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Slowdown, need for jobs on the table, Govt sets up two new Cabinet panels

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

ACKNOWLEDGING that a slowing economy and need for jobs are pressing issues that need sustained follow-up, the new government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday decided to set up two new committees of the Cabinet — one on Investment and Growth, and the other on Employment and Skill Development.

While an official notification is awaited, multiple sources in the government confirmed the decision. They said groups of ministers met Tuesday to discuss the formation of these committees and the agenda going forward.

Signals intent, priorities

For the government, a slowing economy has been a major concern, especially during the last financial year when GDP growth rate dropped below the original estimate of 7 per cent to 6.8 per cent. Growth rates were sequentially lower every quarter, with the last quarter (January-March 2019) growing

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Charting course

ECONOMIC GROWTH and jobs are key to meet aspirations of the youth. The immediate impact of two decisions, GST and Insolvency Bankruptcy Code, on growth are slowly fading. The two new committees with specific mandate will ensure ministries are on the same page, and expedite decision-making.

Each minister must have a 5-yr plan: PM to Cabinet

RAVISH TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

IN ONE of the first assignments to his colleagues, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is learnt to have asked all ministers to draw up five-year vision plans for their respective ministries. He conveyed this at the first meeting of the Union Cabinet on May 31, a day after the swearing-in of the new government.

"Prime Minister desired focus on a sound vision for five years in every department," a source said. Another source said "Prime Minister wanted every minister to prepare a five-year plan for ministries to work on".

This, sources said, will be in addition to the plan of action for the first 100 days, prepared by the ministries at the behest of the PMO during the course of the Lok Sabha election campaign.

Sources indicated that the ministers are supposed to dwell upon this over the next few weeks and firm up a vision for the next five years for their respective ministries. Identified plans may come up for discussion with the PMO for better

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Pilot's wife was on ATC duty in Jorhat when IAF AN-32 vanished from radar

SAKSHI DAYAL
PALWAL (HARYANA), JUNE 5

WHEN THE Indian Air Force AN-32 aircraft went missing Monday afternoon, the wife of pilot Ashish Tanwar (29) saw things unfold closer than anyone else. Posted at the IAF Air Traffic Control in Jorhat in Assam, Sandhya was on duty when the flight took off from the base at 12.25 pm for the advanced landing ground at Mechuka in Arunachal Pradesh.

"They lost contact with the flight at 1 pm, and she called us an hour later to tell us what had happened," Flight Lieutenant Ashish's uncle Udaivir Singh told *The Indian Express*, at the family home in Palwal.

With search operations still underway, the family despairs as the hours pass. At Ashish's home in Palwal's HUDA Sector 2, his uncle said: "Initially we were hopeful that may be the aircraft crossed over to China and managed to make an emergency landing, but even in that case, those on board would have made some contact by now. If they have crashed in the hills..."

"His father has gone to Assam to meet the authorities and get updates quickly, but his mother is at home. She is absolutely shattered, and is barely able to speak without crying," he said.

Ashish and Sandhya got married in February 2018

Singh is one of five brothers of Ashish's father, Radhelal. Of the six siblings, five joined the Army, with three, including Radhelal, retired now. Ashish, his uncles said, was heavily influenced by this, and aspired to "serve the nation" ever since he was a young boy. His elder sister is a Squadron Leader in the IAF.

"I remember one time, when Ashish must have been barely up to my waist, I asked him what he wanted to become when he grew up. He immediately said he will be a soldier. *Fauji ka beta fauji hi banta hai*," recalled

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As PMs prepare for Bishkek, Pak and India drop Eid hints

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

WITH A week to go for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistan counterpart Imran Khan to reach Bishkek for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, Pakistan Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood arrived in Delhi Tuesday night for what sources said was a three-day "private visit".

On Wednesday, Mahmood, who was the envoy to India till mid-April and whose family is still in Delhi, offered prayers at the Jama Masjid to mark Eid. He was accompanied by Acting High Commissioner Syed Haider Shah and other Pakistan diplomats. Sources said Mahmood's family is likely to return with him to Pakistan.

In Islamabad, Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria met Pakistan President Dr Arif Alvi on the occasion of

Pak Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood (left) at the Jama Masjid in Delhi. *ANI*

Eid, where they exchanged greetings. "Exchanged #Eid greetings with President @ArifAlvi in #Islamabad this morning. The President expressed hope for #peace in our region.@IndiainPakistan," Bisaria tweeted.

The two events have raised

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WINNING START

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Air hostess gangraped in Mumbai flat, airline security officer arrested

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JUNE 5

A 25-YEAR-OLD air hostess with a leading airline was allegedly gangraped in an apartment in Mumbai on Monday. Police arrested a colleague for the assault Wednesday and according to the woman's complaint, the room in which she was assaulted was shared by three men, and a woman was also present in the room.

The accused, Swapnil Badoniya (23) arrested Wednesday, knew the complainant and worked in the security department of the same airline company. The role of the other two men, however, is still under investigation.

Senior police inspector Nitin Alaknure of the MIDC police station confirmed the incident. "So far we have learnt that Badoniya

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For killing Dalit, 13 jailed for life in Madhya Pradesh

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JUNE 5

A SPECIAL Court in Guna has sentenced 13 people, including 12 upper-caste men, to life in prison for beating to death a Dalit farmer who tried to file a complaint against them under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act in Mahukhan village in Madhya Pradesh in September 2017.

Neelam Ahirwar, 45, was first accused of stealing a tractor from the village, about 20 km from Guna, and then 15-kg urad daal from the Mahukhan gram panchayat bhavan by a group of upper caste men led by sarpanch Praveen alias Pappu Sharma. A sub-divisional magistrate had found both allegations to be false.

Ahirwar and his brother jointly owned 25 bighas of land and had enough grains and pulses at home, the family had argued to counter the theft charge. Before the fatal attack on September 30, the 45-year-old

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4 years after Champions League folded up, ED asks BCCI to share all records

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JUNE 5

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has asked the BCCI to share the contract papers and foreign remittance records relating to the now defunct Champions League T20 for which the Indian board had joined hands with Cricket Australia and Cricket South Africa.

Those in know say that the ED notice spells trouble for the BCCI since the agreement between the three cricket boards was verbal — no formal agreement was signed for the tournament which was launched in 2009 and folded up in 2015.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a senior BCCI official said, "There is nothing in writing. It remains to be seen how the BCCI will answer the ED queries."

The issue first came to light a few months ago when the Committee of Administrators (CoA) suspected a possible FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) violation in the Champions League T20 accounts. After a series of meeting with BCCI office-bearers, the matter was referred

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Mujhe goli maar do: Haryana Cong chief as sparks fly over LS loss

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MANOJ C G & VARINDER BHATIA
NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH, JUNE 5

ABUSE, WALKOUTS, threats. This Haryana Congress meeting in New Delhi had it all.

In the end, according to those who attended the state coordination committee meeting, a bizarre remark by the party's state chief Ashok Tanwar summed it up: "*Mere ko agar khatam karna hai, toh mujhe goli maar do* (If you want to finish me, then just shoot me)."

Haryana leaders told *The*

Ashok Tanwar walked out of the coordination meeting

Indian Express that Tanwar made the remark after being blamed for the party drawing a blank in all 10 Lok Sabha seats from the state.

Tuesday's meeting was convened by senior leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to discuss strategy for

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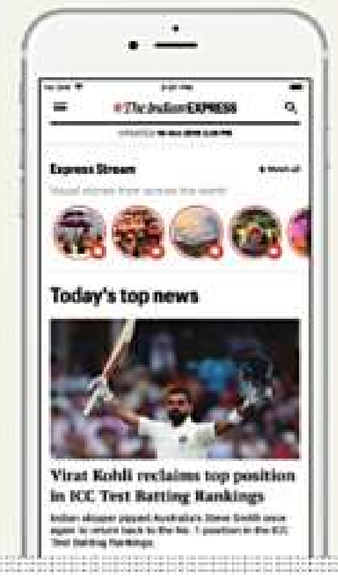

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Religion also about respecting those of other faiths: Nitish

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PATNA, JUNE 5

IN A veiled snub to Union minister Giriraj Singh for his 'iftaar' barb, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday asserted that the essence of religion lay in not just observing one's own customs but also respecting those following other paths and the people who think otherwise are '*adhaarmik*' (who have no religion).

"I have been holding Eid celebrations here, at the historic Gandhi Maidan, since 2006 as a mark of respect to the followers of the faith. Religion is not just about following one's own path but also respecting those believing in other religions," Kumar told reporters.

"But there are people who may think otherwise. They may think that practising one's own religion would suffice and it was fine to look down upon people and customs of other faiths. I must underscore that such people are *adhaarmik*," Kumar added.

He was replying to queries from journalists about Singh's tweet of the previous day.

"I can see you guys are repeatedly taking the name of one person... There are some people who like to say things simply because it would help them get some media attention. And I would not like to react to any of their utterances," Kumar said.

Singh, a minister in Kumar's cabinet till 2013 and a known critic of the JD(U) national president, had on Tuesday sparked a controversy when he tweeted pictures of Kumar attending iftaar parties.

The Union minister had also added a remark lamenting that similar festivities are absent during 'Navaratra' when Hindus fast like Muslims do in the holy month of Ramzan.

His remarks had drawn angry responses from several leaders of the JD(U) while his own party colleague and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, who was present alongside Kumar at the iftaar party, criticised the Begusarai MP saying, "I myself have been hosting iftaar parties since long, besides organising feasts during Holi. Those making sarcastic remarks about iftaar have never bothered to treat people on the occasion of Holi."

Trainee sailor found dead on INS Shivaji campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JUNE 5

IN A suspected case of suicide, a 19-year-old Naval sailor undergoing training at INS Shivaji in Lonavala, was found dead on the campus of the institute on Wednesday morning. Navy has ordered an inquiry into the case.

The sailor identified as Kannala Akash, who hailed from Telangana, was found hanging in the recreation room. Lonavala town police officials said that Akash was assigned a duty from Wednesday morning. As he did not report for it, officials went to check on him and found him hanging by the ceiling fan hook.

In a statement issued on Wednesday evening, INS Shivaji said, "... An FIR has been registered with the local police. The Navy has ordered an inquiry into the tragic incident."

Inspector Radhika Mundhe of Lonavala town police station said, "It is suspected case of suicide. Till now, no note has been found. We have launched a probe into sequence of events leading to the death."

Assam police to organise meet between senior cops and constables

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 5

IN A first of its kind initiative in the state, Assam police will be hosting a day-long meeting between the state's top cops and the constabulary on Friday. The initiative is an effort to improve the accessibility within the force.

"Around 500 constables, about five or six representing a district and unit, will assemble in Guwahati from across Assam. All top police officers of the state will be present and it will be an interactive session. Many times, there is a gap between senior police officers and constables that needs to be bridged for effective policing and human resource management in the force," state police chief Kuladhar Saikia told *The Indian Express*,

The meet is planned considering that perspectives provided by the constables will help the force. Along with interaction with seniors, constables will also be talking with colleagues from other districts. A few retired police officers will attend the meet too.

DGP Saikia said that ideas given by constables regarding improvement of policing on the ground and police-public interface will be noted by the senior officers. "Moreover, we will also be hearing any family or infrastructural problems they are facing or any mental health problems they are suffering from," he added.

"Constables of today are educated and have ideas for improvement. They know things on the ground which should reach upwards. Their ideas should enhance the force. This meeting is a bottoms-up approach to reach out to them, to take their views and try to incorporate their ideas," Saikia said.

Saikia is credited for introducing multiple projects to enhance community-engagement in policing - like Project Prahari in 2001, a community project by the police against killing of women after branding them as "witches", a social evil that plagued parts of the state,and formation of the first Nagarik Committee in the mid-1990s, which paved the way for residents' participation in policing. Last year, Assam police introduced 'reception rooms' (in five police stations of Guwahati as a pilot project), run by women constables, to help visitors just as they arrive at a police station.

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An-32 Pilot

Radhelal's brother Shiv Narain, who runs a school in Palwal's Dighot village.

Ashish did not grow up in Palwal but spent his childhood moving from one place to another because of his father's job. It was only six years ago that his parents settled down at their current home, purchasing a plot in HUDA Sector 2 and constructing a single-storey home.

He studied in different Kendriya Vidyalayas and went on to complete B.Tech. Following this, his uncles said, he took up a job with an MNC in Gurgaon for "two or three months", before he joined the IAF in December 2013.

"He was clear that he wanted to serve the nation, but he had completed his B.Tech and started working because that was his back-up option. Once he was accepted into the Air Force, there was no turning back," said Narain.

In May 2015, after completing training, Ashish moved to Jorhat, where Sandhya, who hails from Mathura, joined him last year. The couple got married in February 2018, and the match was arranged by their parents, relatives said.

"They last came home on May 2 because they were on leave until May 26. They left Palwal on May 18 and flew to Bangkok for a holiday. From there, they headed directly to Assam. None of us imagined something like this would happen. Less than 20 days ago, they were both right here," Narain said, taking a break from a steady flow of visitors at the family's home, where dozens sat on chairs waiting for an update.

Dalit killing

was assaulted on September 16 and September 25, the second attack led him to approach the police to file a complaint under the Atrocities Act.

The sarpanch, who has a criminal record, had tricked Ahirwar into coming to Mahukhan on September 15, when he was at his in-laws' house in a nearby village, after telling him that the tractor had been found. He was taken to the grampanchayat bhavan and accused of stealing daal. The upper caste villagers handed Ahirwar and Sonu, another person accused of stealing the daal, to the police. Ahirwar was released on bail on September 25, the day he was attacked again.

According to the prosecution, some accused stormed Ahirwar's house from the front and some scaled the low-level side roof to ensure he could not escape. They beat him with sticks and rods in the courtyard and then dragged him out. His wife who tried to stop them was also attacked and had to be hospitalised. Ahirwar died in the district hospital a couple of hours later.

On June 1, Special Judge (SC/ST Act) Pradeep Mittal noted that the prosecution proved its case beyond doubt and rejected the plea to show leniency to some accused who are young. Six of the 13 accused are below 25 and three under 30 years of age. He sentenced the accused to life in prison under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 459 (grievous hurt caused while committing house trespass or housebreak).

Government pleader Alankar Vasishta told The Indian Express that the defence produced 12 witnesses to argue that they were not present at the scene of the crime. The accused claimed that they had differences within and could not have come together to carry out such an act. He said one accused was an OBC.

Except for the first couple of appearances and the last appearance on June 1, the accused were not brought to the court and the trial was conducted via video conferencing.

Bishkek

hopes of a possible meeting between Modi and Khan in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic capital, on the sidelines of the SCO summit on June 13 and 14. There was, however, no official word from either India or Pakistan on any possible meetings between Mahmood and Indian officials during his stay in Delhi.

Ties between the two countries have deteriorated in the last few years, especially after the Pulwama terrorist attack in February this year. Mahmood's visit could open a window of opportunity although Delhi has so far stuck to its hard line on dialogue with Pakistan, where it has maintained that talks and terror cannot go together.

In their first conversation since the NDA government was re-elected for a second term, Khan called Modi on May 26 and said that he looked forward to advancing his vision for "peace, progress and prosperity".

In response, Modi said that "creating trust and an environment free of violence and terrorism were essential" for cooperation in fostering "peace, progress and prosperity" in the region.

This was the first conversation between the two after the Pulwama attack, which was followed by the Balakot air strikes and Pakistan's retaliation.

On May 23, Khan congratulated Modi on his electoral triumph. "I congratulate Prime Minister Modi on the electoral victory of BJP and allies. Look forward to working with him for peace, progress and prosperity in South Asia," he tweeted in English and Urdu.

However, bilateral ties dipped again last Saturday, after guests at the Indian High Commissioner's Iftaar party in Islamabad were harassed and intimidated by Pakistan's security agencies, prompting Delhi to lodge a strong protest through a note verbale.

Air hostess

was the only person who forced himself on her. However, we are investigating the role of the other roommates in the crime," he said. According to police, the incident took place Monday, when the complainant arrived in Mumbai from Hyderabad. She landed at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport at around 7 pm where she met Badoniya, who works as a security officer in the same airline.

Police said she and Badoniya then travelled in the same car from the airport and she dropped him near a mall in Malad and went ahead. "She went home, dropped off her luggage and then came back to the mall, where the accused was waiting for her," said a police officer adding that the two then went to a bar.

"They consumed alcohol until the bar closed. They drank so much that the complainant only remembers throwing up inside the bar," said an officer.

Police said that according to Badoniya, she had had too much to drink and he decided not to send her home and instead he tried to check-in into a hotel with her. But looking at their condition, the two were not allowed to check-in, said police. The accused then suggested that she come with him to his apartment, which he shared with two other men.

"He then took her to his apartment near in Andheri (East), where two of his roommates and a woman friend were also present. Taking advantage of her situation, they assaulted her and raped her one after the other," said the complainant in her statement to police.

However, after she woke up in the morning at around 10 am, she had an injury below her eye and saw marks on her shoulder, said sources. Police said that when she asked Badoniya, he claimed that he was too drunk to remember anything and when she asked the other woman about it, she refused to answer.

"Her father tried reaching her the whole night, but she did not answer calls. A friend found her in a McDonald's in near Jogeshwari, where she was with Badoniya," said an officer.

Police said the friend took her home and when her father asked about the injury marks, she told him that she was raped by Badoniya. The father then rushed her to hospital, where she complained of body pain and narrated her ordeal, said sources. Hospital authorities then informed the MIDC police station, following which a case was registered under relevant sections of gangrape, assault and common intention.

Badoniya was then tracked to his house and arrested at around 7 am Wednesday, produced in court, which sent him to police custody until June 10.

Haryana Cong

the Haryana Assembly polls expected in October. But the proceedings soon spiralled out of control, the leaders said, with a faction close to former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda targetting Tanwar who has been at the helm for five years. Amid the pandemonium, they said, Azad walked out.

According to those who attended the meeting, Azad began by announcing that "certain organisational changes are going to happen soon, right from top till bottom". He said that he had prepared a "district-wise mass contact programme" for Haryana, which he circulated among those present and called for a detailed discussion.

However, one leader claimed, "the Hooda camp had come prepared to attack Tanwar". And before the discussion could begin, an argument broke out between Jhajjar MLA Geeta Bhukkal, a Hooda loyalist, and legislature party leader Kiran Choudhry.

Soon, sources said, the party's Lok Sabha candidate from Karnal, Kuldeep Sharma, joined in. He accused Tanwar of not calling him for an "introspection meeting" held in Karnal. Tanwar hit back, claiming that Sharma did not answer his calls. This led to an intense exchange.

Finally, sources said, Tanwar "lost his cool".

Narrating the events that followed, a leader told The Indian Express: "There were various issues that people raised, including about the party's state leadership. Probably, Tanwar could not take it anymore and lost his cool. He said, 'I am alone but I will face you all. *Mere ko agar khatam karna hai toh mujhe goli maar do*'. Then, he walked out."

Tanwar was not available for comment. Asked about Tanwar's remarks, Kuldeep Sharma told *The Indian Express*: "I don't know. He might have said that later, after I had left. I don't believe in violence. I am a Gandhian. If somebody says kill me, I can't help it. I didn't hear that."

Sources said that on his way out, Tanwar engaged in a heated exchange with a Congress MLA.

Captain Ajay Singh Yadav, the Gurugram candidate, is learnt to have told the leaders that "if all of us do not remain united and work together even now...then we will sink further". Sources said he told the meeting it was time the party's leaders stopped pulling each other down. "Everybody has an ego problem, and they blame each other," said a leader.

Others leaders said they felt sorry for Azad. "He had come to the meeting with a detailed programme, which he had circulated to all the members. But then, he withdrew it, collected his papers and walked out. He did not say anything," a leader said. In all, the meeting lasted for about "35-40 minutes" and ended without any result. "I don't think there will be another meeting anytime soon," the leader said.

ED inquiry

to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Close to Rs 1600 crore — participation fees in 2009 and compensation package in 2015 — was said to have been transferred to the cricket boards in Australia and South Africa.

The CL20 was conceived by Lalit Modi and N Srinivasan in 2008. Those in charge of the BCCI at the time the tournament was folded up were present ICC chairman Shashank Manohar and the new Minister of State Anurag Thakur. Anirudh Chaudhary was the treasurer.

The CLT20 featured top domestic teams from around the world. If the IPL was inspired by the English Premier League, this was said to be cricket's version of the UEFA Champions League. Back in the day, it was the most lucrative cricket tournament. But it got off to a bad start with the 2008 edition getting scrapped because of the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai. The tournament featured the top two IPL teams along with domestic T20 teams from Australia, South Africa, England, Pakistan, West Indies, New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

In May 2018, the ED had slapped a penalty of Rs 121 crore on the BCCI for an alleged FEMA violation when the IPL was moved to South Africa because of the 2009 Lok Sabha elections.

Two new panels to fast-track investment and jobs

just 5.8 per cent, the lowest in 20 quarters.

The setting up of specific Cabinet-level focused groups, chaired by the Prime Minister himself, underlines the government's intention to address the obstacles to higher growth and private sector investment. Private investment has remained depressed for the past many years due to poor credit offtake with banks saddled with huge bad loans. The liquidity crisis in NBFCs since mid-2018 exacerbated the scenario with consumption expenditure — a major component of India's growth story — too slowing down.

The Cabinet Committee on Growth and Investment will have five members and likely include Amit Shah (Home), Nitin Gadkari (Road, Transport & Highways and MSMEs), Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance and Corporate Affairs) and Piyush Goyal (Railways and Commerce and Industry), sources said. These ministries are key to attracting large private investments in infrastructure sectors and greenfield projects, facilitating ease of doing business, and clearing foreign investment proposals.

The slowing growth has had its impact on jobs too. The unemployment rate for 2017-18, according to the Periodic Labour Force Study, stood at 6.1 per cent, the highest in the last four decades. The Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development attempts to address the skilling and jobs problem holistically.

For one, it seeks to bring under one roof ministries such as HRD, Labour and Employment, and Skill and Entrepreneurship, which have worked at cross-purposes in the past. It will allow for an integrated approach while addressing issues related to skilling at school level, ITIs and the certification process in government and private skilling institutes. Two, to ensure that skills being imparted are in tune with the job requirement and sectoral demand, the Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development also proposes to include ministers representing various sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, construction and manufacturing.

This Cabinet Committee, sources said, will have 10 ministers including those handling Agriculture and Rural Development, Railways, Housing and Urban Affairs, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Civil Aviation, Railways, Commerce and Industry, Finance and Home.

Each minister has to have 5-yr vision: PM to Cabinet

alignment with other ministries and harmonisation with the directions of the government during the next five years, the sources said.

The idea seems to be forcing ministers to draw up holistic plans for the next five years in their respective sectors and avoid any piecemeal approach. Though it is the usual task of the government to deal with issues as and when they arise, the Prime Minister's direction also appeared intended to induce his colleagues not only to step beyond reacting to issues, but also steer their ministries with clearly defined objectives with the five-year horizon in mind. "Prime Minister's vision, implementation and monitoring is very robust," one of the sources said, suggesting that ministers have to be conscious about these parameters while drawing up five-year visions for their ministries.

Some of the objectives for the government have been outlined in the BJP's Sankalp Patra released during the Lok Sabha election campaign. Items from the manifesto, consequently, are expected to figure in the five-year vision for respective ministries. But they are not supposed to be the end-all because ministers will have to undertake a holistic view of their turf after taking charge.

"Though the same party has returned to the power, it has to demonstrate new energy, new focus and new earnestness through its actions," a source said, underlining that the new government wants to hit the ground running in a structured manner.

Sources referred to the decisions at the first Cabinet meeting as a reflection of the approach of the government that has returned to power with enhanced mandate.

At its first meeting, the Cabinet took three decisions, honouring three ideas outlined by the BJP in its Sankalp Patra. The government decided to extend the cash support to farmers under the PM-KISAN Scheme to all eligible farmer families irrespective of the size of their land holdings. Additionally, the Cabinet approved a scheme to provide for pension coverage for traders which is likely to benefit about 3 crore retail traders and shopkeepers across the country. Likewise, the Cabinet approved a pension scheme estimated to benefit about 5 crore farmers in the next three years.

Karnataka BJP to corner Cong-JDS coalition on 'failures'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU, JUNE 5

BUOYED BY the party's victory in the Lok Sabaha polls, the BJP's Karnataka unit at its legislature party meeting on Wednesday, decided to corner the Congress-JD(S) coalition government on drought and developmental issues. At the meeting chaired by state BJP chief B S Yeddyurappa, the party decided to hold a three-day protest against the "failures" of the state government and alleged discrimination with regard to development.

"There is severe drought in Karnataka. Despite several requests and warnings to the state government, it has been of no use. To put pressure on the government and to know the facts, leader of opposition and BJP state president B S Yeddyurappa will travel to parts of North Karnataka on June 7, 8 and 9," state BJP general secretary Arvind Limbavali said.

Speaking to reporters after the legislature party meeting, he said Yeddyurappa would visit places including Badami, Hungund, Koppal, Lingasugur, Yadgir and Gurmitkal.

"During his travel he will try and understand the drought situation and collect information regarding availability of water, fodder and work being undertaken under MNREGA, and hold meeting with officials," he added. In the recently held Lok Sabha polls, the saffron wave had swept the entire state, with BJP winning 25 of the 28 seats.

Limbavali said BJP legislators and MPs under Yeddyurappa's leadership would stage protests for three days inthe city on June 13, 14 and 15 to put pressure on the government which has "failed" in managing drought.

ANAND VIHAR	SIRIFORT	SHADIPUR	DWARKA- SECTOR 8
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0-50 Good | 51-100 Satisfactory | 101-200 Moderate | 201-300 Poor | 301-400 Very Poor | 401-500 Severe

MINISTER SAYS FRESH TENDER WILL BE FLOATED

Longer wait for CCTVs in buses as Delhi govt's ambitious project grinds to a halt

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE DELHI government's project to equip public buses in the capital with three CCTV cameras each as well as GPS has failed to go past the tender stage for the second time in six months, officials have said.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot told *The Indian Express* that yet another fresh tender will be floated within a week. The Delhi Cabinet had cleared the project — a key poll promise of the AAP — in July 2017.

The previous two tenders were floated in November 2018 and earlier this year. Both tenders failed as companies that made bids did not qualify the parameters set by the government in terms of expertise, experience, among others.

The tender document stated that the bidders shall need to have an average turnover of "minimum Rs 200 crore for last three financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18" and should have carried out at least one project worth Rs 70 crore, or two projects worth Rs 40 crore each or three projects worth Rs 20 crore each.

"We will be floating a fresh tender in a week to 10 days. The previous one failed due to technical reasons," Gahlot said. Transport department sources said the possibility of getting all buses equipped with these crucial safety features anytime soon now "appears low" as it would take at least eight to nine months to complete the project.

"The issues that are cropping up every time has to do with faulty decision-making during the bid design and pre-bid meetings. Prospective bidders usually point them out during the pre-bid meetings," a senior official said.

The roadblock also jeopardises the AAP's promise to make public transport in the city safer, especially for women. The proposal to make bus and Metro commute free for women has also been projected as a step towards safer public spaces for women.

In June 2017, when the Delhi Cabinet had approved the CCTV proposal, a statement was issued saying Rs 140 crore from the Nirbhaya fund, a corpus formed by the Centre after the 2012 Delhi gangrape, would be used to execute the project.

But later, citing lack of approval from the Centre, the AAP government had unilaterally gone ahead.

The installation of GPS was also clubbed with the CCTV tender.

Currently, only 200 out of around 5,500 odd buses in the city have CCTVs fitted in them as part of a pilot project.

According to the failed tender, three IP-based CCTVs were to be installed in every bus and a display screen was supposed to telecast the output.

The feed would be accessed and viewed in real time from a control centre set up by the transport department.

Only 200 of 5,500 buses in the city have CCTVs fitted in them as part of a pilot project. *Archive*

Ayushman Bharat key plank as Delhi BJP readies for Assembly polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

HUNDREDS OF BJP workers will fan out across the city, especially in JJ clusters and unauthorised colonies, with a message for the people — how non-implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Delhi is hurting them.

At the monthly review meeting of the Delhi BJP, the first after the Lok Sabha election victory, the focus was on Delhi Assembly polls, scheduled in early 2020. These two schemes and their non-implementation in Delhi will be the party's poll plank.

While national organisation general secretary Ram Lal, Delhi in-charge Shyam Jaju, and Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan were present at the meeting, newly elected MPs, singer Hans Raj Hans from North West Delhi and cricketer Gautam Gambhir from East Delhi, gave it a miss.

"We have a monthly review meeting where strategy is discussed. This one was primarily a thanksgiving ceremony after the victory but leaders spoke about strategy for the Assembly polls. Notice for the meeting was given five days ago. This was the first meeting after elections and everyone was expected, but we were told Hans had a prior commitment in Punjab and Gambhir was busy with some World Cup-related commitments," a senior Delhi BJP official said.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari said that despite winning municipal elections thrice in a row and getting all seven Delhi Lok Sabha seats in 2014 and 2019, the party had been out of power from Delhi for 20 years.

Calling the Congress government corrupt and the AAP government anarchist, he said BJP alone could bring meaningful development to the city.

According to party officials, a large-scale membership drive will commence in the city starting July.

"During Lok Sabha polls, Ayushman Bharat Scheme and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana got us a lot of traction. Since we have not been in power in Delhi, we don't have much to show here. And municipal corporations are a liability. These two schemes can help us," a senior party leader said.

BJP MPs Hans Raj Hans and Gautam Gambhir gave the meeting a miss

Woman outside city for husband's funeral, her house is burgled

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

AFTER A tearful farewell and a 12-hour bus ride to her house in North Delhi's Burari from Bulandshahr, where her husband's last rites were performed, 30-year-old Nisha Rani Sharma knew she would have to rely on her husband's life savings.

Instead, taking advantage of the family tragedy, thieves struck at Nisha's home, decamping with Rs 50,000 in cash, her husband's wallet with his Aadhaar card, his bike keys, two sets of the woman's gold earrings and anklets, along with property papers.

"My husband committed suicide inside his room. Now, thieves got into the same room and stole his belongings," Nisha told *The Indian Express*.

Among the list of suspects are some relatives, especially since property papers have gone missing, police said.

"She has named two persons in her complaint," said a senior police officer.

Nisha's husband Shiv Kumar Sharma committed suicide on May 26, police said.

The couple has a five-year-old son, whose birthday they celebrated recently. Police said Sharma was a property dealer, and had acquired a tract of land recently.

Auto driver, accomplice rob man, then drop him to his destination

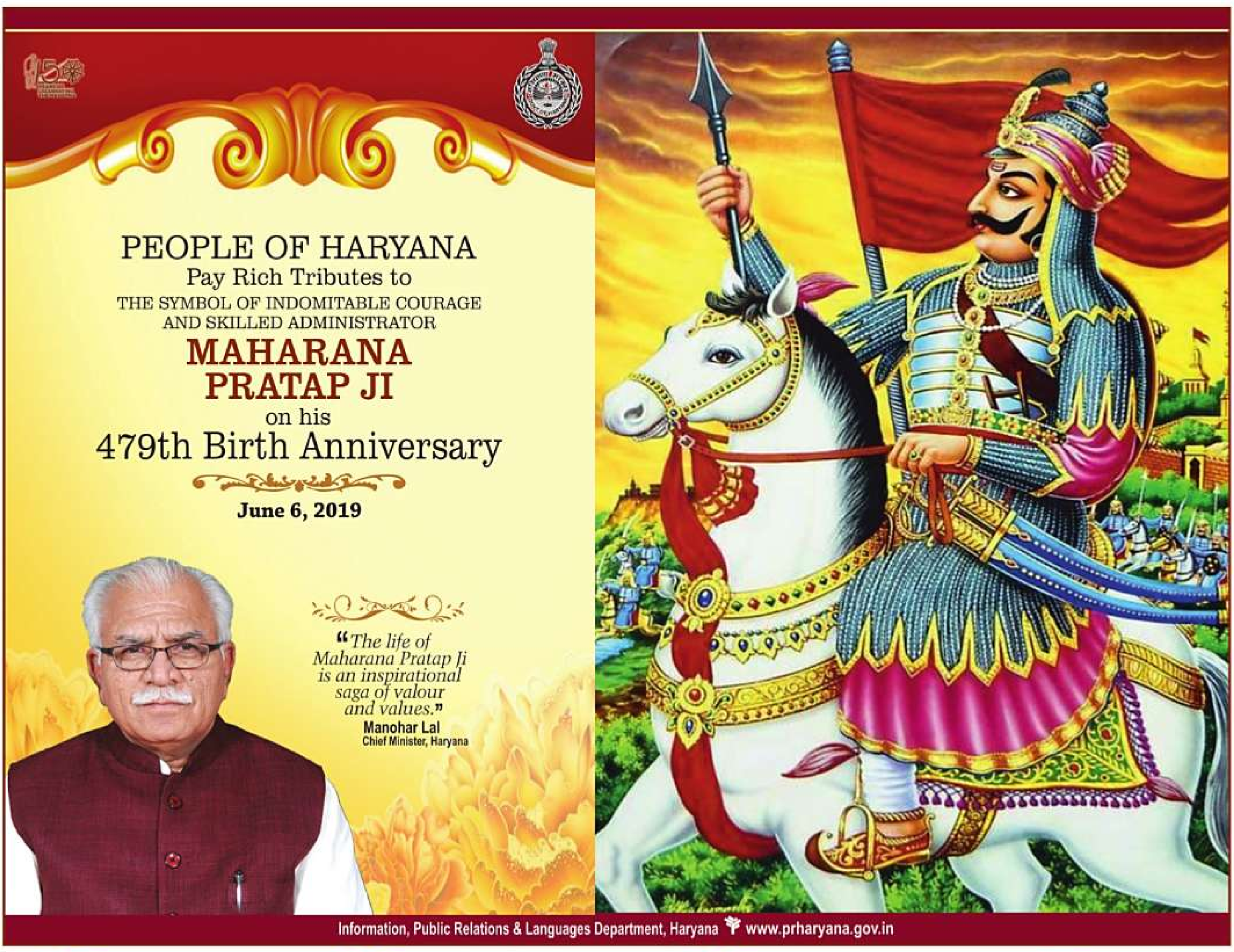
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

A 30-YEAR-OLD marketing agent was robbed at knife point, allegedly by an autorickshaw driver and a masked man, after he boarded the vehicle at Aya Nagar. The accused took Rs 700, a Samsung phone and two new jeans from the man — and then dropped him off at his destination, Saket Metro station, following which he approached police.

According to police, Anuj Kumar Verma wrote in his complaint: "He (the auto driver) told me that it would take Rs 50 for a trip to Saket Metro station. I boarded the auto and he drove for around 500 metres, after which a masked youth boarded the auto."

The auto then headed to Chirag Delhi and later took a U-turn towards Khanpur. "I told them this was the wrong way, and the auto driver replied that he had some work in Khanpur. The masked man then took out a knife and asked me for all my money," the complaint read.

Kumar, who hails from Jharkhand, claimed the masked man pointed the knife at him for the remainder of the trip, till he was dropped at Saket Metro station. "We have arrested the auto driver, Yusuf. He and his friend robbed the complainant. We are trying to track the other accused," said a police officer.



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PERSONAL

IT is for general information that I Krishan Kumar, Ex Poela (165906 K), Son of Chhote Lal, Residing at H No-355/111, Gali No. 16 B, Near Government School Bhim Garh Khedi, Ashok Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, declare that name of my minor Son's Vibhor Kumar, aged 17 years has been wrongly written as Kumar Viplav in my service documents. The actual name of my minor son is Vibhor Kumar, which may be amended accordingly. 0070658960-1

I,Manoj Kumar Shukla S/o Sh. Subhash Chandra Shukla R/o-157, LIG Flats,Sarita Vihar,New Delhi-110076,have declare that in my Bank A/c my name has been wrongly written as Manoj Shukla instead of correct name Manoj Kumar Shukla. In future I will be known as Manoj Kumar Shukla for all purposes. 040498225-2

I,Manjit Kaur Makkar alias Manjeet Kaur Makkar W/o-Gurmeet Singh R/o-41A/8, Ashok-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed name to Manjeet Kaur for all future purposes. 0040498227-8

I,Gurmeet Singh Makker alias Gurmit Singh S/o-Manmohan Singh R/o-41A/8, Ashok-Nagar, Delhi-110018,have changed name to Gurmeet Singh.for all future purposes. 0040498227-7

I,Abdul Wasid S/o Sh.Abdul Wahab R/o H.No.6390, Gali Ishwari Prasad, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Abdul Basit for all purposes. 0040498178-1

I, Sangeeta @ Sangeeta Sharawat D/o Late Sh.Shakti Singh R/o H.No.755, Mojan Pana, Bawana, Delhi-110039, have changed my name to Sangeeta Sharawat for all purposes. 0040498178-2

I, Rupesh son of Sh. Sandeep resident of House No.209, Gali No.1, Bhawani Enclave, Basai, District Gurugram, have changed my name FROM RUPESH KUMAR TO RUPESH for all future purposes. 0040498239-1

I, Renu Kuchchal D/o Ram Sarandas Aggarwal W/o Abhay R/o B-283 Saraswati Vihar Pitampura, Delhi-34 changed my name to Renu. 0040498227-2

I, Ravi Kumar S/o, Ravinder Singh Rana R/o H.No. 7/371, Trilok Puri Block No.7, Delhi-91, have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Rana for all purposes. 0040498223-1

I, Prince Yadav S/o Pawan Kumar R/o-94, Chakarpur(74), Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Manish Yadav. 0040498225-1

I, Prem Lata W/o Rajveer Singh R/o A-88, Chander Vihar, Mandawali, Fazalpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name from Munni to Prem Lata for all future purposes. 0040498229-1

I, Prachi Sharma W/O Raghuvansh Sharma R/O Flat No 51- A, Pocket B Siddhartha Extension New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Prachi Singh for all purposes. 0040498215-1

I, Ravi Kumar S/o Bhagirath Sharma R/o B-43 Gali No-1W, Vinod Nagar, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Sharma. 0040498207-1

I, Pooja Kumari W/O Sarwan Kumar Sah R/O E-98, Galino.8, Niti Vihar, Kirari, Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086. Changed My Name To Pooja Devi. 0040498227-4

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Atam Parkash R/O- WZ-3167 T,F Mahindra-park Rani Bagh Delhi-110034 changed my name to Pawan Chuchra. 0040498233-4

I, Nishant Aggarwal. R/o- R-36 Model Town 3rd Delhi 110009 have changed my minor child's name from Swastik Aggarwal to Yash Aggarwal. DOB : 18/10/2004. 0070658989-1

I, Mukesh Kumar Garg S/O, Banwari Lal R/o 9, West Model Town Ghaziabad (U.P.) have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar Shorewala. 0040498198-1

I, Mohit Shokhanda.S/o Jagat Singh R/o.H.No.72, Village-New Roshan Pura, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name from Mohit Shokanda to Mohit Shokhanda.for all purposes. 0040498240-2

I, Mayank Tomar S/o Raj Kumar Singh R/o H.No.2A, Khazirabad, New Friends Colony Delhi changed my name to Mayank Singh. 0040498233-1

I, Manjit Kumar Toora, S/o Swarn Dass Pardesi, Residence-E-6, Sudershan-Park, Moti-Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Manjit Kumar. 0040498227-6

I, Manjeeta D/o Shri Nagendra Prasad Sinha R/o Flat No.-397, Pink Apartment, Sector-18B, DDA MIG Flats Dwarka, New Delhi-110078, have change my name from Manjeeta to Manjeeta Singh in future for all purpose. 0040498184-1

I, Mahesh Kumar S/o Lt.Sh.Tilakram R/o-102, Dundaheda, Ghaziabad-201001U.P., havechanged my name to Mahesh for all future purposes. 0040498227-5

I, Kanhaiya S/o Barsati Chauhan R/o House No. E-323/6, Shiv Durga Vihar Lakkarpur Faridabad, have changed my name to Kanhaiya Lal Chauhan. 0040498227-3

I, Janvi Kathuria D/O-Kiranjeet Singh Kathuria R/O.C-199, G/F,Greater-Kailash Part-1,New Delhi-48,Have Changed My Name To Janvi Kaur Kathuria,For All Purposes. 0040498240-1

I, Himanshu S/o Raj Kumar Singh R/o H.No.2A, Khazirabad, New Friends Colony Delhi changed my name to Himanshu Singh. 0040498233-2

I, Himanshu S/O Dharam Pal Guglani R/O-7/2A, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Himanshu Guglani. 0040498227-9

I, Harpreet Kaur Sandhu. R/o 1/2702 Ram Nagar Loni Road Shahdara Delhi - 110032 have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur. 0070658988-1

I hitherto known as N Prashant Kumar S/o P C N Nair R/o 59/3H, ChandanVihar, West Sant Nagar Burari, New Delhi-110084, have changed my name andshall hereafter be known as Prashant Kumar Nair 0070658959-1

I, Deepti Mehandiratta,W/o Mukal Gandhi, Resident/of H.No.126, Gali.No.1, W.No.15, Jodhamal-Colony, Dhangu-Road, PO-Office+Pathankot, Tehsil and Distt.-Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Punjab-145001,changed my name to DIPTI GANDHI. 0040498240-5

I, Monika Bharti daughter of Daya Nand Singh resident of E-250/11 shutter wali gali devli road khanpur N.D-62 have changed my name from Monika Bharti to Monica vide affidavit dated 22.04.2019 before India Non Judicial, Delhi 0050149697-1

I, Charanjeet Singh S/o Davinder Singh Marwah Residence-J-18,(GF), Rajouri-Garden,Delhi. Have changed my name to Charanjeet Singh Marwah. 0040498227-10

I, Chaman Singh S/o Raj Singh R/o D-152, Sector-51, Noida(U.P.) have changed my name from Chaman Chaudhary to Chaman Singh for all future purposes. 0040498211-1

I, Balvinder Singh R/o 11/20, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-26, have changed my minor son's name Jasraaj Singh to Jasraj Singh. 0040498182-1

I, Asha Rani, R/o 12 Prem Kunj Opp KIIT College Maruti Kunj Road Bhondsi Gurugram have changed my name to Asha Garg. 0070658995-1

I, Asha Chaudhary, R/o Orchid Petals, Tower No. 7, Flat No. 202, Sohna Road, near Omaxe Mall, Gurugram, Haryana ; am the guardian of Pranaya Chaudhary formerly known as Tamanna Chaudhary. I do affirm that she will hence forth be called Pranaya Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040498181-1

I, Anil Kumar S/o Roop Chand R/o JA-14D, Hari Enclave, Hari-Nagar, New Delhi-110064.have changed my name to Anil Kumar Choudhary. 0040498233-3

I, Abhay Kuchchal S/o Late Devender Nath Gupta R/o B-283, Saraswati Vihar Pitampura, Delhi-34, changed my name to Abhay. 0040498227-1

I Urvashi D/o Vishal Udia R/o 24 A Millennium Apartment, Plot E-10-A Sector-61, Noida-201301 have change my name to Urvashii Udia 0040498230-1

I Ghan Sham S/o Ragbir H.No-454, Babri Shamli Uttar Pradesh-251305 have changed my name to Ghaseetu for all future purposes. 0040498233-5

I Amarjit Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh D/o Dhir Singh R/o 310-C, Pkt-C, Phase-2, Mayur Vihar, Delhi-110091 have changed my name to Amarjeet Kaur for all future purposes. 0040498188-1

WE, AMIT Mehra & Shradha Mehra, r/o Flat 6, West Heath Lodge, Branch Hill, Hampstead, London NW3 7LU, have changed the name of our minor daughter Mrinal Shradha Mehra (born 10/11/2012) to Inara Shradha Mehra. 0040498217-1

It is for general information that I Ganesh Taneja, Son of Late Harbux Taneja, Residing at wz-81-B Third Floor Virender Nagar Janakpuri B-1, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110058,declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Ganesh Kocher and Ramesh Kocher in my Pan Card No. ANGPK4491C. The actual name of mine is Ganesh Taneja and my father is Harbux Taneja, which may be amended accordingly. 0070658964-1

I, Maniben Prabhakar W/o Vinay Bhai Prabhakar R/o House No. 5/43, Third Floor, Back Side, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name from Maniben Vinaybhai Prabhakar to Maniben Prabhakar for all future purposes. 0040498238-1

I, Vinay Bhai Prabhakar S/o Prabhakar Lalitbhai Khatubhai R/o House No. 5/43, Third Floor, Back Side, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name from Vinaykumar Lalitbhai Prabhakar to Vinay Bhai Prabhakar for all future purposes. 0040498236-2

LOST & FOUND

I, Satya Prakash Singh S/o Magan Singh R/o LIG Flat No.22D, 3rd Floor, Mansarovar Park, Delhi has lost original documents as Demand Cum Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NOC, Possession Slip and Some Bank Challan's of my DDA LIG Flat No.22D, 3rd Floor, Mansarovar Park, Delhi, vide DDA File No.L009(162)/86/MG in INA Market, Delhi on 29.05.2019. Founder please Contact above Address or Mob: 9311430222. 0040498197-1

I,Hari Chand S/o Bhagwan Dass R/o-KH.No.14/24 GaliNo-9,Chandan-Vihar Village Burari,Sant-Nagar Burari,Delhi-84,have lost my Original Property documents(LR NO-1105877/2019)Whole back original chain,from Sat Kumar Tyagi to Shanti Devi to Vinay Kumar to Ram Prakash to Pankaj Khanna to Raj Kumar to Hari Chand. 0040498240-4

Evergreen Public School, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi 110096, Phone No. 011-40502795, Admission available in few seats of Pre-School. 0040498183-1

I,Deepti Meena D/o Shambhu Singh Meena R/o-A-2/413, S.F. Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi, have lost my original Marksheet of 12th-Class issued by CBSE, Roll No-9142013, year-2019. 0040498233-8

I Vishal Singh S/o Raj Kumar Singh have lost my 10th-Class CBSE Marksheet and Certificate, Roll no.8185786 year-2014, finder Contact-8750216150. 0040498233-9

ADMISSION

Evergreen Public School, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi 110096, Phone No. 011-40502795, Admission available in few seats of Pre-School. 0040498183-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified to the General Public that my clients SHRI RAM KUMAR SAHAY S/O BAGWAN SAHAY and his wife SMT DARSHANA DEVI R/O F-110/13C, UGF, GALI NO. 41 SADH NAGAR, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110045 has disowned and severed all relations with their son ROHIT KUMAR AND HIS WIFE APARNA R/O A-10/K, PARYAVARAN COMPLEX IGNOU ROAD, NEW DELHI-110030, due to their misdeeds and act, therefore, my clients has debarred them from all their moveable and immoveable properties. In future, my clients and their other family Members shall not be responsible for their acts or deeds done by them and any one dealing with them henceforth shall be doing so at their own risks and responsibility and my clients will not be responsible for any of their acts whatsoever.

