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'Forged signatures used against Kargil veteran'

GUWAHATI

Three people have filed cases against an Assam border police inquiry officer, who had used their signatures as witnesses in the case that eventually made ex-serviceman and Kargil war veteran Mohammed Sanaullah a foreigner. Mohammed Kurban Ali, Mohammed Sobhan Ali and Ajmal Ali on Sunday filed the cases against Sub-Inspector Chandramal Das at the Boko police station claiming that he had never met them.

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Close shelter home case probe in 3 months: SC

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday granted three months time to the CBI to complete its probe into the rape, sexual abuse and possible murder of children in a shelter home in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar. A Vacation Bench of Justices Indu Malhotra and M.R. Shah asked the CBI to expand its probe into whether outsiders were involved in the alleged crimes.

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Mandatory Hindi goes out of draft education policy

New version removes clause stipulating the languages students must choose

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ
NEW DELHI

The clause recommending mandatory teaching of Hindi in all schools was dropped from the draft National Education Policy on Monday, after the Union government faced an intense backlash from Tamil Nadu and protests from other States.

However, the revised draft – uploaded by the Human Resource Development Ministry in the morning – retains the recommendation to introduce a three-language formula from Class 1, merely having removed the clause stipulating the specific languages that students must choose.

The revision was not effected by the Central government but by the committee drafting the policy, headed by former ISRO Chairman K. Kasturirangan.

Alternative option

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Kasturirangan said, "This was an alternative option already approved by us. We had kept options for many controversial cases. It is something I learnt from my ISRO days, to always have a backup ready. If you look at the overall policy, there is substantial space devoted to recognising the diversity and multilingual nature of the country, and giving autonomy to the States. This [clause] was slightly out of step with the spirit in which the policy was written. So we thought the other formulation removes any misunderstanding and assuages feelings in the affected States."

Since the original draft was released on Friday evening, all Opposition parties in Tamil Nadu have severely criticised the recommendations.

The ruling AIADMK, an ally of the NDA government at the Centre, also refused to dilute the State's two-language formula. Protests were also reported over the weekend in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

The controversial sentence appeared in Section 4.5.9, titled 'Flexibility in the choice of languages'. It said: "...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.

It has now been replaced by the following: " ...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."

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Three-language formula

Following protests from Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Karnataka, the Human Resource Development Ministry released a new version of its Draft National Educational Policy:

■ 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

— Original draft released on Friday last

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— Revised draft released on Monday

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K. KASTURIRANGAN, head of the committee that drafted the policy

Future of SP-BSP alliance turns uncertain in U.P.

BSP plans to contest in the Assembly bypolls on its own

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

The future of the SP-BSP alliance in Uttar Pradesh turned uncertain on Monday after the BSP indicated that it was in the mood to contest on its own in the coming Assembly byelections to 11 seats.

Since BSP leader Mayawati is the first and last word in the party, her official silence added to the speculation.

Review meeting

On Monday, she held a review meeting in Delhi with the coordinators and office-bearers of Uttar Pradesh to analyse the outcome of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, in which the party won 10 out of the 38 seats it had contested.

The BSP's ally, SP, fared worse, bagging a mere five.

Till evening, she was yet to issue a formal note on the meeting as is customary in the party.

BSP leader Mayawati's silence on the matter added to the speculation. ▪ FILE PHOTO ▪ FILE PHOTO

While there was no formal announcement on the future of the alliance, sources said Ms. Mayawati had presented the assessment report that the alliance with the SP did not benefit the party much since the transfer of votes was poor, in particular of the Yadav community, the core vote of the SP.

A senior BSP leader, who attended the meeting, told *The Hindu* that the party would contest "all 11 seats on its own," practically ruling out an alliance with the SP.

Ms. Mayawati also instructed her party coordinators and leaders to "strengthen the organisation in the 11 Assembly seats on a priority," the BSP leader said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

However, there was no word on the future of the alliance or if contesting in the byelections alone meant it was the end of the road for the alliance.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav told a public meeting in Azamgarh later that his party would fight for social justice together with the BSP.

(*With inputs from PTI*)

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Kejriwal offers free travel for women using public transport

Opposition decries the move as 'misleading', 'poll plank'

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday announced that the Delhi government intended to subsidise travel in public transport for women commuters in the Capital.

While the modalities of the scheme were still being worked out, the government intended to allow them free travel on metro trains and State-run buses "by August-September," Mr. Kejriwal said.

The CM claimed the scheme was in line with his government's intent to encourage the use of public transport, make it "safer" and to promote the participation of more women in the city's workforce.

The Opposition decried the move as "misleading" and a "poll plank" inspired by Mr. Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party's defeat in the recent Lok Sabha election.

It also questioned why no such efforts had been made over the last four-and-a-half years that the AAP government had been in power.

"It will be up to [women] commuters to purchase tickets or not; government departments have been asked to work on the proposal and present it for consideration within a week," the Chief Minister said.

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9 Muslim Ministers, 2 Guvs. step down in SL

A monk had called for their ouster

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Nine Muslim Ministers in Sri Lanka – including four of Cabinet rank – resigned on Monday, taking a collective stand against the community being "demonised" since the Easter Sunday terror attacks.

The move will give the authorities "space and time" to probe allegations linking Muslim politicians to the terror suspects, Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) leader Rauff Hakeem told journalists. "Either they should apprehend and punish any of us found guilty, or they must vindicate us. We hope they will look into this in a month and bring some closure to this," he said.

"The survival of the government will depend on the manner in which it handles the probe and deals with hate speech, racial violence and impunity," he said.

"Innocent Muslims are at the receiving end...they are being victimised despite the community unequivocally condemning the heinous terror attacks," he added.

Earlier, the Muslim Governors of the Eastern and Western Provinces, M.L.A.M. Hizbullah and Azath Salley, stepped down, days after a prominent Buddhist monk began a fast demanding that they resign in connection with the April 21 bombings that killed over 250 people.

The monk, Athuraliye Rathana Thero, is a parliamentarian from the ruling United National Party, led by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. Rathana Thero began fasting on Friday, in front of the iconic Buddhist temple Dalada Maligawa in Kandy with five demands.

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Pragya's plea to waive court presence rejected

SONAM SAIGAL
MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) court here on Monday rejected the petition of Pragya Singh Thakur, the new BJP MP from Bhopal, for exemption from appearing in court during the 2008 Malegaon blasts case trial. Ms. Thakur, who defeated Congress leader Digvijaya Singh, filed the petition for exemption from appearance from June 3 to 7 to complete her parliamentary procedures.

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An-32 with 13 on board missing over Arunachal

It had taken off from Jorhat in Assam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

An Indian Air Force (IAF) An-32 transport aircraft, with 13 people on board, went missing over Arunachal Pradesh on Monday.

The aircraft took off from Jorhat in Assam at 12.27 p.m. for the Mechuka advanced landing ground (ALG) in Arunachal Pradesh.

"The aircraft last contacted ground agencies around 1300 hrs. Since it did not reach the destination, overdue actions have been initiated," the IAF said in a statement.

The aircraft had eight crew members and five other persons on board. Massive efforts were on to locate the aircraft. The IAF has deployed C-130J and An-32 and Mi-17 helicopters in the search operation, while the Army has deployed an Advanced Light Helicopter.

Some reports were received on the possible location of an alleged crash site, and helicopters were routed there.

"However, no wreckage has been sighted so far," the IAF said.

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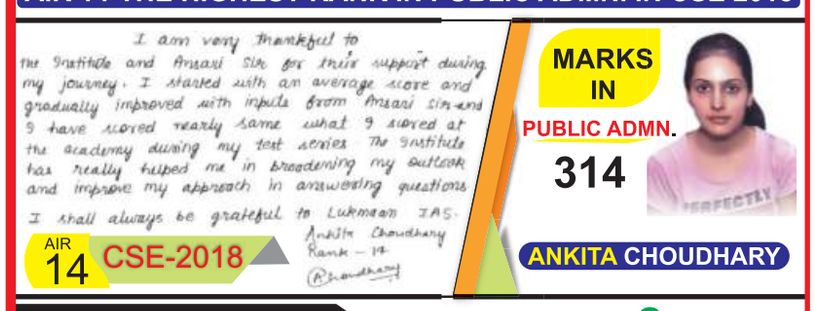

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PUBLIC ADMN.
BY. S. ANSARI

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Abhilash Mishra (AIR – 05 CSE 2016) secured 334 Marks which is since 2013 still the highest in Public Admn. optional. We expect this record to be broken by one of the upcoming Lukmaan's students.

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ANJU	272	333	2018
PURNA BORAH	149	311	2017
ABHILASH MISHRA	05	334	2016
ASHWINI PANDAY	34	267	2015
TUSHAR SINGLA	86	287	2014
UDITA SINGH	46	231	2013
PRINCE DHAWAN	03	394	2011

MAINS TEST SERIES 2019
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FROM : 16TH JUNE
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BY S. ANSARI - ON 13TH JUNE
ESSAY TEST SERIES
FROM : 21ST JUNE
STRATEGY SESSION
BY S. ANSARI & PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN - ON 14TH JUNE

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS
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- SOCIOLOGY REGULAR — BY: PROF. MUJTABA HUSSAIN / PRASHANT KAUSHIK — 17TH JUNE
- LAW REGULAR — BY: ADITYA TIWARI — 24TH JUNE
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Lawyers thrash cop on court premises, booked

NOIDA

Around half a dozen lawyers were booked for rioting and attempt to murder after they allegedly thrashed an on-duty police constable on the district court premises in Greater Noida on Monday, the police said. PTI

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DELHI TODAY

Talk: Health lecture on "Meeting the Challenge of Non-Communicable Diseases in India: From Prevention to Palliative Care" by Prof. D. Prabhakaran, Vice-President, Research and Policy, Public Health Foundation of India at C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), 6:30 p.m.

Exhibition: A solo show of artworks by T.K Hareendran at Art Konsult, 3, Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Village, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Screening: National Film Archive of India will screen a restored version of 1950 Marathi film, Mee Daru Sodali, directed by Bhalji Pendharkar at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.

(Mail your listings for this column at cityeditordelhi@thehindu.co.in)

AAP, BJP bonhomie at iftar

Leaders from both parties set aside their differences at event

BJP leader Vijender Gupta feeds CM Kejriwal a snack in the Capital on Monday. ▪ PTI

NEW DELHI
STAFF REPORTER

Minutes after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and others began eating at an iftar around on Monday, the time at which Muslims break their day-long fast, BJP leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta fed a snack to Mr. Kejriwal, as the latter smiled at the cameras facing the table.

The duo, often seen attacking each other over different issues, then addressed the media together.

The iftar was hosted by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who is the Chairman of Urdu Academy of the Delhi government.

"I have told this earlier and after wishing the Prime Minister, I had said that we should work together for Delhi's development," Mr. Kejrwial told the media.

"This is an event of love. So it will be better if we do not link it to politics and I request the media to do the same," Mr. Gupta said.

When asked about Mr. Kejriwal's announcement earlier in the day about free rides for women in DTC buses and Delhi metro, Mr. Gupta said, "This is not the right place to talk about it. We will meet somewhere outside tomorrow and talk about it."

Mr. Gupta, however, did not leave without taking a jibe at Mr. Kejriwal when asked about the tussle between the AAP government and the Centre. "I have been telling Kejriwal *ji*, from the first day, '*jhagda chodo* [stop fighting]' for Delhi's good. But it is their strategy... cannot call it a conspiracy, but it is their strategy. There is still time," he said.

The event was also attended by BJP MLA O.P. Sharma and AAP Ministers, including Manish Sisodia, Kailash Gahlot and Imran Hussain.

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Suspended AI pilot moves HC for relief

Alcohol in serum lands him in trouble

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

An Air India pilot, under suspension for three years after testing positive for alcohol before a pre-flight test, has moved the Delhi High Court contending that the alcohol content in his hair fall treatment serum showed up in the breath analyser test.

Justice Vibhu Bakhru queried if application of cosmetics, which have alcoholic content, would show up in the breath analyser test. The judge further asked if the breath analyser will catch alcoholic "remnants of this nature even in application of perfume"?

"How do we go about it?" Justice Bakhru asked, as he sought the stand of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Civil Aviation Ministry and posted the case for further hearing on August 13.

Faulty calibration

During the hearing, Captain Amit Tyagi's counsel argued that the pre-flight breath analyser test showed the reading between 0.16 and 0.20, which was below the international permissible standard of 0.40.

The counsel, further, contended that the entire calibration of the breath analyser was faulty as according to standards it should be recalibrated every 30 days.

"However, in this case it was not done for over six months," the counsel argued.

The counsel said that the pilot conducted the blood and urine test immediately from a private lab on the same day, but the results came out completely negative. The counsel said Mr. Tyagi was "suffering a three-year suspension".

The DGCA had in May 2018 suspended the pilot for three years, which was later upheld by the Civil Aviation Ministry in April this year. The DGCA told the High Court that its standard for permissible alcohol levels was 0.0.

The DGCA additionally told the court that the pilot had once in the past also tested positive for alcohol before a pre-flight breath analyser test. It said the pilot had, back then, claimed that it was due to consumption of cough syrup.

HC rejects plea seeking stay on movie release

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday rejected a petition seeking stay on the release of Salman Khan-starrer *Bharat*, which is slated to hit the theatres on June 5, saying the petition was premature.

A Vacation Bench of Justice J.R. Midha and Justice Chander Shekhar was displeased that the petitioner circulated the petition in the media before it was listed in court. At the outset, the High Court watched the trailer of the movie on the petitioner Vikas Tyagi smartphone. It then asked Mr. Tyagi what was objectionable in the trailer.

"There are so many persons named 'Bharat', so if they are doing anything wrong, should we put all of them behind bars? Should we ban individuals from having the name 'Bharat'?" the Bench said. Mr. Tyagi said his objection was that the character 'Bharat', which was played by Salman, was a womaniser.

Peak power demand in city touches 6,612 MW

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NEW DELHI

The sizzling heat on Monday pushed the peak power demand in the national capital to 6,612 MW, the highest so far this summer, as the maximum temperature settled at 40.6 degrees Celsius, leading to a surge in the use of air conditioners and coolers.

Delhi's peak power demand reached 6,612 MW at 3.23 p.m. which is the highest so far this year, said a spokesperson of BSES discoms BYPL and BRPL.

"The air conditioning load is the main reason for the increase in the power demand during summer months. Almost around 50 per cent of Delhi's power demand during the summer months is because of the cooling load of air conditioners, desert coolers and fans," he said.

Delhi's peak power demand during the summers of 2019 may clock 7,400 MW. Last year, it breached 7,000 MW for the first time – reaching 7,016 MW.

Man objects to urinating in public, beaten to death

Victim had 17 cases against him: cops

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 27-year-old man was beaten to death allegedly by his neighbours for objecting to public urination in South East Delhi's Govindpuri on Sunday night. The police have registered a case and begun probe.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said that the victim, Leelu, a resident of Nehru Camp, had 17 criminal cases registered against him.

The incident happened when Leelu and his wife Pinky were sitting outside their house around 11:30 p.m.

Argument ensued

"Our neighbour Man Singh (65) came and started urinating on the street. My husband objected to it and told him not to do so as there are women living in the area. Singh got offended and told the matter to his son Neel Kamal. Irked over this, Kamal came to our house and started arguing with my husband. Soon, the argument snowballed into a fight and Singh and his wife joined Kamal and started thrashing my husband. They brought a big slab and hit my husband," said Pinky.

Leelu sustained injuries in the attack and was rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre where he was declared brought dead.

Mr. Biswal said, after they received a PCR call, the police rushed to the spot and then to the hospital where they met the victim's brother who narrated the incident to the police.

After hearing both sides, the police conducted a local enquiry and came to know that Leelu objected to Singh urinating in open and slapped him after which his son's intervened. A scuffle ensued and Leelu was attacked with a cement slab on his chest, said Mr. Biswal.

The police said that the deceased Leelu is a bad character of Govindpuri and Okhla, who had 17 cases of snatching, robbery, and Arms Act registered against him.

"A case under Section 302 (punishment for murder) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC has been registered and investigation is under way," added Mr. Biswal.

Tired of being scolded, 6-year-old flees home

Was found at her mother's friend's house

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Tired of her mother's thrashing and scolding, a six-year-old girl left her residence in Gandhi Nagar and was later found at her mother's friend's house, the police said on Monday.

The girl was reported missing by her mother, a factory worker, on Saturday after which a kidnapping case was registered and teams were formed to find the girl.

"The mother had raised suspicion on her husband with whom she is separated. Though the police searched his residence, the girl wasn't found there. The also checked the factory where the woman is working," said a senior police officer.

As they didn't get any clues, the police conducted a local enquiry. "It was revealed that the woman used to often beat and scold her daughter. It was also revealed that the house was found locked from outside when the mother realised that the daughter had been missing which made investigators suspect that she might have left on her own," the officer said.

The mother is the only earning member and the girl would demand things that the mother couldn't afford due to which she would scold the girl
THE POLICE

After questioning colleagues and neighbours of the woman, the police were informed that the girl had gone to her mother's friend's house in Seelampur, about 3 kms from her house. "When the police reached there, the girl was found safe," the officer said.

The police said that the girl didn't want to stay with her mother as she was often thrashed, scolded and restricted by her mother. "The mother is the only earning member and the girl would demand things that the mother couldn't afford due to which she would scold the girl. She also didn't let the girl go out as she was scared of her safety which the girl didn't like," the officer said.

'CM's move on public transport a different ball game altogether'

Experts raise questions ranging from affordability to sustainability

SHINJINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government's decision to provide free access of State-run public transportation to women is an excellent idea - on paper; its success, however, was a different ball game which could only be assessed after, and incumbent upon its implementation, experts said here on Monday.

A cross-section of experts whom *The Hindu* spoke to pointed out questions ranging from "affordability for all" to the very sustainability of Delhi's current transportation infrastructure and from curbing "joyrides" to the augmentation of last-mile connectivity.

"As a government policy it is more important to have a fare policy for public transport that is not only feasible for women but also affordable to all. It is not just about "free rides" but making public transport available to the mass. It is important to focus on fiscal measures so that one can modernise and develop the infrastructure further," said Anumita Roy Chowdhury, of Centre for Science and Environment.

Compelling questions

Emphasising on the fact that a fiscal policy will ensure sustainability of public transport, Ms. Roy Chowdhury added, "The challenge is to keep the system running. The government has to think through these aspects, else how are they planning to continue with the systems? The primary aim should be to provide affordable transport to all, including the urban poor so that public transport is sustainable and affordable in the long run."

Stating that the proposal should have rather aimed at economically weaker sections, "irrespective of gender," P.K. Sarkar, Director, Asian Institute of Transport Development, said, "This proposal is not at all viable. Instead of extending the facility to those who might not be able to afford public transportation, it aims only at women. In a way, this is gender discrimination as well."

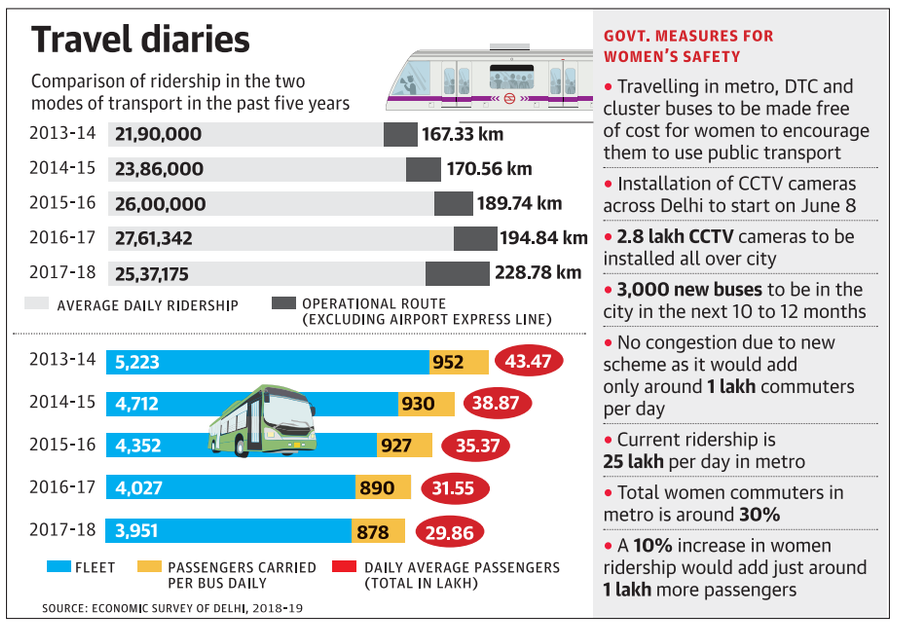
"The DTC is already running in loss while the Delhi Metro runs to its full capacity. Where is the infrastructure for the metro to carry more people, once the fares are waived off for women? If safety is the concern, then the government could have proposed a few more reserved coaches for women or buses exclusively meant for women. This proposal looks like one primarily aimed at catching vote share," he added.

S. Velmurugan, Senior Principal Scientist at the Central Road Research Institute said, "In hindsight it is an excellent proposal where people might shift to public transport. But proper planning and implementation is needed for this, including better scheduling of both the metro and the DTC buses."

"The stakeholders need to think about how to enhance the number of trips to manage the crowd that "free transportation" may end up resulting in, including "joy rides" that one might go on. Enhanced frequency and scheduling is of prime importance," Mr. Velmurugan said.

Supriya Sundriyal, a 23-year-old who takes the metro daily to Gurugram, said, "What is the connection between free travel and safety? It seems that the decision is not well-thought of and may end up receiving criticism from many."

The All India Students' Association that had earlier approached both the Centre and Delhi government seeking a fare concession for students and senior citizens said, "We welcome the decision and we are hopeful that the government will listen to the long-standing demand for metro concessional passes for students. Students are the worst hit by the double fare hike of the Delhi Metro."



Kejriwal in desperate bid to buy votes: Opposition

Say decision made to win over voters

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Manoj Tiwari

The BJP and the Congress said that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's decision to make metro and bus travel in Delhi free for women was a desperate bid to buy votes as he had realised that he was losing ground in Delhi.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari referring to the CM as 'ghoshna mantri' (announcement minister) said that such announcements were being made by Mr. Kejriwal to hold on to his ground in Delhi. "It seems he's lost his mind...and has made another announcement to make people laugh. After the loss in all the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi, Mr. Kejriwal is apprehensive of losing his support base ahead of the Assembly elections", Mr. Tiwari said.

'Fooling people'

He added that the BJP was not against giving free rides to women but alleged that AAP was fooling people as they have insufficient number of buses. "The AAP government had also promised to deploy marshals and install panic buttons in DTC buses, but failed to deliver on its promise", Mr. Tiwari said.

Delhi Congress spokesperson Jitender Kochar said that Mr. Kejriwal is known to make announcements which he cannot fulfil and then makes excuses that it does not come under his jurisdiction. "The Assembly elections in Delhi are due in the next few months and he should stop publicity stunt by making such announcements that are publicity stunts," Mr. Kochar said.

Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta said the AAP government's assertion that it will take six months to implement the proposal for providing free ridership to women passengers "underlines the fact that the proposal is nothing more than a poll gimmick".

"It cannot be overlooked that Mr. Kejriwal put obstacles in the implementation of Phase IV of the Delhi Metro and failed to buy even a single DTC bus during the last four-and-a-half years. Now, there is no point in shedding crocodile tears," Mr. Gupta said.

Former Congress MLA Mukesh Sharma said that the proposal to provide free ride to women is aimed at hiding failures of the Delhi government. "The announcement about installing 1.5 lakh CCTV cameras was an attempt to divert attention from unfulfilled promise of free Wi-Fi that AAP made to people before coming to power," Mr. Sharma said.

HC stays Centre notification on commercial rights of ships

Petitioners had contended that the notification was irrational

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has stayed a Central government notification under the 'Make in India' programme, under which an Indian-built ship gets commercial rights higher than an Indian flag vessel' in securing Indian business.

By the February notification, it was decided that the chartering of ships/vessels through open/global tender process should give preference to bidders who offer Indian built ships.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait remarked that the February notification "may result in increase in shipping capacity as also chartering of ships by non-ship owners".

"The proposed new regime under the impugned notification, in fact, attempt to create a scenario wherein a foreign-built, foreign-owned, foreign flag vessel is treated on the same pedestal as a foreign-built, Indian-owned and Indian flag vessel," the judge said.

The High Court, which had in March this year stayed the notification, remarked that the notification and circular are against the Scheme of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.

The court order came on a bunch of petition challenging the notification on the ground that the new regime post the notification created a scenario when an Indian flag vessel owned and offered by an Indian citizen/Indian company/ Indian society is placed on the same pedestal as a foreign flag vessel offered by an Indian citizen/ Indian company/ Indian society.

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CBI inspector killed in accident

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 40-year-old CBI Inspector was killed when the cab he was travelling in collided with a truck in South West Delhi's Delhi Cantonment in the early hours of Monday. The police have registered a case and begun probe.

A senior police officer said that the deceased has been identified as Vivek Prakash, hailing from Andhra Pradesh's Vishakhapatnam, who had been living in Delhi for the last five years.

The police said that a PCR call was received around 4 a.m. and a police team rushed to the spot. "Construction was under way at the spot and the truck was loaded with molten coal. The taxi was at a high speed and hit the truck from behind and got stuck under it after which coal started dropping on the cab," the officer said.

The cab driver Sajid and Prakash got severely injured. They were rushed to a hospital where Prakash was declared brought dead.

IMA constitutes fact-finding mission to look into Payal Tadvi's death

Formed to look into background details of the case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Indian Medical Association (IMA), a national voluntary organisation of doctors of the modern scientific system of medicine, on Monday constituted a fact finding mission committee to evaluate the background situation and the critical factors that led to the death of a young lady resident doctor, Payal Tadvi, in BYL Nair Hospital Mumbai.

"It is a well known fact that resident doctors especially in government hospitals carry an inhuman workload and suffer burn out and depression. Allegations of caste-bias and slur have surfaced in the index case. This, if true is a matter of serious concern which has to be addressed," said a release issued by the association.

The group added that as a fraternity, the medical profession is miles ahead in overcoming the barriers of caste, religion and politics. Members of the fact-finding mission will include - Dr. Ashok Adhao and Dr. Ravi Wankhedkar, both former IMA national presidents and Dr. Hozie Kapadia, IMA Maharashtra state president.

Govt. suspends excise licence of night club inside hotel complex

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The licence of a pub operating in the premises of Shangri- La's - Eros hotel in Delhi, which allegedly served liquor to minor boys, has been suspended, according to an excise department official.

An official of the hotel told *The Hindu* that the pub was operating out of a space leased out by it.

"The 'Privee' pub is a privately managed entity, with separate entrance and management staff. Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, is not involved in any of the pub's operations," a hotel spokesperson said in a written response.

"We are deeply concerned that the Privee Pub which is adjacent to Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, New Delhi, had breached the law by serving alcohol to under-aged patrons on Sunday," it added.

The Excise Department official said that three pubs were running using a single licence. The official also said that three underage boys were found drinking at the pub, but added that they were not apprehended. As per rules, only those above 25 years can be served liquor.

According to the official, the licence was cancelled after giving the hotel a hearing on the matter.

CAT can exercise same powers as HC

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has held that the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), which adjudicates service matters, can exercise the same jurisdiction and powers, as a High Court, in respect of its contempt proceedings.

A Bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal noted that the Supreme Court in its 2001 judgment has held that Section 17 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, confers jurisdiction on the CAT to punish for its contempt.

"The CAT has also framed the Contempt of Courts Rules, 1992, which provide the procedure for initiation of criminal contempt and suo motu contempt proceedings, respectively," the HC noted.

The court was dealing with a contempt case registered on the basis of reference received from the Principal Registrar, CAT. The case was sought to be initiated against advocate Mehmood Pracha.

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Assess methodology of groundwater recharge: NGT

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has constituted a committee to take groundwater samples to assess the methodology used in recharging it.

The directions came following a plea which alleged that steps undertaken by government agencies were "unscientific".

It directed a committee comprising officials from the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi Pollution Control Committee and the Central Ground Water Board to furnish the report within a month.

The directions came when the green panel was hearing a plea moved by city resident Mahesh Chandra Saxena that alleged unscientific recharge of groundwater by government agencies were leading to contamination.

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Haryana witnesses dip in road fatalities in first four months

Number of deaths dropped from 1,791 in January-April 2018 to 1,671 this year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

Road fatalities in Haryana have declined by 6.70% in the first four months of the current year across the State compared to the corresponding period last year. The number of deaths due to road accidents from January to April dropped from 1,791 to 1,671 this year compared to last year.

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Navdeep Singh Virk on Monday said that the number of persons injured in road accidents up to April 2019 was 3,121, which was 10.18% less compared to that of the corresponding period last year. Similarly, the State recorded 3,672 road accident cases in 2019 till April as compared to 3,964 in the previous year for the corresponding period, a decline of 7.36%.

> **We have formed dedicated traffic police and highway teams to monitor traffic violations**
>
> NAVDEEP SINGH VIRK
> Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order)

Punishing violators

Mr. Virk said that maintaining a smooth traffic flow has been the top priority of the State police. At the same time, the police are also ensuring that maximum people who violate traffic laws are punished. "We have also formed dedicated traffic police and highway teams to monitor traffic violations," he added.

The ADGP also said the police are constantly working on the modules to bring down road fatalities to the minimum as most of the accidents take place due to traffic violations.

Apart from motivating people to follow traffic rules, road safety awareness campaigns are also being organised across the State to educate people. Mr. Virk urged the people to follow traffic rules and save their lives as well as of others.

Meanwhile, the police also issued over 10.06 lakh challans against those violating traffic rules across the State during the same period and recovered a penalty of more than ₹22.84 crore from such violators.

During this period, the highest number of 3,91,533 challans were issued to offenders in Gurugram district followed by 1,26,711 in Faridabad with penalty of over ₹8.30 crore and ₹2.14 crore respectively. The lowest number of 5,731 challans were issued in Narnaul.

Ministers to assess people's problems, find solutions

Delhi Cabinet to hold inspections at hospitals, schools, govt. offices starting Tuesday

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet of Ministers, including Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, will start assessing the problems being faced by the people and find viable solutions, from Tuesday onwards.

The Ministers, a government statement said, will also review the condition of government hospitals, clinics, schools, to get a first-hand account of their functioning.

The statement also said that Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia will be visiting schools and *anganwadis* apart from taking stock of various infrastructure projects like the Signature Bridge, among others.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain will review the condition of hospitals, clinics, roads and construction projects of the PWD, while Labour Minister Gopal Rai will take feedback of the people on government initiatives besides checking the implementation of policies falling under his department. Mr. Rai will also check the implementation of minimum wage rules in the Capital.

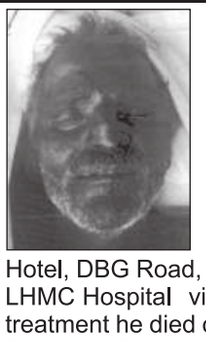
Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot will be conducting inspections at sub-registrar offices, SDM offices, etc.

Rajendra Pal Gautam, who is the Social Welfare Minister, will be conducting inspections at different offices of his department in the city to check if they are functioning properly.

He will also review the condition of various old-age homes, shelters for differently abled, beggar homes, rehabilitation centres, mahila sadans and other facilities under the department.

Similarly, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Imran Hussain will conduct inspections at ration shops. Mr. Hussain will also visit construction sites to check any violation of building and pollution norms, the statement also read.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of Leprosy infected male **Age:** Approx 50 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, was wearing Grey colour Pant, was found in unconscious condition from Millennium Hotel & Delhi Heart Hotel, DBG Road, Pahar Ganj, Delhi and admitted in LHMC Hospital vide MLC No. 75922/19. During the treatment he died on LHMC Hospital. In this regard a **DD No. 16PP, dated 31.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Paharganj, Delhi.**
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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DP/6323/CD/19 **Ph.: 011-23520787, 23524746**

Sisodia visits 7 govt. schools

To check progress in new classroom plan

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Monday visited seven Delhi government schools to review the progress made in the plan to construct 13,003 new classrooms in government schools by the end of the year.

Visiting six schools where construction is under way, and one where it has been completed, all in Rohini, Mr. Sisodia said he was confident that the construction of new classrooms would be completed by the end of the year.

He also announced that he would be visiting schools every day for the next 10 days to take stock of the progress.

The Deputy Chief Minister also issues instructions that the construction should be wrapped up by September-November, even if it takes employing more people for the task.

