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Aligarh child's murder: Wife, brother of key accused held
AMIL BHATNAGAR
ALIGARH, JUNE 8

THE UTTAR Pradesh police Saturday arrested the wife and the brother of Jahed, an accused in the murder of a two-year-old girl in Aligarh, for their alleged involvement in the crime. The arrests come days after Jahed and another accused were held after the decomposed body of the girl was found in a garbage dump near Jahed's home. "Jahed's wife and his brother Mehdi Hasan were arrested on Saturday and have been sent to jail. Their role had come up during the investigation. We have also recovered the piece of clothing in which the girl's body was wrapped. It belongs to Jahed's wife, who has admitted to it. Prima facie, it appears that they will be probed under IPC Section 120B (conspiracy)," said a senior police officer. Jahed and another accused allegedly abducted the girl from outside her home on May 30, and disposed her body in a garbage dump after killing her — allegedly over a monetary dispute Jahed had with the girl's

Easter attacks: NIA shares with Sri Lanka numbers of five locals linked to IS
DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

IN THE wake of the Easter Sunday bombings which killed more than 250 people, India has shared with Sri Lanka phone numbers of five Lankans suspected to be associated with Islamic State (IS). India has also shared call logs and details of some Indians who were in touch with the family of two Lankan suicide bombers involved in the attacks. A National Investigation Agency (NIA) team was in Sri Lanka last week in connection with the agency's probe into two IS modules in India that are suspected to have had connections in Sri Lanka. "The NIA had found

J&K Bank chairman removed, police raid his office
NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

JAMMU AND Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik's administration Saturday removed the chairman and managing director of J&K Bank, Parvez Ahmed and appointed the bank's executive president, R K Chhibber interim chairman. Hours after Ahmed was removed, the J&K Anti Corruption Bureau raided the premises of the bank's headquarters ahead of a scheduled meeting of the board of directors.

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Terror the biggest threat, need a global summit of leaders to combat it: PM

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SHUBHAJIT ROY
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TO PLUG loopholes in the fight against terror, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday proposed a "global conference" on countering terrorism, along the lines of summits on climate change. Addressing the Maldivian Parliament on his first bilateral visit in the second term, Modi said that "the water is now rising above the head", as he urged world leaders to unite to combat the menace. Describing the fight against terror and radicalisation as world's biggest challenge, the Prime Minister said, "The way the global community has

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in Maldives for his first bilateral visit after the Lok Sabha polls, Saturday. *PIB/PTI*
EXPLAINED
Signalling priority, affirming friendship
MALDIVES, WHICH had been actively wooed by China during the Abdulla Yameen regime, has become Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first stop in his second term. Signalling the priority to a neighbour in the Indian Ocean region, Modi on Saturday promised strong financial and other support to President Solih's government. With the shadow of China on the Indian Ocean, boosting strategic ties with Malé is key to India and the region's maritime security.



Clashes in Dakshin Dinajpur (above), North 24-Parganas Saturday. *Express*
3 workers killed in clash with TMC: BJP
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

THE BJP on Saturday claimed two of its local leaders and a party worker had been killed and at least five workers seriously wounded in a violent clash with Trinamool Congress workers in Sandeshkhali in North 24-Parganas district, about 75 km southeast of Kolkata. The Trinamool made a counter allegation that BJP workers had attacked and killed one of their workers. Police confirmed only one death on Saturday evening, but said the number could rise. "One

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UP police arrest Delhi man for 'objectionable' tweet on Yogi
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOIDA, JUNE 8

UTTAR PRADESH Police have arrested a man for making "objectionable comments" against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on social media. The man's wife told *The Sunday Express* that UP police personnel had picked him up from their home in Mandawali Fazalpur in East Delhi on Saturday afternoon. Prashant Kanojia, who says he is a freelance journalist, had allegedly uploaded a video on Twitter in which a woman is heard making some claims about Adityanath. Kanojia had posted a comment with the video. The head of a Noida-based news channel that had broadcast the video that Kanojia posted has also been arrested, along with one of the editors of the channel.

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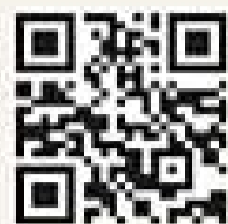
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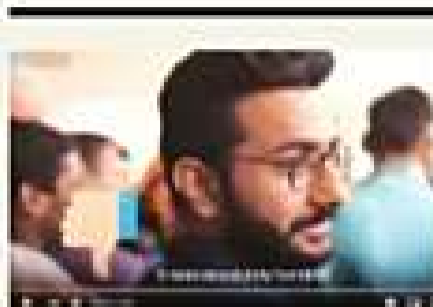
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Have nothing to do with it, says The Indian Army on Saturday

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Harvard historian Maya Jasanoff discusses imperialism, globalisation, identity and the forces that have shaped the modern world

FROM PAGE ONE

J&K Bank

Ahmed was appointed chairman in October 2016 and his tenure was to end in five months. Shortly after the announcement was made, Ahmed said on Twitter, "Absolutely no regrets. Did my job most diligently, honestly and in the best interest of the institution. Open to scrutiny on each and every transaction I have done during my two decades of functioning in the bank."

In a statement issued Saturday, the state government said that the change in leadership at J&K Bank was done "keeping in view the concerns expressed in various quarters" regarding the governance and functioning of the bank.

As a first step, the statement said, "the Government has decided to change its nominee director on the Board of JK Bank, Mr Parvez Ahmed." The government also announced a search committee to identify a suitable panel of names to be appointed to the bank's board and subsequently, for consideration as managing director.

Sources in the bank said that the raids were conducted on the second floor of the headquarters in Srinagar which houses the Human Resources department, and the chairman's office on the fourth floor.

An independent director on the board of J&K Bank told The Sunday Express that a board meeting was scheduled Saturday at 10.30 am. "The board met a little later and decided to appoint RK Chibber as the new interim chairman." The board also approved the appointment of a Compliance Officer.

Sources said that Ahmed was called by the J&K Chief Secretary for a meeting in the morning, where the state government's decision was probably conveyed.

The bank's executive has been dragging its feet on separating the posts of chairman and managing director as required under RBI guidelines. "The independent directors had been raising this issue for a while, but a decision was being delayed," said the independent director.

Bifurcating the CMD post requires changes to the bye-laws of the company. "This has to be approved by the shareholders. The Annual General Meeting was scheduled in July. But the bank could have always called for an Extraordinary General Meeting to comply with RBI guidelines. This was also not done," said another source.

A government statement said that steps will be initiated through the board to make necessary changes "with adequate safeguards in the functioning of the Board to ensure high levels of financial prudence, financial control, better risk management and oversight".

On April 30, the Union Home Ministry, while calling for "cleaning" of J&K Bank, had asked the state government to investigate "large and dubious" loans, and appointment of non-executive chairman and separate managing director.

The Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau registered a case based on a written complaint it received to look into allegations related to "illegal/fraudulent appointments made in JK bank."

"Immediately after registration of FIR, searches of premises of corporate office J&K Bank Head Quarters were conducted and during search operations documents/discriminatory material pertaining to the appointments were seized," said the ACB.

In November 2018, the Governor-led State Administrative Council had approved a proposal to turn J&K Bank to a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU). The move was rolled back followed stiff opposition from the Bank's employees as well the political parties of the state. J&K state holds a majority or 59.3 per cent stake in the bank.

Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, during whose tenure Ahmed was appointed, had then termed the decision, "disturbing step to snatch every bit of autonomy that our institutions have".

Defending the decision,

Terror biggest threat, says Modi

actively organised summits on climate change, why can't there be such summits on terrorism? I expect international organisations and prominent countries to organise a global conference on the issue of terrorism within a time frame, so that we can discuss the loopholes exploited by terrorists. If we delay this, future generations will not forgive us."

He said that it was unfortunate that many still make the distinction between good and bad terrorists and also underscored the threat of "State-sponsored terrorism", in a veiled reference to Pakistan.

The joint statement between the Maldives and India was more expansive on terrorism than before, as the two sides agreed to set up a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism, Countering Violent Extremism and De-radicalisation.

But, while there was no reference to "cross-border terrorism" — which alludes to Pakistan-sponsored terror — in the joint statement, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said that Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih told Modi that the Maldives government condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism.

In another proposal, Modi announced that India has offered to restore the Hukura Miskiy (Friday Mosque) by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under an Indian grant. Gokhale said that since the Friday Mosque — built in

1658 and among the oldest and most ornate mosques in Male — is made of corals, the message behind renovating it is making it "environmentally sustainable" in the context of climate change. Modi also wished the people of Maldives on the occasion of Eid at least twice during his visit.

On the strategic front — mindful of China's pro-active moves in the Indian Ocean region — both nations reiterated their assurance of being mindful of each other's concerns and aspirations for the stability of the region and not allowing their respective territories to be used for any activity inimical to the other.

The two leaders agreed on the importance of maintaining peace and security in the Indian Ocean Region, and to strengthen coordination in enhancing maritime security, "through coordinated patrolling and aerial surveillance, exchange of information, and capacity building".

This is aimed at assuaging concerns that stem from China's assertion in the Indian Ocean region, as three Chinese navy ships had docked in Male in August last year. The two leaders also acknowledged the recent joint exercise Ekatha conducted in April 2019. On Saturday, they jointly inaugurated the Composite Training Facility of the Maldives National Defence Force in Maafilafushi, and the Coastal Surveillance Radar System by remote link.

The coming to power of

President Solih, Modi said, had seen a qualitative change in the bilateral relationship, and recalled that New Delhi's \$1.4 billion financial assistance — which was announced during Solih's visit to India in December 2018 — and the lines of credit worth \$800 million, would help the development of Maldives.

Agreeing to Solih's request for financial aid, India had announced USD 1.4 billion financial assistance to the island nation in December last year, in a bid to bail out the debt-trapped economy. This was in the wake of Chinese loans for projects which already account for around 70 per cent of the Maldives' national debt. Delhi's economic help is key to India's strategic interests, as it will work towards weaning off Male from Beijing's "debt-for-leverage" model of diplomacy.

The two leaders also discussed India's budgetary support, treasury-bills, currency swap, and Lines of Credit. They also decided to work on other projects including port development, health, agriculture, fisheries, tourism and energy.

The two sides signed six agreements in the fields of hydrography, health, passenger and cargo services by sea, Customs capacity-building, training of Maldivian civil servants, and white shipping information.

Modi's visit comes after the five years of the Abdulla Yameen government, during which ties with India deteriorated and

Male's proximity to China and Saudi Arabia increased. India had cancelled the Prime Minister's trip to the Maldives in March 2015, and the Maldives was the only country in the neighbourhood where Modi did not go on a bilateral visit in the first term.

He went only to attend the swearing-in ceremony of President Solih in November 2018, after Yameen was defeated in the Maldivian national elections.

The Prime Minister was also awarded the highest honour of Maldives for foreign dignitaries, the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzudeen. While giving the award, Solih said it was in recognition of all that Modi had done to "cement the longstanding, amicable ties between our two countries, and for the magnanimous assistance that the Indian government has continued to provide the Maldives under his stewardship".

Modi said that the two sides would start work on a ferry service between Kochi (India) and Kulhudhuffushi and Malé (Maldives). He also said that with the introduction of the RuPay card in the Maldives, tourism would get a boost and both sides would work on it.

India has offered to help build a cricket stadium, and develop cricket through professional coaching, playing in Indian tournaments and adequate infrastructure.

Modi will next visit Sri Lanka Sunday before returning to India.

Governor Malik had stated that only those with "personal or political interests" in J&K Bank are opposing the move to turn the bank into a PSU and the opposition is "without merit."

The bank's media liaison officer Dr Mir Javid said, "The government holds 59 per cent equity and it is their decision to make. Ideally, the chairman's term is three years and Mr Ahmed's term was scheduled to end in October this year."

Easter attacks

Whether these numbers belong to those associated with the Easter bombings in any way is not known," said a Home Ministry official.

Incidentally, the NIA had first generated an input about possible bombings in Sri Lanka when forensic analysis of phones of some IS recruits in Coimbatore threw up a video of Lanka suicide bomber and attack mastermind Zahrán Hashim asking Muslims to rise in the cause of Islam and warning of an impending attack.

Following the attack, the NIA had even arrested a youth from Kerala, Riyas Abubakar, for not only being in touch with members of the Kasargod IS module that fled to Afghanistan to join the outfit in 2016 but also for watching and being inspired by videos of Hashim. The NIA claimed Abubakar admitted he had intentions to carry out suicide attacks.

"The NIA has also found that some suspects in India have been in touch with the family of Inshaf and Ilham Ibrahim, two brothers who were among the suicide bombers. They were sons of Lankan spice trading tycoon Yousuf Ibrahim. Details of these people have been given to Lankan authorities. It is not clear whether they are associated with IS or were in touch with the family because the Ibrahim have long-standing trade relations with people in India," said the Home Ministry official.

The NIA also looked into links of Adhil Ameer, a Lankan tech graduate arrested in connection with the bombings, in India. Ameer, who went by the online identity of Adhil Ax, was extremely popular in several online IS groups. These included a group called "Islam Q&A" where a number of Indians actively engaged. Ameer had come in touch with at least three modules busted by Indian agencies.

Adhil, NIA sources said, was in touch with Ubed Mirza and Qasim Stimberwala arrested in 2017 for planning to attack a synagogue in Ahmedabad. He had also been in touch with modules led by Bhatkhal-resident Adnan Hassan Damudi and Jaipur-resident Mohammed Naser. They were deported from Dubai and Sudan respectively in 2016.

"Lankan investigators, however, are yet to find concrete evidence to link Adhil with the Easter bombings. The investigations are still going on, though," said the Home Ministry official. Lankan authorities have also denied that Zahrán Hashim ever travelled to India, a reiteration of what Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena said on his visit to India recently. Senior Lanka Army Officer Mahesh Senanayake had claimed in an interview after the bombings that Hashim had stayed in India for three months before the blasts. "At least there is no evidence to prove that he entered India. If he came in surreptitiously infiltrating across the sea, it is not known," said the official.

Sources said the visit was successful in building relations between agencies of the two countries though the NIA gathered little for their own investigations. "All the bombers are dead. Their electronic devices have been taken away by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which is helping the Lankans in the probe. Unless the data from these devices is made available, little will be known of the bombers' India links," said the official.

Aligarh

grandfather. The body was found three days later, by which time it had decomposed and animals had damaged it, said police.

According to Javed's neighbours, a scuffle had erupted between Javed, Mehdi and the family members of the victim after her body was found, following which Mehdi went missing. Police claimed the two people arrested Saturday knew about the murder but did not inform authorities. The Indian Express reported Saturday that the second accused (name withheld to protect the identity of minor victim) was booked in 2014 for allegedly raping his own minor daughter. His wife shifted to her parents' home

with their children soon after he allegedly raped his daughter. Speaking to The Sunday Express, she said: "After the rape, I brought my children here and have been raising them on my own. I would visit (him) once in a while but not for long. He would do drugs and beat me. I feel safer here." She said he initially used to send money for his children but eventually stopped.

Tweet arrest

An FIR was lodged against Kanojia at Lucknow's Hazratganj police station under Sections 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) and 500 (defamation) of the IPC, and Section 67 of The Information Technology Act (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form) on a complaint filed by Sub-Inspector Vikas Kumar, Investigating Officer Sub-Inspector Vijender Mishra said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Lucknow, Kalanidhi Naithani said Kanojia had made objectionable comments on social media and spread rumours. Naithani said that police had arrested Kanojia on the basis of evidence, and that he had confessed to the crime.

IO Mishra, when asked whether the statement of the woman in the video had been recorded, said: "The case has been lodged against Prashant Kanojia for making objectionable comments, so there is no need to record the statement of the woman whose video the accused had uploaded."

The woman in the video, however, claimed a police team had visited her home on Saturday morning and recorded her statement. "I told police officials what I was telling everyone so far," she said on Saturday evening.

Noida Police on Saturday arrested Ishita Singh, head of Nation Live, the local channel that aired the footage of the woman, and one of its editors, Anuj Shukla, for allegedly propagating defamatory content. An FIR has been registered under IPC Sections 505(1) (publication or circulation of statement, rumour or report with intent to incite), 501 (printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory) and 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot) at Noida Phase 3 police station, an officer said.

Police said the content was not verified before it was broadcast, and could have affected law and order. Police also claimed they had found that the channel did not have a licence to operate as a news channel, and that a case of cheating and fraud too, has been registered at Phase 3 police station against the accused.

In Delhi, Kanojia's wife Jagisha Arora told The Sunday Express: "Around noon, when Prashant returned home after running an errand, he came inside the room and said he needed to change. He then whispered that police officials were at the door about something he tweeted on Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath."

Arora said that before leaving with the men, Kanojia had asked her to "tell our known people". "Thirty minutes later," she said, "I called him and he said he was being taken to Lucknow."

Arora said that an hour later, she found out that an FIR had been registered at Lucknow's Hazratganj police station against her husband. She said that she spoke with Kanojia at 6pm. "He told me they were on the Agra highway and that he was okay... it was just a joke, just a tweet," Arora said.

Police in Lucknow said Kanojia belongs to UP's Pratapgarh district. Police officers said he had told them after his arrest that he was currently not associated with any media organisation. Kanojia's wife said she was 26, and that they had been married since October 2018.

TMC workers

person is dead and several others are critically injured. More deaths are expected, unfortunately," a local police officer told The Sunday Express. Saturday's clash is the first major incident of violence after the tense, bitterly contested Lok Sabha election, in which the BJP won 18 of the 42 seats in the state. Sandeshkhali is part of Basirhat Lok Sabha constituency, where the TMC's Nusrat Jahan Ruhi defeated the BJP's Sayantan Basu.

Sources said the clash erupted over the removal of the flag of one of the parties in the Najat area of Sandeshkhali. Bombs were hurled and shots were fired.

The TMC claimed BJP workers

had stormed a booth-level meeting of its local party workers. "Suddenly 10-12 BJP workers barged into the meeting at Hatgachi. Our worker Kayum Ali Molla (26) was shot at point blank range. They then dragged him outside and stabbed him several times," Jyotipriya Mullik, the TMC's North 24-Paraganas district president, said.

Mullik alleged that three BJP MPs had visited Sandeshkhali and asked their workers to kill TMC people. "We don't want anyone to die but we will not leave them like this. Enough is enough, we will fight it back," Mullik said. Mullik also claimed that two TMC workers were missing, and he feared they had been killed as well.

The BJP, on the other hand, claimed Molla was hit by a bullet after TMC workers fired on BJP supporters.

Basu, who is also the BJP's state general secretary, said: "The TMC worker wasn't killed by the BJP. Rather, three of our workers — Pradip Mondal, Tapan Mondal, and Sukanto Mondal — have been killed in the firing. The area was tense since afternoon." BJP leaders said Pradip Mondal was the mandal president of the BJP's SC morcha, Tapan Mondal was the pramukh of the Shakti Kendra, and Sukanta Mondal was a party karyakarta.

BJP leader Mukul Roy posted on Twitter: "3 BJP workers shot dead by TMC goons in Sandeshkhali, West Bengal. @mamataofficial [Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee] is directly responsible for unleashing violence against BJP workers. We will be reaching Union Home Minister Sh @amitshah ji [Home Minister Amit Shah] to apprise him of Sandeshkhali killings."

A huge police force has been deployed in the area. Senior police officials have rushed to the spot.

A Block Development Officer was beaten up in his office on Thursday in Basirhat, allegedly by TMC supporters. The officer was admitted to Basirhat Super Speciality Hospital with injuries to his head and arms. His bodyguard and a few staffers at the BDO's office, too, were beaten. BJP MPs Saumitra Khan (Bishnupur), Subhas Sarkar (Bankura), and Shantanu Thakur (Bongaon) recently met BJP workers in Sandeshkhali.

Also on Saturday, there was chaos at West Bengal BJP president and Medinipur MP Dilip Ghosh's Abhinandan Yatra (victory rally) at Gangarampur in South Dinajpur district, after police tried to stop the procession by putting up barricades. In the ensuing clash between police and Ghosh's supporters, stones flew, and police lobbed teargas shells.

"Several police, civic volunteers and others were injured in the clash. Ten people have been detained," a police officer of the district said.

Ever since the election results were declared, BJP leaders have been organising victory rallies in various parts of the state. On Saturday, police had imposed Section 144; however, Ghosh and Balurghat MP Sukanta Majumdar continued to walk through Buniyadpur. When they reached Gangarampur, police tried to stop the procession using barricades.

Ghosh said, "What is the problem if we walk on the street? People have voted for us in huge numbers and we want to thank them, hence we have been doing programmes like this. Why are they imposing Section 144? Is this Kashmir? Police first stopped us, workers got angry, but taking advantage, a mob supported by the TMC hurled bombs and pelted stones to tarnish our image."

TMC leader Arpita Ghosh, who lost the election in Balurghat, said: "BJP is trying to create law and order problem everywhere." TMC general secretary Partha Chatterjee said: "What Dilip Ghosh is doing does not suit a leader of a political party in a democratic country. Such acts are done by anti-socials against administrative force and police. I strongly condemn this".

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VICTIM HAD LENT MONEY TO THE ACCUSED: POLICE

Shot in face inside car, dumped on the road, woman survives

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

A 25-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, who works at a software firm in Gurgaon, was shot at and thrown out of an SUV Friday night in South West Delhi's Vasant Kunj. The victim, Sonali Singh, a resident of Deoli village, was shot in the face by a neighbour, and rushed to a private hospital by four passersby.

"A PCR call about a woman being shot at was received at 9 pm. In her statement, she said a person called Rahul Singhal, a resident of the same village as her, shot her and escaped," said

Additional DCP (South West) Benita Mary Jaiker.

A case under IPC section 307 (attempt to murder) has been registered at Vasant Kunj (South) police station. Jaiker said the shooting was over money.

A police officer said, "Around three months ago, the victim gave over Rs 2 lakh to Singhal. On Friday, he asked her to meet in Saket to talk about this. They went towards Rajokri at around 8.40 pm. After she demanded the money back, she was shot at by Singhal in the car."

A senior police officer said only "Singh and Singhal were in the SUV, a Fortuner, at the time".

He said the accused, who

makes a living out of property rent, was missing when police reached his house in Deoli village. His family wasn't present at home either.

On Saturday afternoon, after Singh was operated upon at AIIMS hospital, her father Joginder (49), an airline engineer, told *The Sunday Express*, "I got a call at 8.45 pm that my daughter had been shot at and was being taken to a hospital. When I reached the hospital, she told me that Rahul had shot her. She couldn't say more, there was blood all over her face as she was shot on her cheekbone," he said.

Her father said Singh leaves

for work at 5 pm in an office car that comes to pick her up from their house in Deoli village.

"She left at 5.30 pm for work. Every day, she returns home by 4 am as she does the night shift at the firm in Guragon," he said.

Singh, an MBA graduate, met the accused years ago through a school friend, and the three grew up together in Deoli village.

The victim's father said, "Rahul is her friend's cousin and she would often come over to visit. We had heard about Rahul, but found out only today that my daughter had lent him the money."



At India Gate. The capital recorded a high of 42.7 degrees Celsius on Saturday. *Gajendra Yadav*

Headless body found inside trunk, police look for clues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

THE NORTH West District police went into a tizzy after an unidentified woman's headless body was found near Jahangirpuri Metro Station.

According to police, the incident came to light Saturday afternoon when locals found a metal truck affixed atop a cycle and informed police. "Police rushed to the spot and found the woman's body. She was not wearing anything. The body had been wrapped in a blanket and kept inside the truck," a senior officer said.

A forensic crime team from the district was called to lift fingerprints from the spot.

"Prima facie it appears that the woman had been killed two-three days ago and was dumped here. The body had started to decompose and the skin had turned black," an officer said.

Heat persists, no respite expected for next 2 days

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

THE NATIONAL capital reeled under scorching heat on Saturday, with high humidity adding to the discomfort.

The weatherman said no relief is expected from the heat for two days. The Safdarjung Observatory recorded a maximum temperature of 42.7 de-

grees Celsius, three notches above normal, and the minimum temperature at 28 degrees Celsius. Humidity levels oscillated between 22 and 74 per cent, an MeT official said.

Weather stations at Palam, Ayanagar and Jafarpur recorded a maximum temperature of 45.2, 44.6 and 44.4 degrees Celsius respectively. On Sunday, the city is expected to record a high of 44 degrees Celsius.

BRIEFLY

Four held for auto lifting

New Delhi: Four people, who allegedly stole more than 100 vehicles in Delhi-NCR and sold them in Jammu and Kashmir, have been arrested, police said.

Snag on Yellow Line

New Delhi: For over an hour Saturday, a portion of the Metro's Yellow Line suffered a power failure. The reason was leakage from a water pipeline inside the tunnel.