Sd/-
PAWAN KUMAR JAKHU (Advocate)
Ch. No. 529, Dwarka Court,
New Delhi-75

PUBLIC NOTICE

Know all general public by this Public Notice that my clientess Smt. Hukam Devi W/o Late Kuldeep Kumar R/o H-16/554, Bapa Nagar, Hardhyan Singh Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have debarred my son Bharat Bhushan and his wife Smt. Kiran from all of my movables and immovables' properties and also severed all relations with them and in future my clientess shall not be responsible for any acts done by them in any manner whatsoever.

Sd/-
VINEET JAIN (Advocate)
Ch. No. P-1, Post Office Lane,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client S. Sawan Singh S/o Late S. Bawa Singh R/o A-800, J. J. Colony, Chaukhandi, New Delhi 110018 has disowned & debarred his son S. Manpreet Singh & his wife Smt. Megha Diwedi from 04.06.2019 onwards from all his moveable & immoveable properties & primary membership of family. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at their own risk & costs. My client has no responsibility or relationship with them from 04.06.2019.

Adv. Satyainder Nath Sharma
SR-II, DC Janakpuri, N.D.-58

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Harinder Kumar S/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal & Raj Rani W/o Sh. Harinder Kumar R/o H.No.A-12 Laxmi Garden Najafgarh New Delhi--43, have disowned & severed all their relations with their son Tarun Gupta & his wife Shweta Aggarwal from their movable & immovable properties/assets. Any person dealing with them shall be doing at his/her/their own risk, cost & responsibility. My clients shall not be responsible for any act/deed.

Ratan Lal Gupta (Advocate)
J-125, Adhyapak Nagar, Nangloi Delhi-41

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that our clientess Mrs. Rashmi W/o Sh. Danesh Kumar, R/o RC- 450, Adarsh Nagar, Khoda Colony, Ghaziabad (UP)-201001 is the owner of a portion of Property bearing No-90-B (Part), measuring 25sq. yds., falling in Khasra No. 1014/2, Situated at Adarsh Nagar, Makanpur Colony, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad (UP), by virtue of Sale Deed dated 11.05.2016 executed by Mrs. Moti Devi, in her favour vide document No. 8438, Book No. I, Volume No. 31500, on Pages 131-164, registered on 11.05.2016 with the office of SRO-Ghaziabad. In this connection our clientess has further informed that she has lost/misplaced from her custody the original sale deed (forming part of chain documents) and registered as document no. 230 on 12.01.1990 executed by Mr. Vinay Pal Singh (GPA of Mr. Srinivas) in favour of Mrs. Moti Devi in respect of the entire property measuring 50sq. yds.

The General Public is hereby informed that any person who happens to find the above mentioned original document dated 12.01.1990 is called upon to return the same to us at our address stated herein below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The General public is hereby also warned that any use of above Sale deed anywhere in any manner will be treated as null and void and illegal and the person doing so will be liable for such acts as per law.

Mithilesh Kumar Sharma
Advocate
For M/s. Intellective Law Offices
A-74, LGF, Defence Colony
New Delhi-110024

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Juvenile seen firing on video, arrested

New Delhi: Days after the video of a juvenile firing at a house went viral on social media, police have apprehended the accused from a West Delhi locality. A country-made pistol and a live bullet were seized from him, police said. In the video, the accused can be seen threatening a person after firing at his house. "The juvenile was apprehended on the basis of a tip-off," DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse said. **ENS**

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UP IN SMOKE

Fire broke out in a scrap godown near Hindon Metro station in Ghaziabad, Wednesday. *Praveen Khanna*

Removed from Ambedkar Univ job, 53 sanitation workers stare at an uncertain future

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

SHAKUNTALA (42) HAD been working as a safai karamchari under NGO Sulabh International at Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) since 2014. The only earning member in her family, she would get a wage of Rs 13,350 per month to manage expenses for a family of three. On May 31, as she was heading home after work, she claims she was told by the university administration to stop coming to work from the next day.

A total of 53 Sulabh International contractual sanitation workers, including Shakuntala, have since been protesting on campus against the alleged dismissal without notice.

After its tender with Sulabh expired, workers say AUD floated a tender which has now gone to a private company called Bhagwati International, as a result of which all existing staff — some of whom have been working in the university for as long as eight years — have been removed. Last year, they had protested saying they will not indulge in manual scavenging.

In May this year, a similar situation was witnessed in Delhi University when around 150 safai karamcharis working with Sulabh were terminated from employment after its contract with the university expired.

Sanitation workers at Ambedkar University have been protesting against the termination since June 1

Several of those who lost jobs had earlier filed a case against Sulabh in a labour court.

"I stay in a rented accommodation near Majnu ka Tila. My daughter is mentally challenged. My husband abandoned me when I was pregnant with my son. I am the only earning member of my family. Somehow I've managed to sustain us. But when I was told I had lost my job on May 31, I just broke down," said Shakuntala.

Supported by several student groups on campus, the workers have been pressing for re-employment under the new company.

On Monday, workers were promised they would be hired, but till Tuesday night, they were still on protest at the Kashmere Gate campus.

"After much protest, they told us they will hire 25 of us. Yesterday, they said they will hire all of us under the new company, and asked us to come for registration. We have been sitting since 6 am, but nothing has happened. Previously, when the security company at AUD had changed, they had continued with the old security guards, and just changed their uniforms. Why can't they do the same with us?," said Anita, one of the workers who was laid off.

Responding to the issue, the AUD PRO said they are looking into the matter.

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Man blackmails govt official by threatening to leak daughter's photos

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE CYBER crime unit of the Delhi Police has arrested a 26-year-old petrol pump manager for allegedly circulating obscene pictures and videos of a woman he used to be in a relationship with. According to police, the accused demanded Rs 8 lakh from the woman's father, a government official, and threatened to circulate obscene videos of her if he did not pay.

According to police, an FIR against the accused was registered on May 27. "He has in the past allegedly duped other women too, including a Brazilian national. During questioning, he told police he would have used the Rs 8 lakh to go to Brazil," a senior officer said.

Police said the man met the complainant's daughter in 2017 on a social networking website. "They exchanged numbers and he later came to Delhi to meet her," the officer said, adding that the two eventually entered into a relationship.

According to police, once the woman ended the relationship, the accused allegedly started circulating obscene photos of her to her friends. He also allegedly threatened the woman that he would send the photos to her relatives, police said.

"On January 1, he allegedly sent videos of her to her father with a message," an officer said.

The woman's father alleged: "He claimed that he had spent Rs 4.9 lakh on my daughter and asked me for the money."

The complainant informed police that the accused gave his bank account details and later switched off his phone.

Police said he was arrested from Kollam, Kerala, and added that two mobile phones and a laptop were recovered from his possession.

"He is a literature graduate. He was 18 when he left studies and started working as a petrol pump operator in the hope of living a lavish life," an officer said.

2 held for stealing woman's skull from funeral pyre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIABAD, JUNE 5

TWO PEOPLE have been arrested for allegedly stealing the skull of a woman from her funeral pyre in Ghaziabad's Murad Nagar village. The family claimed the skull was stolen by the accused for "black magic".

"The accused, Shabbir and Ashwini, were arrested as they had been named in the FIR. A third accused, who is yet to be identified, is currently absconding. Materials suggesting a connection to black magic activities were also recovered. But our investigation is pertaining to the theft of the skull under IPC section 297 (trespassing burial site)," said Prabhat Kumar, Circle Officer (Sadar).

The family claimed the two accused had a reputation in the village for conducting black magic rituals. Police said the woman, Rajesh Devi (65), had died on June 1 following a chronic illness. She was cremated at a village ground around 6.30 pm the same day. When the family returned to the spot a couple of hours later, the skull was missing. An eyewitness told the family that Ashwini, Shabbir and another accused were allegedly spotted fiddling with the remains.

Combs, *bindis*, bangles, an array of female cosmetics along with ashes and black cloths were recovered from the accused, police said.

BRIEFLY

Man held for smuggling sandalwood

New Delhi: A 41-year-old man was arrested for smuggling red sandalwood, police said Wednesday, adding that 570 kg of fine quality fragrant timber worth Rs 2 crore was recovered from him. A resident of Darjeeling in West Bengal, Amit Verma was arrested from Asola village in South Delhi, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ram Naik.

South African woman held with drugs

New Delhi: A South African woman was apprehended by CISF personnel at the IGI airport with 58 pouches of alleged drugs which were hidden between bedsheets in her luggage. Around 12.8 kg of pseudoephedrine, and worth around Rs13 lakh, was recovered from her posession, police said. **ENS**

18-yr-old held with bullets at Metro station

New Delhi: An 18-year-old man was apprehended at Seelampur Metro station for allegedly carrying two live bullets in his bag, a senior CISF officer said Wednesday. Police said there were two live bullets of 8 mm calibre in the bag, adding that the youth was handed over to local police for further investigation.

Heatwave persists in Delhi

New Delhi: Sweltering weather conditions prevailed in the national capital on Wednesday, with the mercury crossing the 42-degree mark in some parts of the city. The weatherman has predicted a partly cloudy sky on Thursday, with a possibility of a thunderstorm. **PTI**

EID EXCITEMENT

At the Jama Masjid on Eid-ul-Fitr, Wednesday. *Amit Mehra*

New York to Canada, govt school classrooms are now going places

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE CLASSROOM of a physics teacher in a New York school is connected to one in a Delhi government school through Twitter.

As students in their senior years in the Brooklyn, New York school sit at their tables, Manu Gulati (36), a mentor teacher with the Delhi government, helps them practice mindfulness — a key feature of the Happiness Curriculum — via Skype.

To develop a professional community of teachers across the globe, teachers in Delhi government schools are spearheading a movement to bring more educators — from government and private schools — to social media.

And it's had some positive, albeit unintended, effects. The physics teacher in New York, Seth Guiñals-Kupperman, saw a Twitter conversation on the Happiness Curriculum and got in touch with Gulati to replicate it in his classrooms. Gulati, who recently won the Martha Farrell award for promoting gender equality and women empowerment, and Murari Jha (34), another mentor teacher, recently attended a workshop at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, where they floated the idea of a Twitter community for teachers globally. Over the past four weeks, they have spearheaded conversations around the Class XII results of government schools in Delhi, training for in-service teachers, and on technology in education.

As the #LetsTalkEducation hashtag started getting traction, a Canadian organisation working on gender got in touch with Gulati. "We are now working on a project where our students will interact with their counterparts in Canadian schools via video conferencing to understand each other's challenges, have a cultural interaction and meaningful conversation. We will have 15 girls, between the ages of 13 and 15 of one school — probably a School of Excellence — take part in the exchange. The Canadian students will take part in the conversation from their homes and our kids will be in school because of the time difference," said Gulati.

"This is also a way to keep teachers motivated. Earlier, there was a narrative that government school teachers were lazy. These Twitter conversations, where we showcase our work, are helping dispel that myth. We also get to build a community of teachers where each is seen as a resource one can learn from. While one talks about how to teach algebra better, another about the use of different software for an interactive classroom," said Jha.

Detained for cheating, man dies in police custody

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

A 25-YEAR-OLD MAN, detained with his associate by the South West district police for a cheating case, died in police custody Tuesday. The family alleged he was beaten up by officers, but police denied the charges.

Police said the man, Sumit Massey, was facing two cases of robbery, and was detained with his associate Monday night.

"They were taken to Delhi Cantonment police station where police questioned them before making an arrest. Around noon on Tuesday, Sumit complained of uneasiness and was taken to Delhi Cantonment Hospital, where he was given CPR for 45 minutes, but died," said DCP (South West) Devender Arya.

As per procedure, the Metropolitan Magistrate has initiated an inquiry and NHRC was informed about the incident.

Sumit's father Sunil Massey claimed, "We received a call from police at 4 pm that his condition was serious. We were not even informed about his detention and now they say he had a fit."

(The writer is an intern with The Indian Express)

Deadlock reaches L-G's office

New Delhi: The deadlock over notifying the long-pending parking policy and auto fare revision has reached L-G Anil Baijal's doorstep, with the transport commissioner highlighting disagreements within the government in a letter to him.

A copy of the letter, in which the commissioner invoked Rule 57 of the Transaction of Business Rules, has also been sent to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Kailash Gahlot, the transport minister, has also received a copy by virtue of his office.

The transport commissioner claims Gahlot has been turning down the opinion of the transport and law department that the L-G is the competent authority to notify the parking policy and the auto fare notification under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

The elected government, in this case represented by Gahlot, maintains the L-G has no jurisdiction over matters other than police, public order and land. **ENS**

At 'model ward' for waste segregation, some progress but challenges remain

SHIVAM PATEL & DANIELLE PYCIOR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

A SONG plays from a garbage collection van as it passes through ward 16 in West Delhi's Janakpuri Wednesday. It is a signal for residents to put waste bins at the gate of their homes.

Municipal authorities said all homes in this 'model ward' have started complying with the Solid Waste Management Bye-Laws 2017, which place the responsibility of separating all refuse—biodegradable, non-biodegradable and hazardous—on waste generators.

Rajiv Jain, a superintending engineer at the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), said, "Notices were issued to a number of wards, including wards 15 and 16, in the west zone in December last year, and then again in March, as residents were not segregating waste."

"Soon, a team of SDMC officials was formed to work with local Residents' Welfare Associations to create awareness. By May 10, ward 16 had achieved 100% waste segregation at source. This has been verified through surveys till May 22," Jain added.

Janakpuri South had been picked as one of the 'model wards' by South Delhi Municipal Corporation

Janakpuri South was picked as one of the 'model wards' by SDMC following a National Green Tribunal (NGT) order in March, which directed Delhi's civic bodies and the Cantonment Board to identify wards where solid waste management rules would be implemented in six months.

On Wednesday, many residents in Janakpuri South could be seen doing their bit. But there were also many who did not place waste bins outside their homes, and some who gave non-segregated refuse to waste collectors.

Veer Singh (34), a block security guard, said, "Many homes here have tied up with private collectors who visit more houses than the MCD van. The van only goes around the colonies, but the ragpickers go door-to-door."

Ward supervisors said ragpickers dispose of wet or biodegradable waste with a municipality-run disposal point after separating plastic, paper and other recyclables, and sell it to a third party. To address this, Jain said the South body has roped in six cycle-rickshaw waste pickers and directed them not to collect non-segregated waste.

A private waste collector, however, said: "I have been collecting waste from a number of houses for years, and while some give me segregated waste, others provide mixed waste. I separate it myself and sell the plastic, which helps cover some of my family expenses."

He said he does this without any safety gear. Municipal employees were also seen segregating waste without gloves, masks, uniforms, boots and caps, all of which, as per ward supervisors, have have been provided to them.

Ganga Kumar Das, a garbage collection van driver, said some argue when asked to segregate their refuse. "I asked an elderly man to give us garbage bags as he was throwing waste from his balcony. But he began arguing and threatened to call my seniors," he said. Abhay Khosla (24), a resident of C1 block in Janakpuri, said, "It is a bit of a hassle to segregate waste, but if we don't, there will be a larger problem."

The collected waste is taken to a composting area in the ward, where the biodegradable refuse is put in cloth bags, sprinkled with drying agent and left to dry in large cannisters. The dried waste is then spread out in a pit and converted to compost over a few days. The recyclables are taken to the Okhla waste-to-energy plant in South Delhi.

Tension outside mosque after accident

New Delhi: Tensions briefly broke outside a mosque in Shahdara's Khureji area, when a man rashly drove his car into a crowd of worshippers on Wednesday. The man has been arrested, police said.

Police said the accused, Shahrukh, lives in Jagatpuri area, and has multiple criminal cases against him. He was with a woman in the car at the time of the incident, and panicked when he saw heavy police presence. To escape, he rammed his car into some devotees, which was followed by a brief spell of stone pelting. No one was injured, and the accused fled from the scene after he saw a crowd gathering, police said.

Deploying additional forces, police also took help of the Aman committee to maintain peace in the area. "The incident took place when worshippers were leaving after namaz. They became agitated and gathered at Khureji Chowk. We dispersed them and got the Aman committee to maintain peace," police said.

Police added that the vehicle in question was stolen from Madhu Vihar on May 30. "The driver is under arrest and a case has been registered," Meghna Yadav, DCP (Shahdara) said. **ENS**

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
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CM NO. 36386/2017 IN W.P.(C). 9869/2016

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R.O No. 13/North DMC/19-20
Deputy Registrar (Writs) for Registrar General

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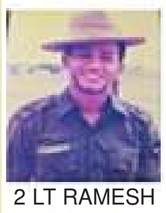

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Capital First Limited now IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24.06.2019**, for recovery of **INR 06,29,12,931/-** as on **23-05-2017** due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited)** from **M/s. U-Like Furniture through Partner Harsh Madan** (Borrower) and **Harsh Madan, Mahinder Kumar Madan & Kanta Madan** (deceased through legal heirs Mahinder Kumar Madan & Harsh Madan) (Co-borrower(s)).

The Reserve Price will be **INR 9,48,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Crores Forty Eight Lac Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 94,80,000/- (Rupees Ninety Four Lac Eighty Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly known as Capital First Limited)
Date: 04.06.2019

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI D-5/ DASTI
(EXTRAORDINARY CIVIL WRIT JURISDICTION)
NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20, R/W SEC. 151 CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

CM NO. 36385/2017 IN W.P.(C). 9896/2016

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PETITIONER
VS.
SALONI KHANNA RESPONDENTS

R-5 Kamal Rani W/o Sh. Sukhdev Kumar R/o House No. 4402, DLF Phase-IV Gurgaon, Haryana

Whereas the above noted petitioner has presented this petition which was listed before the Court on **10.10.2017** and the Court ordered for issuance of notice to you for **23.01.2018**. And whereas on **25.03.2019** it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that you cannot be served through ordinary mode. Notice is hereby issued to you by way of publication and you may cause an appearance to be entered on your behalf, either in person or through an advocate duly appointed by you for the purpose before the Court of Registrar on **29.07.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

Take notice that in default of your appearance by yourself, your pleader or someone by law authorised to act for you in the said Writ Petition on the aforementioned date, no further notice of the subsequent date of hearing of the said petition will be given to you in future and Writ Petition will be heard and determined ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this **10th Day of May, 2019.**

R.O No. 15/North DMC/19-20
Deputy Registrar (Writs) for Registrar General

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI D-5/ DASTI
(EXTRAORDINARY CIVIL WRIT JURISDICTION)
NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20, R/W SEC. 151 CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

CM NO. 36392/2017 IN W.P.(C). 9857/2016

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PETITIONER
VS.
M/S PLB INFRASTRUCTURE PVT LTD RESPONDENTS

R-8 Sh. Kunshuk Goel S/o Sh. Vijay Shankar Goel Shop No. 216, 2nd Floor, Plot No. 214, Mpl No. 2679-80, Gurdwara Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi Through its attorney Sh. Ajay Gupta
R-9 Sh. Ashok Jain S/o Sh. Sohanlal Ji, Shop No. 202, 2nd Floor, Plot No. 214, Mpl No. 2679-80, Gurdwara Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi Through its attorney Sh. Praveen Gupta

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R.O No. 11/North DMC/19-20
Deputy Registrar (Writs) for Registrar General

Election high over, YSR party now in a fix: How to fund campaign promises?

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 5

DESPITE ITS landslide victory in the state and general elections last month — 151 of 175 Assembly seats and 23 of 25 Lok Sabha seats — Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSRCP has been subdued in its celebrations. There have been no victory laps or grand speeches in Andhra Pradesh except for Jagan saying that "God and people have taught (TDP chief) N Chandrababu Naidu a lesson".

The reason for this restraint, say party leaders, is the precarious financial situation of the state, which was saddled with a revenue deficit of Rs 16,200 crore in 2014-15, the first year after its bifurcation in June 2014. The state had enjoyed a revenue surplus over the previous eight consecutive years.

Today, the big question for YSRCP MLAs and MPs is this: Where are the funds to pay for the welfare schemes and cash doles that Jagan has promised? "The strong mandate implies that people have huge expectations, and trust Jagan to fulfil all his promises. If people can give such a crushing defeat to Babu (N Chandrababu Naidu) for failing to fulfil his promises, they can do the same to YSRCP if it doesn't deliver. The state's weak fiscal position presents a huge challenge in implementing the schemes. This is a major worry," a party leader said.

On May 26, when Jagan was in Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he had pointed out that Andhra's debt in 2014 was Rs 97,000 crore, which has more than tripled to Rs 2.97 lakh crore in 2019 with over Rs 40,000 crore being paid as annual interest alone.

Senior YSRCP leader Botsa Satyanarayana said the new state government will have to find new avenues to boost revenue. "We also have to work on the FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budgetary Management) Act, and bring down the total debt to within borrowing limits again. We may have to seek loans from the World Bank and other institutions to fund schemes," he said.

Government officials said that with a debt of Rs 2.97 lakh crore, the state was in no position to get further loans, having already breached the limit of 3.5 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product as per FRBM. Andhra's borrowing is now 5 per cent of GSDP, as per April 2019 estimates, they said.

Rough estimates by officials and YSRCP leaders suggest the state would need about Rs 50,000 crore in five years to implement Jagan's "Navaratnalu" — the nine promises of YSRCP.

This is apart from implementing existing schemes started by the previous TDP regime, and funding the Polavaram project, construction of the capital city Amaravati, minor and medium irrigation projects, and the Metro rail in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam.

After the huge victory, Jagan rushed to New Delhi even before taking oath to meet the Prime Minister to seek financial help and press for Special Category Status (SCS) to Andhra Pradesh. "I will make as many trips as possible to New Delhi to meet the PM to seek SCS and financial help," Jagan said.

At the same time, he resolved to implement his party's promises and bring back 'Rajanna Rajyam' — a reference to the welfare state under his late father and former Chief Minister Y S Rajashekara Reddy.

The previous TDP regime could not fulfil the promises of loan waiver due to the financial crunch post bifurcation. According to former Finance Minister Y Ramakrishnudu, Andhra was left with a deficit in 2014-15 of Rs 16,200 crore. As per the AP Reorganisation Act 2014, the Centre was supposed to reimburse Rs 22,113 crore towards compensating the revenue gap and a special package of Rs 1,050 crore per annum for seven backward districts.

However, the Centre reimbursed Rs 3,979 crore for 2014-15 and Rs 1,521 crore in 2015-16 to compensate for the revenue gap, and granted Rs 1,050 crore for 2014-15. It delayed payments after 2016 as relations between the BJP and TDP deteriorated over SCS. "In 2018-19, we barely managed to pay salaries to government staff and the annual compensation to farmers who gave land for the capital city's construction," a Finance Department official said.

A day after taking oath as Chief Minister, Jagan enhanced pensions for senior citizens from Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,250, to be hiked to Rs 3,000 over the next four years. Asking IAS officers to come up with new ideas to increase state revenues, he sought their opinion on levying a green tax on industries producing large amounts of waste, and garbage tax on commercial establishments and hotels. He also called for a new sand mining policy to curb illegal mining and increase revenue.

"The CM has also asked officials to prepare a comprehensive report on AP's finances to be submitted to the 15th Finance Commission, and make a case for additional central grants and special category status," an official said.

Principal Secretary (Irrigation) Sashibhushan Kumar said the state has spent Rs 11,537 crore so far on the Polavaram project and the Centre has to reimburse Rs 4,810 crore. The project requires about Rs 12,000 crore for completion of civil works and another Rs 27,000 crore towards the rehabilitation and resettlement package. While the estimated cost of constructing Amaravati is over Rs 40,000 crore, the state has so far spent about Rs 3,000 crore in government complexes and housing, with the Centre reimbursing only Rs 1,500 crore so far.

Andhra's debt in 2019 stands at Rs 2.97 lakh crore

ANDHRA CM JAGAN'S PROMISES

- Pension hike for senior citizens, widows, toddy tappers, fishermen, single mothers and HIV patients from Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 per month
- Students fee reimbursement of up to Rs 1.5 lakhs per year
- Farm investment support of Rs 12,500 per year for each farmer, totalling Rs 50,000 in five years
- Rs 15,000 per month for mothers who send children to school
- Free borewells and interest-free loans to eligible farmers
- Loan waiver for all women from cooperative societies
- Rs 75,000 over five years to women of SC, ST, backward and minority communities
- 25 lakh houses for eligible beneficiaries in five years

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

TEMPLE TRIP

SHUNNING SPECIAL privileges he is entitled to by virtue of holding the second highest constitutional position in the country, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu surprised officials and devotees by reaching the main complex at Tirumala temple through the Vaikuntam Queue Complex instead of the 'mahadwaram' during a recent trip. His wife T Ushamma and other family members accompanied him. The Vice President and his family members participated in 'ánna prasadam' — the free meal programme at the temple — along with devotees. Naidu's family members also enrolled as volunteers for Srivari Seva, a voluntary service of serving food to devotees and cleaning after the meals at Anna Prasadam centre.

TALKING POINT

AT EID lunches hosted by Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and senior BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain, the controversial tweet by Giriraj Singh was the main talking point. With his tweet mocking NDA leaders attending iftar parties drawing the ire of his colleagues and the party president Amit Shah, everyone was keen to see if Singh turns up for the lunch hosted by his Cabinet colleague. Singh's junior in the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Sanjeev Balyan was at Naqvi's lunch, but Singh stayed away. One BJP leader quipped that non-vegetarians are now "at the mercy" of Singh, a staunch vegetarian, as he has been given the portfolio of animal husbandry and fisheries.

CALL OF DUTY

IT SEEMS the massive poll victory has not led to any relaxation in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strictness in dealing with his ministers. On the first day he met his ministers, Modi told them not to waste a minute and get involved with the works of their respective ministries. He told them not to travel outside Delhi to be felicitated. But some ministers travelled to their home states to visit their constituencies. They had to return immediately as they got a call from Prime Minister's office — he had a one-to-one meeting with all Cabinet ministers explaining his vision about the respective ministry.

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot

Rajasthan govt drops Deendayal name from scholarship test, triggers row

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR, JUNE 5

THE CONGRESS government in Rajasthan has dropped RSS ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya's name from a scholarship test for secondary school students, triggering a fresh controversy.

The state government dropped Upadhyaya's name from the scholarship test, arguing that the previous BJP government had named the test after the RSS ideologue without any reason. "The former BJP government had added the name of Deendayal Upadhyaya with the talent search test for no reasons, therefore the name has now been dropped," said state Education Minister Govind Singh Dotasara.

The test is conducted for students of Class X and XII and the successful ones are awarded scholarships by the state Secondary Education Department.

The move prompted the state's former education minister Vasudev Devnani to accuse the government of targeting RSS ideologues. "There are many schemes and programmes in the names of various Congress leaders but removing the name of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya from the scholarship test reflects the narrow-mindedness of the Congress government," said Devnani.

"Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya is among the great personalities whose contribution to democracy will continue to impact future generations. The government's decision is absurd and uncalled for," he said.

Devnani had also slammed the state government earlier after a Class X social science book described V D Savarkar as 'Son of Portugal'. He had said that even erstwhile Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had called Savarkar "a classical revolutionary".

The Ashok Gehlot government has approved of the description, contending that it was done on the recommendation of a panel of academics.

J&K Cong favours 'timely' delimitation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

AMID SPECULATION that the Centre was considering a plan to delimit electoral constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, the state Congress unit on Wednesday expressed its support for a timely delimitation ahead of the soon-to-be-announced Assembly polls.

In a statement, state Congress spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said the party favoured the exercise and that the process should conclude before the state polls.

Delimitation had been frozen during the NDA regime led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Sharma said the exercise had been deferred till a fresh census in 2026. The National Conference government in the state at the time had passed a similar amendment, he added.

"The delimitation should be done in accordance with the Constitution, norms and procedure prescribed under law taking into account various parameters of population, area, terrain, topography and such other considerations in order to ensure complete justice with each and every area, which, hither too faced injustice, neglect or discrimination," he said.

Sharma cautioned the Centre from carrying out the exercise as a "political stunt" in view of the upcoming polls.

EID IN DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Minister of State (Home) G Kishan Reddy at Naqvi's home in Delhi on Eid. *Renuka Puri*

Govt reaches out to Cong for cooperation in House

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE GOVERNMENT reached out to the opposition Congress on Wednesday and sought the party's cooperation in the upcoming session of Parliament, starting June 17.

According to sources, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, along with the two ministers of state in his ministry — Arjun Ram Meghwal and V Muraleedharan — met Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad at his residence here.

The ministers conveyed their best wishes to the senior Congress leader on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and sought his party's cooperation in the upcoming Parliament session.

Ghulam Nabi Azad

The government has convened an all-party meeting in Parliament on June 16, ahead of the Lok Sabha session, where it will seek cooperation of all the political parties in ensuring a smooth session, the sources pointed out.

The Lok Sabha session will commence from June 17. After the new MPs take oath on the first two days, the Speaker will be elected on June 19.

President Ram Nath Kovind will address a joint sitting of both houses of Parliament on June 20.

Sachin Pilot should be made Rajasthan CM: Cong MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JUNE 5

PRITHVIRAJ MEENA, Congress MLA from Rajasthan's Todabhim constituency, said on Wednesday that Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot should be made the Chief Minister of the state.

Meena's comments come a day after Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said in an interview that Pilot should take responsibility for the defeat of his son Vaibhav from Jodhpur in the Lok Sabha polls.

"I have said Sachin Pilot should become the chief minister. That is not because I have anything to do with Sachin Pilot. I said this because of the majority we got because of him. In eastern Rajasthan, there are 46 (assembly) seats of which we won 43. If you see in Jodhpur side, the party could win only 1 seat in Jalore, Sirohi and Pali," said Meena.

He claimed that Gehlot doesn't have much influence anymore.

"Ashok Gehlot ji doesn't have influence now...There's no public backing, Jats, Meenas and Gujjars are angry...who will vote? said Meena.

He said party leaders should see to it that a person who can get votes for the party is made chief minister. "It should be seen why he is being made the CM. The party should also see that such a person is made the CM who can fetch votes and the public can expect something from him. If he has already failed before, then what's the use of making him the CM again?"

UP: Now RLD announces it will fight bypolls alone

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LUCKNOW, JUNE 5

A DAY after the SP and BSP decided to go it alone in the upcoming Assembly bypolls to 11 seats in Uttar Pradesh, their third alliance partner RLD announced on Wednesday that it will go solo too.

RLD UP president Masood Ahmad said, "The RLD will contest the assembly bypolls on its own whenever they are held. However, it is too early to comment on the political scene of the state."

RLD chief Chaudhary Ajit Singh and the party's vice-president Jayant Chaudhary will decide the number of seats RLD will contest and the matter may be discussed in a meeting in the next few days, Ahmad said. Asked about RLD's role in the new political landscape of the state, he said, "The RLD was with the Samajwadi Party. We got the seats from the quota of Akhilesh." He said the Congress should also be a part of the alliance.

When asked who will gain from the recent spate of political developments, Ahmad said, "The profit and loss analysis will be done later. Our wish is that the gathbandhan should increase its 'kunbaa' (clan), so that we can emerge as a strong anti-BJP force".

EPS tweets to make Tamil optional subject in India, then deletes it

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JUNE 5

THE CENTRE may have dropped the contentious provision of compulsory teaching of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking states but the controversy refuses to die down in Tamil Nadu.

In a tweet, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami Wednesday requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to include Tamil as an optional language of study in other states. The post was later deleted as the Opposition questioned the meaning of his tweet. Senior DMK leaders also started asking him on Twitter whether he had agreed to Centre's three-language policy or not.

Being part of NDA, AIADMK was in a fix after the Centre faced allegations of imposing Hindi in Tamil Nadu with a mandatory three-language policy against the state's long standing two-language policy. The Centre recently dropped the contentious clause in the draft National Education Policy that proposed to make Hindi mandatory in schools following an outcry, especially in Tamil Nadu.

Edapaddi K Palaniswami

Tamil Nadu has been following the two-language formula of Tamil and English since 1968. According to Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006, a student studying from Class I to X has to study Tamil as the first language and English as the second language, while Hindi is not mandatory.

On Wednesday, DMK chief M K Stalin demanded that Tamil be made an official language in central government offices. "The DMK will support this cause," he said. Stalin, who has been attacking and warning the Centre against the alleged agenda to impose Hindi in Tamil Nadu, said the Centre was forced to withdraw the idea of a three-language policy due to opposition by Tamils.

Cong leader questions Karnataka govt move to sell land to JSW Steel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 5

SENIOR CONGRESS leader H K Patil has questioned the Congress-JDS government's decision to sell 3,666 acres of land in Karnataka's Bellary region to steel major JSW Steel Ltd at a low price at the end of a 10-year lease agreement.

In letters to Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy and Industries Minister K J George, Patil, who recently quit as chief of the Congress's state election campaign committee after the party's poll debacle, has questioned a May 27 decision of the state cabinet to sell 3,666 acres to JSW Steel Ltd.

Patil has raised objections on the ground that the state government has not obtained a legal opinion on the sale of the land which he had sought in 2015 as rural development minister and head of the cabinet sub-committee on control of implementation of the 2011 Lokayukta report on illegal mining.

The former minister has claimed that the sale of the land to JSW Steel Ltd is questionable since the Lokayukta named the steel firm, among others, in its report on illegal mining.

In its cabinet decision on May 27, the Karnataka government decided to sell 3,666 acres of land that were leased to JSW Steel Ltd at a cost of Rs 1,22,199 which was the price the land was acquired for in 2005 by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board to lease to JSW Steel Ltd.

Patil has also claimed that the steel firm owes the state government Rs 1,200 crore for using a mine belonging to the state-run Mysore Minerals Limited to mine iron ore for several years.

"The stand of the Congress party against illegal mining is clear. Despite this reality, the current coalition government has decided to sell land at a throwaway price to a company accused in the Lokayukta report on illegal mining. Instead of focussing on recovering huge dues from the firm, the state cabinet has decided to sell 2000.68 acres in the Toranagal and Kirekuppa villages and 1666.73 acres in Mosenayakanahalli and Yarabanahalli to JSW Steel Ltd (Jindal Company)," Patil says in his June 4, 2019 letter to Industries Minister George.

Senior Congress leaders, including ministers D K Shivakumar, Krishna Byre Gowda and George, have defended the decision to sell the leased land to JSW Steel Ltd. Shivakumar has cited a 2006 decision of the JDS-BJP government to sell land to JSW at the end of a lease-cum-sale agreement as a precedent. Byregowda has stated that the sale of land is as per the agreement signed with the firm and that the state advocate general's opinion had been obtained in this matter.

The state advocate general in his opinion on the sale of the land to JSW Steel Ltd as enclosed in the cabinet proceedings has stated that he is not aware of pending legal proceedings against the firm. "It is not brought to my notice that any criminal proceedings or pending against the leesee pursuant to the Hon'ble Lokayukta's report in fact Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No 44071/2011 had quashed the said chapter 22 of Hon'ble Lokayukta's report on ground that it was outside the scope of reference made by government of Karnataka," says the A-G's opinion.

Patil and BJP leader C T Ravi have also questioned the state government on why it has not demanded the present market rate of around Rs 50 lakh per acre for the absolute sale of the land to the private firm. "NHAI acquired land in the same area for road development at a rate of Rs 40 lakh per acre. The state government is giving the land away at a throwaway price," Ravi said.

"When an absolute sale deed is implemented as per such agreements, the sale price is not fixed according to the prevailing market rate. This is the norm in the state government," Industries Minister George has claimed. "The advocate general of Karnataka gave an opinion on 03.03.2018. As per existing rules and the agreement, the state government can fix the price of sale and after obtaining clearance from the state cabinet, a sale agreement in favour of the leesee can be drawn up," he said.

Patil has said the state government must not proceed with the decision. "There is a case still pending in the Supreme Court with respect to illegal mining in Karnataka filed by Samaj Parivartan Samudaya," he has stated.

"The said land was leased to JSW Steel for expansion of its steel plant capacity at Vijayanagar and the lease hold land shall become a free hold land as per the terms of original lease on expiry of specific period of lease. The information that is being spread is false and misleading," a JSW Steel spokesperson said in a statement.

EXPRESS NETWORK

N.E. W.S.

NORTH

Three killed in accident in J&K's Udhampur

Udhampur: Three people were killed and five others injured in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Wednesday, officials said. The accident occurred in the Barrian area here when a speeding van skidded off the road and overturned, they said. One person died on the spot, while seven others were rushed to a hospital with injuries, the officials said. Later, two more succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment, they added. The bus reportedly turned turtle near the Hot and Chilly Hotel and killed three on the spot while injuring the others. **PTI**

Police commandos stand guard at the Golden Temple on the eve of the 35th anniversary of Operation Blue Star, in Amritsar on Wednesday. *Rana Simranjit Singh*

EAST

Cabinet rejig likely this month, says Manipur CM

Imphal: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Wednesday has said that a reshuffle in his cabinet is likely to take place later this month. The development comes in the wake of the decision of the Naga People's Front (NPF), a coalition partner of BJP-led Manipur Government, deciding to pull out of the alliance. The CM has clarified that if at all reshuffle takes place, it would be based on the performance and loyalties. "We have seen at the Centre, 40 per cent of Modiji's previous Ministers were dropped. It was purely based on their performance. Apart from the CM office, the central leaders also closely monitoring ministers in the state," said the Chief Minister. **ENS**

WEST

Boy trying to avoid heat suffocates inside locked car

Akola: A 12-year-old ragpicker, who was trying to protect himself from heat by taking shelter in a parked car, suffocated to death apparently after the doors of the vehicle got locked automatically, police said Wednesday. The incident occurred Tuesday in Aalewadi village in Akola district of Maharashtra. A police official said the car had not been used for the past two years due to some technical defect. It was parked by its owner in the bushes. A case has been registered in Dahihada police station and further investigation is underway. Akola district has been reeling under intense heat for the last three days. **PTI**

SOUTH

Youth killed in Telangana post-local body poll violence

Hyderabad: A man, claimed to be a BJP activist, was allegedly stabbed to death in Mahabubnagar district in stray post local rural body election violence in Telangana, police said Wednesday. Premkumar, a youth, was fatally attacked in Dokur village after a quarrel with the son of a losing Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) candidate and others over him joining the celebrations by supporters of the victorious BJP rival Tuesday night, hours after the results of the poll were declared, they said. TRS has swept the local body polls, winning a majority of the zilla parishad territorial constituency and mandal parishad territorial constituency seats. **PTI**

NEET TOPPERS

'Studied for 7-8 hours everyday, never shied away from doubts'

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, JUNE 5

NALIN KHANDELWAL didn't use a smartphone, was not active on social media and would self-study for 7-8 hours everyday.

The 17-year-old's effort paid off after the results of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) was declared on Wednesday.

Khandelwal obtained All India Rank (AIR) 1 in NEET UG 2019 with 99.9999291 percentile and 701 marks.

"I studied for 7-8 hours everyday and never shied away from asking my teachers about any doubts I had, however inconsequential they may appear. I concentrated solely on studies since the past two years and didn't have a smartphone. I was also not active on social media before the exams," said Khandelwal.

Khandelwal comes from a family of doctors as both his parents are doctors and are based in Sikar district from where Khandelwal completed his schooling. His elder brother is also studying MBBS. Khandelwal, who had enrolled in the Allen Jaipur centre while preparing for NEET also scored 95.8 per cent in his 12th standard examinations this year.