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE MIYANMAJRA BLOCK AMBALA-I + 1 OTHER WORK	03.06.2019 13.06.2019	54.16 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2551368/ prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
2	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KAITHAL	CONST. OF CONST. OF COMMUNITY HALL (PANCHAYAT OFFICE ,CARE TAKER ROOM ETC.) AT VILLAGE -PAI	03.06.2019 18.06.2019	156.72 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	98137-13988
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KAITHAL	CONST. OF LWM PROJECT AT VILLAGE HARNOLA + 3 OTHER WORKS	03.06.2019 18.06.2019	72.74 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	98137-13988
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	PROVIDING & INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING AT VILLAGE PHAPHRANA BLOCK ASSAND DISTT KARNAL + 1 OTHER WORK	31.05.2019 14.06.2019	12.92 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	94678-07024 / 0171-2550510 /prexeengelec.amb@hry.nic.in
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	PDG. E.I. WORK IN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE MANUWAS DISTT. NUH + 1 OTHER WORK	31.05.2019 11.06.2019	1.31 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	94678-07024 / 0171-2550510 /prexeengelec.amb@hry.nic.in
6	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT BHIWANI	INTERNAL CLEARANCE OF DAGROLI DISTY. FROM RD 0-26800 (TAIL) + 20 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13.06.2019	55.57 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664242866 / LOHARUDIVISION1@GMAIL.COM
7	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT DADUPUR	PROVIDING STONE STAINING ON RIGHT SIDE UPPER SOMB RIVER IN BETWEEN RD 0-96 FOR PROTECTION OF CULTIVATION LAND + 19 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 14.06.2019	EMD 1.43 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01735-242638 xendadupur@yahoo.com
8	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT HISAR	CONST. OF W/C MOGA NO. 40925/L SARSANA MINOR IN THE LAND OF ROHTASH TO DHARAMBIR 4-ACRE VILLAGE-RAWALWAS KHURD (UNDER DISTRICT PLAN SCHEME) + 28 OTHER WORKS	31.05.2019 14.06.2019	1.34 CRORE	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-235135 xenconst6hsr@gmail.com
9	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES SAMPLA W/S DIVISION, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF R.C.C TRUFF OF BALAND PUMP HOUSE LINK DRAIN FROM RD 0 TO 3500	CLOSING DATE 10.06.2019	166.14 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9464040970 xensampla@gmail.com
10	HEALTH DEPARTMENT BHIWANI	PURCHASE OF NEW COLOR DOPPLER ULTRASOUND MACHINE	03.06.2019 14.06.2019	32000	http://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender ID:- 2019_HRY_78646_1	01664-242014
11	PWD B&R, NARAINGARH	PROVIDING STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM SH-01 TO MEERPUR VIA BARAULI IN AMBALA DISTT (ID 809) (CM ANNOUNCEMENT – 23374) + 1 OTHER WORK	03.06.2019 12.06.2019	304.02 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	pwd-eepd-naraingarh@hry.nic.in 01734-284035
12	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM TOSHAM BYE PASS ROAD TO DEVSAR ROAD IN BHIWANI DISTRICT + 6 OTHER WORKS	06.06.2019 18.06.2019	1348.28 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-242436 pwd-eepd-bhiwani@hry.nic.in
13	PWD B&R, REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM KONSIWAS TO BARRIAWAS IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION, REWARI IN REWARI DISTT. FOR THE YEAR 2018-19. (RE-INVITED) +1 OTHER WORK	04.06.2019 13.06.2019	457.52 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274-253703 / pwd-eepd-rewari@hry.nic.in
14	PWD B&R, AMBALA	CONST. OF ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK IN SDO CIVIL COMPLEX AT AMBALA CANTT IN AMBALA DISTRICT. (PDG. INTERNAL EI). +21 OTHER WORKS	04.06.2019 18.06.2019	516.52 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2630877 pwd-eeed-ambala@hry.nic.in
15	PWD B&R, CH. DADRI	CONSTRUCTION OF NIRMAN BHAWAN AT CHARKHI DADRI IN PROVL. DIVN, PWD B&R BR., CHARKHI DADRI IN DISTT. CHARKHI DADRI + 4 OTHER WORKS	01.06.2019 17.06.2019	592.49 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
16	PWD B&R, KAITHAL	ENGAGEMENT OF "DESIGN CONSULTANT / ARCHITECT" FOR SURVEYING, GEOTECHNICAL & SOIL INVESTIGATION AND PREPARATION OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING, ENGINEERING SERVICES, MASTER PLAN AND DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR) ETC.	CLOSING DATE 12.06.2019	55000	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-227221 sekaithal-pwd-hry@nic.in
17	BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT OFFICER, NIZAMPUR	PROVIDING SERVICES WITHIN ONE CLUSTER OF SIX GRAM PANCHAYATS NAMELY AZMABADMOKHUTA, BAMANWASNUH, NAREHARI, NIZAMPUR, NAPLA, ROPAR SARAI BLOCK NIZAMPUR	CLOSING DATE 19.06.2019	EMD 1.25 LACS	https://mahendragarh.gov.in	01282242025 bdponizampur@gmail.com
18	BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT OFFICER, REWARI	PROVIDING SERVICES WITHIN ONE CLUSTER OF THREE GRAM PANCHAYATS NAMELY MASANI , DUNGARWAS & RASGAN BLOCK REWARI	CLOSING DATE. 20.06.2019	1 LACS	https//rewari.gov.in	01274-223827 bdporewari@gmail.com
19	FOREST DEPARTMENT GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TANKER (4500 LTR.) OVER NEW TATA MODEL SFC 709 CAB 6 TYRE EX/38WB (CHASSIS)	03.06.2019 10.06.2019	135800	http://haryanaforest.gov.in/en-us/	dwloggn@yahoo.co.in
20	WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,PANCHKULA	ADVERTIESMENT RELATED TO INVITING APPLICATION FOR WOMEN AWARD	CLOSING DATE 30.07.2019	_____	www.wcdhry.gov.in	0172-2580110

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PRDH-76653

Auction of Agriculture Land for lease

It is informed to general public that agriculture land of area 47 Kanal 17 Marla (Plot No. 1) and 77 Kanal 11 Marla (Plot No. 2) of Haryana Rajya Bal Bhawan Madhuban (Karnal) is to be given on lease for one year through open auction. Separate Bids will be invited for each plot. Auction will be held on dated 12/06/2019 at 11:00 am in the campus of SDO(C) Gharaunda, Barsat Road, Gharaunda under chairpersonship of Hon'ble SDM Gharaunda. Interested person may contact Manager, Haryana Rajya Bal Bhavan, Madhuban to Inspect/Visit agriculture land & Tubewell and for terms & conditions well before 12-06-2019. General public are requested to reach in large number for auction to be held on dated 12-06-2019 at 11:00 A.M. in the campus of SDM Gharaundha, Barsat Road, Gharaunda.

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Cong. plans plantation drive in city

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Hitting out at the Aam Aadmi Party, State Congress chief Sheila Dikshit on Monday said that Delhi has become a virtual "gas chamber" as the State government failed to increase green cover in the Capital and check the rising pollution levels.

The Congress said that the tree plantation drive in the Capital would start on June 19, on the occasion of party president Rahul Gandhi's birthday and will be carried out at the Block Congress Committee level. Ms. Dikshit announced that the party would carry out a tree plantation drive that would last till the end of the rainy season in August to help recover the lost green cover.

"Breathing has become a difficult exercise... Forget about enhancing the green cover, the AAP government has failed to protect the existing green cover and has done nothing to make Delhi pollution-free," Ms. Dikshit claimed.

She appealed to the people of Delhi to join the Congress in the said drive to make Delhi a green and clean city again. "In the past five years, trees were cut in Delhi with impunity... The Centre and the Delhi government have totally failed to increase the green cover in the Capital and check the rising pollution levels," she said.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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SAC/CMG/C&ED/C/e/19/2019-20 Dt: 31.05.2019

CORRIGENDUM NO: 1
Date: 15.05.2019 Tender Notice No. :SAC/CMG/C&ED/C/e/19/2019-20

The due dates are modified for the following work.

NIT. No.	Title of Work	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
19	Bi-annual maintenance of Civil & PH systems and Horticultural works at Delhi Earth Station (DES), New Delhi.	18.29 Lakhs	24 Months
The revised details are as below			
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded		Extended up to 17.00 hrs on 10.06.2019	
Bid Clarifications		Extended up to 17.00 hrs on 11.06.2019	
Last date & time for Submission of tenders		Up to 17.00 hrs on 12.06.2019	
Due date & time of Opening of tenders		After 11:00 hrs on 14.06.2019	

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website(s) **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.sac.gov.in** for further details and Purchase of tender documents visit **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**. Tenderers may contact Mr. Sunil Patel (representative from M/s. ITI Ltd) at Mo. No. 9714881992 in case of difficulty.

All other conditions stipulated in the above NIT will remain unaltered.

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RISE 08:01	SET 22:14

Delhi Weather	max	min
Delhi City	41	29
Safdarjang	41	29
Palam	42	30

Delhi Palam Today
42°C Hot and humid afternoon likely. A spell of dust storm thunder storm with likely rain is possible at some parts.

Delhi Palam Tomorrow
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Priyanka did her job but party workers didn't, says Babbar

U.P. Cong. chief seeks to insulate party general secretary from poor poll showing

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LUCKNOW

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who was made in-charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, did her job but the party and its workers could not rise to the occasion, the party's State unit chief Raj Babbar said on Monday.

Disappointed with the results that gave the Congress just one seat out of 80 in the State and a nationwide tally of 52, Mr. Babbar said the poor showing at the hustings had pained party president Rahul Gandhi.

Mr. Gandhi lost from his family bastion Amethi, which voted in BJP's Smriti Irani to the Lok Sabha this time, but won from Wayanad in Kerala. "He never viewed it (Amethi) as his constituency. Now, family members have given such a verdict," the U.P. Congress chief said, expressing concern that a person who considered Amethi as his family and gave an identity to the place was not allowed to emerge victorious in the polls.

Raj Babbar. ▪

On why Ms. Vadra did not have the desired impact, the actor-turned-politician said party workers and local leaders failed to rise to the occasion.

"She did her job. But party workers, local leaders, candidates and the organisation could not accumulate the (electoral) benefits from it. Rahul ji worked so hard and Priyanka ji worked with such a high degree of enthusiasm," Mr. Babbar said in his first interview after the election results. "We [party workers, local leaders and candidates] were unable to prove ourselves and rise to the occasion."

Asked about the future course of action, the 66-year-old Congress leader said Uttar Pradesh cannot be analysed in a single line.

"You have to take steps after a lot of deliberations and strengthen the organisation," he said.

The lone victory for the party came from Rae Bareli, where UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi retained her seat. The BJP won 62 seats in the State, the Samajwadi Party-Bahujan Samaj Party combine 15 and the Apna Dal two.

'Must accept defeat'
Refusing to give any one particular factor behind the party's poll drubbing, Mr. Babbar said, "First, we must accept our defeat and acknowledge the victory of the winner. Having said so, I cannot sit alone and deliberate upon the possible reasons for the defeat. Everyone has to sit together."

Mr. Babbar himself lost the election from the Fatehpur Sikri Lok Sabha seat despite opting for it, after being initially named as party candidate from Moradabad.

AAP to launch stir over Punjab power tariff hike

'Reflects govt.'s anti-people attitude'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Aam Aadmi Party has decided to launch a Statewide stir against the ruling Congress government in Punjab over the recent increase in power tariffs.

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission had last week announced an average tariff hike of 2.14% across categories for 2019-20.

Senior AAP leader Aman Arora said the Congress government's decision to increase electricity tariffs immediately after the Lok Sabha election reflected its "anti-people" attitude.

'Many tariff hikes'
Mr. Arora said the Congress government during its nearly two-and-a-half-year tenure had hiked power tariffs as many as five times, whereas the AAP-led Delhi government had, instead of increasing tariffs, reduced it substantially.

"AAP would first try to bring the Congress government on board over the recent increase in power tariffs through written submissions and by holding meetings with them. However, if the government fails to review its decision, the party would be left with no choice but to hold State-level protests," he said.

CM's assurance
Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Monday assured farmers of eight hours of power supply every day for the ensuing paddy season, beginning June 13, while promising 24-hour supply of power to all other categories of consumers.

At a meeting to review preparations by power companies – the Punjab State Power Corporation and the Punjab State Transmission Corporation – for supply of power during summer and paddy season, the Chief Minister said his government was committed to giving 100% cost subsidy to agriculture and free power to various categories of consumers.

"The power companies briefed the Chief Minister about the arrangements made for meeting the demand of 14,000 MW, even though the demand anticipated by the Punjab State Power Corporation was likely to be 13,500 MW," said an official statement.

Ateeq shifted to Sabarmati jail in Gujarat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AHMEDABAD

Former Uttar Pradesh MP and strongman Ateeq Ahmad was Monday transferred to 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 on a flight in the morning, they said.

Ahmad's son Umar, who was also on the flight, said: "My father was brought here through a flight from Varanasi. He was taken to Sabarmati jail from the airport."

In April, the Supreme Court had ordered shifting of of the former MP to the Sabarmati jail from the Naini central jail where he was lodged for kidnapping and assaulting a businessman in the Deoria prison.

The SC order came after businessman Mohit Jaiswal had filed an FIR in December last year alleging that he was kidnapped from Lucknow and taken to the prison where he was assaulted by the jailed don and his aides and was forced to transfer his business to them.

Smells like Id

A perfumer filling a bottle ahead of Id, in Bhopal on Monday. ▪ A.M. FARUQUI

Concretisation of drain: NGT seeks impact report

Violation of existing norms, says plea

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has sought a report from the Gurugram Municipal Corporation and the State pollution control board on the impact of concretisation of the Badshahpur drain.

A Bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed officials from the civic body, Haryana State Pollution Control Board and the Irrigation Department to furnish the report by June 30.

The directions came following a plea that alleged concretisation of the Badshahpur drain was taking place in violation of existing norms.

"We consider it necessary to require a report to be furnished by the [agencies] about the impact of concretisation and boxing on groundwater recharge, e-flow of water in the drain and impact on urban sprawl on the recipient environment," the Bench said.

'Drain encroached upon'
The petition had referred to a news article which said that the drain had been encroached upon due to which its carrying capacity had reduced.

SDF to boycott Assembly till Golay remains Sikkim CM

Was disqualified as MLA after conviction in graft case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GANGTOK

Former Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling on Monday said his party, the Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), will boycott Assembly proceedings till P.S. Golay, his newly-elected successor, remains in office.

He also said that the SDF is mulling challenging Mr. Golay's appointment as Chief Minister, but stopped short of elaborating on it.

"Golay is ineligible to occupy any constitutional post after being disqualified from doing so," Mr. Chamling told reporters in reference to his disqualification as an MLA, after he was convicted in a corruption case in 2016.

'Decisions illegal'
The SDF chief said that all decisions taken by the Chief Minister or his Ministers will be deemed illegal, as his appointment itself was unconstitutional.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Chamling had led his party MLAs to boycott the inaugural sitting of the 10th Sikkim Legislative Assembly in protest against Mr. Golay holding the Chief Minister's post.

Five-time Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling's era ended in Sikkim as the SDF lost the State elections to Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM).

The SDF got 15 seats while the SKM bagged 17 seats in the 32-member Assembly of the hill State.

Meet Makaranda Muduli, the 'people's candidate'

Rayagada MLA is the only Independent in Odisha Assembly

SIB KUMAR DAS
BERHAMPUR

Makaranda Muduli, 46, withstood both the 'Naveen' and 'Modi' waves to end up becoming the lone Independent to enter the Odisha Assembly.

The grassroots-level tribal social worker defeated fancied opponents to win the Rayagada Assembly seat. He was pitted against former State Minister Lal Bihari Himirika of the Biju Janata Dal, Basant Ulaka of the BJP and Apalswami Kadraka of the Congress. Securing 52,752 votes, Mr. Muduli defeated his nearest BJD rival by a margin of 4,839 votes.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had campaigned for the BJD candidate, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had sought votes for the BJP, but Mr. Muduli's deep personal connections forged over years of social work helped him overcome the odds.

Makaranda Muduli ▪

The new Rayagada MLA, according to the affidavit filed by him during nomination, has assets worth only ₹15,000. He owns no agricultural land or a two-wheeler. He claims even the clothes he wears have been bought by friends and well-wishers.

A postgraduate and law degree holder, Mr. Muduli says his electoral campaign was financed by former classmates and supporters and paled in comparison to the resources deployed by candidates of the major political parties. Even his borrowed motorcycle's fuel expenses were borne by his supporters, he says, and villagers themselves put up posters and banners for him.

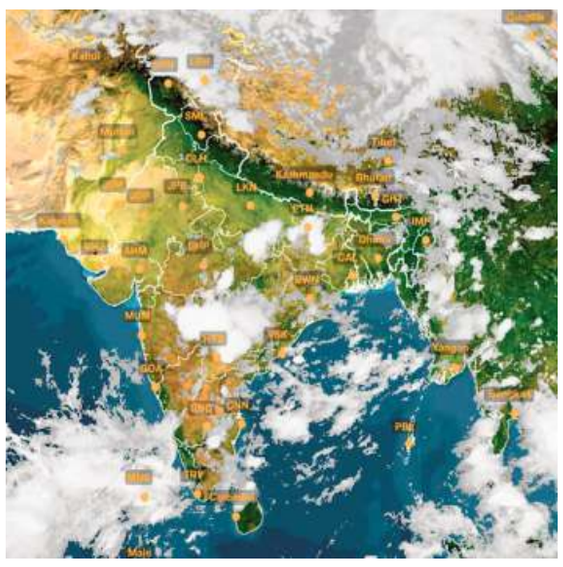
No political novice
Mr. Muduli, however, is no political novice. He had unsuccessfully contested the Laxmipur Assembly seat on a Bahujan Samaj Party ticket in 2004. In 2008 he joined the Congress and contested the 2014 Assembly election from Rayagada, but lost by a narrow margin.

This time, when he was denied the Congress ticket, his supporters urged him to contest as an Independent and promised to take charge of his campaign. Not for nothing does Mr. Muduli call himself the "people's candidate".

Mr. Muduli's priority as MLA is to push for Scheduled Tribe status for the Jhodia community of Rayagada district.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY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Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Heat wave conditions in many/isolated pockets over east Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Marathwada Chhattisgarh and Telangana

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	12	28.5	22.2	Kozhikode	–	34.6	26.8
Ahmedabad	–	44.0	28.4	Kurnool	0.1	37.2	25.6
Aizawl	2	29.3	19.1	Lucknow	–	38.5	26.8
Allahabad	–	41.0	28.8	Madurai	–	39.8	28.6
Bengaluru	–	29.8	21.2	Mangaluru	–	32.0	22.8
Bhopal	–	45.3	30.5	Mumbai	–	35.0	29.4
Bhubaneswar	–	35.0	24.2	Mysuru	–	31.3	21.4
Chandigarh	–	39.0	31.4	New Delhi	–	40.6	29.4
Chennai	–	37.8	30.1	Patna	–	34.0	25.0
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Gangtok	7.7	22.6	15.5	Pune	–	36.4	24.9
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A woman was arrested for allegedly hitting her 10-day-old daughter with a blunt object and throttling her to death in Nashik, the police said on Monday.

The incident took place in Vrundavan Nagar area in Nashik's Adgaon locality on May 31, an official said, adding that preliminary probe had revealed the accused was distressed that she had given birth to a daughter for the third time.

"Accused Anuja Kale (26) bludgeoned her child Piyu with a blunt object and then choked her to death. Piyu was born ten days ago. The accused already has two daughters and was distressed after giving birth yet again to a girl child," an Adgaon police station official said.

He said the accused allegedly committed the crime on May 31 when her husband, Balasaheb Kale, was out of station. "She had telephoned her husband after the incident and informed him that the infant was lying motionless. The child was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival," he said. Mr. Kale, however, developed some doubts about the incident and on Sunday approached the police, the official said.

"The child's post-mortem was conducted in Nashik Civil Hospital which revealed that she was killed with a hit on the head and throttling. We questioned Anuja who confessed, following which we filed a case of murder on Sunday and arrested her," he said.

After controversial tweet on Gandhi, IAS officer transferred

Nidhi Choudhari served show-cause notice, gets one week to reply

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In wake of the controversy following a tweet in praise of Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse, Nidhi Choudhari, IAS, joint municipal commissioner, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), was transferred on Monday.

The State issued orders to shift the 2012-batch officer as deputy secretary, water supply and sanitation department, Government of Maharashtra. The General Administration Department has also asked her to furnish, within seven days, an explanation for her 'questionable' conduct on social media.

Ms. Choudhari's 'sarcastic' take on the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi had suggested that the face of the Father of the Nation be removed from institutions and roads. "That would be a real tribute from all of us ! #Thanku Godse," she had tweeted on May 17. The tweet sparked off a massive controversy with both the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) demanding suspension of the officer. NCP chief Sharad Pawar had also written to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis last week seeking action against Ms. Choudhari.

Reprimanding the bureaucrat for her conduct, the GAD has demanded an explanation from her under the provisions of All India Services Conduct Rules concerning public statements and disclosures, officials said. "We have asked her to explain what led to this reaction from her on the micro-blogging site. The IAS officers must maintain some decorum and restraint," said a senior officer adding that this rule was previously invoked in 2017 against Maharashtra cadre officer Rajgopal Deora, who had penned his thoughts for a newspaper without permission from the government.

Congress party workers protest in Thane on Monday seeking suspension of Nidhi Chaudhary (below) for her tweet on Gandhi and his assassin Nathuram Godse. ▪ VIBHAV BIRWATKAR

Confirming the transfer, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said Ms. Choudhari has also been served a show cause notice. "We have transferred and given her a show cause notice, based on her reply further action will be initiated," he said. The notice was served under Sections 6 and 7, which have been invoked nine times in the past in Maharashtra, officials said, the last time being against Mr. Deora, currently principal secretary, Finance.

Ms. Choudhari deleted tweet after the backlash and issued a series of tweets explaining how her tweet was sarcastic/ironic and how she is a devout Gandhian.

"Those who have misinterpreted my tweet should go through my timeline. Even past few months of tweets would be self explanatory. I am deeply hurt and saddened by misinterpretation to a tweet written with sarcasm," she tweeted on Saturday.

Protest by NCP

Earlier on Monday morning, NCP leader Chitra Wagh along with several other party members marched to BMC headquarters, demanding Ms. Choudhari's suspension.

"Nidhi Choudhari has insulted Mahatma Gandhi, the nation will not tolerate this. Her tweet shows her mentality. She should not be protected," Ms. Wagh said.

A statement was later handed over to the municipal commissioner.

Ms. Choudhari had proceeded on a pre-sanctioned leave from Monday. Asked about the events of the day and her transfer, she said, "This is the government's decision, I won't comment."

No valid medical reason for Mehul Choksi to not return: ED

Diamantaire tells High Court he is a 'fugitive and absconder'

SONAM SAIGAL
MUMBAI

Rubbishing all medical reasons for fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi to not be present in court, the Enforcement Directorate told the Bombay High Court on Monday that all the medical conditions stated by Mr. Choksi, "appear to be a facade erected to mislead the court and to delay the proceedings".

In an affidavit filed in HC on Monday ED attached medical records from October 2011 to September 2017 and said, "they do not appear relevant."

According to ED, Mr. Choksi allegedly underwent coronary angiography and coronary angioplasty in February 2018 at New York but his medical records categorically allowed him to return to work within three to five days. The ED told the court that the medical records at Antigua are completely bereft of any recent medical document, investigation or treatment record in support of any medical certificates.

The agency said, certificates are specially obtained to hoodwink the due process of law in India and that all medical documentations submitted by Mr. Choksi are merely copies. Mr. Choksi's intention, ED said, is suspicious as he appears to have purposefully failed to submit the medical record from February 2018.

It is also said that he was continuing his treatment in India at Lilavati and Breach Candy Hospitals which can be continued under the supervision of doctors.

250 VHP activists booked for brandishing weapons

Many participants in 'shobha yatra' were brandishing spears

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

The Pimpri-Chinchwad police have booked more than 250 members of the city unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) for brandishing weapons in a rally, allegedly staged without permission.

A first information report (FIR) under the relevant Sections of the Arms Act was lodged late on Sunday against the VHP members, including a number of girls.

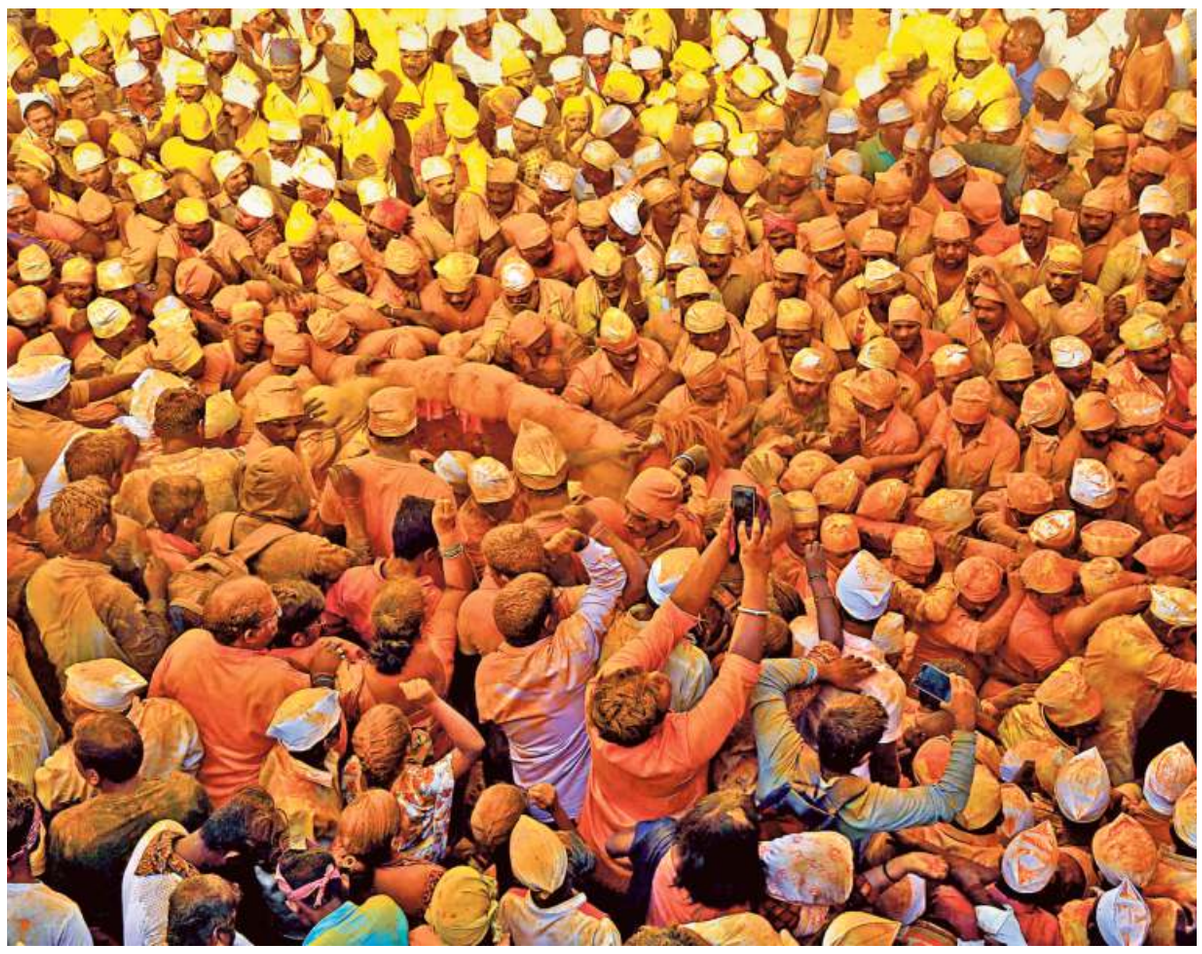
According to the police, the rally, 'shobha yatra', was staged between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Sunday in the Yamunanagar area of Pimpri-Chinchwad and witnessed the participation of a large number of VHP activists.

"Four girls were spotted firing air rifles, while five girls were seen holding swords in their hands. Many of the participants were seen brandishing spears, air rifles and staffs. An FIR has been lodged against them as well as top leaders of the State unit of the VHP," said a Nigdi police station official.

The VHP 'shobha yatra' passing through Yamunanagar in Pimpri-Chinchwad on Sunday. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

No arrests have been made so far and further investigation was on, said the police. The incident comes on the heels of the Bajrang Dal being accused last week of imparting firearm training at a camp in a school in Thane district.

Drenched in yellow



Devotees throw turmeric powder as an offering to the shepherd god Khandoba as others carry a palanquin during the special Somvati Amavasya celebrations at Martand Devasthan in Jejuri in Maharashtra ▪ EMMANUAL YOGINI

No respite from heatwave for Vidarbha, Marathwada till June 7

Nagpur hottest in the State at 47 degrees Celsius

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Heat wave conditions are likely to continue over Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra till June 7, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned on Monday.

There will be no respite for Madhya Maharashtra also as the region will experience heat wave on Tuesday, said the regional IMD office. This means, except coastal Konkan region, entire Maharashtra will be in grip of heatwave, with maximum temperature of more than 40 degrees Celsius expected everywhere.

Heat wave conditions are also likely to prevail in isolated pockets of Vidarbha, Marathwada and Madhya Maharashtra, the IMD said.

While the heatwave would continue till Friday in most parts of the State, the maximum temperature would rise further in western Vidarbha on Thursday and Friday, it said.

Meanwhile, Nagpur, the biggest city in Vidarbha, recorded a maximum temperature of 47 degrees Celsius on Monday, the highest in the State, according to the IMD. The minimum temperature in the orange city stood at 29.7 degrees Celsius, which was slightly higher than the normal.

The other districts in Vidarbha which recorded temperatures of more than 45 degrees Celsius or above were Amravati (45.4), Akola (45.9), Chandrapur (45.8), Wardha (46.8) and Yavatmal (45).

Large swathes of Maharashtra are already reeling under acute water shortage and thousands of tankers are supplying drinking water in the rural parts.

The situation is not expected to change any time soon, said an IMD official.

A doctor administers a mix of Vitamin drops and glucose to a dehydrated Great Grey Owl in Nagpur on Monday. Around 30 to 40 birds affected by heat wave are under treatment by the forest department. ▪ S SUDARSHAN

Heat claims 2 lives in Gujarat

MAHESH LANGA
AHMEDABAD

Two people have died of heatstroke as Gujarat reeled under a severe heatwave, with temperatures crossing 45 degrees Celsius at several places.

On Sunday, two persons – one in Meghraj taluka of Sabarkabtha district and one in Jerome taluka of Rajkot district – died of heatstroke, while more than 300 people affected by excessive heat and dehydration were admitted to hospitals in the State.

"Senior citizens, women and children are more vulnerable to excessive heat and higher mercury levels. People should remain hydrated and stay indoors," a civic body official said.

Surendranagar was the hottest with 45.3 degrees Celsius, while capital Gandhinagar boiled at 45 degrees Celsius. Ahmedabad and six other districts saw temperatures between 43 and 44 degrees Celsius.

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and other authorities have sounded an orange alert, asking people to stay indoors, particularly between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

State plans ₹50-crore CCTNS overhaul

Supplementary demand to be presented in monsoon session of Assembly

SHARAD VYAS
MUMBAI

The Maharashtra government has decided to upgrade the entire Crime Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) project, following complaints of glitches in the system. The State Home Department will present a nearly-₹50-crore demand in the monsoon session of the Assembly, beginning June 17, for the overhaul of the system. The ₹49.73-crore proposal for 2019-20 will be presented in the form of a supplementary demand, senior officials said. "The funds will be used not only for the upgrading of the system, which has not given us the desired results yet, but also for maintaining it," said a Home Department official.

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The project was unveiled in September 2015 to connect all police stations in the State. Since January 1, 2016, several police stations were registering first information reports (FIRs) digitally on the system, making its database retrievable. The government then planned to launch a CCTNS-based citizen portal, but did not do so, said officials.

An internal report of the department had found the system did not result in improvements in detection, conviction rates and collection of evidence. The report had recommended putting in place a task force headed by the Special Inspector General, Cyber, to take corrective steps. The report also recommended some immediate measures for this task force, such as putting in place a database of all accused and FIRs.

"Any police station should be able to watch and obtain in a simple manner (a) linkage between the accused in the FIR filed with information/crimes on the same accused pending in other police stations," the report said. It also said the system should be made capable of aggregating and categorising registered crimes, and deriving trends even at the district level. Once the trend is identified, the system should be able to raise an alarm over targeted deployment of force in the most vulnerable regions and zones. "While this may be possible in the current set-up, it is not as structured as it is at the Government of India level," the report said. The CCTNS project's full potential is not yet tapped, it concluded.

Senior officials said part of the funds would be used to ensure the system is foolproof. There have been complaints of entries being manipulated in the system on some occasions.

Deposition of Shripad Naik as witness adjourned

PRAKASH KAMAT
PANAJI

Panaji Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Artikumari Naik on Monday adjourned to June 12 the deposition of Union Ayush Minister Shripad Naik after he sought time to appear as a witness in a cheating case filed against Vinod Desai who had posed to be his staff.

Mr. Naik, who was summoned by the JMFC to appear on Monday at 10 a.m., sent a written application seeking another date as he had to remain in Delhi on Monday for work related to his Ministry.

Mr. Desai, who in 2014 claimed to be working in the office of Mr. Naik at Sao Pedro in North Goa, had promised one Mervin Fernandes, from Merces in North Goa, a government job at the State Secretariat on payment of ₹6 lakh. He had taken an advance of ₹2 lakh.

Having failed to secure the job, Mr. Fernandes demanded that the amount be refunded. After repeated reminders, on June 28, 2017, Mr. Desai issued Mr. Fernandes a cheque of ₹1 lakh. But the cheque bounced.

In September last, Mr. Fernandes lodged a complaint at the Old Goa Police Station and Mr. Desai, on being summoned, handed over another cheque. After that cheque also bounced the police registered an FIR.

