 Sh. Dinesh Sharma Son of Sh. Kirpal Sharma 22/2, Gali No. 12, Industrial Area, Anand Parbat, Delhi - 110 015

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ACCUSED CHALLENGED IPC SECTION 376E

## Offence of rape can be said to be graver than murder: HC

SAILEE DHAYALKAR  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

OBSERVING THAT the offence of rape can be said to be graver than that of murder, the Bombay High Court on Monday upheld the constitutional validity of IPC Section 376E, which states that a repeat rape offender should be imprisoned for the rest of his life or sentenced to death.

The IPC section, added through an amendment in 2013 after the December 16, 2012 gangrape case, was challenged by three accused — Vijay Jadhav, Mohammed Kasim Bengali and Mohammed Salim Ansari — all sentenced to death by a sessions court in 2014 for the gangrape of a city-based photojournalist on August 22, 2013. The same year, the three men were also convicted for raping a call centre employee. Both incidents took place in the Shakti Mills compound in 2013. The trials in both cases were held simultaneously and the convictions came on the same day. The trial court proceeded to pronounce the punishment in the call centre employee case and allowed a

prosecution plea to charge the convicts under IPC Section 376E.

Section 376E states that those who fall under its purview "shall be punished with imprisonment for life which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's life, or with death".

Justice BP Dharmadhikari and Justice Ravati Mohite-Dere said, "...rape can even have disastrous consequences, for example, can leave the person in a vegetative state; can compel her to commit suicide and can have lifelong impact on her mental and emotional psyche... stigma that is attached to rape victims is lifelong. In a sense, the offence of rape can be said to be graver than that of murder."

One of the main grounds raised by the accused was whether IPC Section 376E violates the principle of proportionality, by prescribing a sentence of death, though no death is caused, and whether it is arbitrary. The court said that the background in which 376E was enacted shows the concern of the Parliament for the safety and security of women and children and as such, cannot be dubbed as being either arbitrary or outrageously disproportionate.

## Rly ministry: No link between hawker's arrest and his video

KAMAAL SAIYED  
SURAT, JUNE 3

AFTER UPROAR over the arrest of a train hawker whose video mocking politicians, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was circulated widely on social media, the Railway Ministry on Monday said there was no connection between Avdhesh Dubey's arrest and his video as seven more people were arrested along with him from Surat railway station on Friday as part of a drive against illegal hawkers. Moreover, he was a habitual offender, Railways said.

On Friday, 30-year-old Dubey was convicted by a mobile railway court and sentenced to 10-day simple imprisonment for selling articles on trains without licence, committing nuisance or using abusive or obscene language, unlawful entry, among other charges.

According to railway officials, Dubey was caught for the twelfth time on Friday for selling items without licence. A release issued by the Railway Ministry said, "The railway magistrate verified the past record of the defaulter (Dubey) and came to know about his repeated offence under section 144 RA (illegal licence)..."

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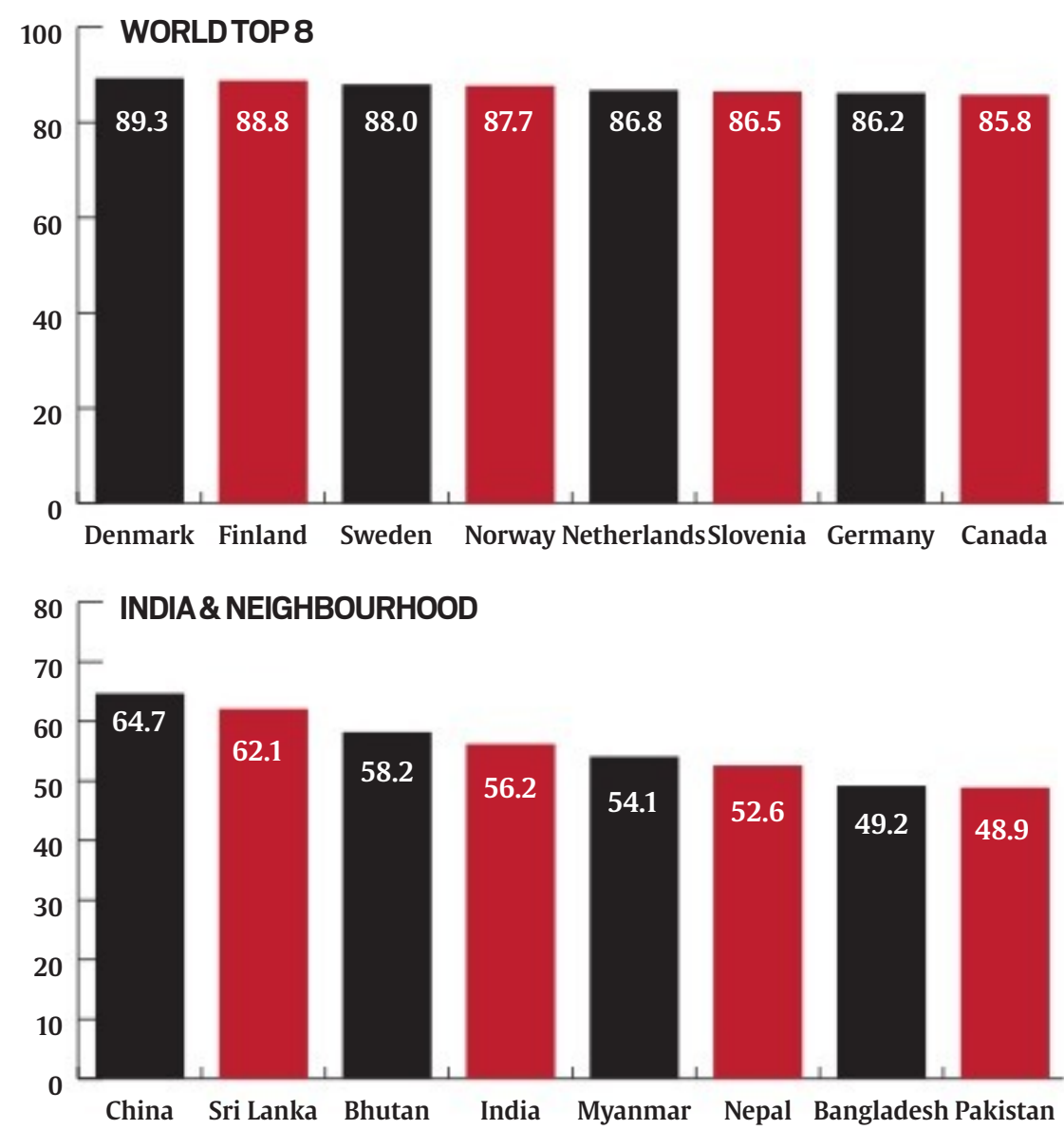


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**TELLING NUMBERS**

**On new gender equality index, India is 95th in 129 countries**



A NEW index to measure global gender equality, launched on Monday, ranks India at 95th among 129 countries. The SDG Gender Index comes close on the heels of the gender gap index of the World Economic Forum where India was ranked 108th.

**How the ranking works**

The SDG Gender Index has been developed by Equal Measures 2030, a joint effort of regional and global organisations including African Women's Development and Communication Network, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and International Women's Health Coalition. It accounts for 14 out of 17 SDGs (sustainable development goals) that cover aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace.

A score of 100 reflects the achievement of gender equality in relation to the targets set for each indicator. It means, for example, that 100% of girls complete secondary education, or that there is around 50-50 parity for women and men in Parliament. A score of 50 signifies that a country is about halfway to meeting a goal.

**The big picture**

The ranking found that the world is far from achieving gender equality with 1.4 billion girls and women living in countries that get a "very poor" grade. The global average score of the 129 countries — which represent 95% of the world's girls and women — is 65.7 out of 100 ("poor" in the index).

Altogether, 2.8 billion girls and women live in countries that get either a "very poor" (59 and below) or "poor" score (60-69) on gender equality. Just 8% of the world's population of girls and women live in countries

that received a "good" gender equality score (80-89) and no country achieved an "excellent" overall score of 90 or above.

"We are failing to deliver on the promises of gender equality," said Alison Holder, Director of Equal Measures 2030. Renu Khanna, joint national convener of the Jan Swasthya Abhiyaan, one of the partners of EM2030, said that not all countries' scores on the index correlate with national income—some countries perform better than would be expected based on their GDP per capita, and others underperform. India performs about as expected based on GDP per capita.

**Key findings for India**

India's highest goal scores are on health (79.9), hunger & nutrition (76.2), and energy (71.8). Its lowest goal scores are on partnerships (18.3, in the bottom 10 countries worldwide), industry, infrastructure and innovation (38.1), and climate (43.4).

On indicators that define such goals, India scored 95.3 on the percentage of female students enrolled in primary education who are over-age. Some of India's lowest scores on indicators include the proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (score 23.6; women made up 11.8% of Parliament in 2018). On seats held by women in the Supreme Court (4%), India has a score of 18.2.

On gender-based violence, indicators include proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 18 (27.3%), women who agreed that a husband/partner is justified in beating his wife/partner under certain circumstances (47.0%), and women aged 15+ who reported that they "feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where she lives" (69.1%).

**ANURADHA MASCARENHAS**

**SIMPLY PUT**

**Leap in breast cancer therapy**

The most common cancer among women caused 15% of women's cancer deaths worldwide in 2018. What subset of patients does the research breakthrough cover, and how far will it help women in India?

**ASTHA SAXENA**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

A RECENT study led by a group of researchers at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has found that adding a drug, ribociclib, to hormone therapy significantly increased the overall survival in relatively younger women suffering from advanced breast cancer.

The study covered women who had not yet reached menopause or were still going through it. They were suffering from hormone receptor-positive (HR+) breast cancer and HER2-negative disease. HR+ cancer involves tumours that are receptive to anti-estrogen (endocrine) treatments aimed at blocking hormones while HER2-negative means that the patient lacks a protein of that name.

**What the study found**

Described as "one of the greatest advances in breast cancer in recent decades", the study was conducted on 672 pre-menopausal women under age 59 years who had advanced HR+. After 42 months, 70% of the patients treated with combination therapy were alive as compared to 46% of those who received only the hormone therapy.

"Younger patients have been a particular concern, because breast cancer is known to be more aggressive and to be associated with poorer prognosis in younger women than in older women," the researchers wrote in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, which will publish the article online on Tuesday, when the results are presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, in Chicago.

**Why it is significant**

At the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, almost 35% of patients diagnosed with HR+ breast cancer and HER2-negative disease are under age 40. For such women, the standard treatment involved hormonal treatments such as tamoxifen to premenopausal patients and drugs called aromatase inhibitors to post-menopausal women.

One in every 28 Indian women — 1 in 22 in urban areas, 1 in 60 in rural areas — is likely to develop breast cancer during her lifetime. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), breast cancer is the most frequent cancer among women, impacting 2.1 million women each year, and also causes the highest number of cancer-related deaths among women — 6,27,000 or 15% in 2018. In India, breast cancer accounts for 14% of all cancers



At a run for breast cancer awareness in New Delhi in 2015. One in 22 women in urban India is likely to be hit by the disease in her lifetime. *Ravi Kanojia/Express Archive*

in women.

**The drug in India**

The drug was first approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2017 for post-menopausal women with advanced breast

cancer, and then in 2018 for younger women. Since then, several private hospitals are already advising the drug to a few patients.

"Private hospitals may be using it, but the drug is not available at any government hospital. If any patient opts for the treatment,

they have to purchase it from outside. We have been using it on and off, but this is an extensive study confirming the positive results of the combination therapy. In the past, there have been several small-scale studies," said Dr S V S Deo, Professor and Head of the Department of Surgical Oncology, AIIMS.

For women suffering from (HR+) breast cancer and HER2-negative disease, there exist three kinds of a line of drugs called CDK4/6 — ribociclib, palbociclib, and abemaciclib. The US FDA approved palbociclib in February 2015, for use in post-menopausal women with breast cancer of this type.

"While the first two are available in India and are in use, the third inhibitor is not yet introduced. This drug along with hormone therapy has to be given to a patient until disease progression," said Dr P K Julka, senior director at Max Institute of Oncology Daycare Centre.

**High cost**

"Treatment using the drug is quite expensive and not every patient can afford it. The cost of the drug is around Rs 50,000-60,000 per month and the duration varies from patient to patient. Definitely, it is a boost to the survivors since it increases the life duration," Dr Julka said.

Recently, the National Pharmaceutical and Pricing Authority capped the prices of 42 medicines used to treat different types of cancers. The list included ribociclib.

"Introduction of any medicine is a lengthy process. The manufacturing company will have to think of ways for making the medicine available to the patient belonging to different categories. The role of the Government of India is important; if the government intervenes, it may be affordable for the public," Dr Deo said.

**Limited effectiveness**

A few experts note that delaying of progression will only allow the patient to live a little longer.

"The results are positive but we need to also understand the survival rate. With the help of this medicine, we are able to extend the life duration but the patient relapses at the end. The drug has an advantage over chemotherapy," said Dr Vinod Raina, Director of Medical Oncology at Fortis Memorial Research Institute.

"These targeted therapies are expensive and may have less side effects compared to standard treatment in this subset of women. But, overall survival benefits are still questionable," said Dr Ravi Mehrotra, Director, National Institute of Cancer Prevention.

**THIS WORD MEANS | PARTHENOGENESIS**

**How an anaconda gave birth without a male**

**ABANTIKA GHOSH**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

ABOUT A WEEK ago, the New England Aquarium in the US announced that a "virgin" anaconda had given birth during the winter. The aquarium does not have a male anaconda. Yet Anna, a green anaconda, gave birth to a few babies in January, two of which have survived. This is Immaculate Conception in Catholicism; in scientific terminology, it is parthenogenesis.

**How it happens**

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* defines parthenogenesis as "a reproductive strategy that involves development of a female (rarely a male) gamete (sex cell) without fertilisation. It occurs commonly among lower plants and invertebrate animals (particularly rotifers, aphids, ants, wasps and bees) and rarely among higher vertebrates". A gamete is the egg in females and the sperm in males. In animals,



The babies are the product of parthenogenesis, or non-sexual reproduction. *New England Aquarium*

parthenogenesis means development of an embryo from an unfertilised egg cell.

Many species that reproduce through parthenogenesis do not reproduce sexually.

Others switch between the two modes taking cues from the environment. Anna is a higher vertebrate, which is why the birth of her two babies has been met with so much surprise.

The term parthenogenesis is an amalgam of the Greek words parthenos meaning virgin and genesis meaning origin. About 2,000 species are known to reproduce through parthenogenesis, which is one of the known means of asexual reproduction. Grafting (of plants) is also a type of asexual reproduction.

**Clones of mother**

Babies born through parthenogenesis are clones of the mother, as has now been confirmed by the aquarium through DNA tests. Parthenogenetic offspring tend to be clones of the parent because there has been no exchange and rearrangement of genetic information with another individual as happens in case of a sexual reproductive process. Each of Anna's babies is a tiny Anna in every possible way. Many of the babies,

though, were stillborn. Since the birth in January, only two have finally survived. Stillbirth is common in parthenogenesis. In some species, offspring born by parthenogenesis from a mother can also be male but it lacks one X chromosome.

**Rare in snakes**

This is only the second known case of parthenogenesis in green anacondas. It is not unknown in snakes, but undocumented enough to make it to scientific journals. In 2018, researchers from the University of Adelaide reported in the *Royal Society Open Science Journal* about facultative (optional) parthenogenesis in elapid snakes (*Elapidae*), which include well-known taxa such as cobras, mambas, taipans and sea snakes. In 1998, researchers from the Kansas State University reported that a copperhead snake that had been in captivity and without any male contact for three years had given birth to two female offspring by parthenogenesis.

**In bettering 2014 showing, BJP kept out 'dynasts', leveraged central schemes**

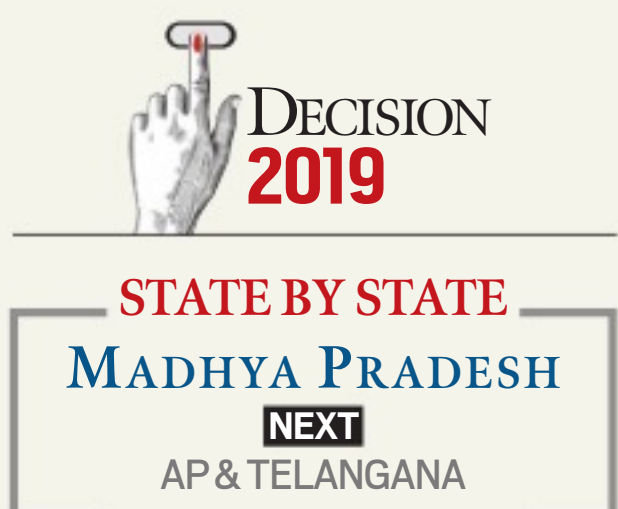


**CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT & PANKAJ SINGH**

THE BJP has swept Madhya Pradesh, winning 28 out of the 29 Lok Sabha seats and increasing its vote share to 58% from the 54.2% it had in 2014. The victory stands in sharp contrast to the results of the Assembly elections held less than six months ago, in which the Congress had dethroned the BJP after 15 years. In the close contest, the Congress had won 114 seats against the BJP's 109, with the BJP winning a slightly bigger vote share (41.9%) than the Congress (41%). The Congress had formed the gov-

ernment with the help of two BSP, one SP, and four Independent MLAs.

The striking aspect of the Lok Sabha election results is the overwhelming rejection of the senior leaders of the MP Congress, including several "dynasts". The Congress in the state has been traditionally dominated by prominent families such as those of the Scindias, Digvijaya Singh, Arjun Singh, Kamal Nath, Shri Niwas Tiwari, Subhash Yadav, and Kantilal Bhuria. They have their traditional Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha seats, and lead factions in the party in the state, with their own loyalist workers and MLAs. Nearly all these families lost heavily in the elections — among the tall leaders to fall were former Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh (Bhopal), four-time parliamentarian Jyotiraditya Scindia (Guna), and the former Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Ajay Singh (Sidhi). They all lost by huge margins; in contrast, the only successful Congress candidate, the Chief Minister's son Nakul Nath,



could win his family's seat of Chhindwara by only 37,536 votes.

While the BJP too, has powerful dynasties in Madhya Pradesh, it did not give too many tickets to the members of these traditional political families. In the Vidhan Sabha elections, Babulal Gaur, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Sundar Lal Patwa, Prahlad Patel, Kailash Vijayvargiya, Narendra Singh Tomar, and Harsh Narayan Singh had succeeded in

getting nominations for their relatives, several of whom were elected MLAs.

In the Lok Sabha election, Chouhan could not get a ticket for his wife Sadhna Singh Chouhan (Vidisha), Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargav could not get a ticket for his son (Sagar), and former Agriculture Minister Gaurishankar Bisen failed to secure his daughter's nomination in Balaghat.

Instead, the BJP nominated more newcomers and played the Hindutva card in the most radical manner, as was evident in the campaign of Pragna Singh Thakur, who was fielded in Bhopal against Digvijaya Singh, one of the prominent secular faces of the Congress. Thakur, who faces charges of terrorism in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, fought a very active electoral battle, even canvassing for other BJP candidates, and giving a strident communal overtone to her party's campaign.

The narrative of Hindu nationalism worked well in the context of the Pulwama terrorist attack and India's response to

Pakistan, which had already helped the BJP shift the political discourse to national security from issues like unemployment and the agricultural crisis. That the Congress could not capitalise on these issues was due also to the flawed implementation of its promises on these fronts at the state level. At the time of the Vidhan Sabha elections, Rahul Gandhi had promised to waive agricultural loans within 10 days of the Congress forming the state government; however, despite having signed the loan waiver file on the day he took oath, Chief Minister Kamal Nath failed to implement the decision on the ground.

On the other hand, central government welfare schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, and Ujjwala Yojana seemed to have nudged backward caste voters towards Narendra Modi and the BJP. Some 36.6 lakh houses in rural areas, and 5.5 lakh in urban areas, were sanctioned under the PMAY. Under the Swachh Bharat scheme, more than 54 lakh toilets

were sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh. Most of the 15.4 million BPL people benefitted from Ujjwala. And just before the elections, came the transfer of Rs 2,000 to accounts of farmers. Importantly, communication was constant and effective: people were told about these schemes and their benefits.

For the Congress, an immediate challenge is to ensure the stability of its government in the state. Its huge Lok Sabha majority and clear hegemonic aspirations could lead the BJP to try to get the support of additional MLAs to pull down Kamal Nath's government.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Trump, trade and trust

US president needs to be convinced that helping India's economic rise will be in the US's interests in the long run



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TONGUE TWISTED

There is no need to paint English-speakers as oppressors in order to promote the use of languages of Indian origin

THE DRAFT NATIONAL Education Policy (2018) may have narrowly missed rekindling the language wars, when a sentence was read by the southern states to suggest that Hindi would be imposed upon schools in the region under the three language formula. That was averted by some swift damage control, but an impression that English is being demonised lingers. Besides, it appears that English-speakers must bear the burden of corrective action, to arrive at a level playing field in education and in professional life. It is suggested that English has been privileged by the "economic elite", and has been turned into a "criterion" of education and a "prerequisite" for professional success. These phenomena do indeed exist on the ground, and contribute significantly to inequality in access to education, resources and jobs, but it is not the result of a nexus or conspiracy. English was first valued as a product of empire, and then it rapidly became a world language that is understood in almost all countries. It is now an instrument of access globally, and not only within the power structures of the country. To devalue it in the course of supporting the other Indian languages would amount to reducing access for a generation of students. English usage grew organic, and while language has indeed economically divided the people, a top-down firman, however well-meaning, is not a practical antidote.

The draft policy puts the onus to correct the imbalance upon "the elite and the educated", who are called upon to value languages native to India, and to increase their use in the workplace, educational institutions, and daily conversation. The last category may be redundant, because only an infinitesimal minority converses exclusively in English. Languages of Indian origin are already valued and it is implicitly acknowledged by the boom in literature in translation, which uses English as a bridge language. The exhortation to value languages other than English in the workplace, especially in hiring, is perplexing. Companies are answerable to shareholders, not to the government, and managers follow the dictates of the marketplace, not political imperatives. If proficiency in English brings in better returns in a connected world, managers will hire accordingly. Lastly, the suggestion that languages other than English must be promoted in education is known to be disastrous. Such a political intervention was attempted in state-run schools in West Bengal, and it harmed the employment prospects and professional mobility of a generation of students.

The use of languages of Indian origin can be promoted without painting the English-speaking community as the overweening oppressor. Students should be allowed to take a number of languages, including the mother tongue. Languages widen access, and the more tongues a student can speak, the better she will do in life.

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT Donald Trump's trade policy action against India suggests the narrative of a Rising India may well have met its comeuppance. The action has been explained away by some as collateral damage with the main targets being China and the trade-surplus enjoying OECD economies, especially Germany and Japan. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations has estimated that only \$6.35 billion worth of trade, out of a total bilateral trade of \$51.4 billion, benefits from US trade preferences. India can absorb that shock. The point is not that. How is it "fair" for the world's richest nation to target a poor one in the name of "fair trade"?

India is a lower middle income developing economy and will remain so for the foreseeable future. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the per capita national income (gross domestic product, GDP) of the US, in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms was US\$62,606 in 2018, compared to \$7,874 for India. Most European Union countries have a per capita income in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 and China's PPP-adjusted per capita income is \$18,110. Despite her low income, India remains an open economy. The share of external trade (exports plus imports) in national income is 40.7 per cent for India but only 26.6 per cent for the US.

India does not hide behind high tariff walls, as charged by President Trump, since it has consistently run a trade deficit with the rest of the world. The US, too, has long run a trade deficit with the rest of the world, but for very different reasons and at a very different level of development. At any rate, the US conducts all its trade in its own currency that it prints at will. China, Japan and Germany are the ones that enjoy a trade surplus with the rest of the world.

India has a trade surplus with the US, but Trump's complaint on that count is like a rich man complaining that he always gives gifts to his poorer friends, and they never give him

a return gift. India has, in fact, been a bearer of gifts of another kind. It has exported several generations of highly talented professionals who have contributed to ensuring that the US remains a world leader in technology and knowledge-based businesses. A report prepared by the late K Subrahmanyam, as chairman of the Task Force on US Global Strategy: Emerging Trends and Long Term Implications (June 2006) made the telling point that the US has been able to sustain its global competitiveness in the knowledge-based sectors of the economy by accessing, among other things, the talent of successive generations of bright young Indians. Indian Americans are actively helping "Make America Great Again."

Part of the reason why India is at the receiving end of Trump's trade tantrums is because he may have fallen into the trap we created of projecting India as a "Rising Power" and the "World's Fastest Growing Economy". In his rush to stop China in its tracks and get European and Asian allies to stand by him, Trump has mistakenly identified India as a target for corrective action. Apart from a couple of sectors, like pharmaceuticals, Indian industry does not pose a significant competitive challenge to US business. India's trade surplus vis-à-vis the US, at a time when India has long grappled with a trade deficit vis-à-vis China, is more a comment on the challenge posed by China to the US in the Indian market, rather than one posed by Indian exporters to US producers.