"I think multiple readings of a subject, healthy competition and the unwavering support of my parents helped me to perform well in the examination. I haven't yet decided the specialisation and am waiting for the results of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) exam in which I appeared this year," said Khandelwal.

"Right after passing the 10th standard examination, our son wanted to pursue medicine and we are overwhelmed by his performance. For the past two years, he would go to Jaipur from Sikar and stay with his grandparents. We are feeling extremely proud and overjoyed," said his father Rakesh Khandelwal.

A total of 93,149 students had appeared for NEET 2019 from Rajasthan, out of whom 64,890 students qualified with the success percentage of 69.66 per cent, indicates data from the National Testing Agency, which had conducted the examination.

Apart from Khandelwal, the other toppers from Rajasthan are Sameer Godara, who secured the 12th rank, Arunangshu Bhattacharya, who stood 19th, Lalit Agrwal (24th), Deependra Singh Choyal (25th) and Harsh Agarwal (30th).

Among girls, Megha Gupta from Rajasthan is among the top 20 female toppers of NEET 2019 with an AIR rank of 94th.

Archana Gurjar from Rajasthan is among the top 5 in physically handicap (PH) category (female), while in the physically handicap category (male), Bheraram from Rajasthan has been declared as the topper.

NEET topper Nalin Khandelwal with his parents in Jaipur on Wednesday. *Rohit Jain Paras*

Varanasi resident Akshat Kaushik (seated) secured the all-India third rank. *Express*

For No. 2, stand-up comedy was the de-stress mantra

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, JUNE 5

FOR BHAVIK Bansal, who stood second in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), watching stand-up comedy on YouTube was the perfect de-stress mantra after studying for long hours.

The results for the all-India level entrance test for admission to BDS and MBBS courses were declared Wednesday.

Bansal, who got 700 out of 720 marks, is also the Delhi topper. He said he expected to be in the top 10, but never thought he would come second.

"I was confident of being among the top 10 rank holders, but second rank is a surprise. I used to stay at home and prepare for the exam, and my parents motivated me all the time," he said over phone from Mumbai. Bansal's parents are Delhi government employees. His father is an accounts officer, while his mother is a physics teacher at a city government school.

Asked whether he abstained from social media to focus on studies, he said, "I do not like watching TV. However, I used to watch a lot of stand-up comedy videos on YouTube to de-stress. Online media allows you to watch content that you prefer and enjoy." He is currently in Mumbai for the International Biology Olympiad.

A passout of Vivekanand School, Bansal secured 93 per cent in his Class XII board examination. "The syllabus for boards and NEET is similar. One has to study NCERT books thoroughly. They are like Bhagavad Gita," the east Delhi boy said.

Asked about his future plans, he said, "It is too early to say anything. I just love Physics, Chemistry and Biology. After I study medicine for five years, I will be able to decide what specialisation I want to do."

Bansal added that NEET was his "backup option" as he wants to get into the AIIMS. "My aim is to study at AIIMS. Their results are expected in the next few days," he said.

Varanasi resident Akshat Kaushik, who secured the all-India third rank in NEET, is also waiting for the AIIMS result.

Akshat's father Dr A K Singh is a surgeon while his mother Dr Kiran Kaushik is a gynecologist. He finished his schooling from Delhi Public School, Varanasi, and then joined a private coaching to prepare for the exam.

"After I matched my answers with the answer sheet later, I was expecting that I would be in the top ten. But being all-India third came as a pleasant surprise. Now I am waiting for the AIIMS results. My first preference is AIIMS Delhi. In NEET, I would prefer Maulana Azad Medical College," said Akshat.

He said he would first complete MBBS and later decide on a suitable specialisation. Currently, he is interested in endocrinology, he said. For students preparing to take the exam, his suggestion was not to make a very big deal out of it and "stay cool and smart". He said he used to study for about 5-6 hours a day for the last two years.

TMC leader killed; BJP man among 2 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 5

KOLKATA POLICE said Wednesday that they have arrested two men, including a BJP worker, for their alleged role in the murder of a TMC leader who was gunned down by unidentified persons late Tuesday evening. Police said they suspect that the accused had hired contract killers for the "planned murder".

The incident took place around 7 pm at the Patna Thakurtala area of Nimta in north Kolkata. Police identified the victim as Nirmal Kundu, who was the president of Ward No. 6 in north Dum Dum. Those arrested are Sujay Das and Suman Kundu, who was described by police as a BJP worker from the area.

TMC sources said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will visit the area Thursday to meet Nirmal Kundu's family and police officers. Nimta falls in North 24 Paraganas district, which has witnessed a number of minor clashes between the BJP and the TMC, especially during the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections and after as well.

When contacted, BJP state general secretary Sayantan Basu said the accused "may be a BJP supporter" but "the incident has no connection" with his party.

Police officers said Nirmal Kundu was standing on the street outside his house when two assailants on a bike slowed down near him and fired from point-blank range before speeding away. Kundu suffered a bullet injury on the head, they said.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead.

"The miscreants came on a bike and shot Nirmal Kundu from point-blank range at 7 pm. We have arrested two people, including a BJP worker," said Ananda Roy, DCP (Zone 2), Barrackpore.

"The street was crowded when the incident took place. They slowed down and shot twice at him. Before we could realise what was happening, they escaped," said a local shopkeeper, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Police said Sujay Das and Suman Kundu, who had been picked up from Uttarpara in Hooghly district Tuesday in another case, were arrested after they were questioned in the killing of Nirmal Kundu.

Police said they have seized an "improvised firearm and ammunition" from the accused, and are probing CCTV footage to get more details of the attack. Sources said they suspect the involvement of more persons in the murder.

The attack also triggered protests by local residents who demanded the immediate arrest of the killers. Nimta falls under the Dum Dum Lok Sabha constituency, where Trinamool leader Saugata Roy emerged the winner this time with 5,12,062 votes while BJP candidate Samik Bhattacharya came second with 4,59,060 votes.

Nothing to be scared of: Mamata at Eid gathering

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 5

IN A veiled attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday told Muslims that "there is nothing to be scared of" and promised a safe and secure environment.

Addressing a gathering in Kolkata on Eid, she also warned the BJP of consequences if it continues to mess with her. "Hindus stand for renunciation, Muslims for integrity, Christians for love and Sikhs for sacrifice. This is our beloved Hindustan and we will protect it. Whoever dares to challenge us will be shattered into pieces," Mamata told a gathering while taking part in Eid celebrations.

"There is nothing to be scared... Don't be scared, the faster they captured EVMs, the quicker they will go away," she continued.

She also warned the BJP of consequences of taking on her in the state. *ANI*

Asserting that unity is the essence of Bengali culture and tradition, the chief minister said, "In future, we will fight all battles together. Remember, you are dead if you are scared. But those who fight together ultimately succeed. Let them say it. It is their right. But remember, you can be successful if you speak from your heart."

(WITH PTI INPUTS)

BJP MP visits rape-accused MLA in jail to 'thank him after polls'

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JUNE 5

SAKSHI MAHARAJ, BJP MP from Unnao in Uttar Pradesh, visited Sitapur district jail on Wednesday and met BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who is in prison for allegedly raping a minor girl at his residence in 2017.

Singh is MLA from Bangarmau in Unnao and is in jail since his arrest in April last year.

"MP Sakshi Maharaj visited jail around 12.30 pm and stayed inside for nearly half an hour. He had discussions with us about the condition of the jail and also met MLA Kuldeep Singh for around two minutes," said superintendent, Sitapur district jail, D C Mishra.

He added that Singh was transferred from Unnao jail to Sitapur jail following the state government's order.

Sakshi Maharaj told reporters, "*Hamare yaha ke bahut hi yashasvi, lokpriya vidhyak Kuldeep Sengar ji yaha kaafi samay se hai. Chunav ke baad unka dhanyawad karna uchit samjha maine.* (Our popular MLA Kuldeep Sengar has been lodged here for a long time. I found it appropriate to thank him after the election.)"

Sakshi Maharaj is the BJP MP from Unnao. *ANI*

The Unnao rape case came to light on April 8, 2018 when the victim attempted to immolate herself outside Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's residence in Lucknow, alleging police inaction against the accused.

Her family alleged that Singh raped her on June 4, 2017 at his residence where one Shashi Singh took her on the pretext of getting her a job.

The girl alleged that when her father spoke up against the incident, the MLA's brother Atul Singh and his supporters assaulted him and got him framed in a false case on charges of physical assault and Arms Act on April 3, 2018.

On April 8, the condition of the victim's father deteriorated inside Unnao jail. He was rushed to the district hospital where he died the next morning.

Unnao police lodged three cases in connection with the incident at Makhi police station. Following an uproar, the state government transferred the case to the CBI. The CBI in July last year filed chargesheets in all three cases.

Kuldeep Singh Sengar has been chargesheeted in two of the cases.

In the rape case, the MLA and Shashi Singh have been named in the chargesheet. In another case, the MLA and eight others have been named for allegedly hatching a conspiracy and implicating the victim's father in the assault case and the Arms Act case. The CBI has named the MLA's brother Atul Singh and four others in its chargesheet in the murder case of the rape victim's father.

Popular Bangladesh actor Anju Ghosh joins BJP in Kolkata

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, JUNE 5

THE BHARATIYA Janata Party (BJP) inducted Bangladeshi actor Anju Ghosh into the party on Wednesday.

Ghosh is known for her role in Beder Meye Josna (1989), the highest-grossing movie in the history Bangladeshi films. Later, she moved to Kolkata and started working in the Bengali film industry.

While inducting her into the party, West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh handed over the party flag to her at the state BJP headquarters in Kolkata. "Today, popular film actor Anju Ghosh is joining our party. She had wanted to join BJP for a long time. Now, we have got the real Beder Meye Josna," the BJP leader said.

The 63-year-old actor, who has been away from her acting career for a very long time, said she was happy to join the BJP.

At present, she lives at Salt Lake in Kolkata. When asked to clarify whether she was still holding the Bangladeshi citizenship, the actor did not respond.

Before the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP had raised objections when Bangladeshi actors Ferdous Ahmed and Gazi Abdun Noor were seen campaigning for the ruling party.

The BJP had raised the issue with the Election Commission and the Ministry of External Affairs, following which the visas of the actor were cancelled and they were asked to return to Bangladesh.

Besides the actor, several gram panchayat members belonging to Congress and CPM parties from North 24 Parganas district joined the BJP.

West Bengal BJP chief Dilip Ghosh handing over flowers to Ghosh at state BJP headquarters in Kolkata. *Express*

The BJP state president claimed that a large number of TMC MLAs wanted to join the BJP, but were apprehensive of the ruling party.

"There are some TMC MLAs who wish to join us. But they are scared as the TMC might put them in some legal complexities. They may get framed in false cases too. But still some are braving the threats and approaching us. They are not joining the BJP for gains, but to get relief from the atrocities of TMC, which does not have any ideology," Ghosh said.

Cops: Militants kill woman, injure man in Pulwama

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

A WOMAN was killed and a man injured in firing by suspected militants in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Wednesday morning. The injured civilian is being treated at a hospital in Srinagar.

A Jammu & Kashmir Police spokesperson said militants fired on two civilians, including a woman identified as Nigeena Bano, and Jalal-ud-din Bafanda in Singoo Narbal village of Pulwama district. "In this incident, both the civilians received critical gunshot wounds," the spokesperson said.

According to local residents, Nigeena and Jalal-ud-din were talking outside a mosque when they were fired at. After the incident, both of them were rushed to a nearby hospital, but Nigeena succumbed to injuries.

A senior doctor at a government health facility at Kakapora, where the two were admitted, said the woman was declared brought dead. Jalal-ud-din was referred to Srinagar-based Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital.

Family members of Nigeena said she had not received any threats. "We are totally shocked. As far I know, she didn't receive any warning from anyone. We have no idea why she was killed," Nigeena's brother Mohammad Shafi Khan said.

"A case was registered under relevant sections. Officers from the local police station are investigating the circumstances of this terror crime," a J&K police spokesperson said.

Gujarat: Midday Meal Scheme in 51 drought-hit tehsils halted

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 5

THE STATE-RUN Midday Meal Scheme, which the government had said will continue in 51 drought-hit tehsils of Gujarat even during summer vacations in schools, has been discontinued from June 1. This is because the Revenue Department has not renewed the Drought Declaration Certificate, effective till May 31, for the 51 tehsils in 11 districts.

The Revenue Department had issued the certificate on October 30, 2018, while declaring moderate/severe drought in 51 tehsils of Ahmedabad, Banaskantha, Bhavnagar, Devbhumi Dwarka, Jamnagar, Kutch, Mehsana, Morbi, Patan, Rajkot and Surendranagar districts. Five of the 51 tehsils — Suigam in Banaskantha, Lakhpat and Abdasa in Kutch, Malia-Miana in Morbi and Shankheshwar in Patan — were declared severely affected by the drought.

Following this, a range of relief initiatives were started by the state government in the 51 tehsils. And one of them was to continue the Midday Meal Scheme in schools even during the summer vacation.

Since the drought certificate was effective till May 31, the office of the Commissioner, Midday Meal Scheme, issued a circular addressing the Collectors of those 11 drought-affected districts.

The circular said, "Currently, since no instruction has been received from the Revenue Department to extend the DDC, from June 1, 2019, benefits under (the) MDM Scheme and Doodh Sanjeevani Yojana in the above mentioned 51 tehsils will have to be stopped from June 1, 2019..."

In-charge Commissioner of Midday Meal Scheme in Gujarat, J D Desai, said the drought notification of Revenue Department expired on May 31, 2019. "The scheme will be continued from June 10 when the schools reopen."

Narmada downstream stretch now a thin stream, may hit local livelihoods

Stretch may turn dry before 2032; hydropower generation stopped due to lack of water

AVINASH NAIR
CHANDOD (GUJARAT), JUNE 5

THE DRY riverbed of Narmada, the largest west-flowing river of the country, has turned into a parking lot for cars carrying pilgrims who frequent Chandod in Gujarat's Vadodara district to pay homage to the dead.

With little water being released from Sardar Sarovar dam built upstream, the perennial river that once had an expanse of 300 m is now reduced to a 20-feet stream. Going by the state government records, the 150-km of the river downstream from the dam might turn dry well before 2032, a timeline by which dam authorities expect to completely halt the release of water downstream.

"Yesterday, the water level was so low that one could easily walk and cross the river. They have released more water today; so there is enough for our boats to ply," said Raju Machchi, 31, who awaits his turn to ferry pilgrims. For five days till the new moon, Gujarat government had decided to release 1,500 cusecs water to counter the tide at the mouth of the river that opens in Gulf of Khambhat. "Yesterday, I did not get a single ride and had to return home empty-handed," said Raju, voicing the concern of 600-odd boatmen who live in Chandod and depend on the boats that ferry pilgrims from Mallharrao Ghat to Triveni Sangam where Narmada meets Orsang and the mythical Gupt Saraswati.

"We used to fear the might of this river. It has flooded my house several times. Today you can see cars parked on the riverbed, a sight we have never seen before," he said.

At the turn of the 21st century, Narmada used to flow bank-to-bank when an estimated 16.30 MAF (Million Acre Feet) of water used to be let down every year from Sardar Sarovar Dam. But by 2017, this flow reduced to 4.7 MAF and by 2032, it is expected to be "nil". Currently, 600 cusecs are being released into the river. This was recently augmented to 1,500 cusecs after Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani wrote to the Centre.

The Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal, constituted in 1969 to adjudicate on the sharing of Narmada water, had estimated that no water will be released downstream 45 years after the dam's construction. Construction of the dam began in 1987 and so, as per the estimate, the river is expected to run dry by 2032. "Going by the tribunal's estimates, Narmada will not be perennial after 2032. These are just projections, but they show a trend. The last two years have been tough for Gujarat. Going by the current trend, it seems the river is already drying up and the forecast of the tribunal is coming true. However, we will wait and watch before saying anything definite," said Dr M B Joshi, Chief General Manager (Technical and Coordination), Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited.

Due to the lack of release of water from the dam, the riverbed powerhouse is expected to be defunct by 2032.

After producing 35,136 million units of hydro power for the last 13 years, the 1200-MW underground riverbed powerhouse, located about 165 m downstream from Sardar Sarovar Dam, did not generate hydro power for a single day since July 2018 as there was no excess water to turn the six turbine generators.

Officials said no provision was made by the tribunal to allow a certain amount of water to be discharged into the river. In January 2005, all states concerned got together and decided to release 600 cusecs in Narmada to maintain an "environmental flow".

The Gujarat government moved a proposal to increase this flow to 1500 cusecs in 2017. "The approval is yet to come. The 1,500 cusecs currently being released is from Gujarat's quota and will be stopped after New Moon," the official stated.

Navin Machchi, 39, a boatman and former president of the fishermen association at Chandod, said, "The river is reduced to a stream. Two years ago, the depth was between 40-50 feet. The lack of water is also a problem for pilgrims who come here to perform final rites of their loved ones, which involves taking a bath in the river. If this continues, people will stop coming. What is the significance of a Triveni Sangam if it does not have water?"

Navin said he earned Rs 1,000 a day till four years ago, but now makes Rs 300 in two days. "We are aware that the water that flows by gets wasted, but the river needs to live," he said.

Vijay Solanki, 21, who has come to perform his brother's last rites, said, "I saw a blue river flow past when I came for the last rites of my sister-in-law four years ago. Today, I am surprised to see that there is hardly any water left."

The perennial river that once had an expanse of 300 m is now reduced to a 20-feet stream. *Bhupendra Rana*

India ranks low on gender equality index, stands at 95 out of 129 countries

ABANTIKA GHOSH
VANCOUVER, JUNE 5

INDIA RANKS 95 out of 129 countries, below countries such as Ghana, Rwanda and Bhutan in a new gender equality index released on the second day of the 'Women Deliver Conference'. Out of a maximum score of 100 based on the country's performance on the gender parameter of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) India scored 56.2.

The index, covering 14 of the 17 SDGs, measures countries on 51 issues ranging from health, gender-based violence, climate change, decent work and others. The global average score of the 129 countries-which represents 95% of the world's girls and women- is 65.7 out of 100 ("poor" in the index scoring system). No one country is the world's best performer-or even among the world's top ten performers-across all goals or all issues.

The overall index score and individual goal scores are based on a scale of 0-100. A score of 100 reflects the achievement of gender equality in relation to the targets set for each indicator. For example, that 100 per cent of girls' complete secondary education or that there is around 50-50 parity for women and men in Parliament. A score of 50 signifies that a country is about halfway to meeting that goal. Scores of 59 or below have been rated "very poor".

India, along with neighbours Pakistan and Bangladesh, lost out on the education index even though the report noted that large strides had been made. "One of the sub-regions facing persistent challenges in gender equality in education is South Asia, particularly Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. In 2018, the number of primary and secondary school-age girls was 186.2 million in the three countries, representing 52 per cent of the girls in the entire Asia and the Pacific region," the report noted. It also recorded the findings of the Annual Status of Education Report's (ASER) assessment of basic math skills of 14- to 16-year-olds in India, that found 44 per cent of girls can do division compared to 50 per cent of boys, but rural girls are worse off than urban girls.

The gender index was created by Equal Measures 2030, a civil society and private sector partnership that includes the Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (Arrow), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Data2X, the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC), KPMG International, ONE Campaign, Plan International and Women Deliver.

Denmark tops the index, followed closely by Finland, Sweden, Norway, and the Netherlands. The countries with the lowest scores in the index — Niger, Yemen, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chad - have all faced conflict and fragility in recent years.

"With just 11 years to go, our index finds that not a single one of the 129 countries is fully transforming their laws, policies or public budget decisions on the scale needed to reach gender equality by 2030. We are failing to deliver on the promises of gender equality for literally billions of girls and women," said Alison Holder, Director of Equal Measures 2030.

(The author is in Vancouver as a Media Scholar for Women Deliver 2019)

DR PAYAL TADVI SUICIDE CASE

MUHS likely to submit report today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 5

THE FINAL report on alleged ragging and harassment in the Dr Payal Tadvi suicide case is likely to be submitted by the committee appointed by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) to the medical education ministry on Thursday. Prima facie, findings of the panel indicate charges of harassment against three final-year resident doctors, Dr Hema Ahuja, Dr Bhakti Mehare and Dr Ankita Khandelwal.

On Wednesday, parents of the three students met panel members to record their statements. Speaking on behalf of their daughters, they said the allegations are false and the three "were only responding to work pressure".

On May 22, Tadvi, a second-year gynaecology student of TN Topiwala National Medical College, committed suicide in her hostel room. Her mother has registered a case against the three seniors alleging caste discrimination and harassment drove her daughter to suicide.

Following the incident, an anti-ragging committee in Nair hospital last week submitted a preliminary report that confirmed charges of ragging and harassment against all three doctors. MUHS formed a four-member committee to give its final opinion in the case. It has so far carried out extensive interviews with 45-50 people. On Wednesday, the committee met Kailash Khandelwal, father of Ankita, Suresh and Kavita Ahuja, parents of Hema, and Arvind Mehare, Bhakti's father.

According to committee members, based on interviews with hostel roommates, doctors and friends of Payal and the three seniors, while there is evidence of harassment at work, a few committee members have observed this cannot be labeled as ragging. The committee, however, holds power to take action under the Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999.

A medical education ministry official said action in this case, if the three are found guilty of harassment, could also lead to suspension or dismissal. Under the Act, a student cannot seek admission in any other college for five years if dismissed.

MISSING IAF AN-32 AIRCRAFT

In this Punjab family, a mother who doesn't know her son's missing, a father who is searching for him

DIVYA GOYAL
SAMANA (PATIALA), JUNE 5

FOR THE Indian Air Force (IAF) Flight Lieutenant Mohit Garg (27), staying at home for a few days was never less than a luxury. Shifting to a hostel when he was in Class 4, Mohit, whom his family describes as an "extraordinarily intelligent and bright boy", hardly ever stayed at home.

Mohit is one of the 13 people on board the IAF AN-32 aircraft that went missing Monday in Arunachal Pradesh after taking off from Assam's Jorhat. Since Monday, his family back home in Samana town of Punjab's Patiala district is only praying for a miracle and ruing if he could've spent some more time with them at home.

Born in a business family, Mohit's father Surinderpal Garg and elder brother Ashwani are commission agents (arthiyas). His sister Meenu is married. He was first from his family to opt for defence forces.

After Class 12, Mohit cleared the NDA entrance exam.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* at their residence in Samana, Ashwani said that Mohit was an "extraordinarily intelligent boy" and that is why parents sent him to Sainik School (Punjab Public School, Nabha) instead of forcing him into their family business.

"Our father never stopped him from pursuing what he wanted to. He always excelled in studies and even refused to pursue engineering. Since his schooling was from PPS, his interest grew in defence forces. He cleared NDA entrance and made his career choice," said Ashwani.

Since last five years, Mohit was posted in Jorhat. He got married to Astha Garg of Jalandhar, a banker, last year. "Last they had visited us on Diwali... they were due to come for some days now as mother was missing them badly," said Vandana, Mohit's sister-in-law (Ashwani's wife). "All he ever craved was for home cooked food. He was bored and tired of mess food," she added.

As the search for missing aircraft continued for third day on Wednesday, Mohit's father and uncle, Rishipal Garg, reached Jorhat to be with Astha. The family hasn't informed Mohit's bedridden mother Salochana Devi, a heart patient, about the incident.

Mohit has a grouse with the government. "Such an incident should not happen with anyone else in future. The equipment being used by our forces must be the most modern, and updated time to time. It is the duty of the government to ensure safety of those who are protecting this country," he said.

Meanwhile, Mohit's father Surinderpal, speaking to *The Indian Express* over phone from Jorhat, said that all he wants is his son back and he would do everything till he is not found. "I have nothing to say about anything else as of now. I am searching for my son... There is no information yet. No clue about him..All I want is my son back," he said.

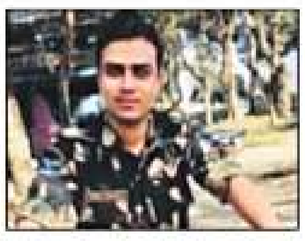
Also among the 13 crew members is Pankaj Sangwan, 22, an airman. A resident of Kohla village in Gohana, in Haryana's Sonipat district, Pankaj had joined the IAF in 2015.

For the last three days, Pankaj's parents, friends and relatives are praying for his safety. He is the only son of his parents.

"Pankaj had last spoken with his mother on June 2 morning. Since then, there has been no contact. His cousin kept repeatedly trying Pankaj's mobile phone, but could not get through. IAF officers told us that they were searching for the aircraft. They have not said anything beyond that," Pankaj's grandfather Ram Kumar said.

WITH ENS, CHANDIGARH

Flight Lt Mohit Garg



Pankaj Sangwan, airman

AIRCRAFT REMAINS UNTRACED FOR THIRD DAY

Guwahati: The wreckage of the IAF AN-32 aircraft remained untraced for the third straight day on Wednesday although massive multi-agency search operations are going on, officials said. On Wednesday, two Mi-17 and two ALH helicopters, C130J and SU 30 aircraft resumed the search and rescue (SAR) operations, while the Army, ITBP, local police and other state agencies continued with their search on the ground.

IAF PRO Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh said on Wednesday evening, "SAR by helicopters is called off due to low light. It will resume tomorrow morning. Two SUs and C-130Js will be carrying out night missions to locate the missing aircraft." **ENS**

Farheena Banu with her baby

GUJARAT

Parents allege nurse cut off thumb of baby girl, seek action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 5

THE PARENTS OF a six-month-old girl have alleged that a nurse at a Ahmedabad-based hospital snipped off the baby's left thumb while removing a bandage and demanded action against the staff and the hospital management.

According to Farheena Banu (19) and Mohammed Mohsin (23), the incident occurred on June 2 night when their child, Mahinoor, was being discharged from the paediatric ward of VS Hospital where she was treated for pneumonia. Mahinoor is the only child of the couple. Mohsin works in a sewing factory while Farheena is a home-maker.

"We got Maahinoor admitted to VS Hospital on May 29 when she had high fever and cough. She was under observation for five days when she had a needle fixed in her left hand. On June 2 at 8pm, when she was being discharged, a nurse was removing her bandage with a scissor when she snipped off the upper part of the child's thumb that fell on the floor," said Shamim Banu, Maahinoor's grandmother.

The family demanded action against the staff for the alleged negligence and filed a complaint but the police are yet to lodge an FIR.

The incident comes a month after another row erupted at the hospital where the mortuary staff allegedly swapped the body of a 19-year-old murder victim with that of a 26-year-old woman who died during a surgery.

RK Shah, medical officer of Trauma Centre, VS Hospital, said, "An inquiry has been ordered and a committee has been set up to look into the matter."

Start with education system for change, says intersex activist

Madurai-based Gopi Shankar's work inspires court to direct TN govt to order ban on sex reassignment surgeries on intersex children

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

IT WAS not until seven years ago that Gopi Shankar learnt of the precise nomenclature for his gender identity which found little space in the then discourse of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community in India. From being forced to change his school every two years due to bullying, to facing death threats for contesting the last Tamil Nadu Assembly elections as the first openly intersex candidate, the 28-year-old has "lived many lives in one life".

His work has now inspired a judgment by the Madurai bench of Madras High Court — the court directed the Tamil Nadu government to issue orders banning sex reassignment surgeries (SRS) on intersex infants and children.

Noting that "consent of the parent cannot be considered as consent of the child", the court order of April 22 has credited its knowledge of the issue to Shankar's work in highlighting the pervasive practice of sex reassignment surgeries on intersex children — a procedure to make their sexual organs conform to either male or female physical norms. This surgery, the court noted, has "lifelong consequences for their physical and mental health".

The order also cited a World Health Organization report, which calls for deferring SRS until such people are old enough to choose their own gender identity.

While the order is applicable to only Tamil Nadu, it marks a milestone in the LGBTQIA+ (LGBT Queer, Intersex, Asexual +) movement globally.

Currently Malta is the only country to have banned SRS on children; California, in the US, recently introduced a similar legislation that is awaiting passage. As per estimates, cited by several international organisations, 1.7 per cent of world population have one or the other intersex condition, but only around 1 in 2,000 babies are different enough that doctors may recommend surgical intervention.

Hearing a petition by a transwoman for her right to be recognised as a bride, Justice G R Swaminathan observed in the order, "This Court must at this juncture place on record its gratitude to intersex activist Gopi Shankar of Madurai. This Court had the occasion to come across his work and it has been a humbling and enlightening experience. Beyond the man-woman binary, there are as many as 58 gender variants."

Talking about why parents cannot allow SRS on intersex children, the court observed that such children "must be given their time and space to find their true gender identity."

Shankar views the order as a major victory for all struggles of the intersex community in the country. Vocal in his stance against institutional discrimination faced by female athletes with hyperadrogenism (an intersex condition which causes excess testosterone in the body) — including in the recent case of South African athlete Caster Semenya — Shankar, through his many petitions, has also helped push the cause of former Asian Games silver medallist Santhi Soundarajan, who was stripped of all her honours after 'failing' the gender test.

Born in a slum in Madurai, Shankar says his assigned sex at birth was that of a boy but was raised as a girl until he was seven years old. His grandmother was his sole support, he says, through a life of childhood abuse, bullying, and depression that led him to, as a teenager, seek solace in the monastic order of Ramkrishna Mission and even join a hijra jamaat (council).

Explaining his extreme alienation growing up as an intersex person, he says, "It was painful for me to see how these gay parties and pride parades in metros such as Chennai and Mumbai had no meaning to the lives of intersex persons, who were entirely excluded from their conversations back then. I realised that our bodies are different and we are not transgender. In those days, even doctors didn't use the term intersex and many psychiatrists saw it as a disorder.

"It took me a while to come to terms with the fact that I can remain non-binary (gender queer), as I am not comfortable with either a female or a male body."

In June 2012, Gopi organised Asia's first gender queer pride parade in Madurai.

Today his book *Maraikappatta Pakkangal* (Hidden Pages), the first book on the issue in Tamil, is taught as part of the syllabus for "Genderqueer and Intersex Human Rights studies" at his alma mater.

"You have to start with the education system. On Day 1, children are told that they are either a boy or a girl. Babies should be raised without any labels. When a dear friend's daughter started going to school where others say pink is for girls, I would teach her that colours have no gender. I told her to say 'My name is Athira. I have been assigned a girl at birth but I can grow up as anyone I want.'"

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Vardhan urges CMs of Delhi, Odisha, Telangana and West Bengal to join Ayushman Bharat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

UNION HEALTH Minister Harsh Vardhan wrote to the chief ministers of Delhi, Odisha, Telangana and West Bengal, urging them to join the Centre's flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), as the ultimate beneficiary of this collaboration will be the poor and vulnerable of the country.

Vardhan had spoken to Arvind Kejriwal, Naveen Patnaik and Mamata Banerjee, and was trying to connect with Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, a statement from the health ministry said.

Taking stock of the situation that the three states and one Union Territory (UT) were yet to join the AB-PMJAY, Vardhan, in his letter to the CMs , said, "It is important that the benefits of a visionary scheme like Ayushman Bharat should reach all the deprived and vulnerable people in the country. "I will make all efforts to convince the remaining states and the UT to bring the benefits of the scheme to their people and ensure that no eligible person is deprived of these benefits."

He said it was due to the transparent processes, ease of access and benefits to the poor population that 32 states and UTs had accepted the scheme.

After holding out for long, Odisha set to adopt Ayushman Bharat

Outlines ways in which Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana can be integrated with PM-JAY

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 5

THE ODISHA government has placed a set of suggestions for "seamless integration" of the state health assurance scheme Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) with Prime Minister's Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), according to a document accessed by *The Indian Express*.

The Odisha government on Tuesday held its first round of talks with the Centre to explore the feasibility of implementing the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the state. The state government had so far refused to implement the scheme.

"Odisha government will likely accept the implementation of PM-JAY," a BJD spokesperson said on Wednesday, requesting anonymity.

Tuesday's discussion took place between Ayushman Bharat CEO Indu Bhushan and Odisha Health minister Naba Das. State health secretary Pramod Meherda was also present.

"The main challenge is to find a convergence between the Central scheme and the existing scheme in the state," Bhushan told reporters after the meeting, referring to the state government's Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY).

EXPLAINED

State sees benefit of cost-sharing

WITH AN integration of state and Central health schemes, sources in Odisha's health department said the state government can expect the Centre to share the cost burden and reduce pressure on its budget. In the run-up to the elections, the state government had announced a host of populist schemes such as KALIA, BSKY and State Food Security Scheme. Some BJD leaders also feel that with a brute majority in the Assembly, CM Naveen Patnaik can confidently implement the central scheme without worrying about BJP gaining political capital and converting it into votes in the near future.

A letter from Odisha Chief Secretary Aditya Padhi to Bhushan that was accessed by *The Indian Express* explains that BSKY has two components — one of them has no need for the verification of documents of beneficiaries.

"Free health services for all (irrespective of income, status or residence) in all state government health care facilities starting from sub-centre level to government medical college and hospitals and all government blood banks. All treatment is cashless and no document is required to be produced by the beneficiary," the letter states.

It adds, "It is relevant to note here that under (this) component (A) there is no provision for verification of any document of beneficiaries at public hospitals. This is along the lines of several existing universal health coverage programmes currently being promoted by MoHFW (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare), GoI (Government of India) such as the free drugs service, PM National Dialysis Programme, free diagnostic service, free blood services, free healthcare for all pregnant women, infants, children up to 18 years, and the elderly."

"Besides, all cases of TB, Leprosy, Malaria, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, eye care, etc provide for free health care services to all patients without any entitlement card," the letter stated.

The letter suggests that in view of this free and universal component under BSKY, "NHA (National Health Authority) may consider the option of mutually arriving at a notional percentage of PM-JAY eligible beneficiaries out of the total beneficiaries using public facilities, and factor the average size under PM-JAY for calculating grant-in-aid entitlement of the state for free services in public health facilities."

The NHA provides overall vision and stewardship for design, rollout, implementation and management of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) in alliance with state governments.

NHA fosters linkages as well as convergence of PM-JAY with health and related programmes of the Centre and state governments.

The letter also suggests that for BSKY's second component, the scheme can be implemented as envisaged under PM-JAY with beneficiary verification and national portability. Here, BSKY provides annual health care coverage of Rs 5 lakh per annum per family and Rs 7 lakh for female members in private empanelled hospitals inside and outside Odisha. This component is for all Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana, Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Below Poverty Line, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana card holders and families with low income certificates.

CARING FOR ENVIRONMENT

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar plants a sapling along with MoS Environment Babul Supriyo and actors Jackie Shroff and Randeep Hooda, on the occasion of World Environment Day, in New Delhi on Wednesday. *Amit Mehra*

Pollution no less an offence than murder or rape, says NGT chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 5

Adarsh Kumar Goel

COMING DOWN heavily on states for not complying with waste management rules, National Green Tribunal Chairman Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel on Wednesday said "pollution is no less an offence than murder or rape".

"The world is taking it (pollution) so seriously. We are not. I am sorry to tell you that no state in the whole country is compliant with the rules and regulations of waste management. No shortage of funds can be given (as an excuse)," Justice Goel said at an event organised by the Gujarat government to mark the World Environment Day celebrations in the state. He also pointed out that cities like Ahmedabad have huge garbage dumps.

Speaking in the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and his two cabinet colleagues who handle the environment portfolio, the NGT chief said, "Six lakh people die every year in India due to diseases caused by air pollution, ranging from asthma to cancer, of which 50,000 are from Gujarat."

Pointing out that the environment once damaged, cannot be restored, Justice Goel said, "Pollution is no less an offence than murder or rape. So let us be aware of the consequences." Pointing out that a person causing pollution is as unsafe as the others, he said rapid urbanisation and industrialisation were adding to the pressure on limited natural resources.

"We can make money. But at whose cost? Are we going to create wealth over dead bodies," he asked the audience who gathered at the Gujarat University Convention Hall to launch the "world's first emission trading scheme on particulate matter". The scheme gives incentives to industrial units to cut down on air pollution.

Narrating how India's ancient vedic culture spoke about earth, rivers, trees and wildlife being worshipped, Justice Goel said, "There will have to be zero tolerance if air quality deteriorates beyond a point. Do anything to stop the pollution and if somebody goes beyond the norms, then do not tolerate, put him behind the bars, punish him."

CM Vijay Rupani said the state government plans to plant 10 crore trees and is laying a "deep-sea" pipeline to carry effluents from Ankleshwar, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Vatva and Jetpur.

Non-ODF villages 12 times likelier to be hit by faecal contamination in groundwater

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

VILLAGES THAT are not yet open defecation free (ODF) are 12 times more likely than ones that are, to carry the risk of faecal contamination of groundwater, according to a third party study released by the Union Government on Wednesday.

The study on the "Environmental impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission on Water, Soil, and Food" was done by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

It was released by Prakash Javadekar, the Union minister for Environment, and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the minister for the newly-constituted Jal Shakti ministry, on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Based on 725 samples of water, soil, and food collected from 12 ODF and 12 non ODF villages in Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal, the study shows the highest rate of contamination is in groundwater sources of non-ODF villages. The levels were the worst in Bihar where non-ODF villages manifested 35 times higher levels of contamination followed by West Bengal at 6 times and Odisha at 5 times higher.

Citing the report to show the link between toilet construction and water quality, Shekhawat said about his new ministry, "Just like we made swachchta (cleanliness) a jan andolan (people's movement), we will provide drinking water to every house in the country. Our role is not just providing water, but conserving water sources. And for that, ODF is the first step." In addition to groundwater sources, the study also pointed to the fact that piped water supply and stored household water are both twice as contaminated in non-ODF villages as compared to ODF ones.

Likewise, the food contamination is twice as much and soil contamination is 1.1 times more in villages that have not yet got ODF status, the study said.

Another study, commissioned by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, showed that the Swachh Bharat Mission had mobilised a spend equivalent to anywhere between Rs 22,000 crore to 26,000 crore in Information, Education, Communication (IEC) activities - both monetary and non-monetary - of which, only about 15 percent was the cash expenditure by Central and state governments, private sector, and development organisations.

Javadekar said that in addition to these two studies, a previous World Health Organisation study shows SBM will account for over three lakh lives saved, once outdoor defecation is entirely wiped out across the country.

Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary in charge of the mission, added with the mission now reaching 99 percent coverage, the next phase would involve focusing on solid waste and liquid waste management.

Supplies arrive at Government Medical college in Ernakulam as other staff and inmates take precautions against Nipah virus. *Nirmal Harindran*

Nipah scare: No new case but no trace of infection source yet

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 5

THE SOURCE of the latest infection of the Nipah virus in Kerala remains elusive even as no more fresh suspected cases were reported from Ernakulam district on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a medical bulletin issued by state health minister KK Shailaja said the condition of the 23-year-old youngster who had been tested positive for an infection has improved considerably. He is conscious and has low grade fever, intermittently.

Besides, according to officials, the samples collected from six persons who have been admitted to isolation ward at government medical college in Ernakulam have been sent for examination to the National Institute of Virology in Pune.

The health department is maintaining a vigil across Ernakulam, Thrissur and Idukki districts, where the confirmed case's contact lists are spread out.

Ernakulam district collector K Mohammed Y Safirulla said they are probing to check if there is any infection among animals but they found nothing so far. However, clinical surveillance would continue, he added. Teams of scientists from the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal, and the Southern Regional Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory in Bengaluru, were carrying out a detailed examination to ascertain the source of infection, he said.

In last year's outbreak, which killed 17 persons in Kozhikode, fruit bats were identified as the primary source of infection.

Dr G Arunkumar of the Manipal Centre for Virus Research, said it would take more time to ascertain the source of the infection. "Fruit bats have been identified as the reservoir of Nipah virus. However, how the virus gets transmitted from fruit bats to human being varies from place to place. In Malaysia, humans got the infection from pigs, while in Bangladesh, men contacted the virus when they consumed dates from palms in contact with fruit bats," he said.

In Kerala, Arunkumar said, the chances of the involvement of animals such as pigs could be very rare. If anything other than bats carried the virus, there would have been more cases or clustering of cases, he said. In Kerala, the primary infection comes from the bat and then spreads from human to human mainly in hospitals, he said.

Monsoon to make onset over Kerala on June 8: IMD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE INDIA Meteorological Department on Wednesday said the onset of monsoon is likely to be delayed by a week and it is now expected to arrive only by June 8.

The normal onset date for monsoon over Kerala is June 1 which also marks the official commencement of the four-month-long rainfall season.

"It is very likely to shift northwards gradually leading to favourable conditions for onset of Southwest Monsoon over Kerala around June 8. Conditions are likely to become favourable for advance of southwest monsoon into some parts of north-eastern states during next 3-4 days," the IMD said in its monsoon bulletin.

On Tuesday, the IMD had said the arrival of monsoon could be on June 7.

Last month, announcing the expected day of monsoon arrival over Kerala, the IMD had said it could happen on June 6, with an error margin of plus or minus four days.

The Met Department has given a forecast of a normal monsoon for the season.

Gandhi tree marks World Environment Day in UK

London: The planting of a tree to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi marked World Environment Day at the University of Southampton in southern England on Wednesday.

Indian high commissioner to the UK Ruchi Ghanashyam joined the university's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mark Spearing, and the Sheriff of Southampton, Councillor Sue Blatchford, for the plantation ceremony on the grounds of its recently set up India Centre for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development. **PTI**

Kolkata man beaten to death on theft suspicion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 5

A 35-YEAR-OLD man, who was suspected to have been involved in a theft case, was allegedly beaten to death in a club in north Kolkata's Maniktala area. Maniktala Police Wednesday registered a murder case against unidentified people. They suspected that more than one person assaulted the victim.

Police found the man in an unconscious state at 1 pm on Wednesday and took him to R G Kar Hospital where he was declared brought dead. The body bore external injury marks, according to Maniktala police.

A police source revealed that the man was brought to the club under suspicion of theft.

"He was caught near a local market and was brought to the club, where he brutally attacked by locals," said the source, adding that the assailants seemingly confined him in a room for hours.

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02.	Sh. Vikas Sharma	Sh. Banbari Lal Sharma	UR

Wait list:-

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Father's Name	Category
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Dy. Chief Engineer (Const-I), West Central Railway, Kota for and on behalf of The President of Union of India invites following open e-Tender. **Tender No.: CPM/Kota/08/2019; Description of Work:** (A) Extension of Chief Project Manager's Office, Kota (2nd Floor). (B) Improvement and augmentation of officer's rest house (Construction) Kota. (C) Improvement and renovation of offices of SSE/P.Way/C/Kota and SSE/W/C/Kota. (D) Construction of store shed in the office of SSE/C/S&T/Kota and other Misc. Civil Engineering Works. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 6.26 Cr. **Date of Tender Opening:** 09.07.2019. Complete details are available in the e-Tender Notice uploaded on the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and also placed on the Notice Board of the Chief Project Manager, West Central Railway, Kota office. Offers are acceptable through IREPS only. Off line/Manual offer will not be accepted in any condition.