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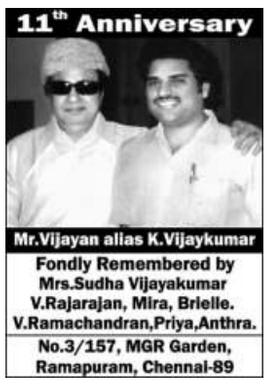

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IN BRIEF

Congress expels ex-MLA who praised Modi

KANNUR

The Congress has expelled its former MLA, A.P. Abdullakutty, after his reply to the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee's notice seeking his clarification on his praise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not found satisfactory. KPCC president Mullappally Ramachandran said the decision was taken as he went against party discipline. Mr. Abdullakutty had joined the Congress after he was expelled from the CPI(M) in 2009.

IS man from Kasaragod killed in Afghanistan

KASARAGOD

Rashid Abdulla, who led a 21-member group from Kasaragod that migrated to Afghanistan to fight for the Islamic State (IS), is believed to have been killed in a U.S. bombing two months ago, according to a source that accessed a message from an IS-linked source. A native of Udumbunthala at Thrikkarippur here in Kerala, Rashid, an engineering graduate, had migrated to the IS stronghold in Afghanistan in May-June 2016 along with the others, including his wife, Ayesha.

TRS wins all three MLC seats by a huge margin

HYDERABAD

After a setback in Parliament elections, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) got something to cheer about with its candidates winning all the three local body MLC elections that were held on May 31. All the three TRS candidates won with decisive majorities. Former Minister, Patnam Mahender Reddy defeated his Congress rival Kommuri Pratap Reddy for the Rangareddy local body seats. The seats fell vacant after three sitting MLCs resigned.

Kerala steps up surveillance to tackle fresh Nipah threat

Travel history of suspected patient being checked; 86 people under observation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Even as the Kerala government awaits the blood reports of a 23-year-old youth suspected to be infected by the Nipah virus, the Health Department has gone into the alert mode with full-fledged preventive measures across the State.

Emerging from a high-level review meeting held here on Monday to take stock of the situation, Health Minister K.K. Shylaja assured the people that the State administration was fully geared up to face any eventualities.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, in a Facebook post, said the government was closely monitoring the situation and urged everyone to follow the instructions of the Health Department.

As many as 86 people who had come into contact with the patient are under observation. The Health Department was checking the travel history of the patient, a student hailing from Ernakulam district, to trace the origin of the infection. His blood samples are being tested at the National Institute of Virology, Pune.

Isolation wards ready

Isolation wards have been readied in several medical colleges and general hospitals in the State. All private hospitals have been asked to report suspected cases. The patient is being administered Ribavirin, an antiviral medication.

Last year, the Health Department had procured human monoclonal antibody, an immunoglobulin which is effective in aggravated cases, and the department had ample stock of it. It was procured from Australia.

Taking no chances: Healthcare workers in protective gear at the Government Medical College, Ernakulam, on Monday. ▪ H. VIBHU

No more an unknown enemy

C. MAYA
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Last May, when Kerala had its first brush with Nipah virus (NiV), an outbreak which took the health system by surprise and recorded a high case fatality rate of 88.9%, the health system was fighting an unknown enemy.

There was panic then as new cases popped up simultaneously in different hospitals. This year, when a probable Nipah case surfaced in Ernakulam, there is no confusion because this is a repeat outbreak, which the health agencies had been anticipating.

The big difference this time is that the health system has been able to identify the probable index case in the potential Nipah occurrence of the season (subject to confirmation by NIV). The 23-year-old youth, currently isolated in an ICU at a private hospital in Kochi, is in all likelihood the "index case", defined as the patient in an outbreak to be first noticed by health authorities.

When Nipah struck last year, though the health system managed to identify the infectious agent in the second case and launched control measures, the infection had spread.

Post-Nipah last year, outbreak monitoring units were set up in all medical colleges in the State.

The Minister said that Union Minister for Health Harsha Vardhan and Union Health Secretary Preethi Sudan had conveyed support in dealing with the situation.

Training has been provided to the medical college team here by a team of experts led by R. Chandni from the Kozhikode medical college. Safety of the healthcare team would be a priority of the government, said the Minister. Steps had been taken to procure protective gear for the team. Ambulances and Rapid Response Teams have been put on high alert.

There was no bar on gatherings and festivities, though people should get immediate help in case of fever, the Minister said.

CM revokes Naidu's decision, CBI can resume work in A.P.

TDP govt. had withdrawn 'general consent' in Nov. 2018

K. VENKATESHWARLU
AMARAVATI

Reversing his predecessor, N. Chandrababu Naidu's orders, Andhra Prdesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has allowed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to go ahead with investigations and raids in the State without prior permission of the State government.

YSRCP Rajya Sabha member V. Vijaya Sai Reddy tweeted on Monday announcing that the government had issued the necessary orders. "Chandrababu banned the CBI, he prevented IT raids, he questioned how ED comes in the State. Now Jagan has issued orders allowing the CBI into the State. CM made it clear that thieves will not be spared. Look out Chandrababu," Mr. Reddy said.

It effectively means the CBI can now enter the State without obtaining permission from the Andhra Pradesh government.

Jagan Mohan Reddy

The TDP government through an order issued in November 2018, withdrew the 'general consent,' virtually curtailing the Central agency's powers to conduct investigations in the State.

The general consent is routinely given by State governments for periods ranging from six months to a year to the CBI and all agencies under the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946.

The consent is necessary as the jurisdiction of these agencies is confined to Delhi and Union Territories under this Act.

Poll issue

Mr. Naidu's decision came after he and the other Opposition parties alleged that the BJP-led NDA government was misusing Central agencies to target Opposition leaders and their governments.

However, the YSRCP had made the issue a campaign plank, saying Mr. Naidu's decision was meant to prevent the CBI from probing allegations of corruption against him and his government.

The controversial step triggered a chain reaction with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also withdrawing 'the general consent' within hours of Mr. Naidu's decision.

Health scheme gets YSR tag

Jagan hikes salary of ASHA workers to ₹10,000

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy ordered that a committee be formed for undertaking a complete revamp of the services in government hospitals and announced the renaming of NTR Vaidya Seva scheme as 'YSR Aarogyasri', besides increasing the salary of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) from ₹3,000 to ₹10,000 a month.

Addressing a review meeting on the Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department on Monday, Mr. Jagan said he would start acting on the recommendations of the committee after it submits its report in 45 days towards providing quality services that are also affordable in the government hospitals.

Special Chief Secretary P.V. Ramesh from the Chief Minister's Office would coordinate with the committee for coming up with an action plan on not only improving the services but also augmenting the infrastructure.

The Chief Minister suggested that the motto should be to transform the government hospitals into 'model hospitals'.

Tackling staff shortage

The improvement in health services should be visible at the field level and not merely shown as data on the dashboard, he said.

The Chief Minister also directed the officials to prepare a report on the shortage of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in government hospitals.

Mr. Reddy also instructed the officials to take stringent action against those selling spurious drugs.

PM has disrespected Lingayats, says Patil

Tells Belagavi leader to reject MoS post

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAPURA

Karnataka Home Minister M.B. Patil, who played a key role in the movement for independent religion status for Lingayats, has raked up the issue again. Raising the issue of "Lingayat pride", Mr. Patil asked Lingayat leader from Belagavi Suresh Angadi to reject the position of Union Minister of State offered to him.

In what is being termed as an attempt to speak for disgruntled Lingayat MPs in the BJP who are reportedly upset over the choice and position offered to them in the Union government, Mr. Patil said if Mr. Angadi had any self respect, he should immediately reject the position.

Speaking to the press on Monday, Mr. Patil accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of neglecting the community, which had sent 10 MPs from the State to Parliament. He said while the community supported and elected 10 leaders from the State, only one had been given a ministerial berth and that too of Minister of State.

"While only one MP (Suresh Angadi) found place in the government, he has been made Minister of state while Mr. Pralhad Joshi, who too has won four times, has been made Cabinet Minister. It is sheer disrespect to Mr. Angadi who is equally qualified," he said.

Responding to Mr. Angadi's statement that State BJP president B. S. Yeddyurappa will become Chief Minister again, Mr. Patil asked the MP to focus on his Ministry. "Had I been in the place of Mr. Angadi, I would have preferred to resign from the post of Minister of State," he said.

Lessons from children

No rules: Children from across the country unwind on the concluding day of the the 37th national 'Learn to Live Together' camp 2019 at Kanakakunnu in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. Over 200 children participated in the week-long camp organised by the Kerala and national councils for child welfare. ▪ S.MAHINSHA

Cong.-JD(S) corner local body seats

BJP loses in Yeddyurappa's home turf

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

The BJP has suffered a humiliating setback in the urban local body (ULB) elections in Shivamogga district, the home turf of its State unit president B.S. Yeddyurappa.

The votes polled for the elections to five ULBs in Shivamogga and two in Bengaluru Rural were counted on Monday. Of the 140 wards of the seven ULBs, the coalition partners – Congress and Janata Dal (S) – have secured a majority of seats, with the Congress bagging 53 seats and the JD(S) winning 28. The BJP has secured 40 seats and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) one seat, while Independents made it in 18 seats.

The saffron party has suffered a drubbing at the hands of the Congress-JD(S) combine in both the ULBs that fall under the purview of Shikaripur Assembly constituency, which is represented by Mr. Yeddyurappa. Of the 23 wards in Shikaripur Town Municipal Council (TMC), the Congress has won 12 wards while the BJP has managed to secure eight. The remaining three wards will be represented by Independents.

Of the 17 wards in Shiralakoppa Town Panchayat, the BJP has managed to win just two. The Congress has emerged the single largest party by winning seven wards while the JD(S) has taken three. Sagar City Municipal Council offers the only solace for the BJP, with the party winning 16 of the 31 wards.

Of the 23 seats each in Devanahalli and Nelamangala ULBs in Bengaluru Rural, the JD(S) has won the highest number of seats (20).

Fraudsters take to PIN trick to target digital wallet users

Experts say people are either too gullible or are delighted with the prospect of a good deal

LAIQH A. KHAN
MYSURU

After Aman, 18, (name changed), posted an advertisement to sell his sparingly used cricket kit on a popular online platform, he received a response on Sunday from a caller offering him an apparently decent deal.

The caller claimed he was based in Kanpur and was buying the kit for a relative in Mysuru, who would come to the seller's address and pick it up. When Aman accepted the offer, which was close to his expected price, the caller, using the mobile number +919583795452, offered to send the money right away through digital wallets like Paytm or PhonePe.

After obtaining the Paytm number, the caller kept Aman engaged on the phone while asking him for the OTP (One Time Password) that had been sent to his mobile via SMS. Aman was alert enough to read the OTP properly. Instead of receiving the money, the SMS stated: To pay ₹4,000 to VIPINSRIVATAVA for Cit, OTP is..... When confronted, the caller said this was the procedure for making payments from 'business accounts'.

But Aman smelt a rat and immediately called off the deal. Though the caller claimed that his name was Bipin from Kanpur, Truecaller said the mobile number was in the name of Raju from Odisha.

Cyber crime expert Mirza Faizan Asad said Aman was fortunate enough to see through the designs of the fraudster. "Many victims are either too gullible or are so delighted with the prospect of having struck a good deal, they part with not only the OTP, but also the PIN or pass code that facilitates transfer of money from the digital wallet to the fraudster's account," he said, adding that many people can fall prey to the 'art of deception' exercised by the fraudsters.

Sitting ducks: The police have cautioned the public against engaging with strangers in online deals. ▪ NYT

When the matter was brought to the notice of the Cyber Crime police in Mysuru, officials confirmed receiving complaints from gullible customers of online marketplaces like OLX and digital wallets who had been cheated of their money.

Note of caution

Rajashekar, inspector, Cyber Crime Police, Mysuru, told *The Hindu* that the public should be alert while engaging with strangers in online deals. "When money is being credited to your digital wallet, the question of you receiving an OTP does not arise. Only when you are transferring money, an OTP is sent," Mr. Rajashekar said.

Citing digital wallet company PhonePe's representative's response to a similar complaint, Mr. Asad said no request is raised for incoming payments. The amount is directly credited into the user's bank account. The payment request is raised only when somebody is requesting funds, he said. "But, there is every possibility that the user will follow the instructions given by the fraudster as he would be delighted with the offer," Mr. Asad added.

Meanwhile, Paytm, when it sends OTPs through SMS for making payments, is preceding it with the message, 'Beware of fraudulent calls. DO NOT share OTP with anyone for any offers, prizes or contests'.

Thimmakka's trees will be safe: Kumaraswamy

Centenarian makes a fervent appeal

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Coming from a centenarian known for her love of nurturing trees, it was a request that the Karnataka government just couldn't ignore.

'Salumarada' Thimmakka, who was awarded the Padma Shri this year for her unceasing contributions to the environment, met Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy here on Monday to apprise him of the threat to the around 300 trees she had help grow on the Bagepalli-Halaguru stretch from a road-widening project.

A statement from the government said the Chief Minister had assured her that the trees would be protected and that he would direct the departments concerned to find an alternative alignment for the project.

'Salumarada' Thimmakka with H.D. Kumaraswamy. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Thimmakka is widely known for planting thousands of trees across the State.

IN BRIEF

ED summons Robert Vadra again today

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has again summoned Robert Vadra, husband of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, for questioning on Tuesday in a case of alleged overseas assets. Last week, Mr. Vadra could not appear before the investigating team for the second consecutive day because of health issues. He was questioned on May 30. He had earlier said that he would cooperate with the agency.

Bodies of five missing mountaineers spotted

PITHORAGARH

Indian Air Force helicopters on June 3 spotted the bodies of five of the eight mountaineers who went missing on their way to the Nanda Devi East peak in Uttarakhand. The eight-member team consisting of climbers from the U.K., U.S. and Australia. The bodies were sighted near an unscaled peak adjoining the Nanda Devi East peak.

Children rescued from merry-go-round

AHMEDABAD

The Ahmedabad Fire Brigade on Sunday night rescued as many as 40 people, including 14 children and eight women, stuck in a tall merry-go-round at a fun fair. A person stranded in the uppermost cubicle called the firemen after the ride developed a technical snag when it was at its full pace. IANS

'Minor survivor had to travel with rape accused'

DEHRADUN

A nine-year-old rape survivor was allegedly discharged from a hospital here in Uttarakhand without proper treatment and then made to travel in a police vehicle along with the accused to record her statement before the magistrate, the girl's parents alleged. The girl, a Dalit hailing from Tehri district, was allegedly raped by an upper caste man in her village last week. PTI

Bombay High Court upholds law dealing with repeat rapists

Confirms validity of using Section 376E to sentence convicts in Shakti Mills case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Mohammed Salim, Vijay Jadhav and Mohammed Kasim. ■ PTI

The Bombay High Court on Monday upheld the constitutional validity of a section of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) under which life imprisonment or death penalty can be awarded to repeat offenders in rape cases.

A Division Bench of Justices B.P. Dharmadhikari and Revati Mohite-Dere was hearing criminal petitions filed by the three convicts in the 2013 Shakti Mill gangrape case challenging the constitutional validity of Section 376E (punishment for repeat offenders) of the IPC under which they were sentenced to death by a sessions court.

Mohammad Salim Mohammad Kudus Ansari, Mohammad Kasim Mohammad Hasim Shaikh, and Vijay Yadav were convicted for gangraping an 18-year-old telephone operator inside the abandoned Shakti Mills compound on July 31, 2013, and gangraping a 22-year-old photojournalist at the same place on August 22, 2013. They were 28, 21, and 19 years old respectively at the time of the incident. On March 21, 2014, the sessions court awarded life sentence to all the accused. The fourth convict, Siraj Khan, was sentenced to life imprisonment, and a minor accused was sent to a correctional facility.

The public prosecutor then moved an application to frame charges under Section 376E, which was allowed on March 24 same year.

The convicts pleaded not guilty under the section and moved the High Court to challenge it and quash the order of the lower court. On April 4, 2014 , the trial concluded and the trio was awarded death sentence. It was the first such conviction under under Section 376E.

The provision was introduced by the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, on February 3, 2013, on the basis of recommendations of the Justice J.S. Verma Committee, which was formed to consider changes in law to deal more sternly with offenders in sexual offence cases following the outrage over the brutal gangrape of a 23-year-old paramedical student in Delhi in 2012.

The trio, in April 2014, approached the High Court challenging the validity of Section 376E and contended that the sessions court acted beyond its power in awarding them the death penalty.

The court said it did not find any merit in the challenge to the constitutional validity of Section 376E, and dismissed the petitions. With the dismissal of the petitions, another Bench of the High Court will now take up for final hearing appeals filed by the convicts challenging their conviction and death penalty.

Wrap up shelter home case probe in 3 months, SC tells CBI

CBI had sought 6 months to look into Muzaffarpur case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Fear factor: The shelter home in Muzaffarpur where minor girls were allegedly abused. ▪ RANJEET KUMAR

The Supreme Court on Monday granted three months time to the CBI to complete its probe into the rape, sexual abuse and possible murder of children in a shelter home in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar.

A Vacation Bench of Justices Indu Malhotra and M.R. Shah asked the CBI to expand its probe into whether outsiders, other than the shelter home authorities, were involved in the alleged crimes against children.

It also asked the probe agency to initiate investigation under Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code into allegations of unnatural sex.

'Recover evidence'

The Bench said the CBI should recover any video or photographic evidence of abuse against the minor inmates and girls in the home.

The CBI filed a status report in the court and informed the Bench that its teams had exhumed two bodies and was awaiting forensic reports on them. It sought six months time to finish the probe, but the court gave them three months. Initially, on May 6, the court urged CBI to "complete its probe" into revelations that 11 girls were murdered by kingpin Brajesh Thakur, who ran the home.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi had termed the case an "extremely urgent matter" and asked the CBI to take "all necessary action in accordance with the law."

The CBI had got wind of the alleged murders from the rescued children. The names of these girls, who had mysteriously disappeared from the 'balikagarh' (girls' home), emerged in the multiple statements of the children. They had said the girls were murdered by Thakur and his accomplices.

Till recently, the CBI had been firefighting criticism over the delay in slapping murder charges against the accused persons.

Wheels of glory

On a roll: Artisans readying wooden chariot wheels near the Jagannath temple ahead of the nine-day rathyatra at Puri in Odisha. ▪ BISWARANJAN ROUT

Share details of Saradha scam investigation, CIC directs SEBI

Information panel calls for time bound investigation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Information Commission (CIC) has directed the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to disclose information on its investigation and recovery of money from the perpetrators of the Saradha Realty chit fund scam. Investigations must be time bound and transparent keeping in mind the interests of lakhs of affected investors, said CIC.

The ₹10,000 crore Saradha chit fund scam came to light in 2013, and more than 17 lakh small investors – mostly in eastern India – reportedly lost money in the ponzi scheme. Six years later, there is little sign of justice or recovery of the money lost.

Investor's plea

One such investor Manmat Chandra Pal filed a Right to Information application in September 2017, asking SEBI for details regarding the action taken against the Saradha promoters. Given that their demat account had been attached by regulators, he wanted to know how and when the money that he had lost – a total of ₹13.59 lakh – would be repaid to him.

Not satisfied with the information given to him by SEBI, which directed him to its website for the status of recovery proceedings, Mr. Pal approached the CIC.

During the hearing held on May 30, the SEBI representative gave some details of the proceedings, but added that "since the investigations were underway, it was premature to approximate the magnitude of illegalities committed by M/s Saradha Realty India Ltd.

Notice to MLA for assaulting woman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat BJP issued a show cause notice on Monday to party legislator Balram Thawani, who thrashed a woman NCP worker protesting against water shortage in her area.

The party has asked him to respond within three days explaining why disciplinary action should not be taken against him.

It condemned his conduct and said it would not tolerate such violent acts

Calling the act 'unintentional', Thawani issued a clarification saying 'he was swayed by emotions' and apologized.

Govt. to hold spectrum auctions this year: Prasad

Says 5G trials will begin in 100 days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government plans to hold auctions for spectrum, including for 5G services, in the current calendar year, Union Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Monday.

Mr. Prasad, who took over from Manoj Sinha, added that the government intended to begin 5G trials in the next 100 days.

The decision is significant as spectrum auctions are a major source of revenue – the 2016-17 auctions yielded ₹65,789 crore.

Industry cautious

However, major telecom firms have opposed putting 5G spectrum on sale, arguing that the industry needs time to develop India-specific use cases for the next-generation technology.

They have pointed out that the prices recommended by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India are too high for the financially stressed sector.

Mr. Prasad said he would soon hold discussions with industry representatives on the challenges they faced and work on addressing them.

Asked about whether Chinese telecom equipment manufacturer Huawei will be allowed to participate in the upcoming 5G trials, the Minister said it was a "complex issue" and would be looked at seriously.

AI grounds plane after crack found

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A Boeing 777 aircraft of Air India has been grounded as a small crack was observed on the bottom right corner of one of its entry doors after the plane landed at San Francisco airport in the U.S., the airline said on Monday.

The national carrier said it had made alternative arrangements for 100 of the 210 passengers who were supposed to take the return flight on the same aircraft.

"Air India is trying to get help from the local aircraft maintenance repair agencies, failing which men and material would be sent from India," a spokesperson said.

'Death due to single blow could amount to murder'

SC sets aside judgment by MP HC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

It may amount to murder if the death of a person is caused by a single blow to a vital part of his body, the Supreme Court reiterated in a recent judgment.

A Vacation Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah reiterated the principle while setting aside a Madhya Pradesh High Court judgment, which had altered the conviction of the accused from murder to culpable homicide.

"Even in a case of a single blow, but on a vital part of the body, the case may fall under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC, and the accused can be held guilty for the offence under Section 302 of the IPC," the apex court observed.

However, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, the injury was caused by the accused in a free fight. The victim suffered a single blow to the head with the blunt side of a *farsa*. The injury had proved to be fatal.

"In the facts and circumstances of the case, and considering the evidence on record, we are of the opinion that the accused should have been held guilty of the offence under Section 304 Part I of the IPC," the court concluded.

The court ordered the convict to surrender and serve out the remaining part of his sentence.

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G-10/19-20	Procurement of Aluminium Pop Rivet	70.00	09.07.2019
G-11/19-20	Procurement of Balata Packing	35.00	09.07.2019
G-12/19-20	Selection of an Agency for Third Party Audit of Awatar	10.00	09.07.2019
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A-09/19-20	Procurement of Wheel Bolts Nuts & Axle studs	90.00	09.07.2019
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CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment please may be noted

a) **Tender Notification No. 01 dt. 24.04.2019,** Tender No.: G-02/19-20, G-03/19-20 & A-06/19-20, the due dates for the submission of tender is extended to 09.07.2019 @ 17.00 hrs.
b) **Tender Notification No. 13. dt.:02.03.2019**, Tender No: G-90/18-19, the due dates for the submission of tender is extended to 09.07.2019 @ 17.00 Hrs.
c) **Tender Notification No. 12 dt.: 27.12.2019**, Tender No. G-83/18-19, the due dates for the submission of tender is extended to 09.07.2019 @ 17.00 Hrs.
d) **Tender Notification No. 01 dt: 24.04.2019,** Tender No. G-01/19-20, the tender value for the procurement of Automative cables to be read as 190.00 lakhs
e) **Tender Notification No. 1 dt: 24.04.2019**, Tender No. G-04/19-20 has been cancelled

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc., will be uploaded/published through e-portal only.

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When stressed doctors seek better care for themselves

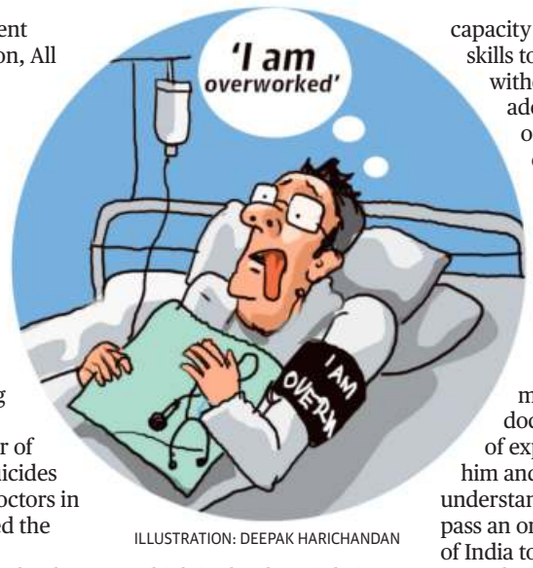
'I am overworked' campaign seeks to highlight unregulated duty hours and increasing cases of depression

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Demanding regulated working hours, and standardised working and living conditions, resident doctors across India have joined hands to start a unique campaign called - "I am overworked."

"As part of the campaign, the doctors will be wearing a band/badge with these words while doing their duty. There will be no strike or gathering but a silent appeal to the Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, who is a physician and knows exactly the stress and pressure resident doctors are under while working in India. We hope that justice will be done,'' said ex-president of resident doctors' association, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Dr. Harjit Singh Bhatti.

The campaign, meanwhile, is aimed at "highlighting the issues of unregulated duty hours, poor working and living conditions and increasing number of depression and suicides among resident doctors in the country," noted the group of doctors.



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"On an average, the duty hours of doctors are between 13-18 hours per day which is clearly a violation of the central residency scheme. It is beyond human capacity to perform their skills to the fullest without having adequate rest, food or sleep. This overburden is causing immense stress which might result in depression and sometimes suicide," added Dr. Bhatti.

"As the health minister is also a doctor, we have lots of expectations from him and hope that he will understand our pain, and pass an order to all hospitals of India to strictly follow the central residency scheme guidelines laid down by the Government of India,'' said another resident from the team.

Resident doctors added that the government and the hospitals have to understand and deal with them as human beings.

"If you are seeing an average of several thousand patients annually in the government set-up, how can we expect time for ourselves? I have seen many of my colleagues crying or screaming in the closed duty rooms due to extreme work pressure.

That is when we came up with the idea of the "I Am Overworked" campaign to highlight the issues of doctors and request health ministry to intervene," added Dr. Bhatti.

Crisis defused

Compulsory learning should be limited to the child's mother tongue

The Centre has moved quickly to defuse a potentially volatile controversy over the charge of Hindi imposition. It is quite apparent that the Narendra Modi government did not want the language issue to acquire disproportionate importance at a time when it is embarking on its second innings with a huge mandate. Further, given the impression that the ruling party does not have much of a presence in South India, barring Karnataka, it did not want to be seen as being insensitive to the concerns of southern States, especially Tamil Nadu. The reference in the newly unveiled draft National Education Policy to mandatory teaching of Hindi in all States was withdrawn following an outcry from political leaders in Tamil Nadu, a State that is quite sensitive to any hint of 'Hindi imposition' by the Centre. The modified draft under the heading 'Flexibility in the choice of languages', has omitted references to the language that students may choose. However, the broader recommendation regarding the implementation of a three-language formula remains, something Tamil Nadu, which will not budge from its two-language formula, is averse to. The gist of the original sentence in the draft NEP was that students could change one of the three languages of study in Grade 6, provided that in Hindi-speaking States they continued to study Hindi, English and one other Indian language of their choice, and those in non-Hindi-speaking States would study their regional language, besides Hindi and English. The revised draft merely says students may change one or more of their three languages in Grade 6 or 7, "so long as they still demonstrate proficiency in three languages (one language at the literature level) in their modular Board examinations some time during secondary school". It may not amount to a complete reversal , but is still important in terms of conciliatory messaging.

However, there is a larger issue here. Ever since the Constitution adopted Hindi as the official language, with English also as an official language for 15 years initially, there has been considerable tension between those who favour the indefinite usage of English and those who want to phase it out and give Hindi primacy. In Tamil Nadu, it is seen as a creeping imposition of Hindi in subtle and not-so-subtle forms. The tension has been managed based on the statesmanship behind Jawaharlal Nehru's assurance in 1959 that English would be an associate language as long as there are States that desire it. One would have thought that with the ascent of coalition politics the instinct to stoke differences based on language would die out. Unfortunately, it keeps coming up, especially in the form of imposing the three-language formula on States. Language is primarily a utilitarian tool. While acquisition of additional tools can indeed be beneficial, compulsory learning should be limited to one's mother tongue and English as the language that provides access to global knowledge and as a link language within India. It is time attempts to force Indians proficient in their mother tongue and English to acquire proficiency in a third are given up.

Behemoth's shadow

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is clearly sensing the BJP breathing down his neck

Constituents of the National Democratic Alliance are feeling the weight of the BJP's dominance. With 303 seats, the BJP is not dependent on any party for its survival in government, an objective that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party president Amit Shah, now also Union Home Minister, had publicly set even while they were scouting for regional allies ahead of the election. Alliance politics as India knew it, whereby partners bargained for political power, has been rendered redundant by the BJP. It has offered little more than symbolic representation to them in the government. While parties such as the Shiv Sena and the Lok Janshakti Party accepted one Cabinet berth each and joined the government, the Janata Dal (United) led by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar considered such symbolic representation meaningless and perhaps even humiliating. The JD(U) turned down the offer of a single berth, and expanded the Council of Ministers in Bihar offering the BJP one berth, which it has, in turn, refused to accept. The BJP and the JD(U) have been partners for long, with a brief interlude beginning 2013, in which time the JD(U) formed the government in Bihar in alliance with the RJD and the Congress. By 2017 Mr. Kumar did an about-turn, parting with the two parties and taking the BJP's support to continue in office.

Another moment of reckoning is upon Mr. Kumar, almost. Bihar should have Assembly elections in 2020. Used to the indulgent style of an earlier generation of BJP leaders such as A.B. Vajpayee and L.K. Advani, the Chief Minister has never quite adjusted to the abrasive style of the current, far stronger BJP. Mr. Kumar, from the backward castes that hold considerable political heft in Bihar, has been a link between them and the upper castes drawn to the BJP and hassled by the RJD's more assertive form of social justice politics. Projecting himself as a backward caste leader and blunting social justice politics with Hindutva, Mr. Modi has brought about a realignment of social groups in Bihar. With the BJP's own leadership in the State now packed with several backward caste faces, the party is hoping to flip its equation with the JD(U) and take the dominant role, as it did with the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra. Mr. Kumar senses the ground under his feet slipping away even as his administrative adventurism of prohibition, after initial political dividends, has turned out to be a drag on the State's revenues and policing. To be an opponent of the BJP under Mr. Modi and Mr. Shah is not easy; as it turns out, being an ally isn't necessarily easier either.

A rocky road for strategic partners

With decisions that adversely affect India, the Trump administration fails to distinguish friend from foe

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The Donald Trump administration's recent actions threaten the foundation of trust and flexibility on which India-U.S. relations are premised. However, they seem to be part of a pattern progressively visible in American foreign policy in which bullying friends has become the name of the game. The Trump administration's insensitive approach towards its allies in Western Europe by denigrating the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union (EU), threatening to impose tariffs on EU goods in connection with trade disputes and Europe's relations with Russia, and Washington's unilateral withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal that roiled its European partners are all evidence of this policy.

Bookends of stability?

The same paradigm explains Washington's recent moves *vis-à-vis* India. These stand in sharp contrast to the first year of the Trump administration when the U.S. was actively wooing India as a strategic counterweight to China and because of its rapidly expanding market that was seen as providing great opportunities for American business. In a major foreign policy speech in October 2017, then U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson declared that India and America were "two bookends of stability – on either side of the globe" and that the "emerging Delhi-Washington strategic partnership" was essential to anchor the rules-based world order for the next hundred years.

Even before Mr. Tillerson's speech India had come to be seen as a pillar of American policy in Asia. The term 'Indo-Pacific region' appeared prominently in the joint statement issued by Mr. Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the end of the latter's visit to the U.S. in June 2017. Since then, it has come to replace the term 'Asia-Pacific region' in American foreign policy jargon. In May 2018, the Pentagon changed the name of the U.S. Pacific Command to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, emphasising not only the strategic linkage between the Indian and Pacific Oceans but also the geopolitical prominence of India in the U.S.'s Asian strategy.

However, the Trump administration seems to have reversed course in recent months. U.S. unilateral actions on three fronts have simultaneously demonstrated what amounts to downgrading India in American strategy. The announcement on April 22 by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that Washington would not renew after May 2 the exemption that it had granted India and seven other countries regarding import of Iranian oil was one sign that American unilateralism had trumped coherent strategic thinking.

The Iranian share of Indian oil imports stood at 10%. While it would not be impossible for India to replace Iranian oil, the American announcement failed to consider the strategic importance of Iran in Indian foreign policy and the damage it could do to India-Iran relations. Iran's strategic location and the common concerns of

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both countries regarding the future of Afghanistan and the threat of terrorism emanating from Pakistan make Tehran an ideal geopolitical ally of New Delhi. India is also engaged in building the Chabahar port in southeastern Iran, which could act as the gateway for India to Central Asia, bypassing a hostile Pakistan. Moreover, by forcing India to tamely accept the American diktat on Iranian oil, it has torn off the veneer of "strategic autonomy" that Indian policymakers had long touted as the fundamental creed of Indian foreign policy.

The second leg of this tripod is the U.S. threat to impose sanctions on India if it buys the S-400 missile defence system from Russia for which a deal had been signed in October 2018 by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Mr. Modi. The U.S. has argued that India's purchase of the S-400 systems will violate the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), a U.S. federal law that requires the country to impose sanctions on states entering into major military deals with Russia.