Till recently, it used to be suggested by international relations scholars that China is India's most difficult foreign policy challenge. President Trump may well have changed that to make the US India's biggest foreign policy challenge. So what does one do? There are, to be sure, many areas where the US and India are still on the same page. But, India has her own national security and developmental concerns that sometimes require it to

stand apart from the US. Trump has to be sensitised to this.

To begin with, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has to support a new dialogue process similar to what was undertaken in the run-up to the US-India nuclear deal and the subsequent cooperation in the fields of defence and intelligence-sharing. Much of the US-India Track Two dialogue over the past decade has remained stuck within a familiar groove in both capitals even as the focus of domestic politics has shifted in both countries. The dialogues of the past created a new relationship of trust in the post-Cold War era that seems to have since been damaged, and perhaps not just by Trump's hasty actions. Renewed dialogue is necessary to reignite trust. Trump needs to be convinced that helping India's economic rise will be in the US's interests in the long run. A more prosperous India will not only offer a bigger market for US exports but will also balance Chinese power in Asia.

India's policy of "multi-alignment", as it has been put, should be welcomed by a US that is finding it difficult to manage its reduced clout in world affairs. Trump's aggressive tactics can at best yield short-term dividends without offering long-term benefits for the US. A mutually beneficial relationship with India will, on the other hand, yield long-term strategic gains for the US. President George W Bush understood and accepted this view. It took President Barack Obama a full four years to arrive at this conclusion. Having wasted his first term neglecting India, Obama came up to speed in his second term. Hopefully, that will not happen with President Trump, who has an entire year of his first term waiting to be made better use of in re-building a difficultly created relationship of trust.

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COMING UP SHORT

Tax collection targets presented in the interim budget now appear to be too optimistic

ALMOST TWO YEARS after the shift to the goods and services tax (GST) regime, tax collections continue to underwhelm. For 2018-19, the Centre had initially pegged the central goods and services tax (CGST) collections at Rs 6.03 lakh crore. This was subsequently lowered to Rs 5.03 lakh crore in the interim budget, as revenue during the year came in well below expectations. But, actual collections were even lower at Rs 4.57 lakh crore, according to recent data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). The extent of the shortfall is worrying. Based on the CGA data, CGST collections would have to grow by 33.5 per cent in FY20, for the interim budget target of Rs 6.1 lakh crore to be met. And though there has been a modest improvement in collections in the first two months of FY20, the interim budget target appears to be too optimistic, going by current trends.

At the aggregate level, total GST collections have been pegged at Rs 13.7 lakh crore for FY20. This includes CGST and SGST collections of around Rs 6.1 lakh crore each, Rs 1 lakh crore which is expected to be mopped up through the compensation cess route and another Rs 50,000 crore of IGST collection, that is expected to remain unallocated at the end of the year. These numbers imply a monthly CGST run rate (including IGST settlement) of around Rs 50,833 crore. But, so far, collections have averaged Rs 41,721 crore per month, well below the required run rate. Further, one must also point out that this estimate does not include refunds. The net of refunds, actual collections will be even lower, increasing the collection deficit. As a result, the required run rate for the remaining part of the year has already jumped to Rs 52,830 crore, according to a report by Kotak Institutional Equities. Achieving this is a tall order, especially considering the slowdown in economic growth.

And then there's the shortfall on the income tax side to consider as well. As against a target of Rs 5.29 lakh crore in FY19, collections stood at Rs 4.61 lakh crore, implying that collections would have to grow by a staggering 34.8 per cent in FY20 to meet the interim budget target of Rs 6.2 lakh crore. Considering that nominal GDP is likely to grow around 10.5-11 per cent, the tax collection targets for FY20, presented in the interim budget, do appear to be too optimistic. The new finance minister should consider revising the estimates to present a more accurate picture of the government's accounts.

ENGLISH STRIKE

English Premier League trumps its European counterparts, but it misses a Messi or a Ronaldo of its own

FOR THE FIRST time in European football, clubs from one country featured in the continent's two major competitions. Liverpool defeated Tottenham Hotspur in the Champions League final, while Chelsea won the Europa League, beating Arsenal. The English Premier League proved its on-pitch dominance, along with its supremacy in the game's money league. The two are correlated. The Deloitte Football Money League for 2017-18 has six English clubs in the list of top 10. The Uefa's Benchmark Report for the year 2017 showed how the Premier League's aggregate revenue, north of £4.77 billion, dwarfed its nearest rival, Li Liga's £2.56 billion. The record £8.4 billion TV deals give the Premier League its pulling power and competitive edge. It's a result of aggressive global marketing, where the Premier League has trumped its European counterparts.

Because of its popularity and financial might, English top-flight football can woo the world's finest coaches and expensive players. Three coaches — Pep Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp and Mauricio Pochettino — have given English football a facelift. Guardiola has made the biggest impact. His style and philosophy, his occasional use of the Libero in a 4-3-3 formation, have inspired a revolution right down to the age-group levels. Two years ago, the England colts claimed the Fifa U-17 and U-20 World Cup titles, while the U-19s annexed the European U-19 Championship. The England senior team under Gareth Southgate reached the semifinal in the 2018 Russia World Cup. At St George's Park, the FA headquarters, they have taken a leaf out of Guardiola's book. The hurly-burly long ball is now dead and buried. Creativity and entertainment have become the buzzwords.

The Premier League has the world's most expensive goalkeeper in Kepa Arrizabalaga (£71.6 million) at Chelsea. It has the world's costliest defender in Virgil van Dijk (£75 million) at Liverpool. But English football is still bereft of a player like Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo.



SHONAR LALA

IN THE RUN up to the elections, a plethora of redistributive programmes, including farm loan waivers, cash transfers and minimum income guarantees came to the forefront as campaigners sought to balm rural distress. Amongst these is a proposal to launch a revised NREGA 3.0, in which 150 days of employment would be guaranteed to the rural poor. Almost 15 years after it was enacted, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) still makes waves in the news, but very little is known about its impact on the poor. Has the world's largest workfare programme worked?

To elicit a fair answer to this question begs another question. What does the NREGA intend to do? Enacted as a legal right, the NREGA's primary goal is social protection for the most vulnerable. But like all good things, expectations of the programme have ballooned — with some believing it could even enable most poor households in rural India to cross the poverty line. Measured against such ambitious objectives, any workfare programme would most likely not live up to its expectations. But India has had relative success with workfare, with the Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Scheme being the most important precursor to the NREGA.

The primary advantage of workfare programmes over farm loan waivers, cash transfers and minimum income programmes is that the poor self-select themselves into the programme, thus reducing the identification costs. The ability of a programme to parsimoniously target the ultra-poor without elaborate means testing is critical for its long-

SAFETY NET THAT WORKS

Before contemplating new rural programmes, government must expand MGNREGA

term success, particularly when fiscal resources are scarce.

Crucially, the most basic tenet of the NREGA — its self-targeting mechanism — does work. Poorer and disadvantaged households are more likely to seek NREGA work. In practice, however, not all those who demand NREGA work receive it. In 2009/10, almost half the households in rural India wanted NREGA jobs but only a quarter received them, according to estimates by Liu and Barrett (2016). More recently, employment provided under NREGA in 3,500 panchayats in 2017/18 was a third less than that demanded.

Given the enormous, though sometimes unmet, demand, has NREGA enabled the rural poor to cross the poverty line? Whilst the three available national counterfactual-based studies show modest increases in household per capita expenditures and consumption in the first few years of the programme, the picture is entirely different for marginalised groups, who have benefited greatly due to NREGA. A study by Klønner and Oldiges in 2014 find that Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe recipients increased their real monthly per capita expenditure by 37 per cent in the lean season of 2008, cutting poverty by almost half.

Likewise, state-level studies show NREGA favours the most disadvantaged. In Andhra Pradesh, monthly per capita food consumption amongst the very poor who received work under NREGA increased by estimates of 9-10 per cent in the first year of implementation (Ravi and Engler 2015, Deininger and Liu 2019). The poorest SC/ST households and those with a disabled mem-

ber saw even higher growth in consumption and nutritional intake in the short-run, and in the medium-term, substantially increased their non-financial assets. In Bihar, Dutta et al (2014) estimate that NREGA reduced poverty by roughly 1 percentage point in 2009, a figure that could be closer to 8 percentage points if it was rolled out to all those who wanted it.

Aside from its impact on the poorest, NREGA also plays a critical role in reducing vulnerability. Research indicates that NREGA provides employment after an adverse rainfall shock, enables workers to smoothen their consumption with variations in rainfall, and reduces risk during the lean season. Despite being severely rationed, NREGA acts, as per its mandate, as a very desirable social protection mechanism amongst the most disadvantaged classes. Compared to other proposals on the table, NREGA efficiently allows the most disadvantaged to spur their consumption in times of rural distress.

As a new administration weighs policy options at a time of rural unemployment and weakening consumption, pre-monsoon, it would be prudent not to eschew this proven pro-poor programme. Instead, they should quickly and substantially ramp up NREGA so all those who demand jobs, receive them. Why reinvent the wheel when NREGA would provide a vital safety net — and the dignity of rightful employment — to those who are most vulnerable?

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JUNE 4, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

ARMY IN BARODA  
THE ARMY WAS called out and a 12-hour curfew from 8 pm imposed in Baroda today as the city was rocked by large-scale violence and arson following a hike in milk prices by the Baroda Dairy. The police control room said late in the night that army jawans were posted at vulnerable points. Assistance of three companies was sought, it was officially learnt. Baroda is the second city in Gujarat to come under army control within a span of four days. Ahmedabad is already under army control as the police agitation turned violent there. Agitating policemen, with black ribbons, had earlier apparently failed to control the increasing violence. By early night, al-

most all the milk booths of the dairy were destroyed and a milk van and three state transport buses were up in flames.

CAMBODIA VIOLENCE  
HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN forces loyal to the ousted Cambodian Premier, Pol Pot, and the Vietnamese-led forces of Heng Samrin erupted last night south of the Cambodian border town of Poipet, Thai military sources said today. In the past several days Thai military observers in Aranyaprathet have reported that guerrilla forces loyal to Pol Pot have moved back into an area about 15 to 20 km south of Poipet. After the fighting erupted last night, continuing this morning, Thai army re-

inforcements supported by tanks were sent into the border area near Klong Nam Sai, south of Aranyaprathet, in case fighting spilled over into Thailand, the sources said.

HEAVY WATER  
SOME DISTURBING FACTS have come to light which do not rule out the possibility of a deliberate hampering of Indian efforts to manufacture heavy water in adequate quantity. In the last couple of years, there has been startling frequency in the set back to manufacture heavy water plants at Baroda and Tuticorin. Work at two other plants at Kota and Talcher had also slowed down due to various reasons.



# 15 THE IDEAS PAGE

## Sound the secular bugle

As the new government takes its oath of office, it is necessary to restore to public discourse the passionate advocacy and practice of secularism



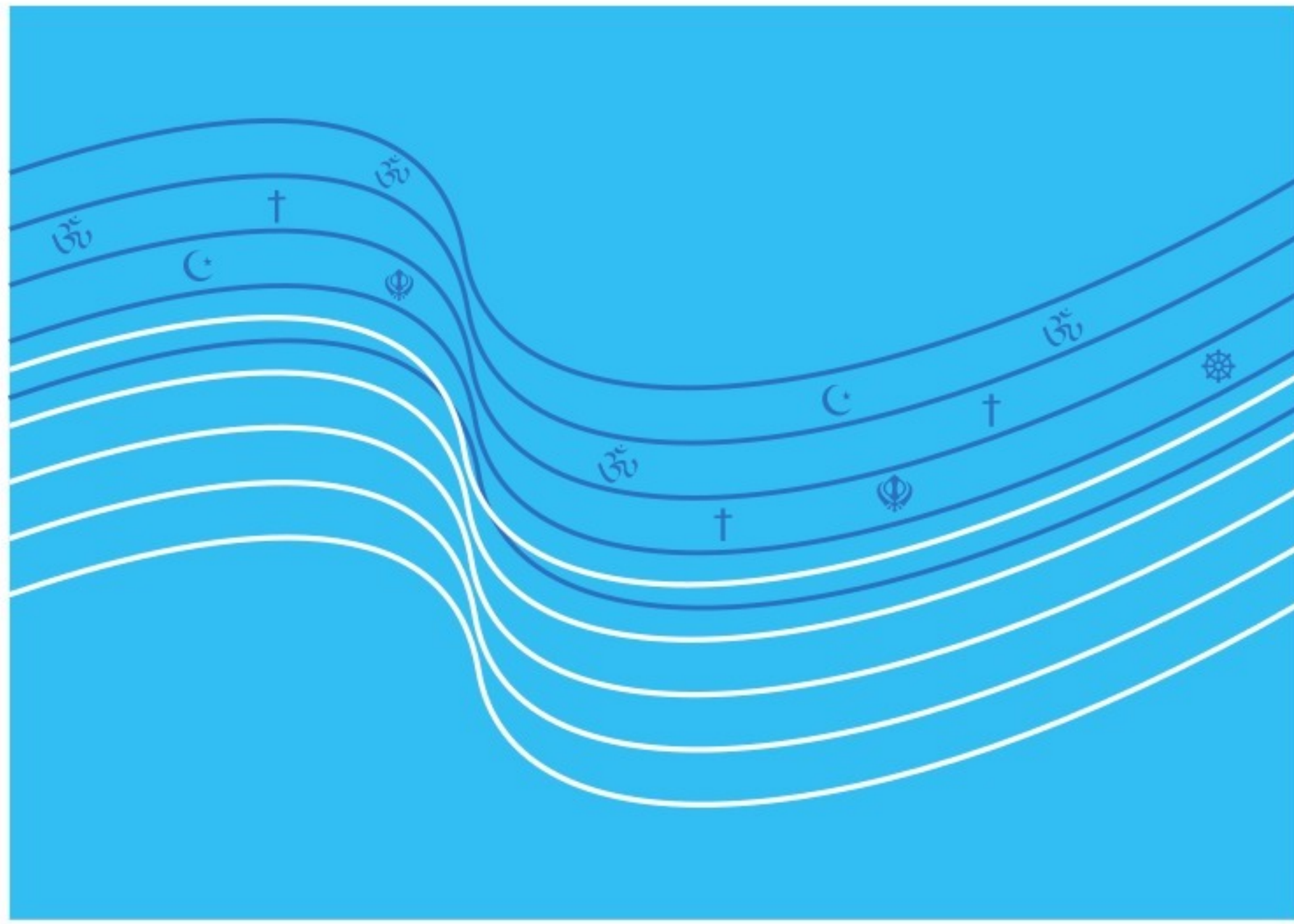
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WHILE FOR TACTICAL electoral reasons, the Congress and other Opposition parties chose to eschew the word "secularism" in the election campaign, M K Stalin in Tamil Nadu boldly altered the name of the alliance he was leading in his state from "United Progressive Alliance" (UPA) to "Secular Progressive Alliance". SPA won. UPA lost.

This certainly throws up the challenge as to whether the century-old rift between the forces of Hindutva and the forces that reject Hindutva continues to require the bold and uninhibited advocacy and practice of "secularism", as hitherto understood, or whether the time has come for old-style secularists to throw in the towel and seek political accommodation with the Hindutvawadis. Additionally, but most germane, do Prime Minister Narendra Modi's soothing references to the minorities in his post-election remarks amount to his abandoning the ideological space in order to bridge the divide between him and his opponents? In other words, has Hindutva, as hitherto understood, now embraced the "secularism" of its traditional ideological foes?

Ask: Has the blot of the Gujarat pogrom of 2002 been wiped out? Are we resigned to the destruction of the Babri Masjid? Have Modi and his cohort given up their "infinite appetite to quarrel with the past" as journalist-historian Ashutosh put it in his recently published treatise, *Hindu Rashtra*? Has Modi caught in his throat the poison of V D Savarkar's assertion that only those who regard Bharat as their "pitribhu" (fatherland) and their "punyabhu" (holy land) are true Bharatis? Has Modi repudiated M S Gokhale who "in the major compilation of what he has said and written about Hindu nationalism, has chapters identifying Muslims and Christians as internal threats to national unity" (Andersen and Damle: *The RSS: A View to the Inside*, p.250)? Is Modi 2.0 going to stamp out "love jihad", "ghar wapsi", the lynching of Muslims by "gau rakshaks"? Is hate speech, not just by kar sevaks, and assorted sadhus and sadhvis, but also by senior BJP office-bearers, central and state ministers and members of legislatures, even governors, going to be reined in through condign punishment of the perpetrators, however high they might rank in the party or the sangh parivar or government? Are quasi militias like Yogi Adityanath's Hindu Yuva Vahini going to be dismantled? Will the saffronisation of education and encroachment on the autonomy of the independent institutions that keep our democracy vibrant be ended? Are charges of sedition going to be pressed on those regarded by the establishment as "anti-national" because these dissidents recommend policies that are at cross-purposes with the convictions of the ruling dispensation? Is the vicious equating of Muslims with Pakistanis, especially by prominent spokespersons of Hindutva, going to get terminated? If no, what is the meaning of the prime minister's pledge to secure "sabka vishwas"?

A host of knowledgeable commentators have, on the eve of the counting of votes and in its immediate aftermath, expressed their apprehension of India "walking towards electoral authoritarianism" or, to vary the metaphor, as "sliding towards non-theocratic majoritarianism" (Yogendra Yadav, IE May 22). Was or was not the electoral outcome "a



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victory for electoral Caesarism... a victory for majoritarianism... a desire to openly marginalise minorities and assert the cultural hegemony of Hindutva... a victory for the politics of fear and hate" (Pratap Bhanu Mehta, IE, May 24)? Did not the verdict amount to India taking "another step towards re-inventing itself as a de facto "ethnic democracy" (where) India continues to be a secular state on paper but, in practice, the minorities are becoming second-class citizens" (Christophe Jaffrelot, IE, May 24)? Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen (IE, May 29) has drawn pointed attention to "the ways and means of securing BJP's victory, including instigation of hatred and intolerance of groups of Indian citizens, particularly Muslims"? And, finally, most tellingly, does the assessment of academic Vinay Sitapati of Ashoka University — "there is no Hindu rashtra down the road from here. It has already arrived" — hold?

Consider the contrasting views of two renowned Indian Muslim intellectuals, Zoya Hasan and Faizan Mustafa, on the one hand, and Ram Madhav, leading RSS intellectual and general secretary of the BJP, on the other. Hasan, professor emerita, JNU, attributes the "Modi landslide" to "Hindutva consolidation and majoritarian triumphalism, powered by a hyper-nationalist agenda" while Mustafa, an eminent jurist serving as the vice-chancellor of the NALSAR University of Law at Hyderabad, drawing attention to the numerous communal crises that nationalist Indian Muslims have survived over the last century and a half, argues that "if a government shows authoritarian tendencies, suppresses dissent and keeps mum on the violations of fundamental freedoms of its citizens" (IE, May 28) that is not an issue for the minorities alone but "should worry the whole country as it will equally affect all citizens not just its minorities". That is true. It underlines the threat that "Hindutva, which is a political ideology and a political project" (Hasan) presents to the Idea of India as manifested in our Constitutional order.

BJP General Secretary Ram Madhav, at this juncture of heady electoral triumph, perhaps unwittingly, reveals the ugly reality of Modi's "ideology in action" which he portrays as an admixture of Bonapartism, citing Napoleon, "What counts is what the people think is true"

This is not the time for pious hopes. It is time to sound again the bugle of secular fundamentalism. We need to revert to the language of Rajiv Gandhi when in the Lok Sabha on May 3, 1989, he began his speech in a debate on communalism with the ringing proclamation, 'A secular India alone is an India that can survive. Perhaps an India that is not secular does not deserve to survive'. That is the ideological idiom and unambiguous language of the secularism espoused by Gandhi and Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, and all their successors till Modi, including Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Each in his or her own way 'discovered' that India was fundamentally a secular nation and reflected in their 'Idea of India'.

and, curiously, considering the sangh parivar's dread of the Red, a Marxist scholar, William Davies, as pronouncing "the leader becomes the truth". Gandhiji, of course, held that "God is Truth and Truth is God".

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In the final decade of his life, M A Jinnah propagated the utterly un-Indian theory of "two nations". For seven decades, independent India proudly refuted that proposition by remaining a secular nation despite break-away Pakistan becoming a Muslim nation. Under Modi, we are being taken towards the fulfillment of Jinnah's dream. Now, more than ever, as the new government takes its second oath of office, it is necessary to restore to the public discourse the passionate advocacy and practice of "secularism", as understood hitherto. We have lost the secular battle. We must win the secular war.

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### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation has, in particular, been ineffectual in promoting unity and the common interests of over a billion Muslims across the globe." — DAWN

## From Tiananmen to digital dystopia

Rise of the all-knowing surveillance state has reinforced Deng Xiaoping's model of open economy and closed polity in China



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THREE DECADES AGO this week, the Chinese Communist Party cracked down hard on student protests demanding the liberalisation of China's political system. The movement that began on a small scale in the early summer of 1989 in Beijing's Tiananmen Square spread rapidly to many towns and cities and gained significant popular support. During the night of June 3-4, troops of the People's Liberation Army fought their way into the heart of Beijing against civilian resistance and cleared the square of thousands of citizens who gathered there.

The bloody crackdown at Tiananmen remains a deep and unhealed scar in the evolution of modern China and the reign of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) that began seven decades ago in 1949. The CCP, under the leadership of the supreme leader, Deng Xiaoping, characterised the protests as a counter-revolutionary rebellion, ousted the party secretary Zhao Ziyang and other communist leaders seen as empathetic to the students, and unleashed a wave of political repression.

The Tiananmen protests have endured as a powerful symbol of the popular struggles for political liberalisation and the capacity of authoritarian rulers to crush them. Nothing captures this enduring tension more than the image of the "tank man" — a lone citizen trying to stop a column of tanks in the Tiananmen Square on the morning of June 5. Over the last three decades, that balance appears to have shifted in favour of the state, at least for now.

Accelerating that shift has been the revolution in digital technologies that has allowed states to exercise unprecedented control over their citizens. There seems to be less and less need to deploy massive numbers of troops and tanks to put down large-scale protests as the CCP had to do in June 1989. New technological systems based on mass surveillance, data analytics and artificial intelligence are helping modern authoritarians to prevent the emergence of not just large-scale protests, but stamp out individual dissent. But back to Tiananmen for a moment.

Chairman Deng leavened China's political repression that followed after the Tiananmen protests with a counter-intuitive initiative. He unleashed a massive economic reform in 1992. Deng blocked the CCP's return to ideological conservatism by decisively shifting China's economic orientation to liberalisation and globalisation. Deng's strategy limited the international opprobrium that followed the Tiananmen crackdown. It opened up expansive possibilities for Western capital in China and renewed political engagement with the US, Europe and Japan.

Deng's 1992 reforms put China on the path to rapid economic growth. A decade later, China was on its way to becoming the second-largest economy in the world and well on track to overtake the United States. Deng's strategy seemed to offer Chinese citizens a new compact — economic prosperity in return for political obedience. Rapid economic growth over a prolonged period, to be sure, triggered social turbulence and political discontent.

Some analysts of China were convinced that the contradictions of "red capitalism" — a communist party building capitalism — will inevitably undermine CCP rule. Others hoped that economic prosperity will generate a middle class that will seek greater freedoms and the state in China, as elsewhere in East Asia, will slowly but certainly evolve towards liberalism.

Both would be disappointed as the CCP rule looked far more resilient and stable than anyone had anticipated. One reason, arguably, is the new means of control that the party had acquired. The post-Tiananmen era in China had a third element that reinforced Deng's model of "open economy and closed polity" — the rise of the all-knowing surveillance state with enormous potential for digital repression.

A quarter century ago, the internet era was heralded with the hope of expanded freedoms — individual and collective. Instead, it opened the door for unprecedented state control over citizenry. No other nation has demonstrated the new possibilities for digital control of society as China has in the last few years.

Beijing employed a number of means — including the erection of a "great wall" of censorship over the internet, monitoring of the physical movement of individuals through omnipresent surveillance cameras, analysing the digital activity of individuals and investment in technologies such as facial recognition. The construction of the surveillance state in China, many believe, rules out any protest movement of the kind we saw at Tiananmen three decades ago.

The Chinese-model of mass surveillance is now being exported to countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is, therefore, tempting to frame the debate in terms of authoritarian versus democratic states. But caution is in order. The rise of the "surveillance state" in China and other states has its version in the democratic world — the rise of "surveillance capitalism". US technology giants, for example, have been accused of collection, manipulation and monetisation of consumer data. Some of them have also been charged with facilitating the rise of the surveillance state in China and its global diffusion.