Man killed 'over affair'

New Delhi: A 24-year-old man, his brother-in-law and two associates allegedly killed a man Friday for having an extramarital affair with the man's wife, police said. **ENS**



YOUR SWEET HOME

KEEP IT SAFE & SECURE



Ensure that the windows and doors are well guarded by strong grills




Install a peep hole and safety door chain to avoid unwanted entry.






Don't let stranger and unidentified people in without identification.



Install security gadgets like security alarms & CCTVs.



Have your surrounding well lighted.



Use good quality bolts and locks and secure valuables in a bank.

MAKE SAFETY A HABIT

E-mail to CP, Delhi at: cp.amulyapatnaik@delhipolice.gov.in
Write your grievance or any confidential information to CP, Delhi at P.O. Box No. 171, GPO, New Delhi

FOR IMMEDIATE POLICE HELP CALL 100

FOR HELPLINE SERVICES CALL 1090

A GOVERNMENT THAT FULFILS PROMISES

PINARAYI VIJAYAN GOVERNMENT ENTERS THE FOURTH YEAR



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FOUR MISSIONS FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT



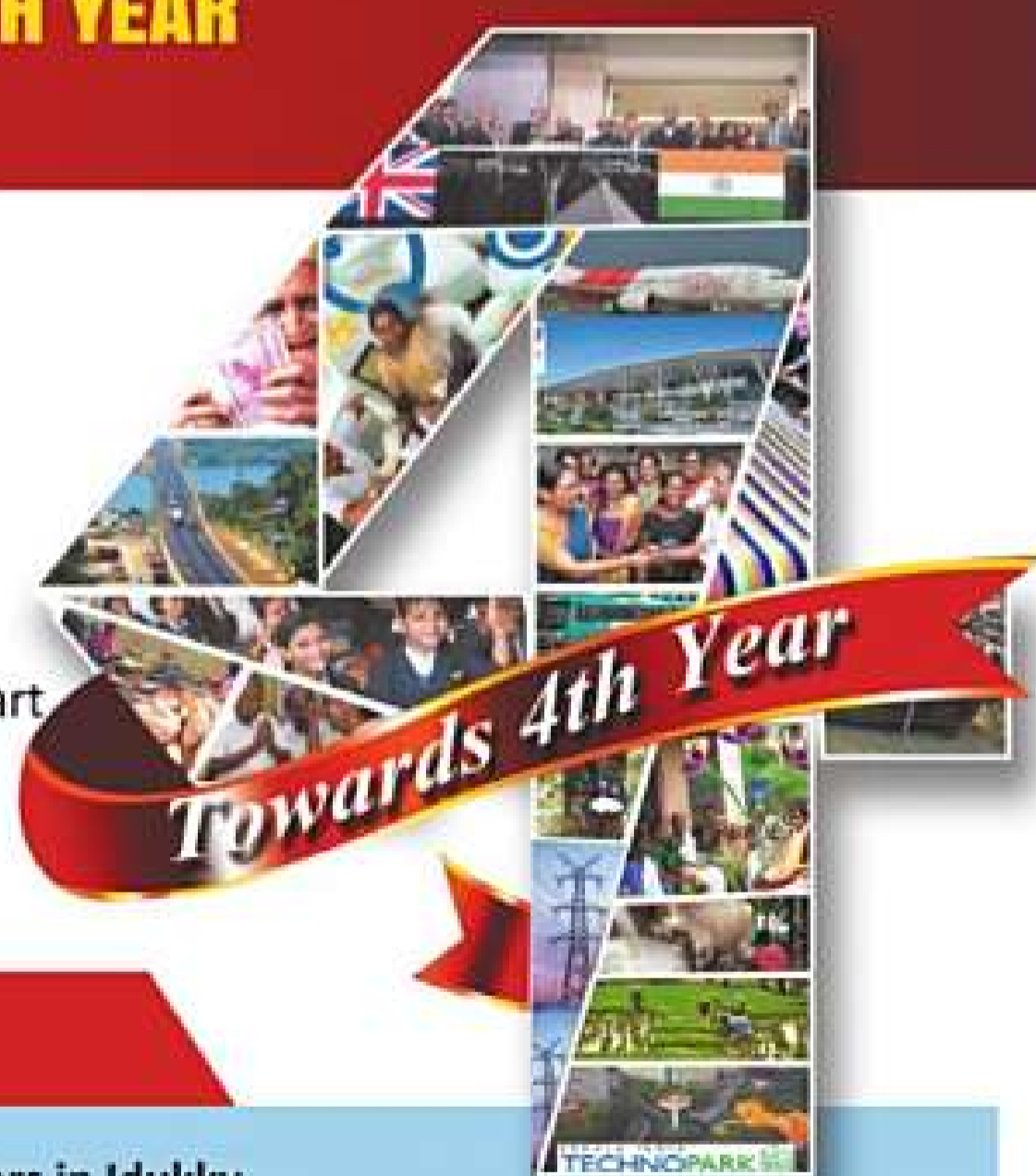
LIFE: Providing quality houses for all the homeless

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Discernible improvement in Public Education



AARDHAM: Providing state-of-the-art facilities in Government Hospitals

HARITHAKERALAM: Caring the environment and nature



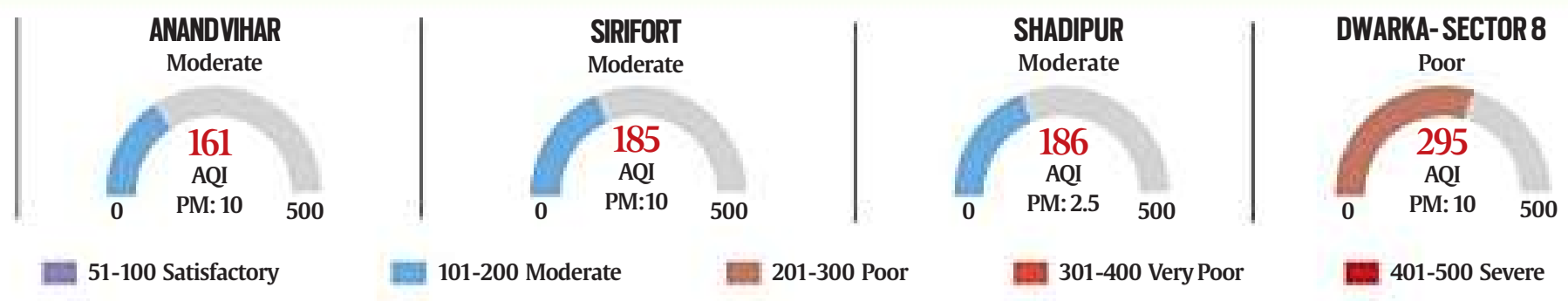
All-round development

- ▲ Student strength increased by 3.42 lakhs in Government and Aided Schools. 45,000 classrooms went fully Hi Tech
- ▲ New paddy cultivation in 25,000 hectares. Paddy production registers a record 6 lakh metric ton this year
- ▲ Quantum Jump in Infra development. Projects worth Rs. 50,000 crores through KIIFB support
- ▲ Kannur International Airport with state-of-the-art facilities
- ▲ Widening of NH is in full swing
- ▲ 444 metre GAIL pipeline completed with resolute leadership
- ▲ Koodamkulam Power Highway by 2020
- ▲ Coastal Highway, Hill Highway and National Waterways work progressing at a much faster pace
- ▲ Road map ready for Rebuild Kerala initiatives with global expertise
- ▲ ₹70 Crores for the Kerala Startup mission, seed funding for young entrepreneurs

All-round welfare

- ▲ Special package to support farmers in Idukki, Wayanad and Kuttanad
- ▲ Land title deed for more than one lakh landless families
- ▲ Jobs for 1.1 lakh applicants through the PSC. 20,000 new posts created
- ▲ Empowering marginalized sections; the amount of welfare pension doubled
- ▲ Separate Department for Women and Children
- ▲ Comprehensive schemes for women empowerment and security
- ▲ Women Battalion in Police Force, enhanced women representation in the Forest, the Fire and Rescue and the Excise depts
- ▲ Gender-based budgeting
- ▲ Special schemes to provide jobs for transgender
- ▲ Global accolade for the timely intervention in rescue and rehabilitation of the flood victims
- ▲ Rs. 6 lakh each to those who lost their land in the floods
- ▲ Moratorium for farm loans till December 31st, 2019

4 THE CITY



Police legal cell asks depts to fix issues with 'overseas processes'

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

THE DELHI Police legal cell has highlighted issues with the way in which various departments are dealing with "overseas processes" — from summons and notices to bailable warrants meant to be issued to people abroad.

In a letter to several departments, the DCP (Legal Cell) wrote that "overseas processes... for execution through Ministry of Home Affairs/Ministry of External Affairs are not being properly dealt with according to guidelines issued by the MHA".

The letter stated that the South East District, IGI Airport

and Crime Branch were especially falling behind, and asked all departments to keep some points in mind. The departments have been asked to give the MHA "at least a period of 12 weeks time for service of such notices in the concerned countries".

They have also been told to provide "brief facts of the case along with name, designation and contact number of officer who will be able to give any clarification on the facts of the case, if required".

The letter was issued after the deputy legal adviser of the MHA raised the issue with Delhi Police and asked it to ensure compliance with the Ministry's instructions. The letter was sent a few days ago to all 15 districts,

Crime Branch, Special Cell, Airport and Railways after getting approval from Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik.

"In case of non-English speaking countries, the notices should be accompanied with certification translation in the official language of the country where the notice is proposed to be served. This is particular in case of China and Nepal," the letter states. "MHA authorities require the request in the form as at annexure for Nepal in Nepali language, Russia in Russian language..."

DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "We have been informed by the legal department and from now onwards, we will carry out more scrutiny before sending such documents."

SHORT CIRCUIT SUSPECTED

Woman, her 2 children die trying to escape blaze in Faridabad building

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

A 29-YEAR-OLD woman and her two children, aged seven and nine, died while they were trying to escape a blaze that had broken out at their building in Faridabad's Dabua Colony around 7.30 am Saturday. According to fire officers, Nita Bhati and the children, Yashika and Dev, lived on the first floor of a building that also housed a playschool and a clothing shop. All of them died of suffocation.

According to officials, the fire appears to have broken out due to a short circuit in the MCB at the ground-floor shop, and smoke quickly engulfed the entire building.

"We received a call in the morning about a fire that broke out near a mosque in Dabua Colony. We reached the spot in five minutes and found that the woman's husband was trying to douse the fire, while the family was stuck upstairs. We entered the house from a window at the back of the house. The children



The building also had a playschool and a clothing shop. Praveen Khanna

died due to suffocation at the spot, and we took the wife to a hospital, where the doctor declared her dead," said Sube

Singh, PRO, Faridabad Police. Nita's husband Vishal Bhati (30) had gone to buy milk when the blaze broke out. "When I re-

turned, I saw flames inside the shop. I went upstairs, alerted my wife and told her to rush with the children downstairs. My car

was parked right outside the shop, and to make sure there wasn't a blast, I rushed out to move it to a safer spot. I then returned to douse the fire while the neighbours called police and the fire services. But smoke entered the first floor and my family got stuck," Bhati told *The Sunday Express*.

Just four days before the incident, the family had returned from a holiday in Manali. Nita worked as a teacher at the playschool in the same building, which was closed due to the summer vacations. The couple's daughter Yashika studied at Jeeva Public School in Faridabad, while Dev attended the St Joseph School in Sector 21.

Vikas Khatana (32), an eye-witness, blamed defunct transformers near the house. "There was a spark in the MCB; such incidents are common in our locality since transformers here often get overheated. Last week, a fire broke out at another shop in Dabua; no casualties were reported then. We have registered a complaint to fix this issue," he said.

कार्यालय जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या :- 04/2019-20

- विज्ञापनदाता का पुराना एवं नाम :- जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग
- परिमाणु शिप्ट की विधि की तिथि :- दिनांक 27.06.19 से 28.06.19 को 10:00 बजे अथवा 11:00 बजे अथवा 12:00 बजे
- निविदा प्रक्रिया की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 29.06.19 को 3:00 बजे अथवा 4:00 बजे
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 29.06.19 को 4:00 बजे अथवा 5:00 बजे
- परिमाणु शिप्ट की कीमत का स्थान :- जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग
- निविदा प्रक्रिया का स्थान :- निविदा प्रक्रिया, हजारीबाग
- निविदा खोलने का स्थान :- जिला परिषद कार्यालय, हजारीबाग

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1	2	4	5	6	7	8
1	सड़क	जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग के अखंड एवं जिला अभियंता के पुराने आवास परिसर में कार्यालयिक भवन का निर्माण।	44020900.00	10000.00	880500.00	एक वर्ष छः माह

नोट :- 1. अंशदान UCAN प्रमाण पत्र निविदा के साथ समर्पित करना अनिवार्य है अन्यथा कार्य अर्जित नहीं किया जायेगा।
2. निविदा की भरत कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

जिला अभियंता
जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग।
P.R.208339 District(19-20)-D

Office of the Executive Engineer Road Construction Department Road Division, Garhwa

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
e Tender Reference No. RCD/Garhwa/509/19-20 Dated: 07.06.2019

1. The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Department, Road Division, Garhwa invites item rate bids online for the work detailed in the table given below. The bidder is advised to read & examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Bid Document before bidding.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Value of work (Rs. in lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in lakh)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Reconstruction of Nagarjuni - Dhurki-Ambakhoriya Road (MDR -139) Total Length 24.940 km, under Central Road Fund for the year 2019-20	10571.13	105.72	Stationery charges Rs. 2000.00 & tender cost Rs. 10000.00	19 (Nineteen) months including rainy season.

Note :- The Bid Amount & Bid security will be decrease or increase.

2. Website e-tendering portal of MORTH may be referred for detailed terms and conditions of the invitation for Bids (IFB) and Bidding Documents (including e-tendering instruction to applicants), which is available online.

3. Tender will be available online on MORTH portal and e-tendering portal of MORTH from 13.06.2019 upto 18.06.2019 upto 12.07.2019 upto 18.00 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of MORTH on or before 18.00 Hours on 12.07.2019 and technical bids received online will be opened on 15.07.2019 at 12.30 Hours.

4. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) may get the same issued from approved agencies.

Executive Engineer
R.C.D., Road Division, Garhwa
PR 208314 Road (19-20)-D

UJVN Limited.
H.O. "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808; Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN NO. U40101UR2001SGC025866
Website: www.ujvn.com

Tender Notice
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-I, Maneri (Uttarakashi) invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

Tender No:-	03/EE(Civil)/MB-I/Maneri/2019-20	04/EE(Civil)/MB-I/Maneri/2019-20
Name of work:-	Annual electrical repair works of residences of Maneri Dam Colony.	Hiring of One No. non A.C Diesel vehicle such as Mahindra Bolero (6+1 seater) or equivalent with driver for one year for DGM/CM-BV, Maneri
Estimated Cost	Rs. 6,95,175.00 (Including GST)	Rs. 4,95,400.00 (Excluding GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 17,000.00	Rs. 11,000.00
Tender Fee	Rs. 500.00 (Including GST)	Rs. 500.00 (Including GST)
Date of availability of bid document on Website	08-06-2019 From 10:00 hrs	08-06-2019 From 10:00 hrs
Last Date of submission of Tender	29-06-2019 Up to 13:00 hrs	29-06-2019 Up to 13:00 hrs
Date of opening of Tender	01-07-2019 At 11:00 hrs	01-07-2019 At 11:30 hrs

For fuller & further detail kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be download from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"
पत्रांक: 261 दिनांक: 07.06.2019 E.E. (Civil), MB-I, Maneri
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OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI (ENGINEERING SECTION)
KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN - 834001
e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

LETTER NO.-28/Eng/RMC DATED:-07-06-2019
Short e-Procurement Notice

- Name of Tender Inviting Officer :- Chief Engineer, RMC, Ranchi
- Date of Publication of Tender on Website :- 15-06-2019
- Last date/Time for receipt of online bids :- 15-06-19 to 29-06-19 5:00 PM
- Last date/Time for receipt of EMD (Hard Copy) :- 01-07-2019 Up to 4:00 PM
- Date/Time of Opening bid :- 02-07-2019 Up to 12:30 PM
- Helpline number :- 7739568478

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of completion
1	08	Construction of Bituminous & RCC Road, RCC Drain and Culvert at Anandpuram	97,44,300/-	1,95,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
2	69	Construction of RCC Road, RCC Drain and Culvert at Shanti Vihar colony (Left Side End Tail)	90,36,000/-	1,81,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
3	08	Construction of RCC Road, RCC Drain and Culvert at Tower at Hill Road (Left side) under Ward No - 18	80,41,750/-	1,61,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
4	26	Improvement of PCC Road with Bituminous Surface and RCC Drain in West portion from Behind Vaidya's Apartment to Saket Vihar	1,24,31,500/-	2,49,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
5	11	Const. of PCC road and RCC Drain at Hansan Base, Capital Hospital Gate and at Garha Talk near zym	74,93,100/-	1,50,000/-	10000/-	180 Days
6	49	Construction of PCC Road with Bituminous Surface and RCC Drain at New Saket Vihar	2,40,50,300/-	4,80,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
7	34	Const. of RCC Drain in different road of Vidyanagar from Sanyasree House to Subhash Vihar house and from sangam vihar colony to golden public School and Harshat Singh house to Shanti Vihar	2,18,89,300/-	4,34,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
8	52	Construction of PCC Road, RCC Drain at Patel Nagar River View colony, Jogobasa.	2,12,58,100/-	4,26,000/-	10000/-	270 Days
9	47	Construction of PCC Road, Guard wall and Drain at Ram Nagar Joror Namam from Ravidrta house to Ram Nagar Joror Namam Via Arun ji House and from Anup Singh House to Rajesh Yadav ji House	1,48,05,000/-	2,96,000/-	10000/-	270 Days

Further details can be seen on website <http://ranchimunicipal.com>
PR 208305 (Ranchi Municipal Corporation) 19-20 (D) Sd/- Chief Engineer, Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi.

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

GURGAON DEPUTY commissioner Ashok Garg Saturday said a "high-level committee of three officials — the additional deputy commissioner, Faridabad, the DCP and the Secretary, Nagar Nigam, Faridabad — has been set up to investigate the fire incident". He said authorities "will check fire safety standards in schools, coaching institutes and PGs, and strict action will be taken against people not complying with the rules".

Vishal Bhati, who lost his wife and two children in the blaze and was at the spot when

events unfolded, has alleged that fire officials did not do enough to save his family. "We called the fire services immediately after the blaze broke out; they arrived 10-15 minutes late in one fire tender. The firefighters came unprepared, since they had no masks or helmets. They couldn't climb the stairs due to the smoke and because they had no equipment. After some time, firemen and police reached the first floor and took my family to the hospital," he alleged.

Two neighbours — Mahinder Kumar (55) and Vikas Khatana (32) — also claimed the firemen were not wearing masks or helmets. They said the water pressure from the hose was low.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. 1, JAMMU CORRIGENDUM

Name of Work: Balance work of Aircraft Hanger Building adjoining Jammu Airport (including Plumbing/Fire Fighting and Electric Works)
Reference: This office e-NIT No. CD-1/14 of 2019-20 dated 16.05.2019 (e-tendering). Please read Page No. 11, 12, 27, 28 and 32 of SBD under reference e-NIT as per below:

Read as	Instead of
Page No. 11 (Clause 4.6-A (ii) of qualification of Bidder) Having satisfactorily completed or substantially completed at least one contract of work involving huge reinforcement cement concrete works/works like major concrete structures of any Govt./Semi Govt. department during the last five years (Building Work) of at least 33% of the value of proposed contract during the last five years. (Certificate to this effect to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent). No escalation factor is allowed for similar nature of work.	Having satisfactorily completed or substantially completed, at least one contract of similar nature of work of any Govt./Semi Govt. department during the last five years (Building Work) of at least 33% of the value of proposed contract during the last five years. (Certificate to this effect to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent). No escalation factor is allowed for similar nature of work.
The work may have been executed by the Applicant as prime contractor or as a member of joint venture. In case a project has been executed by a joint venture, weightage towards experience of the project would be given to each joint venture partner in proportion to their participation in the joint venture.	The work may have been executed by the Applicant as prime contractor or as a member of joint venture. In case a project has been executed by a joint venture, weightage towards experience of the project would be given to each joint venture partner in proportion to their participation in the joint venture.
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Page No. 12 (Clause 4.6-A (ii) of qualification of bidder) NOTE: The requirement in respect of clause 4.6-A (ii) (Financial Turn over) shall be 33% of advertised cost of the work for all such works with estimated value less than 40.00 crores and above the requirement shall be 40% of advertised cost of the particular work. Similarly the requirement in respect of clause 4.6-A (ii) (Building Work) shall be 33% of advertised cost of work for all such works with estimated value of Rs. 40.00 crores and above it shall be 40% of the advertised cost of the particular work.	NOTE: The requirement in respect of clause 4.6-A (ii) (Financial Turn over) shall be 33% of advertised cost of the work for all such works with estimated value less than 40.00 crores, while in case of works valuing 40.00 crores and above the requirement shall be 40% of advertised cost of the particular work. Similarly the requirement in respect of clause 4.6-A (ii) (Building Work) shall be 33% of advertised cost of work for all such works valuing less than 40.00 crores and above it shall be 40% of the advertised cost of the particular work.
Page No. 27 (Clause 1.3 under Section-2 of SBD) (Qualification Information) Work performed as prime contractor (in the same name & style) on construction works of huge RCC/ Major concrete structure over the last five years. Attach certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent.	1.3 Work performed as prime contractor (in the same name & style) on construction works of similar nature over the last five years. Attach certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent.
Page No. 27 (Clause 1.4 under Section-2 of Qualification Information) Work performed as sub-contractor (in the same name & style) duly supported with an authority letter regarding approval of sub-contract by the competent authority on construction works of huge RCC/major concrete structure over the last five years. Attach certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent.	1.4 Work performed as sub-contractor (in the same name & style) duly supported with an authority letter regarding approval of sub-contract by the competent authority) on construction works of similar nature over the last five years. Attach certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent.
Page No. 28 (Clause 1.5 under Section-2 of SBD) (Qualification Information) Having satisfactorily completed or substantially completed at least one contract of work involving huge reinforcement cement concrete works/works like major concrete structures of any Govt./Semi Govt. department during the last five years (Building Work) of at least 33% of the value of proposed contract during the last five years. (Certificate to this effect to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent). No escalation factor is allowed for similar nature of work.	Having satisfactorily completed or substantially completed, at least one contract of similar nature of work of any Govt./Semi Govt. department during the last five years (Building Work) of at least 33% of the value of proposed contract during the last five years. (Certificate to this effect to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent). No escalation factor is allowed for similar nature of work.
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Page No. 32 Clause 2.4 (b) Section - 2 of Qualification Information) Having satisfactorily completed or substantially completed at least one contract of work involving huge reinforcement cement concrete works/works like major concrete structures of any Govt./Semi Govt. department during the last five years (Building Work) of at least 33% of the value of proposed contract during the last five years. (Certificate to this effect to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent). No escalation factor is allowed for similar nature of work.	Having satisfactorily completed or substantially completed, at least one contract of similar nature of work of any Govt./Semi Govt. department during the last five years (Building Work) of at least 33% of the value of proposed contract during the last five years. (Certificate to this effect to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent). No escalation factor is allowed for similar nature of work.
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All other terms & conditions shall remain the same as already advertised.
Date: 06.06.2019 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. 1, Jammu.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (Training Wing)
ALANDUR ROAD, GUINDY, CHENNAI-600032.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Dt. 07.06.2019
Ref. No. 23000/Pur.2/2019

Sealed Tenders in Two Cover System are invited from Indian Manufacturers for the Supply of Machineries & Equipment for Advanced Trades at 20 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) functioning across the State Tamil Nadu for Imparting Practical Training. The details of Machineries to be procured along with specifications are mentioned in the tender documents. Which can be downloaded from the tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in or www.skilltraining.tn.gov.in at free of cost.