This puts India in a Catch-22 position. If it defies U.S. threats and goes ahead with the purchase, it would subject India to economic sanctions and curtailment of defence and high-tech cooperation with the U.S. If it buckles under American pressure and cancels the S-400 deal, it will have major negative implications for India's relations with Russia, its largest arms supplier and a time-tested friend. Furthermore, it will make it clear that India is for all practical purposes a "lackey" of the U.S., thus once again severely damaging its standing and credibility in international circles.

Trade hurdles

The third and latest instance of unwelcome U.S. pressure was the announcement on May 31 that, beginning June 5, India will be removed from the preferential trade programme, known as the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), which gives developing countries easier access to the U.S. market and lowers U.S. duties on their exports. Mr. Trump signed off on a presidential decree to that effect alleging, "India has not assured the United States that India will provide equitable and reasonable access to its markets."

India is the largest beneficiary nation under the GSP scheme, and exported goods worth $6.35 billion to the U.S. under the preferential regime last year. This is close to 10% of the goods exported by India to the U.S. While the Indian reaction to the American decision has been mild so far – the Commerce Ministry termed it "unfortunate" – it is bound to cause resentment in New Delhi, especially since U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross had assured the government that benefits would not be cut off until after India's elections, thus allowing the new government time to reflect on the issue.

Taken together, these three decisions indicate that Washington is impervious to Indian strategic concerns and economic interests despite its earlier pronouncements that it considers India a valued "strategic partner". These decisions are part of a unilateralist syndrome that currently afflicts American foreign policy. Mr. Trump and his advisers, principally National Security Adviser John Bolton and Mr. Pompeo, no longer seem to discriminate between friend and foe when making important policy decisions. Such an attitude does not bode well for the future of America's relations with its friends and allies. Washington appears to have overlooked the fact that even the "indispensable nation" needs reliable friends and allies.

Other options

S. Jaishankar, India's new Minister of External Affairs and an outstanding diplomat with a wealth of experience in dealing with Washington, will have to convince American policy-makers that this maxim is relevant to the U.S.'s relations with India. Mr. Jaishankar should subtly communicate to his interlocutors that this is especially true now that the international system is becoming progressively multipolar, thus increasing foreign policy options available to Indian policymakers.

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The sum and substance of the jobs data

Rising unemployment must also be seen as a function of rising education and aspirations

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The report from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is finally out, garnering a lot of attention based on selective reading of tables and spurring partisan debates. In particular, the staggering increase in the unemployment rate, from 1.7% in 2011-12 to 5.8% in 2017-18 for rural men and from 3.0% to 7.1% for urban men, has generated wide ranging hand-wringing. However, a more nuanced picture emerges if we are to look beyond the partisan debates to policy implications of the data on employment and unemployment. Three takeaway points from these data are of particular policy relevance.

Three pointers

First, while the unemployment rate is a frequently used measure of poor performance of the economy, under conditions of rising school and college enrolment, it paints an inaccurate picture. Second, the reported unemployment rate is dominated by the experience of younger Indians who face higher employment challenges and exhibit greater willingness to wait for the right job than their older peers. Third, the unemployment challenge is greatest for people with secondary or higher education, and rising education levels inflate unemployment challenges. These three conditions, taken together, suggest that part of India's unemployment challenge lies in its success in expanding education while not expanding formal sector jobs.

Comparison of male employment and unemployment data from the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO's) 68th round Employment survey conducted in 2011-12 and the new PLFS of 2017-18 illustrates each of these points. The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the number of unemployed by the number in the labour forces, that is, the sum of employed and unemployed. This statistic ignores people who are out of the labour force – students, homemakers and the disabled.

Unemployment rate data

As long as the proportion of the population out of the labour force is more or less stable, the unemployment rate is a good indicator of the changes in the employment situation. However, India has seen massive changes in proportion of individuals enrolled in an educational institution over the past decade. For 15-19-year-old rural men, the proportion primarily engaged in studying increased from 64% to 72% between 2011-12 and 2017-18. As a result, while the proportion of the population aged 15-19 that is unemployed doubled from 3% to 6.9%, the unemployment rate tripled from 9% to 27%. Leaving the numerator (proportion of population unemployed) same while the denominator changes by removing students from the labour force can overstate job losses.

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The proportion of the population that is unemployed has increased only slightly for population aged 30 and above but increased substantially for younger men. For rural men (30-34), the proportion of unemployed increased from 1% to 2.3% while that for men (20-24) increased from 4.6% to 16.1%. Much of the increase in male unemployment is located among ages 15-29. It is important to recognise that in a country dominated by informal sector work, remaining unemployed is possible only for individuals whose families can survive without their immediate contributions. While a 25-year-old may spend his time diligently applying for a formal sector and be supported by his parents during this period, a 30-year-old with a wife and children may have no option but to take any work available to him, even if it pays poorly and offers little job security.

Finally, the unemployment rate has been traditionally high for men with secondary or higher level of education and this is the segment in which most of the increase in unemployment is located. The unemployment rate for illiterate rural men increased from 0.5 to 1.7 between 2011-12 and 2017-18 but the absolute increase was substantially larger, from 3.8 to 10.5 for rural men with at least secondary education. Similar trends are evident for urban men.

This increase in unemployment for educated youth comes at a time when education has expanded substantially. Among rural men (15-29 years), the population with secondary or higher education increased from 43% to 53% between 2011-12 and 2017-18; in urban areas there was a five percentage point increase, from 61% to 66%.

These three observations taken together suggest that the roots of India's present day unemployment challenges lie in its very success. Educational expansion affects the unemployment debate by skewing the unemployment statistics and by creating greater competition for well-paid jobs among a rising population of educated youth. Rising prosperity allows young graduates to wait for well-paying jobs, creating an army of educated unemployed, before being forced to accept any work, frequently returning to family farms or starting small shops.

Recognition of rising unemployment as a function of rising education forces us to grapple with different issues than a simple focus on unemployment statistics. If public policies such as demonetisation are responsible for rising unemployment, we would see across-the-board increase in unemployment for all age groups. That this phenomenon is located mainly among the young and well educated reflects a challenge that goes well beyond the temporary slowdown facing India post-demonetisation.

Meeting aspirations

Modern India is an aspirational society. After decades of economic stagnation, the 21st century has seen massive growth in aspirations. Parents invest their hearts and souls along with their rising incomes in educating their children. Children hope to make rapid economic progress well beyond the modest gains achieved by their parents' generation. The unemployment statistics based on PLFS data document the challenges these young people are likely to face.

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance has returned to power with a mandate that allows it the freedom to focus on key challenges facing modern India. Creating jobs for an increasingly educated workforce and ensuring that the new workers are well equipped to enter the labour force are twin challenges that deserve greatest priority. One hopes that leaders of the present government who made their political debut during the student movement in the 1970s will meet this challenge head-on.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Assessing 2019

The writer (Editorial page, "Depths of field, defined and blurred", June 3) seems to have donned the mantle of a modern Cassandra to prophesy doom and gloom for the nation merely because the people have favoured a second term for the Narendra Modi government. With the writer's imagination running riot, what was intended as a caricatured critique of the 2019 verdict seems to have ended up as a needless and unapologetic exercise of 'catastrophising', notwithstanding his conclusion that "everything in the future is out of focus". One expects the government's critics to forecast dire things but also suggest the means to realise possible positives and desirable ends. To write a government's scorecard based on worst case scenarios instead of considering what it proposes to do is embracing political adversary-ism for its own sake. Commentators who seem displeased with the people's verdict should realise that unwarranted scaremongering about the nation's future is an implied belittlement of the popular will.

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Thiruvananthapuram

Congress's strategy

As a political party, the Indian National Congress has failed miserably due to its policy of 'opposing for the sake of opposing' and disrupting the functioning of Parliament. Congress president Rahul Gandhi's advice to his party's MPs to "shout more" against the government and ensure that the BJP does not have a walkover in Parliament and its administration is indecorous as far as the leader of a national party is concerned. This strategy will further erode people's faith in the party. Instead, Congress MPs should be magnanimous in co-operating with the government, help it pass welfare schemes and offer constructive criticism when something is going wrong.

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Chennai

Language formula

It is indeed ideal if "we can create a situation where every person can study in the language he dreams in, and live in an atmosphere where all in India can understand one common language". But in a country with well-defined linguistic diversity and consequent chauvinism this is an impossible dream. As a Tamilian born and brought up in Kerala, I recollect quite a few of us voluntarily joining Hindi classes after school hours, and conducted by the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha. Our national feeling brightened as Hindi was not imposed on us and it did no harm to our mother tongue. If one follows the Kerala model, there do not seem to be problems with Hindi.

In some districts in Kerala, buses have route names in Hindi written in Devanagari to help the large numbers of migrant labourers. However, the Central government in no case can impose Hindi in Tamil Nadu.

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Politics of food

It is clear that the Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF) will not use onions and/or garlic in preparations in mid-day meals for children ('Magazine', "The politics of food", June 2).

And the TAPF knows pretty well that it is next to impossible for the government to get a replacement NGO to supply 4.5 lakh meals overnight.

So what is to be done to overcome the impasse? For a start, the government must award new contracts to NGOs which will strictly comply with mid-day meal preparations that are not bland and include onion, garlic and eggs.

Independent surprise tests need to be carried out to verify the charge that the food is "bland". Instead of "talking", "debating" and "protesting" about the lack of onion and garlic, the government may request schools to come forward on a voluntary basis and provide these in some form or other. Egg can be added and a nutrition expert may even suggest providing an omelette, scrambled egg and/or mix these with rice to make the meal more palatable. There should also be a a gradual reduction in dependence on the TAPF while ensuring that schools which "volunteer" to introduce this get a subsidy from the government or let the school management impose a nominal charge for this on students.

Finally, all this should be done without any scope for malpractice.

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The changing idea of a university

Why the education system in India is staring at a dismal future

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"The very idea of pursuing truth and developing critical thought, which were seen as the role of universities, has gone into disuse." Students of Hyderabad Central University at their convocation in Hyderabad in 2012. ▪ M. SUBHASH

The first proposal of this government to be made public was the 100-day action plan for education. It includes framing a new National Education Policy, replacing the University Grants Commission (UGC) with another body, and adding 10 more Institutions of Eminence. This is merely a continuation of what the previous government was doing. This comes as no surprise; after all, it is well known that the Bharatiya Janata Party is deeply interested in education and culture. The last five years of the Modi government have shown us the nature of interventions made in the field of education.

The purpose of education

While the media has extensively covered the attacks on institutions such as Jawaharlal Nehru University and Hyderabad Central University, and the violence unleashed by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, the student arm of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, in some places, what is more long lasting is the way the BJP has instrumentalised education by binding it to the objective of creating skills and employment and making education useful for the market. By doing this, it has hollowed out the whole purpose of education, which is to preserve and disseminate knowledge and generate new knowledge. This is the first time in the history of independent India that common people have started looking at universities as spaces where their hard-earned money is being misspent. The business of knowledge creation itself is being perceived as extravagant and unnecessary. So, if you look for the word 'knowledge' in the policy documents of the government, you are bound to be disappointed.

The very idea of pursuing truth and developing critical thought, which were seen as the role of universities, has gone into disuse. Universities were spaces where all kinds of ideas, however dominant, were constantly examined. The only aim of education, as propounded by the BJP, seems to be to mainly inculcate nationalism, as prescribed by the government, among students as well as teachers. Vice chancellors and directors of institutes are going out of their way to prove their nationalistic credentials to the government. Where is the utility of criticality then? And what then becomes the role of research? The government even circulated a list of research areas and topics to be kept in mind while preparing and approving research proposals. This essentially means that there is no space for free inquiry in the field of higher education any more. If we look at the research proposals approved by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the Indian Council of Historical Research and even scientific bodies, we realise the thinning of this area. Even the All India Institute of Medical Sciences recently held a seminar on 'astrology and the medical sciences'. This means that the very idea of science is under severe stress. Also, the stories of the pressure that independent research institutions are facing in the name of appraisal and scrutiny have not come out in the open for obvious reasons.

Universities are supposed to keep alive the idea of excellence before the people at large. However, people look at some universities with suspicion today as students and scholars have been branded 'elitist', 'leftist' and 'anti-national' by the ruling party. If mediocre people are made to head top institutions of higher education, it becomes clear that all that matters is ideology. Mediocrity at all levels is seen as the democratisation of a space which was earlier the preserve of the 'elites'. In short, developing intellect is seen as unnecessary and even dangerous. All we need to do is conform to prevailing common sense. So, it is only logical that state resources are not wasted on activities which are seen as 'extra'.

Withdrawal of state support

Apart from all this, public universities are being systematically weakened by the steady withdrawal of state support to them. This is ironically at a time when the number of first-generation learners in the university space has reached a satisfactory level. Universities needed more support to improve access to higher education. Unfortunately, they are now facing a fund crunch. This leaves these students at a great disadvantage.

The government is firming an unequal hierarchy in the field by promoting the idea of Institutions of Eminence and keeping autonomy reserved for a privileged set of institutions. Most public universities with a long tradition are kept out of it, thus demoralising their teachers and students. Autonomy to such institutions has also been linked to withdrawal of state support.

The regulatory mechanism for the field of higher education had started to weaken during the UPA regime itself. The Modi government only furthered the process. Directives from the government became frequent and regulatory agencies were used to route them to universities. Directives from bodies like the UGC kept disrupting the functioning of universities. From reservation in faculty appointments to norms for doctoral research and framing of undergraduate and postgraduate courses and syllabi, it has been a story of overreach and encroachment of the university space by the UGC. Universities have also failed to assert their autonomy and have allowed the UGC to enter areas it is not supposed to.

Along with this we have seen a campaign to purge campuses of dangerous 'anti-national' elements. Meetings and seminars have been held exhorting students to identify such elements. Independent scholars are now being shunned by universities and the nationalism check is applied almost everywhere.

Publishing is part of the academic ecosystem. Major publishing houses have started getting manuscripts legally vetted to avoid litigation and attack by 'nationalist' elements. We can expect publishing to take a right turn under the new regime.

We have not talked about school education. The RSS ran thousands of schools even when the NDA was not in power. The BJP's return to power provides a golden opportunity for the RSS to dictate syllabi, train teachers and even select them. All these developments over the last five years show that the education system is staring at a dismal future.

Apoorvanand teaches at Delhi University

The anatomy of an image

The colossal information machine that helped create a winning narrative for the BJP is yet to be acknowledged

VAISHNA ROY

After the extraordinary mandate the BJP won, two ideas have been put forth: that Indians have suddenly adopted Hindutva and that they want the country "saved" by a strong leader. What nobody seems ready to acknowledge yet is the colossal nudge that social media and partisan mainstream television gave to creating this twin narrative in the popular consciousness.

If a fundamentally shrewd and pragmatic electorate was ready to ignore its own problems caused by demonetisation, agrarian distress and a stumbling economy, we must ask if it did this by its own volition or if it was steered into it by a PR blitz fabulously orchestrated by television and social media.

The suppression of data

A report leaked in January showed unemployment at a 45-year high of 6.1%, but the government disowned it then and a Union Minister called it "fake news". Across channels, this stance was faithfully reiterated. The next month, there was a near total absence of any examination of the security lapses that might have enabled the attack in Pulwama. Instead, only one note was struck hysterically: retaliation. Any attempt to scrutinise the Balakot air strikes was shouted down as 'anti-national', and television covered it as one might a war film.

MEETA AHLAWAT

Now, when the government releases the same unemployment figures or confirms that friendly fire brought down an Indian Air Force chopper, there's barely any protest. The suppression of data and the stalling of reports has already been normalised.

Crores are being spent in propaganda to ceaselessly create urban legends, films, web series, comic books, memes and jingles that incessantly shore up the Modi narrative. For this to work, it must be unchallenged – not only must Prime Minister Narendra Modi be shown as a great leader, he must be shown as a *flawless* leader. So when he goes off script with an erroneous comment about radar, a stream of quasi-scientific messages are released simultaneously to prove the comment wasn't wrong. Facts are constantly overtaken by fables fed directly into people's smartphones.

This disinformation network, running parallel to the hectoring and fawning of television, is the nerve centre of the BJP's propaganda machine. With dedicated cells of thousands of drone bees, it reaches millions every minute to disseminate its own post-truth version of facts. Eminent economists can point out the failure of demonetisation or the stagnation of exports or the decline in GDP growth, but it makes no difference because each critique is met with a social media forward that says the opposite.

Disinformation deluge

We are guilty of underestimating the incalculable harm that fake news has done to how and what the country thinks. The entire political arena has been turned into a room of mirrors where nothing is as it seems. Phoney 'government' documents regularly do the rounds with statistics about terrorism or GDP figures that are dramatically different from the data even on government websites. Photographs of a teenage boy who committed suicide in Belagavi are circulated with captions claiming he was lynched for protecting cattle from cow smugglers. Let's understand this: Indians did not suddenly adopt militant Hindutva; they have been assiduously conditioned into doing so by a carpet-bombing of disinformation.

The websites that bust fake news are doing a magnificent job, but their reach is just not enough because verification takes far longer than the creation of fake news; and because it's nearly impossible to compete with an army of bots and keyboard warriors. Even after being exposed, the Belagavi travesty continues to be circulated.

Instead of applauding the BJP's social media strategy as some disembodied and arcane political craft, we need to worry about the repercussions of such massive manipulation of thought. And we need to worry that television is playing wingman.

Behind the razzle-dazzle of the landslide victory lurk uneasy queries about the reliability of government data and the country's growing democracy deficit. If the nation is supposed to have become both insecure and intolerant overnight, it would be interesting to know how such a mammoth exercise in manufactured consent has been executed. Because at some point the illusion is going to break and we will have to pick up the pieces.

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Monkeypox scare

How the spread of the virus can be limited

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AFP

On May 9, the Ministry of Health in Singapore confirmed that a Nigerian who had arrived in the city on April 28 had the rare disease, monkeypox. The monkeypox virus is similar to human smallpox and belongs to the virus family Poxviridae. It is transmitted primarily through infected animals (rodents and primates). The man is suspected to have eaten bushmeat before arriving in Singapore, which could be the source of the virus.

Human-to-human transmission of monkeypox is possible but limited. The virus is transmitted to those in close contact through secretions of the respiratory tract and skin lesions. While the disease is largely self-limiting, in some cases it does cause complications leading to death. During monkeypox outbreaks, fatality varies from 1-10%, with most deaths seen in younger people.

The symptoms of monkeypox showed two days after the Nigerian arrived in Singapore, but he remained in his hotel till May 7. He was transferred to a public hospital on that day and tested positive for monkeypox the next day, when he was referred to the National Centre for Infectious Diseases, Singapore. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), he is now in a stable condition.

To limit the spread of the disease, Singapore has already identified 23 persons who were in close contact with the patient and offered smallpox vaccination. The WHO notes that prior smallpox vaccination is highly effective in preventing monkeypox. Data from Africa suggest that smallpox vaccine offers at least 85% protection against monkeypox if the vaccine is administered before exposure to the virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S., vaccination after exposure to monkeypox "may help prevent the disease or make it less severe". In Singapore, at least 14 persons have been vaccinated. Close contacts have also been quarantined, while other contacts are under active surveillance.

Monkeypox occurs sporadically in Central and West Africa; cases have been reported from 10 African countries. It was first identified in humans in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the disease has now become endemic. There were three confirmed cases in 2016 from the Central African Republic. In late 2017, 61 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported from Nigeria. One confirmed case and 15 suspected cases were reported in 2018 from Cameroon. Outside Africa, the first case was reported from the U.S. in 2003. In 2018, monkeypox was documented in three people in the U.K. and in one person in Israel.

Since the majority of monkeypox virus transmissions to humans are from animals, the WHO advocates "restricting or banning the movement" of small mammals and monkeys from countries where the virus is prevalent to limit the spread of the virus.

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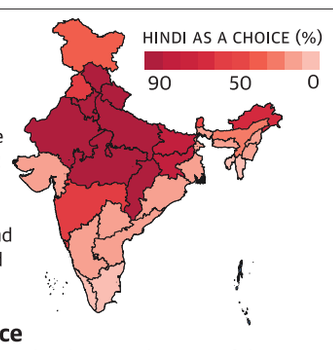
DATA POINT

Most for many

During the 2011 Census survey, people in only 12 of the 35* States and UTs had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as their first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of choice for communication, a majority of them chose English. By **Sumant Sen**

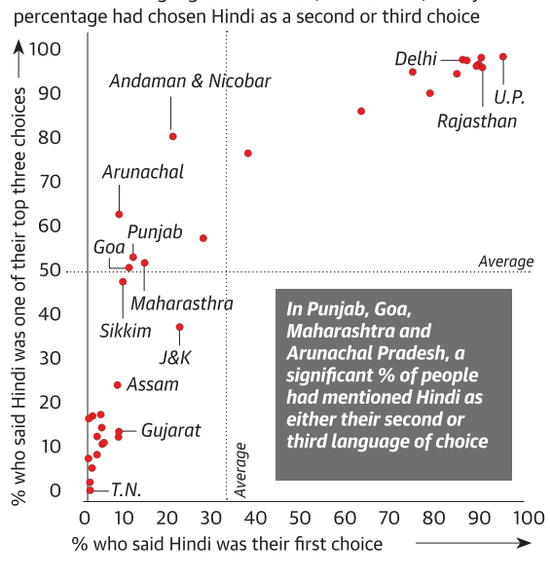
Northern skew

The map shows the State-wise percentage of people who stated Hindi as their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and UTs that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India. The south had the least % of such people



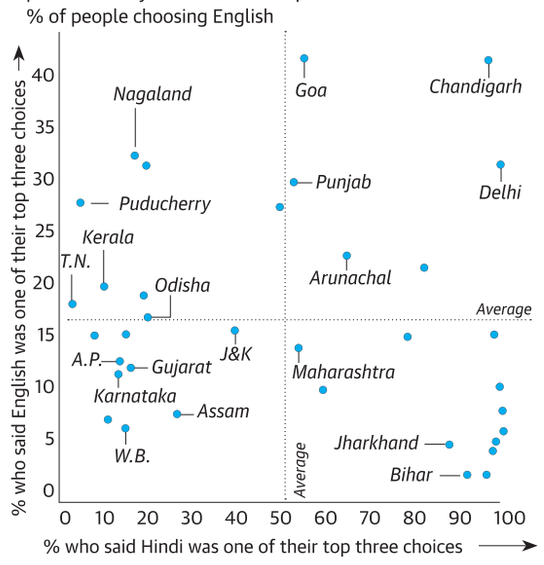
Prevalance of Hindi

The chart plots the % of people who chose Hindi as their first choice against the % who chose Hindi as one of their top three choices. In 23 States and UTs Hindi was not the first choice of language. Of those 23, in 16 States, a very low percentage had chosen Hindi as a second or third choice



A matter of choice

The graph plots the % who chose Hindi as one of their top three choices against the % who chose English as one of their top three choices. In general, States which chose Hindi predominantly as one of their top three choices had the least % of people choosing English



Source: Language Census 2011

* figures for Andhra Pradesh were for undivided Andhra

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FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 4, 1969

Curfew in Hyderabad, Warangal

Within 24 hours after the Army was called out to assist the civilian authorities to maintain law and order a seven-hour curfew, ending at 5 a.m. to-morrow, was clamped in Hyderabad city. A 24-hour curfew was also imposed on Warangal. The curfew in both places followed unabated violence and arson for almost the entire day to-day [June 3]. The police opened fire at 11 places in Hyderabad for the second day to-day resulting in the death of six persons and injuries to 32, as violent Telengana agitators went on a rampage. The police also fired on riotous mobs at Warangal and at Kodangal in Mahbubnagar District. Attendance in many centres was thin, and at least at one centre not a single student turned up. No examinations could be held in five centres because the examination papers did not reach them. Hyderabad City to-day witnessed large-scale arson, looting and vandalism.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 4, 1919.

Madras Fisheries.

H.E. Lord Willingdon who is in charge of Fisheries and Industries portfolios, to-day [June 3] at 'Stone House' [in Coonoor], accorded Rao Bahadur Govindan, Assistant Director of Fisheries, an interview. The latest development of the west coast fish industry is of inaugurating schools for the children of fishermen and a school for training teachers for these schools is to be opened at Calicut with Mr. G. Menon, B.A.,B.L., late of Zamorin's College as headmaster. Sir Frederick Nicholson, who originated the fisheries in 1905 and held the post of Honorary Director, has resigned. He has consented to act as Superintendent of Fisheries on the West Coast, periodically inspecting them and to advise the fishermen of the latest scientific appliances. Mr. Hornell, Marine Biologist and who was Superintendent of Shank and Pearl fisheries in Tuticorin, is now the Director on a salary of Rs. 1,200.

CONCEPTUAL

Regret theory

ECONOMICS

This refers to the theory that while making decisions under uncertainty, apart from the possible benefits of their decisions, people also take into account the likely regret that they will experience in case their decisions fail to yield the expected benefits. Further, the delayed feedback that people receive about what they should have done after failing to achieve the desired benefit can cause them to experience regret. Regret theory was first developed by British economists Graham Loomes and Robert Sugden in their 1982 paper "Regret theory: An alternative theory of rational choice under uncertainty".

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FROM PAGE ONE

9 Muslim Ministers step down in Sri Lanka

They include the resignation of Minister Rishad Bathiudeen, and Governors A.L.A.M. Hizbullah and Azath Salley, accused of having links to Easter attack suspects. The politicians have denied the allegations.

President Maithripala Sirisena's office said on Monday that he accepted the resignation letters of the two Governors, of the island's Eastern and Western Provinces.

However, the ministers who resigned will continue to support the government as backbenchers, and "help it survive", he said.

Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, executive director of the Colombo-based NGO Centre for Policy Alternatives, said Buddhist priests fasting unto death were effectively "holding the country to ransom", when "there are laws, there are due processes that should apply in these situations." Further, Monday's developments showed that an ethnic community's political representation was "holding together and willing to sacrifice a certain amount of political power", he told *The Hindu*.

'No place for unity'

If the Muslim community's political power is relegated to a secondary status in the wake of concerns around national security, he said the country might be heading for a politics that had no place for "an expression of unity in diversity."

Tamil National Alliance spokesman M.A. Sumanthiran said it was "most unfortunate that Muslim Ministers succumbed to pressure from racists." "Yesterday us, today you, tomorrow a new 'other'. We continue to stand in solidarity with Muslim people & call on all right thinking SriLankans to do the same," he tweeted.

March to Kandy

Meanwhile, thousands marched to Kandy on Monday, in support of the monk who demanded the resignation of three the prominent Muslim politicians.

Among those who visited the fasting monk was Gnanasara Thero, a fellow monk who was released from jail last month following a presidential pardon.

The controversial priest, who has been accused of instigating anti-Muslim violence in the past, has vowed to "defeat Islamist terrorism" in Sri Lanka. Both governors who resigned on Monday are President Sirisena's appointees and had earlier sought Gnanasara Thero's release.

Hours after the Muslim politicians announced their decision to resign, Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera tweeted: "Hatred is never appeased by hatred. By non-hatred alone is hatred appeased. This is a law a eternal. Today, it was left to our Muslim Ministers to exhibit this sacred teaching of Lord Buddha while impostors in robes incited hatred in his name. A shameful day for our beloved #lka

CM offers free travel to women in public transport

"This [free travel] is a subsidy that the Delhi government will be providing on its own; no clearance from the Centre is required," Mr. Kejriwal said, adding that the scheme would cost around ₹700 to ₹800 crore for the remainder of the financial year.

Nod from L-G

Multiple government sources, however, pointed out that the move would require a nod from the Lieutenant-Governor as well as the Centre which is an equal partner with the Delhi government in the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

According to Mr. Kejriwal, as many as 8 lakh women constituted the estimated daily commuter force of 25 lakh passengers on the Delhi Metro.

"This step will perhaps add an extra one lakh women passengers [or 10%] to the existing daily ridership. We hope it will also increase the participation of women in the city's workforce," he said.

Related developments

The Chief Minister also spoke of related developments such as the expected addition of 3,000 buses to the city's streets and the installation of CCTV cameras across Delhi.

Pragya's plea to waive court presence rejected

Pragya Singh Thakur

Special judge Vinod Padalkar rejected the request and directed her to be present in court this week.

Exemption granted

On May 21, the court had granted exemption to Ms. Thakur, Lt. Col. Prasad Purohit and SudhakarChaturvedi from appearing before it.

On April 23, Ms. Thakur had said the pendency of trial was no bar to contest in an election and there is no provision in the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which disqualifies candidates from contesting in an election if a criminal case is pending against them.

Future of SP-BSP alliance turns uncertain in U.P.

Ms. Mayawati asked her colleagues to prepare to contest in the byelection to the 11 seats that fell vacant after the MLAs, including nine of the BJP, got elected to the Lok Sabha.

The BSP has in the past shied away from contesting bypolls and even in 2018, the Gorakhpur, Kairana and Phulpur seats were won on SP and RLD symbols as the three parties came together to stitch together an experimental understanding which was formalised in the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

A source said it was too early to dismiss the alliance. "It is too early to say it's over unless both leaders say it publicly," said the source.

Talking to a news channel in the national capital, R.S. Kushwaha, BSP State president, said Ms. Mayawati had instructed them to "restructure the party with full force" and make the organisation strong so that "at least 50% of the people are with us."

Mr. Kushwaha contested the Lok Sabha election from Salempur but lost.

Ajit Doval reappointed NSA with Cabinet rank

As he leads strategic dialogues, the new status will facilitate the former IPS officer's interactions with foreign representatives

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NEW DELHI

The government reappointed retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Ajit Doval as National Security Adviser (NSA), according him a Cabinet rank. He becomes the first NSA to get Cabinet status in the table of precedence.

In his previous stint as an NSA, he had the stature of a Minister of State (MoS).

According to one official, the decision was taken since Mr. Doval leads strategic dialogues with many countries and a Cabinet rank would facilitate his interactions with the most senior officials. "A case in point is China, where there has been a mismatch between him and the Special Representative for boundary talks, who is normally a State councillor of Cabinet rank. China had raised discomfort about the mismatch," the official said.

According to another official, the need to bestow a Cabinet rank on Mr. Doval was felt in the wake of the appointment of former Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar as the External Affairs Minister last week.

In the past, the two have differed on various issues pertaining to foreign policy.

Strategic post: Ajit Doval. ▪ PTI

The other civil servants in the present Cabinet like Hardeep Puri, Arjun Ram Meghwal, and R.K Singh have an MoS rank.

"His [Doval's] appointment will be co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier," said an order issued on June 2 by P.K Tripathi, Secretary, Appointments Committee of Cabinet.

Mr. Jaishankar, a 1977 batch IFS officer, was appointed as Foreign Secretary in January 2015 after a stint in Washington DC as India's envoy. He retired in January 2018.

Visa debate

In 2016, after Chinese dissident Dolkun Isa was granted a visa (later cancelled) to attend a conference in Dharamsala, Mr. Jaishankar shot off a terse letter to the Home Ministry and Mr. Doval asking them to consult the Foreign Ministry on such matters to "better manage the political and media fallout from such decisions."

A 1968-batch IPS officer who retired as Director, Intelligence Bureau in 2005, Mr. Doval's appointment is the first key posting announced by the Narendra Modi government after assuming office for a second term on May 30.

The NSA's post was first created in 1998 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister.

Law Ministry is not a post office, says Prasad

Minister says he is set to play the role of a stakeholder in fast-tracking judicial appointments

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, who took charge as Law Minister on Monday, said his Ministry would fast-track judicial appointments but asserted that it would not act as a post office.

"We will try to fast-track judicial appointments, obviously with the consultation of the Honourable Supreme Court. We will work as a team. But I would like to say with great humility that as Law Minister, I will not be a post office. The Law Minister and the Law Ministry have a role as a stakeholder, obviously giving due respect to the collegium system," Mr. Prasad told reporters after taking charge.

"But as Law Minister, neither me nor my department will remain a post office. We have a stake and we will continue to pursue that stake in consultation with the Honourable Supreme Court and Honourable High Courts."

Balancing act: Ravi Shankar Prasad taking charge. ▪ PTI

Mr. Prasad's comments are significant as the government had, as recently as last month, returned recommendations made by the Supreme Court collegium – made up of the five senior-most judges – regarding the elevation of Justice Aniruddha Bose, who was the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jharkhand, and Justice A.S. Bopanna, who was heading the Gauhati High Court. The collegium, however, reiterated its recommendation and elevated them.

Since 2014, the government and the Supreme Court collegium have had opposing views with regard to certain appointments.

From objecting to the elevation of senior advocate Gopal Subramanian as a Supreme Court judge in June 2014 to opposing the elevation of former Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court K.M. Joseph to the apex court in April 2018, there have been several instances of the government and the collegium taking different viewpoints.

On the contentious issue of the memorandum of procedure (MOP) regarding the appointment of judges, Mr. Prasad said, "We will work it out."

All India service

Mr. Prasad also said his Ministry would soon take up the issue of creating an All India Judicial Service and discuss the matter with the judiciary and the State governments. The sanctioned strength of the judicial officers in the district and subordinate courts is 22,644 but there are nearly 5,000 vacancies.

The process of selection and appointments in the subordinate courts is the responsibility of the High Courts and the State governments but the Centre has suggested the creation of a pan-India judicial service that doesn't encroach upon the States' powers.

"We want good people into the judicial services and the selection should be merit based. There should be an intake of the best talent," he said.