However, there is a difference. In most democracies, there is a big push back against surveillance capitalism and the search for means to protect individuals and communities against corporate greed and state repression in the digital age. But we are at the very beginning of a challenging project to prevent the emergence of a digital dystopia.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### FEDERAL MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Draft NEP: Elite used English to marginalise large sections of the society' (IE, June 3). India is not a homogeneous nation and attempts to impose a homogeneous policy is likely to trigger reactions. That means we should re-visit the question of federalism in India. This includes issues such as appointment and powers of governors, central ownership of the IAS and IPS and matters in the Concurrent List.

P Datta, Kolkata

#### ODE TO RAMADAN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'On a month to reflect' (IE, June 3). The piece is a spiritual ode to the fasting month of Ramadan. This Ramadan was spiritually the most moving in recent times. The scorching heat and the anti-Muslim election rhetoric posed the ultimate test for our bodies and souls. Muslims appear to have passed that test. The challenge will be to turn the political challenge to the larger good of the country, and of the Muslims, through quality education, business and respect for women's rights.

J.S.Bandukwala via e-mail

#### A NEW MINISTRY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The water test' (IE, June 3). Like electricity and LPG connections, piped water supply

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to all households is critical for their welfare. The Prime Minister deserves credit for taking the first step towards providing piped water supply to all households. With per capita water availability expected to reduce, water conservation has become non negotiable. Hopefully, the new ministry will work in tandem with other ministries to ensure the same.

Bal Govind, Noida



K P KRISHNAN AND ROOPA KUDVA

## For skilling India

It requires tapping of technology and creation of conducive governance

OVER THE LAST 10 years, the Indian government has undertaken significant efforts in improving both the scale and quality of skilling, like setting up the National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) in 2009, launching the Skill India mission in 2015, and the flagship skilling initiative, the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in 2016. This, in turn, is expected to drive economic gains and social mobility for individuals as well as trigger a productivity dividend for enterprises.

Despite the progress made so far, today, learners face a multitude of challenges on their skilling journey. Two ecosystem barriers contribute directly to this: Informational asymmetries and limited quality assurance.

As far as the first barrier is concerned, there is a fundamental lack of awareness around why skills matter at the individual level. There is also a paucity of timely and reliable data on the supply of and demand for jobs, which makes it difficult for those seeking employment to identify what opportunities they should pursue. There also exists limited access to impartial and credible sources of information on high-quality service providers and high-potential opportunities, which means that jobseekers and learners end up relying on personal networks or prox-

imate training providers. As a result, they end up training in skills that are not responsive to the local and changing market needs.

Regarding quality assurance, currently, there are three primary overseeing bodies that manage the quality assurance process. The National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) manages long-term skilling programmes while the National Skills Development Agency (NSDA) and the NSDC regulate short-term programmes. There is also an imbalance at various levels of the process that need correction, for example, incentives for different service providers are misaligned leading to situations where outcome-based disbursement models favour assessment agencies over training providers.

To unlock the potential of the skills ecosystem, these frictions must be smoothened through technology-led change, as well as through market-enabling governance. Until now, technology has played an enabling role in making existing systems and processes become smoother and more efficient (for example, digitisation of course curriculums). Moving to a technology-led transformation will help reach scale, promote inter-operability and create digital public goods for all to use, that is, the internet equivalent for skills.

Automated and scalable forms of interactions can help improve trust and credibility in the ecosystem and enable better decision-making by learners, service providers and employers. Two leading initiatives in this direction are (i) creating and adopting digital certificates that allow consent-based sharing of information in a machine-readable format, to ensure better security and authenticity and (ii) open APIs that can enable stakeholders in the ecosystem to tap into large, centralised sets of information (e.g. public registries of trainers, students etc.) and build market solutions (e.g. ratings for training centres).

Consolidated and market-enabling governance can also help create the right incentives for service providers to cater to the needs of learners and employers effectively. A seminal step in this direction has been the creation of an overarching skilling regulator, the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) by merging NCVT, NSDA and regulatory functions of NSDC. Over the next year, it is expected that NCVET will develop minimalistic and user-friendly guidelines to recognise and regulate two of the most important stakeholders in the skilling ecosystem — the awarding bodies, who accredit training institutions, and, the assess-

ment agencies, who assess learner performance. In turn, it will be incumbent upon the awarding bodies to monitor and regulate the functioning of affiliated training providers. NCVET will be a forward-looking regulator and will support disruptive innovation in the ecosystem like models that reduce the gap in market-based data between learners and service providers. NCVET will be a presence-less and paper-less regulator: It will take decisions that are rooted in evidence and real-time data driven, and, adopt a spirit of disclosure and transparency in its interactions. Most significantly, NCVET will adopt a learner-centric lens to its decision making.

To push the skilling agenda forward, it is important for the government to adopt the role of an ecosystem facilitator. This can foster informed decision-making by learners and employers, increase employer trust, and, enable upward and horizontal mobility of skilled workers. Technology and governance must work closely together to drive this transformative change.

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MEANWHILE

CHICKEN GENES EDITED TO FIGHT BIRD FLU

Scientists in Britain have used gene-editing techniques to stop bird flu spreading in chicken cells grown in a lab — a key step towards making genetically-altered chickens that could halt a human flu pandemic.

TOP OF THE WORLD



The chess piece was bought for £5 by an antiques dealer in 1964. It could now be worth £1 million. AP

BRITAIN  
Long-lost Lewis Chessman found in a drawer

London: A medieval chess piece missing for almost 200 years has been discovered after a family in the UK realised that an object they kept in a drawer is one of the long-lost Lewis Chessmen, which could fetch a 1 million pounds at an auction, according to a media report. The Lewis Chessmen were discovered in 1831. But the whereabouts of five pieces from the collection have remained a mystery, the BBC reported. A family has now been told the chess piece their grandfather bought for 5 pounds in 1964 is one of the missing treasures. The Lewis Chessmen are among the biggest draws at the British Museum.

AUSTRALIA  
Chinese warships cause surprise in Sydney Harbour

Sydney: Australians enjoying a sunny winter morning were surprised by the sight of three Chinese warships steaming into Sydney Harbour Monday, forcing the prime minister to reassure jittery residents. Amid heightened concern about Beijing's growing clout and military muscle flexing, the appearance of a Chinese flagged task group and around 700 sailors came as a surprise. "It may have been a surprise to others, but it certainly wasn't a surprise to the government," said Prime Minister Scott Morrison, trying to dampen concerns.

SYRIA  
Car bombing kills 19 in rebel-held city of Azaz

Azaz: At least 19 people were killed Sunday in a car bomb near a bustling market and mosque in a rebel-held city in northwestern Syria, a war monitor said. Four children were among those killed in the explosion in Azaz, in the heart of a Turkish zone of influence in Aleppo province, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The attack also wounded more than 20 people, according to the Britain-based monitor.

US PRESIDENT KICKS OFF STATE VISIT TO BRITAIN

## Trump calls London Mayor a loser as he lands in UK, meets Queen

JONATHAN LEMIRE & KEVIN FREKING  
LONDON, JUNE 3

MIXING PAGEANTRY and political pugilism, US President Donald Trump opened a state visit to Britain on Monday by drawing a smile from Queen Elizabeth II and stepping up a long-running feud with London's anti-Trump mayor before his plane had touched down on English soil.

Trump and his wife, Melania, flew by helicopter to Buckingham Palace, landing on a lawn where Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, greeted them. They received a deafening royal gun salute as they walked to the palace where a waiting Queen smiled at the President.

With the trip already at risk of being overshadowed by Brexit turmoil, Trump unleashed a Twitter tirade after a newspaper column in which London Mayor Sadiq Khan said Trump did not deserve red-carpet treatment and was "one of the most egregious examples of a growing global threat" from the far-right to liberal democracy.

"@SadiqKhan, who by all accounts has done a terrible job as Mayor of London, has been foolishly 'nasty' to the visiting President of the United States, by far the most important ally of the United Kingdom," Trump wrote just before landing. "He is a stone cold loser who should focus on crime in London, not me." The President then added warm

COURTING CONTROVERSY

Ahead of his visit to Britain, Trump made a number of controversial comments.



Trump and his wife Melania with the British royal family at Buckingham Palace. Reuters

**ON SADIQ KHAN,**  
MAYOR OF LONDON  
"He is a stone cold loser who should focus on crime in London, not me."

"I didn't know that. What can I say? I didn't know that she was nasty."

hard to play well when one side has all the advantage."

**ON BREXIT TALKS,**  
LED BY THERESA MAY  
"I think that the UK allowed the European Union to have all the cards. And it is very

"I like him... I don't know that he is going to be chosen, but I think he is a very talented person."

**ON BORIS JOHNSON'S**  
BID TO BE NEXT PRIME MINISTER  
"I like him... I don't know that he is going to be chosen, but I think he is a very talented person."

words for his hosts, tweeting that he looked forward "to being a great friend to the UK."

The agenda for Trump's

weeklong trip is mostly ceremonial: a state visit and audience with the Queen, D-Day commemoration ceremonies on

both sides of the English Channel and his first presidential visit to Ireland, which will include a stay at his coastal golf club. AP

EXPLAINED

Trump's trip begins with pageantry and controversy

UNDERSCORING HIS affinity to royalty, Trump wrote in *The Art of the Deal* that one of his earliest memories was of his mother watching the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on TV in 1953. He wrote that his mother passed on a love of spectacle and grandeur to him. Now, as a US President visiting Britain, he gets to experience first hand the pageantry of a state dinner in Buckingham Palace. *The New York Times* quotes a Trump biographer as saying that this would be something that holds great importance for the President. While Trump may revel in the pageantry, he doesn't shy away from a Twitter rant — even during a state visit. Just before landing in the UK, Trump tweeted that the London Mayor was a loser. So, Trump's UK visit has begun the way he would have wanted it, with pageantry and controversy.

## 9 Muslim ministers, 2 governors resign in Sri Lanka over Islamist allegations

Protest attacks on Muslim community

PTI & REUTERS  
COLOMBO, JUNE 3

NINE MUSLIM ministers and two provincial governors resigned Monday after allegations against some of them regarding their links to an Islamist extremist group blamed for the deadly Easter suicide bombings.

They also protested the government's inability to ensure the safety of Muslims, who constitute nine per cent of the island's 21 million population.

The resignations undercut a planned no-confidence motion led by supporters of nationalist former President Mahinda Rajapaksa against Industry Minister Rishad Bathiudeen, who also resigned from the ministry on Monday, making the motion unviable. The motion contained 10 accusations against Bathiudeen, including charges that he provided ammunition to a factory owned by one of the April 21 bombers and that he pressured the army to release suspects arrested in connection with the attacks.

Bathiudeen's accusers have not provided evidence for their accusations, which Bathiudeen has denied.

The ministers said their resignations would allow investigators to probe the claims without interference. "We will not leave the government — we will protect the government" Rauff Hakeem, formerly minister of city planning, water supply and higher educa-

MONKS LEADING DEMONSTRATIONS

The resignations came four days after Buddhist monk Athuraliye Ratana, who is also an MP, sat on a hungerstrike in Kandy, near the sacred Buddhist Temple of Tooth, urging the President to "sack the two Muslim governors".

Firebrand monk Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara, recently released from jail, was later part of a crowd of about 10,000 protesting at the temple and raising anti-Muslim slogans.

tion, said at the PM's residence. Powerful Buddhist monks have been piling pressure on Muslim politicians.

Opposition lawmaker and Buddhist monk Athuraliye Ratana Thero launched a hungerstrike on Friday in front of a sacred temple in the central Kandy district demanding the resignation of Bathiudeen and two Muslim governors.

Western Province Governor Azath Salley and Eastern Province Governor MALM Hisbullah, handed over their resignation letters to President Maithripala Sirisena in response to protests by the Buddhist monks, officials said.

AMID TRADE WAR

## Studying in US comes with risks, China warns students

REUTERS  
BEIJING, JUNE 3

CHINA WARNED students and academics on Monday about risks involved in studying in the United States, pointing to limits on the duration of visas and visa refusals, amid a bitter trade war and other tension between the two countries.

Relations between China and the United States have nosedived because of their trade conflict, US sanctions on Chinese tech firm Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and tension over the disputed South China Sea and US support for Chinese-claimed Taiwan.

The Ministry of Education, in a short statement, said that recently some students seeking to study in the United States had encountered problems with the duration of their visas being limited and an increase in visa refusals.

"This has affected Chinese students going to study in the United States or smoothly completing their studies," it added.

"The education ministry reminds students and academics of the need to strengthen risk assessment before studying abroad, enhance prevention



360,000 Chinese nationals study in the US. Reuters

awareness, and make corresponding preparations."

However, state television cited ministry spokeswoman Xu Meias saying despite the trade tensions, the "general situation" for Chinese students going to the United States remained stable, and US institutes of higher education welcomed Chinese students and co-operation with China.

The ministry declined to offer any other details when contacted by Reuters.

At stake is about \$14 billion of economic activity, most of it tuition and other fees generated annually from the 360,000 Chinese nationals who study in the United States.

## Swedish court rejects request to detain Assange over rape case

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UPPSALA (SWEDEN), JUNE 3

A SWEDISH court on Monday said it considered Julian Assange a suspect in a 2010 rape case, but rejected a request to detain him, dashing the prosecutor's hopes of having him swiftly extradited from Britain.

The Uppsala district court said that the fact that Assange was currently in prison in Britain meant he did not need to be formally detained in Sweden to be questioned by Swedish prosecutors.

"As Julian Assange is currently serving a prison sentence, the investigation can proceed with the help of a European investigation order, which does not require Julian Assange's detention (in Sweden). The court therefore does not find it proportional to detain Julian Assange," it said in a statement.

The Australian whistleblower, who holed himself up in Ecuador's embassy in London for seven years to avoid a British extradition order to Sweden, was arrested by British police on April 11 after Quito gave him up.

He was subsequently sentenced to 50 weeks in prison for breaching bail conditions when he took refuge in the embassy.



A protestor near Khartoum's Army headquarters on Monday. AP

## Sudan troops clear protesters' camp in assault, killing 13

BASSAM HATOUM & SAMY MAGDY  
KHARTOUM, JUNE 3

SECURITY FORCES attacked the camp at the center of Sudan's protest movement, opening fire, torching tents and killing at least 13 people in an assault Monday that swept away the months-long sit-in demanding the military yield power, witnesses and protest leaders said.

Protesters were seen in videos posted online running through

streets lined with tents, heads down and ducking as the sound of gunfire filled the air. Smoke rose from the sit-in in Khartoum.

One video showed policemen swarming around a protestor sprawled on the pavement, beating him with sticks.

By mid-day, security forces controlled almost the entire camp, pushing out protesters and sealing off the area, two activists said. Other forces attacked similar sit-ins in Khartoum's sister city Omdurman and the eastern city of al-Qadafiyah, activists said.

The assault appeared to be a coordinated move to crush a protest movement that in April forced the military to remove Sudan's strongman, Omar al-Bashir, after 30 years of rule — and then stayed in the streets to keep up pressure on the generals who took his place. "This is a critical point in our revolution. The military council has chosen escalation and confrontation," said Mohammed Yousef al-Mustafa, a spokesman for the Sudanese Professionals' Association, which has spearheaded the protests. AP

## Kushner suggests Palestinians not ready to govern themselves



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
JERUSALEM, JUNE 3

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner has suggested in an interview that the Palestinians are not ready to govern themselves ahead of the expected release of his peace plan.

Speaking to US news site Axios, Kushner also said he was not concerned over whether the Palestinians do not trust him since they will base their decisions on whether the plan will improve their lives.

"The hope is, is that over time, they can become capable of governing," Kushner said when asked if he believes the Palestinians can govern themselves without Israeli interference. According to excerpts from the interview, Kushner said Palestinians "need to have a fair judicial system... freedom of press, freedom of expression, tolerance for all religions" before the Palestinian territories can become "investable".

ZHOU DUO SAVED LIVES AS HELPED EVACUATE TIANANMEN SQUARE ON THIS DAY, 30 YEARS AGO

## He stayed at Tiananmen to the end, now he wonders what it meant

CHRIS BUCKLEY  
BEIJING, JUNE 3

AS DAYBREAK neared on June 4, 1989, Zhou Duo walked towards the ranks of soldiers bristling with guns. Behind him, thousands of protesters huddled on Tiananmen Square, terrified that the encroaching troops would slaughter them on China's most hallowed political ground.

The soldiers had already shot wildly at incensed crowds when they stormed into Beijing that night under orders to clear the square by morning, and Zhou hoped to negotiate a path out for the demonstrators, many of them students. Zhou swallowed his fear and told a People's

Liberation Army officer: "Enough blood has flowed; there must not be any more."

Zhou was one of four young intellectuals who helped save lives by negotiating the evacuation of protesters from the square. Thirty years later, Zhou, 72, is among the few prominent actors from the protests who remain in China and continue to defend the hopes of the 1989 movement, even while agonising over its lessons.

Zhou often ponders the choices he made that culminated in the escape from Tiananmen Square. His life, closely watched by the state security officers, has become a difficult vigil for the democratic ideals that electrified the

protests 30 years ago, he said. Stifling censorship has enforced a silence over those who try to keep alive the memory of the protests and massacre, and has scrubbed the internet in China of virtually any references to the upheavals. The country has become increasingly authoritarian under Xi Jinping, the leader of the ruling Communist Party, whose administration has rounded up rights lawyers, labour activists, students and Muslim ethnic minorities.

"I've felt increasingly isolated," Zhou said in an interview in Beijing ahead of the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen crackdown. "Not many people care about June 4; young people don't even know about it." He was



Zhou Duo in Beijing in April. NYT

speaking in a cafe in north Beijing where other customers, eyes often fixed on their phones, seemed a world away from the talk of

demonstrations and bloodshed. Zhou's daily reality is a stark reminder of how successfully China's ruling Communist Party

has married economic growth with authoritarian rule over the past three decades, resoundingly rejecting calls for greater political freedom.

But even more unexpected to Zhou were the troubles in Western countries that he admired as models of liberal democracy. The political divisions under US President Trump and Britain's Brexit shambles showed that even mature democracies could fall prey to dangerous populism and demagoguery, Zhou said.

"Taking it all in, you don't see any bright spots," he said.

In 1989, Zhou was part of the "Four Gentlemen of Tiananmen," a nickname for the group who went on a hungerstrike during

the demonstrations and later helped evacuate the square.

The others included Liu Xiaobo, the dissident who later won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010 while in prison for his democratic activism. Liu died a prisoner in 2017. Another, Gao Xin, left for the United States, while the fourth, Hou Dejian, a musician born in Taiwan, has retreated from dissent.

Zhou spent nearly a year in detention after the 1989 crackdown, but even after his release, he is closely watched. "Now, I wonder if I'll have to live in this big prison indefinitely," Zhou said before the security police spirited him away for the anniversary.

In recent weeks, the police have taken away or put under

house arrest dozens of dissidents and political activists, according to human rights groups. Among them are the organisers of Tiananmen Mothers, a group of family members of people killed or maimed in the crackdown, which issued 23 video statements from relatives who urged the Chinese government to seek forgiveness for the killings.

The Tiananmen protests erupted in April 1989, when students gathered to mourn the death of Hu Yaobang, a reform-minded Communist Party leader. Their commemorations grew into a six-week-long movement, with hundreds of thousands pouring onto the square to demand greater political freedoms and an end to corruption. NYT



## THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

## All the colours of the rainbow

Fragmentation comes to the European Parliament. It might improve it

THE MOST eye-catching political development in Europe recently has been the surge of nationalist populism. The Brexiters in Britain, Marine Le Pen in France and the Alternative for Germany (AfD) have transformed their countries' political landscape. Italy and Poland are both governed by anti-establishment Eurosceptics. Viktor Orbán's political dominance in Hungary is undermining liberal democracy and enriching the strongman's friends and cronies. Many European nationalists have borrowed tactics from President Donald Trump. Steve Bannon, Mr Trump's one-time strategy chief, even toured the continent hoping to turn the five-yearly European Parliament election into a repeat of his ex-boss's triumph in 2016.

The four-day election, the world's second-largest democratic exercise after the Indian one, concluded on May 26th. Some 214m Europeans cast their ballots. At first glance, the results looked good for the Bannontite tendency. The Northern League of Matteo Salvini, Italy's deputy prime minister, saw its share of the 751 seats in the EU's legislature rise from five to 28. The Brexit Party triumphed in Britain to become the largest national party in the new chamber. Ms Le Pen's National Rally beat Emmanuel Macron's liberal slate to win in France. A closer look, however, reveals a more mixed pattern. The populist advance in Europe has slowed. Responsibility for that lies not with Mr Bannon, whom few of his hosts took seriously anyway, but with a broader trend: the fragmentation of the European party landscape.

The three nationalist groups in the parliament gained seats overall. But their joint share rose only very modestly, from 21% to 23%, far below the one-third predicted. Without Mr Salvini's Italian triumph they would have lost votes overall, as they did in many member states. Relative to the previous election, in 2014, Ms Le Pen in France, the hard-right Freedom Party in Austria and the nationalist Danish People's Party all lost ground. So did Eurosceptic parties, taken collectively, in the Netherlands. In Germany the AfD only modestly increased its vote share, its disappointed leadership blaming a scandal in neighbouring Austria for the flop. Even in half-way-out Britain the Brexit Party—though seemingly coming from nowhere—was in fact largely cannibalising the old United Kingdom Independence Party's vote. It is led by Nigel Farage, UKIP's former leader.

The big losers, it is true, were the two groups or families that have long dominated the European Parliament and European politics more widely: the centre-right European People's Party (EPP) and the centre-left Socialists and Democrats (S&D). The seat tally of the EU's unofficial "grand coalition" fell from 412 seats last time (55%) to 332 seats (44%). But it ceded these seats primarily to liberals and greens, who together gained 57 seats, or eight percentage points of the total. This shift occurred particularly in western Europe—with Mr Macron's "Renaissance" list entering the parliament with 21 seats and Germany's Greens doubling their share, to 21. But there were also traces of it in supposedly reactionary central Europe. In Slovakia and Romania pro-European, anti-corruption forces came first and second respectively. The fragmentation follows the pattern of



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (left) with president of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and French President Emmanuel Macron. Reuters

recent national elections. The decline of big tent parties and the rise of smaller rivals have made forming governments harder. Take Spain, where a two-party system has become a five-party one and decades of stable government have given way to a spate of wobbly, short-lived governments that have struggled to pass important laws. Yet the picture at a European level is not nearly so gloomy. The European Parliament's problem has never been its inability to marshal deals and coalitions. No party alone has ever held a majority there, and yet the assembly passes about 90% of the legislation it considers in a process of "codecision" with national governments.

**An end to squishy consensus**

What the parliament has lacked is a visible political contest. But for the first time in the four-decade history of elections to the European Parliament, turnout has risen; from 43% in 2014 to 51%. This may be explained by a combination of factors. The election of Mr

Trump, no fan of the EU, and the Brexit vote have both reminded voters of the union's vulnerability. New challenges that cross national borders, such as migration and economic disruption, have emphasised the EU's role. Support for the union has risen and even Eurosceptic parties talk less about leaving and more about change from within. Personalities like Mr Macron, Mr Orbán and Mr Salvini—and activists such as Greta Thunberg, whose youth climate strikes have swept European cities—have become EU-wide political figures. The result is a more plural, varied legislature resting on a foundation of higher pub-

lic engagement with the union.

In practice, three formations are possible in the new parliament. The first two are expanded grand coalitions. With either the greens or the liberals, the old EPP-S&D alliance would still wield a majority. But that would leave them vulnerable to rebellions, so a "super-grand coalition" could instead include all four parties for a solid majority of 131. Such an alliance would probably be necessary to push through big votes such as that on the EU's next seven-year budget. But it would contain a vast ideological spectrum, ranging from quasi-Marxists on the left edge

of the green bloc to hardened nationalists like Mr Orbán (for now, though he may soon quit or face expulsion) on the right edge of the EPP. So yet other permutations may be needed to pass some of the legislation to come in the next European parliamentary period, which could include contentious measures like budget reforms, new common border controls, a convergence of minimum wages and a carbon tax. The EPP might rely sometimes on some of the saner right-wing nationalists to forge majorities on certain economic issues where the centre-left disagrees. The S&D might rely on the hard-left to pass social and environmental measures that lack the EPP's wholehearted support. The liberal group's stance will probably decide a lot of measures. The anti-establishment right by contrast may be able to organise blocking minorities on certain matters—especially if Mr Salvini is able to forge a single dominant nationalist group—but it is divided and lacks the numbers to set

the agenda on its own.