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उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभवी क श्रेणी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/ आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री/ कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों मे निविदा खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जिसका प्रथम भाग उसी दिन क्रमशः 02.30 बजे (यदि अवकाश / अन्य कारण हो तो अगले कार्य दिवस में) खोला जायेगा। निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी. तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी./ बैंक गारन्टी के माध्यम से (निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि पृथक-पृथक हस्तांतरित की जानी है) अधिशासी अभियंता, विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के पक्ष में पंजाब नैशनल बैंक की आई.सी.डी. तिलप्ता, दादरी (गौतमबुद्ध नगर), उ.प्र. शाखा में संचालित चालू बैंक खाता संख्या 0109012100000756 **(IFSC Code PUNB0466300)** में जमा कराया जायेगा। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी. द्वारा जमा किये गये निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि की पे-इन स्लिप यथा योज्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या की प्रति, निविदा प्रपत्र, पैन कार्ड, जी.एस.टी. संख्या, इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न की स्वयं प्रमाणित छाया प्रति, तकनीकी अनुभव यथा क श्रेणी (विद्युत सुरक्षा, उ.प्र. सरकार द्वारा प्रदत्त), ई.एस.आई., पी.एफ., बीमा संबंधी प्रपत्र (जो कि अनिवार्य है) इत्यादि ई-पोर्टल पर स्कैन्ड प्रतियाँ (PDF format) तथा ई-निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एवं वाणिज्यिक नियम व शर्तें ई-पोर्टल पर अपलोड की जायेंगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तिथि से 90 दिन होगी। 1. निविदा संख्या टी-50/ डब्लू/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. हाइब्रिड उपकेन्द्र, हापुड का वार्षिक आधार पर परिचालन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 19,600/- (रु. उन्नीस हजार छह सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 25.06.2019। 2. निविदा संख्या टी-51/ डब्लू/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 400 के.वी. मुरादनगर-अलीगढ़ लाइन पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 7,700/- (रु. सात हजार सात सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,180/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 06.07.2019। 3. निविदा संख्या टी-52/ डब्लू/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, लखावटी पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 06.07.2019। 4. निविदा संख्या टी-53/ एस/ 2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 06.07.2019। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-54/ एस/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, खुर्जा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 06.07.2019। 6. निविदा संख्या टी-55/ एस/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड़ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, सिम्भावली हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 06.07.2019। 7. निविदा संख्या टी-56/ एस/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, बी.बी. नगर हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 06.07.2019। 8. निविदा संख्या टी-57/ एस/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, डिबाई हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 09.07.2019। 9. निविदा संख्या टी-58/ एस/ 2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 09.07.2019। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड) खुलने की तिथि तदोनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा भाग प्रथम में सम्बधित प्रपत्रों का अपलोड ना किये जाने की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग द्वितीय (प्राईस बिड) नहीं खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकार / विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा, ''राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें'' साधारण/ सी.एफ.एल. बल्ब के स्थान पर एल.ई.डी. बल्ब का प्रयोग करें।'' पत्रांक** 1006/ **वि.पा.मं./ ग्रे.ना./ T-50 to 58/ 2019-20/ दिनांक:-** 01.06.2019

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या टी-13/2019-20 एवं टी-15/2019-20 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 11.06.2019 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। ''राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएं''। साधारण बल्ब के स्थान पर एल.ई.डी. बल्ब का प्रयोग करें''।** कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic पर विस्तार में सभी सूचना, विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। **पत्रांक** 1018 **वि.पा.मं./ ग्रे.ना./ T-13 & 15/ 19-20 दिनांक:-** 04.06.2019

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1. विभाग का नाम — पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड रांची
2. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता — कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गुमला
3. वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय — 08/06/2019 के पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से
4. बीड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय — 14/06/2019 को 5.00 बजे अपराहन तक
5. अग्रधन की राशि एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य — 15/06/2019 को 3.30 बजे अपराहन तक कार्यपालक (हार्ड कॉपी में) जमा करने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान) अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल के कार्यालय में।
6. निविदा खोलने की संभावित तिथि एवं समय — 15/06/2019 के अपराहन 5.00 बजे से।
7. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम — कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गुमला
8. प्रोक्योरमेंट कार्यालय का सम्पर्क नम्बर — 8863832825
9. ई-प्राक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नम्बर — 8863832825
10. कार्य की विवरणी

क्र0	कार्य का नाम	ग्रुप संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme through Jharna & Existing Sanitary Well in different PTGs Tola under D.W.&S. Division, Gumla for the year 2019-20.	PTG/Jharna/GML - 09 (05 Nos.)	39,14,670.00	79,000.00	5,000.00	03 Months
2		PTG/Jharna/GML - 10 (04 Nos.)	31,31,736.00	63,000.00	5,000.00	03 Months
3		PTG/Jharna/GML - 11 (04 Nos.)	31,31,736.00	63,000.00	5,000.00	03 Months
4		PTG/Jharna/GML - 12 (04 Nos.)	31,31,736.00	63,000.00	5,000.00	03 Months
5		PTG/E.S.W./GML - 14 (08 Nos.)	56,29,192.00	1,13,000.00	10,000.00	03 Months

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अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-01 वर्ष 2019-20

1. विज्ञापन कर्ता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, एन०आर०ई०पी०, चाईबासा।
2. परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री की तिथि : दिनांक-18.06.2019 से 19.06.2019 के पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से अपराहन 03:00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक-20.06.2019 के पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से अपराहन 03:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक-20.06.2019 के अपराहन 04:00 बजे।
5. निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान : 1. जिला समाहरणालय कक्ष, प० सिंहभूम, चाईबासा। 2. कार्यपालक अभियंता, एन०आर०ई०पी०, चाईबासा का कार्यालय।
6. निविदा कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :-

क्र० सं०	प्रखण्ड	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
01	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम हेसेगडा में 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
02	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम चुरगु, लोयान से चाकी ग्राम तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
03	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम सोगरा में कुल्पा होटल से गांव तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
04	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम सम्डरा बैठक स्थल से डोंकाडीह तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
05	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम कटवा टोला मदागड़ा में निकोलस कोंदरा घर से मैदान टांली तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
06	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम बन्दगाँव में लालसिंह चौक से बेक्सरा टोला तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
07	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम मेरोमगुटू में आनन्द मरांडि मुण्डा के घर से कुम्पा टोला तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
08	टोन्टो	ग्राम रूडीकुटी मुख्य सड़क से बिरसा हेरला घर तक 1500 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1918800.00	38400.00	2500.00	03 माह
09	टोन्टो	ग्राम रामराई प्रा० वि० से कृष्ण घर तक 1500 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1918800.00	38400.00	2500.00	03 माह
10	टोन्टो	ग्राम पुरुनापानी टोन्टो मुख्य पथ से बीरसिंहहातु कुम्भा कुन्डी घर तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
11	टोन्टो	ग्राम नीमडीह से नाला तक 1000 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
12	टोन्टो	ग्राम बान्कासा मुण्डु पान सुलुन आखाड़ा चौक से सायेबासा तक 1800 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	2301500.00	46100.00	5000.00	03 माह
13	सोनुवा	धोलापनी आंगनबाड़ी स्कूल से महांगजाहिर मुख्य सड़क तक 1200 पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	1536000.00	30770.00	2500.00	03 माह
14	सोनुवा	बाती पंचायत के वड़ौमाटि में 1200 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	1536000.00	30770.00	2500.00	03 माह
15	आनंदपुर	रुंघीकोचा के पहाड़टोला बस्ती में 1950 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
16	आनंदपुर	हारता पंचायत के बोरोलिका अस्पताल से मुड़ाबस्ती तक 1500 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1918800.00	38400.00	2500.00	03 माह
17	मनोहरपुर	रायकेरा के लक्ष्मीपुर में बटवृक्ष से सिरसा रोड तक 950 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	1217000.00	24400.00	2500.00	03 माह
18	गुदड़ी	सेरेंगदा बाजार से बस्ती तक 1000 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	1408400.00	28200.00	2500.00	03 माह
19	मंझारी	ग्राम पाण्डा सीता राम घर से गोबरी बिरुवा बासा तक 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
20	मंझारी	ग्राम लुदुमहातु नाला से अंकुल घर तक 1950 फीट फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
21	कुमारडुंगी	ग्राम कदमडीहा मुण्डा घर से माटिया घाट तक 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
22	मझगाँव	ग्राम गाड़ा साई में 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
23	मंझारी	सेरेंगडीह छोटा टोली उगरम घर से उड़ीसा सीमा तक 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
24	मंझारी	ग्राम पाण्डा स्व बासा चरण मानकी घर से डांगुर कुंकल बासा तक 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
25	मंझारी	ग्राम भाई शिव मंदिर से मुख्य नहर तक 1950 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
26	मंझारी	ग्राम पान्डुपासी गांव टोली से मुख्य सड़क से तुनिया घर तक 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
27	कुमारडुंगी	गोटासेरेंग से बान्दीता जाने वाली पथ में दासी तालाब के सामने 6'0"x4'0" का पुलिया निर्माण।	800500.00	16000.00	2500.00	03 माह
28	मंझारी	ग्राम इपिलसिंगी में धनु घर से गुटु तालाब तक 1200 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	1536000.00	30770.00	2500.00	03 माह
29	बन्दगाँव	ग्राम सालुवानी के पंचायत भवन से हरि मंदिर तक 1950 फीट का पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
30	मझगाँव	खड़पोस उच्च विद्यालय में पेयजल एवं शौचालय निर्माण।	2346600.00	46950.00	5000.00	03 माह
31	मझगाँव	मझगाँव रेफरल अस्पताल में पेयजल एवं सामुहिक शौचालय निर्माण।	2346600.00	46950.00	5000.00	03 माह
32	मझगाँव	मझगाँव सायसाई हाट बाजार में पेयजल एवं सामुहिक शौचालय निर्माण।	2346600.00	46950.00	5000.00	03 माह
33	हाटगम्हरिया	ग्राम रूईया में अरूण पिंगुवा चौक से डोम्बीपुरू तक जाने वाली सड़क पर 1950 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
34	हाटगम्हरिया	ग्राम मुगलिन्दी में PWD पथ से मंगल सिंह सिंकु घर तक 1950 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
35	हाटगम्हरिया	ग्राम केन्दपोसी में PWD पथ से सागर सिंकु के घर तक 1950 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह
36	नोवामुण्डी	ग्राम सैलदीरी पंचायत कोलोमसाई से तेलेगुटू तक 1950 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	2492900.00	49900.00	5000.00	03 माह

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EXTENSION - II

In reference to Tender No.-CE/C&S/J/T-MTL/02 Dated:- 18.04.2019, regarding **"Establishment of 21 Number Modern Energy Meter Testing Laboratories at Divisional Level at Kashmir Province"**, the Bid Submission Closing and Bid Opening Dates are Amended as per the request from various Bidders vide their different Communications and also as per recommendations of RECTPCL (PMA) vide their Letter No. RECTPCL/J KPDD/ MTL/ 2019-20/1959 Dated:- 30.05.2019.The new schedule of Dates is as follows:-

Sr. No.	Existing Provision			Amended Provision		
	Sr. No.	Event Description	Details of Event	Sr. No.	Event Description	Details of Event
1.	15.	Bid Submission Start Date and Time	06.06.2019 from 12.00 Hrs.	15.	Bid Submission Start Date and Time	27.06.2019 from 12.00 Hrs.
	16.	Online Bid Submission Closing Date and Time	14.06.2019 upto 12.00 Noon	16.	Online Bid Submission Closing Date and Time	06.07.2019 upto 12.00 Noon
	17.	Offline Submission (Hard Copies) Closing Date and Time	14.06.2019 upto 12.00 Noon	17.	Offline Submission (Hard Copies) Closing Date and Time	06.07.2019 upto 12.00 Noon
	18.	Online Bid Opening Date and Time (Cover-I)	18.06.2019 at 12.30 P.M.	18	Online Bid Opening Date and Time (Cover-I)	09.07.2019 at 12.30 P.M.
	19.	Offline Bid (Hard Copies) Opening Date and Time (Cover-I)	18.06.2019 at 12.30 P.M.	19	Offline Bid (Hard Copies) Opening Date and Time (Cover-I)	09.07.2019 at 12.30 P.M.
	20.	Price Bid Opening Date and Time (Cover-II)	Date and Time shall be intimated later to the Bidders, whose Techno-Commercial Bids are found responsive.	20	Price Bid Opening Date and Time (Cover-II)	Date and Time shall be intimated later to the Bidders, whose Techno-Commercial Bids are found responsive.

NO: - CE/C&S/J/T-MTL/01/796-804
Dated:- 01.06.2019
DIPK-NB-973/19

Sd/- Chief Engineer
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PDD J&K

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO)
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Regional Office: 3rd Floor, Deendayal Bhawan, Ashok Nagar, Janpath, Bhubaneswar - 751009

E-auction Sale Notice of Land & Building Immovable Properties through E-auction Under Rule 6(2) and 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule -2002

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS (ONLINE) TO THE AUTHORISED OFFICER OF JOINT LENDERS ON OR BEFORE 08th July'2019 UP TO 4.00 PM.

Sale of immovable property /ies mortgaged to HUDCO, Indian Bank, Edelweiss and PNB (Joint Lenders) under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, (SARFAESI Act) 2002 (No.54 of 2002): Whereas, the Authorized Officer of HUDCO, Indian Bank, Edelweiss and PNB (Joint lenders) have taken symbolic possession on 30.10.2013 and actual possession on 17.03.2015 of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of HUDCO, Indian Bank, Edelweiss and PNB (Joint Lenders) dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure of the defaulters mentioned below to repay the over dues, the authorized officer/ undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the HUDCO, Indian Bank, Edelweiss and PNB (Joint Lenders) dues by sale of the said property/ies. THE SALE WILL BE DONE BY THE UNDERSIGNED THROUGH E-AUCTION PLATFORM PROVIDED AT THE WEB PORTAL (**https://hudcoauction.auctiontiger.net**)

Name of the Branch & Account/Name of the Mortgagor / Borrower	Description of Immovable properties	Reserve Price (Rs.) EMD Bid Increase Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Outstanding Amount & Demand Notice Date 05.07.2013	Date, Time of E Auction/ E auction Portal
i) HUDCO Regional Office, 3rd Floor, Deendayal Bhawan, Ashok Nagar, Janpath, Bhubaneswar. Scheme No. 18895 ii) Indian Bank, Main Branch, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar. Loan A/c No.71712S289 iii) BOI, Bhubaneswar. Loan A/C No. SSS030110000046 (Assigner Edelweiss (ARC), Edelweiss House, off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai. iv) PNB, Jharsuguda Branch, Jharsuguda. Loan A/C No. 2218001C00000012 Name & Address of the Mortgagor/ Borrower M/s. Jain Steel & Power Ltd. through its Managing Director, Shri Manoj Kumar Jain, 39, Shakespeare Sarani, Premlata, 5th Floor, Kolkata- 700017.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising of Land and Building over plot No 1359 Ac. 9.20, Khata No 153/ 302; Plot No 1465 Ac. 0.25, Khata No.54; Plot No 1366 Ac. 8.72, Plot No 1466 Ac. 1.72 ,Khata No 153/ 303; Plot No 1394 Ac. 0.68, 1396 Ac 0.80, 1399 Ac. 1.28, 1470 Ac 0.54, 1416 Ac 0.48, Khata No. 1S3/ 307; Plot No 1464 Ac. 0.11, Khata No. 153/ 325, Plot No. 1385 Ac. 1.10, 1386 Ac. 3.42, Khata No. 153/ 306 Plot No 1392 Ac. 0.73, 1393 Ac 6.58, 1395 Ac. 0.34, Khata No. 153/305; Plot No 1449 Ac. 0.65, 1451 Ac. 0.30, 1452 Ac. 0.54, 1453 Ac. 0.16, 1454 Ac. 0.22, 1455 Ac. 0.83, 1456 Ac. 0.24, 1457 AC. 0.22, Khata No 153/ 309; Plot No 1417/ 2631 Ac 0.05, Khata No 153/313; Plot No 1417 Ac. 0.43, 1418 Ac. 0.10, 1469 Ac. 1.03, Khata No 153/ 310 Of Mouza Durlaga; Plot No 826 Ac. 0.24, 827 Ac 0.48, 828 Ac. 0.60, 829 Ac. 0.53, 830 Ac. 0.60, 831 Ac. 0.11, Khata No 103/ 58 of Mouza :Saletikira; Plot No 1461 Ac. 0.39, 1462 Ac. 0.26, Khata No 153/ 311; Plot No 1451/ 2652 Ac. 0.30, 14SS/2653 Ac. 0.09, Khata No 153/ 314,; Plot No 1419 Ac.0.42, 1463 Ac 0.44, 1388 Ac 3.0S, 1391Ac 0.20, 1397 Ac 0.43, 1398 Ac 0.39, 1389 Ac 0.37, 1390 Ac 0.12, Khata No 153/ 308; Plot No 1383 Ac 1.22, 1387 Ac 0.64, 1421 Ac 0.42, 1428 Ac 0.88, 1387/ 2302 Ac o.78, 1421/ 2063 Ac 0.17, 1451/ 2069 Ac 0.13, Khata No 153/ 312 of Mouza : Durlaga and Plot No 3896 Ac 0.89, Khata No 861/ 463 of Mouza : Panchapara of Jharsuguda, Distt. & SRO Jharsuguda in the State of Odisha. The total land admeasuring Ac 54.87 together with Land and Buildings constructed thereon bounded by North - Road & Private Vacant Land, South - Nala and Vacant Land, East - Road & Vacant Land, West - Vacant Land.	Land & Building immovable properties) Reserve Price Rs. 3310.58 lacs. (Rupees thirty three crore ten lakh fifty eight thousand only. EMD Amount. Rs 331.06 lacs (Rs. three crore thirty one lakhs six thousand only). Bid Increase amount Rs. 10.00 Lakhs (Rupees ten lakhs) or its multiple/s.	Rs. 42,60,45,047.14 (Rupees Forty two Crores Sixty Lakhs Forty Five Thousand & Forty Seven & Fourteen Paise only) as enumerated in demand notice dt. 05.07.2013, of the respective lenders plus interest, compound and penal interest and additional incidental charges etc.) till the date of final payment.	Dt 09/07/2019 From 10.30 AM to 01.30 P.M. on **https://hudcoauction.auctiontiger.net** And in case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e Auction process), otherwise, it'll automatically get closed.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS·

The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

This is also a notice to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Legal heirs of the aforesaid loan about holding of sale / auction of the said property on the above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full before the date of sale. The borrower / guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses etc. before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned / sold and balance dues (if any), will be recovered with interest and cost etc. Please visit/refer the lenders websites www.hudco.org www.indianbank.in pnbindia.biz/ pnbindia.in http://www.edelweissarc.com and www.tenders.gov.in under the link 'e-auction' (M/s Jain Steel & Power Ltd-a/c) for details terms and conditions and tender documents. Successful bidder/purchaser will deduct TDS @1% on the sale proceeds for the immovable property as per section 194IA of the Income Tax Act'1961 and deposit the same by furnishing the challan in form 26QB and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Lenders.

The intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer on behalf of joint lenders, Sri Madhukar Ugemuge, AGM (projects), HUDCO, Deendayal Bhawan, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar - 751009, Odisha during office hours on Mob No 9893203918, Phone No- 0674-2536287 & email Id- bbro@hudco.org.

Date : 6th June' 2019
Place : Bhubaneswar

Authorised Officer of HUDCO, Indian Bank, Edelweiss (ARC) and Punjab National Bank (Joint Lenders)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY — अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति

निविदा सूचना सं.सी-4/6/एटीएम/ईओआई/2019 दिनांक 03.06.2019

मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक (वाणिज्य) उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, अजमेर द्वारा अजमेर मंडल के 75 रेलवे स्टेशनों एवं क्षेत्रीय रेल प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (ZRTI) उदयपुर पर स्वचालित टेलर मशीन (एटीएम) की संस्थापन हेतु राष्ट्रीयकृत एवं रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा अधिसूचित बैंकों से "अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति" आमंत्रित की जाती है। इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत जानकारी उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे की वेबसाइट **www.nwr.indianrailways.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है। **1. कार्य का नाम** : अजमेर मंडल के 75 रेलवे स्टेशनों एवं क्षेत्रीय रेल प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (ZRTI) उदयपुर पर स्वचालित टेलर मशीन (एटीएम) की संस्थापन। **2. बयाना राशि प्रति एटीएम** : 2100/- **3. प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत करने की दिनांक व समय** : 04.07.2019 को 15.00 बजे तक। **प्रस्ताव खोलने की दिनांक व समय** : 04.07.2019 को 15.30 बजे। **4. कार्यालय का पता जहां से प्रस्ताव प्रपत्र प्राप्त किया जा सकता है** : वाणिज्य शाखा, मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक कार्यालय, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, माल रोड अजमेर।

मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक (वाणिज्य),
उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, अजमेर

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TELLING NUMBERS

NEET 2019: 14 lakh candidates in 154 cities tested in 11 languages; nearly 8 lakh candidates qualified

DELHI HAS the best strike rate of candidates qualifying in the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2019, the results of which were declared Wednesday. Of the 30,215 candidates who appeared for the test, 22,638 qualified, a strike rate of 74.92%.

Delhi was followed closely by Haryana (73.41%) and Chandigarh (73.24%), the results showed. However, just a little more than 1,500 candidates took the test in Chandigarh, a small fraction of the numbers in most states. States/UTs that had the best strike rates in this year's test were almost exactly the same as in last year's test.

NEET is conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to MBBS and BDS courses in medical and dental colleges approved by the Medical Council of India and the Dental Council of India. The test was given throughout the country in May; of the 15.19 lakh candidates who registered, 14.10 lakh appeared, and 7.97 lakh were declared qualified. The number of registrations for the exam in 2019 was 14.52% higher than last year, NTA said in a press release.

MOST SUCCESSFUL STATES/UNION TERRITORIES

State/UT	Appeared	Qualified	% qualified
1 Delhi	30,215	22,638	74.92 (73.73/2)*
2 Haryana	30,649	22,499	73.41 (72.59/3)
3 Chandigarh	1,562	1,144	73.24 (71.81/5)
4 Andhra Pradesh	55,200	39,039	70.72 (72.55/4)
5 Rajasthan	93,149	64,890	69.66 (74.30/1)
6 Punjab	13,783	9,456	68.61 (65.93/8)
7 Telangana	48,996	33,044	67.44 (68.88/6)
8 Kerala	1,10,206	73,385	66.59 (66.74/7)
9 Manipur	5,794	3,672	63.38 (63.17/10)
10 Himachal Pradesh	12,646	8,003	63.28 (61.23/–)

**Figures in parentheses are strike rates in NEET-2018 in per cent, and the position of the state/UT in the country in 2018. Himachal Pradesh was not in the top 10 in 2018; Karnataka, with a strike rate of 63.51%, was the ninth best last year. Number under the category 'Other' not considered.*

5 STATES WHERE MOST CANDIDATES APPEARED

1 lakh-plus states made up 49% of total candidates

Maharashtra	2,06,745
Uttar Pradesh	1,44,993
Tamil Nadu	1,23,078
Kerala	1,10,206
Karnataka	1,02,735

ENGLISH, HINDI MOST PREFFERED LANGUAGES

Language	Registered candidates	%age of total
English	12,04,968	79.31
Hindi	1,79,857	11.84
Gujarati	59,395	3.91
Bengali	31,490	2.07
Tamil	31,239	2.06

EXAMINATION NUMBERS

15,19,375 candidates registered

8,38,955 women | 6,80,414 men | 6 transgender candidates

14,10,755 candidates appeared
7,97,042 candidates qualified
154 cities
(16.67% increase from 2018)
11 languages
2,546 centres
(12.90% increase from 2018)
1,28,000 invigilators

All data: NTA press release

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EXPERTS EXPLAIN

Two states, two election stories

The results of the Lok Sabha elections in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have shown both the strengths and weaknesses of regional parties. The elections have also demonstrated that the BJP can continue to expect to expand wherever the Congress remains the main opposition party

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STATE BY STATE
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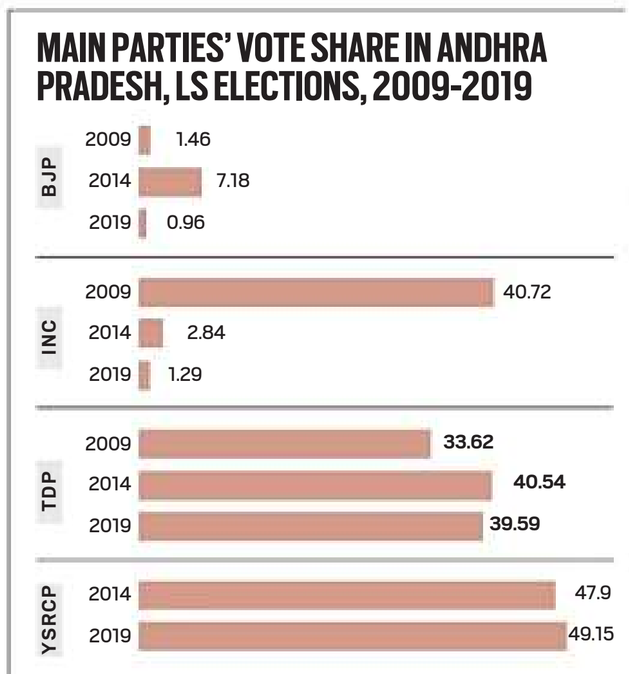

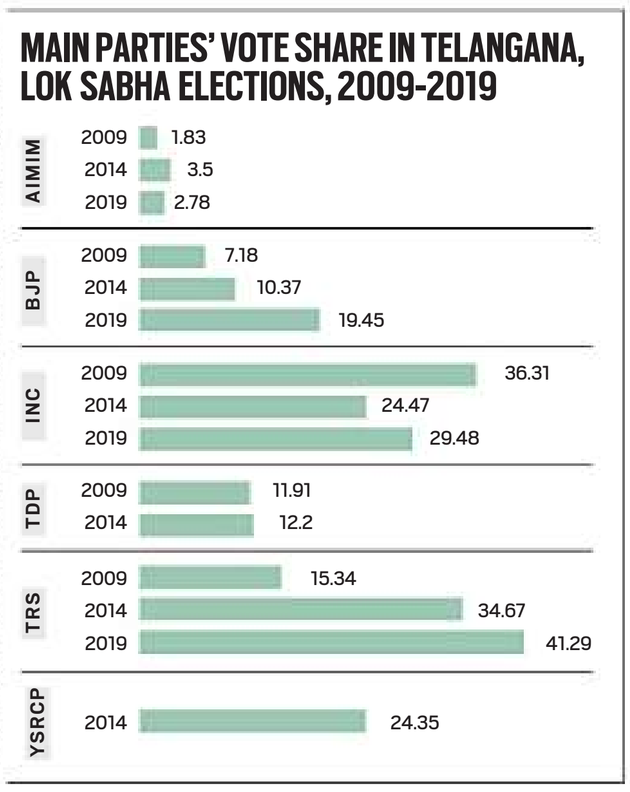

Vote shares show the dramatic fall in the popularity of the Congress in Andhra Pradesh after the bifurcation of the state. It did much better in Telangana by comparison.

THE CONSOLIDATION of the BJP's 2014 performance has been the result of its ability to retain its position in the Hindi belt and to expand into new areas in the east and the south of the country. In the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, regional parties have resisted the BJP's mobilisation efforts to varying degrees.

In Andhra Pradesh, where the state election took place alongside the Lok Sabha election, the YSRCP improved upon its 2014 performance by bagging 22 seats and 49.2% of the vote. That left only three seats for the TDP — despite an over 39% vote share — and none for the Congress and the BJP, who got 1.3% and less than 1% of the vote respectively.

Jagan's caste calculus

The YSRCP's strategy bore a striking resemblance to the BJP's: the projection, exclusively, of the party's leader, Y S Jaganmohan Reddy, a formidable ground campaign backed by ample resources, a strong social media presence, and a caste-based strategy that combined favouring a local dominant caste while providing token representation to a large number of groups who were not affiliated with other parties.

The YSRCP distributed a quarter of its tickets to Reddy candidates, and an equal number of tickets (one) to eight different OBC groups — Boya, Gavara, Kalinga, Kurba, Padmasali (weavers), Setti Balija, Turpu Kapu and Yadav. It also distributed most of its SC tickets to Malas, and gave one ticket to a Madiga candidate.

The TDP, by contrast, banked mostly on Reddy and Kamma candidates, as well as on Rajus (OBC). Other forward or backward groups were hardly represented. This enabled the YSRCP to articulate a discourse of inclusion that played in its favour. It would seem that the YSRCP succeeded in consolidating support among Reddys as well as among varied OBC groups, many of whom used to support the TDP against the Congress earlier.

Jagan Reddy also announced various schemes favourable to OBCs, notably a Rs 15,000 crore BC subplan, and the "YSR *cheyuta*", a monetary grant of Rs 45,000 for BC women.

Organisation, campaign

But the success of Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy, known as Jagan Anna in Andhra Pradesh politics, can't be explained only by savvy caste arithmetic. Within five years, he has succeeded in building an alternative to both the Congress and TDP from the ashes of the Congress state unit. While he did succeed in capturing the legacy of his father, Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, in terms of image, he did not inherit his organisation. He had to build it from the ground, through hard work and intense mobilisation, while facing various judicial challenges.

After his father's death in September 2009, Jagan converted his Odarapu Yatra (condolence tour) into a direct political tool, after the Congress high command refused him the Chief Ministership. After his resignation from the Congress, he founded the Yuvajana Sramika Raithu Congress (Youth, Labour, and Farmers' Congress), an acronym that evoked YSR's name. He built from this episode a taste and talent for ground mobilisation. Ahead of the election, he led a 3,648-km *padayatra*, covering most constituencies over 341 days.

Jagan's campaign was backed by Prashant Kishor's I-PAC, which provided strategic support to several parties that were either BJP allies or were potential BJP partners. I-PAC designed an aggressive social media campaign, targeting students, farmers, and employees along with other groups loyal to YSRCP. It is no coincidence perhaps, that Jagan's campaign resembled Modi's.

The campaign of Chandrababu Naidu, who was trounced in both the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections, on the other hand, lacked the cohesiveness and sense of purpose displayed by his opponent. Naidu's attention was divided between the state and the national stage, and many of his incumbent candidates suffered from a bad local reputation. He had backtracked on various promises made to OBC groups — notably the promise to grant a specific reservation status to Kapus.

BJP in Telangana

The Telangana scenario was different — a three-corner fight between the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), the Congress, and the BJP which, unlike in Andhra Pradesh, led an aggressive grassroots campaign against both the other parties. Other parties like the TDP, the communists, the Jana Sena, and YSRCP were not in the race. AIMIM ran with an arrangement with the TRS.

Here, the disaffection for the Congress translated into votes for the BJP, which succeeded in wresting four seats: Adilabad, Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Secundrabad, all located in Northern Telangana. The BJP also finished second in Hyderabad and Mahbubnagar.

Few had anticipated this performance by the BJP, which can be explained by two main factors. First, a strong, cohesive booth-level campaign led by Manthri Srinivas, the BJP's organising state secretary.

And second, the BJP fielded strong candidates at several seats.

■ Soyam Babu Rao in Adilabad is a figure of the Gond tribal movement. He initially sought a Congress ticket, but joined the BJP ahead of the election.

■ Bandi Sanjay Kumar (Karimnagar), who is considered an aggressive Hindutva face in Northern Telangana, had lost the Assembly election last December by a thin margin.

■ Dharmapuri Aravind (Nizamabad) is the son of D Srinivas, a former Congress minister who is currently a Rajya Sabha MP from the TRS. Aravind defeated Kalvakuntla Kavitha, daughter of TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), in what should have been a safe seat for the party. The fact that 179 farmers filed their nominations in Nizamabad, which topped the election in terms of number of candidates (185) did not help the TRS candidate either.

■ G Kishan Reddy won the Secundrabad seat after having lost in the last state elections. He has also been growing rapidly within the party.

■ In Mahbubnagar, the BJP fielded Aruna D K, a former TDP Minister who switched to the BJP before the election. She finished second.

Interestingly, the BJP won seats in subregions where ST and OBC votes matter the most. By gaining ground at the local level, the BJP has reiterated what it has done in many states since 2014: replace the Congress as the main opposition to a regional champion, by building ground-up organisation, and by poaching prominent faces from other parties.

The big picture

This result has come as a shock to the TRS, which had expected to sweep the state the way it did last December. Instead, it got 'only' eight seats, although with 41.3% vote share, significantly more than in 2014.

Not only did the BJP succeed in making inroads, it also conquered TRS strongholds like Nizamabad and Karimnagar. Reports from the ground suggest that many Reddy voters did not support KCR, despite the fact that the TRS distributed a third of its tickets to that dominant group.

Two broad lessons can be drawn from the results in these two states.

The first is that regional parties cannot take their dominance for granted; the second is that the BJP can expect to expand wherever the Congress remains the main opposition party.

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Why the US wants social media details of most visa applicants

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE UNITED States government on Friday updated visa application forms to require nearly all applicants to provide their social media usernames, email addresses, and phone numbers for the past five years. The requirement to provide the additional information is in line with the Donald Trump administration's decision to ensure more stringent screening of potential immigrants and visitors to the United States.

Who is impacted

The new policy will affect roughly 15 million US visa applicants around the world every year. More than a million non-immigrant and immigrant US visas are given to Indians every year. Government officials and diplomats are exempt from providing the additional information.

In 2018, 28,073 Indians were issued American immigrant visas, the vast majority of which passed through the "family preference" process. Since 2009, the biggest jump in the number of Indian immigrants to the US — almost 20% — was seen during 2014-2015. But after reaching a peak of 31,360 in 2016, the numbers of immigrant visas issued to Indians dropped in 2017.

In 2018, the US issued 10,06,802 nonimmigrant visas to Indians, the third largest national group behind the Chinese and Mexicans, and amounting to a little over 11% of total nonimmigrant visa issuances.

How it will work

The change affects the nonimmigrant visa online application form (DS-160), the paper back-up nonimmigrant visa application (DS-156), and the online immigrant visa application form (DS-260).

In the drop-down menu on the Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) site, applicants will be expected to choose from 20 online platforms, including Facebook, Flickr, Google+, Instagram, LinkedIn, Myspace, Pinterest, Reddit, Tumblr, Twitter, Vine and YouTube, and provide their usernames on the platforms. Among the social media platforms based outside the United States on the list are Tencent Weibo, Twoo, and Youku.

Why the change

"National security is our top priority when adjudicating visa applications, and every prospective traveler and immigrant to the United States undergoes extensive security screening," the State Department said in a statement. "We are constantly working to find mechanisms to improve our screening processes to protect US citizens, while supporting legitimate travel to the United States."

The statement clarified that "consular officers will not request user passwords", and that "the information will be used, as all information provided during a visa interview and on the visa application, to determine if the applicant is eligible for a visa under existing US law".

"Collecting this additional information from visa applicants will strengthen our process for vetting applicants and confirming their identity," the State Department said.

Policy under Obama

The new requirement marks a shift away from the voluntary disclosure of social media profile information under the Barack Obama administration. The new mandatory policy announced by the Trump administration also monitors those already in the US, such as green card holders.

In early 2014, the Obama administration had prohibited social media profile evaluations during visa application processes. Later that year, the policy was loosened, but social media checks were not standard practice until a shooting in California in 2015.

The San Bernardino shooting — in which 14 people were killed and 22 others were seriously wounded in a terror attack in California — involved attackers who had undergone visa screening. News reports at the time said that the shooter, Rizwan Farook, had been posting violent messages under a pseudonym online.

In the aftermath of the shooting, many Democrats also voiced approval of social media surveillance methods. President Obama too called upon technology companies to combat terrorist activities.

By the end of 2015, the Department of Homeland Security began analysing social media accounts during immigration applications regularly.

Changes under Trump

In a series of executive orders and memos that began a week after his inauguration, President Trump called for "enhanced vetting protocols and procedures of visas and other immigration benefits" to mitigate against terror threats. In October 2017, the Department of Homeland Security expanded its immigration records to include "social media handles and aliases, associated identifiable information, and search results" on the same day that the controversial travel ban on citizens of seven countries went into effect.

According to the memo, "publicly available information obtained from the Internet, public records, public institutions, interviewees, commercial data providers" would provide the information at the time.

The State Department first announced the mandatory collection of social media accounts in March 2018. It stated this week that this change was a result of a Presidential memo from 2017 directing the State Department and other agencies to improve screening and vetting.

Elsewhere in the world

In 2015, Indians faced further scrutiny in Schengen visas, after it was made mandatory to provide biometric data through fingerprints and a digital photo. That requirement was already in place in the US and Britain. Currently, the UK and Canada — popular destinations for Indian visitors and immigrants — do not have any policy of collecting social media information form visa applicants.

Nearly all applicants for a visa to enter the United States — an estimated 15 million people a year — will be asked to submit their social media usernames for the past five years, the State Department has said. *Vincent Tullo/The New York Times*

WHY SOME ARE CONCERNED

SOCIAL MEDIA is an intricate map of its users' contacts, associations, habits and preferences. Full information on accounts will give the US government access to a visa applicant's pictures, locations, birthdays, anniversaries, friendships, relationships, and a whole trove of personal data that is commonly shared on social media, but which many may not like to share with agencies of state.

CRITICS SAY the sweeping surveillance potential of the new regulations could discourage a wide range of visa applicants. "Research shows that this kind of monitoring has chilling effects, meaning that people are less likely to speak freely and connect with each other in online communities that are now essential to modern life," Hina Shamsi, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Security Project, was quoted as saying in a report in *The New York Times*.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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ROOSTERS CROW AT THE BREAK OF DAWN, LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOW AND I'LL BE GONE.

— BOB DYLAN

The Indian EXPRESS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

UP SHOWS THE WAY?

Maybe the break-up and soul-searching by SP and BSP will help them and others in Opposition to go back to the drawing board

JUST TWO WEEKS after the election results were announced, BSP chief Mayawati has admitted that her party's gathbandhan with the SP did not work on the ground. On Tuesday, she declared that the BSP will fight the upcoming 11 bypolls in UP on its own. Though Mayawati did not rule out the possibility of the two parties working together in the future, she has claimed that the SP, in the present state, is incapable of holding to its core vote or transferring it to its ally. In short, Mayawati has said that caste arithmetic need not always add up and triumph over political chemistry to produce a winner in an election.

The BSP supremo's candid admission that her tactic for the election was not successful and hence she is moving on, is in sharp contrast to other opposition parties that have refused to reconcile with defeat. The Congress, for instance, has yet to recover from the shock of the drubbing it received. Rahul Gandhi, who led the Congress campaign, has withdrawn into a shell while the rest of the leadership is busy blaming each other for the debacle. As in 2014, the party is in a state of denial and has refused to introspect on its failures, including in states where it had won assembly elections less than six months before. The gathbandhan constituents in Bihar — Lalu Prasad's RJD and the Congress among others — have been silent since their wipe-out. As much as the absence of a strong Opposition is worrying, the refusal of parties to debate the causes of their defeat too is disturbing. It, of course, allows the ruling party to set its own course and narrative and avoid scrutiny of its actions at any fora. The unravelling of gathbandhan in UP is hence refreshing for it may trigger new conversations within, and among, opposition parties. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, who without rancour accepted the BSP decision to quit the alliance and announced that his party will rethink its priorities, and Mayawati may have unwittingly initiated a debate about the nature and course of opposition politics, especially the viability of electoral alliances of convenience. The BSP-SP split also brings into sharp relief the future of social justice politics and its overt reliance on caste alliances: The UP results challenge the notion that caste groups constitute a monolithic transferable vote bank and are immune to the influence of broader narratives based on faith, nationalism and even welfare.

The SP-BSP gathbandhan was the big idea that the Opposition said will influence the electoral tide. Its spectacular collapse should resonate across India, where similar alliances came about ahead of the elections, and encourage political parties to reflect on their agendas and tactics. That would be a promising beginning towards building a strong Opposition.

GOING DIGITAL

Nilekani committee bats for lower costs, incentives and greater role for non-banks to boost digital transactions

THE PAYMENTS ECOSYSTEM in India has seen a flurry of activity in the recent past. Post demonetisation, the shift towards digital payments has been particularly striking. Yet, acceptance, from an infrastructure perspective, continues to be low. For instance, while debit card issuance has touched a billion, there are only about 3.5 million POS devices and two lakh ATMs that accept cards. Against this backdrop, a committee headed by Nandan Nilekani has recommended several suggestions to broaden the acceptance infrastructure and deepen digital financial inclusion.

On the issue of acceptance, the committee notes that "high cost structures, including merchant fees, as well as limited financial service offering impede merchants from accepting digital payments". To address this, it has recommended reducing the interchange on card payments by 15 basis points hoping this will "increase the incentive for acquirers to sign-up merchants". Then there's also the suggestion of setting up of a committee to review merchant discount rate and interchange on a regular basis. Now, merchant acquisition is central to expanding the payment ecosystem. But, rather than focusing more on the card-based ecosystem, perhaps greater emphasis could have been placed on the Aadhaar-enabled payment systems, which is likely to have greater appeal, especially in the rural hinterland. There are also suggestions which call for ensuring no user charges for digital payments, and providing businesses tax incentives "calibrated on the proportion of digital payments in their receipts". These are eminently sensible recommendations. But implementation is likely to prove challenging. Take, for instance, the government's decision to waive of fees on transactions less than Rs 2,000. Theoretically, a sound proportion. But, the roll-out was not as smooth as was expected.

The committee has also suggested that non-banks be encouraged to participate in payment systems. But, this is where questions over the existing payments architecture crop up. As the inter-ministerial committee had pointed out earlier, there is need to distinguish between the RBI's role "as an infrastructure institution providing settlement function from its role as regulator of the payments system". As the panel has said, the role of the regulator needs to evolve from being "largely bank centric". Non-banks are at an inherent disadvantage in the current payment ecosystem. Perhaps, as the Nilekani committee notes, bringing in "non-banks as associate members to build acceptance infrastructure", and allowing them access to settlement systems, might help create a level-playing field.

FRENCH PHILISTINES

For the last time, France says, cock-crow is part of the rural experience, predating the visitors who seek it out

THE GAULS HAVE a long history of suppressing rural talent, dating back to Cacofonix the Bard, who was physically retrained from performing at banquets in the time of Julius Caesar. The latest victim of this culture of draconian censorship is Maurice, who performs morning airs on the Atlantic resort of Île d'Oléron. But there is an essential difference between these two artistic martyrs. Cacofonix followed his calling, while Maurice is following the order of nature. He has no choice in the matter.

Maurice is a cockerel on an island which has become a tourist resort, and his crowing is keeping a visiting neighbour awake. His owner, herself a singer, argues that his species has been crowing from remote antiquity. Indeed, it's in cold print — their cousin in the Holy Land ticked off Peter for denying the son of god thrice. The problem is the visitors who come to the island in search of tranquillity, not the domestic fowl who predate them. It is rare for birds to become involved in cases of man-animal conflict — such prowess is generally reserved for creatures red in tooth and claw — but Maurice is a marked chicken.