Providing easy access to legal services for the common people, creation of better legal infrastructure and making India an arbitration hub were among the other priorities listed by the Minister. Mr. Prasad, who made his Lok Sabha debut by defeating Congress' Shatrughan Sinha, also reached out to the lawyer community by assuring that his Ministry would improve the working conditions of the lawyers, providing medical insurance and improving facilities for those who work in remote areas.

'Triple talaq Bill will be brought again'

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NEW DELHI

The government will bring the Bill to ban the practice of instant triple talaq once again in Parliament, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Monday.

"Obviously," he responded to a question on the Bill. [The issue of] Triple talaq is part of our [BJP] manifesto. Why not?"

The contentious Bill had lapsed as it could not be passed by Parliament and was pending in the Rajya Sabha. Bills that are introduced in the Rajya Sabha and are pending there do not lapse with the dissolution of the Lok Sabha. But Bills passed by the Lok Sabha and pending in the Rajya Sabha lapse.

The Opposition had been opposing provisions of the Bill in the Rajya Sabha, where the government lacked the numbers to ensure its passage.

Athawale takes charge as MoS Social Justice

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Ramdas Athawale, the chief of the Republican Party of India (A), a BJP ally, assumed charge as Minister of State in the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry for a second time on Monday.

Mr. Athawale is a Rajya Sabha MP. The Minister for Social Justice, Thawarchand Gehlot, will officially take charge of his office on Tuesday, the Ministry said.

Irani assures focus on children's issues, women's empowerment

Minister meets senior officials to review key issues

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani on Monday asserted that she would focus on prioritising policies that would give a better future for the country's children even as the government ensured that women 's contributions were increasingly harnessed for the nation's development.

At the helm: Smriti Irani is greeted as she takes charge as Minister of Women and Child Development on Monday. ▪ PTI

"We will continue to fulfil our commitment towards empowering women and creating a better tomorrow for our children," tweeted Ms. Irani, who has also retained the Textiles portfolio from the previous government.

Ms. Irani, who took charge of her new Ministry met senior officials, who briefed her on the key issues that needed to be addressed expeditiously. She will have her task cut out as the Supreme Court last year asked the Centre to prepare a Child Protection Policy in the aftermath of the Muzaffarpur and Deoria shelter home abuse cases. The Ministry had prepared a draft policy and sought comments from stakeholders in January. This would now have to be circulated for inter-ministerial consultations.

Focus is on Ayushman Bharat: Health Minister

Harsh Vardhan cycles to work

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Health Ministry will focus on strengthening preventive strategies so that people adopt a healthy lifestyle, said Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, who took charge on Monday and cycled to his office.

Harsh Vardhan

The Minister added that maintaining good health is as much the responsibility of an individual as it is the government's duty.

"Everyone has to ensure that they undertake some form of physical activity each day and follow a disciplined lifestyle, which is supplemented by the intake of balanced food," he said.

Speaking about the Central government's flagship insurance policy Ayushman Bharat, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said: "We will consider easier accessibility, and expanding eligibility criteria, to include those poor and vulnerable people who have been left out from the current PMJAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) list. Also, efforts are being made for empanelling more private hospitals."

Akhilesh urges BJP govt. to act on murders of SP leaders

Warns U.P. administration against underestimating his party

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday hit out at the State government of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over a spate of murders of SP workers in the wake of the election results.

Warning the BJP government of his party's capacity to mobilise "*junta ki takat* (people's power)", Mr. Yadav asserted that the administration would be sorely mistaken if it believed that the party would back away from the path of "*sangharsh* (struggle)".

Mr. Yadav made his combative remarks at a thanksgiving rally in Azamgarh, where he convincingly defeated the BJP's Dinesh Lal Yadav alias Nirhua, a Bhojpuri film star, in the Lok Sabha polls.

The week after the Lok Sabha results were declared saw a spate of "political murders", the SP alleged. SP leaders have been murdered in Jaunpur, Ghazipur and Greater Noida, while a BSP leader and his relative were killed in Bijnore and a pradhan close to BJP MP Smriti Irani was murdered in Amethi after her victory.

"One BJP leader goes to Amethi [Ms. Irani] and says her worker is killed," said the SP president. "Police rush to grab the culprits. Later we come to know that it was a BJP worker who committed the murder," asserted Mr. Yadav.

He continued: "So many Samajwadis lost their lives. When will the police, administration and the government wake up ?"

'Teach a lesson'

Mr. Yadav also said that those who committed "injustice" and "betrayal" would face a lesson in future, adding that "everything will change with the instructions of the same government" and with time, hinting at action if and when the SP returned to power.

"I am not saying this because we lost [the polls] but we need to teach a lesson to those who did injustice. There is no other way in politics," said a bristling Mr. Yadav. On Tuesday, Mr. Yadav is set to visit the family of zila panchayat member Vijay Yadav, who was shot dead in Ghazipur a day after the poll results were declared.

Justice Patnaik seeks information on CJI case

Allegations of conspiracy being probed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Former Supreme Court judge A. K. Patnaik on Monday said he would call for more information from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Intelligence Bureau (IB), and the Delhi police, to find the truth behind the allegations of a "larger conspiracy" to frame the Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

Justice Patnaik was appointed by the Supreme Court to hold an inquiry into the sensational allegations, including the fixing of Benches, after a lawyer claimed that a larger conspiracy was at work in the apex court. Utsav Singh Bains had made the allegations when the apex court was hearing the sexual harassment charges against the CJI, in which the three-member in-house inquiry committee did not find any substance.

When contacted, Justice Patnaik told the PTI over phone from Cuttack, Odisha, that the inquiry is likely to take some more time.

While ruling out the possibility of submitting the report by July, the retired Supreme court judge said he had gone through the documents already supplied to him, but to find clues, he needed more documents.

Justice Patnaik said he was on vacation at his home town and would recommence the work of inquiry on returning to Delhi in July.

"I will have to call for some more material from all the three – CBI, IB and Delhi Police Commissioner – as, after going through the material received by them, I think some more material is required," he said.

'Regional language is first priority'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday came out in support of the political parties in Tamil Nadu against the imposition of the three-language policy as suggested in the draft of the National Education Policy.

"Every State has a character and a language. Regional language should be the first priority and I fully support regional languages. Bengali is my mother tongue and I love it," she told journalists.

"You [Centre] must understand that you cannot interfere in everything."

IN BRIEF

Romila Thapar elected to U.S. philosophical society

NEW DELHI

Eminent historian and writer Romila Thapar has been elected as a member of the American Philosophical Society (APS), the oldest learned society in the United States. Dr. Thapar, a Professor emerita of history at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi, was among the 1,013 members elected to the society at its spring 2019 meeting, a May 17 post on the society's website said.

Militant, civilian killed in Shopian encounter

SRINAGAR

A militant and a civilian, whom the police described as the slain militant's 'associate', were killed in a pre-dawn exchange of fire with security forces in south Kashmir's Shopian, taking the toll of militants killed this year over 100. A police spokesman said the two were killed in a brief shoot out. The deceased were identified as Firdous Ahmad Bhat, a "listed militant", and Sajad Ahmad, both residents of Kulgam. "One militant, taking advantage of darkness, managed to flee," the official added.

Intruder's body handed over to Pakistan

JAMMU

The body of an intruder which was found on the Indian side of the Indo-Pak. border in the Pargwal-Khour sector of the district was handed over to Pakistani rangers at a border post. The BSF found the body while patrolling Bhag Nallah late on Saturday night. Two pension passbooks and Pakistani currency worth ₹20 was found on the body. It was taken to the Pargwal police post and later shifted to GMC Hospital for post-mortem. PTI

Warm exchange: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh sharing snacks with jawans posted in the Siachen glacier on Monday. ▪ PTI

Will fulfil your requirements, Rajnath tells jawans in Siachen

'Proud of all personnel who are leaving no stone unturned to defend motherland'

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday arrived in Kashmir to assess the situation on the borders and hinterland in the State and also visited a forward post at the highest military installation in Siachen glacier, located at a height of 5,400 m, in Ladakh.

It was Mr. Singh's first visit to Jammu & Kashmir as Defence Minister.

"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," said Mr. Singh.

He was accompanied by Army chief General Bipin Rawat.

Mr. Singh made an aerial reconnaissance of Siachen to get acquainted with the expanse of the formidable frozen frontier and landed at one of the forward posts there, said an official.

He praised the Army for its "unstinting commitment to face extreme harsh weather and highly treacherous terrain for maintaining the sanctity of our borders."

Describing Siachen as the world's most inhospitable location, the Minister said the government would fulfil all the requirements for jawans posted at the glacier.

Briefed about operations

The Defence Minister also laid a wreath at the 'Siachen War Memorial' in memory of the soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Sources said the Army's top brass briefed the Minister about the border situation in Kashmir and Jammu regions. Mr. Singh was also apprised about the operations being carried out in the hinterland in the Valley and successes achieved this year.

India slams OIC for naming Special Envoy on Kashmir

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India on Monday slammed the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation after it announced a Special Envoy for Jammu and Kashmir.

The Ministry of External Affairs said that the organisation had no right to interfere in India's internal affairs.

"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, Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019," said an MEA spokesperson in response after the OIC appointed Yousef Aldobeah of Saudi Arabia as the Special Envoy.

'Forged signatures used in case against Kargil veteran'

Three witnesses file case against Assam border policeman

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Three people have filed cases against an Assam border police inquiry officer, who had used their signatures as witnesses in the case that eventually made ex-serviceman and Kargil war veteran Mohammed Sanaullah a foreigner.

The border police, unique to Assam, is tasked with detecting, detaining and deporting foreigners or illegal immigrants.

Mohammed Sanaullah

Mohammed Kurban Ali, Mohammed Sobhan Ali and Ajmal Ali – all from areas near Boko, a small town 60 km west of Guwahati – on Sunday filed the cases against sub-inspector Chandramal Das at the Boko police station claiming that he had never met them.

Now retired, Mr. Das was the border police inquiry officer who allegedly recorded the trio's statements in the case against Mr. Sanaullah in 2008.

The case was referred to a Foreigners' Tribunal (FT) that declared him a foreigner on May 23.

Mr. Kubran Ali of Koloikash village – same as Mr. Sanaullah's – said he had never given any statement or his signature though his name is mentioned in FT case number 1978/16 against the former soldier.

The other two also claimed that their signatures were forged and sought action against Mr. Das in their FIRs.

"I am handling the case involving the FIRs against the former soldier," Jogendra Barman, officer in charge of the Boko police station said.

The three witnesses and members of Mr. Sanaullah's family said the border police have been targeting genuine Indian citizens from minority groups in the name of detecting foreigners and doubtful voters.

Meanwhile, officials handling cases of people with alleged doubtful citizenship said mismatch in several documents that Mr. Sanaullah submitted to the FT went against him.

'Wrong' woman languishing in detention camp for three years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

An alleged blunder by Assam's border police has caused a woman named Madhubala to spend more than three years in a detention camp for foreigners, in place of the Madhumala who should have been put away.

Madhubala Mandal, 59, has been languishing in the Kokrajhar detention centre in western Assam since the police picked her up in 2016 on charges of being a foreigner.

People of her village – No. 1 Bishnupur in Chirang district – said she was suffering because the police had erred in not picking up fellow villager Madhumala Das, whom they had come for.

The Foreigners' Tribunal (FT) concerned had on March 5, 2016 issued a notice to Ms. Madhumala, wife of Makhan Nomo Das, on the basis of a report of the border police that had doubted her citizenship in August 2008.

She was asked to appear before the FT on April 4 that year and prove her citizenship with documentary evidence.

But the police picked up Madhubala Mandal a few days later.

"We have taken up the case afresh after changing the lawyer who did nothing to save Madhubala. Besides, her husband is not alive and their hearing and speech-impaired daughter did not have the resources to pursue the case," Ajoy Roy, working president of political party Bharatiya Gana Parishad, told *The Hindu* from Bijni town in Chirang district.

'UdChalo' to give a new lease of life to wounded soldiers

Initiative to be launched at Army rehabilitation centre today

VIKAS VASUDEVA
MOHALI

In a bid to make wounded soldiers, who are now confined to wheelchairs, self-reliant, an initiative 'UdChalo' is all set to take off at the Army's Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre (PRC) in Punjab's Mohali.

'UdChalo' is a travel portal, that caters for the personal travel of the military and paramilitary forces personnel by aggregating defence fares and getting exclusive discounts. The PRC has joined hands with UdChalo with an aim to empower the disabled military veterans.

"Eight of our residents have started working with UdChalo after the requisite training. They will work in shifts for two hours a day and will be paid ₹5,000 a month. The initiative will be formally inaugurated by Lt. Gen. P.M. Bali AVSM VSM, the Chief of Staff of Western Command, on June 4," said Col. (retd.) G.S. Chadda, director of the institute.

> **We try to make these soldiers self-reliant so that they can take care of themselves**
>
> COL. (RETD.) G.S. CHADDA
> Director, PRC

Institutionalised care

Col. Chadda said paraplegic and quadraplegic veterans have found a purpose in life through 'UdChalo', when they interact with fellow soldiers and resolve their concerns.

"It is a life re-lived. The initiative is unique and has given a new lease of life of these soldiers who are now confined to wheelchairs," he said. PRC provides institutionalised care to soldiers, who are wounded in military or insurgency operations and can't adequately provide for themselves the constant medical care associated with quadriplegia and paraplegia. Currently, PRC has 31 ex-servicemen from across the country.

Col. (retd) Chadda, said: "We give them vocational training so that after leaving the institute they can earn their livelihood. We need to understand that they have to bear the expense of their wheelchairs, which have a life of around seven years. They need a customised ergonomically designed house where they can access their belongings, etc. For all this, one needs financial independence."

EC reviews Lok Sabha poll learning

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Monday held a meeting with the Chief Electoral Officers (CEO) of all States and Union Territories to deliberate on the learning from the recently concluded Lok Sabha poll.

The Commission has set up nine working groups of CEOs and Commission officials, covering various facets of the election process. They include the electoral roll, the model code of conduct (MCC), voting processes and inventory management, IT applications, expenditure management and electoral reforms, among other issues.

The groups will deliberate on specific subjects and submit recommendations by August. The CEOs will also share their experience in their respective States.

Iftar adds spice to Bihar politics

While BJP, JD(U) skip each other's events, Nitish attends one by rival Jitan Manjhi

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

A day after the ruling NDA alliance partners in Bihar – Janata Dal (U) and Bharatiya Janata Party – skipped each other's *Iftar* in Patna, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday travelled an extra mile to attend arch-rival and Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) leader Jitan Ram Manjhi's *Iftar* at his residence.

The meeting in the backdrop of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)'s offer to Mr. Kumar to join the *mahagathbandhan*, fuelled speculation of new political equations in the State. Assembly elections are due in the State next year.

Earlier on Sunday, Mr. Manjhi attended the JD(U)'s *Iftar* at Haj Bhavan in Patna.

Senior RJD leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh on Monday called on all non-BJP parties to join the *mahagathbandhan* to defeat the BJP. "In present scenario all non-BJP parties should come in and join *mahagathbandhan* to defeat BJP," Mr. Singh told journalists.

Breaking bread: Bihar CM Nitish Kumar at an *Iftar* hosted by Jitan Ram Manjhi in Patna on Monday. ▪ RANJEET KUMAR

When asked whether that included Mr. Kumar, he said, "Everyone should come in."

The RJD's *Iftar* on Sunday, hosted by party patriarch Lalu Prasad's wife Rabri Devi was attended by leaders of alliance partners like Madan Mohan Jha of the Congress, Jitan Ram Manjhi and others. The carefully watched *Iftar* protocol also sparked off a war of words between political rivals.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi of the BJP said, "No political meaning should be attached to a leader's presence or absence from an *Iftar* as it is a religious function."

JD(U) spokesperson Ajay Alok said, "Why there is so much of talk when just one *mahagathbandhan* leader Jitan Ram Manjhi shook hands with the Chief Minister? A day will come when no one would be left in the *mahagathbandhan*."

Responding to the jibe, State Congress leader Prem Chandra Mishra said, "What will happen even if Jitan Ram Manjhi goes to Nitish Kumar again?"

Senior RJD leader Shivanand Tiwari said, "How can anyone restrict any leader to be an alliance partner... everyone is free to go anywhere."

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Protests, tanks and official silence

Tuesday marks the 30th anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown in Beijing when Chinese troops fired on peaceful protesters, drawing global condemnation

Political unrest

April 17, 1989: Thousands of people gather at Tiananmen Square to mourn the death of Hu Yaobang, above in picture, a leading reformist and anti-graft campaigner

April 27: Up to 1,00,000 students march to Tiananmen Square, breaking through police lines

May 15: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrives on state visit. Protesting students force embarrassing cancellation of government welcome at Tiananmen Square

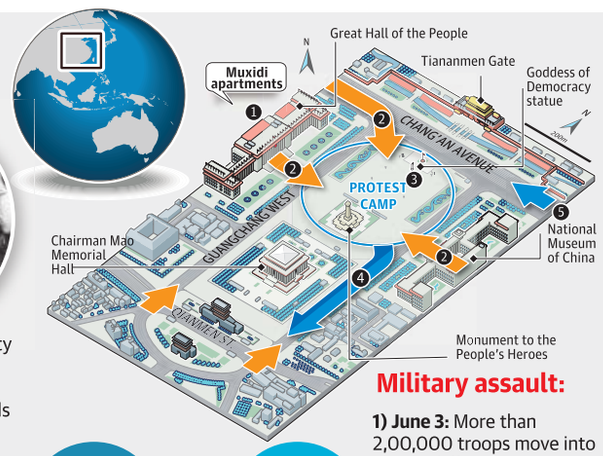
May 19: Communist Party Secretary General Zhao Ziyang, above, defends student protests - pleads in vain against using police force

May 20: Deng Xiaoping imposes martial law. Tens of thousands of students set up barricades and stop advancing convoys

May 24: Authorities order Army to withdraw

May 29-30: A 'Goddess of Democracy' statue is erected, facing the portrait of Mao Zedong

June 2: 10,000 troops move covertly into the Great Hall of the People and buildings behind museum



Death toll

Official	Chinese Red Cross
200-300 deaths	2,600 deaths

Military assault:

1) June 3: More than 2,00,000 troops move into Beijing, killing 36 protesters near Muxidi apartments

2) June 4, 1.30 a.m.: Army units enter Tiananmen Square

3) 4.00 a.m.: 'Goddess of Democracy' statue is toppled

4) 4.30 a.m.: Students retreat - armoured personnel carriers open fire, run down and crush protesters

5) June 5: A lone protester, later called 'tank man', below, defiantly steps in front of tanks on Chang'an Avenue

> As a vaccination for the Chinese society, the Tiananmen incident will greatly increase China's immunity against any major political turmoil in the future
>
> PEOPLE'S DAILY, COMMUNIST PARTY MOUTHPIECE

Source: Graphic News, AFP

After insulting London Mayor, Trump meets Queen Elizabeth

Calls Sadiq Khan a 'stone cold loser'; Khan's spokesman terms the remark 'childish'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump met Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on Monday after he kicked off his state visit to Britain by branding the London Mayor a "loser" and weighing in on the Brexit debate.

With the sound of a 41-gun royal salute ringing across the lawn from nearby Green Park, the Queen welcomed Mr. Trump and his wife Melania before they were treated to a military guard of honour.

A royal welcome: U.S. President Donald Trump with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on Monday. ▪ AFP

Private lunch

The monarch later hosted a private lunch for the couple and showed them the royal art collection, ahead of a glittering state banquet in the evening.

But the day began with controversy as, even before his plane touched down, the President lambasted London Mayor Sadiq Khan, who has been highly critical of the red carpet welcome. Mr. Trump called the Mayor a "stone cold loser", adding: "Khan reminds me very much of our very dumb and incompetent Mayor of NYC, (Bill) de Blasio, who has also done a terrible job – only half his height".

"In any event, I look forward to being a great friend to the United Kingdom."

Mr. Trump's three-day visit comes at a difficult time for Britain, with Prime Minister Theresa May due to step down within weeks over her handling of her country's exit from the EU.

Support for Boris

Mr. Trump weighed in on the divisive issue at the weekend, declaring that former Foreign Minister Boris Johnson would make an "excellent" new Premier. In a round of British newspaper interviews, he also recommended Ms. May's successor walk away from talks with Brussels, refuse to pay Britain's agreed divorce Bill and leave the EU with no deal.

The U.K.-U.S. 'special relationship' is already under strain over different approaches to Iran, the use of Chinese technology in 5G networks, climate change, and Mr. Trump's personal politics. Labour's Mr. Khan has led opposition to Mr. Trump's trip, writing a newspaper article on Sunday in which he compared the U.S. leader to European dictators from the 1930s and 1940s. "Donald Trump is just one of the most egregious examples of a growing global threat," he wrote.

Mr. Khan's spokesman called Mr. Trump's tweets "childish" and "beneath the President of the U.S."

China warns students of 'risks' of studying in U.S.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

China on Monday warned students and academics on the "risk" of studying in the U.S., citing an uptick in visa denials and delays amid a trade war and other tensions with Washington. The warning comes as negotiations to resolve the trade spat have stalled.

In recent months, U.S. officials and lawmakers have voiced concerns that Chinese students and academics could be used for espionage purposes by the Communist government.

The Chinese Education Ministry, in a statement, said students applying to U.S. universities should brace themselves for visa troubles and "strengthen risk assessment... and make relevant preparations".

Chinese students and academics have recently experienced visa restrictions, delays in obtaining them, and visas with shorter duration, according to the Ministry.

13 killed as Sudan military breaks up sit-in

Heavily armed security force personnel deployed around the capital

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KHARTOUM

Sudan's military rulers forcefully broke up a weeks-long sit-in outside Khartoum's Army headquarters on Monday leaving at least 13 dead, a doctors' committee said as gunfire echoed from the site.

Heavily armed security forces in pick-up trucks mounted with machine guns were deployed in large numbers all around the capital.

The Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors, which is close to the protesters, updated the death toll "raising the number of martyrs to 13" in a Facebook statement.

Violent interruption: A protester in front of burning tyres near Khartoum's Army headquarters on Monday. ▪ AP

"The Rapid Support Forces and the army and police and militia battalions dispersed the peaceful sit-in," the Alliance for Freedom and Change, the protesters' umbrella group, said. The Sudanese Professionals Association, which spearheaded the protests that started in December, said it amounted to a "bloody massacre".

Talks between protest leaders and the ruling military council have broken down, as the two sides have failed to agree on whether a planned transitional body would be headed by a civilian or a military figure.

Swedish court rejects request to detain Assange

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
UPPSALA

A Swedish court on Monday rejected a request to detain whistleblower Julian Assange over a 2010 rape case, complicating the prosecutor's efforts to request his transfer from Britain.

The court said it shared the prosecutor's opinion that Mr. Assange was suspected of rape and "that there is a risk that [he] will fail to appear or in some other way avoid participation in the investigation".

But it ruled in favour of Mr. Assange's lawyer and said a detention order was not "proportionate," given that he is imprisoned in Britain and the prosecution could therefore proceed with the investigation in other ways.

Swedish deputy director of public prosecutions Eva-Marie Persson had asked the court to order Mr. Assange's detention in his absence, a standard part of Swedish legal procedure if a suspect is outside the country.

ELSEWHERE

'Palestinians not ready yet to govern themselves'

JERUSALEM

U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner has suggested that the Palestinians are not ready to govern themselves ahead of the expected release of his peace plan. "The hope is, is that over time, they can become capable of governing," he said. AFP

Death sentence for two more French IS suspects

BAGHDAD

A Iraqi court on Monday sentenced to death two more French nationals for joining the Islamic State (IS) group, leaving all 11 Frenchmen transferred from Syria facing the gallows. Bilel Kabaoui and Mourad Delhomme join nine other French citizens and a Tunisian national already on death row after trials over the past week. AFP

North Korea's former nuclear envoy Kim Yong-chol reappears

There were reports that he was sent to a labour camp

REUTERS
SEOUL

North Korea's former top nuclear envoy Kim Yong-chol accompanied leader Kim Jong-un to an art performance, state news agency KCNA said on Monday, signalling that the former spymaster is alive and remains a force in the power structure.

Sunday's appearance followed conflicting reports of shake-ups in the team that led engagement with the U.S. last year, only for nuclear talks to collapse after Mr. Kim and President Donald Trump failed to strike a pact at a February summit.

Art performance

KCNA named Mr. Kim Yong-chol as the 10th person among a group of 12 "leading officials" who accompanied Mr. Kim and his wife, Ri Sol-ju, to an amateur art performance by wives of officers in the North Korean Army on Sunday.

On Friday, South Korean newspaper *Chosun Ilbo* had said Mr. Kim Yong-chol, the leader's right-hand man and a counterpart of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo before the failed summit, had been sent to a labour camp, citing an unidentified North Korean source.

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un with envoy Kim Yong-chol. ▪ REUTERS

Asked on Sunday about the last U.S. contact with Mr. Kim Yong-chol and North Korea in general, Mr. Pompeo declined to answer, saying: "We conduct our negotiations in private."

Asked about reports of a "shake-up" of North Korea's negotiating team in a May 5 interview with ABC News, Mr. Pompeo said it did appear that his future counterpart would be somebody else, adding "But we don't know that for sure."

He said: "Just as President Trump gets to decide who his negotiators will be, Chairman Kim will get to make his own decisions who he asks to have these discussions."

As Mr. Kim's point man for the nuclear talks, Mr. Kim Yong-chol was stripped of a key party post in apparent censure for the summit's collapse, a South Korean lawmaker said in April.

In April, an official photograph from a session of North Korea's legislature showed Mr. Kim Yong-chol standing behind Mr. Kim, but he did not accompany Mr. Kim on his summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin later that month.

Rouhani rules out talks till U.S. acts 'normal'

'The enemy should realise its mistake'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

Iran's President on Monday ruled out negotiations with Washington until it acts "normal", after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the U.S. is ready to talk to Tehran without preconditions.

"The party that has left the negotiating table, the party that has trampled the pact must return to a normal" behaviour, Hassan Rouhani said. "If the enemy truly realises that the path it took was wrong, that will be the day to sit at the negotiation table and fix any issue," he added.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. ▪ REUTERS

On Saturday, Mr. Rouhani had insisted that Iran would not be "bullied" into talks with the United States, saying "total respect" was needed for negotiations to take place.

Divers pull out body from Hungary river

It could be of a boat crash victim

REUTERS
BUDAPEST

A body was pulled from the Danube more than 100 km downstream from Budapest, officials said on Monday, the first apparent victim recovered since the night of a boat crash.

South Korean and Hungarian divers prepared on Monday for an attempt to recover bodies from the wreck of *The Mermaid*, which sank on Wednesday carrying 33 South Korean tourists and two Hungarian crew.

The Mermaid capsized after being struck from behind by a large cruise liner near a bridge. The bodies of seven South Koreans were recovered on the night of the disaster and seven were rescued alive. Nineteen other Korean passengers and the two crew members have been missing since the accident and presumed dead.

"One body, looks like Korean, already found 100 km from here," the South Korean Embassy's Defence Attache Shun-Keun-song said. Hungarian Police spokesman Kristof Gal said authorities were still trying to identify the body and could not yet confirm that it was from *The Mermaid*.

MARKET WATCH

	03-06-2019	% CHANGE
Sensex	40,268	1.39
US Dollar	69.26	0.63
Gold	33,195	0.22
Brent oil	61.42	-5.20

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	424.75	8.35
Asian Paints	1459.25	51.95
Axis Bank	812.65	4.35
Bajaj Auto	3034.60	108.70
Bajaj Finserv	8348.10	160.15
Bajaj Finance	3511.05	43.95
Bharti Airtel	352.75	3.95
BPCL	417.10	7.75
Britannia Ind	2970.20	48.25
Cipla	568.25	9.40
Coal India	260.90	7.40
Dr Reddys Lab	2724.10	45.75
Eicher Motors	19948.15	0.40
GAIL (India)	357.45	-3.55
Grasim Ind	895.05	8.95
HCL Tech	1115.20	22.65
HDFC	2230.45	47.80
HDFC Bank	2457.10	31.75
Hero MotoCorp	2840.25	160.00
Hindalco	199.40	2.40
Hind Unilever	1839.70	51.20
Indiabulls HFL	810.85	24.30
ICICI Bank	422.90	-0.80
IndusInd Bank	1662.65	57.30
Bharti Infratel	268.75	-0.25
Infosys	744.65	6.90
Indian OilCorp	169.70	4.15
ITC	278.55	0.00
JSW Steel	274.55	2.85
Kotak Bank	1531.25	9.10
L&T	1559.40	1.85
M&M	653.40	6.35
Maruti Suzuki	7022.90	153.05
NTPC	133.10	-0.15
ONGC	172.15	0.20
PowerGrid Corp	193.05	3.75
Reliance Ind	1360.20	30.05
State Bank	355.45	2.95
Sun Pharma	416.80	6.95
Tata Motors	174.50	1.90
Tata Steel	497.65	9.35
TCS	2242.30	45.75
Tech Mahindra	757.60	-2.75
Titan	1266.25	30.50
UltraTech Cement	4762.30	2.20
UPL	1007.10	8.15
Vedanta	164.20	3.65
Wipro	291.30	4.90
YES Bank	149.45	1.65
Zee Entertainment	359.55	2.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	69.06	69.38
Euro	77.22	77.58
British Pound	87.13	87.53
Japanese Yen (100)	63.74	64.04
Chinese Yuan	10.00	10.05
Swiss Franc	69.17	69.49
Singapore Dollar	50.38	50.62
Canadian Dollar	51.15	51.39
Malaysian Ringitt	16.50	16.60

Source:Indian Bank

BULLION RATES CHENNAI

June 03 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses

Retail Silver (1g)	39.4	(39.2)
22 ct gold (1 g)	3076	(3031)

RBI rate cut hopes push Sensex to a new high above 40,000

Central bank has slashed repo rate by 25 basis points each on last two occasions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The benchmark Sensex closed above the 40,000-mark for the first time ever on Monday as investors bought shares anticipating a rate cut on Thursday on the back of weak growth data.

The 30-share Sensex gained 553.42 points or 1.39% to close at a record 40,267.62. The broader Nifty closed above the 12,000-mark at 12,088.55, up 165.75 points or 1.39%.

"Market has hit new all-time high on expectation that the Reserve Bank of India, in the forthcoming monetary policy on June 6, might cut rate by 50 basis points," said Naveen Kulkarni, Head - Research, Reliance Securities.

Markets were buoyed by the falling crude oil prices and FPI inflows, says Deepak Jasani of HDFC Securities. ▪ REUTERS

Last week, government data showed that the gross domestic product grew at 5.8% in the January-March 2019 quarter, dragging down the full-year growth to a five-year low of 6.8%.

If the central bank on Thursday cuts key rates, it would be the third such straight cut in a row. The two earlier reviews saw RBI cutting the repo rate by 25 basis points on each occasion.

Incidentally, the gains in the Indian market on Monday came amid a weak trend in most other markets, weighed in by the impact of the ongoing trade tensions between the U.S. and China.

"Indian markets went against the trend seen in most other markets," said Deepak Jasani, Head - Retail Research, HDFC Securities. "Indian markets were buoyed by the falling crude oil prices and the inflows from FPIs, while traders kept building positions ahead of the RBI's policy meet and next month's Budget."

HDFC MF trustees face SEBI adjudication proceedings

Fund house invested in debt instruments of Essel Group

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has initiated adjudication proceedings against the trustees of HDFC Mutual Fund for the fund house's investments in the debt instruments of Essel Group.

The fund house, in a statement to the stock exchanges on Monday, said the trustees received two show cause notices from the capital markets regulator on May 31. Incidentally, this is not the first time that the asset management company has received a show cause notice from the SEBI in the matter of investments in Essel Group.

On May 10, it had received two show cause notices in the matter.

"... SEBI has issued 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, Milind Barve and few other officials of the company on May 31, 2019..." the asset management company said in a statement issued to the stock exchanges on Monday.

We are working with our legal advisers and are in the process of responding to the said adjudication notice, added the statement.

Fund houses, which have an exposure towards the troubled Essel Group, have decided to give the corporate entity time until September to meet its payment obligations after it said that it was facing liquidity issues.

In April, HDFC MF said that the decision of giving Essel Group promoters more time to complete the strategic sale process was taken in the best interest of investors, who could stand a good chance of higher or complete recovery against the debt exposure.

Manufacturing sector PMI gains in May

Output increased amid good demand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The country's manufacturing sector performance gained momentum in May as companies lifted output amid strengthening demand conditions, leading to further job creation in the sector, a monthly survey said on Monday.

The Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, improved to 52.7 in May from 51.8 in April, pointing to 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 denotes 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. The upbeat mood among goods producers, coupled with a solid increase in new work, underpinned further job creation in the sector. "Employment has risen in each month since April 2018," the survey noted.

Nilekani panel suggests 24x7 RTGS, NEFT, elimination of all charges

Also moots duty-free import of point-of-sales machines

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

To encourage digital payments, the Nandan Nilekani committee has suggested a host of measures, including elimination of charges, round-the-clock RTGS and NEFT facility, and duty-free import of point-of-sales machines.

The committee, which was appointed by the RBI, had submitted its suggestions on promoting digital payments to Governor Shaktikanta Das last month.

Among other things, the panel has suggested that there should be no convenience fee on payments made to government agencies by customers and recommended that payment systems use machine-driven, online dispute resolution systems to handle complaints. "The committee recommends that the RBI and the government put in place an appropriate mechanism to monitor the digital payment systems and make aggregated information based on blocks, and PIN code, available to all players on a monthly basis, so that they can make the necessary adjustments," said the report released by the RBI.