Sr	Tender Inviting Authority	The Joint Director (Apprenticeship Training), Office of the Commissioner of Employment and Training, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
1	EMD	Should be submitted as per Annexure-A
2	Conditions	As stipulated in the tender document
3	Sale of tender document	10.06.2019 to 09.07.2019 up to 11.00 AM (on all working days)
4	Last date for receipt of Tender	09.07.2019 up to 3.00 PM
5	Date, Time and Place of Opening the Tender	09.07.2019 at 3.30 PM
6	Pre-bid meeting	19.06.2019 at 11.00 AM at the above Venue

Joint Director (Apprenticeship Training) / Tender Inviting Authority
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NIT No.- 09/MD/PSCL/2019

"Annual Maintenance Contract (Wall Painting):2019-20" under Smart City Mission. Important dates for the RFP are as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Timeline & Address
1	Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 14/06/2019 (10:00 Hrs.) To 01/07/2019 (14:00 Hrs)
2	Last date for submission of Bids (online) and hard copy.	01/07/2019 Till 15:00 Hrs.
3	Opening of technical Bids	01/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs.
4	Date of opening of Commercial bids	To be informed later to technically qualified bidder.
5	Cost of Bidding Document (Tender Fee)	Tender Fee Rs. 1,000 (Non Refundable) to be paid through Demand Draft (DD) in favour of "The Managing Director, Patna Smart City Limited" payable at Patna.
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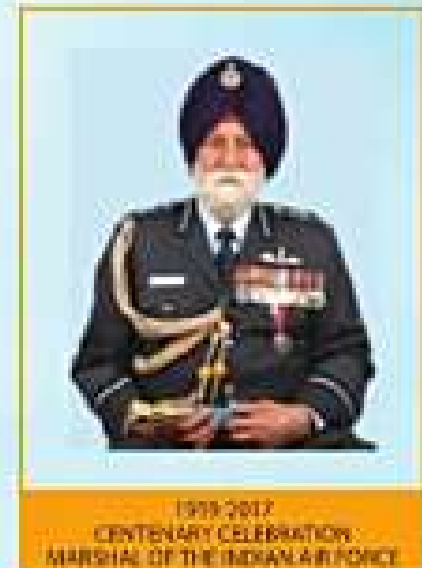
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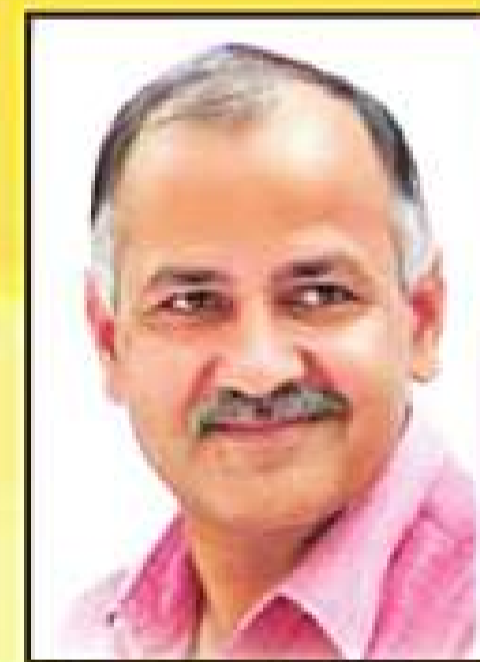
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Harsh Vardhan calls mohalla clinics a flop, is invited for a visit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

WAR OF words continued between Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, as the former, in response to the CM's last letter, called Delhi's mohalla clinics "an utter flop". "All your fancy schemes, including the much-touted universal coverage health scheme announced more than a year ago, are still lying on the drawing boards awaiting implementation even after four and a half years. Your mohalla clinics are an utter flop and the drastic neglect of patient care in Delhi government hospitals is there for all to see," Harsh Vardhan wrote to Kejriwal Saturday.

Requesting the CM to work together for the larger good of the people of Delhi, Vardhan wrote: "Be part of the historical health sector revolution that has been visualised by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. Ayushman Bharat is the world's most ambitious and largest free government healthcare programme. Let us join hands to cel-

brate each milestone in the journey towards New India."

On the CM's statement that the Delhi government health scheme is "10 times better" than the Centre's, Vardhan said that people still have to spend a lot from their pocket.

"PMJAY targets almost 30 lakh people in Delhi, who are poor and vulnerable. You have also mentioned that the income criterion of Rs 10,000 per month is less than the minimum wages in Delhi, but... this criterion of Rs 10,000 per month was used on data collected in 2011... such families are eligible under the scheme," Vardhan wrote.

The Delhi government, in its official statement, said: "...It appears that he (Vardhan) has several misconceptions about mohalla clinics. The AAP would like to extend an invitation to take him around mohalla clinics. In the last year, over 50 lakh patients have been treated. There are so many conditions in Ayushman Bharat... The treatment provided at mohalla clinics can be a model for the rest of the country."

'CM looting people in name of fixed electricity'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

IN THE first press conference since the Lok Sabha election results, Delhi Congress president Sheila Dikshit slammed the Kejriwal-led AAP government, saying "it is looting people in the name of fixed electricity charges and pension funds".

Dikshit said, "The Kejriwal government, with the connivance of power distribution companies, is indulging in open loot of consumers."



Haron Yusuf, working president of DPCC, said: "How will the AAP pay back the public? I will go to Kejriwal's home in the next few days and tell him that the power consumers must not be billed for the next six months."

On Delhi government's proposal for free Metro rides for women in the capital, Yusuf said AAP is becoming "desperate" and resorting to false promises.

MINGLES WITH RESIDENTS FOR HOUR-AND-A-HALF

CM's day out: In South Delhi, lends ear to water woes, Metro feedback

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

"BJP WANTS us to swallow the money... that's why they have so many complaints against free Metro and bus services for women," said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to residents of South Delhi's Humayunpur village.

For over 90 minutes Saturday morning, Kejriwal went across various localities in South Delhi to listen to residents' woes and provide answers. Apart from water and electricity, the Metro figured prominently in conversations.

"Aap hi batao, ye plan acha hai ki nahi?" asked Kejriwal at Krishna Nagar, referring to the proposal to make travel in buses and Delhi Metro free for women. While many women cheered, some, like Jasmeet Kaur (24), said: "Metro is a secondary concern, we cannot live without water anymore. I have to spend a lot of money on water daily, it's not easy."

Kejriwal responded that a borewell had been put a metre away only recently. "I have got this installed and it will be func-



Amid heavy security, the Chief Minister visited several localities. Tashi Tobgyal

tional in two days. This is why I am here — to solve your problems."

Sensing some dissatisfaction among residents, Kejriwal asked if "water tankers" will solve the problem. "Should I send a tanker? One, two, three? Tell me

how many, I will send it," he said.

At the next stop — DDA flats in Safdarjung Enclave — conversation veered towards free Metro, waste management and jobs. Sumita Mondal (43), a domestic help, who attended the padyatra, said, "It's good to have

a CM who cares about women. Rents are high and water is expensive, but if Metro is made free for women, at least one expense will come down." While one resident requested the CM to "find jobs" for her sons, another complained about "street lights be-

ing switched on during the day". In another locality, four middle-aged women complained about lack of cleanliness. "No one comes to pick up garbage, we have complained about this before... we have to pay a private company said a resident Sheila Devi.

In another part of Safdarjung Enclave, two environmentalists complained about "rampant construction in the area". "Trees that are 40-50 years old are being uprooted here," they said.

After the CM was slapped by a man in west Delhi's Moti Nagar during a campaign rally on May 4, tighter security arrangements on Saturday led many to be annoyed about being unable to talk to him. One of them was a man in his 70s, who wanted to speak about "insufficient pension".

Apart from his security officials creating a tight circle around him, a yellow rope kept Kejriwal at some distance from locals. The CM left after visiting a temple, following which area MLA Somnath Bharti continued the padyatra till 2.30 pm.

"It's good that the CM has come to meet us," said 40-year-old Kiran, adding, "I hope the promises are kept even after assembly elections are over."

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S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. 1 SERCON-GRC-CE-C-HQ-29-19, dated: 06.06.2019

e-Tenders are invited by the Chief Engineer (Construction), South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works. The tender will be closed at 12.00 Hrs. on due date.

Brief Description of Work: Earth work, blanketing, minor bridges, new RCC Road and other miscellaneous works at Santral Freight Terminal (Phase-II).

Approx. Cost: ₹ 43.22 Crore. EMD: ₹ 23,10,800/-

Completion Period: 12 months. Due Date: 02.07.2019.

Interested Tenderers may visit website www.jreps.gov.in for full details / description / specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. (PR-295)

Site of power plant once considered most toxic set to become 850-acre eco park

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

AN ECO park of over 850 acres, reportedly being developed on the fly ash disposal site of a former thermal power station in Badarpur, will be completed in three phases, with work on first phase scheduled to finish in 2021, the Delhi Development Authority has told *The Sunday Express*.

A meeting was held Thursday between the DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), the authority supposed to build the park, to discuss the project's progress.

"I was told the park will be developed in three phases. The first phase will cover 300 acres,

where there will be a lot of greenery with grass and trees. Work is in progress, and it should be developed by 2021," Kapoor told *The Sunday Express*.

The Badarpur Thermal Power Station was blamed for contributing to 11 per cent of the PM (particulate matter) 2.5 levels in Delhi's air, and was also said to be one of the most polluting power plants in the country, as per a Centre for Science and Environment report. It was shut down in 2017.

As per reports, the eco park being developed at the power station's site will include water reservoirs, cycling and jogging tracks, and a vast green cover.

Concerns were raised about the project after a Yamuna conservation group wrote to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lt Governor Anil Bajjal



The Badarpur thermal power plant was shut down in 2017. Archive

Wednesday. In an email, Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan convenor Manoj Misra said the group welcomed the plan, but had "serious issues" with its location.

"The size of the dump and its continuous filling with fly ash would have already contaminated the entire sub-surface area, reaching right upto the Yamuna, which is at a lower elevation," the email read. The group made a number of demands, including making public a report on the condition of water in and around the site and steps taken by NTPC to detoxify the area before work commenced.

Misra said, "Huge amounts of fly ash continue to lie on the site, which affects the health of people living nearby. We are not against the rehabilitation of the

site. The NTPC should make more such efforts, because use of coal is slowly phasing out, and this should be seen as an opportunity to understand these sites."

CR Babu, the head of Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems and member of a National Green Tribunal (NGT) committee overseeing the project, said the fly ash on the site would be capped with a thick layer of soil to help the grass and trees grow.

He said work on the park was at an initial stage, adding, "The quality of groundwater will be studied to determine heavy metal contamination from the fly ash dump. If there is contamination, we need to take measures to prevent it from spreading."

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology

June 9, 2019

TENDER NOTICE NUMBER-BRIT/COF/2019/331

Chief executive, BRIT, Vashi Complex, Navi Mumbai, on behalf of President of India invites, sealed tenders from eligible contractors on the approved list of central / state PWD, MES, Railways and others for following work.

Description: Civil Construction and Construction of Earthing station at RAPPCCOF-BRIT, RAPS plant site, NPCIL, Rawatbhata, Rajasthan.

Estimated cost: Rs 43.39 Lakhs

Tenders will be available at the office of the OIC-RAPPCCOF, Near Vijay Bhawan, RR Site, NPCIL, Anushakti, Rawatbhata-323303, and can be purchased on any working day between 10:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs (Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) from 17/06/2019 to 29/06/2019 (Mo: 9413346696, 9460522406, 9413351332).

Tenders duly filled in sealed covers should be deposited at the office of OIC-RAPPCCOF, Near Vijay Bhawan, RR Site, NPCIL, Anushakti, Rawatbhata-323303 up to 12:00 hrs on or before 08.07.2019 and will be opened at the office of Pay & Accounts Officer - Board of Radiation Isotope Technology, Vashi Complex, Navi Mumbai - 400703 at 15:00 hrs on 09.07.2019.

For details please visit www.britatom.gov.in

OIC-RAPPCCOF, Rawatbhata Rajasthan Site
For and on behalf of the President of India

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No.: G27/138/Mech/Cons/CAW/03
Date: 06/06/2019

The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), South East Central Railway, Nagpur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender for execution of work mentioned below.

Name of Work: Work of Mechanized Cleaning at Chhindwara Station of Nagpur division of South East Central Railway for a period of four years i.e. 48 months.

Tender Value: Rs. 1,38,25,157.76/-

Earnest Money: Rs. 2,19,100/-

Validity of Offer: 180 Days

Tender from cost: Rs. 10,000/-

Completion Period: 4 Years i.e. 48 Months.

For above tender, the cost of tender document and EMD is to be paid or deposited in favour of FA & CAO/ SECR/ Bilaspur through internet banking, credit/debit card or payment made as available on website www.jreps.gov.in.

Last date of submission of electronic offer/online is 12/07/2019 at 15:00 Hrs. Details are available on our website www.jreps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), South East Central Railway, Nagpur for and on behalf of President of India.

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Math must in best of 4 for Eco, but Stephen's, JMC won't switch

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

IN A departure from previous years, Delhi University (DU) has made it mandatory for aspirants to include mathematics in their 'best of four' subjects, if they want admission to Economics (Hons). However, while DU officials said the policy would be the same in all colleges of the varsity, minority colleges such as St Stephen's and Jesus & Mary (JMC), which have their own admission process, have decided to stick to the old rule.

Earlier, students only had to pass in mathematics in Class XII to apply for economics. The logic behind making it compulsory for best of four, officials said, is to

prepare students for industry skills such as data crunching and analytics.

Asked if the rule would apply to all colleges including St Stephen's and JMC, OSD admissions Sukanta Dutta said, "All colleges are required to follow the admission policy."

However, St Stephen's in its prospectus says: "Students who want to apply to Economics (Hons) should have been very comfortable with Class XII mathematics." There is no mention of math in the best of four subjects. C B Jha, Tutor for Admissions at St Stephen's, said, "Students have to study math in Class XII, and there will be a rider on that. When the interview is conducted, the department will decide what the rider will be, but

math doesn't necessarily have to be included in the best of four subjects, as is the case in other DU colleges."

Jha added, "We have decided to continue with the old policy. We had put out our prospectus before DU announced this change. We are a minority institution and we have the constitutional right to conduct our own admission process."

JMC, too, said those applying for Economics (Hons) must have studied mathematics compulsorily in Class XII. Their additional criteria is that the student should have scored at least 80% in math, but there is no condition on the subject being included in the best of four. Several students have approached DU over this change in rules.

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Short term Tender Notification (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri, Karnataka invites tenders on "Percentage basis" vide Notification no:2, 3, 4, 5/2019-20 Dt:07-06-2019 through e-Procurement portal from registered contractors enrolled in VJNL Category I / KNNL Category I Contractors for the work of.

Sl no	Name of work	Amount put to Tender in Lakhs
1	Construction of Gravity Canal from Km 249.00 to Km 244.35 comprising of Earthwork Excavation, Formation of Embankment, CC Lining using Mechanical Paver, including construction of CD works, Aqueducts and other structures under Yettinahole Project. (YGC-PKG-XXIII)	39449.42
2	Construction of Gravity Canal from Km 244.35 to Km 249.15 comprising of Earthwork Excavation, Formation of Embankment, CC Lining using Mechanical Paver, including construction of CD works, Tunnels, Aqueducts and other structures under Yettinahole Project. (YGC-PKG-XXIV)	11243.15
3	Construction of Gravity Canal from Km 249.15 to Km 255.00 comprising of Earthwork Excavation, Formation of Embankment, CC Lining using Mechanical Paver, including construction of CD works, Tunnels and other structures under Yettinahole Project. (YGC-PKG-XXV)	14380.81
4	Construction of Gravity Canal from Km 255.00 to Km 258.97 comprising of Earthwork Excavation, Formation of Embankment, CC Lining using Mechanical Paver, including construction of CD works, Tunnels and other structures under Yettinahole Project. (YGC-PKG-XXVI)	10869.32

The contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 15.06.2019 to 15.07.2019, 16.30 hrs, tender shall be submitted through E-proc. Details such as EMD amount/Tender Processing fee/ Tender Clarifications /Qualification of bidders/ Tender Conditions etc can be obtained through e-procurement. The competent authority to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender for Setting up and Operating Mechanized Laundry on Boat Model

E-TENDER NOTICE No. MC/06/ Open/2019-20, Dated: 06/06/2019. For and on behalf of the President of India, E-Tender on Two Packet System (i.e. Technical and financial bid) are invited from the Firms/Agencies/Contractors of repute having technical expertise and financial solvency for the following work :- i) Name of work with its location and completion period. ii) Setting up and operating a Mechanized laundry in Railway premises at Bhandad Coaching Complex on Boat model for a period of 10 years including collection/transportation of solid linen from coaches/ trains and transportation/loading of washed and packed linen in coaches/trains of Bhandad Division. Capacity: Minimum 02 tonnes rated daily output (in two shift of 08 hours each). Completion period-10 years. iii) Approx. Cost of the work:- Rs. 10,09,79,722.41 (Rupees Ten crore nine lakh seventy nine thousand seven hundred twenty two and forty one paise) only. iv) Earnest Money to be deposited:- Rs. 6,54,900.00 (Rupees Six lakh fifty four thousand nine hundred) only. v) Date & time for closing of e-tender: 15:00 hrs on 05/07/2019. vi) Website particulars :- <https://www.jreps.gov.in>. No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.

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1	Providing additional medical gases point in Neonatal unit in Pediatric Emergency and Pediatric ward at level 5C, APC, PGI, Chandigarh	19.06.2019 at 3:30 PM	25.06.2019 up to 4:00 PM	28.06.2019 at 4:00 PM	02.07.2019 at 3:30 PM
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HOSPITAL ENGINEER (CIVIL-II)



At Saturday's session, meant only for women. Amit Mehra

At all-women's open day in DU, questions on safety, college location

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

AT AN all-women's Open Day session at Delhi University (DU) Saturday, women applicants were encouraged to take into account the locations of the varsity's colleges, while deciding where to study.

DU organised an Open Day session — a platform for aspirants and their parents to address queries regarding the admission process — specially dedicated to women applicants, to make them aware of the colleges and courses available to them.

Dr Pratyush Vatsala, Principal, Lakshmbai College asked applicants to take the distance from home to college into consideration while applying, saying she observed low attendance among women students because of safety and security reasons.

"We talk about gender equality, and as women we should not be asking for exemption from attendance. There will be no relaxation in attendance requirements. Safety concerns may

prove to be a roadblock. These things must be considered while choosing a college," she said.

The issue of distance was also raised by Aarti Saxena, advisor at Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board (NCWEB). The NCWEB operates out of 25 centres in various colleges across Delhi. It is open to women from across the city, and its students attend classes in centres during the weekends and give the university exams to get undergraduate or post-graduate degrees.

To make it easier for applicants to choose a nearby college, Saxena said a map of the centres and Metro connections will be uploaded to the NCWEB online prospectus.

"I have seen girls from Najafgarh take admission to centres in Vasundhara Enclave. A lot of these women are working elsewhere and it's a question of money as well. We are developing the prospectus. Women will be able to open a map with a click to get a clear picture of the route they can take," added Saxena.

7 GOVT & POLITICS

PM MODI IN KERALA

'Those who didn't make us win are also ours'

SHAJU PHILIP
GURUVAYUR, JUNE 8

SPEAKING AT Guruvayur in Kerala, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said, "Those who made us win are ours and those who did not make us win are also ours."

Addressing an event organised by the BJP in the temple town, Modi said, "Political pandits may think why Modi has selected Kerala to thank voters even though the party has not won any seat in the state. I want to tell one thing clearly. There would be different opinions during elections. But, after the elections, the government aims at the welfare of its 130 crore people. Those who made us win are ours and those who did not make us win are also ours," he said.

Modi said that in the last five years, the entire world has watched India with great expectations. "People of the country have voted against negative politics. That verdict, which is for a new Bharat, prompts the world to look at the country

with hope," he said.

The Prime Minister said BJP activists did not work for elections alone, but work 356 days a year for the welfare of the people. "We are not here just to form a government; nation building is our aim. Success and failures do not deviate us from this aim. BJP workers in Kerala are working for that aim even after the defeat in the elections," said Modi.

Referring to the previous NDA government's initiatives in promoting heritage and pilgrimage destinations, Modi said the government had implemented projects strengthening spirituality and heritage. In the last five years, he said, the government has taken a major leap in the tourism sector and India is now ranked third in the global tourism sector. In seven centres in Kerala, the Union government's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) has been implemented, said the Prime Minister.

While observing that the Centre and the state government are working together to

fight the Nipah virus scare, Modi targeted the state government for not joining the Ayushman Bharat scheme. "This is a project under which poor people get a health coverage of Rs 5 lakh in a year. But the sad fact is that people of Kerala haven't got the benefit of the scheme... I urge the government of Kerala to take steps to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach people," he said.

Referring to the Centre's commitment to strengthen rural economy, Modi said the government has formed a separate ministry for animal husbandry and fisheries sectors.

Earlier, Modi offered prayers at the Sri Krishna temple in Guruvayur. He performed the ritual of Thulabharam, in which a devotee sits on one scale of a weighing machine and the other is balanced with items selected by the devotee. Modi was weighed against lotuses.

He was accompanied by the temple by Governor P Sathasivam, Kerala Temple Affairs Minister Kadakampally Surendran, Union Minister V Muraliedharan and others.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being weighed against lotus flowers as he offers prayers at the Guruvayur temple in Kerala's Thrissur district on Saturday. PTI

Modi represents worst sentiments of country: Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JUNE 8

TOURING WAYANAD constituency, which he won in the recent Lok Sabha polls, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi represents the worst sentiments of the country. He represents anger, he represents hatred, he represents insecurity and he represents lies," Rahul said, addressing huge meetings in Wayanad, where he is on a three-day visit to thank voters.

Rahul said that in the Parliament and in the country, "we are fighting the poison Mr Modi, RSS and BJP are spreading in the country. He spreads hatred and tries to divide the country. The job of the Congress and its workers is to unite the country, bring the country together and move the country ahead as one."

He said Modi might have won the elections, he might have all



Rahul Gandhi at a roadshow in Kalpetta, Wayanad. PTI

the money in the world, he may have all institutions, but he does not have truth. "We have truth on our side," said the Congress chief. On the second day of his visit to the constituency, Rahul held road shows in six centres in Wayanad district. Rahul said that though he is a Congress MP, he represents all people of Wayanad as people cutting across political lines voted for him.

Earlier in the day, Rahul visited MP's facilitation centre at the collectorate office in district headquarters Kalpetta and met many delegations.

JD(U) has nothing to do with Kishor's activities in Bengal: Nitish

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PATNA, JUNE 8

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish Kumar Saturday distanced his party from Prashant Kishor's reported decision to offer his services as a poll strategist to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

"Kishor's activities in West Bengal are not in his capacity as a JD(U) leader," Nitish said, adding that Kishor has been in touch with various parties as head of an organisation that advises them on their poll strategies.

Nitish's remarks came after the reported decision by Kishor, a JD(U) vice-president, to work with Banerjee's TMC for the 2021 Assembly polls. The TMC is locked in a fierce electoral battle with the BJP, an ally of Nitish's JD(U).

Though Nitish evaded a direct reply on whether the JD(U) will seek an explanation, he expressed hope that Kishor will be able to answer all the questions on Sunday when the party's national executive meets.

"Kishor joined our party in September last year and we assigned him an important role. But he also heads an organisation that specialises in devising poll strategies for political parties. In that capacity he has been in touch with various political parties. The JD(U) has nothing to do with it," Nitish told reporters.

Kishor's organisation I-PAC came into the limelight in 2014 when it helped with the campaign of Narendra Modi. A year later, Kishor worked as a poll strategist for the Mahagathabandhan in Bihar comprising the JD(U), RJD and Congress, before moving his base to Punjab and UP where he was engaged with the campaign of the Congress.

Won't tolerate infighting, bring back old-timers: Mamata at TMC meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

IN A closed-door meeting with party leaders and booth-level workers of Hooghly district, Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee spoke out strongly against indiscipline among party workers.

"I will not tolerate infighting and indiscipline in the party. Where are the leaders and workers who were with me since 1998? I want to see them back. You have to bring them," Banerjee reportedly said in the meeting on Friday.

She also asked those who want to leave TMC to quit immediately, instead of staying and harming the party. She asked leaders to reach out to the people who are waiting to get benefits of state government schemes with immediate effect.

BJP in majority in Darjeeling municipality after 17 GJM councillors join party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

DAYS AFTER it inducted Trinamool Congress councillors, the BJP on Saturday welcomed 17 Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) councillors of the Darjeeling municipality.

The councillors joined the BJP at the party headquarters in the presence of general secretary in charge of West Bengal Kailash Vijayvargiya and senior party leader Mukul Roy.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Roy said that the BJP now enjoys a majority in the 32-member Darjeeling municipality and noted that two seats are

EXPLAINED Back in protest mode to recover from setback

Mamata Banerjee held a press conference 48 hours after the Lok Sabha poll results were declared, and made it clear she would fight for every inch against the BJP despite the TMC's setback. She hit the streets over the petroleum issue, and refused to participate in a Niti Aayog meeting. According to political experts, she is getting back to her Nandigram-Singur image, the protest mode that saw the end of Left Front rule after 34 years. She is also ensuring that her party rank and file are inspired, asking leaders to face workers at the booth level and reach out to voters.

Post Lok Sabha polls, Banerjee is not only hitting the streets herself, but has brought in major changes in the working of the ruling party in Bengal — reshuffle in organisation, increasing public outreach of leaders, holding dis-

trict-wise meetings, setting up new wings and bringing in party old-timers.