The first big test of the new arithmetic will be the parliament's vote on the European Commission president. The candidate for the EU's biggest job is nominated by national leaders but must secure the backing of a majority of the parliament—a first test of a super-grand coalition. It will also pit the union's emerging left-liberal bloc, gathered around Mr Macron, against a conservative one grouped around Mrs Merkel. With the decline of the EU's two big duopolies, the Franco-German alliance and the EPP-S&D majority in the parliament, this will be a first taste of the case-by-case deals and stark political differences that are bound to become more important. The European election had been billed in some quarters as a nationalist blow to the ideal of a Europe-wide politics. Instead it may come to represent the invigoration of that ideal.

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## OBITUARY: I M PEI DIED ON MAY 16TH

## His light materials

The architect most famous for the Louvre pyramid was 102

WHEN IN 1984 I M Pei, then the most sought-after architect in America, presented his plans for a 70-foot glass pyramid in the 18th-century courtyard of the Louvre, the general reaction was outrage. This was an atrocity; it was "an annex to Disneyland". Because Mr Pei was Chinese-American, a foreigner twice over, he clearly had no understanding of the Louvre, or Paris, or France.

These remarks did not annoy him. As a man of courtesy and cultivation, with quick enthusiasms and wide, wide smiles, he took them in his stride. But he was surprised. He had been asked to design a new entrance for the museum and, instead of adding on some utilitarian concrete block, had created a great welcoming space; put a swirling staircase underground and capped it with a glow of transparency and light that did not touch, let alone hurt, the old ornamented façades. In short, he had taken his usual care.

He had also expressed, once again, his two great passions in architecture. The first, as befitted a true modernist trained at MIT and Harvard, was for simple geometric forms, triangle, circle and square. On these he based all his buildings, which included the East Building of the National Gallery in Washington, the Kennedy Library in Boston, the Museum of Art at Cornell, the Bank of

China Tower in Hong Kong and the Museum of Islamic Art in Dubai. Slopes, as in rhomboids and trapezoids, delighted him; pyramids pleased him for their perfect stability. And when he dreamed of one in the Louvre—for he always did the dreaming, while associates did the drawing—it fitted exactly, to his mind, with the love of geometry and rationality that he saw everywhere in Paris.

His other firm conviction was that architecture had to mirror life. So for the Mesa Laboratory at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado he hiked among the sandstone hills, finding inspiration for his sculptural, reddish, thick-walled towers in Native-American cliff-dwellings. His City Hall in Dallas, a boldly cantilevered wedge of glass and steel

facing the commercial district, reflected the vaunting Texan pride he found there. He built the Kennedy Library to evoke the man, and its towering empty spaceframe, flooded with light and hung with an American flag, summed up both limitless optimism and the country's loss. For the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, a tower with a pyramid protruding and a wedge driven through it, he prepared his mind by venturing, for the first time, to rock concerts. For his Doha commission he studied Islam and explored the

Islamic world, discovering his dome-and-cube ideal in the oldest mosque in Cairo. And when considering the Louvre he impishly took a cue from Napoleon's fascination with the pyramids on the Nile.

Regard for tradition and context did not ward off the doubters, but it helped. So did his punctiliousness about finish and materials. Everything had to be built well: built to last, and to be beautiful. His trademark lattices of glass were devised to admit as much light as possible, sometimes by angling the thousands of crystalline facets, sometimes by connecting them with rods so thin they were more like a spiderweb. Stone, too, was chosen to pick up the changing colours of daylight: creamy limestone, as at Doha, or the pale pink Tennessee marble he used for the East Building. But everyday concrete could also be refined to his purposes by matching its colour consistently to local earth, bush-hammering the NCAR slabs so that they resembled weathered rocks, and avoiding visible joints. One of his designs for William Zeckendorf, the flamboyant New York property developer who employed him in the 1950s, was the Kips Bay Plaza housing project, two square grids in pre-cast concrete which were meant to revitalise a blighted neighbourhood. He softened them with arched and recessed windows until they looked like honeycombs. Architecture could heal, too.

Once Jackie Kennedy had daringly picked him to build her husband's library in 1964, he became such a feature of America's cultural scene, owlily sipping his favourite red Bordeaux, that it was easy to forget that only



I M Pei poses in front of the Louvre Pyramid in 1999. AP

the rise of the communists in China had kept him in America at all. He had come to study in 1934, lured mostly by the films of Bing Crosby and Betty Grable, and had fun. But he was keen to go back until it became too risky for a banker's son to do so. He therefore took American citizenship, but did not cut the roots. His wife was Chinese; his children had Chinese names. And his imagination had been shaped less by Le Corbusier or Walter Gropius, though he met and admired both men, than by his family's ancient gardens at Suzhou in Jiangsu. There, as a child, he would wander winding paths through fantastic rocks towards pavilions, unconsciously absorbing sightlines and approaches, light and shadow, as well as the framing of views. He did not forget.

**The bamboo growing**

In 1974 he managed to return; later he built, for the government, a hotel complex at Fragrant Hill outside Beijing. He seized on this as a chance to wear the Chinese away from their drab eastern European blocks and back to the domestic traditions they had lost. But their break with the past had been too definite; they now wanted to copy the West, and did not care for the old motifs he combined with his geometry and glass. He did better with the Bank of China Tower for the bank his father had run, where his shaft of 70 slim, dark storeys, criss-crossed with white lines, was based on the angular growth of bamboo. Visiting shrines in the mountains once in childhood, he thought he heard the bamboo growing.

Those mountains, like the gardens, led him to seek tranquillity in the buildings he designed. They sometimes seemed too exciting for that: sweeping stairways, soaring glass, razor-sharp angles, scintillating slopes. But at their heart lay those perfect forms, triangle, circle and square.

Water often lay nearby, offering both transparency and reflection. A pyramid with water round it, as at the Louvre, was the very essence of serenity: harmony of structure and spirit. It might take time to make its case; architecture was a slow art. But as it moved from newness to permanence, he felt beamingly sure that Parisians would agree with him.

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## SECTOR WATCH BANKING STRESS

### IBC amendments to usher in crossborder insolvency resolution

Norms for individual insolvency resolution have been finalised

SUNNY VERMA NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

THE GOVERNMENT is expected to introduce amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), to introduce provisions for putting in place a resolution framework in case of individual insolvency and cross border insolvency, sources said. The changes will enable initiation of resolution process in case of personal guarantors to corporate debtors, proprietorship and partnerships.

Provisions for cross border insolvency would enable Indian firms to claim their dues from foreign companies, while allowing foreign creditors to recover loans from Indian companies, sources said. Apart from foreign creditors, this would also help foreign branches of Indian banks to recover their dues in India.

A committee set by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in its report on cross border insolvency last year, had suggested adopting the UNCITRAL or United Nations Commission on International Trade Laws on cross-border insolvency. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, at present, does not effectively deal with cases involving cross-border insolvency. While changes will allow initiation of insolvency resolution in such cases, the government will also need to sign treaties with foreign countries for allowing Indian creditors to pursue insolvency resolution in case of foreign companies. The UNCITRAL Model Law envisages a balance between liquidation and reorganization and provides framework for resolution in four areas of cross border insolvency.

In case of individual insolvency resolution, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has already finalized the norms for such cases, which are expected to be notified soon. The new framework divides individuals into three categories: personal guarantors, proprietors and common individuals. This process is likely to begin in phases starting from guarantors to proprietors. The IBC law will also

### A panel by Ministry of Corporate Affairs had suggested adopting the United Nations Commission on International Trade Laws on cross-border insolvency

need to be amended to provide for a mediation mechanism. Cross border insolvency provisions will apply to corporate debtors to start with and not in personal cases.

At present, Section 234 of the IBC mentions that "the Central Government may enter into an agreement with the Government of any country outside India for enforcing the provisions of this Code." But there is no explicitly legal arrangement for cross border insolvency. "We are ready with the changes required to pursue insolvency resolution in individual and cross-border cases. The government may take these up anytime," a senior government official said. The government is expected to amend Section 234 and Section 235 of the IBC.

In many of the insolvency resolution cases that financial creditors pursue, the corporate debtors have assets or subsidiary companies outside India. These assets can be taken into account after cross-border insolvency kicks in. "Having adequate reciprocal arrangements or treaties with other countries is the key to effective implementation of the cross-border insolvency law," the official said. The IBC has been the most significant financial sector reform launched by the NDA government, aimed at speedy resolution of stressed assets of more than Rs 10 lakh crore.

It has resulted in a recovery rate of around 43 per cent, even as nearly 48 per cent of the cases have faced delays. The IBC requires a corporate insolvency resolution process to be completed in 180 days, which can be extended by another 90 days to a maximum of 270 days. These time limits have been set to ensure that recovery of non performing assets (NPAs) in a time-bound manner.

## BOND YIELDS PLUNGE BELOW 7%; RUPEE RALLIES BY 44 PAISE

# Sensex soars 553 points to close at record high of 40,268

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 3

STOCK MARKETS on Monday zoomed to their fresh life-time closing peaks and the benchmark bond yield fell below the seven per cent level as hopes of another rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India and continuity in reform measures by the new central government boosted the sentiment. The BSE Sensex jumped 553 points to close above 40,000 at a record high of 40,267.62 while the 50-share Nifty surged nearly 166 points to settle at 12,088.55, all-time closing peak for the index.

The yield on the 10-year government bond yield closed below 7 per cent at 6.982 per cent for the first time since November 2017 as falling crude oil and slowing economic growth boosted speculation of monetary easing by the RBI in its next bi-monthly policy. Yields had fallen by 42 basis points in May, the most since November 2016, aided by foreign inflows after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election win.

The Indian rupee strengthened by another 44 paise to close at 69.26 to the US dollar in line with the smart rally in domestic equities amid hopes of a rate cut. "Falling crude oil and slowing economic growth boosted speculation of monetary easing by the RBI in its next bi-monthly policy. The market is already pricing 25 bps cut interest rate and surplus liquidity conditions after majority government at the Centre," said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital

### Brent oil prices rebound on Saudi supply reassurances

London: Oil prices rebounded from last week's heavy losses on Monday after reassurances over production from top oil exporter Saudi Arabia, the defacto leader of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Saudi Arabia indicated that the group of oil producers, together with Russia, would continue managing global crude supplies to avoid

a surplus. Front-month Brent crude futures were at \$62.40 at 1150 GMT, up 41 cents, or 0.66 per cent, above Friday's close. Prices dropped by more than 3 per cent on Friday, with May recording the biggest monthly loss in six months. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were at \$54.17 per barrel, up 67 cents, or 1.25 per cent. REUTERS

Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

Despite weak global cues, investors were buoyed by falling crude oil prices, foreign fund inflows and hopes of a rate cut by the RBI. "It is overwhelming to see the depth of the market, which easily overcame subdued domestic economic data and global headwinds like tariff war, by sharp fall in the most worrisome oil prices and the hope about the upcoming Budget and the RBI policy. The grip of the rally seems sustainable in spite today's weak economy data, as the horizon looks promising led by supportive government actions while FIs have turned more solid over India's outlook," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

India which imports roughly

80 percent of its oil requirement is set to benefit as crude oil prices have fallen by about 15 per cent since April 30. Further, foreign investors pumped in a net amount of over Rs 9,000 crore into the Indian capital markets in May on expectations of more business-friendly measures and reforms following the NDA's victory in the general elections.

The Sensex gained from a rally in heavyweights like HDFC, Reliance Industries and TCS. Hero MotoCorp topped the Sensex chart by surging 6.01 per cent. Sectorally, BSE auto, healthcare, energy, consumer durables and metal were the top performers with gains of up to 1.93 per cent. However, broader indices BSE



## 'Adoption rate of fintech services highest in India, China'

Financial technology (fintech) adoption rate has risen to an average of 64 per cent this year, with emerging markets like China and India leading the way, according to a report by Ernst & Young (EY)



**27%** markets analysed: The report is based on response from over 27,103 online interviews with digitally active adults from 27 markets, including India, China (mainland), Argentina, Australia, Belgium and Luxembourg, among others

**89%** aware of phone payment: An average of 89 per cent respondents globally said they are aware of the existence of in-store mobile phone payment platforms

**82%** aware of non-bank payment: 82 per cent respondents said they are aware of peer-to-peer payment systems and non-bank money transfers

**20%** prioritise ease of operation: 20 per cent

**27%** prioritise pricing: 27% respondents said pricing was their top priority while choosing a fintech service

respondents prioritised ease of opening an account while picking a fintech service

**Offering extra services:** Customer expectations have evolved, and traditional banks, insurers and wealth managers are now disrupting their own propositions by offering digitally accessible and technology-forward services

**Trust factor:** In markets like Chile, France and Japan, trust emerged as the only factor for not choosing a fintech challenger over traditional financial institutions

## India Inc pitches for more manufacturing jobs, land and labour reforms, tax cut

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

MORE MANUFACTURING jobs, land and labour reforms including national employment policy, new industrial policy, direct tax code, lower corporate tax and a reasonable control on fiscal deficit formed part of the measures outlined by industry body CII as '100 days agenda for the government'.

Industry leaders from CII pointed to the growth slowdown in the economy, pegging this year's GDP at 7-7.4 per cent. For GDP to grow at 10 per cent by 2023-24, the total investment requirement is estimated at \$5.74 trillion for the next five years, CII President Vikram Kirloskar told reporters. Of this, the total investment required for infrastructure sector is estimated at \$1.18 trillion for the next five years, while for non-infrastructure including agriculture and industry to be \$4.56 trillion, he said.

He said the private sector is facing difficulty in getting land for manufacturing units and the states have a huge role to play and there is a need to create land banks. On labour reforms, he suggested for the formulation of national employment policy and encourage states to provide fixed-term employment besides incentivising companies for cre-



(Left to right) CII Vice President TV Narendran, president-elect Uday Kotak, President Vikram Kirloskar, and Director General Chandrajit Banerjee at launch of 'CII's 100 days agenda for new government' on Monday in New Delhi. Amit Mehra

ating employment. "Also, the government needs to bring in Direct Taxes Code (DTC) and the last leg of reforms in the GST. India's economic growth in the January-March quarter of 2018-19 slowed to a 20-quarter low of 5.8 per cent due to the poor performance of agriculture and manufacturing sectors. Consumption will be greatly encouraged by reducing the personal income tax burden, adding more disposable income for consumers," he said, adding that various government initiatives including PM KISAN to double the farmers' income by 2022 will help drive rural consumption and generate demand.

To boost consumption, CII also proposed a reduction in Personal Income Tax, rationalise taxes on

competing for financial saving provide 7-7.4 per cent," he said.

The ability of banks to drop deposit rates are linked to the interest rate offered by sovereign schemes, he said, adding there is a need to move towards more linear and balanced financial savings across the economy that will make the price of the money more attractive for users which effectively can give a boost to consumption.

With regard to fiscal deficit, Kotak said it is an important number and there is a need to ensure a reasonable control on it. Elaborating on improving employment in the country, he suggested a triple-pronged approach for job creation, relating to employment intensive sectors, skilling, and labour reforms for enterprise creation.

He placed a strong emphasis on accelerating growth in job-creating sectors such as construction, hospitality, logistics, healthcare, and the financial sector, among others. According to CII, construction and healthcare alone can create 20 million jobs in the next five years.

On the US decision to withdraw export incentives from India, Kirloskar said the decision has hurt domestic exporters, expressing hope that both the countries would find an amicable solution.

## Boeing finds wing defect, including in 737 MAX

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, JUNE 3

BOEING ANNOUNCED Sunday that some of its medium-haul 737s, including the 737 MAX 8, could have a defective wing part, but that there had been no reports of flight issues linked to the defect.

The American aviation giant, which has been rocked by an unprecedented crisis after its entire 737 MAX 8 fleet was grounded in mid-March, said a subcontractor informed it of problems with a batch of a part involved in deploying the wings' leading edge.

The leading edge of an aircraft is key to takeoff and landing because it is meant to improve the wing's drag and therefore the jet's aerodynamics. Boeing said in a statement that it had relayed the defective lot number to aircraft owners so they can inspect the parts in question. If operators find the defective parts on their aircraft, they should replace them, the company said. "This is a device considered critical because if the leading edge slats don't deploy symmetrically, there could be a lift differential that can be dangerous especially on takeoff and landing," one aeronautics expert told AFP on condition of anonymity.

## DPIIT proposal likely to make it easier for online platforms to pay fees for copyrighted content

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

THE DEPARTMENT for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has proposed amendments to rules that might make it easier for online platforms to use provisions under India's Copyright Act to set the fees they have to pay to use copyrighted content.

The issue of whether internet-based platforms, including online music streaming platforms, can use licensing provisions under the country's copyright regulations has long been a pain point, as the rules currently specify only television and radio broadcasters. This means online broadcasters at present directly negotiate with the copyright holder to decide the royalties that they have to pay to get a licence to reproduce the work on their platform.

DPIIT's proposed amendments aim to ensure "smooth and flawless compliance" of the country's copyright regulations "in light of technological advancement in digital era" and to bring the Copyright Act in parity with "other relevant legislations", the department stated in a release Monday. DPIIT has sought comments and suggestions from all stakeholders

## Nilekani panel proposes all government payouts through digital mode, national mobility card

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE NANDAN Nilekani committee set up by the Reserve Bank of India has proposed a National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) which could be used at all transit locations making all new metro and transit payments interoperable through NCMC. The five-member committee has also proposed a host of measures, including all the payments by the government to citizens through the digital mode, to reduce cash transactions in the country.

"The card (NCMC) has two instruments on it - a regular debit card which can be used at an ATM, and a local wallet (stored value account), which can be used for contactless payments, without the need to go back to the server or additional authentication. It is envisioned that a single card will be usable for all local travel needs across the country," the High Level Committee on Deepening of Digital Payments, headed by former UIDAI Chairman Nilekani, said in its report.

"For rapid expansion of the acceptance network, all bus, train, metro services must be enabled to accept these payments. The government may subsidize this one-time cost," it said. On the issuance side, many of the existing debit cards will have to be upgraded to support this standard. This can be done on customer demand, or through the regular card replacement cycle. "It is also possible that mobile phones may include NFC technology, and drop the need for a card," the panel said.

In a significant proposal, the committee has recommended that the government must ensure that all pay-outs must be done through digital means. This includes: salaries, pensions, Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) and payments for goods and services procured. The committee said while various departments in Centre and State Governments have already digitised flow of funds and receipts till beneficiary departments, pay-outs from such departments on account of expenditures incurred were not completely digital. "The thresholds for small value cash payments should also be reduced drastically, say Rs 1000, over the next one year," the panel said.

The government may consider issuing e-wallets for crediting small value payments, refunds, rebates / loyalty bonus for digital transactions and the same wallets can be used for making payments to the Government. On the same line, DBT payments have transferred costs, that were previously borne by the Government, to the users' bank and agents, the

### TWO FACILITIES

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committee said. The Nilekani panel has recommended that the concerned Government departments and public sector entities to ensure that all citizens and businesses have options to pay digitally for all Government services, taxes, fees, all public procurement costs (such as earnest money deposits, etc), services provided by the public sector, utilities like telecom, power, water, sewage and gas and transportation and related services, many of which are run by the public sector, or regulated entities such as trains, bus, as well as tolls, parking and fuel.

The committee said that the government being the single largest participant in payments, take the lead on all aspects of digitalisation of payments. "Just as the government budgets for accepting payments in cash, the panel recommended that it also budgets for accepting digital transactions, ensuring that no convenience fee is charged on C2G payments

The committee recommended that the RBI should consider the setting up of an acceptance development fund, which is used to develop new merchants in poorly served areas. Since there are significant advantages in terms of improved compliance, the committee proposed that the government should look to provide a tax discount based on the proportion of digital payment transactions accepted by the business. "This should make digital transactions cheaper than cash. This was done in South Korea with some success," it said.

"Ideally, MDR (merchant discount rate) and interchange fees should be determined by the market. However, that does not appear to be working, and there are fewer acquirers," it said.

To correct this situation, the committee has proposed that the interchange on card payments be reduced by 15 basis points (0.15 per cent). This will increase the incentive for acquirers to sign up merchants, it said. The committee recommended that users must have options to make high value digital payments at any time. The RBI must review the usage patterns of RTGS and NEFT on a quarterly basis and adjust the hours of operation.





# View on telecom financial health after stakeholders' representations, says Prasad

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

SPEAKING ABOUT the financial health of the telecom sector, Minister of Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad said that he would take presentations from officials at the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the industry before taking a view on the matter. Department officials said that the minister's meetings with various stakeholders will begin from Tuesday. Prasad took charge of the telecom minister's office on Monday.

The industry expects the government to provide relief in taxation to uplift the financially stressed sector, which saw foreign direct investment during 2018-19 falling to \$2.67 billion from \$6.21 billion a year ago.

The stressed financial condition of the sector has been a drag on revenues of the exchequer with lukewarm participation in the last spectrum sale back in 2016 as well as falling inflows from licence fee and spectrum usage charges, which are functions of operators' revenues.

Cheap data and free voice services have resulted in intense competition among the players. Following the launch of Reliance Jio in September 2016, the incum-

## 'Data protection law high on priority of govt'

**New Delhi:** The law on data protection, which has been in the making for over a year now, is high on the priority of the new government, Electronics & IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Monday.

However, Prasad did not commit to a timeline by when the law would become a reality. A senior IT Ministry official in the know said while the Cabinet note for the new act has been prepared, it is pending approval.

The official said that now with a new regime elected, a fresh political view will be taken, after which the act will be tabled in the Parliament. The official added that the Centre is expected to continue its push towards data localisation. **ENS**

cent companies had to offer services at low prices in order to retain customers which, in turn, impacted the industry's revenue growth and profitability. The Indian telecom industry, which has a combined debt of Rs 7 lakh

crore, has also urged the government to relook at the spectrum usage charges and licence fee.

Even as he commented on the health of the telecom sector, Prasad also said that the government aims to conduct a spectrum auction during the ongoing calendar year — something which operators have expressed apprehensions about due to the stress.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has submitted its recommendations on pricing of spectrum, which includes airwaves ideal for deployment of 5G and 4G. Trai has recommended auction of about 8,644 MHz of telecom frequencies, including those for 5G services, at an estimated total base price of Rs 4.9 lakh crore.

On 5G, where India has fallen behind other countries such as South Korea, Switzerland, the United States on test deployment of the latest generation of mobile telephony, Prasad said that network trials will be conducted in the next 100 days.

However, on the issue of Chinese equipment maker Huawei's participation in 5G trials, he said, "That is a matter to be looked in to seriously, including security aspects before we take a formal view on it. It is not a matter of only technology as far as participation in 5G trials is concerned".

## 22ND CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF ABOVE 50-POINT PRINT

# Manufacturing sector PMI rises amid revival in new order growth

Goods producers were confident of a rise in output in the year ahead, says survey

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

INDIA'S MANUFACTURING sector growth gathered momentum in May this year as companies lifted output, amid strengthening demand conditions, leading to a rise in employment in the sector, says a monthly survey.

The Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), improved to 52.7 in May from 51.8 in April, showing the strongest improvement in the health of the sector in three months.

This is the 22nd consecutive month that the manufacturing PMI has remained above the 50-point mark.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that indicates contraction.

"A revival in new order growth promoted a faster upturn in manufacturing production, as Indian firms sought to replenish inventories utilised in May to fulfil strengthening demand," said Pollyanna De Lima, Principal Economist at IHS Markit and author of the report.

## 'FURTHER JOB CREATION IN MANUFACTURING'

■ The upbeat mood among goods producers, coupled with a solid increase in new work, underpinned further job creation in the sector, the report — authored by Pollyanna De Lima — said

■ The survey further noted that employment has risen in each month since April 2018, with the latest expansion the most marked since February this year

■ On the inflation front, the survey noted that price pressures remained relatively muted, with goods producers leaving selling prices unchanged on the back of a mild increase in overall cost burdens

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"Employment has risen in each month since April 2018, with the latest expansion the most marked since February," the survey noted.

It further said that going forward, Indian goods producers were confident of a rise in out-

put in the year ahead, with sentiment improving from April.

"Expectations of pro-business public policies, marketing initiatives, projects in the pipeline and favourable economic conditions were among the reasons boosting optimism," it added.

On the inflation front, the survey noted that price pressures remained relatively muted, with goods producers leaving selling prices unchanged on the back of a mild

increase in overall cost burdens. "When we look at the survey's over 14-year history, the sector is growing at a below-trend rate," De Lima stated, adding that "shortening the horizon to the last two years, May's increases in output, total order books and exports all outperformed."

The latest data also comes ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee meeting, which started on Monday and will continue on June 4 and 6.

Meanwhile, China's factory activity expanded at a steady but modest pace in May, but analysts said that front-loading of exports by firms to the United States to avoid higher tariffs masked underlying weakness in the economy.

China's Caixin/Markit Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index also showed only a modest expansion at 50.2, unchanged from April, and above economists' expectations of 50.0.

Manufacturers in China have come under severe pressure recently from an escalating trade dispute with the United States.

# Choksi obtained medical reports to hoodwink the due process of law: ED tells Bombay High Court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Monday told the Bombay High Court that fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi has obtained medical reports from a hospital in New York and submitted it to the court to "hoodwink the due process of law" in India.