Nandan Nilekani

Larger balances

Keeping in mind that digital transactions result in larger balances with the bank, the panel felt customers must be allowed to initiate and accept a reasonable number of digital payment transactions with no charges.

Bond yields below 7% for first time since Nov. 2017

'Growth to stay weak in next quarter'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Amid expectations of yet another interest rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India later this week, yield on the 10-year benchmark bond fell below 7% for the first time since November 2017.

The government bond yield ended at 6.99% on Monday, against the previous close of 7.03% on Friday.

The RBI reduced the interest rate twice in its last two policy meetings in February and April, by 25 bps each, to address the sluggish economic growth.

The market is expecting stimulus to boost the economy amid a five-year low GDP growth and 45-year high unemployment rate.

"Growth is likely to remain weak in the next quarter, before improving in 2H2019; the RBI is expected to cut rates by 25 bps at the upcoming June meeting," said Pranjul Bhandari, chief economist, HSBC India, in a note.

The six-member monetary policy committee of the RBI will announce its decision on interest rate on Thursday.

Expectation of a rate cut for the third consecutive policy meeting of RBI also helped the rupee appreciate 0.6% against the dollar, apart from rally in the equity markets.

U.S. start-ups concerned over immigration curbs

Community fears Trump administration's protectionist stance may affect innovation in their sectors

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN
WASHINGTON, DC

The start-up community in the U.S. is concerned about the increasingly protectionist stance taken by the Trump administration on immigration, saying that this would detrimentally affect innovation in their sectors.

U.S. President Donald Trump recently unveiled a new merit-based immigration system that "protects American wages and safety net programs", which will see the emphasis on highly-skilled immigrants allowed to enter the U.S. increase from the current 12% to 57%. In other words, those not meeting that 'highly-skilled' mark will find it much harder to move to the U.S.

Apart from this, last year, the Department of Homeland Security proposed a regulation that sought to scrap the International Entrepreneur Rule, an Obama-era programme that made it easy for entrepreneurs to do business and grow in the U.S. This move, coupled with the Trump administration's clamping down on H1-B visas, has meant that an increasing number of potential tech immigrants are looking at other countries now.

"It is an extremely worrying trend, and the start-up community is quite concerned about this," Eric Belcher, who has been the CEO of and is on the board of several technology and marketing start-ups, said.

H1-B visa rejection

Data from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services show that the rejection rate for H1-B visas – the ones that allow tech companies to bring in highly-skilled workers from abroad – climbed to nearly 25% in the October-December 2018 period, and about 17% in the January-March 2019 quarter. This is significantly higher than the 7.7% averaged over the same months at the beginning of President Trump's term in 2017. According to some estimates, about 75% of all H1-B visa holders are Indians. "Broadly, there is a challenge," Arun Bhatia, senior programme director at Matter, a healthcare start-up incubator, said.

Out of bounds: Those not meeting the 'highly-skilled' mark will find it much harder to move to the U.S. ▪ GETTYIMAGES/ISTOCK

"Companies are realising that to break out of the mould of having the same kinds of people, ideas and biases, they need to be more innovative and look outside their own walls and even outside the borders."

While there is some optimism about the limited nature of the impact of the U.S. government's conservative immigration policy, others believe that this could in fact be the start of a longer-term trend. "I tend to believe that the free movement of goods and services provides a greater benefit than not having that," David Cohn, founder and CEO of Regroup, a venture-backed company in the mental health care delivery space, said.

Others in the start-up community say there are indications that this trend of tightening borders could be here for a while.

"The idea should be to attract talent and nurture it here so that even if it leaves, it knows it is welcome back at any time," Mr. Belcher said.

(The correspondent was in the U.S. at the invitation of Foreign Press Center, U.S. Department of State)

Suzuki Motorcycle exploring options for second plant

Company also plans to enhance capacity at Gurugram plant

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Suzuki Motorcycle India has initiated feasibility studies for one more manufacturing plant in the country.

Even as the company evaluates the scope for another greenfield facility, it is also adding some more capacity at the existing plant in Gurugram, which now can produce a little over one million two-wheelers a year, by implementing debottlenecking measures.

The two-pronged strategy comes in the backdrop of the good sales the company had registered last year and the one million two-wheelers sales mark it expects to cross this fiscal.

"We are looking at 23% volume increase... from [last year's] 7.5 lakh units to 9.7 lakh this year," SMIPL vice-president Devashish Handa said.

> **For motorcycle, our market share is very small... this year we want [to capture] 1%**
> KOICHIRO HIRAO
> Company Head, SMIL

As it happens, the company, behind the popular Access scooters and Gixxer bikes, expects scooters to sell more and bikes to gain more popularity.

The company market share in the country's 6 million scooter market is 10%. "For motorcycle, our market share is very small... this year we want [to capture] 1%," company head Koichiro Hirao said. SMIPL, Mr.Handa explained, was present only in the over 150 cc motorcycle segment and had no plans to get into the daily commute bike segment.

Company executives were speaking at the Hyderabad launch of new Gixxer SF 250 cc and Gixxer SF (155 cc) bikes.

On the plans for a new plant, Mr. Hirao said feasibility study was under way at multiple locations, the details of which as well as the proposed capacity and investments he was not willing to share.

Mr.Handa hinted that the company was considering all options with regard to possible locations, including in south India, and initial discussions had already begun.

Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 to have 27 Indian entrants

To showcase ideas in subjects like agriculture, water, energy

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN
THE HAGUE

The ninth edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit is all set to roll out in The Hague on Tuesday (June 4), with a number of entrepreneurs from across the world, including 27 from India, gathering to share their insights and showcase their ideas on a world stage.

The Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2019 is being hosted by the governments of the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and is the first edition of the event to be held in the European Union.

Overall, the summit will feature about 1,200 entrepreneurs from across 140 countries, and will also provide an avenue for these entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas and work to 300 investors. The key focus areas of the summit include the five global challenges surrounding water, agriculture, healthcare, connectivity, and energy.

"The GES is all about encouraging, fostering, and promoting the idea of entrepreneurship and the value and ideals that go along with that," U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands Peter Hoekstra said.

"Fostering the entrepreneurial spirit with young, innovative, creative people who just have a passion for being successful but also a passion for doing good."

"The U.S. felt thrilled about the experience we had in India and this is the first one we are having in the EU. We felt it was important to come to U.S. and highlight how important our relationship is with the EU."

The GES 2017 event in India in November of that year in Hyderabad hosted more than 1,500 entrepreneurs from around the world, and focussed on the issue of 'Women First, Prosperity for All'. It was the first edition of the GES to take place in South Asia, and more than 50% of the delegates at the event were women.

Twenty seven Indian firms are taking part in GES 2019 across the subject areas of agriculture (3), water (8), energy (6), healthcare (3), and connectivity (7).

(The correspondent is in The Hague at the invitation of Foreign Press Center, U.S. Department of State)

M&M says it's geared up for BS-VI roll-out

Company using indigenous technology and 'frugal engineering': Pawan Goenka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

While Maruti Suzuki Ltd. has decided to junk diesel engines in its BS-VI product line-up anticipating cost escalation, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. said it had achieved technology breakthrough through 'frugal engineering' and was ready for BS-VI roll-out both in diesel and petrol engines.

"BS-VI transition is equivalent to a Y2K event, for the auto industry. Today, Mahindra is fully ready for BS-VI and is working with Indian suppliers, using indigenous technology and frugal engineering for BS-VI implementation within the given time," Pawan Goenka, managing director, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. said.

BS-VI implementation will be effective April 1, 2020, and after that no BS-IV vehicle can be sold. India is going for a two stage upgradation as it has decided to directly jump from BS-IV to BS-VI to be on a par with European nations.

Mahindra engineers have managed to bring cost down and made fuel-efficient engines, says Mr. Goenka. ▪ PAUL NORONHA

"We have come up with solutions that give cleaner safer and connected vehicles with technology and components sourced in India at affordable prices. All these would accelerate GDP growth and further the Make in India story," Mr. Goenka said.

He said a team of 700 Mahindra engineers, technology partners and component suppliers worked for three-and-a-half years to make BS-VI a reality. The company has invested ₹1,000 crore in its preparedness for BS-VI. Besides this, component suppliers had made several thousands of crores of investment.

"We have prepared very well and the industry will continue as if nothing happened. Though the cost will go up for customers, it will be low as compared to the initial expectations and estimates," he added.

He said Mahindra engineers had managed to bring the cost down and made the engines fuel efficient as well.

Now, Mahindra has proved that diesel engine is not going to die. In fact, the diesel engines have become more refined, company officials said.

The company has decided to phase out the diesel version of KUV100 as upgradation of the small engine could have made the vehicle very expensive.

RBI bans Batliboi from auditing banks for one year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India has banned audit firm Batliboi & Co. LLP to conduct audit of commercial bank for one year starting April 1, 2019, due to lapses.

"...on account of the lapses identified in a statutory audit assignment carried out by the firm, M/s S.R.Batliboi & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E), 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 said. The central bank, however, did not gave any details of the lapses committed by the firm.

IN BRIEF

Amazon India extends new service to nine cities

BENGALURU

Amazon India has expanded its packaging-free shipment (PFS) initiative to nine cities — Bengaluru, Mumbai, New Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Nagpur and Hyderabad. Packaging-free shipping refers to orders shipped in their original packaging without secondary or additional packaging. With this initiative, Amazon aims to reduce waste generated from secondary packaging of customer orders.

Datsun unveils GO, GO+ with VDC technology

CHENNAI

Datsun India has introduced new Datsun GO and GO+ with vehicle dynamic control (VDC) technology. It is first in the segment to offer enhanced safety and superior drivability for car owners. The VDC system monitors wheel speed, steering wheel position, and lateral acceleration via on-board sensors to provide electronic stability control, according to a company release.

Hatsun Agro buys cattle feed plant in Solapur

CHENNAI

Hatsun Agro Product Ltd. (HAP) has acquired Madhur Pashu Aahar cattle feed plant in Solapur, Maharashtra. The firm has a total production capacity of l00 tonnes a day. HAP produces Santosa brand of cattle feed at its plants in Tamil Nadu which has a capacity to make 900 tonnes per day. The acquisition of Solapur plant and its modernisation will cost an estimated ₹10 crore, the company said in a release.

Mitsubishi hikes stake in TVS Auto to 25%

Japanese firm has invested over ₹250 crore overall; business to double in 2-3 years, says Dinesh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan will increase its stake in the city-based TVS Automobile Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (TASL), an independent aftermarket player, from 3% to 25%, said company officials.

"We have entered into a strategic partnership with Mitsubishi Corporation," said R. Dinesh, director, TVS Automobile Solutions. "Our target is to double the overall business in two-to-three years."

The fresh round of funding by Mitsubishi was done partly through buying of shares from undisclosed existing shareholders and partly through subscription to fresh equity. Though the exact investment in the current round was not disclosed, Mitsubishi overall investment in TASL was over ₹250 crore, according to Mr. Dinesh.

Investment boost: R. Dinesh (left), director, TVS Automobile Solutions, and S. Wakabayashi of Mitsubishi. ▪ BIJOY GHOSH

He said the funds would be deployed to drive the future growth of TASL.

"Though, we have been in touch with each other for more than nine years, Mitsubishi invested in our company last year. Totally, the investment is over ₹250 crore. The latest funding is subject to approvals from regulatory authorities and Competition Commission of India (CCI). None of the existing investors is making an exit," he said.

'A win-win situation'

Asserting that the partnership with Mitsubishi was a proof that TASL could grow in other overseas market, Mr. Dinesh said it was a win-win situation with the Japanese firm getting an opportunity to grow parts business in the Indian aftermarket space. The success could be easily replicated in other markets such as the U.S. and Africa. Currently, these two firms would focus on West Asia and African countries.

On the strategic tie-up, he said that Mitsubishi was present in many countries and had significant speed advantage.

"Instead of three countries, with Mitsubishi's speed and presence in existing and overseas markets, I can now enter 20 countries," Mr. Dinesh added.

"This is an important partnership between two great organisations. We are a long-term player. We have been in the business since 1954. Today, we have over 1,500 subsidiaries in 90 countries with 200 business offices," said S. Wakabayashi, senior vice-president, Mitsubishi Corporation.

TASL ended FY19 with a revenue of ₹1,300 crore, an increase of 35% over FY18. This year, it plans to touch ₹1,800 crore. Mr. Dinesh said that overseas market accounted for more than ₹400 crore and it was set to grow from next fiscal.

Tata AutoComp to make safety cabins for OHVs

Inks pact with Europe's Fortaco Group

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Tata AutoComp Systems Ltd. has entered into an agreement with Fortaco Group of Europe to manufacture safety cabins for off-highway vehicles (OHVs) in India. "An extensive market survey was conducted to understand and define the needs of the Indian market. Based on this survey, a safety cabin has been designed by Fortaco Group to suit Indian conditions and safety requirements," Tata AutoComp said.

The safety cabin will be manufactured in India by Tata AutoComp, based on technology, design and specifications developed by Fortaco Group, it added.

> **The off-highway vehicle market is developing rapidly in India**
>
> ARVIND GOEL,
> MD & CEO, Tata AutoComp

Arvind Goel, MD & CEO, Tata AutoComp, said, "The off-highway vehicle market is developing rapidly in India and demand for safety and comfort has started increasing among users. With this arrangement, we aim to enhance our offering to the off-highway and farm equipment OEMs." "There is an untapped opportunity in the Indian market and together we can offer vehicle cabins for customers based on safety, quality and ergonomic standards," Lars Hellberg, president & CEO, Fortaco Group, said.

TVS Motor sales dip marginally in May

LCV sales aid Ashok Leyland's growth

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company has posted a decline of 0.9% in its May sales to 3.07 lakh units from 3.10 lakh units in the corresponding month last year .

During the period under review, the company reported total two-wheeler sales of 2.94 lakh units, down from 2.98 lakh units. In the domestic market, the company sold 2.36 lakh two-wheelers against 2.46 lakh units in the year-ago period. Scooter sales grew over 2% from 95,879 units to 98,202. Motorcycle sales grew 13% to 1.43 lakh units (1.27 lakh units).

Three-wheeler sales grew 9% to 12,780 units (11,730 units). Total exports grew by 11% from 62,218 units to 69,319 units.

Ashok Leyland

Truck major Ashok Leyland Ltd. reported a 6% growth in its May sales to 12,778 units from 12,077 units, aided by strong double-digit growth in light commercial vehicles (LCVs). Domestic sales of medium and heavy commercial vehicles (M&HCV), and trucks and buses dipped by 2% and 12% respectively. LCVs grew 34% to 4,143 units.

Eicher Motors

Eicher Motors Ltd., the maker of Royal Enfield, posted a decline of 17% in its sales to 62,371 units.

Bajaj Auto sales rise 3% in May

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Bajaj Auto on Monday reported a 3% increase in total sales in May at 4,19, 235 units as against 4,07,044 units in the same month previous year.

Motorcycle sales increased 7% to 3,65,068 units in the previous month as against 3,42,595 units in May 2018, the company said in a statement.

Commercial vehicles sales declined by 16% to 54,167 units in the month compared to 64, 449 units in the year-ago period, it added.

Exports stood at 1,83,411 units in the previous month as against 1,82,419 units in the same month of 2018.

mjunction likely to get tender for tea e-auction platform

Jorhat in Assam selected for operating the new model

INDRANI DUTTA
KOLKATA

mjunction, a joint venture of Steel Authority of India Ltd. and Tata Steel, is set to bag the tender for operating an alternative tea e-auction platform. The Tea Board had floated the tender for selection and appointment of a system integrator for design, development and maintenance of an e-auction platform of tea at Jorhat, Assam.

MoU to be signed

Talks have progressed between officials of Tea Board and mjunction, and a memorandum of understanding will be signed after consultation with a team from IIM Bangalore, appointed by the regulator, to study and vet the final proposal.

The platform will be hosted in a 'cloud environment'. Steps will also be taken to eliminate any scope of conflict of interest with mjunction, which is a major e-commerce entity.

Currently, six centres auction tea through the electronic auction system. Each of these centres is run by a separate committee, which act as an auction organiser, using the Tea Board platform. While the present system has a software that can be accessed by participants from their desktops, physical centres are also in existence in all the locations to enable buyers to participate in the bidding.

Jorhat has been chosen for the new model as it is seen as the nerve centre of five major tea-growing districts of Assam with an annual output that topped 200 million kg, officials said.

Mahindra arm, Mitsui in solar pact

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Mahindra Susten, a portfolio company of Mahindra Partners, the private equity division of Mahindra Group, has entered into a partnership with Mitsui & Co. Ltd, of Japan to jointly develop and operate distributed solar power generation projects in India.

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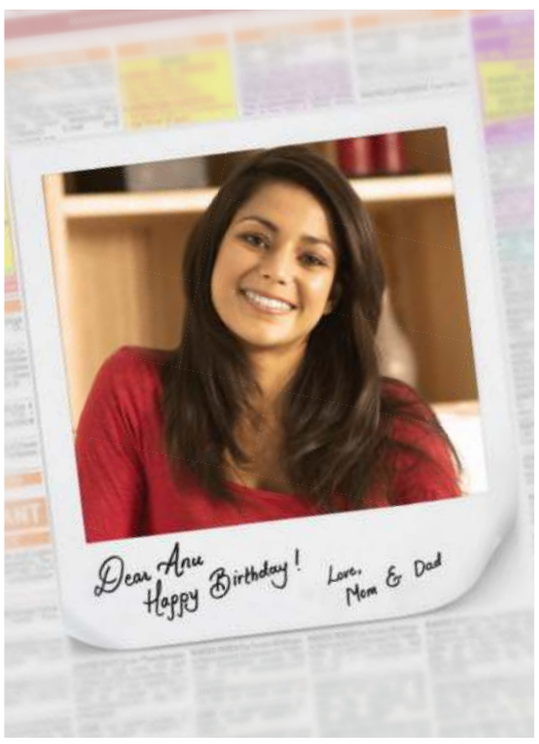

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Pakistan's roar silences England

Hafeez-inspired team effort trumps Root, Buttler tons, ends 11-game losing streak

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP ENGLAND & WALES 2019

REUTERS
NOTTINGHAM

Pakistan beat England by 14 runs at Trent Bridge on Monday as the World Cup's first centuries from Joe Root and Jos Buttler were not enough to help the host overhaul a daunting target of 349.

England had put Pakistan in to bat, banking on fast bowlers Chris Woakes and Jofra Archer for early wickets and hoping to recreate the way West Indies skittled the Asian side out for 105.

Instead, the visitors put that woeful performance behind them and racked up 348 for eight, delighting fans in the stands with 29 fours and six sixes.

Mohammad Hafeez was the top scorer with 84 off 62 balls, while Babar Azam made 63 and captain Sarfaraz Ahmed belted a quickfire 55. "Everyone chipped in today and gave everything which was required to win the game," said Hafeez.

Punishing blade: Hafeez was all aggression as he blunted the England attack. ▪ REUTERS

Good start

Fakhar Zaman and Imam-ul-Haq delighted the vocal supporters by belting a string of boundaries off Archer and Woakes in an opening partnership of 82.

England spinner Moeen Ali finally broke up the pair, getting Fakhar stumped, on his way to a three-wicket haul, while Woakes grabbed three more and also took four catches on a day when England was otherwise uncharacteristically ragged in the field.

Babar and Hafeez steadied the ship with a partnership of 88 as Pakistan set England a larger score than any side had ever chased down in the history of the competition.

England lost Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow, Eoin Morgan and Ben Stokes to leave the side on 118 for four and give Root and Buttler a mountain to climb.

The two did their best, each eventually reaching three figures. Root hit 10 fours and one six on his way to 107. Buttler smashed a four to notch up his own hundred a few overs later, only to fall the very next ball.

As the balls-remaining count dwindled, Moeen and Woakes swung valiantly at everything they could but it was not enough to carry the team over the line.

INNINGS SCAN

PAK		ENG
1	Maidens	0
29	Fours	31
6	Sixes	5
88 (3rd)	Best stand	130 (5th)
6.96	RR	6.68

PROGRESSION

PAK		ENG
69/0	10 overs	66/2
111/1	20 overs	114/3
176/2	30 overs	187/4
252/3	40 overs	258/5
348/8	50 overs	334/9

TOP SHOWS

For	Batting	Bowling
Pakistan	Hafeez 84 (62b, 8x4, 2x6)	Wahab 3/82 (10)
West Indies	Root 107 (104b,10x4, 1x6) Buttler 103 (76b, 9x4, 2x6)	Moeen 3/50 (10)

Next assignment

ENGLAND: June 8 vs **Bangladesh**, *Cardiff, 3 p.m.*

PAKISTAN: June 7 vs **Sri Lanka**, *Bristol, 3 p.m.*

STAT SPHERE

1 Root scored the first century of this World Cup, in the sixth game

1 First time England had two century-makers (**Buttler and Root**) in the same innings in the World Cup and it also became the first side to lose a WC match despite two three-figure knocks

2 The match aggregate of 682 is the second highest in the WC after the 688 scored in the Australia-Sri Lanka game (Aus 376 bt SL 312, Sydney, 2015)

6 Successive 300-plus totals by England, joint-most with Australia. Sri Lanka and India have five

4 Woakes is the fourth fielder to take four catches in a WC innings
- Kaif, India vs SL, Jo'burg, 2003
- Soumya Sarkar, Ban vs Sco, Nelson, 2015
- Umar Akmal, Pak vs Irl, Adelaide, 2015

20 England's unbeaten streak of home ODIs while chasing since 2016 (17 won, 1 tied, 2 No Result) snapped by Pakistan

SCOREBOARD ENGLAND VS PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN
Imam-ul-Haq c Woakes b Moeen 44 *(58b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Fakhar Zaman st. Buttler b Moeen 36 *(40b, 6x4)*, Babar Azam c Woakes b Moeen 63 *(66b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Mohd. Hafeez c Woakes b Wood 84 *(62b, 8x4, 2x6)*, Sarfaraz Ahmed c & b Woakes 55 *(44b, 5x4)*, Asif Ali c Bairstow b Wood 14 *(11b, 1x6)*, Shoaib Malik c Morgan b Woakes 8 *(8b)*, Wahab Riaz c Root b Woakes 4 *(2b, 1x4)*, Hassan Ali (not out) 10 *(5b, 1x6)*, Shadab Khan (not out) 10 *(4b, 2x4)*; Extras (b-1, lb-8, w-11): 20; Total (for eight wkts. in 50 overs): 348.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-82 (Fakhar, 14.1 overs), 2-111 (Imam, 20.1), 3-199 (Babar, 32.5), 4-279 (Hafeez, 42.4), 5-311 (Asif, 46.1), 6-319 (Sarfaraz, 47.2), 7-325 (Riaz, 47.5), 8-337 (Malik, 49.1).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Woakes 8-1-71-3, Archer 10-0-79-0, Moeen 10-0-50-3, Wood 10-0-53-2, Stokes 7-0-43-0, Rashid 5-0-43-0.

ENGLAND
Jason Roy lbw b Shadab 8 *(7b, 2x4)*, Jonny Bairstow c Sarfaraz b Riaz 32 *(31b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Joe Root c Hafeez b Shadab 107 *(104b, 10x4, 1x6)*, Eoin Morgan b Hafeez 9 *(18b, 1x4)*, Ben Stokes c Sarfaraz b Malik 13 *(18b, 1x4)*, Jos Buttler c Riaz b Amir 103 *(76b, 9x4, 2x6)*, Moeen Ali c Fakhar b Riaz 19 *(20b, 1x4)*, Chris Woakes c Sarfaraz b Riaz 21 *(14b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Jofra Archer c Riaz b Amir 1 *(2b)*, Adil Rashid (not out) 3 *(4b)*, Mark Wood (not out) 10 *(6b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-3, w-5): 8; Total (for nine wkts. in 50 overs): 334.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-12 (Roy, 2.1 overs), 2-60 (Bairstow, 8.6), 3-86 (Morgan, 14.5), 4-118 (Stokes, 21.2), 5-248 (Root, 38.5), 6-288 (Buttler, 44.3), 7-320 (Moeen, 47.5), 8-320 (Woakes, 47.6), 9-322 (Archer, 48.4)

PAKISTAN BOWLING
Shadab 10-0-63-2, Amir 10-0-67-2, Riaz 10-0-82-3, Hasan 10-0-66-0, Hafeez 7-0-43-1, Malik 3-0-10-1.

Toss: England.

MoM: Mohd. Hafeez

Pakistan won by 14 runs.

Next up for Sri Lanka: the Afghan test

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Veteran paceman Lasith Malinga said Sri Lanka must be "mentally tough" against Afghanistan as it seeks to get its campaign up and running.

Malinga, playing in his fourth World Cup, said Sri Lanka had talent in its ranks but was short of experience in the conditions they were facing in England and Wales.

"The bowlers have a big role to play in Tuesday's game. We never know what's going on... who is bowling first," he said. He felt that Afghanistan had the experience to make an impact.

THE FACE-OFF
Afghanistan vs Sri lanka
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HEAD-TO-HEAD

	Matches	Afg	SL	Tie	NR
Overall	3	1	2	0	0
World Cup	1	0	1	0	0

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Men in Blue in prep mode

Undergo long batting stints and fielding drills

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
SOUTHAMPTON

Monday, at the Hampshire Bowl here, provided a supreme illustration of the fickle English weather. One moment, the sun was out and a cap had to be procured. The next second, a chill breeze blew in across the port city and a sweater had to be worn.

A few minutes later, tufts of dark clouds lingered low and a feathery drizzle sashayed down while correspondents sought sheltered spots or a hot cup of Assam tea inside the press box.

Oblivious to the quirky atmospheric conditions, out there in the middle, the Men in Blue limbered up. There were the mandatory nets and fielding drills but the most reassuring sight was that of Virat Kohli having a hit in the morning, against throw-downs. The forward-press was emphatic, the bat stayed firm and the Indian skipper looked confident, both in his stride and shots.

Vital cog: India will bank on Kuldeep's striking ability. ▪ AP

Kohli seems fine

After suffering a bruised thumb a few days back, Kohli seemed fine. And that is good news ahead of India's opening World Cup game against South Africa here on Wednesday.

Kohli played straight, fine-tuning his muscle-memory, while the other leading lights of India's batting line-up buckled down for a long stint.

Shikhar Dhawan was busy driving or squeezing deliveries towards an imaginary sweeper-cover and his opening partner Rohit Sharma did what he does best – mixing disdain with destruction.

The spinners were lofted and some of the fast bowlers faced the heat of his blade. A massive blow sailed high and thudded into the sight-screen while a few guests at the Hilton Hotel, which interestingly is a part of the venue, relished the action from their balconies.

Perhaps, as a pointer to the team-management's preference for K.L. Rahul at No. 4, he padded up after the top troika finished its outing. M.S. Dhoni walked in with measured steps, flexing his bat, shadow-practising a few strokes before he got into his groove, nudging a few off his hips and punching on the up.

Jadhav takes it easy

And as the rest did their hard yards, Kedar Jadhav, who suffered a left-shoulder injury while playing for the Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League, took it a touch easy.

Jadhav squared up against throw-downs and did some catching practice while the coaching staff kept a close watch. Ravindra Jadeja, lithe and ever-alert, plucked catches with ease, while some others ran with hope and caught a few. Meanwhile, Dhawan, after his sprints and throws, had a chat with the ICC media team.

Among the bowlers, Jasprit Bumrah, underwent a random dope test, part of the customary protocol at ICC events. The spearhead is one of the most critical components of India's attack and would determine how far Kohli's men would progress in the championship.

Just as the players finished their training, a lone autograph-hunter tailed a retreating Kohli and got the Indian captain to sign on a poster. The 'Bharat Army', though, is yet to land but the fans are expected to troop in by Wednesday and there will be no dearth of colour and drama.

India presser — a non-starter

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
SOUTHAMPTON

If ever there was an anti-climax specific to a pre-match press-conference, this was it.

The build-up to India's customary media-interaction at the Hampshire Bowl here on Monday afternoon followed familiar tropes. An International Cricket Council (ICC) official spoke about keeping the phones on silent mode, and also instructed that the microphone be held closer while raising questions.

The assembled correspondents, representing various dailies, agencies and websites from diverse parts of India, fidgeted on their chairs while the rain drilled on the roof. There was bonhomie and banter and it was time to wait. But none of the reporters was prescient enough to know that this was a lull before the storm.

The Indian team's media manager Moulin Parikh dropped in and informed that Deepak Chahar and Avesh Khan will arrive soon and field the queries. Immediately a sliver of voluble anger coursed through the scribes as the press conference was an essential part of the lead-up towards India's opening World Cup game against South Africa here on Wednesday.

Repartee time! Mohammed Shami and Yuzvendra Chahal share a laugh in the nets in Southampton on Monday. ▪ AP

Made no sense

It just didn't make sense to have the two seamers, who were roped in as net bowlers to assist the Men in Blue, as the presiding deities.

To rub it in, the duo was returning home too. At best, the two could have spoken about their experience during the training sessions but there was no way they could have dished out some perspective on an impending contest.

Senior cricket writers requested Parikh to consider bringing in a key cricketer or a member of the team-management, and he was also told that the rookie speedsters may tag along with the established player or coach.

The media's pressing need was however overlooked as no battle-hardened professional from among Virat Kohli's men was available.

The scheduled press conference was cancelled and a surprised ICC support-staff member quipped: "Well, that was quick. Short and sweet, eh?" The farcical turn of events could well have been avoided.

Amla and Steyn train

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SOUTHAMPTON

Just as the skies cleared and sunshine lit up the Hampshire Bowl on a Monday afternoon, two South African stalwarts under an injury cloud honed their skills.

Hashim Amla, who was rested from the World Cup match against Bangladesh, and spearhead Dale Steyn, nursing a shoulder injury that forced him to skip the first two games of the Proteas, tussled on the practice pitches.

Amla, watchful in his demeanour, and Steyn, building up a steady rhythm, spent considerable time in the middle. Having faltered at the start, South Africa needs its time-tested duo to be fit in time for Wednesday's clash against India.

DIARY

Thomas Muller. ▪ TWITTER.COM/ESMUELLERT

Football star Muller backs India's challenge

Bayern Munich forward Thomas Muller has emerged as an unexpected fan of India. Muller revealed India captain Virat Kohli had often supported the German national football team in the past, so he has returned the favour by backing the two-time World Cup winner.

"...I cross my fingers for @imVkohli, the captain of the Indian team. He's a fan of @DFB_Team and supported it multiple times in the past #Cricket #GermanyCheersFor India."

Ngidi out of India game

South Africa's troubles compounded after young fast bowler Lungi Ngidi was ruled out of the team's next game against India here on Wednesday.

"Ngidi suffered a sharp discomfort in his left hamstring. We decided he had a hamstring strain. He will be out for at least week to 10 days," team doctor Mohammed Moosajee said after the match against Bangladesh at the Oval.

Djokovic and Halep saunter into the last-eight

Nishikori overcomes Paire in a marathon to set up a meeting with Nadal

ROLAND GARROS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Novak Djokovic on Monday became the first man to reach the French Open quarterfinals for 10 successive seasons while defending women's champion Simona Halep swept into the last eight in just 45 minutes.

Top seed and World No. 1 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 fifth seed Alexander Zverev in what will be his 13th appearance overall in the quarterfinals here. "It was tricky with the rain, but that's Paris," said the 2016 champion.

German fifth seed Zverev reached his second successive Roland Garros quarterfinal with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(5) win over Italy's Fabio Fognini.

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 quarterfinal clash against Rafael Nadal. Nishikori won 6-2, 6-7(8), 6-2, 6-7(8), 7-5 in a shade under four hours to reach his third last-eight match at the French Open.

Nishikori has only defeated 11-time French Open champion Nadal twice in 12 meetings with both of those wins coming on hard court.

French interest in the singles ended for another year just a few hours later when 14th seed Gael Monfils was defeated 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 by Austrian fourth seed Thiem, the 2018 runner-up.

Halep reached her fourth French Open quarterfinal with a 45-minute thrashing, losing only one game, of Polish teenager Iga Swiatek.

Halep will face American 17-year-old Amanda Anisimova, who defeated Spain's Aliona Bolsova 6-3, 6-0, for a semifinal place. The World No. 51 became the first player born in the 2000s – man or woman – to make a Grand Slam quarterfinal.

The players who stunned Naomi Osaka and Serena Williams got a taste of their own medicine with Katerina Siniakova and Sofia Kenin losing to Madison Keys and Ashleigh Barty.

THE RESULTS

Fourth round: Men: 1-Novak Djokovic (Srb) bt Jan-Lennard Struff (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; 7-Kei Nishikori (Jpn) bt Benoit Paire (Fra) 6-2, 6-7(8), 6-2, 6-7(8), 7-5; 4- Dominic Thiem (Bel) bt 14-Gael Monfils (Fra) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; 5-Alexander Zverev (Ger) bt 9-Fabio Fognini (Ita) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(5).
Women: 14-Madison Keys (USA) bt Katerina Siniakova (Cze) 6-2, 6-4; 8-Ashleigh Barty (Aus) bt Sofia Kenin (USA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; 3-Simona Halep (Rom) bt Iga Swiatek (Pol) 6-1, 6-0; Amanda Anisimova (USA) bt Aliona Bolsova (Esp) 6-3, 6-0.