Though TMC's vote share increased from 39 per cent in 2014 to 43 per cent (22 Lok Sabha seats out of 42), BJP made major gains

winning 18 seats and getting 40 per cent vote share in the state. With Kolkata Municipal Corporation polls scheduled next year and Assembly polls in 2021, she is keen to stem BJP's growth.

Speaking to leaders in Hooghly district — where BJP's Locket Chatterjee defeated two-time TMC MP Ratna De Nag — Banerjee said though the government had done much for Singur farmers, the benefits did not reach everyone.

"There is a distinct change in the party now. Our chief has not only cracked the whip on a section of leaders, but also showed the way forward. That is to connect to the people and grassroot workers. On Friday, she made it clear that leaders who fail to work for the people will be removed. Workers who were with the party from the beginning will have to be brought back," said a senior TMC leader close to Banerjee.



The councillors at the BJP headquarters in Delhi. Tashi Tobgyal

vacant. The BJP leader said the party will organise a big demonstration in the coming days.

Targeting West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, he said, "Our battle to save democ-

Andhra Cabinet sworn in, Jagan hikes ASHA workers' pay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, JUNE 8

ANDHRA PRADESH Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy on Saturday took charge at the Secretariat in the state capital of Amaravati and the 25-strong council of ministers of the state was sworn in.

Jagan stepped in to his new office at 8:39 am and priests performed a small pooja on the occasion. Chief Secretary L V Subramanyam, DGP Gautam Sawang and a number of YSRCP leaders were also present. Among the first files that Jagan signed were one for increasing the salaries of Asha workers from Rs 3,000 to Rs 10,000 per month, one for the Anantapur Express Highway — which will need clearance from the Centre — and a file to renew health in-

surance for journalists.

Reiterating his pitch of anti-corruption, he said, "We have to completely eradicate corruption. We must commit to providing transparent governance which should become a role model."

Later, Jagan and Governor ESL Narasimhan proceeded to the swearing-in venue.

In a first, Jagan's cabinet has five deputy Chief Ministers. The new Cabinet has equal representation from all regions of Andhra Pradesh — North Coastal Region (4), East and West Godavari (6), Krishna and Guntur (5), Prakasam and Nellore (4), Rayalaseema (6).

As expected, there are seven ministers from the Backward Classes, one Muslim, five from SC, one from the Scheduled Tribes, four from the Kapus, four from the Reddys, one Kamma, one Kshatriya and one Vaishya.

Telangana Congress leader begins fast against MLAs' switching to TRS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 8

Congress Legislature Party leader in Telangana M Bhatti Vikramarka Saturday began an indefinite here protesting the "illegal" merger of 12 party MLAs with the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi.

When contacted, Vikramarka told PTI he is on a "satyagraha-fast".

AICC in-charge of Congress affairs in Telangana RC Khuntia alleged that the TRS sought to promote an autocratic regime and "finish" opposition parties

in the state through the merger of Congress MLAs.

The merger of the 12 Congress MLAs with TRS is "illegal" and "undemocratic", he alleged.

The Congress party respected a Dalit leader (Vikramarka) by making him the leader of its legislature party, Khuntia said, and asked if Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and TRS did not like a Dalit becoming leader of an opposition party.

The Congress has decided to go to the High Court and also Supreme Court, if need be, on the issue, besides raising it in Parliament, he said.

As BJP-Sena sweep Maharashtra, sugar mills turn saffron

PARTHA SARATHI
BISWAS
PUNE, JUNE 8

ONCE THE stronghold of the Congress and NCP, the sugar sector in Maharashtra has changed hues, with the saffron alliance in the state making its mark firmly on the sector — the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance has sent more sugar barons as MPs to the Lok Sabha than the Congress-NCP combine.

Farmers who deal with sugar mills form an almost ready-made vote-base for millers. Thanks to the financial control they yield — whether directly or indirectly — a foray into the electoral arena is easy for the millers, given the almost assured vote bank of their member farmers.

Of the 48 MPs whom Maharashtra has sent to the 17th Lok Sabha, six MPs have direct

connection with the sugar sector and five of them are from BJP, with the sixth from the Shiv Sena. Meanwhile, all four NCP MPs do not have any connection with the sugar sector, which also holds true for the lone Congress MP from the state.

In comparison, after the 2014 general elections, the NCP had two sugar millers as MPs, and of the two Congress MPs, one had direct connections to the industry. The BJP had two MPs with connections to the sugar mills, while the Shiv Sena had none.

This may be the first time that the Congress and NCP does not have any representatives from the sugar sectors as MPs, speaking volumes about the changing scenario in the industry.

Traditionally, sugar millers have aligned with the party in power, given the perks which come with it.

OTHER LEADERS FROM SUGAR BELT WHO SWITCHED TO BJP

NAME	DISTRICT	EARLIER PARTY
Vinay Kore	Kolhapur	Jan Surajya Party
Samrjitsinh Ghatge	Kolhapur	Father Vikramsinh Ghatge was Shiv Sena MLA
Madan Bhosale	Satara	Congress
Monica Rajale	Ahmednagar	Husband Rajiv Rajale fought LS polls on NCP ticket
Ranjitsinh Naik Nimbalkar	Satara	Congress
Snehlata Kolhe	Ahmednagar	Father-in-law Sankarrao Kolhe is senior NCP leader
Ranjitsinh Mohite Patil	Solapur	NCP

During the first stint of the BJP-Shiv Sena government in the state in 1995, some millers shifted allegiance to the saffron fold to ensure continued government largesse for their operation.

The countdown to the 2019 general elections for Maharashtra was marked by high-profile defections from both Congress and NCP to the

BJP: Dr Sujay Vikhe Patil — son of the then leader of opposition Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil — and Ranjitsinh Naik Nimbalkar, the Congress leader from Phaltan in Satara, defected to BJP. Ranjitsinh Mohite Patil, the son of NCP's sitting MP and former deputy chief minister Vijaysinh Mohite Patil, also crossed over to the BJP.

The Vikhe Patil family con-

trols multiple cooperative sugar mills in Ahmednagar district, with Dr Sujay himself being the chairman of the Padmashri Dr Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Cooperative sugar mills. Naik Nimbalkar's family manages the Swaraj Agro company which runs a private sugar mill in Phaltan town, while the Mohite Patil family manages the Sahakar Maharashi Sankarrao

Mohite Patil Cooperative Sugar mill in Solapur.

The other BJP MPs with sugar mill connections are Beed MP Dr Pritam Mahajan, whose sister Pankaja manages multiple cooperative and private mills in the district, and Sangli MP Sanjay Patil, who manages a private and a cooperative mill in the district.

Shiv Sena's Kolhapur MP, Sanjay Mandalik, is the chairman of a cooperative mill in the district.

Asked about the possible gains for the BJP, a senior minister, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that it is the perfect example of the party slogan 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'.

"For us it means almost ready-made leaders and for them it means the much-needed financial support to maintain their business," the leader said.

Many MLAs of Congress and NCP in touch with BJP: Maharashtra minister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, JUNE 8

MAHARASHTRA WATER Resources Minister Girish Mahajan Saturday claimed that at least 25 MLAs of the Congress and the NCP are in touch with the BJP.

Hinting at multiple defections to the BJP, he said the Opposition is likely to receive a major jolt ahead of the state assembly elections, due in September-October this year.

"At least 25 MLAs of the Congress and the NCP are in touch with me. Some of them have either met me personally or called me over phone or have sent feelers through a third party that they are interested in join-

ing the BJP," the senior BJP leader told reporters. "State Congress president Ashok Chavan doesn't even know that those around him may switch sides anytime soon. The political situation is very much in favour of the BJP."

Mahajan, a confidante of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, said the Congress and the NCP together will not win more than 50 seats in the Assembly polls. He refuted the charge that the chief minister was personally calling MLAs of the Congress to make them defect.

"The BJP has made it clear to the new entrants that their entry is unconditional. We have to fulfill the commitments given to those leaders who had joined us earlier. The BJP does not like to give false commitments," he said.



NORTH

JeM militant killed in Anantnag encounter

Srinagar: A Jaish-e-Mohammed militant was killed in an encounter between militant and security forces in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Saturday. A J&K police spokesperson said that on a credible input, a cordon and search operation was

launched by joint forces in the forest area of Nowgam. "During the search operation, the hiding terrorists fired on the search party. The fire was retaliated leading to an encounter," the spokesperson said. The killed militant has been identified as Iqbal Ahmad. **ENS**



Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at the Dinosaur Museum in Gujarat on Saturday. A release claimed the park was the country's first such facility and the world's third. **PTI**

EAST

Maoists torch bus in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur

Raipur: Naxals torched a bus in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, after asking the passengers to alight, police said Saturday. The incident occurred on Friday between Kutru and Farsegarh villages when the private passenger bus was on its way to Bedre from Bijapur town. Around a dozen Maoists, some of them armed, stopped the bus and

set it ablaze after allowing passengers to get off, he said. None of the passengers or crew was harmed. However, the bus was completely gutted, the official added. Security forces rushed to the spot and began combing operations, he said. As Maoists are observing 'Jan Pituri week' from June 5, the vigil in Bastar has been stepped up. **PTI**

WEST

Goa flights suspended after oil spill from MiG-29K

New Delhi: A fuel tank attached to a MiG-29K fighter aircraft crash-landed on the Goa airport runway, causing minor damage to landing strip after the fuel spill, an Airports Authority of India spokesperson confirmed on Saturday. Flights were suspended at Dabolim International Airport for

about two hours. AAI Goa tweeted, "Due to jettisoned fuel tank on the runway during MiG sortie the operations are closed for two hours at Goa airport. PI bear with us." At the airport, Navy personnel rushed to the runway to clear the strip. The external fuel tanks help navigate larger distances. **ENS**

SOUTH

Karnataka cabinet expansion on June 12, says CM

Bengaluru: Expansion of the Karnataka cabinet would take place on June 12, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy announced on Saturday, in a much expected move to quell growing dissent within the Congress-JD(S) coalition that threatens the stability of its government. Kumaraswamy made the announcement in a

tweet after meeting Governor Vajubhai Vala, which comes after weeks of consultations between the chief minister and Congress leaders amid coalition worries compounded by the Lok Sabha poll round. The expansion is seen as a way to contain the rebellion, after the Lok Sabha poll debacle. **PTI**



FIRE IN KOLKATA GODOWN

A fire broke out in a chemical godown close to Jagannath Ghat near Howrah Bridge in Kolkata on Saturday, fire brigade officials said.

Fire Services Minister Sujit Bose visited the site and advised fire personnel and officials to take necessary steps. Police said there was no report of casualties.

The reason for the fire and the extent of damage were yet to be ascertained, the firemen working on the spot said. **Partha Paul**

Govt to honour media for promoting yoga: Javadekar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

THE GOVERNMENT will felicitate media houses that contribute towards promoting yoga and healthy living in the country, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar announced on Saturday.

The media houses will be honoured with the International Yoga Day Samman around the international Yoga day which will be observed on June 21.

Javadekar said a six-member jury will adjudge the entries across 23 languages.

A total of 33 citations will be given out — 11 each for newspapers, TV channels and radio channels from across the country.

"One of India's gifts to the



Prakash Javadekar in Pune on Saturday. **Ashish Kale**

world is yoga," said Javadekar, adding, "Many media houses are also doing their bit to propagate the message of healthy life and healthy living through yoga..." he said. "They are carrying out their own campaigns. We have decided to recognise the services and campaigns of the media," added the minister while speaking to the media.

Former aide to VK Singh held on fraud, extortion charges

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

SHAMBHU PRASAD Singh, a former associate of Ghaziabad MP and Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, General (ret'd) VK Singh, has been arrested on charges of fraud, cheating, forgery and extortion.

Police arrested him on Friday night and he was sent to judicial custody on Saturday.

Inspector of Sihani Gate police station Umesh Bahadur Singh told *The Sunday Express*, "We have registered an FIR on a complaint that he was misusing letterheads of VK Singh and extorting money. We arrested him and recovered Rs 3 lakh cash and 10 letterheads."

A copy of the FIR accessed by *The Sunday Express* states that Shambhu had taken Rs 3 lakh from BJP worker Ajay Tyagi on

April 15, 2019, in the name of election funds but the sum was not deposited to the party fund. The First Investigation Report (FIR) says Shambhu gave a letter to Tyagi with the letterhead of VK Singh and signed and stamped by Shambhu.

Police have registered four FIRs against Shambhu.

The first was registered at Kavi Nagar police station on April 26 on the complaint of Surjeet Singh, Private Secretary of VK Singh, that said, "After having worked for six months, complaints were received that Dr Shambhu Prasad Singh was trying to make illegal money by using the name of MoS. MoS had warned him and asked to stop such activities. On receiving such complaints he was removed." Another FIR was registered in Kavi Nagar Police station on May 11 on the basis of a complaint by one Rohit Tyagi of Ghaziabad that

Shambhu was in illegal possession of his car.

A third FIR was registered against him in the same police station on a complaint by Shivanshu Tyagi under cheating and fraud charges on May 21. Shambhu had obtained a stay from arrest in all three cases.

Shambhu addressed a press meet on May 29 and made several allegations of corruption against VK Singh and his family.

Shambhu has been booked under Section 420 (Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 406 (Punishment for criminal breach of trust), 467 (Forgery of valuable security, will, etc), 468 (Forgery for purpose of cheating), 411 (Dishonestly receiving stolen property) and 384 (extortion).

VK Singh did not respond to calls and messages sent by *The Indian Express*.

48 HRS LATER

Rescuers yet to reach 2-year-old stuck in Punjab borewell

RAAKHI JAGGA
SUNAM, JUNE 8

EVEN AS rescuers are still unable to reach two-year-old Fatehveer Singh, who fell into a 150-foot-borewell on Thursday in Sangrur district, he continued to survive only on the oxygen being supplied by the rescuers on Saturday.

A jute bag that fell on his face is not allowing the rescue team to provide him with juice or food. There isn't enough space in the 9-inch diameter borewell for the child to make any movement to remove the cloth. He is stuck at a depth of around 125 feet.

"We are supplying only oxygen to the child. Supply of glucose or any food item is not possible as the child's face is covered with jute bag, which fell in the borewell along with the child," said Dr Manjit Singh, civil surgeon, Sangrur.

Earlier, a team of NDRF had tried to pull out the child with the help of rope but could not succeed.

Meanwhile, a team of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and experts from the Army, assisted by the police, civil authorities, villagers and volunteers from the Dera Sacha Sauda sect, were at work digging a parallel pit to rescue the child throughout the day.

Till the time of the filing this report, the rescuers had dug about 90 feet, officials said. They said a shaft with a diameter of 36 inches was being installed to bring out the child safely. The rescue operation was likely to continue post midnight, Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori told *The Sunday Express*.

Officials said a camera dropped inside the borewell recorded movement of the child on Saturday morning, giving hope to the rescuers. "Villagers have also chipped in and are providing help in any way possible," Singla said. Villagers and others offered prayers at the gurdwara for the child.

11-yr-old raped and murdered in Hamirpur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 8

EVEN AS there is nationwide outrage over the brutal murder of a toddler in Aligarh, an 11-year-old girl was raped and murdered in Hamirpur district.

The victim's body was found in a graveyard in the early hours of Saturday.

Hamirpur Additional SP Santosh Kumar Singh said an FIR was registered against unidentified accused for rape and murder. The postmortem report confirmed sexual assault before she was strangled to death.

According to a senior police officer, the girl had been living alone in her residence for the past two months as her parents, along with her siblings, had left for another district in search of work.

"Around 6 am, the girl's body was spotted in the bushes inside a graveyard near her house. A woman in the village saw the body and alerted others. The police were also informed. There were injury marks on her private parts and also around her neck. We informed her parents," said a

senior police officer. "It appears that she was abducted from her house and brought to the graveyard where she was raped and killed. We have detained some locals for questioning but there are no leads yet on the identity of the assailant," he added.

She had been asked to stay back in the village to take care of the family's cattle, sources familiar with the matter said. Earlier in the day, after the body was found, locals staged a protest in the village and for several hours, they did not let the police send the body for postmortem.

The locals demanded a CBI probe in the case. Senior police officers had to intervene in the matter and only then did the locals agree to let the body be taken away.

ALWAR GANGRAPE

Family demands CBI probe, action against police officers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JUNE 8

A DAY after the Rajasthan government decided to register a case against the former station house officer (SHO) of the Thanagazi police station for delays in lodging an FIR in the gangrape of an 18-year-old Dalit woman in front of her husband, the woman's family Saturday said that they are not satisfied with the government action.

"The action taken by the government is not adequate. Why is an FIR being lodged only against the SHO? The then SP too misled us for several days and a case should be registered against him as well. Several other officials have been merely transferred from the district. We want harsher punishment against all of them," the woman's father told *The Sunday Express*.

He also demanded a CBI inquiry in the case for a fair investigation.

Apart from the case against the former SHO, the state government has also decided to take disciplinary action against seven police personnel and act against the circle officer (Alwar rural), who is to be transferred out of the district, the SHO and a con-

stable of the Thanagazi police station.

The government has also decided to transfer seven police personnel out of the range and an explanation is being sought from the SP and the additional SP after which a decision will be taken on what action needs to be taken. The government made the decisions after an administrative inquiry and an internal police investigation into the matter.

The woman and her family had alleged that after they reported the matter to the police on April 30, officials deliberately didn't take any action in the matter for seven days and didn't arrest the accused, despite their pleas. The gangrape and the alleged police inaction had caused nationwide outrage, with the Opposition BJP cornering the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in the state, accusing it of covering up the incident until the Lok Sabha elections had concluded in the area on May 6.

After the allegations of police inaction, the government had suspended Thanagazi police station station house officer Sardar Singh and also removed then Alwar SP Rajeev Pachar from his post.

J&K Police gets inputs on 'Hizbul plan to target state BJP president'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 8

A DAY after Jammu & Kashmir Police arrested four alleged Pakistani spies and claimed to have busted an ISI plan to revive militancy in the Jammu region, police has received inputs about a Hizbul Mujahideen plot to target BJP state president Ravinder Raina and Ikk Jutt Jammu chairman Ankur Sharma.

"Reliable input indicates that HM is planning to target Ravinder Raina (BJP state president) and advocate Ankur Sharma (Head of Ekk Jutt Jammu). Asset has further disclosed that recee of their movements and their security deployment has already been carried out. Necessary precaution

is advised," revealed an internal communication of J&K Police accessed by *The Sunday Express*.

Raina, former MLA from Nowshera, is known for outbursts against Pakistan and terror outfits operating in Kashmir, and Ankur has been spearheading a campaign against settlements of the majority community on state land, describing it "state-sponsored demographic invasion".

Raina described it as a conspiracy by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists. "We cannot be cowed down by such elements. We will continue to work for the country and its people and for strengthening nationalism in Jammu and Kashmir," the BJP leader said. He added that Army, paramilitary and policemen will eliminate the terrorists.

NEET 2019 RESULTS

TN performance improves, but EWS students stumble

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JUNE 8

STUDENTS FROM Tamil Nadu have done well in this year's NEET results, with the state also improving its overall performance by 10 per cent. However, only one of the 19,680 students from government and government-aided schools who appeared for the NEET has scored more than 400 of the available 720 marks in the entrance exam, underlining the fact that students from the economically weaker sections in the state are still struggling to crack the test.

Students, teachers, and political parties in the state have raised concerns over this trend, especially after three students from weaker economic backgrounds committed suicide over the last three days after failing to



Only one of the 19,680 students from government and aided schools who appeared scored more than 400. **PTI file**

get a high score.

Prince Gajendrababu, a leading educationist and the owner of a Chennai-based school, said, "NEET has nothing to do with

what we teach students in the school but it is all about tricks and practice. A section of students who can afford to attend coaching classes can do well in

NEET. It is all about training students for several hours to teach them tricks about how to attend or avoid a question. It is not only about scoring but also about preventing negative marks. Students with more practice, who spent more time coaching classes will clear the exam."

"The earlier system, that used to give admissions (to medical colleges) based on Plus Two marks has now been changed to an exam which needs specific skills and tricks... What is now being challenged is also a level playing strategy that we had been following in medical education. Our earlier policy was something that considered the complex social conditions, inequality and economic background of students," said a senior professor in Stanley Medical College in Chennai.

Take the case of A Gomathi.

The daughter of a daily wage worker in Chennai, she scored 93 per cent in the Tamil Nadu State Board, and scored 308 in this year's NEET. This was her second crack at the entrance exam — she scored just 90 on her previous attempt.

"I did well in what I was given to study in school. Now I have better marks (in NEET) but I am still waiting for the cut-off. I do not know what will happen during the counselling," she told *The Sunday Express*.

With about 4,100 seats available for MBBS counselling in the state this year, 3,250 seats are in government medical colleges and 1,590 seats in self-financing colleges, which is shared between 860 seats under the government quota and 730 under the management quota.

However, multiple experts familiar to the counselling process

and trends in results said it may be difficult for Gomathi to get placed this year.

"Last year, (the cut-off) was 264 and this year, it may go much above 300 due to increased qualifying percentage of students who have scored over 500 marks. Students from poor family backgrounds may not be able to get an admission in deemed universities too as they cannot afford to study there," said an official.

As far as the post graduate NEET exams are concerned, doctors from Tamil Nadu have performed well — of the 79,633 qualified PG NEET students from the entrance exam earlier this year, 11,121 were from the state.

The maximum number of candidates who appeared for PG NEET too were from Tamil Nadu, followed by Karnataka and Maharashtra.

ANTRIX-DEVAS DEAL

Two Devas top officials continue to elude CBI, ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 8

EFFORTS BY the CBI and ED to bring to trial two top officials of start-up Devas Multimedia, following the filing of chargesheets for corruption and money laundering offences in a 2005 deal with ISRO's commercial arm Antrix Corporation, has not yielded results and the officials remain untraced despite court summons.

The CBI reported to a special court in Delhi in March that efforts to trace US-based Ramachandran Vishwanathan, CEO of Devas Multimedia Pvt Ltd, and MG Chandrashekar, former ISRO employee and director in the firm, hit a dead end after Indian authorities in the US reported that the original summons were not traceable.

In Bengaluru, where ED is prosecuting Devas officials and a former Antrix official under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), police officers have reported to a special court that the two were not traceable at their office and residence addresses in the city.

While the CBI court in Delhi ordered a separate trial on March 18 against the two officials, the special court in Bengaluru granted 12 weeks' time on April 12 to serve summons at their US addresses.

Under the 2005 deal, ISRO entered a contract to lease two communication satellites for 12 years at Rs 167 crore to Devas Multimedia. The start-up was to provide video-audio services to mobile platforms in India using the space band or S-band spectrum transponders on ISRO's GSAT 6 and 6A satellites. The agreement was annulled by the then UPA government in 2011 following allegations that it was a "sweetheart deal" in the backdrop of 2G scam. The government annulled the deal, citing demand for the S-band spectrum by the defence sector. After NDA came to power, CBI and ED were asked to probe the deal.

The CBI registered a case in 2015 and filed a chargesheet on August 11, 2016 against eight officials from Devas, ISRO and Antrix for "being party to a criminal conspiracy with an intent to cause undue gain to themselves or others by abusing official positions".

Among those chargesheeted were former ISRO chairman G Madhavan Nair who joined BJP in 2018, former ISRO secretary A Bhaskararayan and former executive director of Antrix KR Sreedharamurthi. The CBI has accused the former ISRO officials and Devas management of causing a loss of nearly Rs 578 crore to the government. A CBI court in Delhi took cognizance in September 2017 and issued summons to the accused.

In August 2018, the ED filed a chargesheet under PMLA against Vishwanathan and Chandrashekar, former Antrix MD Sridharamurthi, Devas CTOs Desraj Venu-gopal, Nataraj Dakshinamurthy, finance director Ranganathan Mohan, and four Devas subsidiaries in Bengaluru and the US.

The ED has stated that Devas transferred 85 per cent of the Rs 579 crore foreign funding it received on the back of the 2005 deal with ISRO to the US under various claims. "The main purpose of entering the agreement with ISRO/ACL was to raise foreign investments on the strength of the agreement with ISRO and thereafter siphon off the investment raised out of India in the guise of investment in subsidiary company, business support services and legal fee," the ED said in a statement.

The Indian embassy in the US, in a letter to CBI dated March 14, stated that the US Department of Justice had not been able to serve summons to Vishwanathan and Chandrashekar since the original summons is reported as "not traceable". In April this year, police authorities in Bengaluru informed a special court hearing the ED case that efforts to trace Vishwanathan and Chandrashekar had proved futile. The court is to take up the matter again later this month.

After week-long delay, monsoon hits Kerala coast

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, JUNE 8

THE SOUTH-WEST monsoon finally set in over the Kerala coast on Saturday, a week after its usual date of onset on June 1.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials said the conditions are ideal for the monsoon to cover the entire state in the next 24-78 hours, after which it will move further into the country.