In April, Choksi had approached the court claiming that he had not deliberately avoided joining the investigation against him in the Rs 13,600-crore Punjab National Bank alleged fraud case, but was unable to return because of his medical condition. He has filed an appeal against the trial court's order, before which he had claimed that his inability to return cannot be seen as his refusal to return and hence, the provisions of the new legislation, Fugitive Economic Offenders (FEO) Act, cannot be invoked against him.

Choksi claimed that his medical records show that he has several blocked arteries and that he was advised a bypass surgery by doctors, following which he had travelled abroad and continued to be suffering from various ailments. He has further said that he is "constrained from travelling" as he needs continuous monitoring

## An affidavit filed by the ED on Monday in the HC said that Choksi has communicated to the agency that he does not intend to join the PNB fraud investigation

and medical supervision. An affidavit filed on Monday by Kuldeep Singh, assistant director in the zonal office of the Directorate, stated that Choksi has communicated to the agency that he does not intend to join investigation. "It may be appreciated that during the course of investigation, the appellant (Choksi) was given several opportunities to appear before the investigating agency and to put forth his version. But, the appellant has deliberately and intentionally evaded attendance before investigating officer on one pretext or the other," it read.

The affidavit further said that Choksi said he underwent a coronary angiography in February 2018 in New York, but the medical certificates dated October 26, 2018, and January 18, 2019, appear to be from a general practitioner instead of a cardiac expert.

"The said certificates, there-

fore, appear to have been specifically obtained to hoodwink the due process of law in India," the affidavit said, adding that copies of medical documents submitted by Choksi are not the originals and so the genesis and veracity of the contents of the documents cannot be relied upon by the court.

It further said that the medical advice on discharge categorically allowed him to return to work within three-five days in February 2018 itself. "As such, it is not clear as to what prevents him from undertaking travel now, i.e., after about 8-9 months from the date of undergoing the said procedure," the affidavit stated.

Choksi has filed another petition in appeal against the trial court's order rejecting his plea seeking cross-examination of ED officials, who submitted a report under the FEO Act against him.

Choksi claims that while seeking to declare him a fugitive economic offender under the Act, the ED has considered statements of 19 persons. He has sought for cross-examination of the witnesses, based on whose statement the provisions of the Act were invoked. In this petition, the ED has replied that if Choksi wishes to cross examine witnesses, he must come and appear in person before the special court.

## 'Volume growth of MHCVs likely to be subdued'

Volume growth of medium and heavy commercial vehicles (MHCVs) is expected to be subdued at 4 per cent this fiscal, according to Crisil

**8%** : Tepid volume growth, stable pricing would mean overall CV industry revenue would rise 8% to ₹1.2 lakh crore this fiscal

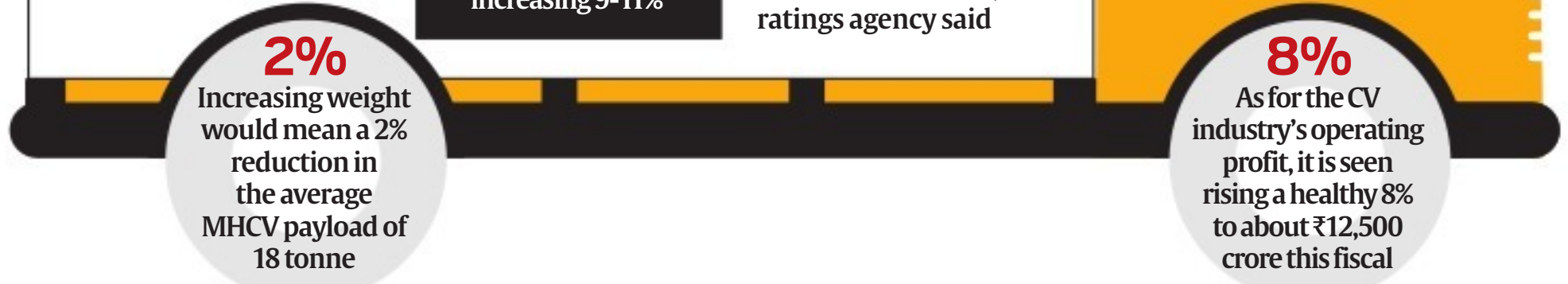
**300kg** Transition to BS-VI norms is expected to increase the weight of an MHCV by 300 kg on an average

**11%** Operating margins of CV manufacturers improved sharply to 11% in fiscal 2019 from near break-even levels in fiscal 2014

**WEAK H1:** First half of this fiscal is expected to be weak because of change in axle norms, soft freight rates, lingering liquidity crunch impacting non-banks, which finance about half of CV sales

**9-11%** In second half, fleet operators are likely to advance purchases planned for fiscal 2021 because vehicle prices are seen increasing 9-11%

**RISING OPERATING MARGINS** enabled players to sharply reduce financial leverage, leading to strong credit metrics that should sustain in this fiscal as well, the ratings agency said



## ONE YEAR BAN ON ACCOUNT OF LAPSES IN AN ASSIGNMENT

# RBI bars S R Batliboi & Co from audit of banks

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Monday barred S R Batliboi & Co LLP, one of India's leading chartered accountancy firms, from taking up statutory audit of commercial banks for one year on ac-

count of lapses in an audit assignment. However, the RBI did not disclose the details of the lapses by S R Batliboi & Co.

The one-year period starts from April 1, 2019, the RBI said in a release. In June 2018, the RBI had put in place an enforcement action framework in respect of statutory auditors for the lapses in

the statutory audit of commercial banks. "On account of the lapses identified in a statutory audit assignment carried out by the firm, S.R.Batliboi & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants, it has been decided that RBI will not approve the said firm for carrying out statutory audit assignments in commercial banks for one year starting from

April 1, 2019," the RBI release said.

It further said the action taken in the matter has been communicated to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), which functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, regulates the profession of chartered accountancy in the country.

## 'Small cut' found on AI flight's door in San Francisco



The crack on the Air India aircraft's door. ANI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

A "SMALL cut" was found in the area below a door on an Air India (AI) aircraft about to arrive in San Francisco on Monday and the airline was investigating the extent of the damage. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has ordered a probe into the incident.

An AI spokesman said that during walk around inspection of the Boeing 777 plane at San Francisco airport, a small cut/crack on the bottom right corner of left side-2 entry door was found. The plane was grounded and the return flight, which had 210 passengers on board, was cancelled.

"Air India is trying to get help from local Aircraft Maintenance Repair Agencies for the repair, failing which men and material would be sent from India," the spokesman said.

## Toonz Animation acquires majority in Ireland's Telegael

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 3

DIVERSIFIED GLOBAL Indian entertainment firm Toonz Animation has acquired a majority stake in Ireland's Emmy Award-winner production house Telegael. Toonz Animation Studio, based in Thiruvananthapuram's Technopark, is one of the top-billed animation players in the world, ever since its popular productions, such as Finding Nemo, had been released.

"The acquisition will add more pre- and post-production

facilities and a large live-action studio to Toonz's entertainment business, making it ready to become a major 360 entertainment outfit," said P Jayakumar, chief executive, Toonz Media Group.

In July 2018, Toonz had announced the co-production of its new 52 episodes and 12-minute CGI comedy series, Mondo Yan, by partnering with Telegael, Spanish broadcaster TV3 from Catalunya and Imira Entertainment. Telegael is handling part of the pre-production and all post-production of the series, while Toonz-owned Imira Entertainment handles worldwide distribution. **FE**

## Mitsubishi ups stake in TVS subsidiary to 25%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
CHENNAI, JUNE 3

DIVERSIFIED GLOBAL giant Mitsubishi Corporation has become a substantial minority stakeholder in TVS Automobile Solutions Private Limited (TASL), an Indian independent aftermarket solutions provider and part of the \$8.5-billion TVS group.

The Japanese conglomerate, which till last year held a meagre 3 per cent stake in the TVS group firm, has increased it to 25 per cent by picking up an additional 22 per

cent now. The consideration for its entire 25 per cent stake in TASL is pegged at little over Rs 250 crore, according to R Dinesh, director, TVS Automobile Solutions.

TASL is a profitable company with an annual turnover of Rs 1,300 crore last fiscal, including Rs 400 crore from overseas markets. "With this strategic partnership with Mitsubishi, the company will grow 35 per cent in this fiscal and its revenue will touch Rs 1,800 crore by March 2020," Dinesh said, adding "we are in the next phase of strong growth journey through this tie-up". **FE**

## ICICI Bank, Axis Bank downgraded by Fitch

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 3

GLOBAL RATING agency Fitch said Monday it has downgraded two leading private sector lenders ICICI Bank and Axis Bank as the banking sector of the country remains under stress. Fitch said it took the rating action after lowering its midpoint for India's operating environment to 'bb+' from 'bbb-' following a review of the banking sector's performance, particularly in the last three years, the regulatory framework for the sector, and the outlook in the near term.

The performance of India's banking sector is expected to be below-average over the next one to two years despite high growth prospects, it said. "Fitch Ratings has downgraded ICICI Bank Limited's Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'BB+' from 'BBB-' and its Viability Rating to 'bb+' from 'bbb-'. The Outlook on the IDR is Stable," Fitch said.

It also downgraded Long-Term IDR and Viability Rating of Axis Bank to 'BB+' and 'bb+', respectively, from 'BBB-' and 'bbb-'. "We expect performance of banking sector to be below average over the next one to two years despite our expectations of high economic growth and improving business prospects," it said.

## Sebi begins adjudication proceedings against HDFC Trustee Company

CHITRA MADIA  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has issued two fresh showcause notices to HDFC Trustee Company and its managing director and other officials initiating adjudication proceedings in relation to investments of fixed maturity plans (FMPs) in debt instruments of Essel Group companies. Earlier on May 10, the market regulator had sent two showcause notices on the same matter to HDFC AMC.

In an exchange filing on June 1, 2019, HDFC AMC said: "We now wish to inform you that Sebi has issued 2 (two) additional show cause notices initiating adjudication proceedings against HDFC Trustee Company Limited, i.e. the trustee company of the HDFC Mutual Fund, and our Managing Director, Mr. Milind Barve and few other officials of the Company on May 31, 2019 in relation to the same subject matter."

"We are working with our legal advisors and are in process of responding to the said adjudication notice," HDFC AMC said. The AMC had rolled over one of its FMPs, which has investments in two Essel group companies.

According to the portfolio, as on March 2019, HDFC Fixed

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Maturity Plan — 1,168 Days - February 2016 (1) which was extended by over a year has invested around Rs 66.49 crore in Edisons Infrapower & Multiventures and Spirit Infrapower & Multiventures, group companies of Essel.

Earlier, Kotak Mutual Fund had conveyed to its investors that the fund may not be able to pay the entire redemption amount for the Kotak FMP Series 127, which matured on April 8. Industry players estimate that debt mutual funds have an exposure of around Rs 6,000-7,000 crore to debt instruments of Essel Group companies. In January, share prices of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited and Dish TV Ltd fell sharply by 26-33 per cent primarily on reports of pledged shares of the promoters being invoked and sold. This resulted in the security cover against the exposures falling below the prescribed threshold as per the NCD documents. **FE**

## Economy showing signs of rebound: Finance Secretary

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

THE ECONOMIC growth — which hit a five-year low of 5.8 per cent in the March quarter — is showing signs of a rebound, finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg said on Monday.

In a tweet, Garg said, "Turn around in demand and financing conditions beginning very well. PMI manufacturing is at 52.7. Crude is moving towards 60 dollars. Govt bond yield has gone below 7%. Spread for NBFCs/HFCs over Govt bond is narrowing. Rupee is firmly below 70. Sure

signs of coming high growth." The Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index improved to 52.7 in May from 51.8 in April. The improvement was led by a good performance of consumer goods segment, with rates of expansion in output, total sales, new export orders and employment surpassing those seen in the intermediate as well as capital goods categories.

Last week's GDP data showed, with a fourth straight quarter of slowdown, India lost the fastest-growing large economy status in Q4FY19, trailing China's growth (6.4 per cent) for the first time in nearly two years. **FE**

## Nissan to 'review' ties with Renault after FCA merger

REUTERS  
PARIS/MILAN, JUNE 3

NISSAN WOULD carry out a "fundamental review" of its relationship with alliance partner Renault if it accepted a merger proposal from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA), the Japanese carmaker said on Monday. The proposal under discussion "would significantly alter the structure of our partner Renault", Nissan CEO Hiroto Saikawa said in a statement.

"This would require a fundamental review of the existing relationship between Nissan and

Renault," he said, while adding that FCA's arrival as a new alliance member "could expand the paying field for collaboration and create new opportunities for further synergies". FCA is engaged in intensive discussions with Renault and the French government over the \$35 billion merger proposal it pitched last Monday to create the world's third-biggest carmaker. The Italian-American carmaker is discussing a special dividend, a French government board seat and stronger job guarantees among possible improvements to secure backing from Paris, Reuters reported on Sunday.

## BRIEFLY

### RBI MPC starts monetary policy review meeting

**Mumbai:** The Monetary Policy Committee headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday started deliberations on the second bi-monthly policy review of the current fiscal, amid expectations of a 25 basis points cut in lending rate to boost the slowing economy. The central bank has slashed the short-term lending rate (repo rate) by 25 basis points (0.25 percentage points) each in its last two policy reviews. **PTI**

### Makhija as Axis Bank chairman gets RBI nod

**New Delhi:** Axis Bank on Monday said the Reserve Bank of India has approved appointment of Rakesh Makhija as chairman of the bank. The board of directors of the private sector lender had in March approved the appointment of Makhija as chairman, subject to RBI clearance. "We would like to inform you that RBI vide its letter has approved the appointment of Rakesh Makhija, independent director as the non-executive (part-time) chairman of the bank for a period of 3 years, with effect from July 18, 2019, up to July 17, 2022," the private sector lender said in a regulatory filing. **ENS**

### Large exposures framework for banks modified

**Mumbai:** The Reserve Bank of India on Monday modified the guidelines on large exposures for banks with a view to reduce concentration of risk and align them with the global norms. **PTI**

### Kevin Hassett leaving White House: Trump

**Washington:** President Donald Trump said on Sunday night on Twitter that Kevin Hassett, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, is leaving the White House soon. **PTI**

### 10 mn Amazon items now on 1-day delivery

**New York:** E-commerce major Amazon, which has been working to deliver orders faster, has said that more than 10 million items will now qualify for next-day delivery. **REUTERS**



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RVUN/PR-3222  
Raj.Samwad/C/2019-2020/345 **Chief Engineer (O&M)**

**Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR**  
No. NIT/2019-20/219-28  
अलकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-030/19-20  
Date: 03.06.2019

निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए केन्द्रवार सड़क के अधिकाधिक विद्यमान ड्राफ्ट प्रोड्यूस करके एवं अनुभव को ध्यान में रखते हुए निम्नलिखित प्रथम में ई-प्रोक्चर प्रक्रिया हेतु अनिवार्य निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं:-

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**MAHARASHTRA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of Maharashtra and Ministry of Railways)

**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
**Tender No. MRIDC/PROJ/e-TENDER/ROB/2019/36**

MRIDC is inviting E-bids from the eligible bidders for the work mentioned below:

**a) Name of Work:** Construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) at 5 Locations (i.e. Pune-Miraj Section at LC No. 47-km 122/8-9 between Wathar-Palsi Stations, LC No. 81 - km 166/4-5 between Koregaon-Targaon Stations, LC No. 112 - km 239/1-2 between Takari-Kirloskar Stations, LC No. 117 - km 253/0-1 between Bhilavdi-Nandre Stations and LC No. 119 - km 256/6-7 between Bhilavdi-Nandre Stations) in Lieu of LC Gates in Maharashtra area on Pune Division of Central Railway. **b) Estimated Cost:** ₹ 150,43,65,844/-.

**c) Completion Period:** 360 days. **d) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Application:** 02/07/2019 till 15:00 hrs.

The detailed e-tender notice is uploaded online. Interested bidders who wish to participate should visit [www.maharail.com](http://www.maharail.com) or [www.tenderwizard.com/MAHARAIL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/MAHARAIL) to bid their offer. All Revisions, Clarifications, Addendum / Corrigendum, Time Extensions etc. will be hosted online only.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**  
MRIDC

**Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited**  
Office of the SE(IT), IT Cell, Opp.220KV GSS, Naka Madar, Ajmer  
Ph: 0145-2671860; email: seitajm.avvnl@rajasthan.gov.in

The last date of bid submission under TN-IT-30 for work of "Implementation of Real Time Data Acquisition System (RT-DAS) in AVVNL for measurement of SAIF/SAIDI of Non SCADA towns under IPDS" is 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 upto 05:00PM."

In future, all notifications including amendment/ date extension, etc. if any, shall be published on the websites: <http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avvnl>, <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>

**Superintending Engineer (IT)**  
AVVNL, Ajmer

Raj.Samwad/C/2019-2020/384

**कार्यालय उज्जैन नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन**

विज्ञापन क्रं. /PMAY/E-Tender/2019/260 **छत्रपति शिवाजी भवन, आगर रोड़, उज्जैन (म.प्र.)** उज्जैन, दिनांक : 31.05.2019

**(Online) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (सबके लिये आवास-2022) के घटक ए.एच.पी.-भागीदारी में किरायायती-आवास के ब्रॉडिंग एवं मार्केटिंग कार्य हेतु एजेंसी नियुक्ति किये जाने हेतु आर.एफ.पी. ऑनलाईन जारी की जा रही है। इच्छुक संस्था कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन कर सकती है।

**विरियल क्र. 1** ऑनलाईन क्रय करने की अंतिम दिनांक 15.06.2019 समय 17:30 ऑनलाईन ई.एच.डी. शक्ति एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक 17.06.2019 समय 17:30 रहेगी।

विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना एवं अन्य जानकारी वेबसाइट [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) पर देखी जा सकती है। यदि उपरोक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन होता है तो इसकी सूचना ऑन लाईन दी जावेगी। पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं की जावेगी।

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1	10000/-	प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (सबके लिये आवास-2022) के घटक ए.एच.पी.-भागीदारी में किरायायती-आवास के ब्रॉडिंग एवं मार्केटिंग कार्य	200000/-	3 वर्ष

**अधीक्षक यंत्री**  
नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन

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

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/ downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

A (1)	39/SPE/PE(PH) -II/E-T/18-19	Cleaning & Sweeping of all roads & drains including disposal of solid waste of Sec-88, Noida	34,96,527.60
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Which can be uploaded by dated 12.06.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 13.06.2019 at 11.00 A.M.

B (1)	01/SPE/PE(PH) -I/E-T/19-20	Supply of Insecticide used for Vector Control in Noida	48,26,200.00
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Which can be uploaded by dated 19.06.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 20.06.2019 at 11.00 A.M.

**(S.C. Mishra)**  
**Sr. Project Engineer**  
(Public Health), Noida.  
**Office:** Sector 39, Noida  
**CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA**

**Government of Haryana**  
**Revenue & Disaster Management Department**  
**Heat-Wave (Do's and Don'ts)**

Heat Wave conditions can result in physiological strain, which could even result in death. To minimize the impact during the heat wave and to prevent serious ailment or death because of heat stroke, the following measures are useful:

**DO's**

- Listen to Radio, watch TV, read News paper for local weather forecast to know if a heat wave is on the way.
- Drink sufficient water and as often as possible, even if not thirsty.
- Wear lightweight, light-coloured, loose fitting and porous cotton clothes. Use protective goggles, umbrella, pagri/dupatta/hat, shoes or chappals while going out in sun.
- While travelling, carry water with you.
- If you work outside, use a hat or an umbrella and also use a damp cloth on your head, neck, face and limbs.
- Use ORS (oral rehydration solution), home made drinks like lassi, lemon water, buttermilk, etc. which help to re-hydrate the body.
- Recognize the signs of heat stroke, heat rash or heat cramps such as weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, sweating and seizures. If you feel faint or ill, see a doctor immediately.
- Keep animals in shade and give them plenty of water to drink.
- Keep your home cool. Use curtains, shutters or sunshade during day. Open windows at night.
- Use fans, damp clothing and take bath in cold water frequently.
- Provide cool drinking water near work place.
- Caution workers to avoid direct sunlight.
- Schedule strenuous jobs to cooler times of the day.
- Increase the frequency and length of rest breaks for outdoor activities.
- Pregnant workers and workers with a medical condition should be given additional attention.

**DONT'S**

- Do not leave children or pets in parked vehicles.
- Avoid going out in the sun, especially between 12.00 noon and 3.00 p.m.
- Avoid wearing dark, heavy or tight clothing.
- Avoid strenuous activities when the outside temperature is high. Avoid working outside between 12 noon and 3 p.m.
- Avoid cooking during peak hours. Open doors and windows to ventilate cooking area adequately.
- Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and carbonated soft drinks, which dehydrate the body.
- Avoid high-protein food and do not eat stale food.

**Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli**

On behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Production, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting open E-tender (No. MCF/RBL/Dy. CEE/P/2019-20/04 Date 30-05-2019) based on single packet system online through Indian railway portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for the under mentioned work on prescribed tender format.

**Description of Work:** Electrical furnishing of Power Car Coaches as per scope of work. Approx Value (Rs.) Rs. 6445038/- EMD (Rs) 128900/- Cost of Tender document - Rs. 5000/- Quantity of Work- 151 Power car coaches. Work completion period : 12 Months or earlier. E-tender submitted through online up to 15:00 hrs. on 26-06-2019. Manual offer will not be considered. E-Tender shall be opened on 26-06-2019 at 15:30 through online on <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Detailed Tender Notice and Terms & conditions are available at Indian Railway IREPS website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

**Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Production**

Open tender based on Single packet system Tender Notice No. MCF/RBL/Tender/End Wall Fabrication on SIS/2019-20/C337 dt. 31-05-2019 in invited by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Shell, MCF/RBL through IREPS portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for and on behalf of president of India for the following work:-

**Description of Work:** Fabrication of End Wall on SIS line as per scope of work. Approx Value (₹) Rs. 34,07,202.33/- EMD (₹) 68,200.00/- Cost of Tender document - Rs. 3000/-only Quantity of Work- 300 Coach set. Completion period of Work : 12 Months or earlier. Period of Submission of tender document- From 10-06-2019 to 24-06-2019. Date & time of closing of Tender- 24-06-2019 at 11.45 hrs. Date & time of opening of Tender- 24-06-2019 at 12.00 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) in tender document.

**Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/ Shell.**

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**CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Civil Secretariat, Srinagar-190001**

**No:CAW(Estt)RHP/143/2019/Dated 29.05.2019**  
**Advertisement for Recruitment of Helicopter Pilots**

Civil Aviation Department Jammu & Kashmir invites applications from Indian citizens with full particulars for appointment as helicopter pilot on Bell 407 helicopter.

1. Qualification & Experience	Current CHPL a) 2000 flying hours total b) 750 hours as PIC c) Area experience of J&K (will be preferred). d) Bell qualified pilots will be accorded top priority.
2. Average salary and allowances	a) Gross salary of Rs. 4.50 lacs per month. Enhancement is under active consideration. b) TA/DA and Leave Rules as applicable to the class I officers of the state. c) Accommodation as applicable to other pilots. d) Transportation for official duties only.

**3. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

a. Eligible candidates may apply along with bio-data on [civilaviationjk@gmail.com](mailto:civilaviationjk@gmail.com)/[jkcivilaviation@gmail.com](mailto:jkcivilaviation@gmail.com) or by speed post on the following address:-

Administrative Officer,  
Civil Aviation Department,  
Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir,  
Room No. 332, 3rd, Floor,  
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.  
Contact: 0194-2506160

Last date for receipt of applications is 15th of June, 2019.

b. The candidates working under Govt./Public sector undertaking/Autonomous organisation should apply through proper channel.

c. The Govt. can reject any or all applications/appointments without assigning any reason to the applicants.