Escape artist: Kei Nishikori had the last laugh in the decider against Benoit Paire. ▪ AFP

TV PICKS

ICC World Cup: Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 3 p.m.
Roland-Garros: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 5.30 p.m.
FIFA U-20 World Cup: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 9 p.m.

India-A completes series sweep

Overwhelms Sri Lanka-A by 152 runs in second 'Test'

SL-A IN INDIA

ASHWIN ACHAL
HUBBALLI

India-A completed a 2-0 series victory over Sri Lanka-A with a 152-run win in the second and final 'Test' at the KSCA Stadium here on Monday.

India-A applied the finishing touches, picking up the three remaining Sri Lankan wickets in the first hour.

Lakshan Sandakan fell in the fourth over, rapped on the pads by leg-spinner Rahul Chahar. The key wicket of Kamindu Mendis was taken by off-spinner Jayant Yadav, who got one to stay low.

The last pair of Vishwa Fernando (32, 42b, 5x4, 1x6) and Lahiru Kumara (13, 20b, 1x4, 1x6) hung on gamely for 52 balls, until Fernando rushed out at Chahar and was stumped.

It was a match to remember for local cricketers Darshan Negalur and K. Mahantesh, who got to field for India-A on Sunday and Monday.

Negalur and Mahantesh were called into action for brief periods as the 12-man India-A squad fell short of fielders. The duo did not get the chance to take catches or effect run-outs, but gave a good account of themselves in a most unexpected appearance in a First Class match.

Helmsmen: India-A batting coach Sitanshu Kotak and captain Priyank Panchal with the trophy. ▪ KIRAN BAKLE

The two teams will face each other in five one-day matches, commencing on June 6. The first three one-dayers will be held at Belagavi, while the final two games will be at Hubballi.

India-A batting coach and former Saurashtra stalwart Sitanshu Kotak was thrilled with his team's terrific performance in this series.

"We wanted to play attacking cricket and get outright victories. That's why our run-rate stayed above 4-per-over right through this series. Another big positive was that we were able to give all players match-time. (Head coach) Rahul Dravid has a philosophy, and we have followed that in his absence," Kotak said.

The scores: India-A 269 & 372 bt Sri Lanka-A 212 & 277 in 66.4 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksa 110, Kamindu Mendis 46, Vishwa Fernando 32, Rahul Chahar five for 112). **Man-of-the-Match:** K.S. Bharat.

Testosterone rules temporarily suspended

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GENEVA

Switzerland's top court said on Monday it had temporarily suspended IAAF rules that oblige athletes including double Olympic champion Caster Semenya to lower her testosterone levels in order to compete in certain events.

A Swiss Federal Tribunal spokesman told AFP that the court had issued a "super-provisional order," barring the application of the IAAF rules until a further hearing can take place concerning the rules that were previously approved by the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Warriors outlast Raptors

Narrow win helps defending champion draw level

NBA FINALS

REUTERS
TORONTO

Two-time defending champion Golden State Warriors used a massive third quarter to overcame a sluggish start and secure a 109-104 win over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday that squared the NBA Finals at one game apiece.

The resilient Warriors, in an unfamiliar position after losing their first Game One in five consecutive trips to the NBA Finals three days ago, opened the third quarter with an 18-0 run to grab a lead they would not relinquish.

Toronto led by as many as 12 points during a first half in which they used a dominant defensive display to slow down the Warriors but the visitors, well established as a terrific third-quarter team, rediscovered their swagger after the break.

Leonard's game-high 34

Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry, who had a slow start to the game and appeared to lack his usual energy, led the way for the Warriors with 25 and 23 points, respectively, while Toronto's Kawhi Leonard had a game-high 34 points.

Hero! Andre Iguodala, foreground, scored only eight points but his clutch three with seven seconds left sealed victory for Warriors. ▪ AFP

Curry was given a technical foul with 68 seconds left for throwing the ball way up in the air after a whistle and Leonard made the ensuing three free throws to cut the deficit to 106-102 and set up a frantic finish.

With the crowd on their feet, Toronto's Danny Green drained a three-pointer to pull the Raptors to within two points with 26 seconds to play but the Warriors responded when Andrew Iguodala drilled a clutch three with seven seconds left to seal the win.

The Warriors, playing without two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant for a seventh consecutive game, again struggled defending in transition and looked to be in trouble early after a slow start by Curry.

The Warriors guard did not appear to have his usual energy in the early goings and got off to a slow start during which he was speaking with medical staff on the Warriors' bench but he started to heat up late in the second quarter.

The next game is at Oakland on Wednesday.

The results: Toronto Raptors 104 (Leonard 34, VanVleet 17, Lowry 13) lost to Golden State Warriors 109 (Thompson 25, Curry 23, Green 17).

Series tied 1-1.

McGrath picks England as the favourite

The Australian pacer expects India and Australia to make the semifinals

MRF CAMP

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

Images of Glenn McGrath imposing himself on line-ups with laser-guided precision, movement, bounce and subtle variations flash before your eyes each time the ICC ODI World Cup comes around.

After all, none has more scalps in the World Cup – 71 at a stunning economy rate of 3.96 – than this lean, mean and ruthless gunslinger from down under. Significantly, the inspirational McGrath has been part of three Australian World Cup triumphs.

Here, now, on yet another coaching stint at the MRF Pace Foundation, McGrath shared his thoughts on the ongoing competition in England.

McGrath said, "England are the favourites. They are playing at home and they are playing a brand of cricket where they seek to attack all through the 50 overs. They have the depth and talent to pull off this strategy."

He added, "Given the format of the tournament which rewards consistency, I expect India and Australia to make the semifinals."

Pigeon prediction: Glenn McGrath, who is at the MRF Pace Foundation for another coaching stint, says given the WC format, consistency will be rewarded. ▪ R. RAVINDRAN

Dhoni, the key

The Aussie pace legend said, "M.S. Dhoni, with his experience, will be the key to India's prospects. Bumrah will be a big factor with the ball. Australia has David Warner and Steven Smith. This said, a team of players rather than one or two individuals will win the World Cup for their side."

McGrath tipped the West Indies to be the fourth semifinalist.

"They are playing a fearless brand of cricket. They can be dangerous since they are playing as if they have nothing to lose. If they make it to the final, it should be very interesting."

The Aussie also felt that the short-pitched bowling ploy of the West Indian quicks to hustle the opponents – Pakistan was blown away the other day – could work on certain surfaces.

Adapting

Eventually, it would boil down to how the teams adapt to the English conditions, said McGrath.

"Teams have to adjust quickly and it may not be easy, in certain conditions, with two white balls doing a bit."

New Zealand, which McGrath pointed out "often punched above its weight," could vie with the West Indies for a semifinal spot.

South Africa, McGrath said, was still dishing out conventional one-day cricket and had not switched over to the 'Total 50-over cricket' like England had done.

Coming back to Australia, McGrath said the combination of Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins could torment line-ups in the competition with their pace and variety.

McGrath is following the action of the current edition rather closely.

India's home season schedule announced

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday announced the 2019-20 home season which will include five Tests, nine ODIs and 12 T20Is.

The Tests will be a part of the Test championship.

The season will start with the Freedom Trophy for the Gandhi-Mandela series between India and South Africa in September, followed by a T20I & Test series against Bangladesh in November.

The West Indies will tour India in December, followed by Zimbabwe and Australia in January.

The programme:

Against South Africa: T20Is: Sept. 15, Dharamsala; Sept. 18, Mohali; Sept. 22, Bengaluru.
Tests: October 2 to 6, Visakhapatnam; Oct. 10 to 14, Ranchi; Oct. 19 to 23, Pune.
Versus Bangladesh: T20Is: Nov. 3, New Delhi; Nov. 7, Rajkot; Nov. 10, Nagpur.
Tests: Nov. 14 to 18, Indore; Nov. 22 to 26, Kolkata.
Against West Indies: T20Is: Dec. 6, Mumbai; Dec. 8, Thiruvananthapuram; Dec. 11, Hyderabad.
ODIs: Dec. 15, Chennai; Dec. 18, Visakhapatnam; Dec. 22, Cuttack.
Versus Zimbabwe: T20Is: Jan. 5 (2020) Guwahati; Jan. 7, Indore; Jan. 10, Pune.
Against Australia: ODIs: Jan. 14, Mumbai; Jan. 17, Rajkot; Jan. 19, Bengaluru.
Versus South Africa: ODIs: March 12, Dharamsala; March 15, Lucknow; March 18, Kolkata.

Indian women in final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBLIN

The Indian women's hockey team continued its unbeaten run and defeated Scotland 2-1 to enter the final of the Cantor Fitzgerald U-21 four-nation tournament here on Monday.

Mumtaz Khan (36th minute) and Gagandeep Kaur (51st) scored for India, while Margery Justice (50th) reduced the margin.

India struck the first blow when Mumtaz opened the scoring in the 36th minute. At the start of the final quarter, India won back-to-back penalty corners but failed to utilise the chances.

Scotland then equalised through Justice in the 50th minute before Gagandeep Kaur restored the lead by converting a penalty corner in the next minute to hand India its third consecutive win.

WA threatens to bar AAI

ARCHERY

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

World Archery (WA) said it will immediately suspend the Archery Association of India (AAI) if the two factions go ahead with different elections in Delhi and Chandigarh on June 9.

At loggerheads again

After the Supreme Court set aside the AAI's new constitution, struck down its elections and ordered a fresh one, the two factions have been at loggerheads again.

WA and World Archery Asia (WAA) have expressed strong reservations over the announcement of two elections.

"Not only does this contravene any type of good governance (sic), it is simply violating any democratic rule since not all officially mandated delegates can be in two locations at the same time. It is, therefore, both WA and WAA's position that should (sic) such dual election take place, the results will not be recognised for either election by WA," said WA secretary-general Tom Dielen in a communication.

"It is clear that (sic) certain different interpretations on who is supposed to organise the elections from the Hon. Supreme Court decision led to this situation."

WA said in case the AAI got suspended for dual elections, "the Indian team competing in the World Championships would only be able to compete under a WA flag and not the Indian flag."

WA and WAA have appointed WAA vice-president Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Chapol as the mediator, suggesting that he "try to meet the parties" on June 7 in New Delhi. "The purpose of this meeting would be to cancel both elections and hold a new one on June 24."

The boys are confident, says Stimac

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BURIRAM (THAILAND)

Indian football team coach Igor Stimac on Monday hoped that his wards will implement their learnings from practice in the King's Cup, commencing here on June 5.

India will clash with Curacao, ranked 82 in the latest FIFA World Ranking, on June 5.

"The boys are confident, and have understood that they can improve their game with hard work on a daily basis.

"I appreciate the hard work put in by the players over the last 10 days in New Delhi. I expect them to implement their learnings from practice in the upcoming tournament," the newly appointed coach said after the team's arrival here.

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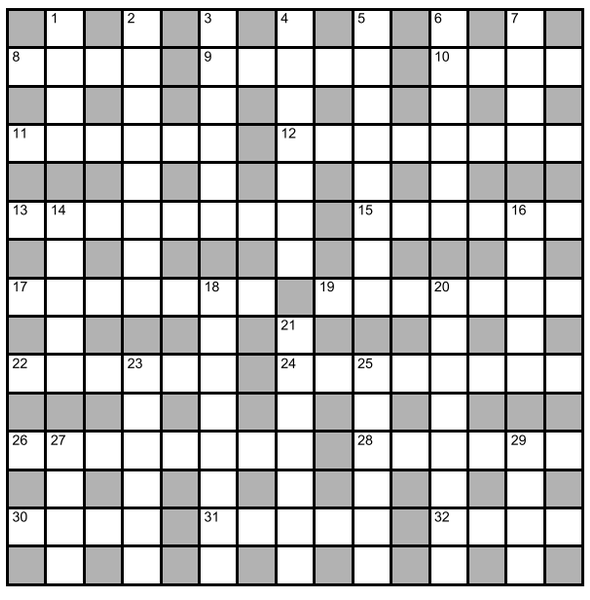

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8 Graduate left Indian town to get gooseberry (4)
9 Model relative's jibe (5)
10 Cash dispensing machine has nothing in it, just a tiny bit of stuff (4)
11 Move dynamo at the beginning of the working week (6)
12 Drug dealers hide loan repayment money in boxes (8)
13 Tan saris designed in Queens (8)
15 Government of India is *gheraoed* by penniless pest, a self-centred person (6)
17 Setter and that lady, in London, go this way and that (7)
19 Charlie, with the girls, gives tutorials (7)
22 Returning students make mistake (4,2)
24 Encore! MO to dance again (4,4)
26 Game trail permit included (8)
28 Rascal! Travel hither and thither! (6)
30 Stylish bird has no knowledge (4)
31 Internal bar next to emergency room (5)
32 500 sheets on America (4)

DOWN

1 National Investigation Agency left chemical/shooting supplies (4)
2 Male singer Bobby hugs an official from China (8)
3 Continue. "Say 'not' irritatedly" (4,2)
4 Supreme Court admits uniform tax. That's a victory (7)
5 Other-worldly alien next to man is not a figment of imagination (8)
6 Accountant's in old gambling house (6)
7 State: Last mascot's an animal (4)
14 That girl with two pounds gets a cartridge (5)
16 Guide cattle (5)
18 English lawmaker at hospital's in command and compassionate (8)
20 Solemn king has hole in hat (8)
21 Cipher in English medicine (7)
23 A place renovated to provide accommodation for the king (6)
25 6 balls admitted in court? That's secret! (6)
27 Ostentatious Adolf Hitler's uniform initially seen in island (4)
29 Old flame's morning test (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

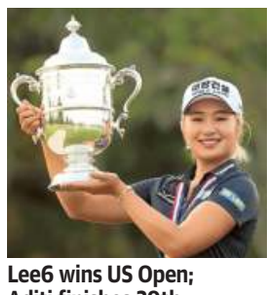
Endearing qualities

Lord Krishna talks about performing duties in a disinterested and detached manner. To be able to do this, one must have certain qualities. The Lord elaborates on what they are, in chapter 12, said Valayapet Ramachariar, in a discourse. From verse 14 onwards, He spells out the qualities that a person should possess, and if a person has these qualities, the Lord assures us that such a person will be dear to Him.

A person should be contented (santushtaH). He must believe in the sanctity of the Vedas. He should surrender mind and intellect to the Lord – arpita manO buddhih. He must be sama dukhah sukhah – he does not react to sorrow or happiness, but quietly accepts whatever is destined. The Lord says that he should be adveshta – this means he must not hate anyone. This includes even those who harm him. The Lord goes one step further. It is not enough to be merely free from malice, but one must be friendly with them. So, He talks of maitrah.

A person must be unattached to his body and must not think of anything as his – nirmamah. He should be nirahankArah – that is he should know that the body is not the atma. In the performance of his duties, he may come across difficulties. He must bear with them (kshami) and not let them hinder him in the tasks he must undertake. The Lord says – satatam yogi – one should always be thinking only of the atma and not the body. We cannot suddenly switch to worship mode, if we have never learnt the art of concentration. Only constant thinking in the right direction will train the mind to be focused. The Lord uses the word madbhaktah, to show that a devotee of the Lord, due to his bhakthi, does all deeds as a form of worship.

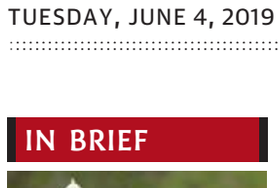
IN BRIEF



Lee6 wins US Open; Aditi finishes 39th

CHARLESTON

India's Aditi Ashok shot an even par 71 in the final round to finish T-39 at the US Women's Open here on Sunday. Aditi (72, 71, 75 and 71), who has had an up-and-down season, scored three birdies against three bogeys in the fourth round for a four-day total of five-over 285. Korea's Jeongeun Lee6, six under 278, emerged winner with three back-nine birdies. She finished two ahead of Lexi Thompson, Angel Yin and 2011 champion So Yeon Ryu. PTI



Hundreds of mourners attend Reyes' funeral

UTRERA (SPAIN)

Hundreds of mourners attended the funeral here on Monday of former Real Madrid and Arsenal forward Jose Antonio Reyes, who was killed in a weekend car crash. Reyes' coffin, drapped in the flag of his boyhood club Sevilla, was carried through the streets of his hometown of Utrera before the funeral service at a local church. The 35-year-old former Spanish international died on Saturday in an accident on the main road from Sevilla to Utrera. The crash and resultant fireball also claimed the life of one of his cousins. AFP

James Rodriguez set to leave Bayern Munich

BERLIN

Colombian midfielder James Rodriguez will leave Bayern Munich ahead of next season after the club decided not to sign him permanently from Real Madrid, *Kicker* magazine reported on Monday. Rodriguez, 27, joined Bayern on loan in 2017, and the German club has the option to sign him permanently for €42 million when the two-year deal expires on June 30. Rodriguez has scored 14 goals in 43 Bundesliga games for Bayern. AFP

Want Klopp at Bayern, says Beckenbauer

BERLIN

German football legend Franz Beckenbauer said on Monday he wants to see Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp in the Bayern Munich dugout. As Germany celebrated Klopp's success in last Saturday's Champions League final, Beckenbauer told *Bild* newspaper that he was desperate to see the former Dortmund coach join Bundesliga champion Bayern. Beckenbauer termed Klopp "one of the best coaches in the world". AFP

Ex-Jazz coach Layden wins lifetime award

TORONTO

Frank Layden, a long-time NBA coach and one of the league's most colourful characters of the 1980s, received the Lifetime Achievement Award on Sunday from the National Basketball Coaches Association. The jovial 87-year-old Brooklyn-born basketball devotee coached Utah Jazz from 1981-1988. In 1984, he swept the NBA Coach-of-the-Year, NBA Executive-of-the-Year and NBA Citizenship awards. AFP

India's dazzling show delights Kirrtane

Railways coach says the young side was charged up to retain title

RLY. TENNIS

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Smooth ride: The victorious Indian Railways team — Prithvi Sekhar, P.C. Vignesh, manager P.C. Lochab, coach Nitten Kirrtane and Fahad Mohammed. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Nitten Kirrtane, who has been part of the Railways for a long time, was delighted with the dominant performance of the Indian team which retained the trophy in the 21st USIC World Railways tennis championship in Albena, Bulgaria.

From being a player in the last edition in 2015 in Germany, to be the coach this time, he was happy with the professional execution by the young team.

Did he miss playing the event? "I did not miss playing the tournament. My presence on court, guiding the youngsters, and during the preparatory camp, was like playing. In team competitions, each player has a role. We played as a team and I am happy we came through," said Kirrtane.

Looking back, Nitten felt that winning the trophy in 2015 was a lot more difficult, as there were more teams, and better ones.

"In 2015, we had a senior team. All of us were highly experienced which helped us win the championship. France was the biggest challenger then, and we beat them 3-1. All matches were very close.

"We had lost to France in 2011, in a nerve-wracking tie. We have made up for that loss by winning back to back titles," said Kirrtane.

"The young side was fully charged up. We hardly had any opposition this time. The French team faded away early. The Czech team was good, but we dominated them.

"We were the favourites, and we showed our efficiency. It was good match practice for the boys, who can get their focus back on the professional circuit, with better conviction, as the ATP points have been restored for entry level tournaments," said.

Kirrtane was quite pleased, especially with the work done during the fortnight-long training camp.

As the team received its trophy and the gold medals, it was without former Asian junior champion Nitin Kumar Sinha who had to go for his professional tournament.

"Nitin had to rush for the sign-in for the ITF $15,000 event in Plovdiv in Bulgaria. We missed him at the closing ceremony," said Kirrtane.

Even though he was proud to be the coach, the 44-year-old Kirrtane said that he was looking forward to continuing his journey as a player.

"I will continue playing the seniors circuit and keep trying my best. I will also continue to work for the promotion of the game," said Kirrtane.

Anya stuns Isha

Ayushmaan Arjeria bows out

ASIAN U-14 TENNIS

SPORTS BUREAU
NEW DELHI

Anya Jacob knocked out top seed Isha Shree Shah of Nepal 6-3, 6-4 in the girls' first round of the Sports Boulevard Asian under-14 tennis tournament at the DLTA Complex here on Monday.

In the boys' event, second seed Ayushmaan Arjeria was beaten 2-6, 6-0, 6-4 by Raghav Harsh and third-seeded Rayyan Sajjid Koothrat went down 7-5, 6-4 against Manas Dhamne.

The results (first round):

Boys: Rushil Khosla bt Navya Verma 6-0, 6-3; Prajwal Tewari bt Ayaan Arora 7-6(2), 6-3; Pranav Tajena bt Wan Him Donovan Yim (HK) 6-1, 6-0.

Aryan Nanda bt Krish Tyagi 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Manas Dhamne bt Rayan Sajjid Koothrat 7-5, 6-4; Sudhanshu Eknath Sawant bt Ayaan Jamal 6-0, 6-1.

Rohan Patel bt Devansh Punjabi 7-5, 6-0; Samar Malhotra bt Aryan Sutar 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; Manan Nath bt Victor Mohanram (Esp) 6-2, 6-1.

Fateh Singh bt Ranbir Singh 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Jigyashman Hazarika bt Harsh Fogaat 6-4, 6-0; Omaansh Choudhary Saharia bt Zayan Jamal 6-0, 6-1; R Senthil Kumar bt Siddhant Sharma 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

Cahir Warik bt Vineeth Mutyala 6-1, 6-1; Arunava Majumder bt Swastik Sharma 6-1, 6-0; Raghav Harsh bt Ayushmaan Arjeria 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Girls: Anya Jacob bt Isha Shree Shah (Nep) 6-3, 6-4; DivyaUngrish bt Jigyasa Narsinghani 7-5, 6-3; Jeetesh Kumari bt Diya Mattipati 6-0, 6-1; Shruti Ahlawat bt D Durganshi 6-0, 6-0.

Maisha Rao bt Shubhangee Laxmi Shah (Nep) 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; Nemha Sarah Kispotta bt Saanvi Garg 6-0, 7-6(5); Malshka Kuramu bt Aarushi Mahendra Raval 6-3, 6-3; Chandni Srinivaan bt Samiksha Dabas 6-2, 0-6, 6-3.

Saneshi Willoraarachchi (Sri) bt Maitreyi Phogat 6-0, 6-2; Saumrita Verma bt Laxmisiri Dandu 6-1, 6-0; Shatakshi Chaudhary bt Nitsia Bharti 6-2, 6-1; Millee Chug bt Sunira Thapa (Nep) 6-2, 6-0.

Nandini Dixit bt Riya Sachdeva 6-2, 0-6, 6-4; Lehar Singh Tomar bt Siya Dingankar 6-2, 6-1; Anannya Bhatia bt Anvi Kumar 6-3, 6-0; Shaneni Shrestha (Nep) bt Raviya Suri 6-2, 6-0.

Kalinga gets the healing touch

Arena to be ready for Hockey Series Finals

HOCKEY

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Fani effect: Damaged glass panes inside the Kalinga Stadium after the passing of Cyclone Fani. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Indian men's hockey team will take its first step towards qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics when it faces Russia in its opening game of the FIH Hockey Series Finals in Bhubaneswar on Thursday.

But, even as the squad sweats it out in searing heat and humidity, the Odisha government is working overtime to ensure it lives up to the standards set in the past.

Damage

With Cyclone Fani causing extensive damage across the State, the Kalinga Stadium was no exception with both the turf and the infrastructure facing the impact.

The sports department has, however, ensured the tournament would go ahead and has almost completed repair and renovation.

"The hockey turf was torn at a few places.

"The stadium infrastructure also suffered peripheral damage like broken glass panes, floodlights, gallery chairs, etc," sports director Vineel Krishna told *The Hindu*.

Despite distress relief taking priority, along with Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, there had been talk of shifting the competition.

To its credit, the Odisha government has managed to address the issues, despite all the pressure, in record time.

What made it more difficult was the fact that the stadium was used as a base camp for relief activities and shelter for people during Fani, leaving less time for restoration.

"Arrangements were made to provide relief. The complex was also a base for air-dropping relief material and a control room for distribution. Even the control room for restoration of power supply was inside the stadium. The athletics stadium roof was blown away," Sports Secretary Vishal K. Dev said.

The efforts are visible. The stands, galleries and dressing rooms are all back in use and the turf has seen the Indian team practice without any serious concerns.

Almost done

"Currently, beautification of the stadium is underway and is expected to be completed in a couple of days. The Indian team is already training and is satisfied with the infrastructure," Krishna added.

Even as India steps in as the highest-ranked team and a favourite to win, the team would be hoping to match up to the staff's efforts.

Griezmann on target as France defeats Bolivia

FRIENDLY

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NANTES (FRANCE)

France's Antoine Griezmann moved to eighth on the list of his country's all-time scorers. ▪ AFP

Antoine Griezmann scored as France eased past Bolivia 2-0 in a friendly in Nantes on Sunday, ahead of the World Champion's resumption of its Euro 2020 qualifying campaign.

Thomas Lemar gave France the lead on five minutes and Griezmann, who last month announced he was leaving Atletico Madrid after five seasons, scored a second before the break.

Griezmann moved eighth on the list of France's all-time leading scorers with his 29th goal as he surpassed 1998 World Cup winner Youri Djorkaeff.

He is now just one goal behind Just Fontaine and Jean-Pierre Papin, and two adrift of Zinedine Zidane.

There was a slight note of concern for France though as it lost Kylian Mbappe to an ankle injury at half-time.

Competitive action

Didier Deschamps' side return to competitive action on June 8 when it faces Turkey in Group H. Both nations have six points from two matches. "We needed to get a little warm-up in. It's going to be tough in Turkey, we'll have to be ready," said Griezmann.

"I may not be in top form. This match will do me good, to get some minutes and be in good shape for Saturday."

'Hunger to wear India jersey again kept me strong'

Ramandeep says he is excited to play for the country again

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BHUBANESWAR

Support: Ramandeep, left, felt the team and support staff were always there to lift his spirits. ▪ FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

The hunger to wear India colours again kept me strong and motivated, said striker Ramandeep Singh, who is making a comeback to the national hockey team after recovering from a career-threatening injury that kept him out of action for nearly a year.

Ramandeep has been recalled to the Indian team for the FIH Hockey Series Finals, to be played here from June 6 to 15, after recovering from a full thickness condral fracture-injury in the centre of his right knee.

He had sustained the injury during India's match against Pakistan at the FIH Men's Champions Trophy in June 2018.

India's opening match against Russia on Thursday will mark exactly 348 days since Ramandeep last wore the national jersey.

"I think what really kept me strong through this entire period was my hunger to wear the India jersey again. I just did not want to give up on this desire and kept working on gaining full match fitness," said Ramadeep.

"Now that I have been selected and have with me the newly launched India jersey, it reinstates my belief and confidence. I am really excited to play for India again, I have literally counted days for this moment and I will do my best for the team which stood by me during my struggle over the past year."

> **I have literally counted days for this moment and I will do my best for the team**

While India went on to win the silver in the Champions Trophy, Ramandeep was forced to return home for an immediate surgery.

"When I got my MRI done in the Netherlands, the doctor told me I won't be able to play for the next two years. It came as a real shock to me," recalled the striker.

"It was only when I consulted the doctor in Bengaluru, I was told I could return to action in six months. My injury was of a rare kind as the cartilage and the bone in my ACL suffered an 8mm fracture," said Ramadeep, who has 124 international caps to his credit.

Support from mates

While the next six months were a battle for Ramandeep both physically and emotionally, he recalled how his teammates supported him during the ordeal.

"I remember being in my room at SAI Centre (Bengaluru), not allowed to walk for three weeks. My teammates would bring breakfast, lunch and dinner from the canteen," he said. "To be dependent on someone for basic needs was emotionally very challenging but the entire team and the support staff were always there to lift my spirits and motivate me."

The injury kept Ramandeep out of the team for the Jakarta Asian Games as well as the World Cup last year.

Superb final round gives Cantlay title

Scott finishes second; Woods signs off tied-ninth

MEMORIAL

REUTERS
DUBLIN (USA)

Thanking the mentor: Cantlay acknowledged the legendary Jack Nicklaus' contribution to his rise as a golfer. ▪ AP

Former World No.1 amateur Patrick Cantlay clinched his second PGA Tour victory in emphatic fashion when he carded a closing eight-under 64 to beat Adam Scott by two strokes at the Memorial tournament in Dublin, Ohio on Sunday.

After starting four strokes behind overnight leader Martin Kaymer, American Cantlay was impeccable as he passed the German, who faded to third place with a 72.

With the best final round by a winner in the tournament's history, Cantlay finished at 19-under 269, while Australian Scott continued his good form with a 68 at Muirfield Village.

Tiger Woods lit up the tournament on Sunday with an early feast of birdies during his final round 67 to dispel any doubts about his preparations for the U.S. Open. The Masters winner finished equal ninth at nine-under 279, 10 strokes behind Cantlay.

Indians finish low down the order

The Indian duo of Anirban Lahiri and Shubhankar Sharma could not make any significant headway on the final day, signing off at T-52 and T-62 respectively.

The 27-year-old Cantlay arrived at the Memorial brimming with confidence after a tie for third at the PGA Championship two weeks ago.

He surged into contention on Sunday with five birdies on the front nine and added three more coming home, almost making eagle at the par-five 15th before tapping in for par.

He will leave with sights set on the next Major, the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach in his native California next week.

"I really like Major championship golf," he said.

"I feel like it suits my game. I feel like the golf courses, as far as I'm concerned, the rough can't be long enough, the fairways can't be narrow enough, the greens can't be fast enough. I love golf like that."

Advice from a legend

Cantlay, 27, has a serious demeanour borne of some hardships but he was able to crack a smile for tournament host Jack Nicklaus, who was waiting to greet the winner next to the 18th green.

They both live in the same community in south Florida, and Nicklaus has been a mentor to Cantlay for the past couple of years.

"The relationship I have with Mr. Nicklaus is extremely special to me and I appreciate all the time he's spent giving me advice and trying to help me in any way that he can," said Cantlay.

"He said just to relax and have fun and look around and see all the people having fun and try to smile and just have a good time with it.

"Hearing it from someone like Jack gives it a little more weight, a lot more weight."

The final standings (top five): 269: Patrick Cantlay 68-69-68-64; 271: Adam Scott 71-66-66-68; 273: Martin Kaymer 67-68-66-72; 275: Kevin Streelman 72-68-69-66; 276: Marc Leishman 67-71-69-69.

Shivam gets past Tushar

SPORTS BUREAU
GURUGRAM

Shivam Dalmia fought his way past Tushar Madan 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(4) in the first round of the ₹100,000 AITA men's ranking tennis tournament, organised by VAN Sports Club, in Balliawas on Monday.

The results (first round): Parth Agarwal bt Yugal Bansal 7-6(6), 3-2 (concd.); Sushant Dabas w/o Sandeep Choudhary; Krishang Raghuvanshi bt Harshom Gupta 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Paras Dahiya bt Ayush Sharma 6-1, 6-2; Ritik Rana w/o Yuvraj Singh; Udit Yadav w/o Shivank Bhatnagar; Neeraj Elangovan bt Kshitij Kamal 6-2, 6-0; Kavin Masilamani bt Rishi Rudraksha Mitra 6-3, 6-2; Deepinder Singh Bains bt Aaron Raj 7-5, 6-2; Venkata Bhaskar bt Ritvik Kashyap 6-2, 6-1; Shubham Malhotra bt Kanishk Kumar Handa 6-0, 6-2; Shivam Dalmia bt Tushar Madan 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(4); Rohan Mehra bt L.R. Balaji 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Parav Dev Garg bt Lohith Aksha Bathrinath 6-4, 7-6(4); Pallavi Kumar Rousha bt Kartik Saxena 6-4, 6-3; Neeraj Yashpaul w/o Abhishek Sardana.

Patra finishes seventh

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NEW DELHI

Indian gymnast Rakesh Kumar Patra finished seventh in the final of the parallel bars at the FIG World Cup in Koper, Slovenia.

In the final field of eight, Patra finished second last with 13.650 points. Great Britain's Frank Baines clinched the top spot.

Cooking up a storm The iconic chef ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'PEOPLE INTIMIDATE THEMSELVES. I don't intimidate them'

Marco Pierre White on the film on his life, Indian food, and the importance of struggle

APARNA NARRAIN

He is regarded as the original *enfant terrible* of the kitchen. Known as the man who once ejected 54 customers from his restaurant, he even made protége Gordon Ramsay, himself known for his fiery temper, cry. Marco Pierre White's reputation certainly precedes him.

The youngest chef at the time to win three Michelin stars at the age of 33 in 1994, he famously returned them five years later and hung up his chef's whites to become a restaurateur. (As he has said numerous times, "Winning them was the most exciting journey, retaining them is boring," adding, "One day, I had the thought that I was being judged by people with less knowledge than me.")

The 57-year-old legendary chef was in Bengaluru, for the first time, to participate in the second edition of Season 4 of World On A Plate last weekend. As part of the festival held at the Ritz Carlton, Bangalore, Marco took part in a slew of events, including conducting two masterclasses, and curating a fine-dine brunch and dinner.

As we prepare to start the interview at the hotel, Marco is solicitous and apologises for the half-hour delay.

Excerpts from the interview:

What is your reaction to people's perception that you are intimidating based on what they have seen on MasterChef Australia?

● (Fixing me with a piercing look) Well, firstly, people intimidate themselves. I do not intimidate them. Number two, I have to do a job. It is to bring out the best in the contestants and to get them to deliver standards which they may not realise they possess within them.