The second French fowl thus threatened, he faces the legal charge of being a health hazard, a ground that an increasingly hypochondriac human race takes very seriously. It is clearly absurd, since the neighbour would be far healthier being awakened by a living alarm clock, in good time for a morning constitutional. But the cockerel is fortunate enough to have other neighbours on his side, who have rallied behind a petition. And the mayor agrees that suppressing a cockerel's song is an unnatural act against the order of nature. If only Cacofonix had enjoyed such local support, he could have been recognised today as the father of death metal.

The constitutional citizen

Constitution contains a kindred concept of justice, asks a citizen to be responsive to sufferings of co-citizens

UPENDRA BAXI

THE TRIUMPHAL MOMENT of Modi 2.0 has led to sincere felicitations by all citizens, but the insidious phrase "left liberals" has resurfaced and pleas have been already aired for a "re-invention of liberalism". What matters for political and civic discourse is not name-calling but rather the tolerance of the intolerable — disrespect for dissent, encouragement for practices of ethnic violence, caste or community-based lynching, and production of social indifference towards states of injustice and human rightlessness. It does not matter for those murdered, and the survivors, whether all this is produced or reproduced by left, right, or centre; all that they insist on is strict scrutiny now and prevention of re-occurrence, regardless of the political labels we choose to affix on the opponents. All political cadres and leaders must encourage and practice the vital difference on which a democratic order is premised — the difference between the "adversary" and "enemy".

To avoid "the necrology of the meaningless discourses" (as Paul Ricoeur describes it), one has to internalise what democratic belonging to a political community may mean. Good old Aristotle distinguished the two aspects of citizenship: A citizen is a being that knows how to rule and how to be ruled. A democracy views political belonging in terms of a congregation of co-citizens. That is the very meaning of what the constitutional Preamble means when it refers to the value of "fraternity". Fellow-feeling means that everyone must learn to be a co-citizen first, and then a ruler or a ruled. It is certainly not being anti-national to take the Constitution seriously as providing the means and ends of good constitutional governance and conscientious resistance (peaceful dissent).

If so, one must follow the conception of being a constitutionally sincere co-citizen — a conception outlined by the Indian Constitution itself in the Preamble, Part III (fundamental human rights), IV (the directive principles of state policy), IV-A (fundamental duties of co-citizens), and the oath of office that certain political co-citizens and justices take under the Third Schedule. How far the citizen rulers and the ruled have followed this credo requires deep study. But to call anyone attempting to examine this as "left-liberal", "alt-right", or by any other name, is in itself constitutionally unjustified.

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The Constitution we have adopted is not "liberal" but "post-liberal". First, no constitution in the world contains basic rights that avail not against the state but to civil society: The rights against untouchability (Article 17) and against "exploitation" (Articles 23 and 24) are collective rights of discriminated peoples. They are declared constitutional offences, and the whole scheme of Indian federalism is set aside by casting a legislative duty on Parliament.

Second, all Article 19 civil and political rights are declared subject to "reasonable restrictions" imposed by the legislature. Third, Article 21-guaranteed rights of life and liberty are immediately followed by Article 22, authorising preventive detention. Fourth, as Justice M Hidayatullah wryly remarked about the Ninth Schedule, "ours is the only Constitution that needs protection against itself" (though now the Supreme Court may co-determine what new legislations curtailing rights can still be placed in that Schedule). Fifth, the power to impose President's Rule on states may be exercised by the Union but is subject to the process of judicial review. Sixth, a large number of draconian security legislation have been upheld by the Supreme Court, including some colonial laws violating fundamental human rights. Seventh, respect for international law required by Article 51 does not result in enacting even an enabling legislation on custodial torture, let alone a fully-fledged adherence to the nearly universal convention against torture and inhuman, cruel or degrading punishment or treatment. Eighth, the judicially developed law against sexual harassment at the workplace continues to be stymied at almost all sites.

It is unnecessary to cite many more features but perhaps it is sufficient to say that ours is not entirely a "liberal" constitutionalism and one needs to appreciate the context of the poignant realities of Indian Partition in which this miraculous document was conceived by far-sighted composite figures. They evolved a Constitution for an uncertain future, reconciling somehow the four antinomic ideas: Governance, development, rights, and justice. Their task is still with us.

The Constitution can be read (in the words of political philosopher Iris Marion Young) as a movement away from the liability-based "blame model of responsibility" to a "shared political responsibility model". The key idea is that we accept "a responsibility for what we have not done", simply because many "cases of harms, wrongs or injustice have no isolable perpetrator, but rather result from the participation of millions of people in institutions and practices that result in harms".

This conception requires an acknowledgement that some people "bear responsibility for injustice does not necessarily absolve others" and it renders problematic "the normal and accepted background conditions of action". Rather than to "apportion blame and shame", mechanisms which "trigger shared responsibility" are to be preferred. And this "involves coordination with others to achieve... change" if only because it is "more forward-looking than backward-looking".

The Constitution contains a kindred concept of justice. Read as a whole, it says in one sentence that only that development is just which disproportionately benefits the worst-off, or the constitutional have-nots. This articulation does not surprise the non-millennials who still recall the favourite song of Mohandas Gandhi (written by Narsinh Mehta): *Vaishnava jan to tene re kahiye, jo peed parai janne re* (a Vaishnava is one who knows the pain and suffering of others). To be a good citizen is neither to be a liberal, Marxist or a Hindutva person, but to be and to remain responsive to the sufferings of co-citizens and persons.

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ATTACK THE SYSTEM

Policy must deal not only with caste-based discrimination, but identity itself

ALOK BANSAL

ONE OF THE biggest achievements of the 2019 election was that the common man in India clearly showed that he is willing to rise above caste barriers for the national interest. The caste system is arguably the biggest bane of Indian society, and has adversely affected India's growth, development and security over centuries. Primarily a Hindu concept, this malady has transcended religious frontiers and affected every religion in India.

Many apologists for the caste system tend to justify it by stating that caste-based identities are not bad, only the discrimination based on caste is bad. However, this is nothing but indirect support to an extremely divisive and repugnant social practice. One needs to understand that in an extremely hierarchical system, discrimination will exist as long as caste-based identities remain. Many Hindu sages and social reformers have criticised caste-based divisions based on birth. Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, founder of the Arya Samaj, had criticised the hereditary caste system and had asserted that such a system never existed in Vedic times. His namesake and founder-convenor of the Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, stated that "Birth-based discrimination and cruel treatment of individuals and families which developed in Hindu society over time as socially sanctioned practices are in gross violation of ancient Hindu teachings and philosophy. Many people that revere and owe allegiance to our ancient Dharmic teachings and philosophy have suffered over the years as a result of such discriminatory practices. Such suffering continues even today, despite the law of the land and enlightened social and religious leaders having continued to make, over the centuries, major and effective contributions to diminish the depth and extent of these discriminatory practices, which have nothing to do with Hindu Dharma."

> Regrettably, in the last seven decades, no significant step has been taken to eradicate or dilute the caste system, although actions have been initiated (both effective and superficial) to curb caste-based discrimination. On the other hand, numerous steps have been taken by governments, regrettably, to perpetuate this social anachronism.

The most serious indictment of the caste system came from Balasaheb Deoras, former RSS Sarsanghachalak, who stated that "just because something is old, it need not necessarily be good and valid for all time. Neither should we think that since we have been living all these years on the basis of old principles, we need not even think on new lines... Science has progressed, new inventions have been made. Therefore, it is inconsistent with the demands of modern times to insist on the hereditary varna and caste system... What exists now is not system... Hence we should all put our heads together and think how to guide it — a system which has to die and is already dying must finally end and have a natural death."

The Constitution does not recognise caste and guarantees all citizens equality of status and opportunity and recognises the principle of fraternity. However, many politicians have nurtured caste-based identities to consolidate their vote banks. The founders of the Constitution had sincerely hoped that caste-based discrimination will disappear soon. Consequently, reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes in Parliament and state assemblies (reservation in jobs isn't mentioned in the Constitution) was for a limited period

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It is essential that the government create a category of people with "no caste" for all those who do not wish to subscribe to their caste identity. Children of inter-caste marriages must necessarily belong to this category. A social movement may be started for people to relinquish their caste and caste-based surnames. There may be a need to incentivise inter-caste marriages. Eventually, asking of an individual's caste could be made a cognisable offence and all caste-based organisations must be banned. All mention of caste, except where required for reasons of affirmative action, must be eliminated.

Division of labour — or the rationale behind the Varna Vyavastha — does not exist today and the country certainly needs to get rid of its vestiges.

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JUNE 6, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIAN EXPRESS

POLICE REFORM

STATE CHIEF MINISTERS will meet in New Delhi on June 6 to evolve a basis for agreed decisions on specific grievances of agitating policemen. Six major problems which have upset the policemen relate to formation and recognition of associations, interference from outside, pay and status of the constabulary, working conditions, misuse of orderlies and housing facilities. Union Home Minister H M Patel, who will preside over the one-day meeting, will spell out the Centre's approach to various issues which will come up for review. According to Home Ministry sources, the Centre feels that a restructuring of the police set-up will help in redressing their grievances. In this respect, a beginning can be made only at the level of the constabulary which constitute the base of the system.

AFRICA WITH EGYPT

EGYPT HAS RECEIVED considerable support from black African countries in its effort to thwart a radical Arab bid to have the question of the Sadat regime's suspension from the non-aligned movement inserted in the agenda to be considered by the conference of foreign ministers of the co-ordinating bureau of non-aligned countries, beginning in Colombo on June 6. The African argument, first articulated by Gabon on June 4, is that Egypt is a member of the Organisation of African Unity as well. One of the conditions for OAU membership is that member countries must be non-aligned. Moreover, the proper forum to discuss Egyptian action in signing the peace treaty with Israel was either the Arab League or the OAU.

DELHI BANDH

THE SECOND DELHI Bandh by traders within a week completely paralysed the wholesale trade despite the UP traders having called off their agitation and withdrawn their call for Bharat Bandh. Some retail shops were, however, open for most part of the day. The traders' organisations had a hard time persuading traders that the Delhi Bandh was on.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US has stepped up its attacks on China on human rights issues simply because Washington's trade war with China is proving to be invalid."

—GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

An invitation to the liberal arts

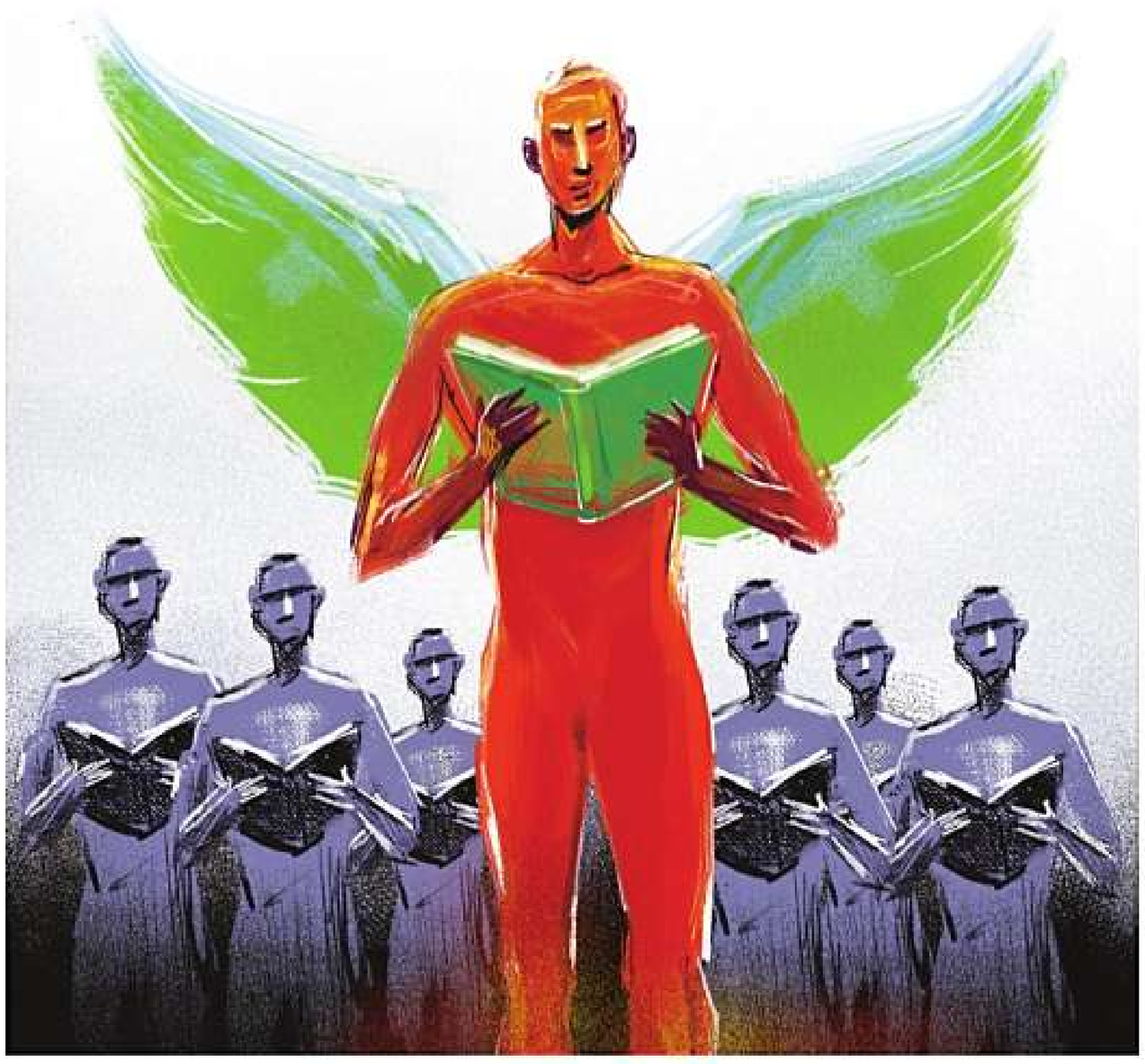
Education in the liberal arts and humanities are important in themselves. And they can enrich the understanding, empathy of our doctors, engineers and techno-managers

AVIJIT PATHAK

IN THESE "PRAGMATIC" times, it is not easy to plead for liberal education. Yet, as a teacher, I want the new generation who have just cleared the board examinations and are willing to enter the domain of higher learning, to realise that education is not merely "skill learning" or a means to inculcate the market-driven technocratic rationality. Education is also about deep awareness of culture and politics, art and history, and literature and philosophy. In fact, a society that discourages its young minds to reflect on the interplay of the "self" and the "world", and restricts their horizon in the name of job-oriented technical education, begins to decay. Such a society eventually prepares the ground for a potentially one-dimensional/consumerist culture that negates critical thinking and emancipatory quest.

Before I put forward my arguments for liberal education, I need to raise three concerns. First, as the economic doctrine of neoliberalism has become triumphant, a mix of "positivistic objectivity", scientism and technocratic rationality seems to have become the dominant ideology of education. Knowledge becomes instrumental and technical; "professionalism" demands dissociation of "skills" from the politico-ethical; and moral questions and the contents of the curriculum are required to be evaluated in terms of measurable "outcomes". No wonder, such a discourse refuses to see much meaning in, say, a serious enquiry into T S Eliot's *The Hollow Men*, or a reflection on "soul force" as articulated by M K Gandhi in his *Hind Swaraj*, or a Freudian interpretation of Leonardo Da Vinci's Monalisa. Neither the techno-managers nor the market find any value in these "subjective"/"non-productive" pursuits. When they do speak of literature or sociology, they kill its spirit, and reduce it into a set of modules with concrete "outcomes" — measured in terms of "life skills", "communication skills" and "personality development" skills. It is like destroying the soul of education through the fancy management discourse.

Second, school education continues to reproduce this hierarchy in knowledge traditions. Whereas science or commerce is projected as "high status" knowledge, not much cognitive prestige is attached to humanities and liberal arts. In a way, this is like demotivating young minds and discouraging them from taking an active interest in history, literature, philosophy and political studies. Possibly, the standardised "ambition" that schools and anxiety-ridden parents cultivate among the teenagers makes it difficult for them to accept that it is possible to imagine yet another world beyond the "secure" career options in medical science, engineering and commerce. Certainly, it is not the sign of a healthy society if what is popularly known as PCM (physics-chemistry-mathematics), or IIT JEE, becomes the national obsession, and all youngsters flock to a town like Kota in Rajasthan, known for the notorious chain of coaching centres selling the dreams of "success", and simultaneously causing mental agony, psychic disorder and chronic fear of failure.



Suvajit Dey

Third, the state of liberal education in an average college/university in India, I must admit, is pathetic. With demotivated students, teachers who do not have any passion, empty classrooms, routine examinations and the widespread circulation of "notes" and "guide books", everything loses its meaning. History is a set of facts to be memorised, sociology is just common sense or a bit of jargon for describing the dynamics of family/marriage/caste/kinship, literature is time pass and political science is television news. Even though the state of science education is not very good, the trivialisation of liberal arts is truly shocking.

The challenges and obstacles are enormous. Yet, I would insist on the need for liberal education — good, meaningful and life-affirming education. As teachers, we have to play our roles. Unless we feel confident in our mission, give our best, and invite the youngsters to the fascinating world of poetry, philosophy, anthropology or art history, there is not much hope. We must tell them that there is yet another domain of knowledge, beyond "objectivity", "measurement" and "technical control". This domain is about the interpretative art of understanding the symbolic domain of culture, it is about reflexivity and imagination and it is about the critical faculty for debunking the "official" worldview — the way Marx and Freud did it in their times, or the way feminists and critical theorists are doing it in our times. No, unlike management or engineering, it does not enhance "economic growth", or the "productivity" of industry but it does enrich us — culturally, politically and spiritually.

> A doctor, I believe, ought to converse with a philosopher who speaks of the Tibetan Buddhist book on living and dying and a techno-manager ought to engage with a cultural anthropologist in order to know what 'development' means to local people and appreciate their understanding of the ecosystem and livelihoods. In the absence of adequate liberal education, we have begun to produce technically-skilled but culturally-impoverished professionals.

Furthermore, I would argue that even our doctors and techno-managers need a fair degree of liberal/humanistic education. A doctor, I believe, ought to converse with a philosopher who speaks of the Tibetan Buddhist book on living and dying and a techno-manager ought to engage with a cultural anthropologist in order to know what "development" means to local people and appreciate their understanding of the ecosystem and livelihoods. In the absence of adequate liberal education, we have begun to produce technically-skilled but culturally-impoverished professionals. Techniques have triumphed and wisdom has disappeared. We seem to be producing well-fed, well-paid and well-clothed slaves. This is dangerous.

I have, therefore, no hesitation in becoming somewhat "impractical", and inviting fresh/young minds — somehow perplexed and thrilled by their "successes" in board examinations — to the domain of liberal education.

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Bolster the first line of defence

Any effort to strengthen national security without reforming, reorganising or restructuring the police would be an exercise in futility.

PRAKASH SINGH

THE COUNTRY'S internal security architecture continues to be fragile. In the wake of the 26/11 terrorist attack in 2008, a slew of measures were taken to strengthen the police forces, reinforce coastal security and decentralise the deployment of National Security Guard. However, after that, a complacency of sorts seems to have set in, mainly because there has been no major terrorist attack since then. Whatever upgradation of police has happened during the intervening period has essentially been of a cosmetic nature.

Meanwhile, terror clouds are gathering on the horizon and could burst upon the Subcontinent any time. The ISIS, which is committed to spreading "volcanoes of jihad" everywhere, recently perpetrated a horrific attack in Sri Lanka. The organisation has made significant inroads in Tamil Nadu and Kerala and has sympathisers in other areas of the country. It recently announced a separate branch, Wilayah-e-Hind, to focus on the Subcontinent. In the neighborhood, the ISIS has support bases in Bangladesh and Maldives. The government has been playing down the ISIS's threat. It has been arguing that considering the huge Muslim population of the country, a very small percentage has been drawn to or got involved in the ISIS's activities. That may be true, but a small percentage of a huge population works out to a significant number and it would be naïve to ignore the threat.

Pakistan has taken some half-hearted measures against terrorist formations in the country, which are euphemistically called non-state actors — largely due to pressure from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF.) These measures are more for show than substance. Besides, the ISI has been, for years, making well-orchestrated attempts to revive militancy in Punjab and trying to disrupt our economy by flooding the country with counterfeit currency.

It is necessary, therefore, that the country's internal security is beefed up. The first responders to a terrorist attack or a law and order problem is the police and, unfortunately, it is in a shambles. Police infrastructure — its manpower, transport, communications and forensic resources — require substantial augmentation. The directions given by the Supreme Court in 2006 appear to have created a fierce reaction in the establishment and led to a consolidation of, to use Marxist jargon, counterrevolutionary forces. The government must appreciate that any effort to strengthen national security without reforming, reorganising or restructuring the police would be an exercise in futility.

The police in every major state should have a force on the pattern of Greyhounds to deal with any terrorist attack. The country must also have a law on the lines of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crimes Act (MCOCA) to deal with organised crimes. Investigation of cyber-crime would require specialist staff. Training the constables and darogas for the job will not take us far. The police must draw recruits from the IITs for the purpose.

The National Counter-Terrorism Centre must be set up with such modifications as may be necessary to meet the legitimate objections of the states. The law to deal with terror — the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act — needs more teeth. Successive governments have only fiddled with the law. We have had the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA), followed by the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) followed by the present UAPA.

It is also high time that the government thinks of bringing police in the Concurrent List. Police problems were simpler and of a local nature when the Constitution was framed. Since then, the pattern of crime and the dimensions of law and order problems have undergone a sea change. Drugs trafficked from the Myanmar border traverse the Subcontinent and find their way to Europe or even the US. Arms are smuggled from China to India's Northeast via Thailand and Bangladesh. They are then distributed to insurgent groups in different parts of the country.

States today are incapable of managing the slightest disruption in law and order. Central forces are deployed to assist the states round the year. Bringing police in the Concurrent List would only amount to giving de jure status to what prevails on the ground.

The CBI's image needs to refurbished. It is time that an Act was legislated to define the charter and regulate the functioning of the premier investigating agency. It is ridiculous that the CBI draws its mandate from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act of 1946 and that the organisation was created through a resolution passed more than 50 years ago.

The Central Armed Police Forces are not in the best of health. It would be desirable that a high-level commission is appointed to go into their problems of deployment, utilisation, discipline, morale and promotional opportunities.

The major internal security threats today are in J&K, in the Northeast and from Maoists in Central India. These would need to be dealt with in a manner which — while addressing legitimate demands and removing genuine grievances — ensures that the intransigent elements are isolated and effectively dealt with. The Hurriyat leaders must be cut down to size and the cases against them pursued to their logical conclusion. The framework agreement with the Naga rebels must be finalised and the NSCN (IM) should be firmly told that the government can go thus far and no further.

The Maoists need to be dealt with in a more sensitive manner. Now that government has got the upper hand, it should seriously consider holding out the olive branch, inviting them for peace talks while taking precaution at the same time that the insurgents do not utilise the peace period as a breather to augment their strength.

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Khan Market blues

It is unfair to call the citizens that frequent the area a gang

NILIMA SINHA

NO, NOT another article on Khan Market! The response, in the form of numerous articles in newspapers, is not surprising, considering the number of supposedly elite men and women simmering over the tag so derisively conferred on them by no less a person than the highly popular prime minister himself. The "Khan Market Gang" — as if it is a group of gangsters living (and shopping) there by virtue of the wealth acquired through questionable means, not unlike the robber barons of the US.

This is so far from the truth that those bestowed this title cannot but shake with indignance. As a person who has lived my whole life in the area, from before Independence, who has seen this part of Delhi grow from a remote jungle into the posh, central part of the city that it has now become, I feel I must join issue.

No doubt I am one of those privileged to have grown up in Lutyens Delhi. This was not because I belonged to a rich and wealthy family. It was only because my father, a government servant who, by dint of his hard work and merit, had been able to enter the coveted Indian Civil Service and had got posted to Delhi early in his career. He was the son of a commoner — a teacher in Nagpur — but had studied hard, in a foreign language, and successfully competed against the privileged Britishers in Britain. It was his reward for the struggle he had gone through to reach this position.

The young ICS officer happened to be posted in the relief and rehabilitation ministry during Partition. The huge compound of our government accommodation at 6, Ashoka Road had turned into a shelter home for refugees. My mother looked after them and even opened a training centre for the women to teach them hosiery-making. Several centres were opened by the rehabilitation ministry to provide skills and training to those who had fled Pakistan, leaving behind all their belongings. The refugees were eager to earn their own living. Their hard work and efforts to stand on their own feet earned everybody's admiration. I remember how Connaught Place had become crowded with small shopkeepers squatting in the corridors, a variety of objects spread out on sheets before them, trying to earn some money.

It was the task of the rehabilitation ministry to settle the refugees and my father was one of those given that onerous responsibility. That is how the Khan Market came into being. It was meant to give the refugees a place where they could earn a living instead of depending on others or on the government.

As mentioned in earlier articles, the market was named after the North West Frontier leader Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and his brother, who had helped the Hindu refugees to flee safely from that region. Two other markets in the region, Khanna and Mehar Chand markets were named after the minister heading the relief and rehabilitation ministry, Mehar Chand Khanna.

The area around was developed into colonies where junior government servants could stay. Bharti Nagar, Rabindra Nagar, Lodhi Colony, and several other housing colonies came up in the vicinity. Khan Market flourished as its shops catered to the residents. Of course there was the more affluent class too, in Jor Bagh, for instance, and in Lodhi Estate and Prithviraj Road. My father stayed in both these areas later as the years passed and he acquired seniority. In fact, my mother became so familiar to the shopkeepers that one day, when she left her grandson, a toddler, behind at a shop by mistake, the shopkeeper was able to inform the policeman about where to take the lost child. It was such a relief for us and the modest Khan Market shopkeeper was thanked profusely.

Later, as the wife of someone who had also made it from an underprivileged background in Bihar to a prestigious government job in Delhi, Khan Market became my haunt too. We walked there almost daily from Rabindra Nagar and later Shahjahan Road. Coming down to the next generation, our daughter, too, married to a government servant, continued to frequent Khan Market. Not only this, she became an officer in the Bank of India and was posted at the Khan Market branch for several years. The shops there were a steady attraction for us whether for their books, fashion garments or food items, and the shopowners were always welcoming and friendly.

As the city expanded outwards, Khan Market developed into one of the most popular shopping areas in the capital. And today, frequented by foreigners from the diplomatic colonies, too, it has acquired greater sophistication resulting in prices soaring.

To call the government servants residing around Khan Market, whether senior or junior, a "gang" of elites is to be unfair to many. Indeed, they have struggled hard to reach there. Many have risen from poor homes in villages and small towns. Sheer hard work and dedication to studies has made them conquer the disadvantages of poverty and surmount the lack of an English education, finally letting them achieve their aim of serving the country through jobs in the government.

It is because of the earlier struggles of its members that the clan is now in a prestigious position; not because they were born with silver spoons. Along the way, the members also acquired the liberal attitude that came with education, the secular outlook and the respect for others' freedom that is the hallmark of democracy.

In short, the Khan Market "gang" deserves to be appreciated and respected, rather than be treated with disdain. Needless to say, this includes the hard-working journalists who also live in that area.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HIGHS AND LOWS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Fatal ascents' (IE, June 5). In recent times, mountaineers, including experienced trekkers, have lost their lives in their attempt to scale different peaks in the Himalaya. Various factors are responsible for this. The Himalayan countries such as Nepal are issuing a large number of expedition permits without caring about the hosting capacity of the ranges. Lack of proper guidance and training have contributed to the growing list of casualties. Himalayan countries need to come up with a common policy on mountain expeditions.

Sukhpreet Singh, *Gurdaspur*

FREEBIES GALORE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Free metro for women: For public feedback, Sisodia hops on the bus' (IE, June 5). Providing freebies is a new trend: This includes free rides to women in the Delhi metro and DTC buses and writing off farmers' loans. There is also a longstanding policy of giving cheap loans to sick industries. This is vote-bank politics and generates the habit of looking for freebies.

A L Agarwal, *Delhi*

VALUE OF ENGLISH

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'Tongue twisted' (IE, June 4). English has played an important role in globalisation. The exhortation to promote languages other than English at the work place is regressive. The government should understand that English is also a skill to keep people and firms afloat in the global market. In India most quality science books and newspapers are available in English. Attempts to devalue English language in India could disconnect the country's youth from the rest of the world.

Amiyavrat Kumar, *Navi Mumbai*

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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RUSSIA

XI VISITS 'BEST FRIEND' PUTIN

Chinese President Xi Jinping began a three-day visit to "best friend" Vladimir Putin on Wednesday with a raft of new Russian-Chinese business contracts. The leaders praised their countries' ties during talks at the Kremlin, as Russia and China seek to shore up cooperation amid shared tensions with the US.

TOP OF THE WORLD

Joaquin Garcia

MEXICO

Leader of Mexico-based church accused of rape, child porn

THE HEAD of a Mexican-based church estimated to have more than 1 million followers worldwide has been arrested in California and charged with crimes including human trafficking, child pornography production and rape of a minor. "La Luz Del Mundo" (Light of the World) leader Naason Joaquin Garcia, 50, was charged on Tuesday after being arrested at Los Angeles International Airport the day before, prosecutors said. The church called the accusations unfounded. The prosecutors' 19-page court filing indicates Garcia was known as "the Apostle" and children were told they were defying God if they were disobedient.

USA

2018 saw 10% drop in H-1B visa approvals

Washington: There was a sharp 10 per cent decline in the approval of H-1B visas by the US in the fiscal year 2018 which experts attributed to the "aggressive" policies of the Trump administration to clamp down on the use of the work visa programme, popular among highly-skilled Indian IT professionals. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise.

USA

Woman found guilty of robbing US-Indians

Washington: A 44-year-old Texas woman has been found guilty of leading a gang of robbers that mainly targeted homes of Indian-Americans and Asians across the US. Chaka Castro from Houston and her accomplices committed a string of home invasions in Georgia, New York, Ohio, Michigan and Texas from 2011 to 2014, according to the evidence presented at the trial. Castro would generate lists of robbery targets in various states around the country, specifically families of Asian and Indian ancestry.

KOREAS

South approves $8 million in aid for hungry North

Seoul: South Korea approved $8 million in humanitarian aid for the impoverished North on Wednesday, authorities said, with negotiations over Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal deadlocked and inter-Korean relations at a standstill. It will be the first such aid Seoul has provided Pyongyang since 2015 and follows the North's lowest recorded harvest for a decade, according to the United Nations. The donation comes as President Moon Jae-in seeks to salvage diplomacy between Pyongyang and Washington after the Hanoi summit failed.

JuD CHIEF HOLDS PRAYERS AT LOCAL MOSQUE

Pak stops Hafiz Saeed from leading Eid prayers at stadium in Lahore

Pak's Punjab govt told Saeed he may be arrested if he led prayers at Qaddafi stadium, says official

M ZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, JUNE 5

FOR THE first time in years, Mumbai attack mastermind and Jammat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed was not allowed by the government on Wednesday to lead Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at his favourite venue Qaddafi stadium here, an official said.

Instead, Saeed, chief of UN-designated terrorist organisation JuD, offered prayers at a local mosque adjacent to his Jauhar Town residence here.

"JuD chief Saeed wanted to lead the Eid prayers at the Qaddafi stadium, but he was told by an official of the Punjab government a day before (Tuesday) that he could not do so. In case he goes ahead with his plan (to lead the Eid prayers) the government may arrest him," the official privy to the development told PTI.

He said Saeed, having no other option, "followed the government direction" and dropped the idea of leading prayers at the Qaddafi stadium.

Saeed had led prayers on both Eid-ul Fitr and Eid-ul Azha at the Qaddafi stadium for many years, with the government even providing him security.

Hafiz Saeed was designated as a global terrorist by the US in 2012. *Reuters*

In the past, Saeed not only led the prayers, but also expressed his views on issues such as Kashmir before the large gathering assembled on such occasions.

Saeed, who was banned by the UN Security Council on December 10, 2008 after the Mumbai attacks in which 166 people were killed, is keeping a low profile since the Imran Khan government launched a crackdown on proscribed organisations some three months ago to fulfil its obligations regarding international terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

In February, Paris-based international terror financing watchdog FATF decided to continue the 'Grey' listing of Pakistan for its failure to stop funding of terrorist groups such as the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the JuD.

In March, Saeed was barred by the government from delivering weekly Friday sermons at Jamia Masjid Qadsia, the JuD headquarters in Lahore.

The JuD is believed to be a front organisation for the LeT. It was declared a foreign terrorist organisation by the US in June 2014.

The US Department of the Treasury has designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the US, since 2012, has offered a $10 million reward for information that brings him to justice. **PTI**

In rare move, Pak military agrees to budget cut amid economic woes

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, JUNE 5

IN AN unprecedented move, Pakistan's military has decided to cut the defence budget for the next fiscal year amid an austerity drive launched by the government to solve the cash-strapped nation's economic woes.

Major General Asif Ghafoor, Director General (DG) Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) — the media wing of the military, in his twitter message on Tuesday said that voluntary cuts in the defence budget for next fiscal year would not be at the cost of defence and security.

"Voluntary cut in defence budget for a year will not be at the cost of defence & security. We shall maintain effective response potential to all threats. Three services will manage impact of the cut through appropriate internal measures. It was important to participate in development of tribal areas & Balochistan," Ghafoor said.

PM Imran Khan said he was very appreciative of the military's "unprecedented voluntary initiative of stringent cuts in their defence expenditures".

Pakistani soldiers during a parade in March. *Reuters*

Australia raids public broadcaster over leaks, cracks down on media

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SYDNEY, JUNE 5

AUSTRALIAN POLICE raided the headquarters of public broadcaster ABC on Wednesday, the second high-profile probe into news outlets in 24 hours, amid a crackdown on sensitive leaks.

ABC executives said police searched the corporation's offices in Sydney, targeting three journalists involved in a two-year-old investigative report.

In 2017, ABC obtained government documents that showed Australian special forces had killed innocent men and children in Afghanistan.

The Australian Federal Police said the search was "in relation to allegations of publishing classified material, contrary to provisions of the Crimes Act 1914." ABC executive editor John Lyons said the search warrant demands access to reporters' handwritten notes, emails, story drafts, footage and passwords, among other things.

"It is highly unusual for the national broadcaster to be raided in this way," said managing director David Anderson, as the organisation tried to win legal redress.

A day earlier police raided a journalist's home in Canberra over a report that detailed the authorities' bid to gain powers to spy on Australian citizens communications at home.

Both stories involved sensitive and potentially classified materials and were embarrassing to the Australian authorities and the security services in particular.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has tried to distance himself from the raids, which come just days after his re-election, insisting they were police, not government, matters.

"Australia believes strongly in the freedom of the press and we have clear rules and protections for the freedom of the press," he said during a visit to London.

"There are also clear rules protecting Australia's national security and everybody should operate in accordance with all of those laws passed by our parliament." Shadow Home Affairs minister, the Labor party's Kristina Keneally, demanded an explanation about why the raids occurred.

EXPLAINED

Down Under, few protections for the media

THE CURRENT crackdown on the media in Australia is made possible by the relative lack of protection the press enjoys in the country, especially in comparison to other developed liberal democracies. Freedom of speech is not guaranteed by the Australian Constitution. But the country's criminal code does make it a crime for public officials to share information without permission. This World War I-era provision, Section 70, was used during the recent raids on news outlets and journalists. Section 70, combined with post-9/11 expansions of government secrecy have allowed authorities to examine journalists' phones and notebooks that have nothing to do with the case that is being investigated, the *New York Times* reported. Australia also has a defamation law that adds to the difficulties faced by the press.

Workers display garbage collected from Everest. *Reuters*

Nepal picks up 4 bodies, 11 tonnes of garbage in Everest clean-up

GOPAL SHARMA
KATHMANDU, JUNE 5

NEPALI CLIMBERS have retrieved four bodies and collected some 11 tonnes of decades-old garbage from Mount Everest and its approach below the base camp as part of a drive to clean up the world's highest mountain, the government said on Wednesday.

None of the four bodies have been identified and it was not known when they died.

Climbers returning from the 8,850-metre mountain say its slopes are littered with human excrement, used oxygen bottles, torn tents, ropes, broken ladders, cans and plastic wrappers left behind by climbers, an embarrassment for a country that earns valuable revenue from Everest expeditions.

The garbage, along with the bodies of some of the 300 people who have died over the years on Everest's slopes, are buried under the snow during winter, but become visible when the snow melts in summer. **REUTERS**

Last day of UK visit: Trump says there's a chance of military action against Iran

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LONDON, JUNE 5

US PRESIDENT Trump said in a British TV interview broadcast on Wednesday that there was "a chance" of military action against Iran, after months of threats and an apparent de-escalation of tensions between Tehran and Washington.

Trump made the remarks on ITV's "Good Morning Britain" to Piers Morgan, the show's co-host who Trump considers a friend. They were aired during the third and last day of his state visit to Britain.

When Morgan asked Trump whether he was considering military action against Iran, the President, who almost never rules anything out, said: "There is always a chance. Do I want to? No, I'd rather not. But there's always a chance." He added, "I'd much rather talk." Trump has told his Pentagon chiefs that he does not want war with Iran, and also undercut his national security adviser, John Bolton, who has been more hawkish.

In his wide-ranging interview with Morgan, Trump was asked about his lack of military service during the Vietnam War, which Trump has claimed was because of bone spurs in his foot, a claim that has been met with scepticism. He said he was "never a fan" of that particular war, and insisted that Vietnam had been barely known of. "At that time, nobody ever heard of the country," he said.

REMEMBERING D-DAY: Britain's Queen Elizabeth arrives at an event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, in Portsmouth, England. French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Theresa May, Prince Charles, US President Donald Trump and his wife Melania are also seen. *Reuters*

OTHER KEY QUOTES

ON TRANSGENDER BAN IN US MILITARY
"They take massive amounts of drugs. They have to. You're in the military; you're not allowed to take any drugs."

ON AVOIDING DRAFT FOR VIETNAM WAR
"I was never a fan of that war... You're talking about Vietnam and at that time nobody had ever heard of the country."

Asked if he would have joined the war if not for the bone spurs, Trump said, "I would not have minded that at all; I would have been honoured."

Morgan was at his most adversarial when he asked why Trump claimed to support rights for homosexuals, bisexuals and transgender people, but was enforcing a ban on transgender people serving in the military. Trump repeatedly cast it as an economic decision, and suggested transgender people were signing up for service as a way to have surgical costs covered. "They take massive amounts of drugs. They have to," he said, adding, "You're in the military; you're not allowed to take any drugs." Morgan interjected: "The US military spends a lot more money, for example, on giving Viagra to servicemen," he said, "than it does on actual medical bills of transgender people." **NYT**

High heels necessary, Japan minister says after #KuToo petition

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TOKYO, JUNE 5

JAPAN'S HEALTH and labour minister has defended workplaces that require women to wear high heels to work, arguing it is "necessary and appropriate" after a petition was filed against the practice.

The remark came when Takumi Nemoto was asked to comment on a petition by a group of women who want the government to ban workplaces from requiring female jobseekers and employees to wear high heels.

"It is socially accepted as something that falls with the realm of being occupationally necessary and appropriate," Nemoto told a legislative committee on Wednesday.

The petition was submitted to the labour ministry on Tuesday, and the campaign has been dubbed #KuToo, a play on words from the Japanese word "kutsu" — meaning shoes — and "kutsuu" — meaning "pain", and a reference to the global #MeToo movement against sexual abuse.

A group of women had petitioned the Japanese government to ban employers from requiring women to wear high heels

The movement was launched by actress and freelance writer Yumi Ishikawa and quickly won support from thousands of people online.

Campaigners say wearing high heels is seen as near-obligatory when job hunting or working at many Japanese companies.

Some campaigners describe high heels as akin to modern foot-binding while others have urged a loosening of dress codes in the Japanese workplace, where business suits for men are ubiquitous.

In 2015, the director of the Cannes Film Festival apologised after a controversy blew up over women being denied access to the red carpet for not wearing high heels.

QUIETLY PRODDING CHINA'S POLITICAL CONSCIENCE WITH CARTOONS

Mysterious Chinese political cartoonist Badiucao unmasked at last

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BEIJING, JUNE 5

POLITICAL CARTOONIST Badiucao still remembers the sultry Shanghai afternoon when he stumbled upon a video about the Tiananmen massacre of 1989 — and his world turned upside down.

It was 2007, and he and his law school roommates had been watching a pirated movie when suddenly it cut to a documentary that was apparently spliced in. The three-hour film first showed crowds of young Chinese holding pro-democracy banners in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Then Chinese army tanks rolled into the city and troops began firing on the people.

During the military campaign, which began on the night of June 3 and ended the next day, hundreds or perhaps thousands were killed.

The four roommates, all in their early 20s, sat in the dark, speechless. Until that moment, Badiucao recalled, he had been just another good, apolitical kid from a working-class Shanghai family. He was only three years old during the crackdown, but seeing the soldiers turn their guns on the students and civilians, he said, felt personal, like "dropping from heaven to hell".

The student protesters had been so young and carefree, he thought, he could easily have imagined himself there.

Badiucao posted street art in Melbourne on Monday, the day before the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen crackdown. *NYT*

Questions began racing through his mind: Why had he not learned about this before? What were the names of the victims? Was it even real?

"We were always told that this is a new era, we have left history behind and we have a good life," Badiucao said in an interview from Melbourne, Australia, where he now lives. "But seeing the documentary made me believe that China was the same and under the control of the Communist Party, it would never change."

Badiucao's political awakening explains to a degree why the ruling Communist Party goes to great lengths to quash discussion of the Tiananmen massacre, which could undermine its legitimacy. Badiucao is also an example of how some young Chinese — who are better educated and expect a fairer and more just society — are willing to take action in pursuit of such ideals, as have a group of Marxist students whose fight for labour rights has run into trouble.

In the decade since that life-changing afternoon, Badiucao (pronounced bah-diyoo-tsow) has tried to hold power to account through his satirical cartoons. He uses bold colours and images that are loud — sometimes vulgar, critics say — to take on everything from the Chinese leadership's authoritarian tendencies to the complicity of Western companies in Chinese censorship.

The cartoonist first gained popularity by posting his work under the randomly chosen pseudonym "Badiucao" on the Chinese social media site Sina Weibo. But authorities in China moved quickly to limit his reach, and by his own count, his social media accounts have been shut down 37 times over the years. His main social media platform these days is Twitter, which is blocked in China.

In one of his cartoons, called "Tiananmen Mother's Day", an older woman bends over to plant a red rose into a tank. Another features a simple line drawing of Liu Xiaobo, the Chinese intellectual and Nobel Peace laureate who helped negotiate an exit for student protesters in 1989 and later died in prison, and his wife, Liu Xia.