**Sd/-**  
**Commissioner**  
Civil Aviation Deptt.

DIPK NB: 956/19

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
**Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)**

N.I.T. No.	07 (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/19-20 dated 31.05.2019
1 Name of work with its location	A) Repair & renovation to floor tiles at Gulabi Bagh & LPNR Railway Colony in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V B) Improvement to water supply installation at SOJ, LDCY, SWNR & LPNR in S/o of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V C) Repair & renovation to floor tiles in type-II flats in soj in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V D) Repair to toilet, bathroom, kitchen of balance flats and floor tiles in block no. 5 & 6 in lodhi colony in section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V E) Repair & renovation to toilet, bath, kitchen of type-I flat in b. no. 12, 13, 14, 15, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7 at SOJ in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V F) Repair/renovation to toilet, bathroom & kitchen of type-II flats of block no. 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 at Sarojini Nagar colony in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V G) Supply of building material in the S/o SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V H) Repair, renovation to toilet, bath, kitchen of 34 unit type-2 flats at Okhla railway colony and replacement of stack of shaft & laying of sewer line in the S/o SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V I) Repair to road circulating area of jung pura railway colony in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V J) Repair to damaged sunshade at SOJ SWNR & Gulabi bagh railway colony in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V K) Repair to type-I flats by raising height of over head tank of type-I flats at SOJ in the section of SSE/W/HNZM UNDER ADEN/E-V
2 Approx. Cost of work	A) Rs. 6000319.44 B) Rs. 4000041.20 C) Rs. 3500126.42 D) Rs. 299997.23 E) Rs. 2999730.36 F) Rs. 6000143.86 G) Rs. 2500347.52 H) Rs. 4510047.15 I) Rs. 5000174.11 J) Rs. 3500005.57 K) Rs. 2999914.11
3 Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/51 dated 31.08.2016). A) Rs. 120000.00 B) Rs. 80000.00 C) Rs. 70000.00 D) Rs. 80000.00 E) Rs. 60000.00 F) Rs. 120000.00 G) Rs. 50000.00 H) Rs. 90200.00 I) Rs. 100000.00 J) Rs. 70000.00 K) Rs. 60000.00
4 Completion period of Work	A) 6 Months B) 4 Months C) 3 Months D) 3 Months E) 3 Months F) 6 Months G) 3 Months H) 5 Months I) 5 Months J) 4 Months K) 3 Months
5 Cost of tender on cash/ by post	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/51 dated 31.08.2016). A) Rs. 5900 B) Rs. 3540 C) Rs. 3540 D) Rs. 3540 E) Rs. 3540 F) Rs. 5900 G) Rs. 3540 H) Rs. 3540 I) Rs. 5900 J) Rs. 3540 K) Rs. 3540
6 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 26.06.2019 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 25.06.2019
7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> .

No. 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 07 (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K) Dated : 31.05.2019 1764/2019

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PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.  
SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-13

**Notice Inviting Tender** [www.verka.coop](http://www.verka.coop)

e-Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr No	Name of the Item	Qty/Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ downloading of e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Submission of online e-tenders	Date & Time of opening of e-tenders
1.	Ice Cream Cups i) 40 ml ii) 80 ml	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh	200/-	40,000/-	04.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	17.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 18.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
2.	Pre Formed Pouches For Ice Cream Candy and Ice Cream Rolls	-do-	-do-	200/-	20,000/-	04.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	17.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 18.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
3.	Pre Formed Pouches for Khoya Kulfli	-do-	-do-	200/-	20,000/-	04.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	17.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 18.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
4.	Milk Packaging Film	-do-	-do-	200/-	35,00,000/-	04.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	17.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 18.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
5.	WMP Tins with C. Boxes i) ½ Kg ii) 1 Kg	-do-	-do-	200/-	60,000/-	04.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	18.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 19.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
6.	LN 2 Containers i) 1-2 Ltrs ii) BA 3-4 Ltrs iii) 11-15 Ltrs iv) 24-26 Ltrs v) 32-35 Ltrs vi) 47-50 Ltrs vii) 50-60 Ltrs viii) Semen 320 Ltrs ix) 3000 Ltrs Silo x) 6000 Ltrs Silo	-do-	-do-	200/-	50,000/-	06.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	18.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 19.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
7.	i) Sodium Bi-Carbonate ii) Vitamin E-50 iii) Magnesium Oxide iv) Toxin Binder v) Vitamin Ad3	-do-	-do-	200/-	3,50,000/-	06.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	18.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 19.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
8.	HDPE Matka i) 500 gm TM ii) 5 Kg TM iii) 15 Kg TM iv) 5 Kg DTM v) 15 Kg DTM	-do-	-do-	200/-	3,50,000/-	06.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	19.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 20.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
9.	Cleaning Solution i) Steel Cleaner ii) Floor Cleaner iii) Regular Floor Cleaner iv) Regular Vessel Cleaner	-do-	-do-	200/-	1,00,000/-	06.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	19.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 20.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
10.	Lab Equipments i) Milk Adulteration Analyzer ii) Milk Analyzer iii) Advance Nitrogen Estimation device with digester iv) Sodium Ion Analyzer v) Somatic Cell Counter	-do-	-do-	200/-	50,000/- 3,00,000/- 20,000/- 1,00,000/- 50,000/-	06.06.2019 From 01:00 PM	19.06.2019 up to 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 20.06.2019 at 02:00 PM
11.	Hiring of Insulated Vehicles for transportation of Milk and Fresh Milk Products in Patiala and surrounding areas	08 no's. For One Year	General Manager Verka Patiala Dairy Ph. No. 8054998531, 8054998533-34	200/-	50,000/-	04.06.2019 From 12:00 PM	17.06.2019 Up to 11:00 AM	Technical Bid 18.06.2019 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 20.06.2019 at 11:00 AM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in) and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Note:- Tender processing Fee is Non- Refundable.

**General Manager (QA&E)**

**HARYANA GOVERNMENT**  
**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	UHBVN PANCHKULA	1/2019-20 TO 8/2019-20 & 11-2019-20 TO 13-2019-20	TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASON	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
2.	CAD DIVISION KARNAL	CADA_KARNAL_03_2019	I) LINING OF WATERCOURSES 08 NOS INSTEAD OF 7 NOS. OTHER TERM AND CONDITION REMAINED UNCHANGED	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01842271054 xenkarnalcad@gmail.com
3.	HVPNL	NIT NO.39/CWD-2/VOL-X/HVPNL/2018-19 DATED-30/01/2019(ONLINE TENDER NO.133498)	LATE DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14/06/2019(13:00 HRS)	<a href="http://www.hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
4.	HVPNL	NIT NO.03/CWD-2/VOL-IX/HVPNL/2018-19 DATED-20/04/2018(ONLINE TENDER NO.80204)	LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14/06/2019(13:00 HRS)	<a href="http://www.hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
5.	HVPNL	NIT NO.17/CWD-2/VOL-IX/HVPNL/2018-19 DATED-13/09/2018(ONLINE TENDER NO.98651)	LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14/06/2019(13:00 HRS)	<a href="http://www.hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
6.	HVPNL	NIT NO.31/CWD-2/VOL-X/HVPNL/2018-19 DATED-28/12/2018(ONLINE TENDER NO.109488)	LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14/06/2019(13:00 HRS)	<a href="http://www.hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
7.	HVPNL	NIT NO.34/CWD-2/VOL-X/HVPNL/2018-19 DATED-31/12/2018(ONLINE TENDER NO.109779)	LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14/06/2019(13:00 HRS)	<a href="http://www.hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
8.	HVPNL	NIT E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO.-16/CWR/HVPNL/2018-19 DATED 28.01.2019(TENDER ID NO. 113331)	EXTENSION OF DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BIDS TILL 10.06.2019	<a href="http://www.hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
9.	UHBVN	NIT NO 250/P&D/2019-20/BID NO.B-594	CORRIGENDUM-I BIFURCATION/TRIFURCATION OF OVERLOADED FEEDERS, AUGMENTATION OF CONDUCTOR OF HT LINE AND NEW DT. UNDER OPERATION CIRCLE UHBVN, SONPAT ON TURNKEY BASIS OPENING DATE: 18.06.2019	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>	01723019143 xenddiuhbvn@gmail.com
10.	UHBVN	NIT NO 251/P&D/2019-20/BID NO.B-595	CORRIGENDUM-I BIFURCATION/TRIFURCATION OF OVERLOADED FEEDERS, AUGMENTATION OF CONDUCTOR OF HT LINE AND NEW DT. UNDER OPERATION CIRCLE UHBVN, ROHTAK ON TURNKEY BASIS OPENING DATE: 18.06.2019	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>	01723019143 xenddiuhbvn@gmail.com
11.	HPGCL	NIT REF 124027 BIDDING DOCUMENT NO. 5/CE/PLG/NTPC/RGT/PG/FD-250 & CORRIGENDUM -1 DT 21.05.2019	THE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 19.06.2019 TILL 13.00 HRS AND OPENING OF STAGE-I (TECHNO COMMERCIAL) BID SHALL BE ON 19.06.2019 AT 15.00 HRS (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS)	<a href="http://www.hpgcl.org.in">www.hpgcl.org.in</a>	0172-5022439 cepplg@hpgcl.org.in

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)**

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**Coal India Limited**  
A Maharatna Company

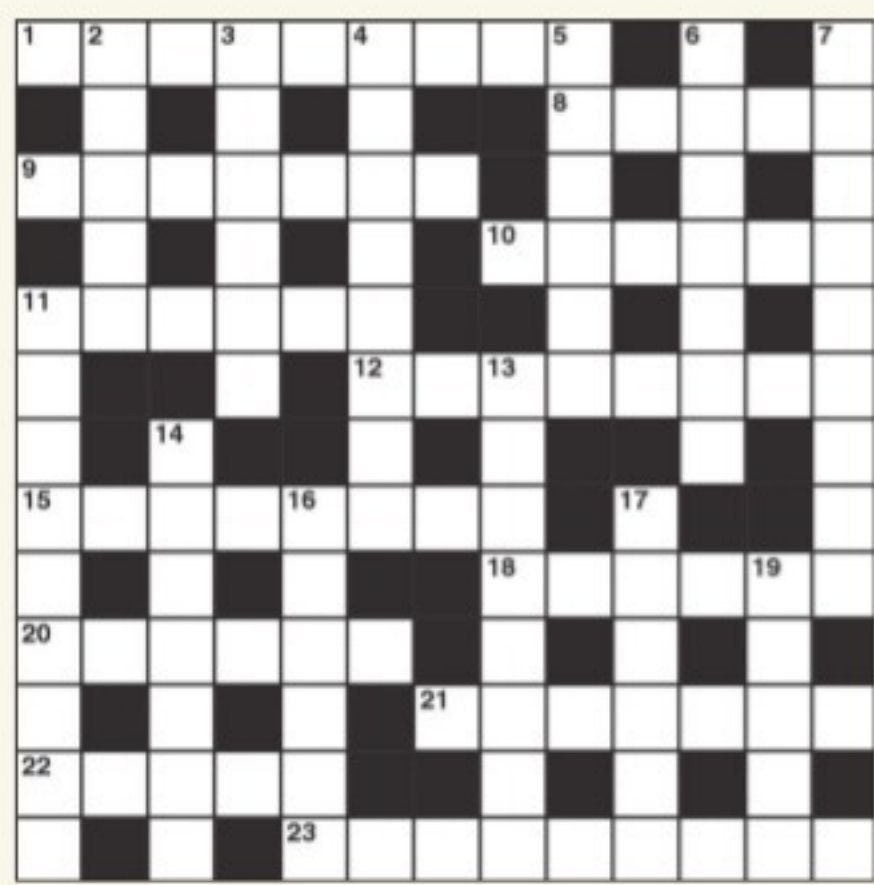
**Notice for Open Domestic e-Tender**

(1) Tender No.: (a) CIL/C2D/MPLS/2019-20/338 dated 28.05.2019 (b) CIL/C2D/ILL/2019-20/339 dated 29.05.2019; (2) Estimated Tender Value : (a) Rs. 3,55,20,000.00 (b) Rs. 61,36,000.00. (3) Scope of Tender: (a) Supply, installation, Commissioning, Integration and Maintenance of MPLS Bandwidth with end equipment, Router etc. on rental basis for High Definition Multi Point Video Conferencing System for 4 years (b) Conclusion of Contract for 100 Mbps (1:1), uncompressed, unshared, Managed Internet Leased Line Circuit on rental for 4 years (4) Tender Document: (a) & (b) There will be no physical sale of tender document. The complete tender documents can only be downloaded from Coal India Limited website ([www.coalindia.in](http://www.coalindia.in)), Central Public Procurement Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) and CIL's e-Procurement Portal (<http://coailndiatenders.nic.in>). All necessary details may be seen from the tender document available in the above websites.

**General Manager (MM)**



## CROSSWORD 3823



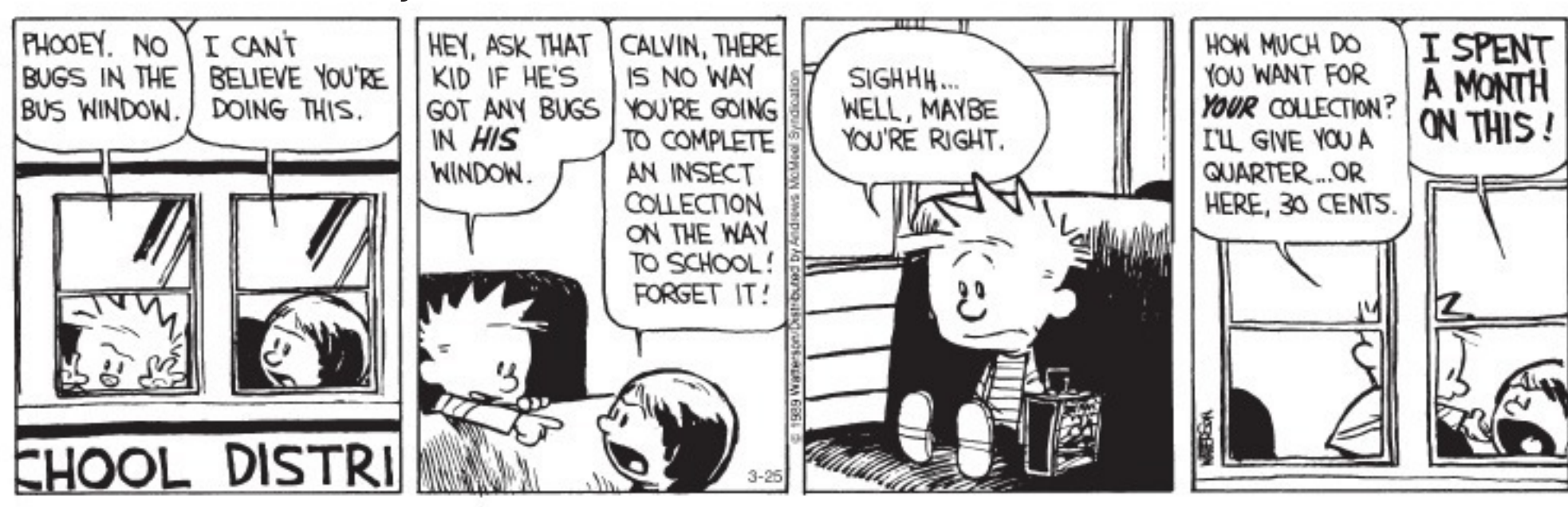
- ACROSS**
- 1 A composer frequently, we hear, followed by another (9)
  - 8 Latin works set to music (5)
  - 9 Somebody incompetent (7)
  - 10 It's held musically to follow the wrong tune (6)
  - 11 Girl that is a famous film star (6)
  - 12 Stayed with us erratically, coming once a week (8)
  - 15 Marriage, for example, makes a nice change after all (8)
  - 18 Five in debt - but promising (6)
  - 20 Cable was twisted in her grasp (6)
  - 21 Astute amendment about the first enactment (7)
  - 22 Mackerel bait? (5)
  - 23 Sign-writing? (9)
- DOWN**
- 2 Growing girl? (5)
  - 3 Pass directions around the circuit (6)
  - 4 Report the rifle is loaded (8)
  - 5 Poor houses (6)
  - 6 Uniform for a soldier (7)
  - 7 Many awakening us with their revels (9)
  - 11 A dispiriting thing to do (3,1,5)
  - 13 Its employers needn't take flight to reveal distress (8)
  - 14 Runners, but not in the vegetable garden (7)
  - 16 They don't play principal parts (6)
  - 17 Flicker of an electric light? (6)
  - 19 Get a letter in time? It's out of the question (3,2)

Solutions Crossword 3822: Across: 1 Tissues, 4 Adom, 7 Avon, 8 Mercurio, 10 Nitric acid, 12 Consul, 13 Recess, 15 Well behind, 18 Vibrates, 19 Only, 20 Solid, 21 Samoyed. Down: 1 Train, 2 Spotting, 3 Seesaw, 4 Archimedes, 5 Orts, 6 Noodles, 9 Minute hand, 11 Leniency, 12 Cleaves, 14 Elvers, 16 Dryad, 17 Abel.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

A \_\_\_ is like a \_\_\_ - you get it back right away. - Bill Keane (3...9)

WYAER                      BGUHUMU

BRNOO                     ELOBGG

Answer: A thing is like a boomerang - you get it back right away. SOLUTION: WEARY, BORON, HUMBUG, BOCCLE

## Difficulty Level 2s

**SUDOKU 3868**

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.

		9						8 3
		7						5 2
6	1							4
	5	9						2
4	3	5						7
2		6						8
5								3 8
1	8							4
9 3								2

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

## SOLUTION SUDOKU 3867

2	6	5	8	4	9	1	7	3
7	4	1	2	6	3	8	9	5
3	9	8	1	5	7	2	4	6
4	7	9	5	3	1	6	8	2
5	3	6	9	8	2	7	1	4
8	1	2	6	7	4	5	3	9
6	5	7	4	9	8	3	2	1
1	8	4	3	2	6	9	5	7
9	2	3	7	1	5	4	6	8

**WATER SUPPLY DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPT. NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
ROOM NO. 231, SHAHID BHAGAT SINGH PLACE, NEW DELHI

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**

Tender ID No. 2019\_NDMC\_173349\_1

Name of Work : Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles

Sub Head : Urgent / Emergent repair of water tankers (Ashok Leyland Make) at Water Supply Control Room.

Estimate Cost : Rs. 6.42,137.00

Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 31.05.2019

Last date / time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 12.06.2019 upto 3.00 PM

Further details can be seen at <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Note: - To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory.

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FACT ENGINEERING WORKS, PALLURUTHY P.O. KOCHI-682006, KERALA  
Phone: 0484- 2231314 extn210&239, 0484-2231829, email: [facttd@facttd.com](mailto:facttd@facttd.com), [www.facttd.com](http://www.facttd.com)

FACT Engineering Works invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of Pre-bid alliance Partner for executing mechanical fabrication & erection of various process plant equipments like floating & fixed roof storage tanks, pressure vessels, mounded storage vessel, heat exchangers, boilers etc. at various locations in India.

Details of EOI are available at e-procurement platform <https://eprocure.gov.in>  
EOI e-Tender ID: 2019\_FACT\_474265\_1 EOI Reference No: EOI/FEW/ALLIANCE/01

Last date for submission of EOI is 21.06.2019, 02.00 PM  
EOI opening date is 22.06.2019, 02.30 PM  
Time extension, Corrigendum, Addendum etc if any, will be hosted in the website only and will not be published in newspapers.

Date: 31.05.2019 Dy. General Manager(S&P)/FEW

**JHARKHAND URBAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION LIMITED (JUTCOL)**  
(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)

Regd. Off. Room No.411, Urban Development Department, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004  
Email: [contact@jutcol.co.in](mailto:contact@jutcol.co.in)  
CIN: U60100JH2016SGC009174

Ref. No. 65 Date: 31-05-2019

**Date extension for Submission of Application for the Post of Company Secretary (CS)**

The last date for submission of application for the post of Company Secretary (CS) with reference to notice no. 26 dated 20-02-2019 and notice no. 42 dated 22-03-2019 is hereby extended to 14-06-2019 (17.00 hours).

For further details please visit LATEST section of [www.jutcol.co.in](http://www.jutcol.co.in). (Reference P R No. 202906)

Sd/-  
Chief Executive Officer  
Jharkhand Urban Transport Corporation  
P.R.207842 Urban Development and Housing(19-20)-D

**NORTHERN RAILWAY CORPORATION-1st**

Ref.: Tender published date: 19.05.2019 and Tender opening Date : 18.06.2019. (Through IREPS portal) NIT for leasing of SLR/SLRD parcel space published in various English & Hindi newspapers scheduled to be opened on 18.06.2019 through IREPS portal i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) wherein, in the column of "Tender No." all tender numbers start from CIID may be read as "SLR" instead of "CIID". Other Information of NITs shall remain unchanged. File No.: CIID/SLR/Tender/2019 1767/19

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**THDC Institute of Hydropower Engineering and Technology, Tehri**

Corrigendum: Recruitment Notice for Faculty Positions

The advertisement No 02/2019 dated 17-02-2019, for inviting applications of faculty positions was published in this newspaper and on institutes website. Clarification on the reservation of EWC category being horizontal reservation in place of vertical as published in original notice is hereby being amended. Kindly visit website [www.thdciht.ac.in](http://www.thdciht.ac.in) for more details.

(Director)

**भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.**  
(A Navratna Undertaking of Govt. of India)  
(CIN : L63011DL1985GOI030915)  
Regd. Office: CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110 076  
Phone: 91-11-41673093-96, Fax: 91-11-41673112  
Website: [www.concorindia.com](http://www.concorindia.com)

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

CONCOR invites E-Tender in Single Packets system of tendering for the following work:

Tender No.	CON/EP/VPDM/Bal. Addl. CC Pav./R-II/2019
Name of Work	Balance work of Additional CC Block Paving in Empty/ Coastal Load Container Parking and Construction of Peripheral RCC wall to arrest settlement of warehouse flooring at RCF Vallarpadam, Kochi, Kerala
Estimated Cost	Rs. 382.53 Lakhs
Completion Period	10 (Ten) Months
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 3,41,265.00 (through e-payment)
Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Rs. 1,000/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment)
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 5,310/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment)
Date of Sale of Tender (online)	04.06.2019 (11:00 hrs.) to 24.06.2019 (up to 17:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of Submission of Tender	25.06.2019 up to 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	28.06.2019 at 11:30 hrs.

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc., please refer to detailed tender notice available on website [www.concorindia.com](http://www.concorindia.com), but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website [www.tenderwizard.com/CCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL) only. Further, Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website [www.concorindia.com](http://www.concorindia.com), [www.tenderwizard.com/CCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL) and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.  
Group General Manager (EC) Phone No.: 011-41673093-96

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1.00	The following work job is required for Repairing of 02 No. 50 Cs VT Axial Pump (P-1 & P-2) with Material & Labour Charges of Pumps complete in all respect including left over items if any.		
1.01	Making of New Bearing Sheet both side of 50 Cs. Pump.		
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1.05	Making of Thrust Fitting for Bearing Housing, Thrust Key and Fitting of 23416 Bearing.		
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WORDS WORTH

British author and playwright Lemn Sissay (pictured) is this year's winner of the PEN Pinter Prize. The prize is awarded to writers who take an "unflinching, unwavering" look at the world. Sissay is known for documenting his journey in search of his family.

SNAP SHOTS



The Closure

HIGH STREET makeup brand Sephora has announced it will close all its US stores, distribution centres and corporate office on June 5 to "host inclusion workshops for its employees". This step follows a racial profiling incident at one of its stores near Los Angeles when security was called on Grammy-nominated singer SZA by one of the employees "to make sure she wasn't stealing", the artiste tweeted last month. In a post on social media, Sephora wrote, "These values have always been at the heart of Sephora, and we're excited to welcome everyone when we reopen." The company is owned by Paris-based luxury giant LVMH, whose brands range from Louis Vuitton, Hennessy, Givenchy to Celine, Dior and Guerlain.



Magic Mania

BRITISH AUTHOR JK Rowling is expanding the wizarding world of Harry Potter with four new eBook shorts, which will be themed around the curriculum Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley studied at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. They will be accompanied along line drawings by London-based artist Rohan Daniel Eason. The four titles read — *Harry Potter: A Journey Through Charms and Defence Against the Dark Arts*; *Harry Potter: A Journey Through Potions and Herbology*; *Harry Potter: A Journey Through Divination and Astronomy*; and *Harry Potter: A Journey Through Care of Magical Creatures*. The first two books will be published on June 27 in English, French, Italian, and German.



Second Outing

ACTOR NAWAZUDDIN Siddiqui has been roped in to play the lead in Netflix's upcoming film *Serious Men*, an adaptation of Manu Joseph's book of the same name. This will be his second outing on the streaming service after the critically-acclaimed show, *Sacred Games*. To be directed by Sudhir Mishra, the story revolves around a slum dweller, who cons the country into believing that his dim-witted 10-year-old son is a genius. "I hope that people give Aayan Mani the same love that they extended to Ganesh Gaitonde. For now, I am eagerly awaiting the release of *Sacred Games 2* and can't wait to see the audience's reaction," Siddiqui said in a statement.



Cop Drama

POPULAR THRILLER writer Vish Dhamija's series *Rita Ferreira* is set for a digital adaptation with Abundantia Entertainment acquiring the rights to the books. Malhotra plans to adapt the three books — *Bhendi Bazaar*, *Doosra* (pictured) and *Lipstick* — into a multi-season digital series. Set in Mumbai, the story follows DCP Rita Ferreira who uses unconventional methods to solve cases but her track record is unmatched. "In a world dominated by male protagonists, many believed that Rita would not be accepted. But her popularity with readers across age groups and segments has proven otherwise," Dhamija said in a statement. Abundantia Entertainment has previously worked on Akshay Kumar-starrer *Airlift*, *Baby*, and *Toilet - Ek Prem Katha*.