Does that mean you are intimidating only in the kitchen?

● Yes, only in the kitchen. Remember, when people work with me, we are not friends. We are there to do a job and we have a duty and a responsibility to the diner. I can't turn around and say 'Brian when you've got two minutes, can I have two sea bass? And Jonathan when you've got a moment, can I have that steak for table 14?' You don't achieve standards by not pushing for standards. Anyone who works for me is not my friend. They become my friend when they leave me.

Is it true that a film based on your life is in the works?

● That's right. Russell Crowe has written the script. I have a meeting next week in Australia. Some people find my life interesting.

What is your opinion of online food bloggers and influencers , who, despite no formal training become famous just by talking about food?

● I'm asked if I think there are too many food bloggers or too many TV shows. Of course, there aren't. Because if the demand was not there, there would be no food bloggers, there would be no food shows. You have got to look at the positive, not the negative. The positive is that it inspires people to cook, inspires people to eat, and inspires people to buy good produce.

Do you read these blogs or check Instagram?

● I don't. My son takes care of my Instagram account. Look at my phone (it's an ancient Nokia 3310). It's dated but the battery lasts two days. I can make a phone call, I can receive a phone call. I can receive a text but I don't know how to send a text. So, I'm very old-fashioned. Some people say it sounds very narrow-minded. But it doesn't excite me, it doesn't interest me. I put energy into things that interest me.

You don't think of it as expanding your reach?

● You learn more about Indian food by sitting with Indian people, working with Indian people and eating with Indian people than you will on the Internet.

What do you think about food trends?

● Well, I don't really look at food trends, I look at food. I want to eat food. The one thing I do think is really important is generosity.

> When people work with me, we are not friends. We are there to do a job and we have a duty and a responsibility to the diner.

Does that mean big portions then?

● I don't like small portions. It doesn't excite me because I can't indulge.I don't like a waiter telling me what I'm eating and telling me how to eat it and then asking me two minutes later if I enjoyed it. It is the customer's evening. It is not the chef's evening. When I started out, the customer was the most important. Today the chef is the most important. That's how it has changed over 40 years.

You said that eating local food when you travel, is all about the emotional impact. What would you say to people who refuse to try local food?

● I can't speak for what they want. I'm completely the opposite. For example, when I dine in Singapore, 95% of the people that are in that restaurant are Singaporeans. I want to eat what the people eat. Food tells you a lot about the country."

Does that mean eating in small street stalls as well?

● I like street food. Like in Singapore, the rice and chicken shop. Delicious! To me it's all about the experience of that culture. It's like when I'm in Jamaica, I go down the beach and eat with fishermen.

What have you eaten during your travels to India?

● A lot of different curries. The reality is that it's a tsunami of flavours and dishes. The first time I came to India in January this year, the St. Regis, Mumbai, asked me what I would like for breakfast and I said a traditional Indian breakfast.
That is a mountain of food (laughs). But life is all about indulgence and generosity. And every time I come to India that is what I get... generosity of flavours, of textures, of food.

How do you unwind?

● I like cooking as therapy. But I do like fishing as well.

Do you go out to the theatre or to the cinema?

● No, I don't put myself within public arenas unless I'm working. There's a large part of me which is reclusive. That's why the kitchen is the perfect world for me. I am not great at dealing with the outside world. I get nervous. I'm not a performer. I'm a cook.

Are you happy about the fact that a film will be made on your life?

● I sometimes question whether I've done the right thing. I think it's really important to speak from the heart and share your story. I believe that stories are way more important than recipes. Recipes can confuse you. But a story can inspire you. I'm a great believer in struggle. Without struggle, where's the imagination? The worst thing that can ever happen to any of us – whether we write or cook – is complacency , to become comfortable. If you get a bit of success, dissolve it. Put yourself back to where you were and start to struggle again. Life is about struggle. It is not about success.

#DELHIMOVES

Be a pedal pusher

A user-guide to share-bicycles around Delhi

▪ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

GAGAN DHILLON KULLAR

I'd like to believe that I am not vain, considering that I still cannot take a decent selfie. However nothing is more sobering than the live photo option on the GreenRide user app, a public bicycle sharing service.

To access the shared cycle stands scattered across Delhi you first need to share a tonne of personal information. You'll need to share a selfie and two ID proof documents. If you don't feel vulnerable sharing a sans makeup selfie, uploading images of your Aadhar and any other photo ID such as a PAN card, passport or driving license may put you on edge.

Since I am on a mission to do my bit for the environment I wasn't going to let the risk of identity theft stop me. In all fairness, once the registration is approved the app is pretty easy to use. The fare is calculated on the bases of time slots for 60 minutes. The first two times you pay ₹10 per slot and thereafter its ₹20. The annual charges are ₹200. After revealing all my personal information, I was ready to peddle away my worries and burn off last night's doughnuts.

Turns out this app is useful if you live around Vishwavidhyalaya area. Do try it if you are a student at any of these North Campus colleges: Ramjas College, Daulat Ram College, Hansraj College or Kirori Mal College. All you need to do is select the "Take a Ride" option, scan the barcode, and pull the cycle out from the stand. When you are done just return the cycle to the nearest GreenRide stand (check for service availability at greenride.in).

Another app called Planet Green Bikes services south Delhi. Thankfully it didn't require any 'live selfies' but I did have to share my Aadhar information. After paying the initial security deposit of ₹100, and selecting the daily plan that cost me ₹20 (the weekly plan is worth ₹120, while the monthly one is ₹500), I was all set.

All I had to do now was to brave the heat, scan the barcode and finally put pedal to metal. This app services about 25 locations covering the BRT area, which includes Defence Colony, Lajpat Nagar, ITO and Vishwavidhyalaya among others. The service is operational between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A wide cycle lane runs along the stand at Defence Colony. If you cycle late in the evening like I did, watch out for commuters on motorcycles and scooters. They will zoom past you on the cycle track. Do wear a mask to filter out toxic traffic-fumes. When you are done, head to the cycle stand, slide it in the slot and wait for the beep. There's also SmartBike that charges ₹10 for the first 30 minutes which can go upto ₹300 a day if you're not a member. A weekly pass costs ₹199. (Check smartbikemobility.com for locations).

I can't wait for the winter, to truly enjoy this service. Do try it, but also remember to wear comfortable clothes in which you you can safely cycle. Now, if only we had collapsible helmets, life would be so much easier (and safer).

PEOPLE

From Nagaland to the Rashtrapati Bhavan

Temsutula Imsong recalls her surprise at receiving an invite for the government's big-ticket oath-taking ceremony on Thursday

On the afternoon of May 30, Temsutula Imsong was in for a surprise. The cleanliness activist — she shot to fame in 2015 after the Prime Minister tweeted about her organisation Sakaar's efforts in cleaning up Varanasi's ghats — received a card, embossed with the state emblem of India. It requested her presence for the new government's swearing-in ceremony that evening.

"Good wishes work, I'm a living example of this fact. A village girl from Nagaland gets to attend Prime Minister @narendramodi jis Oath taking ceremony at @rashtrapatibhvn," she shared on social media, two days later, to her 25.8k Twitter, 3000 Facebook, and 772 Instagram followers. "Same with so many others who couldn't have even dreamt about attending the #SwearingInCeremony," she added, referring to the sheer scale of the event.

There were close to 8,000 invitees, all seated in the Rashtrapati Bhavan's sprawling forecourt, to witness the Prime Minister and his Union Council take oath. The number this year was almost double that of the 2014 event.

As she recalls the experience days later, Imsong finds she still has to pinch herself. "I'm still so surprised. I never thought I'd ever be one of these guests," she said over the phone, adding that she ran into various other people from Varanasi too, such as the city's ex-Mayor. The invitees also included heads-of-state of BIMSTEC countries, as well as the families of slain political activists affiliated with the ruling party.

Imsong also tweeted out a thread with various details that made the evening come together. This included a picture of a snack coupon that came with the invite, and a picture of the food itself. "In all the enclosures, there were those industrial mist fans, because it was so hot. Also, at each seat, there were water bottles kept inside pouches by Khadi India," she recalled.

A native of Mokokchung in Nagaland, Imsong left a teaching job in Delhi to move to Varanasi in 2013 and help her friend there set up an NGO. A boat-ride along the Ganga angered her — the deplorable condition of the ghats moved her into taking action, mobilising people to join her clean-up campaign. Her efforts coincided with Narendra Modi's first election as the city's MP, as well as the subsequent high-profile push for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. "The invite and being there was such a big boost, and like an encouragement for me," she said.

Imsong's efforts are now focussed towards solid waste management. "We all generate so much waste, and regardless of what we do, it all ends up in a landfill. We must give solutions at the individual-level only," she says. Through outreach in schools in Varanasi, villages, and local women's groups, she, along with volunteers, teaches home-composting and waste segretation.

To volunteer or learn more, tweet to Imsong at @temsutulaimsong, or visit Sakaar.co.in

VANGMAYI PARAKALA

PURPOSE

A spot of green

Project Plant is an online nursery that retails plants, planters, garden accessories and more. It's the 'green' arm of Project Co., a design firm that does interiors and exteriors, including landscaping. The plants are evergreen, chosen from our native environment, and so are easier to maintain, compared to something that's imported. Planters are recycled from the company's previous work.

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5 EVENTS WORTH YOUR WHILE

EXHIBIT

Art

Bahaar-e-Dilli, is a solo art show by artist Bahaar Jain on display till June 30. Influenced by Rajasthani minature paintings, the artist's many frames depict the past years of glory such as the flourishing Mughal gardens, unblemished Islamic-Hindu style buildings, all surrounded by the bright colours of spring.

VENUE: Dilli O Dilli Foyer, IHC
TIME: 12:30-3 p.m. and 7:30-11 p.m.

FOOD

Special menu

Punjab Grill has a new specially curated menu on offer. Apart from an array of regular dishes, this menu includes appetizers such as kaala chana shorba, Patialawale singhada tikke, and barrah kebab. The main course includes a keema matar masala, mutton kharoda curry, aloo wadiyaan, and tawa keema parantha.

VENUE: Punjab Grill Janpath
TIME: 12 noon - 11:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT

Group show

An ongoing group show, *Within Reach X*, showcases more than 100 artworks. From the figurative to abstract, traditional to avant-garde, the show presents a wide range of art, courtesy 50 new artists, including the likes of Aditi Saigal, Amar Sultan, Deepti Gupta, Shiffali Wadhawan, among others.

VENUE: Gallerie Nvya, Saket
TIME: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

FOOD

Summer menu

Pikkle, a modern Asian cuisine and bar's summer menu has dishes like caramelised bananas, mushroom khurchan puff (a slow cooked mushrooms in laminated pastry with pickled mushroom pate); Korean fried chicken (a spiced chicken cooked with potato and egg salad); and shashimi pizza (Japanese style cold meat pizza).

VENUE: Pikkle, Pusa Road, Rajinder Nagar
TIME: 12 noon - 12 midnight

MUSIC

Suraj Rajan live

Independent performer Suraj Rajan is live tonight. The singer and songwriter, originally from Ooty and now based in Delhi, recently released a single called *Your Time*. Rajan writes and composes as per mood and feeling and doesn't limit himself to a genre.

VENUE: The Piano Man Jazz Club, B 6-7/22 Safdarjung Enclave Market
TIME: 9 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.

These students of Jamia Millia Islamia are using a special breed of web documentaries to examine new means of communication

Beyond narrative, TO INTERACTIVE

BHUMIKA SARASWATI

"We're all strangers in an unknown city, yet pretending like we own it and hoping for something better, which at its very best can be called Utopic," writes Anubhav Chakraborty in a Facebook post. He's the chief producer of the web documentary *Latent Dreams: Tales of Daily Wage Migrant Workers in Delhi*. Anubhav, who hails from Bengal, is a postgraduate student of Convergent Journalism, at Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi.

Multimedia interaction

Developed by a group in the college, as a part of their curriculum, the project is based on the lives of daily-wage migrant labourers, who can be spotted at numerous 'labour *chowks*' in Delhi. The aim was to "attempt to build channels of emotional empathy between the city and its workers" reads an introductory note on the website, where the content resides.

The work comprises edited documentary footage in a series of nine parts; an audio profile of a labourer reading aloud a letter to his mother; a section that features photographs clicked by two daily-wage labourers; articles around the lives of the communities involved; and a photo essay. This makes it a 360° experience.

I-DOCS

A term coined by Professor Sandra Gaudenzi, at the London College of Media, i-Docs refers to interactive documentaries. Gaudenzi is a co-founder of the i-Docs Project (i-docs.org), a community of practitioners, researchers, students and enthusiasts.

There are three levels of interactivity that determine the type of documentary: semi-closed (the user can browse but not change the content), semi-open (the user can participate but not change the structure of the interactive documentary), completely open (the user and the interactive documentary constantly change and adapt to each other).

The cameras (both still and moving), and sometimes a pen, follow the lives of three labourers, as they go about life, singing, creating poetry, sometimes taking on politicians at a community gathering. The idea is to tap into the personal, to get a glimpse of how the 'new' urban landscape, employers, and people around affect the migrant.

Inspired by the interactive multimedia project *Puerto Rico* by *The Washington Post*, Anubhav stresses on the need for more interactive content: "The unification of multiple mediums (audio, visual, text) is important, so that a large section of people can understand the story better." The main challenge in creating such content is to bring technology and journalism together, for tech specialists like coders and VR specialists to get involved with documentary journalists and scholars.

Ironically Shankar Rai, one of the two labourers featured in the documentary, hasn't seen the project yet. He doesn't know what a web documentary is, but asks for a CD to keep, just in case he'd like to watch it some day.

Anubhav's documentary *Latent Dreams* falls into the first category (semi-closed). *Prison Valley* (2009), a web documentary by French journalist David Dufresne and *Journey to the End of Coal* (2008) about the lives of Chinese migrant workers, both fall under the 'semi-open' interactive category. There are interesting experiments around the third type: the remake of the classic 1929 documentary *Man With a Movie Camera* by Dziga Vertov invited people from around the globe to interpret original scenes and upload their videos to the site. Today, a new version of the film is built every day.

Immersive journalism

In 2010, Nonny de la Peña, an American journalist pioneered the concept of immersive journalism. In 2014, the World Economic Forum included her Project Syria about a bomb explosion in a Syrian town. Last year Mumbai-based virtual reality-production firm Memesys Culture Lab produced non-fiction VR content on varied themes.

Their projects include: *Caste is not a Rumour*, *Submerged,* and *When Land is Lost, do we Eat Coal?* These immersive projects are blurring the lines between the viewers and the experience. They facilitate the core mission of connecting, contextualising, and creating empathy.

MICRO-CHIPS

'Appifying' apartment security systems

ARCHIT MEHTA

It's unreasonable to expect the security guard to recognise the owner is every time. What if you got a hair cut? After all, he doesn't have face recognition technology (yet). With the boom in e-commerce, online cab and food deliveries, the footfall in gated communities has increased drastically, which has led to avoidable delays at the entrance. Technologies like MyGate, ADDA GateKeeper and ApnaComplex understand these challenges and offer end-to-end app-based apartment security and management solutions.

On May 31, MyGate announced a partnership with multiple e-commerce brands, including Swiggy, Zomato, Dunzo and Grofers. Once the user selects auto-approval for trusted brands, the delivery executive needs to just share his phone number with the guard before reaching your doorstep.

Vijay Arisetty, co-founder and CEO, MyGate, says, "We take the existing online footprint and improve the user experience for online services and offline processes for residents in gated communities." It's worth mentioning that these platforms are ad-free and the makers claim it will remain so.

Onboarding

Once the management of a gated community decides to get the services, they are added in the database of the platform. This involves creating profiles (name, address, phone number etc) of residents; security guards; and frequent visitors like gardeners, baby sitters, domestic help, drivers and tutors. The guards are given a smartphone to interact with the residents to verify the visitors.

What they offer

These apps allow one-time password verification of visitors, tracking vehicles which are parked incorrectly, monitoring when the domestic help and others reach the premises, and making payments like maintenance fee and salaries to helping staff. Each month, you will know exactly how many days your staff was absent without any arguments.

With this technology, a visitors' log is no longer just a formality. But the tech is not limited to security solutions. It is especially useful for the management of gated communities. It helps in reducing paperwork drastically, by making digital workflows to inform residents, pre-book amenities, and most importantly, take feedback effectively.

Recently, the welfare association of Paramount Towers in Visakhapatnam subscribed to MyGate. P Vijay Krishna, treasurer of Paramount Towers Welfare Association, says, "We no longer rely on manual recording processes. As a result, information is just a few clicks away."

Users can make in-app calls to other residents and the security guard. If gated communities integrate this from the beginning, they can avoid spending lakhs on outdated, expensive intercom tech.

Reality check

While these features make sure community management can get their heads over the paperwork and focus on getting things done, the fact remains technology is only as good as its operator. Community management can pick and choose the feature they need. If your gated community decides to opt for it, make sure it begins with a few features and then gradually integrates other processes.

After all, if the technology is making a simple process complicated, then it's best skipped. For instance, if giving food to your domestic help, the app-enabled households need to click a picture and send a message to the guard. Just leave it to technology for taking the joy out of little acts of kindness. But in many gated communities, security guards have to check the items taken out by the maid. Amit Kumar Tyagi, chief business officer at ApnaComplex, says, "Some people actually prefer this system, since they don't want the guard crossing-checking via phone each time."

If *Black Mirror* episodes got to you and you don't need the hi-tech lifestyle, these technologies might seem like a fad. On the other hand, those who feel prevention is better than cure and welcome futuristic solutions will embrace these platforms.

Byte-sized play-by-plays of tech concepts

Gateway These concepts go beyond home automation
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SAVING BIG BUCKS

As per the blog 'Things Every Gated Community Must Know Before Installing An Intercom System' by MyGate, the cost for an apartment of about 500 flats to have private branch exchange, with an internal telephone network, is around three lakhs.

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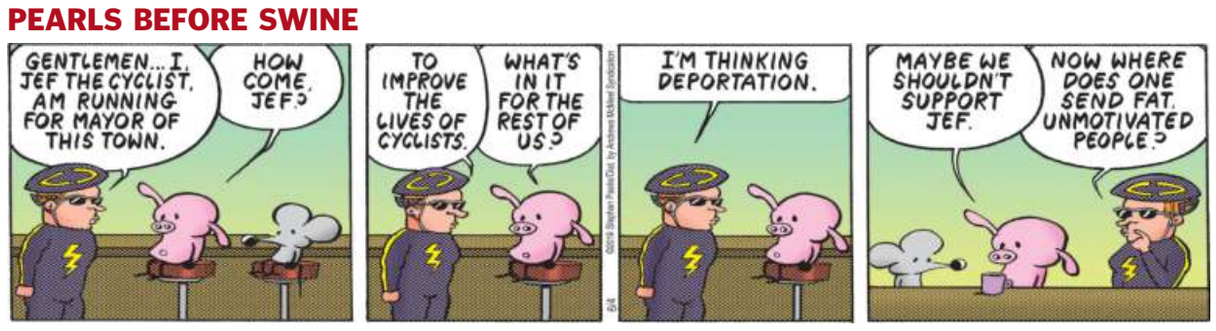

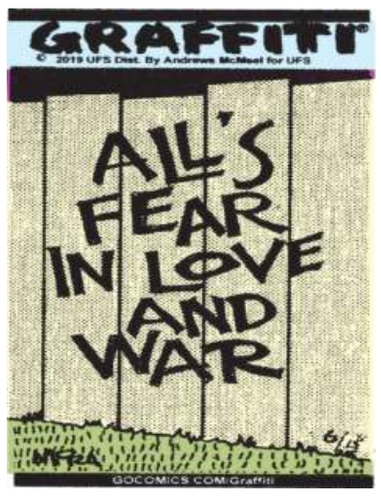

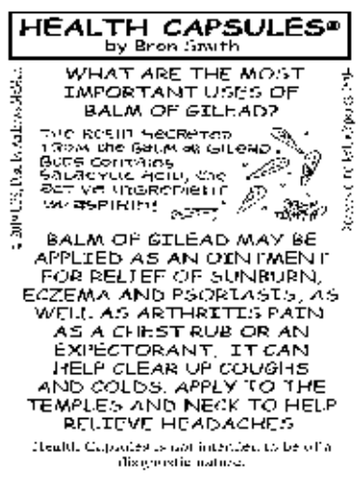

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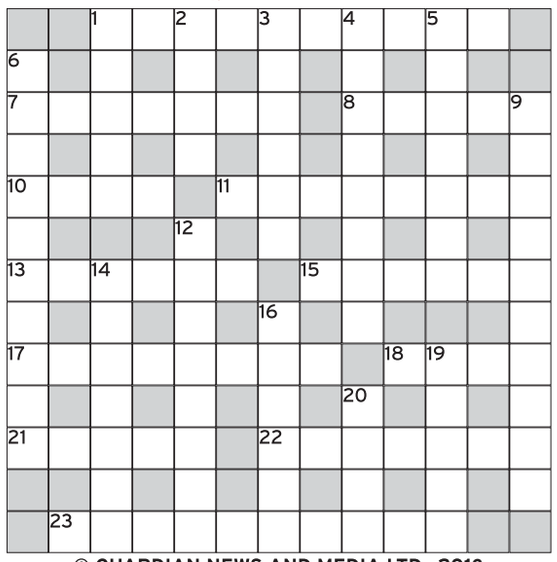

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IN BRIEF

Google server trouble snarls YouTube, Snapchat

WASHINGTON

Congested Google servers in the eastern U.S. caused problems for users of Snapchat and YouTube on Sunday, with complaints on social media that the popular apps weren't accessible. Google acknowledged the issue affecting multiple services in Google Cloud, G Suite and YouTube. "Users may see slow performance or intermittent errors," it said.

Sephora to shut to train staff on racial profiling

LOS ANGELES

High street makeup powerhouse Sephora has announced it will close all its U.S. stores, distribution centres and corporate office for employee training after a racial profiling incident involving Grammy-nominated singer SZA. She had tweeted that security was called "to make sure I wasn't stealing", while she was at a store. AFP

Russia requires Tinder to provide data on its users

MOSCOW

Dating app Tinder is now required to provide user data to Russian intelligence agencies. The app was included on a new list of online services operating in Russia that are required to provide user data on demand to authorities, including FSB security agency. Russia has adopted a flurry of legislation in recent years to control online activity. AP

J.K. Rowling to release four Harry Potter e-book shorts

The series delves deeper into the history of magic and offers Hogwarts lessons

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

British author J.K. Rowling has revealed she is expanding her wizarding world of Harry Potter with four new eBook shorts.

The author said the digital short stories would be themed around the curriculum Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley follow at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

"Prepare to delve deeper into the rich history of magic with this new series of eBook shorts, inspired by the British Library exhibition and its companion books, *Harry Potter: A History of Magic*.

"The series features four bitesize reads, each themed by Hogwarts lessons, and will take you back in time once again to learn about the traditional folklore and magic at the heart of the Harry Potter stories, accompanied by some new, gorgeous line drawings from London-based artist Rohan Daniel Eason," the announcement on website Pottermore read.

Set for charms: The series will be accompanied by line drawings from artist Rohan Daniel Eason. ▪ WWW.POTTERMORE.COM

The eBook shorts will also feature notes, manuscript pages and sketches as previously seen in *Harry Potter: A History of Magic*.

First pair on June 27

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. The books will be published in English, French, Italian, and German languages initially.

Eminent actor-singer Ruma Guha Thakurta passes away

An icon of Bengal's glorious cultural past, she was 87

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Eminent Bengali musician, singer, dancer and actor Ruma Guha Thakurta passed away on Monday in her south Kolkata residence. She was 87.

In her career spanning more than six decades, Ms. Guha Thakurta worked with many eminent filmmakers, from Satyajit Ray to Tapan Sinha and Mira Nair. She was 87.

Tagore's influence

Named by Rabindranath Tagore, Ms. Guha Thakurta was one of the icons of Bengal's glorious cultural past. Groomed in an atmosphere deeply influenced by Tagore, Ms. Guha Thakurta's

Ruma Guha Thakurta

biggest achievement was setting up of the Calcutta Youth Choir, known for *Ganasangeet* or Bengal's version of protest songs and songs of social awareness.

Founded in consultation with Ray and music maestro Salil Chowdhury, she remained the central figure of the choir, which had performed nationally.

However to Bengalis, she will be remembered for her on-screen performance.

Ms. Guha Thakurta's acting career predates her career in music; she performed in her first film in 1944, guided by the legendary actress, Devika Rani. She started her film career from Prithvi Theatre in Mumbai in the early 1940s as a child artist –much before she stepped into her teens– and went on to act in more than 100 films. Ms. Guha Thakurta dominated the Bengali theatre and screen for six decades.

Married once to singer Kishore Kumar, Ms. Guha Thakurta mostly spent her last days with her son Amit Kumar in Mumbai.

Mutation that protects against HIV raises death rate

Study suggests that tinkering with gene may cause problems

ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK

People with a DNA mutation that reduces their chance of HIV infection may die sooner, according to a study that suggests tinkering with a gene to try to fix one problem may cause others.

The study authors cited the case of the Chinese researcher who tried to produce this mutation in twin girls before their birth, to reduce their risk for HIV.

"You should consider all the effects of mutations you induce," said Rasmus Nielsen, senior author of the paper, published on Monday in *Nature Medicine*.

Mr. Nielsen acknowledged that his result cannot be applied directly to the two girls in China. For one thing, his study focussed on a sample of people in the U.K. who may have different genetic backgrounds than the Chinese girls.

In addition, the people he studied had inherited a specific mutation. The Chinese scientist tried to create the same mutation, but failed. The girls now carry different alterations in the same gene.

Heightens risk

The gene is called CCR5. When it is working normally, it lets certain cells of the immune system display a protein on their surfaces. HIV has co-opted that protein to use as a doorway to infect those cells. The mutation prevents that protein from appearing, and so reduces the risk of HIV infection.

Mr. Nielsen and Xinzhu Wei, also at UC Berkeley, studied data on about 4,00,000 people.

About 4,000 participants carried the mutation in both copies, of whom 151 were dead. Analysis focused on deaths between ages 41 and 76.

The study found that participants with the mutation in both copies had a death rate about 20% higher than that of the others. A second analysis showed that at the time participants signed up for the databank, when their average age was about 57, there were fewer people with the mutation in both copies of the gene than one would expect. That's another sign of a higher death rate.

Stalk and strike

Day's catch: A painted stork with its catch in Oussudu Lake near Puducherry. ▪ S.S. KUMAR

Scientists edit chicken genes to make them resistant to bird flu

The development is a key step in preventing spread of the disease to humans

REUTERS
LONDON

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.

Bird flu viruses currently spread swiftly in wild birds and poultry, and can at times jump into humans. Global health and infectious disease specialists cite as one of their greatest concerns the threat of a human flu pandemic caused by a bird flu strain that makes such a jump and mutates into a deadly and airborne form that can pass easily between people.

In the latest study, by editing out a section of chicken DNA inside the lab-grown cells, researchers from Imperial College London and the University of Edinburgh's Roslin Institute prevented the bird flu virus from taking hold in the cells and replicating.

The next step will be to try to produce chickens with the same genetic change, said Mike McGrew of the Roslin Institute, who co-led the research. The findings were due to be published in the scientific journal *eLife* on June 4.

"This is an important advance that suggests we may be able to use gene-editing techniques to produce chickens that are resistant to bird flu," Mr. McGrew said in a statement.

"We haven't produced any birds yet and we need to check if the DNA change has any other effects on the bird cells before we can take this next step."

Viruses spread swiftly in wild birds and poultry. ▪ GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

In the further work, the team hopes to use the gene editing technology, known as CRISPR, to remove a section of the birds' DNA responsible for producing a protein called ANP32, on which all flu viruses depend to infect a host. Lab tests of cells engineered to lack the gene showed they resist the flu virus by blocking its entry and halting its replication and spread.

The death toll in the last flu pandemic in 2009/10 – caused by the H1N1 strain and considered to be relatively mild – was around half a million people worldwide. The historic 1918 Spanish flu killed around 50 million people.

Wendy Barclay, professor and chair in influenza virology at Imperial who worked with Mr. McGrew, said the idea behind developing flu-resistant chickens is to be able "to stop the next flu pandemic at its source".

Prankster in soup for offering cookie filled with toothpaste to homeless man

He shot a video of the incident and challenged followers to carry out the prank

RAPHAEL MINDER
MADRID

It was a humiliating video that fuelled outrage on social media. A YouTube prankster filmed himself offering a homeless man in Barcelona an Oreo cookie filled with toothpaste rather than cream.

Now the prankster, known as ReSet to his followers on YouTube but whose real name is Kanghua Ren, has been handed a 15-month prison sentence and must pay €20,000 compensation to his victim.

First-time offender

Ren was found guilty of violating the moral integrity of the homeless man. He is unlikely to serve any time behind bars, however, as Spanish law normally allows sentences of less than two years for first-time offenders in non-violent crimes to be suspended.

Kanghua Ren

The court also ordered Ren's YouTube and other social media channels to be shut down for five years.

Ren, who was 19 at the time, filmed himself in early 2017 replacing the cream inside the cookies with toothpaste after being challenged by one of his 1.2 million followers to carry out the prank. He gave them to the homeless man outside a supermarket, along with a €20 bill. The homeless man was identified only as Gheorge L., a man in his early 50s who was born in Romania and who once worked as a shepherd before migrating to Barcelona, according to the newspaper *El País*. The homeless man vomited after eating the cookie.

After the posting of the video prompted widespread condemnation, Ren replaced it with one in which he visited the homeless man again and offered him another €20 bill. According to police, he later offered €300 to the daughter of his victim in return for not filing a lawsuit.

In his defence, Ren said that the video was just a bad joke. "I do things to mount a show: People like what is morbid," he told the court.

But the judge noted that Ren had earned more than €2,000 from advertising revenues generated by the video, one of several he filmed in response to various challenges received from his followers.

"This was not an isolated act," Judge Rosa Aragonés concluded. In other videos, Ren also displayed "cruel behaviours" toward "easy or vulnerable victims," the ruling added. NY TIMES

By a thread: Thai Muslim family keeps silk weaving heritage alive

The craft boomed after Second World War thanks to "Silk King" Jim Thompson, who is credited with taking the country's silk global

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BANGKOK

Over the click-clack of the teak loom, Niphon Manutha's family laments the lack of apprentice weavers at his Bangkok silk shop, as modernity lures young Muslims away from a trade their community has dominated for generations.

They say they are the last of the Muslim weavers of Baan Krua, a storied neighbourhood of dilapidated wooden houses and a mosque in downtown Bangkok, nearly engulfed by the city creep of condos and skyscrapers. "This is Muslim heritage... Baan Krua silk is very famous," Niphon Manutha, 71, said.

Preserving a craft: Rampai Sripetch, 65, weaving silk fabric at a workshop in Bangkok. ▪ AFP

A typed letter from Robert Kennedy on the wall of his shophouse attests to that lineage – a gift to Ms. Niphon's parents after the then-US attorney general visited in 1962.

The craft was passed down through generations of ethnic Cham Muslim women who migrated from Cambodia centuries ago and perfected the art of turning the cocoons made by Thai silkworms into metres of soft cloth with a unique sheen coveted across the world.

Silk weaving boomed after Second World War thanks to American "Silk King" Jim Thompson, who is credited with taking Thai silk global.

Thompson's house is one of the most visited tourist sites in Bangkok today, but it was across the canal in Baan Krua where he first found his suppliers among the Muslim weavers. "He came here every morning," Ms. Niphon said, showing a photo of Thompson standing next to his mother at a loom.

At its peak Niphon's family employed 50 people, producing thousands of metres of silk a month.

But Thompson's mysterious disappearance in 1976 in Malaysia led partnerships to shrivel, while production gradually moved to the north of the country from Bangkok.

Ms. Niphon survived by switching to a custom-order model, relying on his daughter to run a website advertising bright-coloured scarves, bags and elegant napkins.

But with just a handful of older working weavers left in Baan Krua the expertise from his corner of Bangkok is fading.

Traders and courtiers

"It's a shame the young generation is not interested," said Ms. Niphon's sister Natcha Swanaphoom, fixing her hijab in the mirror before going outside.

Though Thailand is overwhelmingly Buddhist, about seven million Muslims make up the country's largest religious minority, and like the faithful everywhere they are observing Ramadan this month.

Ms. Niphon's shop has no traditional silk weavers under 60. "Our staff are getting older and older," said Niphon's daughter Pattramas, 40, bemoaning the "disappearance" of hand-driven crafts to easier salaried jobs.

Thailand still exports around $15 million-worth of silk, but Vietnam and China now provide fierce competition.

Thousands of reptiles rescued in global police op

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
THE HAGUE

Police have rescued thousands of live snakes, lizards and geckos and stopped some 20 crocodiles and alligators from becoming high-end fashion products, Europol said on Monday, after a coordinated global police operation.

During "Operation Blizzard", police from 22 countries, including the European Union, Australia, South Africa and the U.S., targeted the illegal reptile trade between mid-April to May 22. Twelve suspects were arrested.

Globally, police seized 4,419 live animals including 2,703 turtles and tortoises,

Police from 22 countries targeted the illegal reptile trade. ▪ REUTERS

1059 snakes, 512 lizards and geckos and 20 crocodiles and alligators.

Authorities also confiscated 152 handbags, wallets, watchstraps, medicines and taxidermies.