Until recently, Badiucao worked under complete anonymity. After finishing law school in Shanghai, he moved to Australia where he eventually obtained citizenship and got a job as a preschool teacher. He went to great lengths to hide his identity for the sake of his own safety and that of his family back in China; no one, not even his parents, knew that he was moonlighting as a dissident cartoonist. **NYT**

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹33,370	₹69.26	$61.03*	₹37,850

Equity, bullion and forex markets were closed on Wednesday on account of Id-Ul-Fitr; *Indian basket as on June 4, 2019

SENSEX: 40,083.54 ▼ 184.08 **NIFTY:** 12,021.65 ▼ 66.90 **NIKKEI:** 20,776.10 ▲ 367.56 **HANG SENG:** 26,895.44 ▲ 133.92 **FTSE:** 7,255.48 ▲ 41.19 **DAX:** 12,024.89 ▲ 53.72

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
PHARMACEUTICALS

Panel to firms: Prove that 324 combination drugs are safe to use

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

The medicines, known as fixed dose combinations, were declared 'irrational' by a Health Ministry panel set up in 2014

A DRUG advisory body sub-committee has asked pharmaceutical companies to prove that 324 combination medicines are safe and effective for patients to consume in order to decide whether these drugs should continue to be sold in India.

These medicines, known as fixed dose combinations (FDCs), were declared "irrational" by a Health Ministry expert committee set up in 2014 headed by former KLE University Vice-Chancellor, CK Kokate. An FDC is a cocktail medicine with two or more therapeutic ingredients packed in a single dose and administered in various forms, including syrups, tablets, inhalers, injections and skin creams. When an FDC is "irrational", there may not be a rationale for creating such a combination and it may not be safe for use, effective or required.

To give an opportunity to drug makers to defend the 324 FDCs, the sub-committee has given the companies until June 30 to submit and present "precise data". The committee is expected to submit its recommendations by July.

EXPLAINED

It has sought various details, including of whether the combinations were approved by apex drug regulator, which other countries they are sold in and proof that they are safe for consumption. The sub-committee has asked if these drugs were approved and marketed in India before 1988 — a cut-off that several drug makers have used in the last three years in court cases to get lifted ban on their combination drugs.

The drugs in the latest list are not the same as 350 FDCs that Health Ministry had attempted to ban in 2016 and 2017, which included popular cough syrups and painkillers like Phensedyl and Saridon. Unlike the previous list of FDCs, which were altogether valued over Rs 2,500 crore, the new list consists of combinations that contribute much less to the Indian pharmaceutical market at present. Yet, brands by larger pharma companies might figure in the latest list, as per data from pharmaceutical market research firm AIOCD Awacs PharmaTrac. This includes cough syrups, painkillers, certain eye drops, injections and dermatological products. Eight of the drugs in the list alone contribute around Rs 454 crore, with combinations like painkiller aceclofenac + paracetamol and diabetic kidney disease drug taurine + acetylcysteine contributing around Rs 290 crore and Rs 65 crore each, as per PharmaTrac.

The Kokate Committee discussed a total of 418 FDCs "in detail" in consultation with subject experts of relevant therapeutic areas, examined "all" the data submitted by the companies and also reviewed scientific data before it declared these 324 FDCs "irrational", according to minutes of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) that formed the sub-committee to look into the issue in April.

"The FDCs which have been declared as irrational needs to be prohibited under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 as other safer alternatives to those combinations are available," stated the Committee's report, as cited by DTAB. Senior government officials earlier told *The Indian Express* that India has become a "dumping ground" for irrational FDCs, with thousands of combinations being sold in the market.

SFIO CHARGESHEET

'IFIN audit panel connived with management to misrepresent a/c'

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

'COMMITTEE DIDN'T LOOK INTO VALUE EROSION'

- **The Committee did not look into issue of diminution of investments in IL&FS firms and violation of related party transaction (RPT) framework**
- **These incorrect financial reports were also used for the borrowings from the market and for luring the investors investing the public money**

IN ITS chargesheet filed in the case involving IL&FS Financial Services, the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) has charged that the Audit Committee of IFIN failed to discharge its duties in detecting various accounting and valuation irregularities by the company and its top management.

The Committee did not look into the issue of diminution of investments in various IL&FS group companies and violation of related party transaction (RPT) framework. The chargesheet alleges that the audit committee effectively connived with the management of IFIN in misrepresenting its half-yearly accounts, and thereby getting favourable ratings from credit rating agencies.

The issue of diminution related to long-term investments in IL&FS Engineering and Construction Co. Limited, ITNL, Pipavav Defence & Offshore Engineering Co Limited, Electrosteel Steels Limited, Tech Mahindra Limited and Tata Steel Limited, TTSL, MCX-SX and John Energy Limited. The SFIO investigation team noticed the Audit Committee did not delve beyond the management estimates to independently evaluate the investments. By not dealing with diminution of investments, the Audit Committee effectively connived with the management of IFIN in misrepresenting its half-yearly accounts.

"By acceding to postpone valuation by 6 months (2 reporting quarters), the Committee concurred to defer provision of diminution in books of accounts over two reporting quarters. The Committee overlooked the numerous impairment indicators in contravention of the Accounting Standards and principle of prudence and conservatism, while doing so. The above diminution in value would have adversely affected the rating and borrowing program of the company. Thus, the Audit Committee actively connived with the management to misrepresent the financials of the company and the health of the company to prospective investors," the SFIO noted in its report. These incorrect half-yearly financial statements were of "great significance" as these were being used to get new rating and various surveillance ratings.

These incorrect financial reports were also used for the borrowings from the market and for luring the investors investing the public money.

The Committee further connived with the management in not critically examining the RPT policy and in correcting the deficiencies in the policy as pointed out by an internal auditor. Amendments in the definition of exempt RPTs, arms length criteria and ordinary course of business were approved in the RPT policy, which was against the intent of the legislature, to place check and balances on related party transactions, SFIO said.

"No due diligence was made regarding the group investments by IFIN in November/December 2017 in group entities, which were initially mentioned as advances. The above observation ... proves that at times the facilities had remained overdue non-performing but the same were never taken up for provisioning or income reversals even up to 1 year," it said. The SFIO, therefore concluded that "the audit committee failed to discharge the duties enshrined on it under the Companies Act read with the corresponding provisions of RBI with regard to the registered NBFCs. The audit committee had failed to conduct itself in an independent and impartial manner. It had failed to conduct an independent enquiry into the affairs of the allegations which are made against the management of the company."

The massive loan default by IL&FS group and its subsidiary companies starting last September rattled financial markets, prompting the government to supersede its board.

The IL&FS group liabilities are more than Rs 90,000 crore to banks, mutual funds and finance companies among others. After the IL&FS group started defaulting on its debt, financial sector entities including NBFCs, mutual funds, corporate-focused lenders have faced liquidity challenges. IFIN alone had borrowings of around Rs 17,500 crore through debt instruments and bank loans.

IRDAI hikes third party insurance on small, medium cars by 12-12.5%

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MUMBAI, JUNE 5

NEW CATEGORIES

- **IRDAI HAS introduced new categories for electric vehicles and Quadricycle in the private car segment**
- **ELECTRIC VEHICLES have been introduced on the basis of motor power and their rates are around 15 per cent lower than that of traditional fuel vehicles**

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has increased the third party (TP) motor insurance premium for small and medium private cars by 12-12.5 per cent for 2019-20. It has also proposed a hike in TP premium for two-wheelers and heavy vehicles for the current year.

The new rates will come into effect from June 16. The insurance regulator had in March deferred the hike in third party insurance premium due to the elections.

IRDAI has proposed a 12 per cent hike in private cars below 1000 cc engine to Rs 2,072 and a 12.50 per cent increase to Rs 3,221 for cars with engine capacity of 1000-1500 cc. In May, IRDAI had proposed a hike of 14.6 per cent and 15.26 per cent in premium, respectively, for these two categories but reduced the rates after getting feedback from the public. There is no change in the premium of Rs 7,890 for cars above 1500 cc capacity. In the case of two-wheelers (between 150 cc and 350 cc), it has increased the TP insurance cover by 21.11 per cent to Rs 1,193. For two-wheelers between 75 cc and 150 cc, it hiked TP rate by 4.44 per cent to Rs 752. The premium for two-wheelers above 350 cc remains at Rs 2,323.

In the case of goods carriers with gross vehicle weight (GVW) up to 7,500 kg, it has decided to increase the TP premium from Rs 14,390 to Rs 15,746, for vehicles with GVW between 7500 kg to 12,000 kg, the rate will go up from Rs 24,190 to Rs 26,935 and for vehicles between 12,000 kg to 20,000 kg, the rate will rise from Rs 32,367 to Rs 33,418.

IRDAI has introduced two new categories. In these, the electric vehicles have been introduced on the basis of motor power and their rates are around 15 per cent lower than that of traditional fuel vehicles. The other one is the category of Quadricycle in the private car segment where the rates have been kept at par with the traditional fuel vehicles to give a boost to this new emerging segment.

In the commercial segment too, two new categories have been introduced. The first one is the quadricycle, which is an upcoming segment for intra-city shared mobility. TP rates are kept as PCV (public carrying vehicle) 3W rates for this upgraded version which is likely to help the industry to promote the vehicle segment in the market. The second new category to be introduced is the school bus with rates kept lower than other buses.

"This will bring in a further categorisation in the risk segment between school and route buses. This will serve as an incentive for a segment which has a lower loss experience ... " said Gurneesh Khurana, president and business head — motor, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

In March 2019, IRDAI had decided not to increase the annual premium for Third Party (TP) policies until further orders. Insurers were then expecting TP premium, currently regulated by IRDAI, to rise by 20-30 per cent going by last 6 years' trend. Over the last 6 years, third-party premiums increased by 29 per cent for car and 23 per cent for two-wheelers on an average. "The new TP rates have been quite customer-centric and keeping in mind the developments in the automobile industry. The rates for long term policies for new private vehicles have been kept the same," Khurana said.

Every year, the regulator decides the third party insurance premium that remains the same across all the insurers. The premium is evaluated considering the annual claims data of all insurers across different cubic/engine capacity of the vehicle. As per The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, it is mandatory to insure vehicles with at least third-party insurance cover.

'Rate cut unlikely to stimulate growth in near term'

A rate cut by the RBI in second bi-monthly monetary policy statement for 2019-20 is unlikely to stimulate demand in near term due to absence of quick resonance in financial market, India Ratings and Research said

FY19 GROWTH AT 5-YR LOW OF 6.8%: There is widespread expectation that the central bank would cut policy rate Thursday to prop up growth which has hit a five year-low of 6.8 per cent in FY19

SLOWDOWN IN HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS: At the core of this mismatch between the RBI's action and the banks' inability to pass on the benefit to the borrowers is the slowdown in household savings

FUND MOBILISATION DEARER: Increased government borrowing and elevated small savings rate have rendered deposit/investment mobilisation by banks/NBFCs expensive fuelled or leveraged demand

LOW CONSUMPTION DEMAND: India's consumption demand is still not a pronounced credit

CRISIS IN BANKING, SHADOW BANKING SECTORS: The impact of monetary policy on Indian economy is often delayed, but the current situation is more complicated due to the ongoing crisis in the banking and the shadow banking sectors

NO ADJUSTMENT FROM BANKS: Despite the RBI cutting policy rate by 50 basis point so far in calendar year 2019, banks have not adjusted their lending/deposit rates accordingly, but instead many have raised their deposit rates to mobilise funds

In May, services sector activity growth slips to 12-month low: PMI

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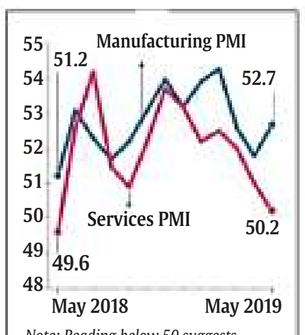

Note: Reading below 50 suggests contraction and above it indicates expansion. Source: Nikkei, IHS Markit

THE PACE of activities in the services sector softened for a third straight month and hit a one-year trough in May, as election-related uncertainties had weighed on fresh orders. The seasonally-adjusted Nikkei India Services Business Activity Index, published by IHS Markit, hit 50.2 in May, against 51 in April. A reading above 50 suggests expansion, while below it signals contraction.

Inflows of new business orders at service providers rose at the slowest pace in eight months.

Services sector firms indicated that delayed client payments prevented them from working on their outstanding business. Although backlogs have increased throughout the past three years, the accumulation recorded in May was the weakest, as per the survey. The data comes at a time when GDP growth hit a five-year low of 5.8 per cent in March quarter. **FE**

Rating agencies downgrade DHFL to default status

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CRISIL, CARE RATINGS AND ICRA REVISE RATING

- **Crisil, Care Ratings and ICRA have downgraded the rating on Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited to the 'D' category**
- **Rating revision takes into account delay in servicing of obligations, stretched liquidity profile and limited visibility on fresh funding**

RATING AGENCIES Crisil, Care Ratings and ICRA have downgraded the rating on Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) to the 'D' category indicating that certain debt instruments of DHFL are in "default or are expected to be in default soon".

Care Ratings said it has downgraded DHFL's bank facilities of Rs 42,713 crore, non-convertible debentures of Rs 46,655 crore, fixed deposits of Rs 8,940 crore and subordinated debt of Rs 2,205 crore to the 'D' category. The total liabilities of DHFL downgraded to the D category amount to Rs 102,563 crore, it said.

The downgrade of DHFL is expected to exacerbate the already parlous liquidity situation in the non-banking financial companies (NBFC) sector.

Care Ratings said the rating revision takes into account the recent instance of delay in servicing of obligations with respect to some of the non-convertible debentures by DHFL due to prolonged liquidity stress.

"The liquidity profile of the company continues to remain stressed on account of delay in identification and induction of strategic investor and limited progress on generating additional liquidity mainly through builder loan book sell down and securitisation. The ratings have been removed from credit watch with negative implications," it said.

"There has been a deterioration in liquidity profile of DHFL with cash and liquid investments decreasing from Rs.4,668 crore (including SLR) as on March 31, 2019 to Rs 2,775 crore (including SLR) as on April 30, 2019. As per liquidity statement as on April 30, 2019, the company was envisaging cumulative cash inflows of around Rs 6,600 crore from June 2019 to August 2019 as against scheduled cumulative cash outflows of around Rs 10,780 crore during the same period thereby reflecting a negative cumulative mismatch of around Rs.4,180 crore," Care Ratings said.

Crisil has downgraded commercial papers (CP) issued by DHFL to 'default' or 'D' category from A4+ after the firm missed interest payment on its NCDs on Tuesday. "DHFL has Rs 850 crore of outstanding CPs of which Rs 750 crore is due in June 2019. The first CP maturity is on June 7, 2019. With liquidity inadequate as on date to service debt and visibility very low on timely fund raising, Crisil expects the CP to be in default on maturity," Crisil said.

Rating firm ICRA has downgraded the rating on the Rs 850-crore commercial paper programme of DHFL to 'ICRA D' from 'ICRA A4'. The rating revision factors in further deterioration in company's liquidity profile and delays in meeting scheduled debt obligation on June 4, 2019. "While the mentioned debt is not rated by ICRA, given the stretched liquidity profile and limited visibility on fresh funding, the company is unlikely to be able to service its debt obligation with regard to commercial paper programme in a timely manner," ICRA said. "The company has Rs 750 crore commercial paper (CP) programme maturing in June 2019 with first repayment on June 7. Given stretched liquidity position and limited visibility on fund raising, the company is unlikely to be able to service its debt obligation with regard to commercial paper programme in a timely manner," it said. Though the firm's borrowing profile is well diversified, recent industry wide stress in liquidity has increased dependence on securitisation. Moreover, DHFL is dependent on the refinancing of maturing liabilities, given the relatively longer tenure of loans inherent in housing finance industry, ICRA said.

While reliance on short-term borrowings through commercial papers has declined, the company would continue to depend on portfolio sales to meet its debt obligations till fresh funding resumes, ICRA said. DHFL reported a net fixed deposit outflow of Rs 1,356 crore during September 24, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The share of housing loans on balance sheet declined to 48 per cent as on December 31, 2018 from 55 per cent as on March 31, 2018 owing to the significant securitisation of home loan portfolio in Q3 FY2019.

"The project loan portfolio remains relatively unseasoned as the project loan book is recently originated and a large portion remains under moratorium. DHFL's ability to maintain asset quality indicators will be a key rating monitorable, going forward," it said.

DHFL had a loan portfolio of Rs 91,930 crore as on March 31, 2018. The housing finance firm has total asset size of Rs 1,07,436 crore as on March 31, 2018.

WORLDWIDE DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE 2019

Made in India, but for the world: Why Indian developers have to look outside for revenue

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
SAN JOSE, JUNE 5

Many developers have no option but to choose an ad-funded model to sustain themselves, especially in the Indian market. The success of paid services in India in recent times seems to have given some firms confidence to try unique models

"MADE IN India, but made for the world." This seems to be the mantra of Indian developers at Apple's annual Worldwide Developers Conference. While this does mean Indian developers have been successful in creating apps that are popular across the world, it also underlines the sad fact that most of these products are not successful within India, especially if they are paid apps.

Mohit Sureka, founder and CEO of Spiel Studios which created the popular Man vs Missile app, says most of his 5 million downloads have happened in US and China.

The app has a freemium model for monetisation where users spend to get upgrades or past a hurdle, so it helps most of his users in geographies where people are willing to spend on games. "They (China) are the users who don't mind spending on a game or getting a subscription," says Mumbai-based Sureka, adding that US is still the number one market. "Getting into the top 10 there is success by default because you would end up with 1,00,000 downloads a day," he explains, again highlighting why I didn't make much sense to create a gaming app just for India.

Take the case of Note Shelf for instance. With over 4 million paid users globally, Fluid Touch's app is a success in any sense of the term. But in India, the $10 app, despite all its great features and low latency note-taking capabilities, will struggle to find users.

"People are not addicted to notes, unlike games, music or even sports. So the scale is just not there. If we have a 100 million users, we can make a living with a freemium model, but not with the numbers we have," explains CEO Rama Krishna who runs his venture out of Hyderabad.

While it will be easier for Indian developers to make Android apps and thus get bigger numbers, they know those users are even more averse to paying for apps.

In fact, Krishna's app has got Google funding to be on Android where he now gets paid for each download. "That is till a threshold number, after that we are on our own. I will have to cut the price to $1 on Android to get the numbers," he adds.

So many developers have no option but to choose an ad-funded model to sustain themselves, especially in the Indian market. Man vs Missile for instance gets 60 per cent of its revenues from ads. "But the ECPMs are so low in India that we make the same revenue with a tenth of the same users in the US market," Sureka says, underlining how even this is not a great solution. This is where WWDC becomes a good opportunity for Indian developers to not just learn how to make their apps better, but also to learn ways to marketing it better in markets like US and Europe where Apple is very strong and revenues much better.

But the success of paid services in India in recent times seems to have given some companies confidence to try unique models. Enpass Password Manager by Gurgaon-based Sinew Software Systems private limited is a good story in this context. Despite lacking users in India, the $10 app has over 2 million users globally. On top of this, their product is used by other partners to protect their customers. Founder Hemant Kumar explains that 93 per cent of his users are from US and Europe, and very few are in India.

"That's because this is an expensive app. To cover this we are now looking at a subscription model where the user will be able to get the app for as low as Rs 70 per month," he says on how we wants to soften the blow of the purchase, especially in comparison to his competitors. It helps that since his app does not store any user data, it also does not need to spend on cloud storage.

The author is in San Jose on the invite of Apple

In a 'first', Gujarat to launch trading system with incentive for low polluting industries

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

GUJARAT ON Wednesday launched a market-based trading system to reduce air pollution, where the government sets a cap on emissions and allows industries to buy and sell permits to stay below the cap.

Touted to be the world's "first" emissions trading system for particulate pollution, the programme is being piloted in Surat as it is a densely populated industrial centre where textile and dye mills release a "significant" amount of air pollution. Going forward, the programme is expected to be used as a model for other parts of India to reduce air pollution and facilitate "robust economic growth", stated the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) in a release following the move.

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) has teamed up with researchers from EPIC and other institutions like the Harvard Kennedy School, Yale University and the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab to evaluate the programme's benefits and costs.

"As the first market-based approach to regulating pollution emissions in India, it is expected to drastically reduce air pollution at a low cost to both government and industry and provide best practices for replicating trading schemes to other emissions," stated EPIC. The emissions trading programme will be experimentally tested to understand its impacts on emissions, industry costs and regulatory costs, it said.

"The history of cap-and-trade programmes also reveals that by unleashing market forces, they greatly reduce the costs that industries incur complying with regulations," it added.

The programme, first announced in January, takes advantage of GPCB's earlier innovation of using continuous emissions monitoring systems to track industry emissions in real time. About 350 industries around Surat have installed these systems and now transmit real-time, "high-quality" emissions data.

"With this programme, we are kicking off a new era of cleaner production, while lowering industry compliance costs and rewarding plants that cut pollution in low-cost ways," said GPCB chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar Gupta. "We believe using this market-based system will prove that rapid economic growth, ease of doing business, and breathing clean air can all be achieved at the same time."

In 2015, GPCB worked with the same research team to design, test, and implement a new way of carrying out industrial pollution audits, preventing issues arising from third-party auditors being paid by the plants that they are responsible for testing. Globally, cap-and-trade systems have been used to reduce other forms of pollution, such as programmes that have reduced sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in the US.

However, particulate air pollution is "the single greatest threat" to human health globally, stated EPIC. The institute's Air Quality Life Index, which measures the impact of particulate air pollution on life expectancy, finds that it cuts global life expectancy short by about two years.

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REPORT BASED ON COMPARATIVE STUDY OF 21 NATIONS

Retail e-payment transactions jump 95% in FY19: RBI report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 5

DRIVEN BY efforts aimed at "higher financial inclusion and adoption of mobile payments", India posted an accelerated growth rate of 95 per cent in the volume of retail electronic payment transactions in 2018-19, a Reserve Bank of India report said.

Earlier, the growth rates were 71 per cent in 2015-16, 65 per cent in 2016-17 and 51 per cent in 2017-18. The high growth in FY19 was largely due to steep growth in Unified Payments Interface (UPI). "Card (debit and credit) payment is an important payment instrument which has replaced the use of cash at least in retail outlets and e-commerce sites," the RBI's 'Benchmarking India's Payment Systems' report stated.

The volume of credit card transactions at PoS (point of sale) terminals and online was 1,762.59 million, valued at Rs 603,348 crore, in FY19. In the case of debit cards, there were 4,414.28 transactions valued at Rs 593,475 crore.

The RBI undertook a comprehensive exercise for benchmarking India's payment systems by selecting a mix of 21 nations, spread across all continents, which included Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Turkey, the UK and the US.

"Despite the cost of digital transactions, the volume of payment transactions in India grew strongly and steadily at a compounded annual rate of over 40 per cent after 2012 and 2017, showing an appetite for modes of payment other than cash," read the report prepared by the Reserve Bank's Department of Payment and Settlement Systems.

Payment system transactions in 2017 grew by 44.8 per cent over the previous year (over a strong year-on-year growth of 56.4 per cent in 2016) even after cash availability normalised after demonetisation, showing that non-cash payments were slowly becoming a habit for the users. This is also demonstrated by the growth of 54.3 per cent in FY19 over the previous fiscal, the RBI said.

"The cost of digital transactions is an inhibiting factor for the growth of digital transactions. Merchants have to cash out or transfer to their bank accounts at a cost and at times these costs are passed on to the consumer," the report said.

As of the end of the year 2012, India had 331.60 million and 19.55 million debit and credit cards, respectively, which grew to 861.70 million and 37.49 million, respectively, by the end of 2017. As on March 31, 2019, the number of debit and credit cards issued were 925 million and 47 million, respectively. In terms of debit cards, India is second only to China.

"An interesting fact is that while the debit cards issued were 861.70 million, as per the socio-economic profile only 33 per cent of the population reported having a debit card in 2017. This could be because of some persons having multiple cards and others none. In credit cards, while the growth is strong and better than all the benchmarked countries, there is still a lot of catching up to do so far as total number of cards is concerned," the central bank said.

The RBI report said India's debit and credit card payments is 0.5 times the cash in circulation; one of the lowest ratios amongst the benchmarked nations.

"The result is a combination of India having high levels of cash and low card usage. Indonesia and Japan have ratios comparable with that of India. It may be noted that the level of credit card penetration in India is low when compared to advanced countries... " the report said.

CARD USAGE AT ATM, PoS, ONLINE (FY 2018-19)

	Volume (mn)	Value (Rs cr)	Ticket Size (Rs)	Share volume	Share value
ATM					
Credit Cards	9.77	4,533	4,639.19	0.10%	0.14%
Debit Cards	9,859.61	33,10,789	3,357.93	99.90%	99.86%
PoS & Online					
Credit Cards	1,762.59	603,348	3,423.08	28.54%	50.41%
Debit Cards	4,414.28	593,475	1,344.44	71.46%	49.59%

Swedish experience

Mumbai: In Sweden, going cashless is the norm, especially in large cities, the RBI said in a report. Purchases are made by cards or digitally, like Sweden's most popular payment app, Swish. Many restaurants have stopped accepting cash. Buses and trains do not accept notes and coins, it said.

"This did not cause an adverse reaction in Sweden as everybody had an alternate payment system. Sweden being a pioneer in digital technology has facilitated its move to a cashless society," the RBI said. Strong broadband coverage and a tech savvy population have also contributed. "The dependence on cash can be done away in India only when an alternate is made available to each and every person and the infrastructure is expanded," it said. **ENS**

BRIEFLY

Sitharaman to attend G-20 Fin Mins' meet

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the two-day meeting of G-20 finance ministers and central bank governors in Japan beginning June 8, said a government official. This will be the first overseas visit of Sitharaman as finance minister. Last week she took charge as the first full-time woman finance minister of the country.

Wipro to buy US-based ITI for $45 mn

New Delhi: Information technology major Wipro on Wednesday said it will acquire US-based International TechneGroup Incorporated (ITI) for $45 million. ITI provides computer aided Design and product lifecycle management interoperability software services. **PTI**

Amazon delivery drone to start soon

Las Vegas: Amazon.com Inc has a new drone that will be delivering packages to customers in months, the chief executive of the company's consumer business said Wednesday. The new drone takes off and lands vertically like a helicopter, division CEO Jeff Wilke said at the company's "re:MARS" conference here.

Global gold hovers close to 15-week high

Bengaluru: Spot gold rose 0.4 per cent at $1,329.57 per ounce at 1:55 pm EDT, having pared earlier gains on Wednesday. The prices jumped to their highest in 15 weeks as nagging fears about global trade.

BMW, JLR to develop electric auto parts

Frankfurt: BMW and Jaguar Land Rover on Wednesday said they will jointly develop electric motors, transmissions and power electronics, unveiling another industry alliance aimed at lowering costs of making electric cars. **REUTERS**

EU court says Skype can be classified as telecom operator

FOO YUN CHEE
BRUSSELS, JUNE 5

MICROSOFT'S INTERNET phone call and messaging service Skype can be considered a telecoms operator as it offers a paid-for service and has a deal with network operators to carry calls, Europe's top court said on Wednesday.

A Belgian court and the Belgian Institute of Postal and Telecommunications Service (IBPT) had sought guidance from the European Court of Justice on whether Skype's SkypeOut service, which allows users to call from computers to a fixed or mobile line for a fee, should be subject to the same regulation as a traditional telecoms company.

Skype had argued that it did not transmit signals itself and did not provide any electronic communications services such as those defined by current European Union rules.

Microsoft said it would comply with the ruling, which will require the paid-for service to adhere to more onerous regulation. Seeking to address the gap between traditional telecom providers and new internet-based rivals, the European Commission two years ago adopted rules for the sector known as the European Electronic Communications Code which covers Skype, Whatsapp, Facebook Messenger and other voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services. European Union countries have until the end of 2020 to implement the rules. The case is C-142/18 Skype Communications Sarl v IBPT. **REUTERS**

World Bank retains India's FY20 growth rate at 7.5%

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 5

INDIA IS projected to grow at 7.5 per cent in the next three years supported by robust investment and private consumption, the World Bank said in its report 'Global Economic Prospects' released on Tuesday.

It added that India is estimated to have grown 7.2 per cent in fiscal 2018-19, which ended March 31. A slowdown in government consumption was offset by solid investment, which benefitted from public infrastructure spending.

As against a growth rate of 6.6 per cent in 2018, China's growth rate in 2019 is projected to be dropped to 6.2 per cent and subsequently to 6.1 per cent in 2020 and 6 per cent in 2021, the bank said.

With this, India will continue to retain the position of being the fastest growing emerging economy. And by 2021, its growth rate is projected to be 1.5 per cent more than China's 6 per cent.

According to the World Bank, growth in India is projected at 7.5 per cent in fiscal 2019-20 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020), unchanged from the previous forecast, and to stay at this pace through the next two fiscal years.

"Private consumption and investment will benefit from strengthening credit growth amid more accommodative monetary policy, with inflation having fallen below the Reserve Bank of India's target," it said. **PTI**

OVERVIEW OF WORLD BANK'S 'GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS'

	2018[e]	2019[f]	2020[f]	2021[f]
India*	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.5
China	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.0
US	2.9	2.5	1.7	1.6
Euro Area	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.3
Japan	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Brazil	1.1	1.5	2.5	2.3

Notes: e = estimate; f = forecast
** The column labeled 2018 refers to FY2018/19*
Aggregate growth rates calculated using constant 2010 USD GDP weights

CII comes out with new index to assess Central, state budgets

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE CONFEDERATION of Indian Industry (CII) on Wednesday said it has come out with a 'Fiscal Performance Index' to assess quality of budgets presented by the Centre and state governments. "The composite Fiscal Performance Index (FPI) developed by CII is an innovative tool using multiple indicators to examine quality of Budgets at the Central and State levels," the industry body said in a statement.

The index has been constructed using UNDP's Human Development Index methodology, it said, adding that the proposed composite index of fiscal performance comprises six components for holistic assessment of the quality of budgets.

The index has been created using UNDP's Human Development Index methodology

"These include 1) quality of revenue expenditure: measured by the share of revenue expenditure other than interest payments, subsidies, pensions and defence in GDP. 2) Quality of capital expenditure: measured by share of capital expenditure (other than defence) in GDP. 3) Quality of revenue: ratio of net tax revenue to GDP (own tax revenue in case of States). 4) Degree of fiscal prudence I: fiscal deficit to GDP. 5) Degree of fiscal prudence II: revenue deficit to GDP and 6) Debt index: Change in debt and guarantees to GDP," it added.

Oil slumps 4% on US inventory build

REUTERS
NEW YORK, JUNE 5

OIL PRICES resumed their slide on Wednesday, with West Texas Intermediate crude futures (WTI) dropping more than 4 per cent after US crude inventories unexpectedly surged. Brent futures were down $1.77, or 2.9 per cent at $60.20 a barrel by 1454 GMT, having briefly traded in positive territory early in the session. WTI was down $2.17, or 4 per cent, at $51.31 a barrel.

US crude, gasoline and distillate stocks rose last week, the Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday.

Crude inventories rose 6.8 million barrels in the week to May 31, compared with analyst expectations for a decrease of 849,000 barrels.

"The across-the-board inventory builds makes for a very bearish report," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital.

A surge in imports and a increase in domestic production boosted inventories, he said.

"The inventory gains came despite strong demand for crude oil from refiners and gasoline from drivers," he said.

The rise in refinery runs has paled in comparison to the jump in imports, particularly waterborne imports to the Gulf and West Coasts, said Matt Smith, director of commodity research at ClipperData.

"The stock build does not help sentiment in the current market environment," ING bank said.

Oil prices have fallen sharply on concerns about slowing demand, but won some respite on Tuesday after a global stock market rally on hopes the Fed may trim interest rates.

Equities extended gains on Wednesday.

"Yesterday's upswing on the back of rising stock markets was halted by an unexpectedly sharp rise in US crude oil and product stocks," Commerzbank said.

The oil market has been weighed down by concerns about slowing global growth due to the US-China trade war and US President Donald Trump's threats last week to place tariffs on Mexican imports.

FDI in services sector up 37% in FY19: DPIIT

New Delhi: Foreign direct investment in services sector grew 36.5 per cent to $9.15 billion in 2018-19, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The sector attracted FDI worth $6.7 billion in 2017-18. Services sector includes finance, banking, insurance, outsourcing, R&D, courier, tech testing and analysis.

The Centre has taken several measures like fixing timeliness for approvals and streamlining procedures to improve ease of doing business in the country and attract foreign investments. **PTI**

Mitsubishi Heavy in talks to buy Bombardier's regional jets

REUTERS
MONTREAL/TOKYO, JUNE 5

JAPAN'S MITSUBISHI Heavy Industries Ltd said on Wednesday it is holding talks to buy Bombardier Inc's regional jet program, in a deal that would shake up the market for narrowbody jets with fewer than 100 seats.

Mitsubishi Heavy, which is working to break into aviation with the launch of its own regional jet programme, said by email that it was in discussions but that no decision had been made. Bombardier also confirmed that it was in discussions with Mitsubishi Heavy but did not give any details.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Coimbatore Construction & Maintenance Circle
Notice Inviting Pre - qualification cum Tender - Two Cover system
Tender Notice No. 1 / 2019-20 / HDO / DL 04.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu sealed Schedule Tender is invited for **Shifting of utilities for the Construction of flyover along Athupalam and Ukkadam junction in Coimbatore City (Sub Work) Coimbatore (H), C&M Division.** Approximate Value of Work is **Rs.8.60 crores.** Tender will be received by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Coimbatore upto 3.00 pm** on **26.06.2019** and will be opened at **3.15 pm** on **26.06.2019.**

Details regarding works, Contract Value, EMD, Tender Schedule Cost and other details are available in the following website **htpp://tenders.tn.gov.in (or) http://www.tnhighways.org** any changes in the above notice will be published only in the above websites.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M Circle, Coimbatore – 18

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NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF EQUIPMENTS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED TURNKEY WORKS FOR SETTING UP OF IMMUNOLOGY LABORATORY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RHEUMATOLOGY IN SCB MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CUTTACK

Online Bids through e-Tender portal **(https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipments as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1	OSMCL/2018-19/ EQP-CILR(Retender)/37	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Equipments Including associated Turnkey Works for setting up of Immunology Laboratory for the Department of Rheumatology in SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack	5,600/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	06.06.2019, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	17.06.2019, 11 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		27.06.2019, 3 PM	12.07.2019 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	16.07.2019, 11 AM	
5.	Date of demonstration of Equipment (if required by the Tender Inviting Authority for some equipments)	To be informed to those bidders whose bids are found to be technically responsive based on documents furnished in technical bid.	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Pre qualification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the website: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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No. NIT/2019-20/6709-18 Date: 04.06.2019
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Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
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2	CE/C/Transmission	T.23, T.24	2
3	CE/Tr./SE/Tr.IV	2097	1

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Notice Inviting Sealed Tender and Pre-Bid:
The Director, Regional Medical Research Centre, N.E. Region (ICMR), Dibrugarh, Assam invites **Sealed Tender** in double bid system i.e Technical and Price Bid from the reputed foreign/ Indian manufacturers, authorized dealers/stockists and in case of imported item from their authorized Indian agent for supply & satisfactory installation of the following Equipments/ Instruments for its Research Centre. Interested suppliers are requested to go through the website "**http://www.rmrcne.org.in**" & "**Central Public Procurement Portal (ePublishing)**" for the list of equipments and details specifications and terms & conditions.
The last date of submission of tender/quotation: **3rd July 2019.**

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER
Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work: **Name of Work:** Provision of Quick Train Watering System at Chiplun Railway Station over Konkan Railway route, Maharashtra State. **Tender Notice No.:** KR-W-09-2019-04. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 169.11 Lakhs (Including GST). **Closing Date/Time:** 27.06.2019 up to 15.00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion Period:** Eight Months excluding monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit https://ireps.gov.in website for details / participation. Corrigendum / Addendum will be hosted in this website only.

PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY

A way out

China is getting tough on those who fail to pay their debts

People standing on escalators in Shanghai pass an electronic screen showing information of runaway debt. *Reuters*

THE CASE of Mr Ke, a carpenter from the eastern city of Taizhou who fell deep into debt, may one day be noted in histories of China's financial evolution. On May 9th a local court announced that it had arranged for Mr Ke's liabilities to be written off. This was made possible by what state media described as the country's first ever regulations concerning the clearing of personal debt. Sadly, for now, they only apply in Taizhou.

Mr Ke—the court did not reveal his full name—had fallen victim to fraud eight years ago. By last year the 54-year-old's debts totalled 480,000 yuan ($70,000), owed to three banks. But the court took account of Mr Ke's predicament. He has no income, a home with only one room and less than 100 yuan in savings—the equivalent of what he would earn in under seven hours on the local minimum wage.

In America, Europe and many other countries Mr Ke's problems would have been swiftly handled according to national regulations on bankruptcy. China, however, still has no such rules for discharging penniless people's debts. Officials in Taizhou say Mr Ke is the first beneficiary of a procedure the city's own judiciary devised for dealing with such cases. It is modelled on China's law relating to the winding-up of insolvent firms.

For an individual in China, it is easy to fall into debt without being spendthrift. Most at risk are the many millions of people who run small businesses. They often have to give a personal guarantee for their business-related borrowings. Medical bills are another common cause of ruin, as are natural disasters. After an enormous earthquake in the southwestern province of Sichuan a decade ago, thousands of families who had lost their homes were asked to pay off their mortgages.

In recent years easier access to consumer credit has been creating new risks for many people. The Chinese government has been cautiously promoting such borrowing because it wants people to spend more and thereby give the economy a boost and reduce its reliance on investment. The amount of household debt in China was about half of its GDP at the end of last year, up from less than one-third in 2013. In America the ratio of such debt to gdp is a little over 75%. China is catching up fast as its citizens make increasing use of mortgages, credit cards, bank loans and online lenders of varying repute. There may be much lending through the internet that is not captured by official statistics.

Debtors who cannot keep up with payments can face horrors. First, there are the debt collectors. Agencies that employ them are becoming more professional. But late payers are still prone to abuse, especially if they have borrowed from shady people. State-controlled media say the collectors' tactics have included threatening debtors with red liquids while claiming to have HIV. Two years ago a 22-year-old man was jailed for life after stabbing and killing a collector who, he alleged, had exposed himself to his mother (after an outcry, his sentence was cut to five years). Some collectors have worked out how to track their targets by hacking their instant-messaging apps. In February police said they had arrested a man who was selling people's locations for one yuan per pinpoint.

Then there are the lenders themselves. Disreputable ones have required borrowers to surrender the contacts stored on their mobile phones, so that family and colleagues can be hassled if payments are missed. Others have asked female borrowers to submit photos of themselves with no clothes on, to be released if they default. Reports abound of suicides by women in debt who fear being subjected to such humiliation. Some have been forced to provide sexual favours in return for having their photos kept under wraps.

The government could do more to reduce unnecessary suffering. It is already trying to educate the public about the risks of borrowing and to eradicate the most shady lenders. But a personal bankruptcy law is also urgently needed. Reformers had hoped to create one during an overhaul of China's corporate insolvency laws, which was completed in 2006. In the end lawmakers balked, fearing it would encourage the country's legions of debt-dodgers. Such people could easily hide assets from creditors by transferring them to friends and relatives, or by means as simple as burying their cash.

Since then, however, better property-registration systems have made it harder to conceal the ownership of assets. The spread of non-cash payment services has enabled people's spending to be tracked more readily. The growth of credit-rating services has given lenders more confidence that those with bad histories can easily be identified.

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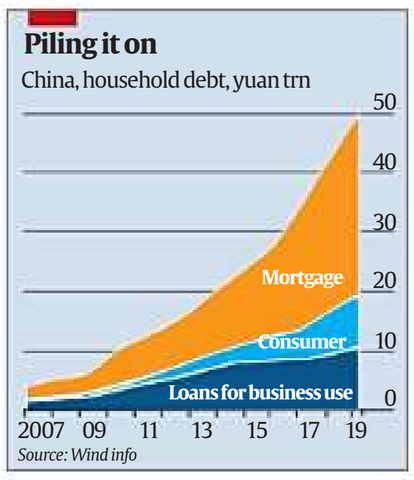
Lately the government has introduced tougher measures to make sure that individuals and legal representatives of businesses comply with court orders to repay debts. It is placing defaulters on blacklists. Those named are barred from taking flights or high-speed trains, staying in luxury hotels or sending their children to fee-paying schools (because, if they have money to spend on such things, they should be using it to service their debt). They can also be denied certain kinds of business licences and some state-sector jobs. In 2017 a county in the eastern province of Jiangsu introduced automated messages that would be heard by people who made phone calls to blacklisted debtors, telling them to "urge the person to fulfil his legal obligations".



Many people support the use of these sweeping and intrusive sanctions. However, honest-but-unlucky people whose borrowings are genuinely unmanageable urgently need help getting out of their predicament. The supreme court reckons that, in nearly one-fifth of civil and commercial lawsuits that are dealt with by courts, defendants are incapable of paying the sums required of them by judges.

Introducing a personal bankruptcy system would help those who need a respite as well as reduce financial risks, says Li Shuguang of the China University of Political Science and Law. It might also help the economy by getting people swiftly back into business. An opportunity could arise in June, when lawmakers in Beijing will start discussing yet another round of changes to the country's corporate bankruptcy law. Legal scholars hope that regulations concerning personal bankruptcy can be bundled with these amendments. Otherwise a separate law will be needed, says Chi Weihong, a lawyer and former judge. That could take several years.

The government seems unsure what the scope should be of any rules on personal bankruptcy. Should they apply to overspending consumers or only to unlucky entrepreneurs? They worry about moral hazard, and whether China's courts have the capacity to handle a flurry of individual bankruptcy cases. Drafting such rules is complicated by widely held prejudices against people who fall into debt, says Huifen Yin of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law. The government should start by accepting that people can make innocent mistakes.

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SATELLITES VERSUS ASTRONOMERS

Blinded by the light

The unexpected brightness of new satellites could ruin the night sky

'TWAS QUITE a show: a train of illuminated dots moving across the sky, many of them as bright as Polaris, the north star. These were not new astronomical objects, however. Rather, they were the first tranche of satellites for Starlink, a project intended to provide internet access across the globe. These were launched into orbit on May 24th by SpaceX, an American rocketry firm.

Seeing satellites from the ground with the naked eye is nothing new. But astronomers (professional and amateur) were surprised, and unhappy, at just how many and how bright the Starlink satellites appeared to be. Quite a few of them took to Twitter to raise the alarm and post pictures and videos of the blazing birds. Their worry was that these satellites and their successors could change the night sky for ever. If the initial 60 members of the Starlink network were already causing noticeable light pollution, they reasoned, how bad would it get once the full constellation of 12,000 had been launched?

For those who enjoy watching the night sky for pleasure it would surely be sad, for it would more than triple the number of man-made objects in the firmament and thus further degrade the natural beauty of the heavens—a beauty already diminished in many places by light pollution from the ground. For those involved in investigating the universe scientifically, though, it may be more than merely sad. In some cases it could be job-threatening.