(Clockwise from above) Stills from *Good Omens*: Michael Sheen (left) and David Tennant; Jon Hamm (left) with Paul Chahidi; Adria Arjona; Jon Hamm

'We are all flawed. We need to find the middle ground'

Actors Jon Hamm and Adria Arjona on their recent web show *Good Omens* and reading writers Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett for the same

EKTA MALK

JON HAMM single-handedly made drinking in office look cool all this while, wearing dapper suits and writing fabulous advertising copy in the famous TV show *Mad Men*. Now, he is back as archangel Gabriel in *Good Omens* and he is sporting lavender-hued eyes and suits, not the dapper kinds in *Mad Men*. In the fantasy-comedy series, based on the 1990 novel of the same name by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman, Hamm, 48, is joined by Adria Arjona, 27, who plays Anathema Device, a witch determined to stop Armageddon on earth at any cost. *Good Omens* is the latest offering from Amazon, and deals with the friendship of a demon named Crowley and an angel Aziraphale as they join forces to stop the antichrist from ending the earth and all the civilisation on it. We speak to Hamm and Arjona as they elaborate on the ever-expanding digital space and their respective roles. Excerpts:

Have you read the book *Good Omens*?

HAMM: I have been a fan of the books for some time now, and read them when they came out in the '90s. I really appreciate this fantastic universe that Neil and Terry create and this has been wonderfully adapted to the screen by Douglas Mackinnon.

ARJONA: I grew up on a tour bus in Northern America and was kind of secluded from the society. I hadn't read the books. I read the script first and then I read the books in Spanish. As the filming progressed, I became quite hooked to them. I am glad I read them now, at this age.

*Good Omens* is your return to comedy after your earlier stints like *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* (2015) and *30 Rock* (2006).

HAMM: I am very fortunate that way. I got an opportunity to do both comedy



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and drama, and all the credit needs to be given to people like Tina Fey and Lorne Michaels. They believed in me even though I wasn't known for being funny, especially after the job that made me famous was a dramatic one. I love watching comedy, and I like being part of them. It allows me to associate with very fun and clever people. And with *Good Omens* we can add Neil Gaiman and Terry (Pratchett) to that list. I am fortunate that I am not pigeon-holed into one thing alone.

The book is a very tongue-in-cheek take on god.

HAMM: I think there are obvious themes that the book and the show recognise. Humanity and what is to be human are central to the narrative. We are all flawed, and we need to get along, cooperate and find the middle ground. Those themes have been universal throughout time. That's why the

books are so popular. They reach across nationality, culture, and religion and get at what is uniquely human about all of us.

ARJONA: I think if you go to extremes, then the world would always be a hard place. If you have a harsh opinion, and you stop listening, you stop communicating; and when we do find the time and patience to communicate and find the middle ground good things happen. We can maybe then fix things.

Tell us about the witch Anathema Device.

ARJONA: I am the descendant of Agnes Mcnutter, a witch who wrote these prophecies and it's my job to use them to save the world. She takes her job very seriously, though she might not be very good at it, and fumbles through it. But she is consistent and determined on her path to save the world. She just doesn't know how, or when.

You have been part of the golden age of television with a series like *Mad Men*, and you have now done a number of web shows and dabbled in cinema. Do you find a difference between the three mediums?

HAMM: There is no difference anymore. There used to be a bit of a stigma, and judgment was cast on the method that your content was distributed through. I don't think that's the case anymore. Places like Amazon, and other platforms are providing substance at an increasingly high level. People know that this is where you go for the quality stuff. I think the flexibility of the digital space allows one to be much more daring, and do interesting things. Do a *Good Omens* like a six-hour movie and chop it up in a six-part series. It frees up creators and artistes, and I think if there is a new golden age of television we are already in it. There's so much happening that it's impossible to catch up.

Adria, you started out by being a model and later graduated to television and the web. How has your experience been?

ARJONA: I have been fortunate enough to dabble across platforms. In the digital space, we artistes have more control. There were no Amazon executives on the sets, and they trusted Neil and Douglas with this. That's how we ensure that there is more quality.

Jon, do you like playing the broody silent guy, or the outgoing, loud ones?

HAMM: Fortunately I get to do both. I look back at my time at *Mad Men*, where I was playing this broody guy, and I had this great time in my life and career. That's the best thing about being an actor, donning different colours, and not repeat yourself over and over again.

*Good Omens streams on Amazon Prime*

A Woman's Perspective

A play paid tribute to writer Santwana Nigam by staging four stories by her



Santwana Nigam

DIPANITA NATH

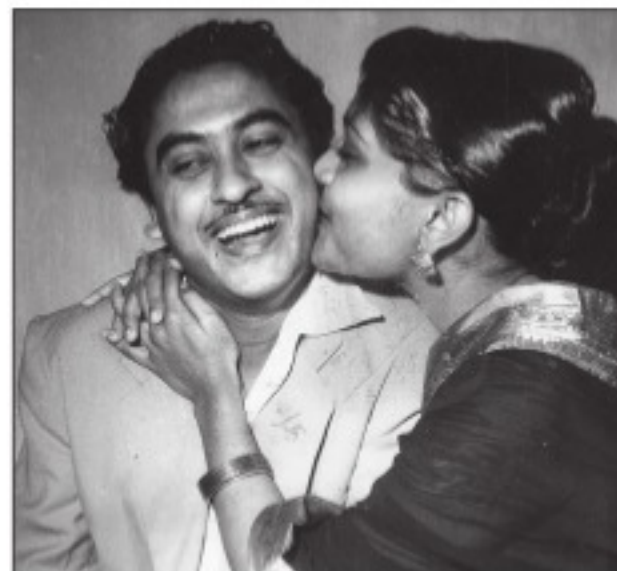
FOR 40 YEARS, Santwana Nigam brought stories from across India into Hindi literature. She translated Mahasweta Devi's *Hazaar Chaurasi Ki Maa*, Taslima Nasreen's *Nishidh*, Ramu Ramanathan's *Comrade Kumbhakarna* and Manoj Mitra's *Bagia Bancharam Ki*, among others. Her original works ranged from short stories such as *Bachhe*, published in magazines such as *Dharmyug*, *Sarika*, *Kadambini* and *Sahitya Akademi* journals, as well as poems on gender equality, female foeticide, and the disappearance of letter writing and its connect with our memories.

Nigam passed away in February and a play, titled *Sahej Ka Sargam*, which was staged at Alliance Francaise on June 3, paid tribute to her by staging four stories she had written. It was presented by Nepathya Foundation. The stories *Pehali Paudi*, *Bas Sifr Islhiye*, *Pankh* and *Saath* are about the dynamics of human relations, particularly man-woman relationships, from a feminine perspective. "I had read the stories before these were sent for publication. My reaction to them is not substantially different from my initial one. Except that now that she is gone, the stories have become more poignant," says Rajinder Nath, Nigam's partner and director of the play.

Nath, a National Award-winner and veteran of productions such as *Vijay Tendulkar's Anji*, *Ghashiram Kotwal* and *Sakharam Binder* and *Asghar Wajahat's Jis Lahore Nai Dekhya O Jammayi Nai*, brought his trademark minimalism to *Sahej Ka Sargam*. There were no sets and even the costumes, stage, light and sound designs were pared down. "I have not even adapted the stories. These are being staged as these are written except there are some very minor changes to make them stage worthy," he adds.

Most of the cast comprises names that Nath has worked with for a long time, such as Mala Kumar, Shipra Das, KK Chandan, Rekha Johri and Sanjeev Johri. "I know their potential. But in theatre the final word is said only after the performance," he added.

RUMA GUHA THAKURTA 1934-2019



(From far left) Ruma Guha Thakurta in archive photos with her first husband Kishore Kumar; in a still from the film *Bairaag*; with Kumar and son Amit; with Kumar Express archive

Memories of an Artiste

Veteran Bengali actor and Kishore Kumar's first wife, Ruma Guha Thakurta, passed away in Kolkata at 84

ALAKA SAHANI

VETERAN ACTOR-SINGER Ruma Guha Thakurta, who breathed her last in her sleep at the age of 84 in her Ballygunge Place residence in Kolkata on Monday, will be known as that rare artiste whose creativity ranged from acting to singing. She worked in several critically-acclaimed Indian films. Apart from a long acting career, Ruma, who made her screen debut in Amiya Chakravarty's *Jwar Bhata* (1944),

later found fame as co-founder of the Calcutta Youth Choir, which she formed with music composer Salil Chowdhury. She continued to work with the choir for nearly 55 years.

Ruma, who tied the knot with Kishore Kumar in the early '50s, and was the mother of playback singer Amit Kumar. She was exposed to choir singing at the young age of 10 as she used to attend the rehearsals of Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) in Mumbai. Around the same time, she was also learning dance from the legendary dancer

Uday Shankar. She later married writer-director Arup Guha Thakurta and moved to Kolkata. She has a daughter named Sromona and a son, Ayan, from this marriage.

The actor worked with some of the most prominent Indian directors during her career. Immediately ahead of her marriage with Kishore Kumar in 1951, she featured in Nitin Bose-directed *Mashaal* (1950) and Chetan Anand's *Afsar* (1950). It is during the '60s that she acted in some of the most acclaimed Bengali movies. Prominent among them are Satyajit Ray's *Abhijaan* (1962), Tapan Sinha's *Nirjan Saikate* (1963) and Sunil Bannerjee's *Antony Firingee* (1967). She also played a cameo in Aparna Sen's much-acclaimed di-

rectorial debut, *36 Chowringhee Lane*. Her other significant movies are Ray's *Ganashatru* (1989), Sinha's *Wheel Chair* (1994) and Mira Nair's *The Namesake* in which she played the role of Irrfan's mother. She has also been a playback singer in some films including *Lukochuri* (1958) and *Teen Kanya* (1961).

Calcutta Youth Choir was formed in 1958. In an old television interview, Ruma had said that the idea of a choir came from Chowdhury, who was then basking in the accolades for composing the evergreen melodies of *Madhumati* (1958). "He suggested that we start the choir with his students and revive the IPTA songs. The choir performed a wide range of songs including those written by Rabindranath Tagore, Nazrul Islam, Prem Dhawan and lyricist Shailendra," she'd said. By her own admission, she was never allowed to wrap up a show without a performance of the forever popular choir song, *O Ganga tumi*

*boicho keno*, which was originally written and sung by musician Bhupen Hazarika. She was also trained under Mumbai-based vocalist Abdul Rehman Khan for a year.

Talking about the influence of Ruma on him, Kalyan Sen Barat, creative director of Calcutta Choir, says, "When I first saw Ruma Guha Thakurta perform on stage with her choir, I was very impressed by her presence and the way she conducted herself. Many artistes are not good organisers. She was an exception. What's most interesting is that she introduced dance in choir performances. This helped in connecting with the masses."

Expressing grief over the singer-actor's passing away, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee extended her condolences. "Saddened at the passing away of Ruma Guha Thakurta. Her contribution to the field of cinema and music will always be remembered," Banerjee tweeted.





**CHOKERS TAG AND SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY**

**"To be called eternal chokers is like a Shakespearean tragedy almost. Hopefully, we can change that."**

KAGISO RABADA

**Afghanistan eyes light up as they face overstrung Sri Lanka**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
CARDIFF, JUNE 3

AFGHANISTAN CAPTAIN Gulbadin Naib has stressed on the need to bat sensibly ahead of the team's second World Cup clash against Sri Lanka here on Tuesday. Afghanistan opened their campaign with a seven-wicket defeat to reigning champions Australia, who chased down 208 thanks to half-centuries from David Warner and Aaron Finch.

Despite the result, there were plenty of positives for the Afghanistan who fought back from 77-5 down after losing opening batsmen Mohammad Shahzad and Hazratullah Zazai for ducks. Najibullah Zadran was particularly impressive with the bat and Gulbadin believes his side are more than capable of posting a big total against Sri Lanka.

"My message has been one thing, just to look at the positives. If you look, we missed out early on and then we scored 200-plus so if we have wickets in hand it could have been 300-plus," he said here on Monday. "We need to stay on the wickets and don't give away wickets easily, then we can have wickets in hand then we have the potential to do in the last ten overs 80-90 runs or more. Australia are the best side, they are a champion side, they played hard against us so one thing the guys took away is the positives if they stay in the wicket."

Sri Lanka are also looking to bounce back after suffering a heavy defeat in their opening game against New Zealand, losing by ten wickets after being bowled out for just 136 runs. But while the Cardiff pitch appears to favour seamers, Gulbadin is confident his world-class spinners Rashid Khan and Mujeeb Ur Rahman can take advantage.

"If you look at the Sri Lanka team the last two years they have been struggling in the one-day matches so we have an opportunity to do well against them," he said.

"I hope that if we can play 50 overs, especially in the batting, maybe we can beat them, but they are also a good team and we can not take them easy."

**Malinga preaches patience**

Sri Lanka's batsmen must show more patience under pressure in Tuesday's "must-win" encounter against World Cup dark horses Afghanistan to put their crushing opening-round defeat behind them, pacer Lasith Malinga said on Monday. New Zealand thumped Sri Lanka without losing a single wicket in Cardiff on Saturday to begin their campaign in style after seam bowlers Matt Henry and Lockie Ferguson skittled them out for 136.

Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne contributed an unbeaten 52 in that total as the Sri Lankan top-order's vulnerability in bowler-friendly conditions was exposed and Lasith Malinga said that a similar performance against Afghanistan would cost them dear. "Patience is very important. We know these conditions, we can have someone get 60-70 runs and still the ball can move."

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GULBADIN NAIB



**WAH-AB RIAZ**

The left-arm pacer snared Moeen Ali and Chris Woakes off successive balls to stall England's chase at a crucial moment of the match. Reuters

**In only a way as Pakistan could, they bounce back from galling defeat to a spectacular victory vs England**



**EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP**

**SRIRAM VEERA**  
NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 3

THE MOMENT that encapsulated what Pakistan thought about the contest against England came right at the end after they clinched a memorable win by 14 runs, quelling a serious challenge by the hosts. The bowler, Wahab Riaz, was still angry at a misfield that had the last ball, inconsequential to the match result, run away to the boundary. He was almost in a trance, staring at the fielder on the boundary and had to be yanked out of his reverie by Mark Wood, who hugged him.

This wasn't a reaction of a team that had even contemplated that it would be an upset if they won; there weren't any over-the-top reactions from anyone. Shaking hands with each other - a nice little moment was Mohammad Hafeez enveloping Sarfraz Ahmed with a hug, and both walking towards another veteran Shoaib Malik. Sarfraz the captain, Hafeez who first played for Pakistan 16 years ago, and Malik who outdates him, the only player in the tournament who played international cricket in the 1990s.

A day before, an English scribe had asked whether a Pakistan win would be

considered an upset and Azhar Mahmood, the bowling coach, made sure he repeated the word upset as a question before he answered in the negative.

If you are a pop-psychologist, Pakistan's triumph would be a win-win situation for both the victors and the vanquished - and as a result for the tournament. Pakistan needed this to shrug off the first-match blues, and England needed it to stub the hype building around them that could cause insane pressure later. A blessing in disguise, perhaps. Now, yet again, the tournament remains open.

Pakistan could have surrendered to the pre-match hype. They didn't. England too could have given up when they were 118 for 4 in the 22nd over - still 231 runs adrift with Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow, Eoin Morgan, and Ben Stokes in the hutch. They didn't either.

There is no doubt that Jos Buttler is a star. Despite the frenetic style of play, he exudes a calmness rare with such hitters. The run rate kept climbing away from him but he kept reining it in. In the past, he has talked about how in the last couple of years, he has cracked the code of what works best for him in terms of technique and, importantly, in his head: he strives to be in a "meditative state". Bang, Crash, and a gentle smile or an impassive face stares back when the camera zooms in.

Unlike most top-order batsmen, Buttler holds his bat a touch low, almost thigh-high and sort of crouches in his stance as he peers across. Steve Smith and Rohit Sharma hold their hands pretty high but not Buttler, and it's one of the key factors in the way he bats. The first thing he looks across isn't the bowler

running in but the top of the off stump at the other end as he believes it helps him get his head and balance right. Somewhere later, he shifts to the bowler even as he begins to move back as his first step.

Then a forward movement, sometimes aligned with a hip-swivel ala a baseball hitter, and those low hands with that cocked wrist help him punish deliveries of varied lengths. If it's a yorker, he drops his hands pretty easily and meets the ball almost close to the middle of the bat (a lot closer to it than most batsmen) and calmly threads the gap on the off-side. It also helps in his scoops over fine-leg.

If there was a mistake - it's silly to even contemplate it - but perhaps he would look back at the overs from Shadab Khan and Hasan Ali after the fall of Joe Root, who played a wonderfully composed hand but fell to trigger not a collapse, but a lull that proved to be costly for England.

**Shadab's blows**

Shadab's leg-spin proved to be the difference in the end, among other things. As many as 35 runs had come in four overs before the 39th, but Shadab gave away just two and picked up Root, who had missed two cuts off back-of-length turners and chose the wrong one to cut - too full and was swallowed at backward point.

Buttler crashed Riaz for 10 runs next over but then began the lull. With Moeen Ali, out of sorts, (the left-hander was expected to take on the leggie), Buttler too decided to play the spinner out. Bu there were still three overs in him. In that vital spell, Shadab gave away just 13 runs. Hasan Ali too skidded in two tight overs and sud-

**LUCKY, 12 TH TIME**

**12** Pakistan snapped their 11-match losing streak, dating back to the South Africa series. They also ended England's 21-match unbeaten streak while chasing totals.

**We tried a few different things - we started with Shadab because they weren't good against spinners. Fielding is an important part and it was the main difference. This gives a lot of confidence to the team.**

**Sarfraz Ahmed**

PAKISTAN CAPTAIN

denly England required 65 from six overs.

Until Root was there, and especially in the latter stages of their partnership, it seemed England had it covered but now, they were staring at a huge ask, especially with Ali struggling. Buttler had begun to manufacture shots, he sent one in the air just wide of the lunging mid-off and perished next ball, cutting a Mohammad Amir slower one that bounce straight to backward point.

Again, just before that ball, Malik had a mini-chat with Amir to calm him down. Despite Chris Woakes' valiant attempt, the task proved beyond England. A day before the game, after the media interaction, a member of the Pakistan camp had leant over and whispered into the ear: "Upset? Bhai, the cup isn't coming home!" It still might but Pakistan's win has certainly spiced up the tournament.

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ENG vs PAK

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PAKISTAN **348/8 IN 50 OV**

**Iul-Haq** c Woakes b Moeen **44**  
(58b, 3x4, 1x6)

**F Zaman** st Buttler b Moeen **36** (40b, 6x4)

**B Azam** c Woakes b Moeen **63**  
(66b, 4x4, 1x6)

**M Hafeez** c Woakes b Wood **84**  
(62b, 8x4, 2x6)

**S Ahmed** c & b Woakes **55** (44b, 5x4)

**Asif Ali** c Bairstow b Wood **14** (11b, 1x6)

**S Malik** c Morgan b Woakes **8** (8b)

**W Riaz** c Root b Woakes **4** (2b, 1x4)

**Hasan Ali** not out **10** (5b, 1x6)

**Shadab Khan** not out **10** (4b, 2x4)

■ Extras: (b 1, lb 8, w 11) **20**

■ Fall of wickets: 1-82 (F Zaman, 14.1 ov), 2-111 (I ul-Haq, 20.1 ov), 3-199 (B Azam, 32.5 ov), 4-279 (M Hafeez, 42.4 ov), 5-311 (Asif Ali, 46.1 ov), 6-319 (S Ahmed, 47.2 ov), 7-325 (W Riaz, 47.5 ov), 8-337 (S Malik, 49.1 ov)

■ Bowling:

**C Woakes** **8-1-71-3**

**J Archer** **10-0-79-0**

**M Ali** **10-0-50-3**

**M Wood** **10-0-53-2**

**B Stokes** **7-0-43-0**

**A Rashid** **5-0-43-0**

ENGLAND **334/9 IN 50 OV**

**J Roy** lbw b Shadab **8** (7b, 2x4)

**J Bairstow** c Ahmed b Riaz **32**  
(31b, 4x4, 1x6)

**J Root** c Hafeez b Shadab **107**  
(104b, 10x4, 1x6)

**E Morgan** b Hafeez **9** (18b, 1x4)

**B Stokes** c Ahmed b Malik **13** (18b, 1x4)

**J Buttler** c Riaz b Amir **103**  
(76b, 9x4, 2x6)

**M Ali** c Zaman b Riaz **19** (20, 1x4)

**C Woakes** c Ahmed b Riaz **21** (14b, 1x4, 1x6)

**J Archer** c Riaz b Amir **1** (2b)

**A Rashid** not out **6** (5b, 1x4)

**M Wood** not out **6** (5b, 1x4)

■ Extras: (lb 3, w 5) **8**

■ Fall of wickets: 1-12 (J Roy, 2.1 ov), 2-60 (J Bairstow, 8.6 ov), 3-86 (E Morgan, 14.5 ov), 4-118 (B Stokes, 21.2 ov), 5-248 (J Root, 38.5 ov), 6-288 (J Buttler, 44.3 ov), 7-320 (M Ali, 47.5 ov), 8-320 (C Woakes, 47.6 ov), 9-322 (J Archer, 48.4 ov).

■ Bowling:

**S Khan** **10-0-63-2**

**M Amir** **10-0-67-2**

**W Riaz** **10-0-82-3**

**Hasan Ali** **10-0-66-0**

**M Hafeez** **7-0-43-1**

**S Malik** **3-0-10-1**

■ Pakistan won by 14 runs



**Hundreds by Joe Root and Jos Buttler went futile. AP**

**RENAISSANCE MAN**

**The unloved Professor wins back pyar, pazirai and some respect**

**SRIRAM VEERA**  
NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 3

"LOOK AT the some of the dismissals of Jonny Bairstow or Jason Roy," Mohammad Hafeez says about the adventurous shot selection of England's openers as he strives to make a larger point about Pakistan cricket. "If any Pakistani batsman gets out with those shots couple of times, he will never play again for the country."

In a television show back home in Pakistan, aired before he left for the World Cup, Hafeez is talking about the difficulties of being a Pakistan cricketer. "Many players who feel insecure about selection, who haven't yet cemented their spots, fear about it. Darr hai society mein. Are we ready to back our players through bad times?"

More than anyone else, Hafeez should know all about it. It's been 16 years since he first played for Pakistan, but forget pyar and pazirai (love and acceptance), he doesn't even get respect. A much-criticised player, by fans and former cricketers, he has fought on through the years. In a television show a couple of years ago, Shoaib Akhtar had a dig at

Hafeez, who was the captain then. "Hafeez bach chup rahe on the field." Sitting beside him, Wasim Akram chuckled before saying, "Mushkil hai, almost impossible!" The two were talking about Hafeez's nature to over-coach and make suggestions to bowlers and team-mates.

He is known as "Professor" for his penchant for analysis, and mockingly, for his verbose and unsolicited advices. So they say, Akram pointed out an instance from the PSL when Shahid Afridi was captain and the bowler but Hafeez, standing at third man, insisted on a field change and the ball went for four as a result. "Kum sey kum third man se captaincy na karo (At least, don't try captaincy from third man)," Akram said with a laugh. Not that Hafeez cares. Just before he left for the World Cup, he talked about how he would "not interfere but would continue to offer advice and suggestions as it's his responsibility as a senior player."

Hafeez has been also criticised for his strike rate, perhaps not as much as Shoaib Malik, but has had his share of criticism.

It's in this backdrop that Hafeez walked on the field in Nottingham. Moeen Ali was bowling like a dream and, along with Mark Wood, had successfully dragged the run rate down,



**Mohammad Hafeez's all-round efforts blew England over. Reuters**

and picked up a wicket. What was Hafeez's response? The man criticised for letting things drift ran down the track first ball to clobber Ali over mid-off. It was a statement and a half. Three balls later, arrived a bouncer from Ben Stokes and the ball was thrown back from the deep square-leg boundary.

Subsequent events proved the frenetic start wasn't a reactionary urge; not even a counter-attacking move just to push the field back before he settles in. He wasn't going to die wondering, not at this stage, not after an injury had forced him out of the last World Cup. Just a few balls in came the moment of reprieve, when he charged out to tonk Adil Rashid and his heart would have been in his mouth when he saw Jason Roy settle under it at long-off. Perhaps, Roy had too much time under it and dropped the catch. Hafeez was on 12 in the 25th over then, and eased out the next 11 balls, nudging seven singles before Rashid opened the floodgates again. A tossed-up ball flew over long-on and the subsequent length-adjustment had the ball crashing into the midwicket boundary.