The IMD had predicted June 6 (with an error margin of plus-minus four days) for the onset of monsoon over the Kerala coast.

The IMD declares the onset based on three major observations, including rainfall received in 14 stations in Kerala, depth of Westerlies (rain-bearing westward winds) and outgoing long-wave radiation (OLR) outgoing radiomagnetic radiation emitted by earth into space in the form of thermal radiation.

Dr A Kashyapi, head of weather monitoring and air pollution of IMD, said the prevailing conditions are amenable for the progress of the monsoon over the rest of Kerala and parts of Tamil Nadu in the next 48-72 hours.



Monsoon clouds over the coastal village of Nayarambalam, Kochi, on Saturday. Nirmal Harindran

areas will get pre monsoon showers," he said.

However, the monsoon at present does not have the required strength for progress in the drought-hit Marathwada and Vidarbha regions. IMD officials said the monsoon will reach these parts by the last week of June. The strength of the monsoon is expected to improve once it reaches central India, after which its progress will be normal and the rains will cover the country as per schedule.

In view of the onset, the IMD has issued its first set of sowing advisories for states that have received enough moisture. The weather department has advised sowing of rice in Kerala as well as land preparation for cotton and pulses in Karnataka. In Maharashtra, land preparation has been advised for most crops and farmers have been asked to delay sowing till sufficient soil moisture is available.

Journalist Manoj Nair found dead

Thiruvananthapuram: Journalist Manoj Nair, who used to write on art and music, was found dead at his residence in Fort Kochi on Saturday. Police said a case of unnatural death has been registered.

"Nair was living alone at a rented house. Today, the house owner found the body, which is believed to be two days old. Inquest was held and no external wounds were found. Body was shifted to hospital for post-mortem, which will ascertain the cause of death," said sub-inspector K Saji.

Nair, in his 50s, wrote on art and music. He was associated with Kochi Muziris Biennale since its inception and was the event's editorial director. He was working on a book on the history of alternative music in India. Titled 'Between the Rock and the Hard Place', it was slated for publication next year. **ENS**

Rights body report on LGBTQ persons seeks anti-discrimination legislation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

BASED ON its findings of widespread discrimination faced by LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) persons in housing, work, and public space, a report released by International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) on Saturday recommends, among other measures, the enactment of anti-discrimination legislation and gender neutral laws (for victims) pertaining to sexual violence as the next step after the Supreme Court's decriminalisation of same-sex relationships in 2018.

The study by the international human rights organisation is based on 65 interviews conducted between July and December 2018 across six states. It reports that LGBTQ persons are often denied

housing, including rental homes, forcing them to live in segregated poorer neighbourhoods, or face harassment and violence from family, landlords, neighbours, and police. In the workplace, the study notes, the discrimination manifests itself during the recruitment process, gendered working conditions, and a lack of job security.

Based on the study, the ICJ report recommends enactment of a "comprehensive anti-discrimination law, based on nationwide consultations with the aim of prohibiting discrimination on protected grounds including sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression...".

It also asks for amending IPC provisions on "sexual assault, sexual harassment, disrobing, voyeurism, stalking, rape and gang rape to introduce gender neutrality for victims in conformity with inter-

national law standards, and the recommendations made by Justice Verma Committee, in 2013."

Speaking at release of the report, Senior Advocate Anand Grover said that after going from Naaz (the 2009 Delhi High Court order that held as unconstitutional IPC 377 in so far as it criminalises same sex relationships) to Navtej (the 2018 SC order), it is "important to see where do we go in the future". "An anti-discrimination law is essential that covers Dalit, women, and all minorities. Also one needs to look at how to enforce such a law in the private sector, including having reservations for transgender persons in employment."

Senior advocate Vrinda Grover said the issue of gender neutral rape laws needs further discussion as "neutrality of law doesn't necessarily mean equitable protection".

COLLEGIUM IGNORED ON JUSTICE KURESHI

Gujarat HC advocates' outfit calls special meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 8

THE PRESIDENT of Gujarat High Court Advocates' Association on Saturday convened an "extraordinary general meeting" on Monday to discuss the non-appointment of Justice A A Kureshi, the current seniormost judge from the parent High Court of Gujarat, as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court despite the May 10 recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.

This comes a day after the Union government notified appointment of Justice Ravi Shanker Jha as the acting Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

"Usually, recommendations of the Collegium are either approved or rejected within four weeks (by the government). But in the case of Justice Kureshi, the file has not been returned," said Yatin Oza, president of the association.

H D Suthar, Registrar of the Gujarat High Court, said that an acting chief justice is a stop-gap

This comes a day after the Centre notified appointment of Justice Ravi Shanker Jha as acting Chief Justice of MP High Court

provision. "We have not received any information regarding the rejection of his lordship's (Justice AA Kureshi) recommendation by the SC Collegium. In case a recommendation is rejected, it is notified by a circular," Suthar added.

In November last year, the transfer of Justice Kureshi to Bombay High Court had created a stir in Gujarat High Court, with members of the bar observing a strike protesting against his transfer. The advocates' association had passed a resolution, stating that it "believes that such a transfer is unjustified and certainly has no connection with better administration of justice" and that it "impinges upon independence of judiciary".

AFTER LOK SABHA POLL DEBACLE

AIADMK MLA raises demand for 'single leader'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MADURAI, JUNE 8

AIADMK MLA V V Rajan Chellappa on Saturday pitched for a single "charismatic" leadership to steer the party, saying the present arrangement of dual power centres impeded quick decisions. The leader's remarks come in the backdrop of the party's dismal performance in Lok Sabha polls.

The AIADMK currently has two top posts of co-coordinator and coordinator, held by CM E K Palaniswami and his deputy O Panneerselvam.

At a press meet, Madurai North MLA Chellappa said he had had discussions with several MLAs who were of the view that power should be in the hands of one

leader. He refrained from naming anyone and said, "Any leader with influence among the people, with charisma and recognised by Amma should assume power."

"Through you I am proposing what we intend to do in the (party's) General Council meeting," he said. "The general council can take a decision on it."

To a query from reporters in Salem on whether there was a factional feud in AIADMK, Palaniswami said it was "disinformation" disseminated by Opposition parties and sections of the media. "This is a party of cadres and it is led by workers. All cadres are leaders here," he said, when asked if dual leadership was responsible for the party's Lok Sabha poll rout. Panneerselvam refused to comment on the matter.

Drone transports blood sample across hilly terrain in Uttarakhand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, JUNE 8

IN A first in a hilly terrain like Uttarakhand, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), popularly called drone, successfully carried blood sample from a primary health centre in Tehri's Nandgaon to the district hospital in Baurari.

On June 5, the Tehri district administration, in collaboration with CDSpace Robotics Private Limited, a start-up by IIT Kanpur alumni Nikhil Upadhye and Krishnaraj, carried out the test where a blood sample was transported between the two healthcare centres in 18 minutes. Considering the difficult terrain, the sample would take at least two hours by road to reach Baurari, which is 32 km from Nandgaon.

Dr SS Pangty, in-charge of Baurari district hospital, said, "The experiment was carried out under the '555' telemedicine scheme in Tehri, which was initiated two years ago. The idea to use drones for

healthcare services was of the (Tehri) district magistrate."

Tehri District Magistrate Sonika told *The Indian Express* that she had been trying to engage drones for healthcare services after learning about similar initiatives in other countries.

"I wanted to engage drones for healthcare services. That's why I entered into talks with the start-up (CDSpace Robotics). It is a pilot project, so the team didn't charge us money. We gave them all administrative support for the experiment. Now that it is successful, I have suggested some changes in the drone," Sonika said, adding that more experiments checking viability of transporting blood samples and medicines will be carried out in Tehri from July.

Upadhye said the drones can carry weight up to 500 gm over 50 km. "In the blood sample that was transported, we maintained cold chain with specialised ice pouch during flight. The drone was carrying 350 gm," Upadhye said.

The cost of one such drone is Rs 10-12 lakh, he added.

HARYANA

Woman held for thrashing 80-yr-old mother-in-law

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

A WOMAN was arrested on Saturday after a video in which she is seen thrashing her 80-year-old mother-in-law went viral on social media.

The act was captured on a mobile phone by a girl who is the neighbour of the victim residing in Niwaz Nagar village of Mahendragarh district's Narnaul.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar described the incident as "deplorable and condemnable", saying such behaviour should not be tolerated in a civilised society.

In a tweet on Saturday, Khattar informed that a case has been registered and the accused woman had been arrested.

In the video, the victim identified as Chand Bai is seen sitting on a cot while her daughter-in-law Kanta Devi pushes her forcefully and pulls her hair. "She (accused) could not take care of the old woman and considered her to be a burden. That is why she assaulted her," Narnaul SP Chander Mohan said over phone on Saturday.

A widow, Chand Bai's husband was an Assistant Sub Inspector in the BSF. She gets pension from the government, police said.

Kanta Devi was arrested on Saturday morning and has been charged with section 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) of the IPC, the SP said. After recording the statement of the victim, police got her medically examined, a police officer said, adding that further investigations were underway.

Railways to provide massage service on trains

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

THE INDIAN Railways will, for the first time, provide head and foot massage services for passengers on board running trains. The facility will be available in 39 trains departing from Indore to begin with.

The Ratlam division of Railways has come up with the initiative to generate additional revenue. On Friday, the division issued a Letter of Award (LOA), stating that all 39 trains originating from Indore will provide head and foot massage facilities.

The massage service will be of three types — gold, diamond and platinum. Charges will be in the range of Rs 100 to 300 and each session will be of 15-20 minutes. The service will not be available between 10 pm and 6 am.

"This is the first time in the history of Railways that we will provide massage service for passengers' comfort on running trains. It will not only increase revenue but also add passengers. Railways will earn an additional revenue of Rs 20 lakh annually, and an estimated increase of Rs 90 lakh per year through additional sale of tickets from about 20,000 passengers who will avail of

Head and foot massage facilities will be provided on 39 trains originating from Indore

the service," said Rajesh Bajpai, director, media and communication, Railway ministry.

"This is the first time such a contract has been signed," he added.

According to Railways, three to five people will travel in each train for dispensation of the service, for which they will be provided IDs by Railways.

The scheme is part of the Non-Fare Revenue Generation in Railways, whereby zones and divisions have been asked to come out with new and innovative ideas to generate non-fare revenue for the national transporter.

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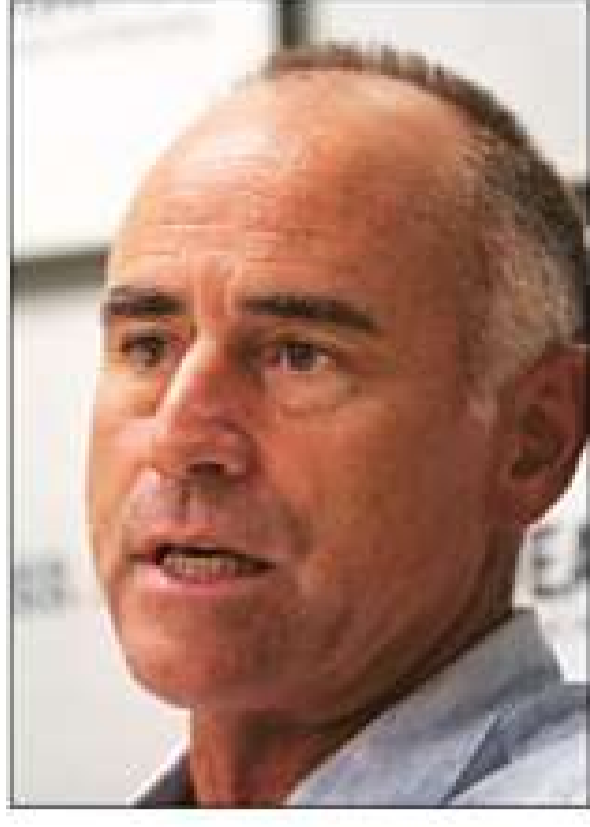
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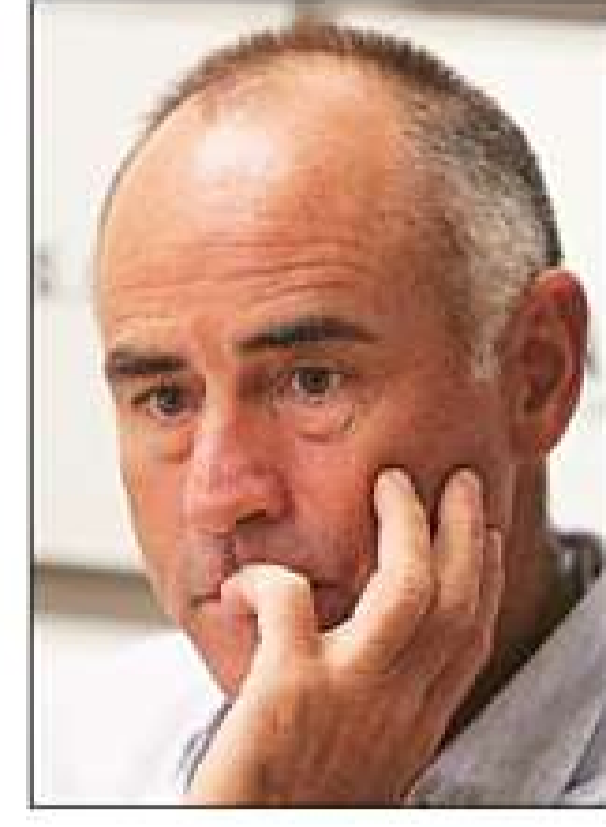
In 2008, we came with ears, eyes open, mouths shut... We used servant-leadership approach, less familiar to Indians... Their parents, coaches had used authoritarian ways... Buy-in was slow, but it was genuine"



WHY PADDY UPTON

A fitness trainer with a PhD in sports science, leadership coach, mind guru, passionate surfer, social worker — Paddy Upton wears many hats. Appointed the mental conditioning and strategic leadership coach of the Indian cricket team in 2008, Upton, along with head coach Gary Kirsten, led the side to a World Cup win in 2011 after nearly 30

years. In the recently concluded Indian Premier League season, he served as head coach of Rajasthan Royals. A Professor of Practice at Australia's Deakin University, Upton released his book *The Barefoot Coach*, which chronicles his experiences and insights from "coaching the world's best cricketers"



"When you have a senior player getting emotional around mistakes, that increases the fear of failure and pressure, and decreases the chance of youngsters performing. It is something Dhoni does so well. He remains calm

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: The Indian Premier League season wasn't very good for the Rajasthan Royals. How do you assess the team's performance?

There are two aspects to it. In terms of practice, preparation, diets, and the new innovations that we brought into the game, I don't think I have ever done a more comprehensive job with a team in any of the T20 tournaments. Obviously, it's the player's responsibility to perform on the field. The reality is that it was a season of missed opportunities. We had games where the advantage was with us... I think particularly in the first game we had the Mankading incident against Kings XI Punjab. ('Mankading', named after Indian bowler Vinoo Mankad, is a method of run out where a bowler dismisses a non-striker by removing the bails before bowling, when the latter is outside the crease.) We needed to score 39 runs in 24 balls, we had six wickets in hand, we should have won that. We handed two games to Chennai Super Kings. It was probably the best Rajasthan Royals team in all the IPLs so far, but it was our worst turnout.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: There was a huge debate over the Mankading episode. What is your take?

It is debatable. Was it spontaneous in his (Kings XI Punjab captain Ravichandran Ashwin) bowling action or did he wait for Butler (Jos Butler of Rajasthan Royals) to fall out of the crease and then run him out. That's one debate. The other debate is about what a team or an individual subscribes to, and that's a personal preference. But walking off the field, virtually not one of his (Ashwin's) teammates looked any of our players in the eye. I know some of their (Kings XI Punjab's) coaching staff really well. Even they couldn't look me in the eye. To me that was a very strong tell-tale that the team didn't necessarily subscribe to what had happened. All I did was shake his (Ashwin's) hand... I just held his hand long enough to give him time to look me in the eye. I just waited and then let go.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: You don't have the kind of cricketing record that some of the IPL coaches such as Stephen Fleming and Ricky Ponting do. Did it worry you when your team was up against, say, Ponting's side?

Till about 20 years ago, most people were happy to receive instructions from somebody who knew better. Actually, that method of leadership has been around since the beginning of the industrial era, which is early 18th century. So for 200 years we have had this approach. It's not dissimilar to the approach that (former Indian coach) Greg Chappell used with the Indian team. But that has fundamentally changed because of the Internet. The expertise that the head coach had 20 years ago is now available on the World Wide Web. It's no longer possible for anybody to be an expert on any subject. That information is being upgraded every day on the Internet.

I was first interviewed for the position of the head coach of Rajasthan Royals in 2012... I had been a fitness trainer back in the '90s in international cricket and I had been a mental conditioning coach. One of the members on the interview panel, Clive Woodward (former English rugby union player and coach), said to me, 'Paddy, I believe you are not actually a cricket coach per se. So you will get a batting coach, a bowling coach and maybe a fielding coach to bring the cricket expertise.' I told him my prerequisites would be that I want no batting coach, no bowling coach, no fielding coach, and also no fitness trainer... If you give me the position of head coach you are going to give me 25 cricketers who come from five different countries, each with their own idea of how to play T20 cricket. Collectively, the team would have more than a thousand games of T20 between them. That's the expertise I would use for the entire game. My approach to coaching is to harness the collective intelligence that sits within the playing group.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: As the mental conditioning coach of the Indian cricket team, how difficult was it to get the players to open up to you?

We (Gary Kirsten and Upton) had done a lot of homework. Gary had conversations with every player about what is it that they wanted from me as coach. After Chappell, there was a six-month period with a caretaker coach, and the players felt a lack of direction. We also learnt that the unhappiness in the team under Chappell was not so much about his knowledge of the game, but more the method he used to impose his knowledge. So we understood what not to do. In hindsight, one of our greatest weaknesses coming into work with the Indian team in 2008 was also our greatest strength. We didn't know the Indian play-

'I have never met an athlete without insecurity, doubt. That they should not have it is rubbish'

Rajasthan Royals head coach Paddy Upton talks about his stint as mental conditioning coach with the 2011 World Cup-winning Indian team and about getting players to open up, says Dhoni's "strategic brain" sets him apart, and recounts his "biggest professional mistake"



Paddy Upton with National Sports Editor Sandeep Dwivedi in *The Indian Express* newsroom. Gajendra Yadav

ers and we didn't know India. So we came in with our ears wide open, our eyes wide open, our mouths largely shut, and we sought to understand the system, the players... The players soon realised that these guys aren't here to tell us what to do, to control us... It wasn't immediate... We used the servant-leadership approach, which I think is less familiar to most Indians as most of them grow up with a very authoritarian approach. Their parents, teachers, coaches have used very authoritarian, dictatorial ways with them. So we definitely brought in a different way. The buy-in was slow, but when it came, it was genuine.

MIHIR VASAVDA: What happens in the dressing room when a junior player drops a catch, and you have an aggressive captain like Virat Kohli at the helm?

The single biggest mental obstacle to success in cricket, and probably any sport, is fear of failure and pressure. When you have a senior player who gets very emotional around mistakes, that increases the fear of failure and the pressure, and decreases the chance of younger players performing. I think it is something MS Dhoni does so well. He remains calm and composed regardless. If a young player drops a catch, particularly in an IPL game or a big game, can you imagine what it must be like for him — 40,000-50,000 people in the stands, 350 million people watching, journalists sitting there making notes on the game and someone drops a catch. That person needs senior players to come running to him, put their arm around him, give him love, support, and tell him it is okay.

DAKSH PANWAR: While some players endorse mental conditioning in sports, there are also some who don't. How did you reach out to the latter?

I don't. There is a chapter in my book on my views on mental conditioning. In that chapter I talk about mental strength, which I believe is like Batman and Superman. We all know of Batman and Superman and their mental strength, but none of that exists. There is no such thing. There are just over 30 academic papers published in peer reviewed journals on mental toughness. These papers are authored by just over 40 doctors and PhDs in sports psychology and psychologists, and none of them can agree on the definition of mental toughness or mental strength. All of them say there is actually no such thing. That it is actually made up of some components like grit, determination, focus etc... The problem is that we

associate mental toughness with being macho, tough, aggressive etc. Anything short of that is labelled as mental weakness. In reality, apart from a few, I have never worked or met any athlete in cricket or any other sport who doesn't have insecurity, doubt, vulnerability and negative thoughts. It's normal. We all have them and the expectation that athletes should not have these (emotions) is rubbish.

NIHAL KOSHIE: How do you see Sreesanth's career graph?

As with people who are bordering on genius, and he was bordering on genius as a bowler... they don't just have that eccentricity on the field, it is also off the field... He was an eccentric personality. And I'm not sure if at the time his eccentricities were actually accepted or shunned. I think his time in cricket teams in India was difficult because people didn't really accept him for being an eccentric individual. He was an artist and his behaviour was not mainstream, conservative, like other male athletes. However, he then went beyond the realm of what's expected even of someone who is eccentric. His involvement in the apparent match-fixing... It was very unfortunate that he chose that path. But being as good as he was, I don't think he was managed as well as he could have been, as just a very different individual.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: How was the Indian dressing room different from the others you have seen in the past?

Fortunately, I had read and studied enough, and asked questions... So when I saw some of the things, I understood them.



I learnt that what we needed to manage were things like young players not being free to speak up in team meetings. That is changing in IPL teams now. The other thing that I learnt was that Indian players would tend to not give direct negative feedback to us as coaches. So, many times Gary and I would come up with a new idea and ask players about their views on it. Almost every time everyone would go, 'Yes, that's great. Let's go with it.' But we understood that it was more out of respect for coaches and authority that they were saying yes. So we needed to understand that when someone said yes, they actually meant no.

About three-four months into my tenure here, I was reading business, economics, philosophy books about understanding India and Indians, and the DNA of the Indian psyche. Once, Robin Singh was sitting next to me when I was reading one of these books and he said, 'Paddy, you can spend all day, every day, for 10 years studying India and Indians, and you will never understand either India or Indians.' In hindsight, that rings so true. Now, as a foreigner, even though I do know something about India and Indians, I know there is three or four layers beneath that I don't understand. It's nice. It keeps me humble because I definitely know that I don't know.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: You have spoken about MS Dhoni quite a lot in the book. Can you tell us about your observations?

He clearly has the North Indian warrior-fighter spirit in him. He also has a really clever, strategic brain, and a steely composure... He certainly is different. He is calm

"In the US, 14 million kids start playing sports when they start school. By the age of 13, 70% give it up. One reason for this is parents, the other is coaches... The kids give up because they stop enjoying it. So parents, coaches must back off

and composed even under extreme pressure, and that gives other players permission to be calm as well. He was given a leadership position when you still had Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, V V S Laxman, Virender Sehwag in the team... He was just really smart in his leadership, even though he was slightly junior.

ANDREW AMSAN: How does a coach handle pressure?

The more important we make the 'result' in our head, the more pressure we feel. It's because it is attached to our ego or self-worth. So if I do well in an important game, I look good and I feel good and people say nice things about me. If I broke down, that's lack of self-esteem. But self-esteem is knowing that I am okay regardless of whether I succeed or fail. I know deep within myself, I'm okay as a person.

AJAY SHANKAR: Gary Kirsten got most of the praise for the Indian team's performance. Did you feel emotionally vulnerable then?

I made the biggest mistake of my professional life then, but I wouldn't say it was my most vulnerable time. The most vulnerable time would be when one is losing. That time with the Indian team led to my biggest ever professional era. But my family and friends from home were phoning me and saying that the Indian team is doing so well and Gary is getting all the credit. I remember telling myself at the time that my job is to do a good job, not get credit. But there was a little part of me, which was my ego, that would have liked to get some credit, some publicity.

Eighteen months into my tenure, we had gone to South Africa to play the Champions Trophy with a surging Indian cricket team. It was an opportunity to really put our work on display. We had come up with some nice glossy folders that had some really cool information I had given the players. One of the things was my research around the impact of sex on performance and testosterone. I looked at it from a Chinese medical perspective, different religious perspectives, a number of different angles... It was a fascinating body of research. But I know players don't read three pages of research and so I put a lot of tongue-in-cheek stuff in the article. It was funny stuff just to keep the players interested... I had cracked a few jokes. The document was printed at a printer's office, it went to the BCCI, the team manager... then given to the players. It could have been leaked from anywhere. That's how I justify

it to myself... There was a journalist whom I knew who was a fan of my work. I thought I will leak it to him and he would write about the fantastic work that Paddy Upton had been doing behind the scenes in this revived cricket team. He did write a really good article, except that some of my tongue-in-cheek comments were taken out of context. When I woke up the next morning and turned my phone on, it went on beeping. I knew there was something wrong. I turned on the TV and I saw all the channels running a story that Gary Kirsten suggests that Indian cricketers have sex before games to improve their performance...