Preliminary analysis shows, for example, that almost every image from the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope in Chile, currently nearing completion and intended to photograph the entire available sky every few nights when it is operational, could contain a satellite trail. These can be edited out, but each correction destroys valuable data. It is possible that some experiments, such as regularly timed observations of the variation in behaviour of astronomical objects, will no longer be feasible.

Optical astronomers thus have cause to be nervous about Starlink. For radio astronomers its impact may be even more serious. The satellites' mode of operation necessarily requires them to send radio signals back to Earth, all of which will be stronger than any signal arriving from deep space. This can be accommodated to a certain extent by knowing which frequencies the satellites are broadcasting on, and adjusting accordingly. But exactly how badly radio observatories are affected will depend on how well the satellites manage to confine their broadcasts within those frequencies, which remains to be seen.

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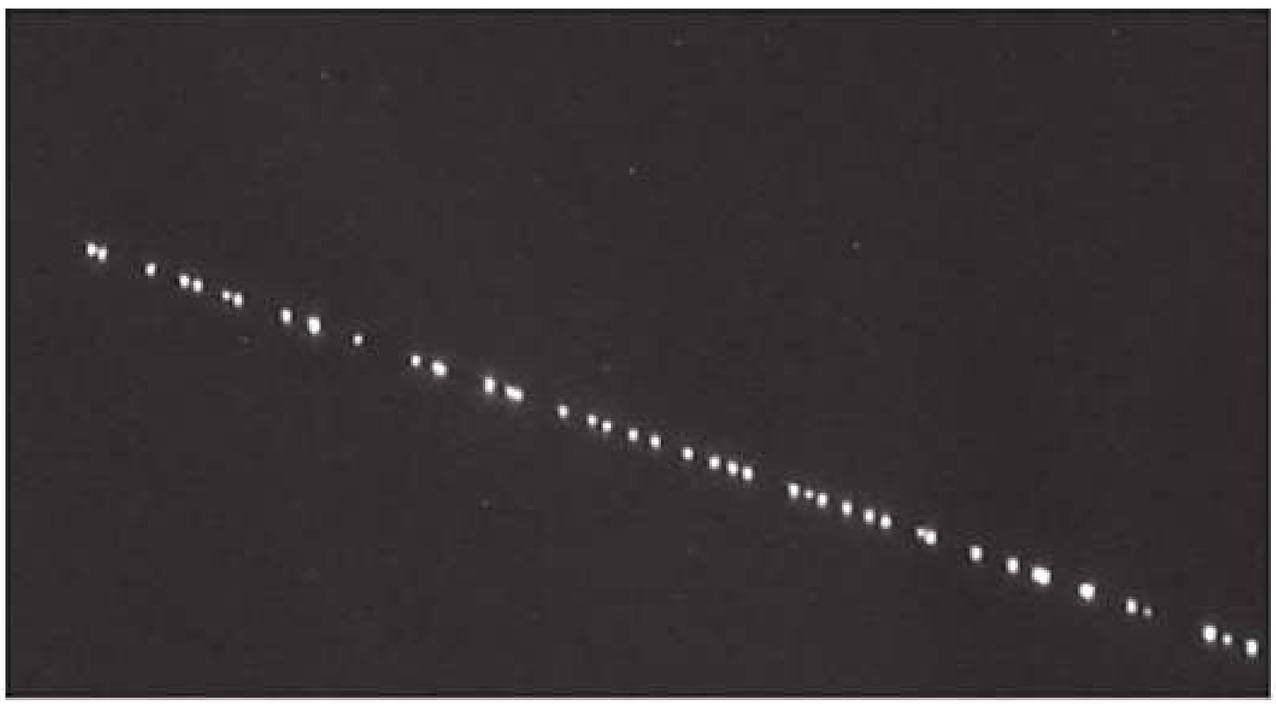
Elon Musk, SpaceX's boss, initially dismissed astronomers' concerns, tweeting at the weekend that there were "already 4,900 satellites in orbit, which people notice ~0% of the time. Starlink won't be seen by anyone unless looking very carefully & will have ~0% impact on advancements in astronomy." In later exchanges, though, he struck a more understanding tone. Starlink would avoid the frequencies associated with radio astronomy, he said, and if the satellites' orientations needed to be tweaked to minimise solar reflection during critical astronomical experiments, that could easily be done. Moreover, as the initial Starlink satellites moved into their operational configuration after the weekend, their brightness dropped—though they still occasionally flared as they crossed the sky, probably because of reflections from their large solar panels.

Mr Musk also seemed, in his tweets, to suggest that the aims of Starlink outweighed the harms. "Potentially helping billions of economically disadvantaged people is the greater good. That said, we'll make sure Starlink has no material effect on discoveries in astronomy. We care a great deal about science." His assertion has merit. The problem, as Mark McCaughrean, senior adviser for science and exploration at the European Space Agency, observes, is that there has been little public discussion of the matter. From his point of view the night sky is a public commons that risks appropriation in the name of private interest. Whether that appropriation serves the greater good should at least be a matter of debate.



A constellation of Starlink satellites seen in the night sky over the Netherlands, nearly 24 hours after being launched by SpaceX. *Reuters*

For now, astronomers plan to carry out further simulations of the potential impacts of Starlink and other communication-satellite networks planned by companies such as OneWeb. But even when that work is complete, it is unclear what they can actually do to make SpaceX and its competitors listen to their concerns, for there is no legislation to regulate the impact of satellites on the night sky.

America's Federal Communications Commission does concern itself with how satellites use the available radio spectrum and with what happens to them after they have done their job. But that is it. With the coming mega-constellations of communications satellites, it is perhaps time for this to change, and for governments (not only America's) to involve themselves more deeply in the uses of heaven.

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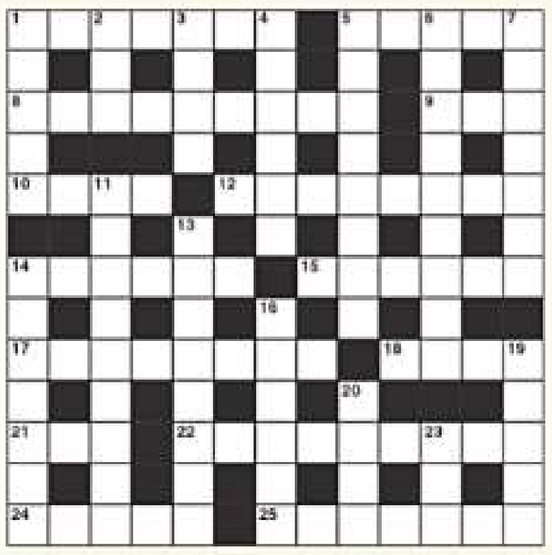

ACROSS
1 Regular habits and duties (7)
5 A fateful day for military assistants (5)
8 Butter and milk producer (5-4)
9 Runner in various kinds of winter sports (3)
10 Off on a course (4)
12 Nine-inch ruler an ill-behaved child may ask for (8)
14 This drink can go a hundred years back (6)
15 Good man in a new role looking after horses (6)
17 The act is included in the charge for rehearsal (8)
18 Sidewalk pedestrian (4)
21 Printers' measures - they're back inside (3)
22 A tin medal ordered to be plated (9)
24 Extra quarter to trim off (5)
25 Important individual rendered powerless (7)

DOWN
1 This dance can go all over the place! (5)
2 One issue or back numbers (3)
3 Ring New York Times? It will be expensive (4)
4 Digs out exclusive news items (6)
5 Surprise shots in a melee (8)
6 He keeps still, being a man of spirit (9)
7 Ginger's stupid laugh (7)
11 This is something between Greece and Turkey (6,3)
13 I'll stick around and find something for your sore throat (8)
14 Policemen make very little money (7)
16 Man with a cue may show sharpness (6)
19 Move or shoot upwards for example (5)
20 A complication that naturally goes against the grain (4)
23 Flier turns up in a flap (3)

Solutions Crossword 3824: Across: 1 Positive, 5 Pier, 9 Scrub, 10 Croesus, 11 Lose one's head, 13 Outlay, 14 Edison, 17 Second person, 20 Unearth, 21 Baker, 22 Earl, 23 Attempts. **Down:** 1 Post, 2 Sort out, 3 Table manners, 4 Vacant, 6 Issue, 7 Resident, 8 Considerable, 12 Moisture, 15 Stock up, 16 Upshot, 18 Clear, 19 Arms.

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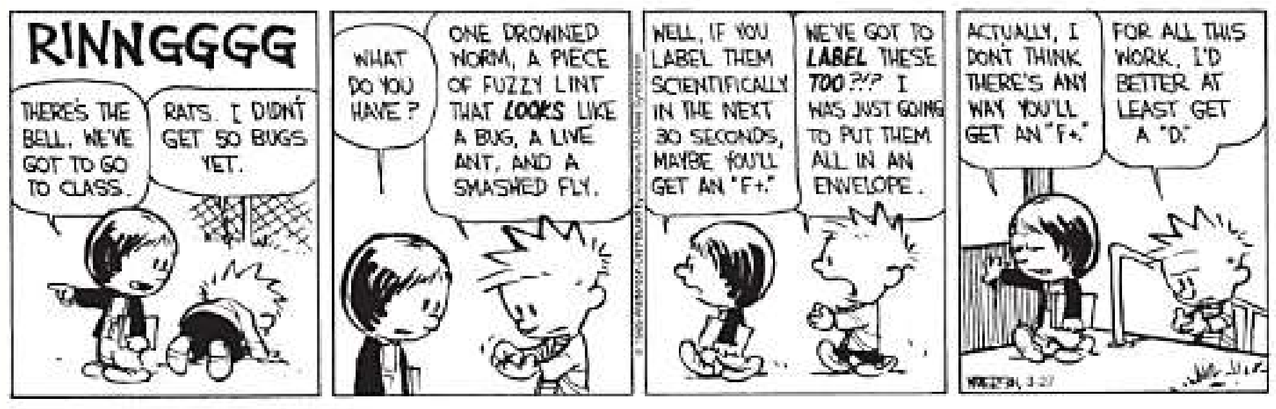

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon adopts a friendly position, offering some respite from the generally hysterical nature of the times. Try to see the larger picture: perhaps there is something you can do to resurrect an overseas connection or safeguard the legal position.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
At least your financial situation seems to be secure. Indeed, the prospect of increased prosperity, on however small a scale, may stand as a beacon of light amidst these generally unstable and possibly ill-tempered times. People often get irritable when they sense that change is on the way, but it's just because they feel insecure, so be understanding.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Try to reach out and see how other people are feeling. What's needed is not only sympathy but empathy — the ability to tune into other people's emotions with compassion and understanding. Your romantic stars are pretty strong, by the way, so proceed with confidence.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Because Mars is still in such a difficult alignment with a number of planets, people are prepared to fight their corner to the bitter end. Yet what they are defending is nothing but an illusion. Still, if it means something to them, then that's their prerogative.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Meetings are liable to be stormy, so if important issues are at stake you may feel it is best to wait until later for a final verdict. Above all, there is nothing to be gained from forcing the pace. Let events unfold in their own good time and I think you'll be pleased with the results.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You're in a strong position. Yet you may be unable to resist being embroiled in a series of strange and often unhelpful situations. Maintain your sense of humour and keep smiling throughout. A professional opportunity comes your way as a result of a colleague's goodwill.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Even if one particular venture or involvement falls apart at the seams, you must realise that in the astrological universe everything is for the best. Be ready to let go of the past for, if your planetary alignments mean anything, it's that you're ready to start building a bright future.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
So much depends on your ability to press ahead without co-operation. You are used to being thrown back on your own resources and you are well able to deal with anything that life may throw at you. You will soon see the upside of something which recently seemed so difficult.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
An emotional tie or attachment may now be viewed in a completely different light, yet the way you see things now may have no more real validity than did your former opinions. All are but different faces of the same wonderful, multi-faceted picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Challenging aspects to your special planets are not making it easy for you to keep existing enterprises going, let alone get long-term projects off the ground. Why not stop struggling and take some time off? I say that partly because you have so much to learn from mixing with new friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Forget about conventional answers to current dilemmas, whether your concerns are of a professional or a personal nature. Now it is time to implement the radical solutions which are your particular stock-in-trade. Just because other people are tied to convention, that doesn't mean that you should be as well.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Hopefully you are finding that the present situation is interesting without being in any way upsetting. With your deep understanding of the nature of reality you are better fitted than most people to dealing with challenging or obstructive conditions.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Reject your sense of ___ and the ___ itself disappears. - Marcus Aurelius (6,..,6) (same word twice)

BKSIR

BHLMUY

CHLNU

AAAMPJ

SOLUTION: BRISK, LUNCH, HUMBLY, PAJAMA
Answer: Reject your sense of **injury** and the **injury** itself disappears. - Marcus Aurelius

SUDOKU 3870

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 3869

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE Dhanbad, dt. 03/06/2019

E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad :-

Sl. No. 1, E-Tender No. 130-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Supplying, stacking and loading of 40,000 cum (Nominal size 50mm gauge) machine crushed track ballast as per Railway specification and loading the same into Railway wagon/GS/Hopper/Box/KG type etc. from Banchua Depot under Asstt. Engineer, E. C. Railway, Gujhandi. **06 (Six) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 9,10,00,000.00, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 6,05,000/-

Sl. No. 2, E-Tender No. 131-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Supplying of boulder 5000 cum, stone dust-5000 cum and loading into wagon at Sakrigali/Pakur or any other quarry of Sahebganj loop line for Dhanbad Division. (Emergency stock for monsoon reserve). **06 (Six) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 79,10,100.00, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 1,58,200/-

Sl. No. 3, E-Tender No. 132-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Zonal contract in Zone No-14 for General, Pipe & Sanitary, wood and Road work of Gomoh Sub-Division under Asstt. Engineer(1), E.C.Rly, Gomoh. **(30.06.2020). Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 70,17,505.00, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 1,40,400/-

Sl. No. 4, E-Tender No. 133-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Zonal contract in Zone No-43 for General, Wood, Pipe & sanitary and Road work of Koderma Sub-Division under Asstt. Engineer, E.C. Railway, Koderma. **(30.06.2020). Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 45,00,000.00, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 90,000/-

Sl. No. 5, E-Tender No. 134-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Replacement of 1st type bearing by centralized bearing of Bridge No. 345(8x18.30M) UP & DN, 416(1x12.20+2x9.14M.) UP & DN in PKA-MPO section Br. No.10 DN line (3x18.30), 96 (3x12.20M), 174 (2x12.20+3x18.30M.), 238 (18x12.20M.) in GMO-BRKA section and Bridge No. 6 (1 x12.20M) at Sirka siding under SSE(Bridge)/ DHN in Dhanbad Division of E.C. Railway. **11 (Eleven) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 1,53,47,654.98, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,26,700/-

Sl. No. 6, E-Tender No. 135-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Changing of rusted members, replacement of bolts by rivets and rusted/loose rivet and strengthening of Br. No.20A (ROB)(1x33.60) between SJA-ANJE at Km.10/2-4, Br. No.34A UP & DN between station TET-NPJE at Km.280/17-19, Bridge No.202(UP & DN) (5x18.30M) between PSB-SMND at Km. 374/ 27-29 and 117(9x18.30) between station BKRO-GMIA at Km.43/9-11 under SSE(Bridge)/DHN in Dhanbad Division of E.C. Railway. **11(Eleven) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 1,43,11,097.85, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,21,600/-

Sl. No. 7, E-Tender No. 136-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Provision of side pathway in Steel Girder Bridges of Bridge No 238, I, 59A, 61A and 77A under SSE (Bridge)/Dhanbad in GMO-BRKA-GHD section of Dhanbad Division. **07 (Seven) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 1,00,43,851.46, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,00,200/-

Sl. No. 8, E-Tender No. 137-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Ancillary work of PI PTRU for balance scope of construction. **06 (Six) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 1,01,40,741.76, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,00,700/-

Sl. No. 9, E-Tender No. 138-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Renovation of PI Building at PTRU under Asstt. Engineer, E.C. Railway, Barkakana. **06 (Six) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 27,06,495.64, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 54,100/-

Sl. No. 10, E-Tender No. 139-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Increase of CSR of running line by shifting of Track Circuit and related work over Dhanbad Division under Sr. DEN/1/DHN. **06 (Six) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 6,05,232.47, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 12,100/-

Sl. No. 11, E-Tender No. 140-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Provision of 02 IBH in Grand Chord (i) SMND-HRE (Length 7.75 Km.) & (ii) BNF+TKN (Length 7.63 Km.) in jurisdiction of Asstt. Engineer, E.C. Railway, Gujhandi. **08 (Eight) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 16,98,778.99, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 34,000/-

Sl. No. 12, E-Tender No. 141-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Supplying, stacking and loading of 40,000 cum (Nominal size 50mm gauge) machine crushed track ballast as per Railway specification and loading the same into Railway wagon/GS/Hopper/Box/KG type etc. from PADH, KORT & MHSA Depot under Asstt. Engineer, E. C. Railway, Koderma. **12 (Twelve) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 9,28,00,000.00, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 6,14,000/-

Sl. No. 13, E-Tender No. 142-DHN-2019-20, Name of the work with its location & completion period: (Balance work):- Repairs, renovation of PF No.1 & 2, Stn. Building, W/Hall, Toilet, Leanto shed with seating arrangement including tap watering etc. at KCKI, CNF, MAZ, HHG & CPDR under Asstt. Engineer, E. C. Railway, Daltonganj. **12 (Twelve) Month. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):** 1,18,28,339.23, **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,00,200/-

Date & Time for closing and opening of Tender : Date of closing of e-tender at **17-00 hours on 04.07.2019.** Date of opening of e-tender **from 12:00 hrs. on 05.07.2019.**

Website particulars : http://www.ireps.gov.in No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.

PR/440/DHN/Engg./T/19-20/184 Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), ECR / Dhanbad.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Notice No. 11 of 2019-20 (Open)-Engg/MGS. On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/ MGS for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

1. 10-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Balance work of provision of Civil Engineering in connection with panel interlocking at B Cabin under ADEN/DOS. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹62,99,107.10, **Earnest Money :** ₹1,26,000/-.
2. 11-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Repairing of platform wall and surface, drain due to shifting in NI work of PF No. 1 at SSM under ADEN/DOS. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹1,85,62,290.61, **Earnest Money :** ₹2,42,800/-.
3. 12-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Contruction/Improvement of PF shed, RCC PF surface (Up & Dn) up to 600M length with existing width, cemented benches with small shelters and water supply arrangement at JHN station under ADEN/ DOS. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹24,81,310.95, **Earnest Money :** ₹49,500/-.
4. 13-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Construction of 3 Mts wide rail level RCC (UP & DN) upto 600 mtrs length with small shelter along with cemented seating arrangement at BHKH under ADEN/DOS. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹27,87,659.33, **Earnest Money :** ₹55,800/-.
5. 14-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Extension of High Level PF (UP & DN), Cemented seating arrangement with small shelter, water supply arrangement and improvement of circulating area at Phesar under ADEN/DOS. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹88,09,362.26, **Earnest Money :** ₹1,76,200/-.
6. 15-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** AUBR ghat-RL RCC PF (UP & DN) 600m length & 3m width, water supply, cemented benches with small shelters & steps of bridge at AUBR Ghat station under ADEN/DOS. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹24,11,519.15, **Earnest Money :** ₹48,200/-.
7. 16-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Extension of Rail level Platform and building repairing at GRRU station under ADEN/Gaya. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹15,17,696.01, **Earnest Money :** ₹30,400/-.
8. 17-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Improvement of flooring of SS Room, Rest room for staff and proper water supply arrangement at Deo Road Station under ADEN/Gaya. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹43,83,912.98, **Earnest Money :** ₹87,700/-.
9. 18-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Construction of RL (UP & DN) CC PF of 500 M length and width 3 M with small PF shed, cement benches with small shelter and water supply arrangement at BMGE under Gaya. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹74,29,262.74, **Earnest Money :** ₹1,48,600/-.
10. 19-MGS-SRDEN-II-19-20. **Name of work with its location :** Construction of 3 Mts wide Rail Level RCC (UP & DN) upto 600 mtrs length with small shelter along with cemented seating arrangement at DHKN under ADEN/ Gaya. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹27,87,659.33, **Earnest Money :** ₹55,800/-.

Date & time for submission of e-tender : 21.06.2019, Up-to 12.00 hrs. **Website particulars of e-tendering :** www.ireps.gov.in

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Notice Inviting E-Bid

E-bids are invited upto 6.00 PM of 27.06.2019 for Rate Contract cum Supply and Empanelment of drug and medicines. Details of NIB may be seen in the Bidding Documents at our office or at the website of State Public procurement Portal **http://sppp.raj.nic.in (UBN MSC1920GLRC00006 www.dipronline.org, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in., http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in** and may be downloaded from there.

Note:- If any amendment is carried out in the tender specifications and terms & conditions following pre-bid meeting, the same will be uploaded on the Departmental website http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in/, sppp.raj.nic.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. In case any inconvenience is felt, please contact on telephone number i.e. 0141-2228064

Raj.Samwad/C/398/2019-2020 Executive Director (Procurement) RMSCL

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF STORES

Online **"e-open tender"** through Indian Railways e-procurement portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in are invited, for and on behalf of the President of India, for the following stores :-

SN No.	Tender	Closing date/time of tender	Short Description	Qty.	EMD amount	Tender document cost
1.	PS 185024	**21.06.2019 14.45 Hrs.**	Manupulators Bogie Frame	10 Nos.	Rs.1,92,110/-	Nil
2.	PS 195001	**21.06.2019 14.45 Hrs**	Airless Spray Painting Equipment	10 Set	Rs. 38,870/-	Nil
3.	PS195011	**25.06.2019 14.45 Hrs**	Self propelled hydraulic & battery operated scissor lift	02 Nos.	Rs.69,140/-	Nil
4.	PS195014	**25.06.2019 14.45 Hrs**	Microprocessor Based Test Bench Distributor Valve (DV)	02 Nos.	Rs. 71,270/-	Nil

Note:-(1) For full details and submission of bid kindly visit IREPS Portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** This tender notice is also available on the official website of Workshop Projects Organization Patna **www.workshopprojects.org. (2)** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS portal (**www.ireps.gov.in**) for updates including addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspapers.

PR/442/WP/Store/T/19-20/64 **Principal Chief Materials Manager/WPO/Patna**

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SECRETARIAT FOR SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM
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NIT No. 12 **Date : 03.06.2019**

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Online Proposals are invited on behalf of MD, MPIDC from Interested Consultants/Consulting agencies/Firms/Institutions/ Parties engaged in providing Consultancy services for Selection of Consultant for Professional Services for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies in obtaining Environmental Clearance for Category-A & B (Red type) for Industrial Parks-Vikram Udyogpuri Ujjain, district-Ujjain and Mohasa Babai District Hoshangabad. The details of terms and conditions can be seen on portal **https://mptenders.gov.in -** MPIDC HO, Bhopal

Contact person : Anam Khan: 9407526244
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M.P. Madhyam/93963/2019 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E - TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender is invited on behalf of the president of India for the under mentioned work.

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-12-19-20 IN SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM

S.N. 1, Name of work : Linking of BG Track, Points and crossing and P way related works, supply and spreading of stone ballast and other misc. works etc. in connection with yard remodelling of Kiul & Lakhisarai. **2. Approx cost of the work (in Rs.) :** Rs. 6,47,83,735.16, **3. Cost of tender form (in Rs.):** 10,000/-, **4. Earnest money (in Rs.):** Rs. 4,73,900/-, **5. Period of work completion :** 12 (Twelve) Months, **6. Date and time for closing of tender :** 24.06.2019 at 15.30 hrs.

Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in

Note : In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc. in connection with this e-tender.

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ENGINEERING SECTION, REGIONAL OFFICE : DELHI
Scope Minar, Core - 3, 1st Floor, Laxminagar Distt. Centre, Delhi - 110092
Tele Fax - 011-22484070, E-mail: eecwcdli@yahoo.co.in

No.CWC/ RO-DLI/Engg. Section/PRESS NOTE/2019-20/775 Dt. 01.06.2019

PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CWC invites online tenders from the approved contractors of appropriate class for the following works:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	Last date of on line submission of tenders
01	Special repair work (Revenue Work) at Central Warehouse, R.P. Bagh, Delhi.	27.97	28.06.2019

Detailed Tender Notice alongwith conditions of contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the Website www.tenderwizard.com/CWC or www.cewacor.nic.in or www.tenderhome.com. Executive Engineer

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MSTC will hold e-Auction for sale of a Residential Property at East of Kailash, New Delhi and a Commercial Property at Maujgarh, Punjab on behalf of NAFED, New Delhi on **25.06.2019.** For details Contact Mr. Sourabh Kumar (MSTC), Tel. No. 9811146516.

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MSTC will hold e-Auction on **11.06.2019** on behalf of the justice (Retd.) R.M.Lodha Committee (in the matter of PACL Ltd.), a committee constituted by SEBI, for sale of Vehicles in the name of PACL Ltd. The sale will be on a "as is, where is and whatever is" basis.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender No.: SIG/WS/Cont-531

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/North Central Railway/ALD for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No.	Description	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
SIG/ WS/ Cont-531	Indoor Siemens (Westrace Mark 1) EI modification at Jasra and PI, modification at Dabhoura along with outdoor signaling work at both stations in connection with longer loop at jasra and Dabhoura stations of Allahabad division of North Central Railway.	₹ 10545034.62 Rs. One Crore Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Thirty Four and Sixty Two Paisa Only.	₹ 202700.00 Rs. Two Lakh Two Thousand Seven Hundred Only.	₹ 10700.00 Rs. Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Only.

Date of Closing/Opening Tender 24.06.2019 Date of Completion period from Issue of acceptance letter 04 Months ● Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:30 Hrs. on 24.06.2019 ● For full details and submission of bid please see the website **www.ireps.gov.in.** **757/19 (A)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in railway northcentral@CPRONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender No. ALD-Sig-34-2019-20

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite **E-TENDER** on prescribed form for the following works up to **12.00 hrs.** on the opening date. The detail of the Tender is as under:
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Tender No.	Name of work.	Approx. Cost of work (₹)	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
34	'Interlocking of level crossing gates No. 19 at Lusa station in Chunar-Chopan section of Allahabad Division.	₹ 3705536.00	₹ 74100.00	₹ 3,000.00

Completion Period 03 months Date of closing of tender 27.06.2019 Availability of tender form: Tender forms are available on **www.ireps.gov.in Earnest Money to be deposited:** The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. **Time & place of opening of tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad on or after pre determined date at **12.30** hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. **Validity of offer:** 45 days from the date of opening. **Right of Railway to deal with tender:** Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. **756/19 (A)**

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CURTAIN CALL

The play *After the Strike*, by novelist Barry Hines (*pictured*) in 1985 will be performed in public for the first time, 35 years after its publication. It was controversial for depicting graphic scenes of police violence against the striking miners at the Battle of Orgreave.

All Aboard the Paper Boat

Actor Vivek Mansukhani, who returns to the stage with *Animals Out Of Paper*, plays an eccentric high school math teacher in the production

DIPANITA NATH

VIVEK MANSUKHANI is learning the joys of folding paper. "It boggles me that one can do so much from a simple sheet of paper. What we begin with and what we end with are completely different. It makes one think that one's creativity is more important than the resources one has at one's disposal," he says. What brought Mansukhani, the former Director Arts India at the British Council, into shaping stuff out of paper, is a much-lauded play called *Animals Out of Paper*. Mansukhani plays an eccentric math teacher, Andy, whose high-school student is an origami prodigy. The play, by Pulitzer Prize-nominated Rajiv Joseph, also marks Mansukhani's return to the stage as an actor after seven years.

"Over the last few years, my time and energies were focused on facilitating and promoting the work of UK and Indian artists in both performing, visual and other creative arts. This is why my own theatre work took a back seat. I've been watching theatre in India and abroad whenever I travel. I've been reading scripts and also helping others with their productions and ideas. This has kept me energised and inspired," he says, insisting that he didn't quite go away anywhere.

Mansukhani has known Joseph for several years but he read *Animals Out Of Paper* when a friend recommended it after watching a show in New York. The story revolves around Nina, an internationally renowned origami artist with a creative block, who takes a life-changing decision to open her studio door to Andy and his teenage student. "I was hooked to the script. It is a play about three mismatched people, who are experiencing loss and grief in their own ways and are addicted to origami. Each views life through a completely different prism. In the process, they hurt, love and heal one another and their lives are changed," says Mansukhani.

In Joseph's script, Andy emerges as a man who has experienced several ups and downs in life but decides to be happy and look at the bright side of things. He is not a super achiever, rather he would gladly sacrifice his own identity and position to enable others to shine. The text contains enough material on the character as well as space for the actor to flesh it out for himself. Mansukhani has drawn upon his life experiences over the last few years for the role, losing both his parents, moving a couple of high-profile jobs and dealing with daily challenges, friendships, and relationships.

The actor has been on stage most of his life. Scene Stealers, the group that is presenting *Animals Out of Paper*, was started by him and a few friends in Kolkata in the '80s. Mansukhani moved to Delhi in the '90s. Scene Stealers has created fun productions such as *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged), *Rumours*, *Strictly Dandiya*, *No Room for Love* and *Much Ado About Nautanki*.

"Theatre is in my blood. It's my true passion. I enjoy directing, producing and writing too. But being on stage is an altogether different high. It is quite magical and richly satisfying," says Mansukhani. His talents have been honed by some of the most prominent names in the country's theatre world — Zarin Chaudhuri and Phyllis Bose in Kolkata and Joy Michael, Kusum Haider, Barry John, Roysten Abel and Valerie Thomas in Delhi. He was a part of *Othello: A Play in Black and White*, directed by Abel, which won the Edinburgh Fringe First in 1999. "I have learned that there is no shortcut to creating anything memorable in the theatre space. I have learned discipline, dedication, and attention to detail — how a very small role or a gesture or prop contributes to making the jigsaw that is the play. And above all that nothing is more important than teamwork and trusting your cast and crew," he says.

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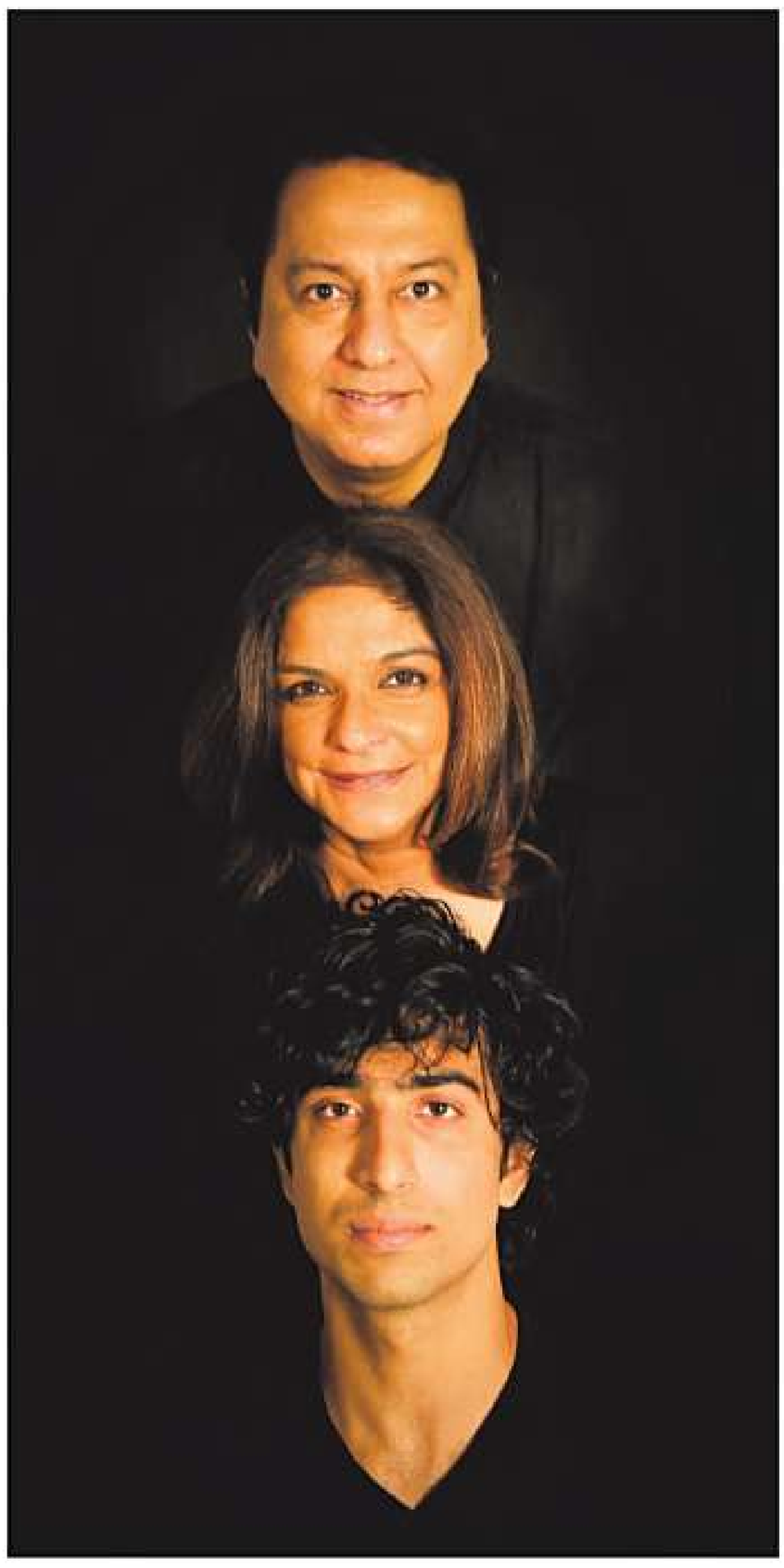
> **VIVEK MANSUKHANI**

In *Animals Out of Paper*, Mansukhani is working with another strong director, Aditee Biswas, who creates interdisciplinary and intercultural dance/movement-based work. "I had been wanting to work with Aditee for the longest so when this opportunity came up and she liked the script as much as I did, there was no looking back. What sets her apart is her compassion with which she nurtures every actor to step into their roles, find their feet and then fly," he says, returning to his pile of origami.

Animals Out Of Paper will be performed on June 8 and 9 at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, 7.30 pm. Tickets on BookMyShow and at India Habitat Centre



(Clockwise from above) Vivek Mansukhani (top) with actors Geeta Sudan and Sriharsh Sharma; Aditee Biswas; origami pieces titled *Folded Yin Folded Yang*; *Mother and Brood*

'I felt that Parsi women needed to be given a voice'

Filmmaker Oorvazi Irani's experimental short is a monologue that questions deep-rooted patriarchal practices

ALAKA SAHANI

THE SHORT film titled *Anahita's Law*, which is directed and performed by Oorvazi Irani, is a monologue in which a single actor portrays the ancient Persian Avestan Goddess of the Waters and Parsi Zoroastrian characters from the past and today. The film, which released on humaramovie YouTube channel on June 3, tells the stories of three Parsi women who lived through, suffered and overcome social prejudices. Irani, a Mumbai-based independent filmmaker and acting coach talks about the idea behind it and the process. Excerpts:

Why did you choose the monologue and close-up format to tell the story of societal bias against women?

The film's story encompasses various female characters and perspectives ranging from the all-powerful goddess to a helpless victim. The film travels in time from the past to the present and through the stories of these women, I wanted to question and reflect on the identity of the 21st-century woman. As a woman filmmaker, it was important for me to have a female gaze and by choosing the 'close-up' as a format, and not showing the body, I felt there was a new kind of power given to the woman on screen.

Though the story of bias and patriarchy could've been true of any community, you have chosen to address the Parsi community.

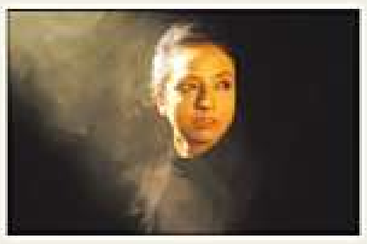
A simple answer to this would be that as an artiste to be sincere you create from within yourself, which is from your own world and experiences. Being a Parsi myself, I felt that Parsi women as a minority need to be given a voice. As a whole, the community and religion present a more gender equal status. However, sometimes when you look deeper, you realise that a patriarchal framework controls the community. Why are there no women priests in our Parsi community?

You appear as a young and elderly woman in the film. What kind of care went into shooting these sequences?

There are two aspects to this. One is the physical appearance, which largely was dictated with the skill of my make-up and camera team. The second was my skill as an actor to convincingly play the parts. For the change to the old lady, prosthetic makeup was an important part of the transformation. That also helped me get into the character. The second challenge was the voice and how the emotions would ring through effortlessly. The dubbing stage was where I paid special attention to the voice and improved its effectiveness — right from placing small bits of cotton in my mouth to getting the right pitch and modulation.

How did you come to collaborate with writer Farrukh Dhondy?

Farrukh is good friends with my dad and we always knew we could count on him to support a project of this nature. He enjoyed the challenge of creating a work for the screen which would encourage debate on contemporary issues and bring the Parsi voice to the forefront. *Anahita's Law* from the beginning was perceived as a monologue and one actor playing various characters as it holds a symbolic value of all woman being one woman. However, it was almost over a year that the film evolved to its current screen adaptation. I have collaborated with him on three films including my last feature film *The Path of Zarathustra* (2015), which was centered around the theme of religion, and my short film *K File* which dealt with terrorism.



Oorvazi Irani (above); a dubbing session of the film *Anahita's Law*

SNAP SHOTS

Rest in Peace

VETERAN ACTOR and theatre legend Dinyar Contractor, known for this roles in popular '90s movies *Baadshah* and *Khiladi*, passed away at the age of 79 due to age-related issues. Known for his comic roles in films including *Chori Chori Chupke Chupke* and *36 China Town*, he was awarded a Padma Shri earlier this year. Apart from being associated with Gujarati and Hindi theatre, he was a popular name in the TV world for featuring in Hindi sitcoms such as *Khichdi*, *Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah*, and *Do Aur Do Paanch*, among others. PM Narendra Modi took to Twitter to condole the actor's death. "Padma Shri Dinyar Contractor was special because he spread lots of happiness. His versatile acting brought smiles on several faces. Be it theatre, television or films, he excelled across all mediums. Saddened by his demise. My thoughts are with his family and admirers," he tweeted.

Love in Spain

FILMMAKER WOODY Allen will be shooting his next film, starring Christoph Waltz (*pictured*) and Gina Gershon, in Spain's San Sebastian. What will be his 51st feature has been tentatively titled *WASP2019*. Described as a romantic comedy, it will follow a married American couple who attend the San Sebastian film festival only to fall in love with different people. "She has an affair with a brilliant director of French cinema and he falls in love with a beautiful Spanish woman living in the city. A romantic comedy that is solved in a funny way," studio MediaPro said in a statement. The project will mark the fourth collaboration between the studio and the filmmaker after *Midnight in Paris*, *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* and *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*. Meanwhile, Allen's long-delayed *Rainy Day in New York* will premiere at the Venice Film Festival in September.

Call for Entries

THE SHAKTI BHATT Foundation is inviting applications for 2019 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize, a literary award that acknowledges debut writers. Making way into their 12th year, the prize carries a cash reward of two lakh rupees alongside a trophy. Books from varied genres, ranging from poetry and fiction to graphic novels, creative non-fiction and drama, published in India between June 2018 and June 2019 can be submitted. The publications could either be in English or translated into English from an Indian language. The shortlist will be decided by poet-author Jeet Thayil and author Arshia Sattar. Three judges who will pick the winning entry will be announced later. Participants are expected to send two copies of the book to The Shakti Bhatt Foundation, 011, Maangalya Residences, 6/1, Benson Cross Road, Bangalore - 560046. For further queries, email *shaktibhattprize@gmail.com*

(Clockwise from below) Mumtaz Kazi (right) and Sameera Gawandi; their dishes include Kombdi cha Salna; Kavtacho Bojar; Dum cha Mhaura

Food for Thought

A Konkani Muslim food pop up in Mumbai is putting a relatively unexplored cuisine under the spotlight

DIPTI NAGPAUL

ONE OF the earliest memories from Mumtaz Kazi and Sameera Gawandi's childhood involves an annual trip to Harnai every summer. Today a popular tourist spot along the Konkan Coast in Ratnagiri district, it is the native village of the two cousins. They would join their grandmother at the grinding stone to prepare spices for the entire year, before the monsoons set in. What started out as a fun summer activity with cousins is today one of their biggest strengths. Associated with Authenticook, which organises pop-ups of regional cuisines at homes of locals-turned-chefs, Kazi and Gawandi are known in Mumbai for their Konkani Muslim food.

"The simple activity taught me how to grind in order to get the right consistency for masalas and gravies. As a result, I took to cooking at a very young age and it's the one thing I do with all my passion," admits Kazi. Along with Gawandi and in collaboration with Authenticook, she is currently hosting a Ramzan special pop-up of Konkani Muslim cuisine at the restaurant Neel – Tote of the Turf in Mahalaxmi. On till June 9, it will move to the restaurant's property in Powai.

On the special menu are dishes such as Kelyachya Paanat (marinated bangda fish wrapped in banana leaves and cooked in an earthen pot), Akhni Gosht (sukha mutton in whole spices masala), Dum cha Mhaura (fish cooked on 'dum'), Kombdi cha Salna (chicken gravy) and Chawrachi Roti (rice bhakris/rotis made of rice flour), among several others. There is also a special vegetarian menu, which comprises dishes made using a variety of pulses — a common ingredient in the vegetarian Konkani Muslim fare.

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> **MUMTAZ KAZI**

Relatively unknown and mostly absent in Mumbai's dining scene, the Konkani Muslim cuisine, say the two Andheri-based sisters, has certain Arab influences. "The use of kokum in curries, especially the fish preparations, is Konkani, whereas fennel in our food is something we take from the Arabic cuisine," they say, adding that the Konkan coast was a popular halt for Arab traders back in the day. "The tradition of purchasing our spices from the Gulf was then continued by male members of our community as many of them took up jobs in that region. My father worked for many years in Kuwait. He would bring back spices for the entire family on every visit," says Gawandi.

Fennel, however, is a crucial element in the cuisine, and used in almost every dish. "We even grind the *haldi* powder along with roasted *saunf*; the mixture is called *bada saunf* and added even to simple dishes like daal. It lends a mild aroma and flavour to the otherwise-simple daal," Kazi explains.

Apart from *bada saunf*, the community heavily relies on two other masalas — fish masala and mutton masala. They are both made using dried red chilli powder and *dhaniya* seeds but while the former, says Kazi, does not have *haldi*, the latter includes ground whole spices. "Then we have a cashew gravy too but that is for special occasions. Mostly, we use these two masalas, even to prepare our vegetarian dishes," Kazi explains.

Since all coastal cuisines use rice as a staple, Konkani Muslims are no different. But apart from steamed rice and rice *bhakris*, they also abundantly consume khichdi, which is served along with sol kadi, which they call Soloni. Kazi says, "But sea food is a must. If not every then every other meal has some component of fish, including breakfast, where we serve roasted dry fish among other items. And during monsoons, when the fishing boats can no more tread into the sea, we have the small dried fish, fried with onions and chillies and served like a pickle or snack on the side."