Hafeez's experience took over from that point on - he punctuated the singles with the odd four - always well-timed hits, didn't allow

the occasional short deliveries to trouble him, and kept manoeuvring the field with neat deflections. As English bowlers started to tire, the errors crept in and when Jofra Archer provided a full delivery on his legs, Hafeez scoop-flicked it over long-leg for a crowd-pleasing six. His last hundred had come in 2015, incidentally against England, but on 84, he created an over-pitched delivery from Wood but couldn't get the desired elevation and was pounced at long-off.

You might not sense the classical art of spin if you probe his bowling but he has a situational awareness of the demands on batsmen in limited-overs cricket. At one stage in his career, a few years back, he could be easily trusted to bowl with the new ball and come in the middle overs to stop the run-flow. When batsmen tried to attack him, he was pretty good. He even had a wood on left-handed batsmen like JP Duminy, slipping in those skiddy straighter ones that would come in with the angle from round the stumps to fetch him lbw dismissals. There isn't much drift or any such nuance in his bowling, but Hafeez built a reputation for himself and a visual package to go alongside. The occasional pause before release, the left foot that would occasionally stretch out a long

stride when he sought to shorten the length, and the general demeanour of confidence about him. These days, he isn't as effective, but on Monday, just as he did with his batting, he produced an inspired version of himself.

He served Eoin Morgan with a series of tight deliveries around off-stump before he curled one in, and cramped for room, Morgan tried to manufacture a cut but saw his off stump pegged back. However, it would be against him that England would break free in the 25th over when Jos Buttler and Joe Root smoked a six apiece of him, and began to turn the tide. But his team-mates ensured his efforts didn't go in vain. Until then, if there was one man who had kept Pakistan ahead in the game with bat and ball, it was the unloved Hafeez.

A Hafeez moment that would stay in the mind, though, came in the 49th over of the chase. Seeing Adil Rashid try a shimmy to the off to paddle-scoop over short fine leg where Hafeez was stationed, Sarfraz asked him to drop back next ball. Hafeez shook his head. Sarfraz then signalled the third man to drop back. A ball later, the ball sliced towards, where else, but that third man fielder. Don't knock the professor.



# 'I always knew that I will bounce back'

## SA can survive poor start, asserts Phehlukwayo

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, JUNE 3

KL RAHUL will be crucial to India's batting at the World Cup as the Men in Blue kick off their campaign against South Africa. He spoke to *The Indian Express* before heading off to England about his batting, challenges the Indian team will face in England and if the controversy over the Karan Johar chat show changed him completely.

**In last year's IPL you had scored at 9.5 runs per over and only Rishabh Pant hit more boundaries than you in the tournament. This year, you assumed a more cautious role, which sees you controlling your attacking shots. What have you done mentally (and technically) to improve the shot selection and execution?**

I gained a lot of experience by playing a lot of T20 cricket last year. I know my game very well now. I knew where exactly the areas are where I needed to improve. As you grow as a player, your skills don't change. My approach is similar, but you learn to read the game better. I have tried to bring in that aspect of the game which will help the team I'm playing for. It could be for India, the IPL franchise or my state. Each time I go out to play, my responsibility is different, role is different. Sometimes the team will tell you this your role, sometimes you have to understand it yourself. You realise that in any successful team, one of the top three will play 20 overs, or bulk of the overs, which is very important. If you are batting with someone like Chris Gayle or Mayank Agarwal, who are so explosive, you can be conservative to start off. I know I can go from a 120 strike rate to a 160 strike rate quickly. I have that confidence and I just use that confidence in my game.

**As of now, you can play either at No. 3 or No. 4 in the Indian team and the IPL season's approach could well fit perfectly in both those slots. How do you see the 50-overs game? What's needed to crack the ODI code?**

I honestly will not know what to do till I play games and also believe that I'm smart enough and have played enough international cricket that I can figure out quickly what I need to do in a certain format to be successful and be more consistent. Whenever the opportunity comes, basically for me the key is to keep things simple. Be it batting at 3 or 4 or any place, I can't plan too much. Every ball is an event, especially in white-ball cricket. You have to see the ball, see the scoreboard, assess the situation and decide the best game-plan. That's been my learning from the last few years to understand how to come up with a good plan on that particular day and in those conditions. Especially when there are bad conditions, how quickly I can plan that in my mind. That is what great players and more successful players have done in white-ball cricket. These players adapt quickly, they understand what they have to do on that particular day.

**Have you spoken about it to anyone? How to adapt?**

I'm a busy, keen learner of the game. I do talk to people whenever the opportunity comes. Most times, the talk over lunch or dinner or coffee will always be regarding cricket and experiences of each individual. I'm part of such an experienced and dynamic Indian team, and I can talk to so many people, be it Dhoni, Virat, there is Rohit-



KL Rahul is in contention to bat at No.4 slot after his sublime century against Bangladesh in India's final warm-up match.

Shikhar, I talk to them and learn from them.

**Do you recall any specific instances where you have learnt tricks?**

Nothing in particular, I have picked up small-small things from everybody. Sometimes, you end up in a situation when you realise I had a chat about this with MS Dhoni, or with Virat Kohli and what he did in that situation. I talk to Rohit and Shikhar as they are opening batsmen, I can connect to them where I bat. I always talk to them, talk about their thought process. I ask them about when they take a chance, and what mistakes they've made and what they learnt from those. It helps a player in getting better.

**In the IPL, we saw you use the crease a lot more. When out of form in Tests last year, at times, you were found stuck in the crease - neither forward nor back and former cricketers in commentary said that your head position wasn't ideal. What specific drills, if any, did you work on? And with whom?**

I think the head position, the technique, looks good when you are scoring runs. Let's face it. Not doing well is more to do with your thinking. You obviously have good enough technique to reach the highest level. The technique is there. When you don't get runs, it's obvious people will talk about the technique. I don't read much into that, I don't go too deep into the technique. When you get runs, everything looks good.

**You play the hook shot really well and it could come in handy against faster bowlers at the World Cup. Were you always a natural with that or did you have to work specifically on it?**

Nobody is natural enough, everybody has to work hard. Obviously gifted with certain skills, some people are gifted with timing, some people are gifted with picking the length and line early. Growing up, I played on matting wickets. I always enjoyed the pace and bounce and somewhere that has a big role or big effect on your game.

**Any other shots that you didn't have in your armoury (four-five years ago) and that you have deliberately brought into your game in recent times?**

Mostly, the dynamic side of my game is hitting the ball for sixes, reverse-sweep, scoop, which is so important to have in your game right now. The bowlers know my strength now, so they will never bowl in that area. Bowlers will keep bowling in the area where you are uncomfortable. So one has to keep coming up with new shots, new ways to tackle bowlers. Last 4-5 years, I have worked on it. I have practised for it, be it scoop shot, coming in line of the ball and flicking it. It is important to have a 360-degree game now.

**You had once said you go to the temple every Thursday. Can you explain what faith means to you? What's your life**

**We did spend a lot of time with Rahul Dravid in the India A camp. I worked with him and went back to work on my basics. When you go off international cricket and have had a bad patch, you are motivated to come back to the team automatically. You are hungry in your approach. I spoke to Rahul bhai, my coaches, and I used the time off from international cricket.**

KL RAHUL

**philosophy?**

For anybody, faith and belief are everything you have, nobody gave me the India cap, nobody taught me to go and get runs. It's a belief I had in myself. Going to the temple is like going to a place where you find peace. While growing up, I used to go to the beach as I used to find peace there.

**Are you a sentimental person? Can you describe yourself?**

No, I'm not, not at all. My only sentiment is to win.

**Just after that first Test, before SCG where you scored that hundred, you had talked about how low you felt. You had said that "my confidence, self-belief were all gone.. Do I even belong here? I was sitting in the room." You said you were helped by team-mates. We heard**

**that Virat Kohli took you out one night, M Vijay took you out another night. Was there something similar like that last year in England and Australia when the Tests didn't go your way... How did you bounce back?**

It happens in everybody's career when you're not scoring runs. There will be a bad patch. I knew my game hasn't changed, am not a different player, am not a bad person. I didn't want to connect every bad performance to everything. I knew it was not my time, sometimes I was getting good balls. Sometimes I played bad shots, that you do when you are out of form. I was very calm in my head and still very positive. I didn't want to back away from this challenge or sit in the room and say, 'Oh god, I don't want to face this bowler, or I hope to get 30-40 runs and save my position.' I was never in that mindset, I was always positive. That's the person I'm, I know I'm not going to win always. When you go through bad form, you go through bad form. Just accept it and you learn so much about it. You take the positives from it.

**We don't want to dig into your personal stuff but clearly, both Hardik Pandya and you have bounced back superbly after that ban. More determined, almost. What were your goals after you came back from that ban? What did Rahul Dravid tell you in the 'A' games?**

We did spend a lot of time with Dravid in the India A camp and India A games. I worked with him and went back to work on my basics. When you go off international cricket and have had a bad patch, you are motivated to come back to the team automatically. You are hungry in your approach. I spoke to Rahul bhai, my coaches, and I used the time off from international cricket. I knew I will bounce back stronger, I kept faith in myself. Am very happy and grateful about whatever happened in my life. Success, failure, you need to accept everything.

**Were you more determined than before?**

Look, I am always determined - that part of things never goes away from any sportsman. Everybody is motivated when you are representing the country, you never relax. It's sport, just that all 11 players will perform well or sometimes three-four players will not do well. That is fine and acceptable as well. When I go through a bad patch, you automatically get more hungry to come back. Nobody likes to get out.

**Did that one episode (Karan Johar show) change you completely? Are you more cautious when you talk to people?**

As I said, in life, in cricket, you make mistakes. You have bad days, you learn from them and try to be a better person. I never doubted myself, my personality, never doubted who I'm. My friends, my family were strong with me. I was strong in my head, I got through it and am happy to be back and enjoying my cricket.

**Did it change you?**

No, no, nothing will change me.

**How do you see India's chances going into the World Cup?**

We all are positive, everybody in the IPL was in very good form and we had a great run with the Indian team in the last two-three years. The team is looking good and everybody is confident. Everybody is backing us to do well in the World Cup. We need to go there and enjoy ourselves. The energy will be surely high so will the expectations from the whole country.

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# Another South Africa insider spotted in the enemy camp

**Come to bite back**

Last time it was South Africa-born Grant Elliot in the opposition's batting ranks that cost the Proteas dear. This time, it's the former opener from Jo'burg, Neil McKenzie, who's been credited with the 5 over-59 run blitz in the end that helped Bangladesh score their second World Cup win over South Africa. *Sport24.co.za* reported that McKenzie, who worked with the last coach Russell Domingo, was let go in August 2017 when coach Ottis Gibson brought in his former Durham-team-mate Dale Benkenstein.

McKenzie moved to Bangladesh as the Tigers' batting consultant. Soon after the 21-run-win, Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza told the news site: "He's amazing. He's been helping our batters so much for the last eight or so months ... working hard with the boys." McKenzie was a tremendous player against spin, but it was in the way the Bangladeshis neutralised South Africa's pace bowling and the late-innings acceleration that made all the difference.

Everything's gone topsy-turvy for the Proteas - an uncharacteristic bad start to the World Cup with two losses, their fast bowling coming apart (injuries to frontline bowlers and even pace backups), a captain's howler comment against the opposition, run-outs at top of the order rather than from the tail, and a batting charade even before the popular 'ch@#\$' word is rustled up. Now only if the eventual result could be upturned. Right now, bitterly, not playing for South Africa seems to be enough to be on the winning side.

**Military salutes**

Three measured strides, a heavy thump of his right leg onto the ground, his chest puffed out, West Indies pacer Sheldon Cottrell breaks into a stiff attention pose, before he lifts his right hand and salutes the departing batsman, as if he's in the middle of a military parade. Only that he's celebrating a wicket. At first many thought, he was imitating his senior compatriot Marlon Samuel's patented style of celebration, but later he revealed he was thanking the Jamaican Defence Force, with whom he's on duty when he's not playing. "My celebration is a military-style salute. I'm a soldier back in Jamaica by profession, 11 years strong. Me saluting is just to show my respect to the Jamaica Defence Force. I just enjoy the saluting, enjoy playing cricket. I practised the celebration for six months when I was training in the army," he revealed to the BBC.

In fact, he used to be regular among the army workforce manning the Sabina Park back home. "Never missed an opportunity. If I'm not in the team, the next best thing is to be in the stadium," he says. Even before the World Cup, Cottrell's celebrations had become a hit. So much so that in the CPL last year some of the batsmen, after hitting him for a boundary or six, would salute him. All of it, the burly Jamaican has taken in jest. "It's fun yeah, you give it, and you get some back. It only pumps me up," he says. Certainly, if he continues to be as penetrative as was against Pakistan, the celebration will lose much of its novelty by the end of the World Cup.



## BHANGRA AT THE BRIDGE

Bhangra performers ahead of the England-Pakistan World Cup match at Trent Bridge on Monday. Reuters

**Big cats go after a Kiwi**

Hundreds of memes of Brendon McCullum being chased away by big cats are doing the rounds on social media. "Congratulations to Bangladesh cricket team for amazing and great winning against south africa and condemn to Brenden Malkalam for his scandal talking to Bangladesh team (sic)," was one of the tweets along with an engineered image of McCullum sprinting away from a Cheetah (Not a Tiger mind you). Another one has a man with a

tiger head driving the former Kiwi captain (in a saree) from a housing society! Some of these memes are peak cringe, but seem to amuse the makers and their lackeys on social media.

So here is why McCullum has become a target. He had recently revealed an image of his world cup diary in which he predicted Bangladesh winning just one game - against Sri Lanka. A while after Bangladesh beat South Africa by 21 runs, McCullum admitted that he had got it wrong. "Impressive

performance from @BCBTigers to defeat @OfficialCSA. I expected SA to win but Bangladesh played well. In regards to my predictions, thanks for the feedback on getting this one wrong. Won't be the last but average at the end will look alright I think. Can't win em all," he tweeted. But the steady stream of memes continued. McCullum may think twice before he tries to have the TIGER by the tail henceforth.

**Tonked into Taff, 20 years apart**

In recent times, quite a few cricket balls have been fished out of the River Taff that flows adjacent to the picturesque Sophia Gardens in Cardiff. Two aggressive Kiwi batsmen need to take blame for this predicament. Last week, during New Zealand's World Cup opener against Sri Lanka, Martin Guptill sent leggie Jeevan Mendis' delivery sailing into the river. That was not a one-off though. Precisely two years ago, during the Champions Trophy match against Bangladesh, the belligerent opener was in the thick of action once again, when he smacked Mashrafe Mortaza for a monstrous six over the stands and into the river. In fact, this trend was started much earlier by a certain Chris Cairns, when he danced down the track and tonked Shane Warne, during their epic heist at this venue two decades ago.

**Kington's Oval fame**

A photographer did a Ben Stokes just behind the ropes and found fame at the Oval Sunday after he held a stunning catch during the Bangladesh-South Africa game.



**Ian Kington, a photographer with AFP, took a one-handed catch during the South Africa-Bangladesh match, which turned him into a sensation on social media.**

Ian Kington was parked at the Pavilion End adjacent to the steps leading up to the players' dressing rooms, when South Africa captain Faf du Plessis went to his 50 with a straight six off spinner Mosaddek Hossain. As the ball came towards him Kington keeping hold of a large telephoto lens with his left hand, calmly pouched the ball with his right and then, grinning broadly, turned to show the crowd he had held onto the ball. "I had two frames (photographs) of him (Du Plessis) hitting the six and then the instinct is to look up and see where the ball is," Kington told AFP.

"Obviously it's quite tight for space where we sit and I couldn't move," the 49-year-old from Kent added. "I had my long lens camera in one hand and I just sort of reached up and it stuck and I caught it." Kington's not played a serious game of cricket. "My phone keeps going off. It's nice to do something that means you've got a story to tell, but I guess that's my five minutes of fame."



# 10/10 Djokovic in last 8

With a victory over Struff, Djokovic becomes first man to reach 10 successive quarter-finals at Roland Garros

AFP/REUTERS  
PARIS, JUNE 3

Novak Djokovic on Monday became the first man to reach the French Open quarter-finals for 10 successive seasons while Kei Nishikori set-up the toughest challenge on a clay court - facing Rafael Nadal.

Top seed and world number one Djokovic continued his bid to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously for the second time by thrashing Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. The 32-year-old will now face either ninth-seeded Italian Fabio Fognini or fifth seed Alexander Zverev in what will be his 13th appearance overall in the quarter-finals in Paris.

"It was tricky with the rain, but that's Paris," said the 2016 champion after playing in drizzly conditions.

"I'm really confident with my serve. I hope it continues like that." Only Australian great Rod Laver has held all four majors at the same time twice before, after his calendar Grand Slams in 1962 and 1969.

Japanese seventh seed Nishikori came back from 1-4 and 3-5 down in the final set to beat Benoit Paire of France and set-up a Roland Garros quarter-final clash against Nadal. Nishikori won 6-2, 6-7 (8/10), 6-2, 6-7 (8/10), 7-5 in a shade under four hours to reach his third last-eight match at the French Open. "He almost had it today," said Nishikori who had led two sets to one when the last-16 tie was suspended on Sunday.

"He served for the match at 5-3 but I just tried to fight and play one point at a time."

The 29-year-old Japanese could have wrapped it up in the fourth set when he had two match points but squandered both, the second on a double fault.

Paire, the world number 38 who was trying to make the quarter-final of a Slam for the first time, was eventually undone by 15 double faults and 79 unforced errors.

Nishikori has only defeated 11-time French Open champion Nadal twice in 12 meetings with both of those wins coming on hard court. The Spaniard, celebrating his 33rd birthday on Monday, has won all four of their meetings on clay.

"It's going to be a tough match, he's the greatest ever clay court player," said Nishikori. In the women's event, the players who stunned top seed Naomi Osaka and 23-time major winner Serena Williams got a taste of their own medicine.



World number one Novak Djokovic was in immaculate touch during his 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 win over Jan-Lennard Struff. Reuters

American 14th seed Madison Keys reached the quarter-finals for the second successive year with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Katerina Siniakova, the conqueror of US and Australian Open winner Osaka.

Keys, who went on to reach the semi-finals in 2018, next faces Australian eighth seed Ashleigh Barty.

"I was really happy to close it out as playing three sets in these heavy conditions does not sound like much fun," said the 24-year-old

Keys. "I love clay courts and Paris and I am happy to play another match." Barty beat Sofia Kenin, who stunned Williams in the third round, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0, on Court Philippe Chatrier. "It's my first time this week playing on this beautiful court and I just wanted to come out here and enjoy it," said the 23-year-old former cricketer.

"It (playing cricket) was incredible, it made me more hungry to come back and have success in tennis."

## Old friends renew rivalry

Four years after his defeat to Stan Wawrinka in the Roland Garros quarter-finals prompted him to call a temporary halt to his Paris aspirations, Roger Federer renews his rivalry with his oldest friend with a place in the semi-finals at stake on Tuesday.

Federer, the 37-year-old 2009 champion in Paris, holds a 22-3 stranglehold over Wawrinka, 34. But all three losses have come on clay, including in the last-eight at the 2015 French Open as Wawrinka went on to claim a second career Slam title.

"I have a bad memory of it. Stan beat me in three sets with his terrible shorts," said Federer in reference to his compatriot's gaudy, checked shorts, compared by some to a tablecloth pattern. Federer, a 20-time major winner, is the oldest man to make the quarter-finals of a Slam since Jimmy Connors at the 1991 US Open.

He has guided into his 12th Paris quarter-final and 54th at the majors, spending just over seven hours on court.

Wawrinka, on the other hand, has needed 12.5 hours to get to his first Slam quarter-final since the 2017 French Open when he lost to Rafael Nadal in the final.

Just over five of his hours on court at Roland Garros were spent disposing of sixth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas in the last-16 in the fourth longest match ever played at the tournament. Wawrinka's run to the quarter-finals would have looked unlikely this time last year when the legacy of two knee surgeries in 2017 saw him lose in the first round in Paris. That saw him drop out of the top 250 in the world. "I'm just happy for the guy that he's back after his knee problems," said Federer of his 2014 Davis Cup and 2008 Olympic gold medal winning teammate.

**RESULTS (RD4): Men's-** Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; Alexander Zverev (5), Germany, def. Fabio Fognini (9), Italy, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (5); Dominic Thiem (4), Austria, def. Gael Monfils (14), France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; Kei Nishikori (7), Japan, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 6-2, 6-7 (8), 7-5.

**Women's-** Madison Keys (14), United States, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4; Ashleigh Barty (8), Australia, def. Sofia Kenin, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 6-1, 6-0; Amanda Anisimova, United States, def. Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.

## ANDY RUIZ AND THE THREE MUSKETEERS

Joshua, Wilder and Fury were heralding the renaissance, before unheralded Ruiz became the most decorated heavyweight boxer. But Sunday's upset has added intrigue, and a fascinating character, to the mix.

### ANDY RUIZ

"Mom, I love you and our lives is going to change. We won't have to struggle no more thanks to God. Nobody thought I was going to win, nobody did. But whoever bet on me is going to win some serious money."

■ Joshua's first fight in United States, and not the fight itself, was the draw. Promoter Eddie Hearn and the streaming service DAZN could have put a tomato can in the ring and thousands of English fans would have flocked to the Madison Square Garden regardless. While not exactly a can, the doughy Mexican-American Ruiz, a late replacement and a 32-1 underdog, seemed a safe 23rd professional opponent for Joshua. That is, until he flipped the script. Now, Ruiz holds the IBF, WBA and WBO titles and all the cards. His pluckiness and the everyman physique, as well as his appeal to a rabid Mexican fanbase, have made him a marketable character overnight.



Andy Ruiz now holds the three belts and all the cards. Reuters

things happen, rest up, recover, regroup and come again."

■ The 'Ring' magazine awarded the lineal title to Fury after he ended Vladimir Klitschko's reign in 2015. But Fury abdicated the throne and the titles following issues with drugs and depression. His sensational comeback against Wilder put him right back in the mix. He faces unheralded German Tom Schwarz next week. It is expected to be a one-sided affair, but a win for 24-0 Schwarz will further open the division.

### DEONTAY WILDER

"The motherf\*\*\*er f\*\*\*ing quit... At least Frank Bruno got KO'd by (Mike) Tyson. I think (Joshua's) a broken man. His promoter, that b\*\*\*h a\*\* Eddie Hearn, what you say now? Now we know who's been running from who."

■ The WBC champ has to be the most frustrated of the lot. Wilder and his team had been publicly negotiating for the 'unbeaten champ vs unbeaten champ' fight with Joshua for two years, but the politics of promoters and networks kept it from materialising. Wilder still has exciting fights lined up. After a memorable draw against Tyson Fury, the 33-year-old regained momentum with a first-round KO of Dominic Breazeale last month. He will face Luis Ortiz on pay-per-view in a September rematch of their 2018 bout, before a possible blockbuster rematch against Fury in early 2020.

### TYSON FURY

"We have our back and Forth's but Anthony Joshua changed his stars through life. heavyweight boxing, these

### ANTHONY JOSHUA

"I didn't even ask about a rematch clause because I was so confident I was going to win. If it's there, we'll go again and I'll get the titles back. I'm going to beat him up. I'm not dwelling on it."

■ He may not have asked for it, but expect Joshua's team to trigger a mandatory rematch clause in Great Britain. Joshua would do well to find inspiration in compatriot Lennox Lewis, who became a bigger star after an upset. By his own admission, the 29-year-old wasn't focused on the job at hand. A quest to regain his titles and secure the unification showdown is a built-in storyline. After all, Manny Pacquiao's knockout loss to Juan Manuel Marquez in 2012 didn't stop his fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr to set the charts on fire.

## Semenya free to compete without restrictions till ruling

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DOUBLE OLYMPIC champion Caster Semenya will be able to run in her favoured 800 metres event without medication to lower her testosterone levels until an appeal to the Swiss Federal Tribunal has been ruled on, her lawyers said on Monday. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) had ruled the International Association of Athletics Federations regulations were necessary for XY chromosome athletes with differences in sexual development (DSDs) competing in events ranging from 400 metres to a mile.


The CAS verdict, challenged by South African Semenya, was highly controversial, with many high-profile current and former athletes lining up on both sides of the debate.

"The Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland has ordered the IAAF to immediately suspend the implementation of the eligibility regulations against Caster Semenya, allowing her to compete without restriction in the female category while her appeal is pending," a statement from Semenya's lawyers said.

No time frame has been given for when a final ruling might be made, but the IAAF will make further submissions to the court, the statement said. "The Swiss Supreme Court has granted welcome temporary protection to Caster Semenya. This is an important case that will have fundamental implications for the human rights of female athletes," added Dorothee Schramm of Sidley Austin LLP, Swiss counsel for Semenya.

The IAAF said it had not yet been notified of the suspension. "We have received no information from the Swiss Federal Court so we cannot comment at this stage," an IAAF spokesperson said.

Speaking through her lawyers, Semenya said she remains hopeful of her appeal being successful.



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