We arrived for training that morning... I don't quite remember what he said, because every word was like an arrow through my heart... He said somebody has leaked this document, it has affected our team and it was absolutely unacceptable... Whatever he said was very emotionally charged. I was just shrinking, because I was the guy who had leaked it so that I could get some recognition for myself. Later, I told him (that I leaked it) and explained why I had done it. Gary had got to the point that he was ready to resign if the BCCI needed a scapegoat. So, in looking for attention, recognition for myself, I ended up hurting a friend of 20 years, and someone I had spent 18 months with building a team... It had damaged the Indian cricket team's reputation, Gary's reputation... I did that because I acted out of ego. It was my worst ever professional experience, one of my biggest ever mistakes. It is a very strong reminder that it is not about me as coach. It's about serving the people that I am charged to serve in my leadership position.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: You have said that parents need to lay off young players because they put a lot of pressure on them. Can you elaborate?

In the United States, 14 million kids start playing sports when they start school. By the age of 13, 70 per cent give it up. One reason for this is parents, the other is coaches... The kids give up because they stop enjoying it. So parents and coaches have got to back off. Also, kids need to be playing two, if not three sports. The transfer of skills and the brain stimulation that happens sets them up for long-term success. Another thing that has been proven, not in India though, is that success up to the age of 13 has absolutely no bearing whatsoever on how successful someone will be by the age of 18. So if your kid is a superstar anytime up to the age of 13, it means nothing statistically.

11 SUNDAY STORY

JAGAN'S YATRA

10 yrs after he split from Cong, the YSRCP leader has emerged as the rare political scion to form own party and rise to power. SREENIVAS JANYALA on how the 46-yr-old carved out his path — literally through 23,000 km and thousands of days spent on the road — and what lessons it holds for other dynasts waiting in the wings



HIS MILESTONES

MAY 16, 2009: Elected to Lok Sabha for the first time, on a Congress ticket from Kadapa

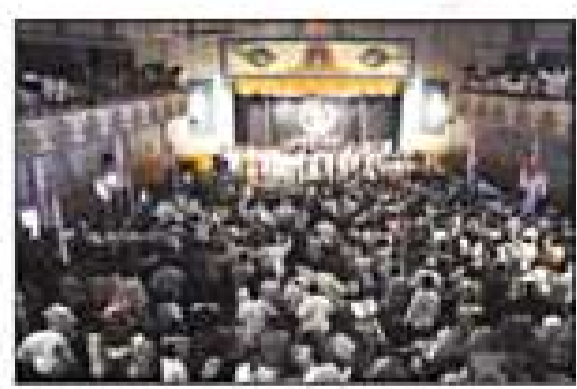
NOV 27, 2009: Resigns from Congress, and as MP

JULY 2010: Starts Odarpu Yatra to meet families of those who allegedly died of shock or ill-health after hearing of YSR's death

MARCH 2011: Announces a new party, Yuvajana Sramika Raithu Congress Party (YSRCP)

MAY 2011: Wins bypoll from Kadapa Lok Sabha constituency

MAY 27, 2012: Arrested by CBI in disproportionate assets case



File photo of a condolence meeting for YSR, one of many held by Jagan



Jagan's family after meeting him at Chanchalguda Jail, Hyderabad

SEPT 23, 2013: Released on bail

DEC 2, 2013: Starts Samikya Sankharavam Yatra to mobilise opinion against Andhra bifurcation

MAY 2014: Loses Andhra's first Assembly elections post-bifurcation, but himself wins from father's old seat, Pulivendula

NOV 6, 2017: Begins Praja Sankalpa

Yatra from Pulivendula, Kadapa

OCT 25, 2018: Suffers a small cut in an attack by a waiter

JAN 9, 2019: Jagan completes the 3,648-km *padayatra* in 341 days

MAY 23, 2019: Sweeps Assembly, Lok Sabha elections



Acknowledging supporters after his swearing-in at Vijayawada

Illustration: Suvajit Dey

ON MAY 25, two days after his landslide victory in Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy told a gathering of supporters how God had delivered "poetic justice" to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its leader N Chandrababu Naidu. "Naidu engineered the illegal defection of 23 YSRCP MLAs... now he is left with only 23 MLAs. He purchased three YSRCP MPs, now he is left with only three MPs," Jagan said.

A thunderous applause greeted his statement, underlining the achievement of the 46-year-old, and his 10-year struggle, including a jail term, to here against all odds. The scale of the victory also stood out for making him the only regional satrap who founded a party after the demise of his father to have risen to become CM without anyone's help, in an election that saw the decimation of most dynasts.

The win must have also been sweet for another reason. It also signified the continuous free fall in Andhra Pradesh of the Congress (down to 1.29% vote share from 40.72% in 2009) — the party that cast aside Jagan, setting him off on his solitary path.

The YSRCP leader did most of his long haul in public — walking 3,648 km and travelling 23,000 km over three *yatras* — even as, behind the scenes, he raised a party from the ground.

A SPECIAL VICTORY

In its internal calculations, the YSRCP had thought it would get 100-110 seats out of 175 in the recent Assembly polls. With 2014 in mind, when it had expected to win but was bested by Naidu, it also kept expectations low. The final tally of 151 constituencies, plus 22 of the 25 Lok Sabha seats, surprised even them, admits a senior YSRCP MLA. "We did not anticipate such huge silent support for Jagan."

In four of Andhra's 13 districts — Nellore, Kadapa, Kurnool, Vizianagaram — the YSRCP made a clean sweep in the Assembly polls. In both Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, it got nearly 50% votes.

Among the heavyweights felled by YSRCP candidates were former Union minister P Gajapati Raju, five-time MP Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, five-time MP V Kishore Chandra Deo, BJP Andhra chief Kanna Lakshminarayana, and Naidu's son Nara Lokesh. Lokesh lost from Mangalagiri Assembly seat, which falls in the Amaravati Capital Region, the dream city being raised by the Naidu government.

In Visakhapatnam Lok Sabha constituency, a novice, M V Satyanarayana, won against the likes of a former IPS officer, an ex-Union minister, and the grandson of a TDP leader.

Nara Lokesh says people voted "emotionally". "The work is there for everyone to see. With limited resources, we did whatever was possible," he says.

Kanna Lakshminarayana, the chief of the Andhra unit of the BJP, which drew a blank in both the Assembly and Lok Sabha, says people voted for change. "They were fed up with the TDP and Naidu. They saw an alternative in Jagan."

The scale of the win has sealed Jagan's command over the party. While he is the president, mother Y S Vijayamma is the honorary president. The only other person with authority is Jagan's confidant V Vijay Sai Reddy, a YSRCP Rajya Sabha MP.

Until the April 11 elections, the YSRCP largely operated out of the Lotus Pond home of Jagan's family in Hyderabad.

While the YSRCP has now started moving to a new head office in Amaravati, this building too is attached to an equally sprawling residence owned by Jagan. The construction on this bungalow started a few months ago, in anticipation of a win, the YSRCP chief sought to shed the charge that he preferred staying in Hyderabad, which now belongs to Telangana.

HIS FATHER'S CHOICE

Exactly a decade ago, then a businessman in his prime 30s, Jagan was based in Bengaluru, running real estate firms and power projects. One day, "out of the blue", according to him, his father and Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy asked him to contest the May 2009 Lok Sabha elections from the family pocketborough of Kadapa. Jagan had no exposure to politics, not even in his father's campaign.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* in May 2012, Jagan had said, "YSR's personality

overshadowed everything then. I never expected he would suggest that I contest."

Uncle Y S Vivekananda Reddy promptly vacated Kadapa, and Jagan won by 1.78 lakh votes. The Congress won 32 other Lok Sabha constituencies in Andhra in the 2009 polls, securing a surprise second term at the Centre and sending YSR's stock within the party skyrocketing.

Within months, Jagan's life took another twist. On September 2, 2009, three months after being re-elected to power, YSR died in a chopper crash. "The initial shock gave wave to a chorus from YSR supporters and Congress loyalists to make Jagan the CM. But the pressure exerted on this even before YSR's funeral upset (then Congress president) Sonia Gandhi, who refused to say anything," says long-time friend Bhuma Karunakar Reddy.

Party leaders talk of Jagan making numerous visits to New Delhi to meet Sonia, who refused to see him or, when she did, did not commit to making him CM. Jagan's mother and sister were also made to wait several times. Later, Jagan was refused permission to take out the *yatra* he had promised to undertake at the grave of his father, to meet families of YSR's supporters who had died reportedly in grief. Ignoring the high command, Jagan had finally set off on his Odarpu Yatra in April 2010.

For the next 265 days, he was on the road, covering 17,262 km. Mid-way, in November 2010, he resigned as an MP and from the Congress. On March 12, 2011, he launched the Yuvajana Sramika Raithu Congress Party or YSRCP. Most YSR loyalists did not go with Jagan at the time, though they are believed to have covertly supported him. It was only in 2013, before the elections, that many quit the Congress and joined the YSRCP.

The Congress never recovered. Having also cleared the bifurcation of Andhra in a midnight Parliament session in February 2014, the Congress fell to less than 3% votes in the 2014 polls. Fighting his first election, Jagan got 47.9% of the votes.

THE YATRA WAY

When he set off on Odarpu Yatra, Jagan was following a template set by his father in 2003, who had undertaken one such *yatra* to victory in the 2004 Lok Sabha and Assembly polls.

Leading a convoy of five Mahindra Scorpios, Jagan covered all 13 districts. Along the way, he unveiled 3,292 statues of YSR, delivered more than a thousand hours of speeches, met 486 families whose members had died reportedly in grief over YSR, and drew lakhs of people, who turned up to see the son of YSR.

Says old YSR loyalist A Ramakrishna Reddy, "Jagan listened to the people, just like his father had done in 2003. He heard out the woes of thousands, even if he had to forgo lunch and dinner. He spent nights in tents in places no one had before."

The YSRCP leader adds that while they lost in 2014, it was a narrow defeat, with many of their candidates losing by 900 to 4,000 votes. "Just 2% more people felt that Babu (N Chandrababu Naidu) had a reputation as a good administrator, and would take Andhra post-bifurcation to the right path," Ramakrishna Reddy, who defeated Naidu's son Lokesh this time, says.

Adds another YSR loyalist, Botsa Satyanarayana, "No one had seen Jagan till then, he was considered a child. But with Odarpu Yatra he displayed signs of becoming a mass leader."

Like the Congress before it, the TDP dismissed the crowds thronging to see Jagan as a temporary phenomenon. It even refused to read signs in Jagan's 5.45 lakh-vote win in a 2011 by-poll from Kadapa parliamentary seat.

Soon after, in March 2012, the CBI registered a case against Jagan, saying that as CM, YSR had handed out contracts to companies in return for money deposited with shell firms belonging to Jagan. Jagan was arrested by the CBI on May 27, 2012.

While Jagan is said to have discouraged family members, especially his wife and two daughters, from visiting him in jail, a large number of Jagan supporters would gather daily outside.

Released after 16 months, Jagan again hit the road. Starting December 2013, he embarked on a "Samikya Sankharavam (United Announcement)" Yatra, to mobilise opinion against the proposed bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

THE LESSONS FROM 2014

While the YSRCP was widely expected to win in the May 2014 polls, the TDP did. Jagan's detractors expected him to take the blow hard, and the TDP struck immediately by luring his leaders away. By 2018, the number of YSRCP MLAs was down to 45 from 67. The August 2017 by-poll loss from Nandyal came as another blow. After this, Jagan became increasingly isolated in the YSRCP.

Ramakrishna Reddy says it was perhaps Jagan's mother Vijayamma who advised him to take tips from YSR. "Jagan resolved he needed to be among the people. He said Andhra needs 'Rajanna Rajyam' (a reference to YSR's welfare state)."

On November 6, 2017, Jagan set off from native Kadapa on a 'Praja Sankalpa Yatra' — again to cover all the 13 districts of Andhra. When the initial response was lukewarm, he started raising the issue of Special Category Status (SCS) and how the TDP government had failed to secure it despite being an ally of the BJP at the Centre.

He also announced 'YSRCP's Navaratnamalu' — nine promises ranging from increased pensions to senior citizens and single women, reimbursement of students' fees and free healthcare for eligible beneficiaries, to farm investment support and Rs 15,000 per month grant to mothers who send their children to school.

As the issues Jagan raised started hitting home, the defensive Naidu was forced to take a stand on the SCS. The TDP's exit from the NDA in March 2018 over the Centre dilly-dallying on the matter was seen as a damage-control exercise.

Jagan's *yatra*, meanwhile, continued. By the time he wrapped up on February 2, it was the longest *padayatra* by any politician in the country — he had walked 3,648 km in 341 days. Says a party leader, "Jagan walked between 15 and 30 km daily. He interacted with everyone he met. Every Friday he returned to Hyderabad to attend the CBI court."

LEAVING CONG, BJP BLANK

Even as the victory is yet to sink in, the celebrations are subdued by the realisation that Andhra's financial condition is too dire to meet the promises on the campaign trail. One of the first halts made by the new CM was to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office, seeking aid. What the YSRCP has going for it is its cordial relationship with the BJP, unlike Naidu who, riding on national ambitions, burnt all bridges with the Modi government.

For now though, the rise of Jagan has halted attempts by the BJP to gain a foothold in Andhra, with the party anyway facing a backlash over the SCS. The BJP didn't win a single Lok Sabha or Assembly constituency in Andhra, with most of its candidates losing their deposits. In 2014, the BJP had won four Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats.

Admitting that "it may take some time for the BJP to establish roots in Andhra", former party MLA P Vishnu Kumar Raju says, "Many people blame the BJP for Andhra's financial woes, but that is not true. Naidu had accepted the special package (given by the Centre) in lieu of the SCS, but made a U-turn after Jagan raised the SCS issue."

The Congress did worse. Second time in a row, the party that had 156 Assembly and 33 Lok Sabha seats in 2009 in undivided Andhra, drew a blank, with all its candidates losing their deposits again.

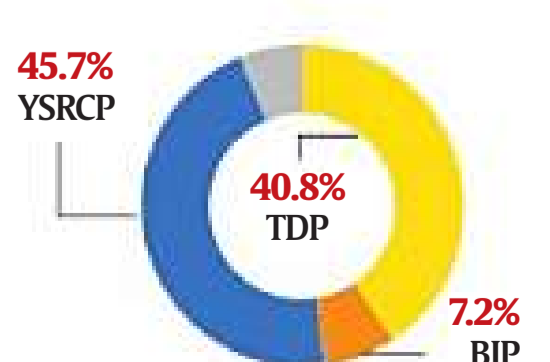
The possibility of the party making a comeback looks bleak. An YSRCP leader says that the results show national parties have no place in Andhra politics. "When we have strong regional parties, why would anyone vote for the Congress or BJP? The Congress bifurcated the state unscientifically while the BJP has denied the SCS and financial assistance, after promising the same in Parliament."

Ramakrishna Reddy says Jagan's win holds another lesson for the Congress, particularly its president Rahul Gandhi. "Jagan may not have been born with qualities of a leader but he became one by spending the last nine years among the people. He has now proved himself to be a mass leader. Rahul Gandhi has not been able to do so... I don't think Rahul would be able to walk through even a single district to understand their issues. He can learn a lot from Jagan's life."

UP TO 50 PER CENT VOTE SHARE IN BOTH LOK SABHA, ASSEMBLY

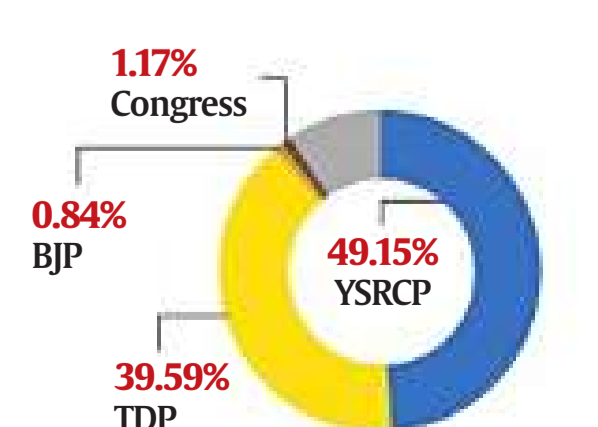
2014 POLLS

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES	LOK SABHA
175 SEATS	25 SEATS
TDP	15
YSRCP	8
BJP	2
Independent	1
Navodayam	1

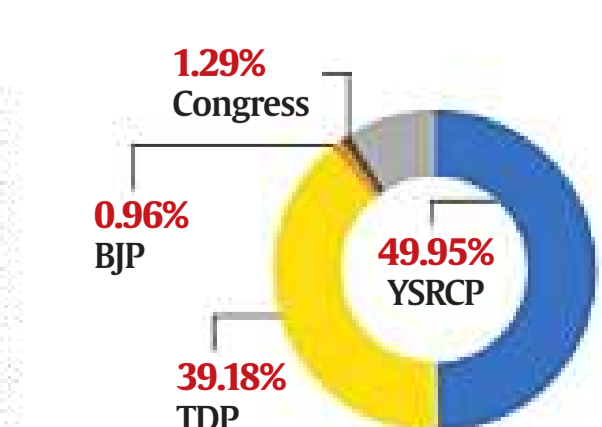


2019 POLLS

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES	LOK SABHA
175 SEATS	25 SEATS
YSRCP	151
TDP	23
JanaSena Party	1



LOK SABHA	YSRCP	TDP
25 SEATS	22	3



Polls held for unified Andhra. EC didn't release separate vote shares for Assembly, LS

The first election in a post-bifurcation Andhra Pradesh

Hard Landing

On April 17, Jet Airways flew its last flight, grounding what was once India's premier private airlines and leaving thousands of employees and their families facing an uncertain future. While some of them have moved on to jobs with other airlines, many others have little option but to wait and hope. **TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA** meets families as they struggle to cope with the turbulence

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TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA & PRANAV KULKARNI

ANY VISITOR to Sirva Centre, the headquarters of the now grounded Jet Airways in Mumbai, comes across a fund box seeking donations. Every day for the last two months, the money collected in this box is distributed amongst the airline's skeletal staff — human resource officials, cleaners and *chaiwallahs* — who continue to keep the office functional, mostly to do paperwork for those quitting, until, they say, the shutters finally come down.

On April 17, Jet Airways flight 9W 2502 flew from Amritsar to Mumbai, marking the 1993-born airline's final flight. Stunned at this rude jolt to their lives and careers, the airline's staff — pilots, ground crew, cabin crew and many others — have been knocking on every door possible in the hope that the airline will be revived.

Shailesh Kumar Singh, however, had lost all hope. On the afternoon of April 26, a week after Jet Airways announced closure of its domestic and international operations, Singh, 53, a senior technician with Jet for 15 years, jumped to his death from the terrace of his house in Nallasopara, Mumbai. Singh suffered from stomach cancer for three years before he ended his life. Both Singh and his younger son Saunabh, who worked with Jet as a flight operations assistant, hadn't got their salary since March and the mounting hospital bills were adding to the tension at home. Singh's wife Sunita says he became depressed after Jet's closure.

"It has been two months, neither the airlines nor the government has come forward to support us," says Singh's elder son Raghvendra from UP, to where the family has moved since Singh's death. Raghvendra had quit his job with a private company to attend to his father when he was unwell.

"I have stopped going to record attendance," says Saunabh. "What purpose will it serve?"

Ahead of the general elections that began in April, discussions to revive Jet Airways had gathered steam with names of several investors, including the Tata Group, various private equity investors, the National Infrastructure Investment Fund, and others, doing the rounds. All that while, the airline's bankers were looking for an investor to save the company. India's oldest private carrier was bleeding without the funding that was promised by the lenders as part of the resolution plan.

On April 17, Jet Airways ceased all operations and nearly a month after that, the State

A case is underway at the Mumbai Regional Labour Commission where issues of pending salary, gratuity and PF are under discussion. The next hearing in the case is on June 12



Nidhi Chaphekar, the jet in-flight manager who was injured in the 2016 Brussels blasts, is now leading delegations seeking the airline's revival

Bank of India said it had received two bids from potential investors to pick stake in the airline. However, when the bids were opened, it was learnt that Jet's biggest investor Etihad Airways had written a note suggesting conditional investment in the company. In May, after announcing the results of State Bank of India, its chairman Rajnish Kumar said in a press conference that Jet Airways was only a small part of the loan books and that disproportionate efforts were made to keep the airline flying. As of date, the bankers continue to make efforts to revive the airline, which has not been able to repay loans amounting to over Rs 7,000 crore to these lenders.

A case is underway at the Mumbai Regional Labour Commission where issues of pending salary, gratuity fund and provident fund are under discussion. The labour commissioner has directed Jet Airways to adhere to the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, and file a compliance report in June. The next hearing in the case is on June 12.

"The salaries remain pending since March. Apart from that, employees are worried if they will be able to withdraw their provident fund that has accumulated over the years. The labour commission will hopefully address these issues, but where is the money with Jet to pay employees?" said an official from the All India Jet Airways Officers and Staff Association.

Until April end, the airlines had over 14,500 employees — 1,500 pilots, 3,000 cabin crew members, and 7,000 ground operations and technical staff. Salaries totalling Rs 242 crore remain pending. At least 600-700 pilots (captains and first officers) and a similar number of cabin crew have joined domestic airlines including SpiceJet, Air India, IndiGo and Vistara.

Some, however, have been holding out. Nidhi Chaphekar, the jet in-flight manager who was injured in the 2016 bomb blasts at Zaventem airport in Brussels, is now at the forefront of multiple delegations meeting politicians. With gloves on to guard her hands, still healing from the wounds after the blast, from infection, Chaphekar is part of almost every protest march, sharing petitions, and generating discussions on possible solutions for the jet crisis.

"Many in Jet will agree the company should be us during our hardships. It is perhaps our time to patiently wait for the company to bounce back," she says.

In 2016, the terror-stricken face of Chaphekar, in her bright yellow uniform, with blood streaking down her nose and burns on her hands, had gone viral following the bomb blasts. In the months after, as she lay bed-ridden, Jet Airways, Chaphekar says, "extended full support".

"We recently met the Finance Minister and the Civil Aviation Minister. Their response has kept us all hopeful that the government may help," she says.



Having flown 9,800 hours and at least six types of aircraft, Geetanjali Parilkar struggles with the idea of a future without Jet



Gangadas Kuri and Swaroopa say with pocket money squeezed, their children have stopped going out to meet friends

GANGADAS KURI, 47, CARGO LOADER

EVERYDAY, Gangadas Kuri wears his blue uniform, leaves home at 6.30 am and waits for his children to leave for their school and college before returning home to spend the day idle. They know Jet Airways has shut its operations, but every time they ask him, he rubs his eyes. "I tell them it is all fake news on TV, that the airlines is in loss but still operating," says Kuri.

In 1995, then a tailor, Kuri cracked an interview for cargo loader with Jet. Kuri signed a contract with the then two-year-old airline to work in the loading and unloading department, handling passenger luggage and cargo in flights. His monthly salary then was Rs 2,000, it is Rs 25,000 now — or was until March, when he got his salary last.

Kuri did not know Jet had suspended its operations until April 17, when he handled cargo for 9W 2502. Jet's last flight before it was grounded. When he heard "the rumour", he went to confirm with his manager, who was himself planning to resign. By then, Kuri's salary had been delayed by 24 days, but he reasoned with himself: "Jet always pays us, there is a delay just this one time. It will come soon."

That wait hasn't ended for him, in a flat and their two children who live in a flat in Mumbai's western suburbs of Sakinaka for a monthy rent of Rs 10,000. Kuri's wife Swaroopa recalls pestering him repeatedly for ration money. "Then he

pay of Rs 10,000 and over 12 hours of work. The couple refuses to meet *The Sunday Express* at their home, fearing their children will overhear them. So Kuri and Swaroopa get newspapers, spread them in their building compound and squat by a closed shop, and cry.

They point to a building nearby. "We were close to purchasing a one-room flat here last year. It would have cost Rs 35 lakh. I was going to apply for home loan, but then this happened," says Kuri, making a downward swooping motion with his hand indicating a plane making a rapid descent.

It is summer vacation. With pocket money squeezed, the children have stopped going out to meet friends, using their mother's illness as an excuse. "A few days ago, Janhvi did not attend a friend's birthday party. I felt like crying," says Swaroopa. The children love pizza and burgers, but have not gone out to eat since their holidays began. Every year in May, the family would first go shopping and then head towards their native village near Hyderabad. But this year, they was no money for the train ticket.

Kuri is the eldest of four brothers, and worries who to turn to for financial aid. "I told our landlord that I'll pay rent after three months. But for how long will he wait?" "I gave 25 years to this airline. This was not how I thought they would leave us," he says, worried if the can withdraw the provident fund money.