ON TV TODAY
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Southampton

Rohit Sharma hits an unbeaten hundred as India begin their World Cup campaign with a thumping victory over South Africa

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 5

ROHIT SHARMA, whose unbeaten hundred eased India to victory, came into the World Cup with a problem and a unique solution. For a while now, right through the IPL in fact, he had shelved the leg-side dabs. Those bread-and-butter shots for an Indian, or for any top-order batsman, to rotate strike against the seamers. The flicks, the wristy dabs, the nurdles to square-leg region were frozen away. Time and again through the IPL, whenever the seamers hurled full-length deliveries on middle and leg, Sharma would conscientiously try to hold his shape and push it away towards mid-on. In better days in the past, he would have wristed them past square-leg for a single at least. If not a boundary. Not any longer.

Wary of LBWs, and how he was losing his balance when he tried to work the balls to the leg-side, he has come with a plan of abstinence. Cut them out. You can cut shots like paddle scoops or late cuts or even a pull, but how do you shelve a shot that's so instinctive and almost harmless in its essence, especially for an Indian batsman? An LBW dismissal has never been far away from Rohit through his career. Not only against the left-arm pacers, but also against the right-arm seamers who could nip it both ways. In the past, he has often put his left foot across and had problems playing around it. Last year, he seemed to have sorted that out as he sought to make intricate tweaks.

The essence of his batting was distilled into the stillness he achieves at the crease, these days. Minimalistic at its soul. It's the startingly fluid bat swing that's at his core — everything else he does is tailored towards achieving that. The still head, the minimal footwork, the balance and then he lets his hands go through. Anything that upsets his balance, throws him off. That leg-side flick was one such thing as he found himself shifting weight ungainly on the front foot. It obstructed his balance and hence, the bat flow. So, he has cut it out. Especially against the new ball.

It comes with obvious problems. Where a Virat Kohli would flick away middle-stump deliveries for runs and keep the runs ticking and pressure off, Sharma now has to find other ways to break the shackles early on in his innings. It's in this context that he walked out to bat in the 228-run chase against South Africa at Southampton on Wednesday.

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Young speedster Kagiso Rabada was in the mood to dish out trouble. He didn't have many runs to play with but he realised this was it: make or break for his country and he had to lead from the front. The pitch offered some assistance, especially to the new ball. The bouncers and the toe-crushers returned. The ball fizzed off a length. Shikhar Dhawan was taken out and he nearly had Sharma too with a bouncer. But the hurried swat had the ball looping up behind, towards second slip, and Faf du Plessis couldn't quite get his fingers under the ball as he rushed forward and lunged.

The wait was very long and then you get a game like this where it was challenging throughout. From our point of view it was important to start on the right note. We might not have had the run rate, but if you look at how the game went and how the pitch behaved, it was challenging."

VIRAT KOHLI
AFTER THE MATCH

Sharma was on 1 and who knows what damage Rabada would have wreaked on the Indian middle order had that catch been taken?

It was one-way traffic until the 8th over, till Sharma had played 22 balls. He left a few, patted many, got into a tangle occasionally but had survived. Then came another Rabada bouncer and Sharma did what he does: the left leg hops in the air, the balance shifts to his right foot, and he helped it along over backward square-leg boundary. When the short ball is at his body, trying to cramp him up, he doles out this help-along-non-violent-pull.

Next ball was fuller and he came up with a defensive tap and when the ball rolled to third man boundary, the initial impression was that it was an edge. It wasn't. It's one of the shots that Sachin Tendulkar taught a young Kohli. When you want to run pacy balls to third man, don't open the bat-face, just try to defend with a loose grip, with a tilted bat-face that doesn't leave you in any danger of nicking it – and the ball invariably would run to third man. That's what Sharma did then.

But the real jail-break moment arrived off the final ball of that over. It was a shortish ball that bounced chest high outside off but Sharma glided up on his toes and lifted himself in the air to ride the bounce and thumped it over point. Rabada would bowl one more over in that first spell but that shot had allayed worries, Sharma and India are going to be fine.

Kohli would fall soon, unable to get on top of the bounce off Andile Phehlukwayo's delivery but it still required the 'keeper Quinton de Kock to fly to his right with an outstretched right hand to bring it back safely to the ground.

The subsequent period was a good test for India – no Kohli, and the middle order can find its feet without the pressure of chasing a huge total. KL Rahul looked decent until Rabada came back in the 28th over. After two quiet overs from him, du Plessis signalled him to come back for the third over and Rabada produced a length ball that perhaps held up a touch on Rahul who occasionally drives without quite moving that front foot. He relies a lot on leaning the upper body forward and doesn't quite take a stride and when that ball stopped, he couldn't quite adjust, scooping it to mid-off.

Then Dhoni did what he does, dragging the game inexorably towards the end overs and Sharma too slowed down as the pair strived to ensure South Africa didn't get back in the game.

Even at this stage, Sharma didn't wrist any balls from the stumps. The abstinence continued. And he ended up with an unbeaten 122.

Fans applaud Rohit Sharma after his century against South Africa at the Ageas Bowl stadium in Southampton on Wednesday. *Reuters*

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SOUTH AFRICA 227/9 IN 50 OV

H Amla c Sharma b Bumrah	**6** (9b, 1x4)
Q de Kock c Kohli b Bumrah	**10** (17b, 1x4)
F du Plessis b Chahal	**38** (54b, 4x4)
H van der Dussen b Chahal	**22** (37b, 1x4)
D Miller c & b Chahal	**31** (40b, 1x4)
JP Duminy lbw b Kuldeep	**3** (11b)
A Phehlukwayo st Dhoni b Chahal	**34** (61b, 2x4, 1x6)
C Morris c Kohli b Kumar	**42** (34b, 1x4, 2x6)
K Rabada not out	**31** (35b, 2x4)
Imran Tahir c Jadhav b Kumar	**0** (2b)
Extras: (b 1, lb 3, w 6)	**10**

Fall of wickets: 1-11 (HM Amla, 3.2 ov), 2-24 (Q de Kock, 5.5 ov), 3-78 (HE van der Dussen, 19.1 ov), 4-80 (F du Plessis, 19.6 ov), 5-89 (JP Duminy, 22.6 ov), 6-135 (DA Miller, 35.3 ov), 7-158 (AL Phehlukwayo, 39.3 ov), 8-224 (CH Morris, 49.2 ov), 9-227 (Imran Tahir, 49.6 ov)

Bowling:

B Kumar	**10-0-44-2**
J Bumrah	**10-1-35-2**
H Pandya	**6-0-31-0**
K Yadav	**10-0-46-1**
Y Chahal	**10-0-51-4**
K Jadhav	**4-0-16-0**

INDIA 230/4 IN 47.3 OV

S Dhawan c de Kock b Rabada	**8** (12b, 1x4)
R Sharma not out	**122** (144b, 13x4, 2x6)
V Kohli c de Kock b Phehlukwayo	**18** (13b, 1x4)
KL Rahul c du Plessis b Rabada	**26** (42b, 2x4)
MS Dhoni c & b Morris	**34** (46b, 2x4)
H Pandya not out	**15** (7b, 3x4)
Extras: (lb 3, w 4)	**7**

Fall of wickets: 1-13 (S Dhawan, 5.1 ov), 2-54 (V Kohli, 15.3 ov), 3-139 (KL Rahul, 31.3 ov), 4-213 (MS Dhoni, 46.1 ov)

Bowling:

I Tahir	**10-0-58-0**
K Rabada	**10-1-39-2**
C Morris	**10-3-36-1**
A Phehlukwayo	**8.3-0-40-1**
T Shamsi	**9-0-54-0**

Kagiso Rabada took 2-39.

Can't bat, can bowl, can't field: How Faf's team fluffed its lines

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 5

"A SHORT trip to Southampton for a game against India." Ottis Gibson, South Africa's coach, was telling his team at the start of a hike up the Table mountain in Cape Town days before they left for the World Cup. The trek was supposed to mirror their Cup campaign, with stops at 11 spots supposed to reflect the 11 games to the final. When they reached the summit, Gibson put his hands around Faf du Plessis's shoulders and said: "We are on the verge of doing something special as a group of people together." He then yelled, "To the team", pausing after each word, and the rest roared: "Proteas". After which they all hugged each other atop the mountain. From then on, it's been all downhill for the team.

It has been a short and a forgettable trip to Southampton for South Africa. Not just here but at the other two venues, too. There has been almost a pall of gloom around the camp, with the players dropping like flies. And yet, when they were at the top of that mountain, things would have actually looked good. For it seemed, they had a plan to tackle the chokes of the past. An ideal mindset had been identified and du Plessis was busy implementing it.

They decided to "keep a lid" on expectations. Du Plessis talked about it a bit, saying how he tried to tell his youngsters what he was never told in the previous editions. "If it comes to the worst, and we lose, it's not the end of the world. I wasn't told this as a youngster four years back, eight years back but that's what I have told this team."

It's fascinating how the people — South Africans — look at previous World Cup debacles differently.

Gary Kirsten saw it as "inferiority complex". "I have always believed that as a cricket nation, in the past, we suffered a little from an inferiority complex," Kirsten told *SA Cricket* magazine. "We knew we could compete and that we would fight to death. When we wanted to dominate at the top of the pile, sometimes it felt like an uncomfortable situation and we often did not play at our best." Kirsten believes the 1999 debacle, when South Africa lost agonisingly to Australia, left after-effects on the team for years to come. "Unfortunately, that scarring has run deep."

Paddy Upton, a sports psychologist who has worked with both India and South Africa teams, saw it as a macho thing. "I think machoness is a problem. Trying to pretend you are too tough. I do think that South Africans generally tend to act more macho than what they actually are and that bites them in pressure moments," Upton told this newspaper.

So this time, du Plessis chose to go the other way: take expectations off the players, try to tell them that in the big picture of things, win or loss doesn't matter.

But wasn't their mental fragility in big games that has hurt them in England. It's the injuries that have troubled them more.

It was bowling that the team depended on, but it began to crack. Just before the tournament, they lost their fast bowler Anrich Nortje to a thumb injury. They brought Dale Steyn to the tournament, knowing he wasn't fit but hoping he would be by the third game. His shoulder gave away. The man who so desperately wanted to play at one last World Cup couldn't get his wish. In the immediate aftermath of the last defeat, Bangladesh fans dug up his old quote to hit back at him. In 2015, he had sat out a series against Bangladesh, saying: "It might sound very cocky or naïve of me or self-centred, but I want to win a World Cup for my country. So, with all due respects to places like Bangladesh or Zimbabwe, playing 3 ODIs in Bangladesh does nothing for my confidence. At this stage, I would rather be saving myself rather than wasting the few balls I have left in my career in a Bangladesh match."

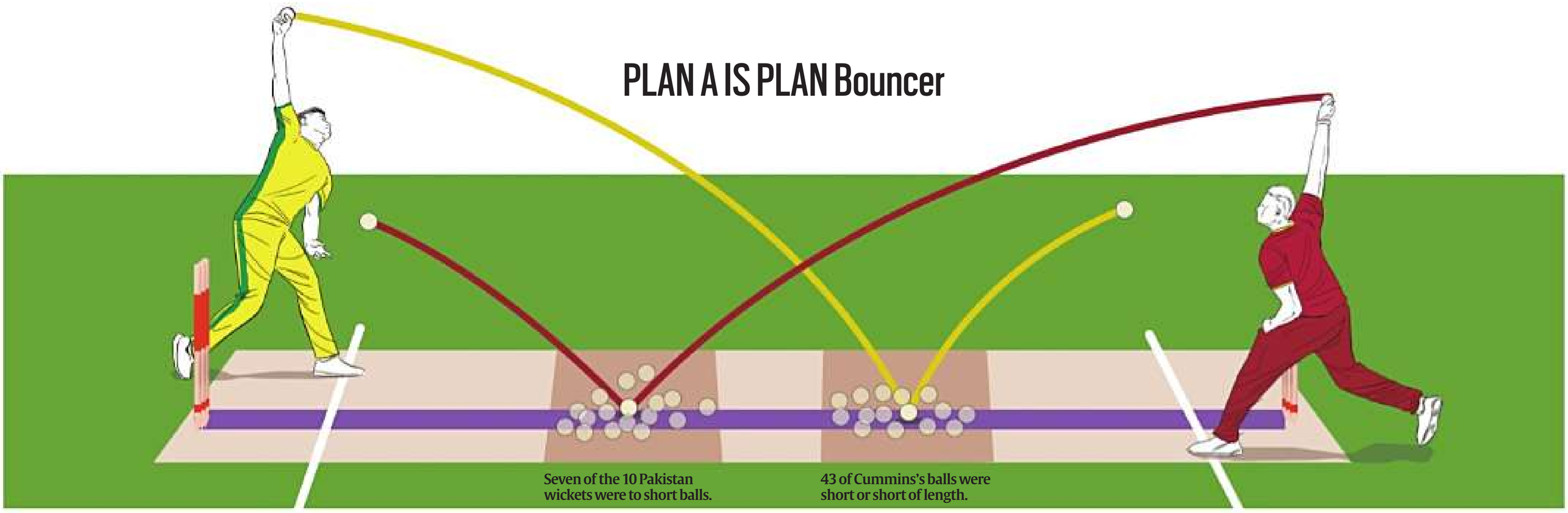
Then Hashim Amla, struggling for a year now, went down after getting smacked on the helmet by a Joffra Archer bouncer in the first game. Considering his form, it's not clear what he would have done had he not suffered that injury, but the South African mood began to turn for the worse. By the time Lungi Ngidi too got injured, the camp had turned morose. Even though he said he had intended to use harsh words to his team after loss to Bangladesh, du Plessis couldn't quite revv himself to do it. Instead, the seniors tried to rally behind the youngsters, trying their best to ensure self-pity didn't kick in with all the bad news floating around them. It wouldn't have been easy, though.

It showed in the way they batted against India. And in the decisions. They had chosen to chase on a dry pitch in the previous game. Here in Southampton, where bowling first would have been better, they chose to bat. And they ran straight into a red-hot Jasprit Bumrah who knocked the stuffing out of their top order. It's a pretty brittle top order; if Quinton de Kock fails, then there is really no one to take the charge to the opposition. They just kept drifting away and India picked them off one by one.

All-rounders Andile Phelukwayo and Chris Morris and then Kagiso Rabada made sure they got a decent total to have a crack at the Indians. The pacers did try their best, but they needed a bit more than that.

At crunch moments, their fielding turned for the worse. Early on in the chase, du Plessis dropped Rohit Sharma off Rabada, who was bowling like a man possessed. There was still a glimmer of hope when India needed 35 from 40 balls. Rohit miscued a pull from — who else — Rabada, but David Miller spilled a dolly. The worst part of that moment was that there was no surprise in it.

Faf du Plessis drops ~~the Cup~~ Rohit Sharma off the bowling of Kagiso Rabada. Rohit was batting on 1 then.



50.7 % The percentage of short or short of a length deliveries West Indies bowled against Pakistan at the World Cup opener in Nottingham. 68 of the 134 deliveries during the Pakistan innings were of this kind.

16 Number of short or short of a length deliveries Andre Russell bowled against Pakistan in his three overs (18 balls). He scalped two Pakistan batsmen — Fakhar Zaman and Haris Sohail, both falling to the bouncer.

60.4% Against Afghanistan, Australian seamers bowled 119 short/short-of-length balls, which accounts for 60.4 percent of their deliveries. Pat Cummins was the fiercest, as 43 off his 52 deliveries landed in this zone.

WEST INDIES already had hurt three batsmen with short-pitch stuff. In the warm-up game, Russell banged Usman Khawaja's helmet, after which he rattled Fakhar Zaman's helmet. Later Sheldon Cottrell had one nip back onto Babar Azam's stomach.

Bounce-ball game

Both Australia and West Indies have bowlers with pace, precision and persistence to pursue the short-ball strategy

SANDIP G
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

"I just looked at some data ... out of all the ODI countries, the England pitches have got the least swing over the past 20 years or something. So bouncers — we're going to have to use well. That's a real wicket-taking ball."

PAT CUMMINS
BEFORE AUSTRALIA'S WORLD CUP OPENER AGAINST AFGHANISTAN

Twenty years was perhaps an exaggeration, but Australia's pace spearhead Pat Cummins was stating a perceptible trend. The limited-over pitches in England have long been defanged. There's data validating his claims — in the last four years, the surfaces in the UK have offered the least movement, swing or seam. Cardiff has been the most conducive, but even there, the average degree of movement is .60, which doesn't quite connote to a swinging beauty (the bowl then should be deviating around 1 to 1.10 degree). So, it's no coincidence that Cardiff has been the only venue that has seen fuller-length deliveries.

But new-ball bowlers still commit the folly of striving for fuller-length balls, so that they could extract sideways movements, only to gift-wrap boundary balls. As had the Australian seamers during the whistle-stop limited-over series against England last year, where only Billy Stanlake conceded less than 6 runs an over (5.75). Australia ended up conceding 300-plus totals thrice (once almost 500, as England blasted 481). So has been the story of most limiter-over series games in the country, since the last World Cup.

So when there isn't swing, bounce becomes the deadliest weapon, at once testing the batsmen's back-foot technique as well as bringing into play the two most risk-implied strokes in the game, pull and cut. Cummins himself walked the talk with a hostile first spell against Afghanistan wherein he made the ball leap awkwardly at them, from short as well as short-of-length areas. Needless to say the batsmen were fending to save their body from blows than getting their wickets battered. Short-pitch bowling, as a default weapon, thus stemmed from necessity.

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"No one likes a ball, 140, 145km/h at your head, so that's why the bouncer has been a favourite tactic thus far. But you can only bowl two an over and the other four need to be spot on."

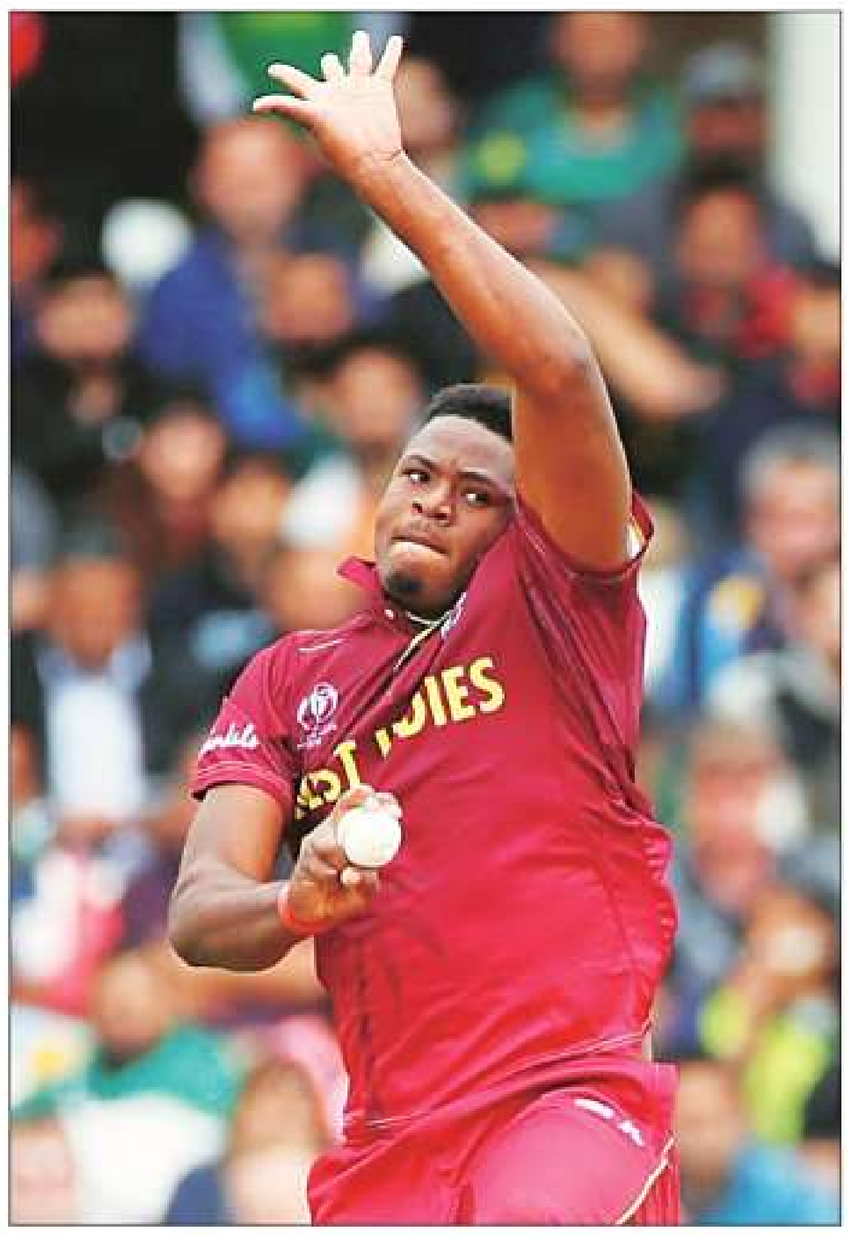
CARLOS BRATHWAITE
AFTER THE PAKISTAN MATCH

The Pakistan batsmen tried to weave and sway away from the line, but the Caribbean bowlers were relentlessly precise with their bouncers.

Pakistan batsmen would vouch for Brathwaite's word. For 21.4 overs, they were made to endure vintage Carribean hostility—balls whizzing past their noses, blasting their helmets and rattling their torsos. Andre Russell struck Fakhar Zaman's helmet and the ball trickled onto his stumps, while Sheldon Cottrell struck Babar Azam on his tummy. The Pakistan batsmen tried to weave and sway away from the line, but the Caribbean bowlers were relentlessly precise in targetting their bodies, often landing the ball a yard outside the off-stump and pinging it back into their bodies.

As pertinently, like Brathwaite implied, they neither over-did it nor followed up those brutish rip-snorters with boundary balls. If they were not bowling short, they kept it short-of-length, compressing the batsmen for both width and length, choking them for run and for once shredding their characteristic inconsistency. That seven of the 10 wickets were wrought with short or short-of-length deliveries captured the full story.

Moreover, they were so clear of their strategy that they dropped their most experienced bowler, Jerome Taylor, so that they could go full pelt with a quartet of fearsome hit-the-deck bowlers. Taylor, on the other hand, is more of a full-length probing medium-pacer. In a sense, they have unwittingly demonstrated the template to bowl on the excessively batting-friendly English conditions. An irony that talks of 500-plus totals have been blown away by the bouncers.


Oshana Thomas finished with figures of 4 for 27 against Pakistan. *Reuters*

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"With our pace and bounce, I feel like that [bumper] is a really good wicket-taking ball or a dot ball. It is going to be a risk if a batter is trying to play that every time."

PAT CUMMINS
BEFORE THE WEST INDIES MATCH

If the West Indies believe that they can bounce out any side with their the battery of young pacers, so can the Australians, Cummins is certain. Besides Cummins, the most potent practitioner of the short-stuff, they have Mitchell Starc and Nathan Coulter-Nile besides reserves Jason Behrendorff and Kane Williamson, all capable of sustainted short-pitch cannonade. Among them, Starc is perhaps the only one who preys on the fullish length, what with his ability to bend the ball back into the right-hander. But even he alternated between the fullish and short-of-good length against Afghanistan.

This particular gift to seam the ball sharply into the right-hander—makes Starc deadlier, for batsmen can't line up for just the short ball.

This particular ability—to seam the ball into the right-hander—makes him deadlier, for batsmen can't line up for just the short ball. He can't just hang on the back-foot waiting for a short-ball. Several Afghanistan batsmen committed this mistake, and when the balls were pitched up they were no position to drive or flick. The short-ball danger kept swirling in their head, cluttering their judgment, and survival than run-scoring became their priority. Even trying to defend carries risk, and no delivery prompts the whether-to duck-under-or-play-it dilemma like the short ball.

Another reasoning is that the square boundaries being longer than straight ones in most of the English ground, the horizontal-batted shots do carry risks. The top-edges and aerial cuts could end up safely in the fielders palms. Trent Bridge fits the description perfectly.

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"I'm not going to change anything, I'm going to be aggressive but be smart about it."

ANDRE RUSSELL
AFTER THE PAKISTAB MATCH

The Australians might be the most proficient horizontal-bat purveyors around, but that wouldn't deter the West Indies bowlers from tearing up their Plan A when they meet the world champions on Thursday. If any, Russell says they will only ratchet up the tempo. Fluent though the Australians might be in unleashing the cut and pull, but aggressive short-pitch bowling can harass the best of them. They needn't look beyond Jofra Archer cutting the Proteas batsmen into halves in the opening match. Or in the practice match, when Andre Russell struck Usman Khawaja on the helmet with a nasty bouncer.

It's not just plain hope but the conviction in their collective ability. All of them—Cottrell, Russell and Oshane Thomas—can clock around 90mph, are sharp, on-their-face and explosive. Pace is a crucial ingredient, as bounce without speed doesn't drill a visceral fear into the batsmen. For instance, teams like Sri Lanka, Afghanistan or Bangladesh couldn't be as effective with the short ball as the West Indies, Australia, or England's Jofra Archer. And they do it smartly.

Not once did the bouncer drift down the legs or bang high over the batsman's head. Often the interception point was just below the batsman's chest, that blindspot.

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Australia's House of Horrors on the bank of river Trent

Racingandsports.com calls Trent Bridge Australia's 'house of horrors.' This, even before their opponents WI, threatening to bump out the Aussies, fetch up on Thursday. Memories of their warm-up game are nightmarish enough: Usman Khawaja was taken to the hospital for scans on his jaw after a Russell screamer, and David Warner too copped a thunderbolt on his glove from Oshane Thomas.

But it's the ground of their second match against old World Cup rivals West Indies that's been seen as a voodoo venue. On Australia's last visit to the ground, England smashed a world record 481/6, and the gold and green were thrashed by 254 runs, their biggest ODI loss.

"I remember walking down to the gate at the end almost wanting to give all the boys a hug because it was brutal," coach Justin Langer had said. There's also a 60 off 111 balls in Tests from 2015, Australia's briefest stay in the first innings of the 5-day format. Another howler of 117-9 before Ashton Agar and Phil Hughes launched some rearguard counter, makes Trent Bridge not the most gleeful venues. Racing and Sports puts Australia's last win at the ground to 10 years ago in 2009 in an ODI against England. Carlos Brathwaite has baited Australians with his: "people that can't swim don't drown," hoping they get lured into pulling and hooking the 140-145 kph projectiles from a team that's invoking Calypso comparisons from 40 years ago. Australia have played subcontinental teams the last 25 games, and though both India and Pakistan boast a good crop of quicks, Australia are preparing for a barrage that only the West Indians can dish out.

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Sandpaper bat

David Warner and friends have resigned to the inevitable sandpapergate boos and jeers that would follow them wherever they'll travel during their long English summer that includes the World Cup and Ashes. The other day in Bristol, a few dressed as 3M bright yellow sandpaper and kept booing them through their fixture against Afghanistan.

The Barmy Army has penned lyrics to mock them, and grand plans are laid to mentally disintegrate them. While coach Justin Langer reckons it would only fuel them, after his pleas to not mock them went unheard, several others have suggested ignoring them.

Former skipper and World Cup-winning skipper himself, Allan Border, has urged them to embrace the hostile crowd. One of his suggestions included David Warner standing on the Lord's balcony and cleaning his bat with sandpaper. "Even be seen on the balcony at Lord's sandpapering his bat or something. You know you're going to cop it so just run with it and hopefully that is the better way, rather than being antagonistic," he was quoted in the Australian media. That would be quite daring.

HARD HAT, HARD LUCK
The day didn't go like this South African fan had expected it to. *Reuters*

The Whatever Insult

Pat Cummins has come up with a new form of sledging, or name-calling: the accidental type. To make it even more orthodox, the Australian pacer started off with a compliment for Chris Gayle, before forgetting what the big-hitting West Indian's self-styled moniker, was.

"It is always a great challenge playing against..." so far so good Pat, 'Mr Worldwide,' or whatever he calls himself." It's an unforgivable error to have forgotten the name of one of the greatest patrons in the six-hitting industry. But then again, for a player who has played and tormented bowlers in the Australian Big Bash, IPL, Caribbean Premier League, Bangladesh Premier League, Pakistan Super League, English County, and even Canada, maybe 'Mr Worldwide' isn't such a bad name after all. Over to the Universe Boss.

No pain, no gain

West Indies' supporters got what they desired in the opening game of the World Cup as their team executed a thumping seven-wicket win over Pakistan. As Windies prepare for their second game against five-time Cup winners Australia, the supporters are eager for another top-notch performance from their team. The supporters in the Caribbean will have to sacrifice their precious sleep to again follow the match. The match starts at 10:30 in England which translates to 5:30am in the Eastern Caribbean and 4:30am in Jamaica. But the big man Andre Russell has promised the pain would be worth it as his side would make sure they don't "ruin your sleep and then disappoint you". "We won't allow you to wake up so early in the morning and ruin your sleep and then disappoint you. We're trying our very best. We are here to win the matches for our West Indies fans and take it all the way to lift the trophy at Lord's. Stay with us… believe in us. We will do it for you, our loyal fans."

Salute like Cottrell

West Indies bowler Sheldon Cottrell's march and salute celebration is quite a hit on the social media. And the tall bowler would be hoping he gets those wickets against Australia today and treats his fans with his unique celebration move. But if and when he does, the pacer may have a bunch of kids from the stands imitating him. After all, they learnt the military-style move from the big man himself during a coaching clinic in Nottingham yesterday. In a video posted by the official handle of the Cricket World Cup, Cottrell can be seen teaching a group of around 20 kids the process step-by-step: the march, the salute and tilted-back open hands celebration. Cottrell's salute is so popular that it has been named the "official meme" of The Hundred, a 100-ball cricket league in England and Wales slated for July 2020. "It's a military-style salute. I'm a soldier by profession. Me saluting is just to show my respect to the Jamaica Defence Force. I do it every time I get a wicket. I practised it for six months when I was training in the army," he told the *BBC*. **ENS**

Roland Garros chiefs won't rule out finals shift after washout

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
PARIS, JUNE 5

ROLAND GARROS organisers were facing a scheduling nightmare on Wednesday after the entire day's play was washed out with the prospect of another all-consuming deluge expected to swamp Paris on Friday, possibly forcing the women's final to be played alongside the men's on Sunday.

Tournament director Guy Forget said he remained hopeful of the French Open finishing on time on Sunday. However, if the weather continues to deteriorate, the women's final could be shifted from Saturday to Sunday, sharing top billing with the men's title match. "We always have to study the worse case scenario," said Forget.

Wednesday was the second time since 2016 that all Roland Garros play was cancelled and third since 2000. The decision left world number one Novak Djokovic and defending women's champion Simona Halep to play their quarter-finals on Thursday and semi-finals on Friday if they get through.

With the women's final traditionally set for Saturday, third seed Halep could end up playing three days in a row. "The weather for tomorrow seems to be OK but Friday is already looking complicated," added Forget.

Thursday's schedule has been brought forward by two hours to accommodate Halep's quarter-final against American teenager Amanda Anisimova and Djokovic's last-eight tie with Alexander Zverev on Court Philippe Chatrier. On Court Suzanne Lenglen, America's Madison Keys was due to face Australia's Ashleigh Barty before 2018 runner-up Dominic Thiem clashed with Russia's Karen Khachanov.

Friday was originally set to stage both men's semi-finals for which Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer had already booked their places on Tuesday. Johanna Konta and Marketa Vondrousova had been due to play their semi-final Thursday but that has already been shifted to Friday.

"We don't want to move the women's final from Saturday to Sunday but some girls may be playing three days in a row," said Forget. "These girls have been waiting all of their lives to play such a match of this magnitude. If we have to move the finals to the following day it's something that could happen. We have done it with the men (Rafael Nadal v Djokovic final of 2012). It's not what we hope but if we have no other choice then that's what we will do."

Forget said it was possible that one of the women's matches could be moved away from the Chatrier and Lenglen courts to the 5,000-seater Simonne Mathieu arena. "You are always afraid that some players may think it's a lack of respect or we have diminished it. But we want to see players in the best possible condition and if we have to make the tough call to move players to a smaller court, it's a possibility," said Forget.

Djokovic has fallen foul of the weather in Paris before. In the 2012 final against Nadal, he dropped the first two sets before winning the third and was 2-1 up in the fourth when play was suspended until Monday. But on the resumption, Nadal reimposed his authority and won in four sets for what was his seventh Roland Garros title.

In 2020, the French Open will be less affected by the vagaries of the weather as a retractable roof over Chatrier will come into operation.

MCA meeting to discuss team owner approaching player to under-perform

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JUNE 5

BCCI anti-corruption chief Ajit Singh said that the investigation would begin once the MCA shares details about the approach as reported by the player

THE MUMBAI Cricket Association (MCA) decided to hold an emergent ad-hoc committee meeting, a day after The Indian Express reported that a player had been approached by a team owner of the T20 Mumbai League to underperform before the semifinals last month. The meeting will be held on Thursday.

The Ranji Trophy player had verbally informed the MCA of the approach but the BCCI's anti-corruption unit had not been informed of the same.

The second edition of the T20 Mumbai League, which is a BCCI-approved tournament conducted by the MCA, was held from May 14 to May 26. All the matches were played at the Wankhede Stadium and telecast live on Star Sports.

Veteran administrator Ratnakar Shetty said the attempt by a team owner to try and corrupt a player must be investigated by the BCCI's anti-corruption unit as there could be others who also want to report similar approaches.

"If the player has reported the approach (by the team owner) either orally or in writing, the MCA must immediately write to BCCI's anti-corruption unit, which is equipped to investigate such matters. This is a serious matter and there may be other cricketers who also may volunteer to speak. It is a question of the credibility of the league run by one of the premier state units of the BCCI," Shetty, who was the BCCI's General Manager, told *The Indian Express*.

On Wednesday the BCCI anti-corruption chief Ajit Singh said that the investigation would begin once the MCA shares details about the approach as reported by the player. "It (the case) has not been forwarded as of now but I will ask my office to check up with them (MCA). Once it comes, on the basis of what the complaint is, we will inquire since it is already out there (in public domain)," Ajit Singh told *PTI*.

Shetty said the state units are supposed to put in checks and balances. "BCCI while giving permission to state units to conduct leagues also expects them to follow some protocols, including making the team ownership public on the website," Shetty added. "I hope the MCA has conducted anti-corruption education for the players before the start of the season."

Of the eight teams that participated this time, North Mumbai Panthers, Arcs Andheri, Sobo Supersonics and Aakash Tigers MWS made it to the semifinals. Last year players of another state-unit run T20 tournament, the Karnataka Premier League, had been approached and they reported the same to officials.

Road to Tokyo, via Odisha

Indian hockey team starts its quest for Olympic berth in FIH Series Finals, starting today

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 5

THE INDIAN men's hockey team embarks on a new journey under recently-appointed chief coach Graha.m Reid as the eight-time champions start its quest for 2020 Tokyo Olympics qualification with the FIH Series Finals which begins here Thursday.

Eight teams from Asia, Europe, Africa and North America will battle it out for two places in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers scheduled to held in October-November later this year. Besides top-ranked India, the other participating teams in Pool A are Poland, Russia and Uzbekistan while Pool B consists of South Africa, Asian Games champions Japan, USA and Mexico.

Placed fifth in world rankings, India will start the tournament as overwhelming favourites, given the vast gap between the hosts and other teams in terms of quality, skills and stature in world hockey. South Africa at 16 and Japan at 18 are the next closest sides in the tournament in terms of rankings.

India will open its campaign against minnows Russia and expected to win the encounter by a huge margin but to finish on top the hosts will have to overcome their knockout jitters as has been the case in the past. India's best chance to qualify for the Olympics was through the Jakarta Asian Games but they failed to qualify for the final after losing to Malaysia in the semifinals.

In this year's Azlan Shah Cup too India failed to claim the title despite being the top side, losing to South Korea in the summit clash. The FIH Series Finals is India's first step towards qualifying for the Tokyo Games.

The tournament will serve as first real test for Australian Graham Reid, who was appointed as Harendra Singh's successor in April this year following India's dismal World Cup campaign in December last year. And it remains to be seen how Reid handles the enormous burden of expectations which many of his predecessors like Terry Walsh, Paul van Ass, Michaels Nobbs etc. failed to handle.

The problem for Reid, a former coach of the Australian men's hockey team, is that he doesn't have enough time and will have to deliver the results instantly, especially under Hockey India, which has a habit of firing coaches at its will. After the match against Russia, India will face Poland on Friday before taking on Uzbekistan in their final pool game on June 10.

Failure to reach the final will be a disaster for the erstwhile giants of the game, who are expected to win the tournament and qualify for the final round of Olympic Qualifier. India have fielded a strong side for the tournament with striker Ramandeep Singh returning to the side after nearly a year following a knee injury that almost jeopardised his career.

The tournament will also be a big test for senior goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who would look for a fine show to prolong his career. Reid made his intentions clear that it is form which matters and not big name by dropping Rupinder Pal Singh. Instead, he trusted Harmanpreet Singh, Varun Kumar and Amit Rohidas to deliver the goods from penalty corners.

India's midfield is in the safe hands of skipper Manpreet Singh, who will have the support of Vivek Sagar Prasad, Nilkanta Sharma and Hardik Singh as they hope to link up with the strike force that includes Akashdeep Singh and Mandeep Singh among others.

But the Indians will have to improve upon their finishing and avoid conceding last minute goals to avoid a disaster here. "Our finishing has been a concern and in the past three weeks here we have been working on our finishing skills," admitted skipper Manpreet. "We also need to avoid committing mistakes in the later stages of the match. We need to be cautious and avoid conceding goals in the last minutes. But we are prepared and confident of finishing at the top," he added.

In other matches of the day, South Africa will take on USA in Pool B while Poland will face Uzbekistan in Pool B. This is the second event of the FIH Series Finals with the first tournament hosted by Malaysia from April 26 to May 4 and the third and final event to be held at France from June 15 to 23.

Complacency is something which has no place in any high performance sport, said Reid, insisting that respect for any opponent is the hallmark of a good team.

Reid made the statement in context of the FIH Series Finals, where India start as overwhelming favourites having been pitted against seven other lower-ranked sides. "Complacency for me is not an option in high performance sport. I always try and respect the opposition no matter who they are. They can always score a goal against you and there is no referral here as well," Reid said.

India captain Manpreet Singh practises penalty corner drills as analytical coach Chris Ciriello looks on. The hosts open their FIH Series Finals against minnows Russia at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. *Hockey India*

INDIA'S MATCHES (POOL A)

June 6: vs Russia (rank 22)
June 7: vs Poland (rank 21)
June 10: vs Uzbekistan (rank 43)
June 12: crossover matches
June 14: Semifinals
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In Stimac's first match in charge, India lose 1-3 to Curacao

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TALISMANIC CAPTAIN Sunil Chhetri struck in his milestone match but India lost 1-3 to higher-ranked Curacao in their opening tie of the King's Cup football tournament in Igor Stimac's first game in charge here Wednesday. Chhetri became the most capped India player by surpassing Bhaichung Bhutia's 107 international matches and he scored the lone goal for his side in the 31st minute from a spot kick for his 69th goal, though it did not make any difference to the result of the match.

The 82nd ranked Caribbean island nation, which has two players plying trade in English Premier League and some others in European leagues, scored three in the space of 18 minutes -- through Roly Bonevacia (16th), Elson Hooi (18th) and Leandro Bacuna (33rd). A sloppy first half in which India — ranked 101 — defended and attacked poorly, saw the team trailing 1-3 at the breather. The new defensive set up — with Rahul Bheke coming in as central defender — was looking out of sorts with lack of anticipation and communication.

India played a vastly improved football in the second 45 minutes — which was played mostly under rain — but could not score another goal. Stimac's charges made at least four chances in the second half with two coming to the 34-year-old Chhetri whose first attempt hit the upright and the other — another free header — sailing over the bar.

Though high-profile Stimac, a World Cup bronze medallist and former Croatia manager, began his stint as India coach on a losing note, there were positives to be taken from the match against a more technically superior side. The Croatian gaffer gave international debuts to as many as five players, including to Under-17 World Cup captain Amarjit Singh, and the Indian side played possession football and mostly through ground passes.

Curacao dominated the first half but surprisingly India had more possession with 53 per cent as against 47. The second half was an even contest with India threatening to score several times and they completely dominated the final 15 minutes though another goal eluded them in the end. Udanta Singh was in his usual good touch with most of the Indian attacks coming from the right flank with his fast runs creating problems from Curacao.

But it was Sahal Abdul Samad who was clearly the best Indian player on the field. He was all over the pitch at the centre of the park, initiating attacking moves, making fine turns to get the better of his opponents and not afraid of holding the ball.

Resurgent Dutch threaten to keep England waiting

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
GUIMARAES, JUNE 5

ENGLAND'S LONG wait for a first international trophy since 1966 could be just days away at the Nations League finals in Portugal, but Ronald Koeman's resurgent Netherlands present a hazardous hurdle for the Three Lions in Thursday's semi-final in Guimaraes.

A run to the semi-finals of 2018 World Cup and memorable victories over Spain and Croatia to make the last four of another tournament within 12 months have raised expectations that Gareth Southgate in coaching the generation to finally end England's wait for glory. By contrast, the Dutch have had a lean few years after failing to make it to Russia last year or qualify for Euro 2016. Even though the Dutch lost a thrilling opening Euro 2000 qualifier 3-2 to Germany in March there are no fears they will miss out for a third consecutive major tournament. The side captained by the imperious Virgil van Dijk is also blessed with the core of an Ajax side that were seconds away from facing Van Dijk's Liverpool in the Champions League final. Tottenham robbed the Eredivisie of its first Champions League finalist since 1996 with a dramatic late semi-final, second leg winner in Amsterdam as the Premier League dominated European competition this season. But there is no guarantee English success will carry over to the international stage.

Indeed, there were as many Dutchman as English players in Liverpool's starting line-up as they lifted the European Cup on Saturday with Van Dijk and Georginio Wijnaldum. One of Koeman's first acts when taking charge of his country last year was to make Van Dijk his skipper having worked with him at Southampton. "When you look at Virgil now, this is a big, big personality on the pitch. He is a leader," Koeman told *The Guardian*. "That is why I made him captain. He is strong; he has a great character and enjoys the responsibility."

Van Dijk's man-of-the-match display in the Champions League final to go with his Premier League players' player of the year award has increased his chances of winning the Ballon d'Or. Lifting the Nations League would only strengthen his case and it is his centre-back partner at international level who may take his tag as the world's most expensive defender. Matthijs de Ligt is also a leader at just 19. The towering Ajax captain is wanted by a host of Europe's top clubs after a stellar season. "We have the best centre defenders with De Ligt and Virgil," said Koeman. "That's great because you build the house, always, from downstairs. You don't start with the roof. That is the target as a manager: goalkeeper, defender. The centre part of the team has to be strong."

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