For three years, as she pursued her B.Com from Thakur College, Mumbai,



Meesha had chalked out a plan — work well and become a member of the cabin crew. That plan has now unravelled

MEESHA BAKSHI, 21, GROUND STAFF

THE ONLY silver lining, Meesha Bakshi laughs, is that she doesn't need to wear make-up every day. "I used to spend Rs 5,000 a month on make-up," says Meesha Bakshi, 21, as she sips her coffee in a quiet cafe in Andheri East, not far from Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport where she worked as a ground staff for Jet.

She had learnt the art of applying make-up, doing exactly as the airlines mandated — either a "full nude make-up, or a pinkish tone look, or bright red make-up".

In the 17 months that Meesha spent working at Jet's counters — doing ground operations, handling check-ins, boarding passengers, and reservations — every day brought a new thrill. "We had only 40 minutes of flight turnaround time, during which we had to get the plane cleaned as soon as it landed, prepare for the next flight, and get passengers to board. Even a minute's delay had to be accounted for," says Meesha, her eyes sparkling with the memory of those days.

Jet Airways maintained a strict dress code. "It was common for our stockings to tear. There was always an extra pair in my handbag," she says. Even a hair out of place invited an instruction to visit the wash-room and redo the hairstyle. "We learnt discipline," she says.

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Meesha tried to bag an air hostess's job with Jet, appearing for at least 25 interviews and failing each time, despite having worked out aggressively and lost 22 kg. After her graduation in 2017, Meesha finally applied for the post of ground staff, and cleared the interview. Following a month-long training, she was posted at the international airport. She had chalked out a road map — work well, apply again and become a member of the cabin crew. That dream proved short-lived. Her long-term plan of opening a restaurant with her sister seems farther away.

She remembers how excited her businessman father, homemaker mother and sister, a chef, had been when she got her appointment letter from Jet. Her salary was Rs 20,000. Meesha was put in group 'Charlie' (the other groups were called

Alpha and Bravo), where she befriended 14 other ground staff. "Everyone called our group 'chaos'. We had so much fun," she recalls.

Her first job, she says, taught her patience. In her early days with the airline, a passenger with excess luggage had thrown a fit, pulling out extra clothes from his suitcase and flinging them on her counter. She had returned home crying. Passengers missing their flights was common, and she dreaded handling them, especially the ones she knew "were out there shopping near the boarding gate while the final announcement was being made".

In January, Meesha was asked to coordinate boarding gates. Days later, the manager called a meeting. "Several Jet flights were getting cancelled. The manager asked us to stay calm while handling passengers. It was getting common to see angry passengers at our counters," she remembers. In February, a couple flying to Bali for their honeymoon were told that the flight had been cancelled. Meesha dreaded their reaction. "I felt bad too, but what could we do? We had reached a point in March when even our salaries had stopped coming," she says.

She recalls being on duty when Jet operated its last flight. "When we opened the plane door to receive the cabin crew, they all had small faces. The passengers wished us luck. Nobody knew if we would ever return to work at the airport," Meesha says.



The couple were planning to buy a flat and start a family. Now their plans have all run aground

PANKAJ AND HAZEL, 32, GROUND CARGO OPERATIONS

ON THE outskirts of Mumbai, in Nallasopara, Pankaj Thakur, 32, dreamt of a Royal Enfield bike, his wife Hazel of a larger flat. Both planned to have a child soon, it had been three years since their wedding. "All our plans are at a standstill, suddenly we don't know what to do except wait," says Hazel, 32.

It was 2008, when Hazel joined Jet Airways' ground operations in the cargo section. A year later, Pankaj was appointed to the cargo department. Both were in their late 20s. In 2016, they decided to marry. Hazel is a supervisor of ground cargo operations, Pankaj a senior cargo assistant.

In their one-bedroom flat in Nallasopara, an hour's drive from their office in Mumbai, the drawing room has a double bed for Pankaj's elderly parents. A glass showcase has two tiny plastic models of jet aircraft. A washing machine, television and a tiny prayer space line one wall.

Devendra Thakur, 63, a retired Air India employee, sits by the edge of his bed. "I have faith in government jobs, I always tell him," he says. Pankaj immediately counters him. "We expected the government to help, but SBI refused to lend interim funds for Jet to continue flight operations."

Ever since Jet shut its operations on April 17, the mood in the flat has re-

We had reached senior levels, but at this point, any job we get will be with a lower package... It is not easy to see a first job end like this, a company crumble like this"

mained sunny. Pankaj's mother Reeta remembers seeing the two return home early that day. Both were crying. "*Kuch bol hi nahin rahe the dono* (They didn't say anything)," she says. But Reeta understood — she had been watching news channels though the two tried not to discuss the growing jet crisis at home.

"We were planning to have a baby when this announcement came...," Pankaj trails off. Hazel continues, "Everyone wants to grow in life. This house is really far from Mumbai. We thought we'll buy a place closer to work." Hazel has decided to take a break. "It is not easy to see a first job end like this, a company crumble like this. I don't feel like applying anywhere," she says. Pankaj, meanwhile, has few more interviews lined up.

GEETANJALI PARILKAR, 50, CO-PILOT

Jet is like this old toy. It breaks and you apply glue to keep it together. It's your favourite toy, and you can't lose it. Jet is like that to me"

AT 50, Geetanjali has taken to studying. Her life depends on it. "If I pass the ATPL (Airline Transport Pilot Licence) test, I can apply as a pilot in foreign carriers," she says at her home in Jogeshwari, Mumbai, nursing a fractured left foot. Indian private airlines have an unsaid age rule — pilots beyond 45 are rarely recruited. Geetanjali, who turned 50 some months ago, has worked as a co-pilot with Jet Airways since 2000, flying the ATR turboprop first and then Boeing 737 and 777. It never bothered her that she didn't graduate from co-pilot to captain, she says, adding that there was never any time to prepare and sit for the ATPL test that would have qualified her to become captain.

She had hoped to fly off into the sunset with Jet Airways, until May, when it finally hit her hard that the airline may not revive and she would be without an income. The crisis couldn't have come at a worse time for Geetanjali. After going through a divorce in 2014, Geetanjali, who has her two young daughters, aged 19 and 13, to look after, has had to turn to her sister and Odisha-based parents for support.

Since 1993, when she began her career as a pilot, Geetanjali has seen multiple airlines fold up. In 1995, Raj Air, for whom she flew the Fokker 50 turboprop, grounded its passenger operations. "Its tail had a beautiful jungle print," she recalls. She then joined Khemka Group's NEPC airlines, which was founded in 1993, the same year as Jet Airways. In 1995, NEPC bought Damania Airways, but barely two years later, the airlines shut down. Geetanjali then used to fly the Fokker F-27. "I was amongst the last few pilots to leave NEPC," she says. In 1998, she joined Gujarat Airways and underwent training in the US to fly the Beech 1900. Within years, the airlines too shut its operations. In September 2000, Geetanjali joined Jet Airways, becoming the first woman co-pilot to fly ATR for the airlines.

"Somehow I managed to get another job every time an airlines shut. The indus-

try remained steady. "Jet is the 'Make in India' that the government keeps talking about," she smiles. Almost instantly, the smile vanishes. "But the government says Jet is a private carrier, and SBI can't lend money. Aren't employees tax payers and Indian citizens? Then why can't they help us?" She has broken her fixed deposits to run the house, and her family funds her daughter's education and her home loan.

Pilots with Jet discuss how trouble started brewing in July 2018, when they were informed that salaries would be delayed. "Until recently, Jet ruled the European skies," she says, her eyes moist. After her elder sister coaxed her to look for jobs, Geetanjali started studying for ATPL exams. Every day, she spends hours at a coaching class in Andheri West, in Mumbai's suburbs, then travels to Bandra for physiotherapy sessions for her fractured leg. "Getting back on my feet is crucial. We need to give simulator tests every six months to get the licence. Mine expires in July," she says.

Flying was never her ambition, admits Geetanjali. Her father wanted her to become a chartered accountant but when she failed, he encouraged her to try flying. "Young women were taking up flying in the Eighties. The first time I sat in a cockpit, I felt a thrill, and knew I wanted to fly for the rest of my life," she says.

She met her ex-husband, a pilot with Air India, while the two were with NEPC Airlines. When she joined Jet Airways, they had a five-month-old daughter. "I have sacrificed a lot for Jet. There were times when I had to leave my baby and fly for five days. But then, Jet supported me when I needed them," she says. In other airlines, she remarks, inter-department relationships are formal. "In Jet," she smiles, "if my family was flying, I just had to drop a text, and they would be looked after by the cabin crew."

Geetanjali says her elder daughter wanted to become a pilot. "But I told her no. I told her she could do architecture, engineering... anything but commercial flying." Having flown 9,800 hours and at least six types of aircraft, she struggles with the idea of a future without Jet. "You know, Jet is like this old toy. It breaks and you apply glue to keep it together. It's your favourite toy, and you can't lose it. Jet is like that to me," she says.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ICE-CREAM VENDOR IN 50 DEGREE CELSIUS

The coolest job in Churu

In one of the hottest places in the country, Shankarlal Choudhary's ice-creams are among the few ways to beat the heat. But what happens when the ice-cream begins to melt, or an unruly passerby collapses next to him with beer in hand?

DEEP MUKHERJEE

AT NOON, Naya Bass, one of the busiest localities in Rajasthan's Churu district, is deserted. Amidst the hot loo that blows in carrying grains of sand are occasional silhouettes of men and women, mostly daily-wage labourers. Bent, they walk slowly, wet towels wrapped around their heads as the sun breathes fire on Churu. A day earlier, on June 3, this was the hottest place in the world — according to at least one weather mapping website, the mercury had risen up to 50.3 degrees Celsius. In one corner of Naya Bass, under a neem tree, stands an ice-cream cart with Mahaveer Ice-Cream Centre written in white paint.

Sitting on a plastic chair behind the ice-cream cart, a white cloth partially covering his head and face, Shankarlal Choudhary, 30, looks upwards at the sky wryly and says, "I thought this spot under the tree would be slightly cooler, but at this time in Churu, no matter where you go, you just can't avoid the sun."

Choudhary says he has been here since 9.30 am and has had only six customers so far. "Majboori hai, rozi roti ke liye karna padta hai. Wama is garmi mein koi bahar nikalta hai kya (It's a compulsion... I have to do it to earn my living. Otherwise, why would someone venture out in this heat)," says Choudhary, meticulously removing wood sticking out of ice-cream sticks while keeping a lookout for the rare pedestrian.

"Badaam shake, strawberry ice-cream, *faluda*," Choudhary calls out every time he sees a potential customer approaching the stall, mostly daily-wage labourers or students. The latter, he says, especially like to buy the ice-cream cones, priced at Rs 10 each. It's the strawberry-flavoured ice-cream and *badaam* shake that are the most popular among customers.

Choudhary's cart is owned by Rameshwar Choudhary, a resident of Churu, who has three other such outlets in the town. Rameshwar prepares the ice-cream at his house and sends it to the carts. The ingredients for the *faluda* and shakes are also made by the owner, and Choudhary gives them the finishing touches when a customer places an order.

Rameshwar gets to keep all the money from the sales and Choudhary is given a monthly salary of Rs 9,000.

"I have been doing this job for nearly seven years. Every year, between March and September, I sell ice-cream from this cart," says Choudhary.

Situated in the heart of Rajasthan's Shekhawati region, with a mixed population of Rajputs, Jats and Muslims, Churu makes headlines not just in the summer months but also winter, for registering the coldest temperatures in the state. Unlike other parts of Rajasthan, Churu does not get many tourists, and the arid climate and large stretches of desert land that border the district offer little scope for agriculture.

Choudhary says maximum ice-cream sales happen in the months of June, July and August, when at times his earnings go up to Rs 1,800 in a day. "Most of my customers are locals who are forced to step out in the heat to run daily errands," says Choudhary, adding he can't really complain about the weather — after all, it's the heat that brings more customers to his cart.

But on hot days like these when the hours stretch endlessly, he misses his family — his wife and two sons — in Sharda village in Bhillwara district. "The younger one is just five years old. But I am glad that he isn't here in this heat. It would have been unbearable," says Choudhary.



(Top) Choudhary's ice-cream cart does brisk business in June, July and August, the hottest months, with daily earnings going up to Rs 1,800; in the afternoon, the streets of Churu are deserted, except the occasional traffic. Deep Mukherjee

Just then, he stands up, pushing back his plastic chair, spotting a customer walking up to his cart. Nadeem Khan, 24, orders a glass of *badaam* shake and moves to the farthest corner under the tree to avoid the heat. An Armyman posted in Pune, Khan is a resident of Churu and is home on leave.

"My friends in Pune often complain that the heat is unbearable there during summer. It makes me laugh. I tell them they

should come to Churu if they want to see what real summers are like," says Khan, taking a sip of his drink.

By 2.30 pm, the road looks even more deserted. A lone horse cart ferrying watermelons drives by, the animal panting every few steps.

Choudhary counts the day's earnings so far — a little over Rs 400. The owner of the cart will be happy, he says, if he makes

around Rs 1,500 by 9 pm.

A little after 3.30 pm, mini tankers from the local civic body splash water, but the road hisses and the water evaporates in a few minutes. Choudhary puts his head down on the edge of the cart and dozes off.

The only sounds are of the trucks rumbling down the Churu-Jaipur road and the whirr of the sugarcane juice machine on the opposite footpath.

Choudhary is woken up by Bhagoti Devi, who has taken a break from work for a *kulfi* — she is a labourer and is paid Rs 300 for a day's work.

"I don't really understand what's the big deal about the heat. Do we have the choice of sitting and not working when it's too hot? Who will feed us then?" she says, paying Choudhary and wrapping her *sari* even more tightly around her face before walking away.

Suddenly, Choudhary notices a problem — the ice inside his cart has started melting. "I had filled the cart with ice at 9.30 am and half of it has already melted. I have to pay Rs 160 every day for the ice. There will be customers in the evening. I hope the ice lasts the day," says Choudhary, sprinkling some salt over the ice to keep it from melting. But this doesn't seem to be working and there are big droplets of water on the box.

Shortly after his damage control measure, Choudhary faces another problem. A man has occupied the spare chair beside him meant for customers, clutching an open can of beer.

Choudhary asks the man to leave, worry-

ing his presence will keep away customers. The middle-aged man slurs and stutters, before finally standing up. But his effort doesn't last long and he goes down once again, this time spreadeagled under the neem tree, the empty beer can lying beside him.

"Everybody wants to be here, under the tree shade," says Choudhary before slumping back on his chair. "At times, the heat becomes so unbearable I try one of my own ice-creams to keep cool," says Choudhary. Like his customers, his favourite too is the strawberry-flavoured ice-cream.

In the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan that has the districts of Sikar, Churu and Jhunjhunu, the sunlight lingers well beyond 7.30 pm. That's when Choudhary and fellow vendors do the most business, catering to people who have finally come out of their homes, some still with their faces covered against the hot wind that continues to blow.

Almost everyone who turns up at the stall discusses the weather. "During winter, it's the opposite in Churu. Temperatures often go below zero degree Celsius and the nights are freezing," says Krishna Kumar, one of Choudhary's customers.

The talk of winter months stirs memories of home for Choudhary. "I will be home by then, with my family, and busy sowing mustard in our field," he says. Until he heads to Churu next summer.

Around 9 pm, Choudhary gets ready to call it a day. As he pushes his cart to his one-room accommodation near a local temple in the town, another sweltering day in Churu awaits him.

TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

RAMBABU MAHAUR, 57, LINEMAN IN GUNA, MP



"Held the sharp weapon with my hand, got nine stitches." Express

'Never faced such an attack in 30 years of service... scared to return to work now'

Last month, following a power cut during a pre-wedding function in Aankhkhed village in Madhya Pradesh's Guna district, Rambabu Mahaur was allegedly attacked with a sharp object. The state, which claims to be 'power surplus', has been facing scheduled and unscheduled cuts as temperatures soar. With people angry, CM Kamal Nath has warned power officials as well as blamed the opposition BJP. Armed with pliers, linemen such as Mahaur have been working in rural parts of the state to fix power lines

1 Have you faced such an attack before?

In my 30-year-long service, I have never faced such a situation. I began as a helper, then became a side lineman and, 11 years ago, I became a lineman. I never thought I would experience this.

2 Why was the power supply to the village cut?

The power supply in the village had to be disconnected for maintenance work — some tree branches were touching power lines and those had to be cut.

3 Why did the locals get so angry?

What do I say? These are rural areas, and people here are not willing to understand issues. Just because they have harvested wheat or some other crop, they behave like kings. Some are into *metagiri*, they think of themselves as the prime minister.

4 Are you scared to report to work now?

Of course I am scared. You can't trust these villagers. It will be helpful if I get some security. I have got nine stitches on my palm. I held the sharp weapon they attacked me with and suffered injuries in both my hands. Had I not, the injuries would have been more grievous, because the attacker targeted my neck.

5 Are such power cuts common in the area and was the cut that day scheduled?

The power supply in the area is good. The temperatures are very high... but it wasn't an unscheduled power cut.

MILIND GHATWAI

For want of an egg

Served his own egg, a three-year-old pleading an anganwadi worker in Murshidabad for his mother's share was allegedly scalded with *khichdi* by her

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA

FOR ONE hour every day, Minu Bibi, 26, would leave her three-year-old son Afridi at the anganwadi centre in her village Kihidirpur Paschimpara, in West Bengal's Murshidabad district. That hour allowed Minu, four months pregnant with her second child, to finish her chores, after which she would reach the anganwadi centre to pick him up. She had been doing this for two months.

Plus, under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) — the world's largest scheme of its kind that's meant to provide nutrition and health services to all pregnant and lactating mothers and children under six years of age — the son and mother would get eggs and *khichdi* from the anganwadi centre.

On May 24, when the food was being

distributed, Afridi took his egg and share of *khichdi* in the utensils that his mother had sent with him, and asked the anganwadi worker, Saheri Bawa, for his mother's share of the egg. According to Minu, when he kept pestering, Saheri got angry, pulled Afridi's trousers down, and poured the hot *khichdi* down his backside.

Doctors at the Raghunathgunj super speciality hospital, where Minu and her parents rushed Afridi, say the child received burns on his back, near his anus and the back of his knees.

With her husband Chamak Sheikh working as a mason and daily wage labourer in Kolkata, Minu and Afridi have been living at her parents' home in Kihidirpur Paschimpara.

Saheri Bawa, the accused anganwadi helper who had been working at the centre for the last two years, is in judicial custody, with police invoking Sections 321 (vol-



For one hour every day, Minu Bibi left her three-year-old son Afridi at the anganwadi centre, which has nearly 120 children registered with it. Express

untary causing hurt) and 326 (voluntary causing grievous hurt) of the IPC, apart from Section 22 of the Child Protection Act against her. Says Murshidabad Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar, "She apparently did this spontaneously, out of anger. An investigation is underway."

Recalling the day the incident happened, Minu says, "I would generally take Afridi to the centre at 8 am and bring him back at 9 am. I would also send some utensils with me for getting back the *khichdi* and eggs. On Friday, I was about to leave to get Afridi when I saw him running home in tears and without his trousers. When I picked him up, a portion of the skin on his back came off. I rushed him to a local doctor, and then to the hospital, where he was admitted."

Minu says when Afridi told her what had happened, her relatives confronted Saheri. "She said Afridi had got burnt while opening a tiffin box full of *khichdi*. But then how did he burn his backside and not his hands? The anganwadi worker did not inform me or my family either. After I leave my child there, he is their responsibility," says Minu.

The *Sunday Express* tried to contact the other worker in the anganwadi centre for her version of the events of the day, but she refused to comment.

Minu lodged a police complaint the

same evening and Saheri was arrested the next day, with the Block Development Officer (BDO) and other government officials calling on Afridi. No compensation has been announced so far.

Minu accuses Saheri of denying food to children in the past too. "Last Wednesday, she refused Afridi *khichdi* and egg because he was a little late in reaching the centre. He is a small boy and sometimes wakes up late. But if you fail to take the child to the centre before 8 am, they don't give food."

Nearly 120 children are registered at the anganwadi centre where Afridi went, with two workers to teach, cook and look after the children. The anganwadi, which runs six days a week from Monday to Saturday, has a fixed menu, with *khichdi* or rice and soyabean curry, along with eggs. While Minu and other parents *The Sunday Express* spoke to said that they got one egg each — as prescribed under the ICDS scheme — for only three days of the week and that on other days they only got half an egg each. BDO officials denied these claims while saying a probe had been ordered into the incident.

Calling the incident "very unfortunate", Masadur Rahaman, BDO of Raghunathgunj Block 1, says they carry out weekly inspections of anganwadi centres and submit reports. "Intense monitoring is done. Centres have to keep records of everything."

Rahaman says they also keep changing the food menu. "It is prepared in advance and is balanced, including both vegetarian and non-vegetarian."

Nursing Afridi at home, Minu says she will never send him to the anganwadi centre again. "He is traumatised, he cries every time we mention it and says they will burn him again."

Some things have, however, changed for the better. "For the last few days, we have been receiving food from the centre — *khichdi* and egg, sometimes rice, soyabean curry and egg. Now we get full eggs and the anganwadi people have been behaving well with us," she says.

On June 3, Minu's husband Chamak Sheikh came home to spend Eid with his family. While Afridi is still in pain, he is happier, says Minu, "because his father is now home and he got Afridi and me some new clothes for Eid".

"When I passed out, they stabbed me in my toe to check if I was still alive. But I did not respond, and they left".
Bhupendra Rana



"A group of them stripped my daughter and niece. I can still hear my daughter cry, I could do nothing."
Bhupendra Rana

100-plus hearings since Dec 2010, waiting to tell her story

THE 42-year-old hasn't heard of the Supreme Court order directing the Gujarat government to provide compensation, and a government job and accommodation, to Bilkis Bano. The last she heard was about the Mumbai High Court verdict upholding life to the accused in the Bilkis case.

Sitting in a two-room apartment in a colony built for the riots-affected Muslims, in Panchmahal district, the 42-year-old says she has spent the past 17 years seeing her case drag on in court, and waiting to be called to tell her story. The only one remaining of her family of eight is her son, now 19, who survived the March 1, 2002, attack with her.

"I still can't sleep at night," she says. "I have spent nights and days crying. My son is my only hope, but I am dead inside. My life has not moved from that point."

The family had fled to the fields that day, to escape a mob of around 200 armed with weapons and petrol that attacked their village. "We spent a day and night without any food or water. Early next day, we came out. My husband owned a small tempo and 38 of us got on, hoping to make our way to Kalol. But midway, near Ambika Society in Panchmahal, we found more armed men and the road blocked with sacks of sand. Our tempo overturned, and they shouted, 'Maaro, kaato in musalmaanon ko (Kill, cut these Muslims)'."

As the men were burnt alive, including her husband, and his father and brother, the 42-year-old says one part of her hoped to be killed too. "I could not imagine living with those visuals of my family members being killed."

While the women and children managed to flee, the men caught up with them near Goma river. "Someone pulled my hair and pushed me to the ground. They were around 15 men. They took my son away, stripped me

and took turns to rape me. When I passed out, they stabbed me in my toe to check if I was still alive. But I did not respond, and they left. When I came to, my two-year-old was sitting close to me and crying. I somehow got up. I could not find my pyjamas so I wrapped a dupatta, and we hid in the fields again."

She says she spent two days there, too afraid to come out. "I fed farm soil to my son. Later, police came and we were taken to a relief camp. With the help of community leaders, I lodged an FIR at the Kalol Police Station."

For a year, she says, she lived with her son in a rented place, before moving to the riot victims' colony. Now she works as a house help, while her son has just completed school. The compensation of Rs 5 lakh received for her husband's killing ran out long ago.

Her case of gangrape and murder began in December 2010, and has seen more than a hundred hearings. Her case was added onto a case of another person who had lost his family in the killings at Ambika Society (in all, 13 were killed in the incident). Police filed a chargesheet in November 12, 2002, booking the accused under charges of unlawful assembly, rioting, murder, rape, criminal intimidation, and "mischief by fire or explosive substance".

After being heard at the Kalol taluka court, the case was moved to the Godhra Sessions Court and, in 2017, to the Halol Sessions Court. Says defence lawyer Jignesh Pathak, "Almost all the witnesses have been produced, so we are expecting a judgment soon."

Still to be called even once by court, the 42-year-old says she herself has no idea of the trial, even who the lawyer is. Other witnesses tell her that at every hearing, a new date is given. However, she adds, she is determined to fight. "I can't sleep, I can't rest until judgment is declared." The Bilkis case gives her hope, that "the fight for justice never goes in vain".

After Bilkis

One is yet to be even called to testify. The other has seen her case dragged to HC. But, in the order giving relief to Bilkis, there is a glimmer of hope for other alleged gangrape cases of Gujarat 2002: "Fight for justice is never in vain".
AISHWARYA MOHANTY reports

11 convicted for killing 7 of her family, appeals now pending

SITTING on a cot inside her house, the walls recently painted pink, the 57-year-old from a village in Panchmahal district says she has forgotten the date when her daughter and niece were gangraped and later killed along with five other members of her family, while she watched horrified. All she remembers, she says, are their cries and the faces of the perpetrators.

She is also unaware of the Rs 50 lakh compensation awarded to Bilkis Bano. She is happy for Bilkis, she adds. "That is a huge compensation. For us, life is still a struggle." The government gave her Rs 5 lakh for the rape, death of her daughter.

The village where the family lives is home to people from both communities. A small lane with green flags and a mosque marks the Muslim-dominated part. As soon as the news of the riots broke that day, the woman recalls, all the Muslim families of the area fled, except theirs. "My father-in-law was a retired teacher. He was well-respected, participated in all festivals irrespective of religion and was always ready to help anyone. When everybody left, he said he trusted the people of the village."

However, with fear growing, they finally decided to hide out in the fields — she, her father-in-law, mother-in-law, her two daughters aged 16 and 7, her son 3, her sister-in-law and sister-in-law's husband and their 15-year-old. Her husband, who worked as a driver in Kalol, had left for the town a day earlier along with one of their daughters.

It was in the fields that the mob, belonging to their village, spotted them. While she managed to hide with her son, the others were caught, says the 57-year-old.

"They were more than 15 men. My father-in-law pleaded with them to take our money and let us live. But the men were there to kill.

A group of them stripped my daughter and niece. I can still hear my daughter cry, I could do nothing. They took turns to rape them and then cut off their breasts. They lifted the breasts and banged them on the ground again and again, as the girls kept crying in pain. They then set the two on fire along with the others," the 57-year-old says, her voice breaking.

"I covered my son's mouth so he would not make a noise. My 7-year-old broke down, but they did not harm her. They told her, 'You wait here, all your family members are sleeping, they will take you home'. Around 15 minutes after the men left, police came... There was nothing left to even perform the last rites."

Breaking down again, she talks of her daughter who survived, now 24, who dropped out of school after the riots. Married two years ago, she was sent home a few months ago by her husband's family. "Even today she keeps breaking down without reason. A tap on the door and she screams. She hardly talks." Her son and the daughter who had been with her husband were able to go on with their lives, she adds. Her husband still works as a driver.

In the FIR, she named 13 people for killing seven of her family. During police investigation, 16 more people were named. On October 30, 2007, the Godhra court convicted 11 — giving eight life imprisonment, and three three years. The accused were also charged with rioting. In 2008, all the accused appealed in the high court, where the case is pending, says prosecution lawyer Suhel Timirzi.

After staying at the relief camp in Kalol for four months, the 57-year-old says, they returned home to find it charred, their valuables stolen. Briefly, the family moved to the Panchmahal colony for riot victims, but then again came back to rebuild their home.

While returning, they left behind the only photo of the entire family together.

Road work hits another wall in Gadchiroli

Since the April 30 Naxal attack killing 15 security personnel, all such work in the district is at a halt

SRINATH RAO

IT HAS been six years since Naxals attacked his employees in Savrugaon in Dhanora tehsil, but thinking about his road crew escaping with "a mere beating" still sends shivers down Bhushan Samarth's spine.

"They had just finished building a road ahead of Korchi and were shifting the machines back when they were accosted. The Naxals took away my project manager and beat him up. I keep thinking that if I had been there that day, the Naxals would not have left me alive," says Samarth, a partner at PCC Constructions, which is based in Gadchiroli.

The latest major Naxal attack in Gadchiroli also involved a road building party. On April 30, Naxals ambushed one and set ablaze around 30 vehicles. A Quick Response Team on its way to investigate was targeted next, killing all 15 security personnel and the civilian driver. Ever since, all road work in the district has come to a halt.

A few months earlier, in December 2018, 14 vehicles belonging to a road contractor working in Etapalli tehsil had been burnt by Naxals.

In 2009-10, the Ministry of Home Affairs had cleared construction of 34 roads and bridges at a cost of Rs 947.06 crore as part of its Road Requirement Plan-1 for Left Wing

Extremism-affected areas. In February 2018, the Union Ministry of Rural Development gave its nod for 43 roads and bridges spanning 167.82 km more at an expense of Rs 229.71 crore under a Road Requirement Plan-2.

However, violence at regular intervals in this area, where Left Wing Extremists and security forces have been engaged in a four-decade-long war, has kept the pace of construction crawling.

Next month, three vital projects that are part of the Road Requirement Plan-1, cleared a decade ago, are expected to be completed — a 7.51-km-long bridge across Indravati river, a 13.5-km road in Mulchera and Dhanora tehsils, and a 17.5-km stretch in Aheri and Sironcha talukas. The 1.4 km-long Lanckchen Bridge is expected to be completed by September.

IPS officials who served in Gadchiroli in the late '80s and early '90s point out that they had recommended building the river bridges back then. "We cross the rivers in boats to visit villages and to attend meetings in Andhra Pradesh. When it rains, there is no way of going to the other side. There has been talk of building bridges for nearly 30 years," says a senior Maharashtra Police officer.

But officials say that in the face of Naxal attacks, construction can happen only in fits and starts. SK Mehta, who heads a construc-



Naxals attacked a road building party, set ablaze 30 vehicles in the April 30 attack

tion firm in Nagpur, says that after each attack, they have to wait for relative peace before resuming work. "Meanwhile, it is us contractors who bear the losses."

Between roads and bridges, bridge work is more treacherous. "While working on a bridge, you have to camp in one place for at least six months. With roads, you can move ahead a couple of kilometres every two days," Samarth points out.

Since Road Requirement Plan-2 was brought to the table, it has taken a year and seven rounds of tendering for contractors to be even appointed for 36 projects. For the other seven, another tender call is on. Given the risks involved, few are willing to apply.

A PWD official says they persuade the contractors through incentives, relaxed tender conditions, and security cover. "The tender rate in Gadchiroli is 30% higher than in other districts. We also give extensions whenever there is interruption of work," says Rajiv Gaikwad, Superintendent

Engineer, PWD, Gadchiroli.

A contractor who asked not to be named points out that police cover can sometimes backfire. "Seeking protection makes you an even bigger target for Naxals," he says.

What slows down construction further is the district's fierce monsoon, and labour being unavailable during the tendu leaf picking and paddy cultivation seasons. "Hardly any road work takes place between April and Diwali. It isn't easy to convince men from outside Gadchiroli to come here," says Samarth.

But, as field officers point out, the only way to dispel misconceptions regarding the State is such development work. The district police sends monthly reports to departments on the need for roads, schools or hospitals in a specific area. Should this gap be filled, points out an official, "People will know that whatever they think about police and the government is not necessarily true... Once people know about the world, they will move away from Naxals."

TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

HARIKISHAN SAINI, 47, TAXI DRIVER IN RAJASTHAN

'I can't read, have no trouble driving. I use voice search, know all road signs'

Calling "illiterate" drivers "virtually a menace", the Rajasthan High Court recently told the state to withdraw driving licences to those "unable to read, write". Harikishan Saini, 47, works as a driver with a travel agency in Jaipur

1 **Since when have you been driving?**

I have been driving since 1996. So 23 years in all. I am originally from Sikrai village in Dausa district. I was the fourth among 10 siblings and we didn't have enough money to go to school. So all of us worked in the fields. But during those days, children in villages wouldn't let go of any opportunity to learn driving. I first learned to drive a tractor and when I was about 20, I began driving a jeep near my village to earn some money. Gradually, it became my profession as that was the easiest thing for me to do.

2 **Has the lack of schooling been a problem while driving?**

No. Since I work with a travel agency, I am out for tours almost every day, driving cars and SUVs. I have never had trouble reading road signs and following traffic rules simply because I have been driving for so long. I have gone to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, states where signboards are written in regional languages, but never had to face any problems.

3 **How do you find your way?**

I usually use voice search to find my way around. At times, I ask passengers to use Google Maps. As for road signs, by now, I am familiar with all of them.

4 **Have you heard about the HC seeking withdrawal of licences to those who can't read and write?**

I didn't know. But how can they do that? My guess is around 35% of the drivers are illiterate. Many of them come from poor families, and may have never had the opportunity to go to school. If someone has to stop driving suddenly, what will he do?

5 **What do your children do?**

I have three children. My daughter is married, my younger one is in school, and my elder son is doing his BA. I want him to sit for some competitive examination. I will be happy if they manage to get a government job. I am illiterate and didn't have any choice but to take up this profession. I don't want that for my children.



"Many of us poor, couldn't study"

DEEP MUKHERJEE

ACROSS THE AISLE



P CHIDAMBARAM

The sections of the Dalits, Muslims, Christians and below-the-poverty-line, I suspect, voted for the BJP's candidate because no other candidate seemed capable of winning the contest and certainly no other candidate appeared to be on the 'winning' side. It was a vote of prudence; it was not a vote of confidence. The BJP has to do much more to win their confidence

Will Mr Modi win sabka vishwas?

THE MANDATE that Mr Narendra Modi received is undeniably huge. Of course, there have been occasions in the past when a political party got more seats than 303 in a Lok Sabha election. Some examples are Indira Gandhi in 1980 (353) and Rajiv Gandhi in 1984 (404). But the circumstances were different: Indira Gandhi had waged a brave struggle against an unpopular coalition government, suffered many forms of harassment including imprisonment, and almost single-handedly won back the support of the people who had defeated her party and her (in Rae Bareilly). In the case of Rajiv Gandhi, he rode a wave of sympathy that had been triggered by the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

BROAD VOTER SUPPORT

Not only the number of seats won (303), but the sweep and scale of the BJP's victory are astounding. The BJP could not penetrate only three states — Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. The margins were unbelievably large, too large by conventional standards in a straight contest between two parties (as it was in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Assam).

While there are no authentic numbers, polls and surveys have affirmed that, as expected, the upper castes voted

in large numbers for the BJP across the Hindi-speaking and Hindi-knowing states. So did the Other Backward Classes and, surprisingly, a significant proportion of Dalits, Muslims and Christians. Their motivations may have been different, but the fact is they gave their votes to the BJP.

GOT VOTES, NOT TRUST

Mr Narendra Modi, I think, is happy but not satisfied. There is something that he has discerned which, perhaps, others in his party have failed to grasp: that it is not enough to get the votes of the Dalits, the Muslims, the Christians and the very poor, it is necessary to win their trust. He knows that he did not enjoy their trust at the end of his first term and has, therefore, added *Sabka Vishwas* to his original slogan *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas*.

It is a smart move, but it is fraught with difficulties. The obvious hurdles have names — Mr Giriraj Singh, Ms Sadhvi Niranjani Jyoti and Mr Sanjeev Balyan. There are others, elected but discarded or elected and waiting — Mr Mahesh Sharma, Mr Anant Kumar Hegde, Mr Sakshi Maharaj, Ms Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and others unknown.

Mr Giriraj Singh, a Cabinet minister, has already made an unwarranted remark on two allied party leaders attending an *iftar* party. He earned a rebuke from the president of the BJP, but he has

not expressed regret. After his election, Mr Sakshi Maharaj visited a prisoner (an MLA accused of rape in an incident in Unnao that shook the nation in 2017) to thank him for his victory. He has not been rebuked so far.

It is not easy to get rid of prejudices that have been ingrained since childhood or youth. It doesn't help if senior leaders of the RSS and BJP give expression to these prejudices from time to time ('electricity for Eid, no electricity for Diwali', 'constituency where minority is majority'). It doesn't help if the lynching of Dalits and Muslims does not stop and at least one case is reported every week. It doesn't help change perceptions if the BJP has one elected MP from the Muslim community among its 303 members.

FEAR, WELFARE

There is another formidable problem. The BJP can win the trust of these sections only if two conditions are fulfilled. The first condition is that no one should live in fear. The second condition is that their economic status should steadily improve. Neither condition is fulfilled today; it would be interesting to see how the government goes forward to fulfill these two conditions.

Banishing fear among certain sections of the people requires bold steps. Every time there is an act of impunity, the act and the actor must be punished. Will the BJP punish those who act with impunity and spread fear? It is a big ask,

on present evidence it does not seem likely, but I hope that the BJP's leadership will assert its authority over those who indulge in culpable behaviour.

The second condition is, objectively, not entirely under the control of the government. The economic status of the disaffected sections will begin to improve only if they get more jobs; more job security; higher incomes; and better access to public goods and services. Jobs and incomes are a function of high and equitable economic growth and, given how the year 2018-19 ended on a dismal note, high or equitable growth is not around the corner.

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It is an unusual situation. The BJP has formed the government with the votes of passionate supporters (in whose eyes Mr Modi can do no wrong) and the votes of disaffected sections (in whose eyes Mr Modi has not done anything right so far).

It will be interesting to see how the resourceful Mr Modi navigates these uncharted waters.

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FIFTH COLUMN



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Signs of hope in Kashmir?

THE PRIME MINISTER has a list of urgent things to do in his first hundred days. I write on Kashmir this week in the hope that he puts it on this list if it is not already there. I was in Srinagar last month after a long absence. And, was happily surprised to find that a deep fatigue has set in with the jihadists who now lead the militancy. The atmosphere reminded me of Punjab in the Nineties, when ordinary Sikhs began to hate the militants for the savage cruelty with which they had taken to killing the families of policemen. It was these acts of senseless brutality that made the Khalistanis lose their safe houses in Punjab's villages. Something like this is beginning to happen now in the Kashmir Valley.

Since I last came to Srinagar, just before Burhan Wani was killed, there is a new rule that makes stewardesses rush about pulling down window shades as the flight is about to land. But, before they managed to do this I saw that the airport looks from the air like a military encampment. When we left the airport, I noticed that shops on the road that leads to Srinagar have been fenced off by a barrier of thick wire mesh as if to warn visitors that they have entered a war zone. For the rest, Srinagar was as beautiful as ever but desolate because it was almost empty. It was the height of the tourist season, the weather was perfect, but since the Pulwama attack, tourists have stopped coming.

Almost the first person I met was the Governor who, since he dissolved the Legislature, has been in charge of governing the state. I have known Satya Pal Malik since those long ago days when he was a politician in Delhi, but this was my first meeting with him in more than 20 years. The impression I got from an informal and all too brief chat with him was that he is doing a better job of governing the state than Mehbooba Mufti. I am truly delighted that she lost her own election this time because as an old Kashmiri hand I can report that I have rarely seen a more useless chief minister. She was administratively incompetent and politically dishonest and the BJP should not have waited so long to dump her. With her gone, it can be said that now could be a good time to find a lasting solution to our oldest political problem.

Not just because a bad chief minister has gone but because Kashmiris seem really sick of the militancy. When I was last in Srinagar, the city was full of tourists and all seemed well, but Burhan Wani was a folk hero. I found this hard to understand after watching those propaganda videos in which he made clear that he wanted to establish an Islamic state in the Kashmir Valley. But, he was a hero in the eyes of many Kashmiris. And became a legend in death.

This time nobody I met said they saw jihadi terrorists as heroes. Even those who said they hated India added quickly that this did not mean they liked Pakistan any better. The other thing nearly everyone said was that they longed for peace to return so that they could go back to living normal lives and their children could one day find decent jobs. Since it is usually violence that gets into the news, it is easy to forget that other than a handful of angry young Kashmiri men, most people long for peace. Easy to forget that these young men were not alive when the movement for 'azadi' began in the Eighties. This makes their reasons for becoming jihadi terrorists even less clear.

Whatever their reasons, their numbers are small. So this is as good a time as any for the Prime Minister to make a serious effort at bringing peace to the Valley. Not only because there is fatigue evident in the militancy but because Pakistan is broke. It also has too many jihadist problems of its own to sustain the Kashmir insurgency. And, there is a new government in Delhi that can start with a clean slate. For the Prime Minister may I humbly offer a small tip. Everyone I talked to spoke of Atal Bihari Vajpayee with a reverence they seem not to have for any other Indian leader. Maybe his recipe of 'Kashmiriyyat, Insaniyat, Jamhooriyyat', may no longer work. We are dealing with jihadists now and not a movement for 'azadi'. But he is revered because he is remembered as truthful.

He was ready to talk to anyone about peace but he made it clear that there would never be 'azadi'. Pakistan knows this and the Kashmiri people know this. So we must hope the Prime Minister can find a new way forward.

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INSIDE TRACK



COOMI KAPOOR

PECKING ORDER

Rajnath Singh was belatedly included in additional Cabinet committees after the normally pliable minister made known his unhappiness. Though Singh may be officially No. 2 in Cabinet hierarchy, few dispute that Amit Shah ranks next only to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in real terms. That Shah will deputise for the PM in his absence was evident even before the Cabinet committees were constituted. Shah summoned a meeting of the ministers of Finance, External Affairs, Railways, Commerce and Petroleum at his office to discuss petroleum import and aid to Mozambique, subjects which have nothing to do with his ministry. While none of Modi's ministers dared object to the order of precedence at the swearing-in, some officials in the foreign office are getting hot under the collar that their minister, S Jaishankar, is tenth in ranking, although traditionally the ministry never occupies lower than third or fourth place. The Foreign Minister also has to share his territory with NSA Ajit Doval, like in Modi's first tenure. Jaishankar, then foreign secretary, and Doval had reached an understanding of division of work. Doval handled Pakistan, immediate neighbours and the Middle East, while Jaishankar focused on the big powers, the US, China, Russia, Japan and Europe. Doval was reportedly taken back at the return of Jaishankar, that too with the rank of Cabinet minister. But soon, the PM had elevated Doval to the same rank.

SILENT SULKING

Nitish Kumar was the only NDA ally to publicly express unhappiness with the BJP's big brother role in allotment of ministerial slots, but others too nurse a grievance. Ram Vilas Paswan had presumed that his MP son, Chirag Paswan, would be included and the party's executive even passed a resolution to this effect. Parkash Singh Badal wanted his son Sukhbir Badal to be made a minister, but the BJP opted for Sukhbir's wife Harsimrat Kaur. The BJP persuaded Sukhbir that it was in his interest to continue in state politics.

PAWAR PUNCH

Congress leaders are puzzled over Rahul Gandhi's deference to NCP chief

OUT OF MY MIND



MEGHNAD DESAI

YOU WIN the toss. Your first batsman takes a huge swipe at the first ball hoping to score a six. He gets caught. The lesson is clear. Governing is not a T20 or even an ODI. It is more like a Test match lasting five years. You have to pace yourself, take care not to waste time or lose wickets. There is no draw in this game.

The Hindi curriculum controversy brought out the problems Narendra Modi

HISTORY HEADLINE

A House for MPs

For almost a century, Parliament has been an observer of the people who have shaped our country. But it was not part of the original plan for the Capital city



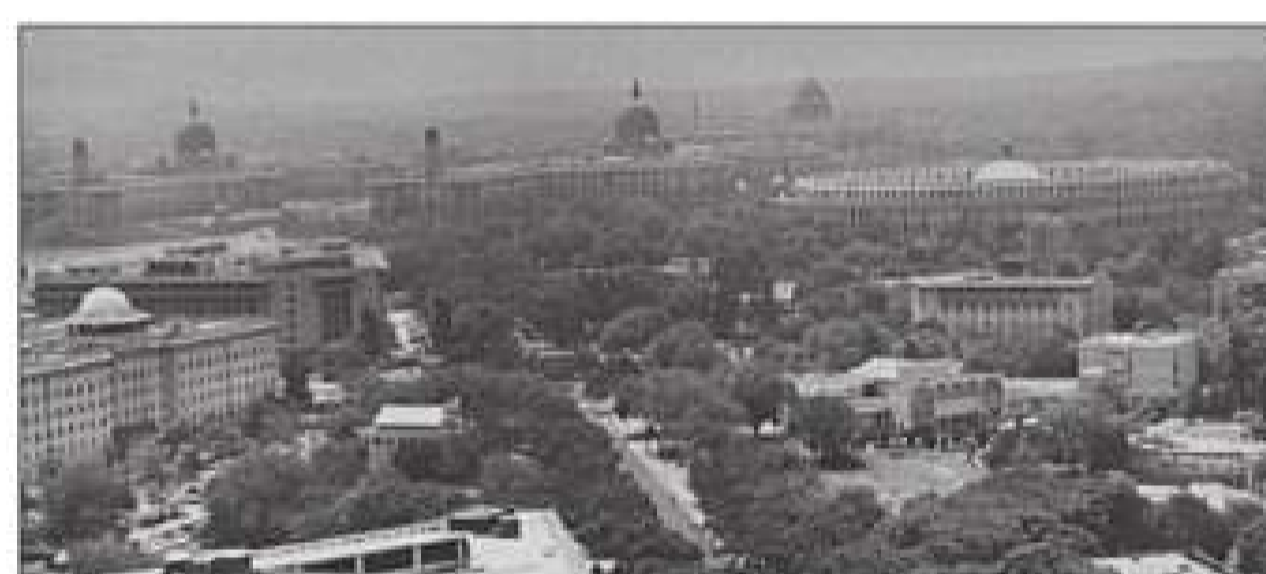
CHAKSHU ROY

THE DIN and debate of elections have come to an end. In a few days, the first session of the new Parliament will begin, and the focus of politics will shift to the Parliament House in Delhi. The newly elected MPs of the 17th Lok Sabha will start working in a building which Prime Minister Narendra Modi described as the "Temple of Democracy". For almost a century, the circular edifice of Parliament has been an observer of women and men who have shaped our country. But the most iconic building in Delhi was not part of the original plan for the Capital city.

The Imperial Legislative Council was the legislature for British India from 1861, and was expanded to include elected members in 1909. A question was raised in the British Parliament in 1912, enquiring about the provision for a separate building for the Legislative Council in the new capital city of Delhi. The Under Secretary for India in his reply stated that, "It is proposed that the Legislative Council should meet in a hall which will be situated in one wing of the building which also contains the Governor-General's official residence and the Durbar (Hall)."

So in 1913, when Herbert Baker and Edwin Lutyens signed on to be the architects for the Imperial City at New Delhi, their brief only included the design of the 'Government House' (the present President's House) and 'Two principal blocks of Government of India Secretariats and attached buildings (North and South Block)'. As part of the Government House, they were to design a Legislative Council Chamber, library and writing room, a public gallery and committee rooms.

In 1919, the British Parliament passed the Government of India Act which provided for a bicameral legislature for India. A new building was needed to accommodate the new houses of the Legislative Council. Baker proposed a triangular building while Lutyens was in favour of a circular Colosseum design for this new building. The committee tasked with overseeing the construction of the new capital decided



An architect slammed Lutyens's design as "a mill-wheel dropped on its side". File

to go ahead with Lutyens's design.

The location of the new building was to be at the base of Raisina Hill. Lutyens also proposed a church behind South Block to create a symmetry with the Council House. But this was not carried through. The circular Council House incorporated three chambers (Council of States, Assembly and Princes). The chambers connected to a large central hall in the middle of the building. However, Lutyens's circular design did not appeal to everyone. Robert Byron, a British writer, art critic and historian, criticised the design in the *Architectural Review* in 1931. He described the Council House as "a Spanish bull-ring, lying like a mill-wheel dropped accidentally on its side".

After six years of construction, in 1927, the new Council House was inaugurated. At the inauguration, a message from King George V was read out. It stated, "The new capital which has arisen enshrines new institutions and a new life. May it endure to be worthy of a great nation and may in this Council House wisdom and justice find their dwelling place."

The Council House, now known as the Parliament House, has been at the heart of the country's history. The Federal Court (which preceded the Supreme Court) used to function from the Chamber of Princes in the Parliament building. After that, the Supreme Court also sat in the Parliament building from 1950 to 1958.

The deliberation and adoption of the Constitution took place in the Central Hall of Parliament. It was in the Central Hall that Jawaharlal Nehru delivered his famous *Tryst with Destiny* speech on the eve of Independence. The Central Hall is where the President of India is sworn in and also where he addresses a joint sit-

ting of both Houses at the beginning of a new Lok Sabha and at the opening of the first session of Parliament in a year. Thrice in our parliamentary history, the Central Hall has been witness to a joint sitting of the two Houses for the breaking of a legislative deadlock. The last one was in 2002 when the Houses could not agree on provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill.

The building of Parliament has aged well thanks to constant upkeep. However, the foundation of the lawmaking institution that it houses is slowly getting eroded. Over the years, the regular disruption of parliamentary proceedings has undermined the importance of this temple of democracy.

In 1954, then vice-president Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan had visited the US Senate. He was there to present to the Senate an ivory gavel. In the Senate, the proceedings of the assembly are brought to order by the repeated tapping of the gavel. The 169-year-old gavel of the Senate had broken while it was being used by then vice-president Richard Nixon. While addressing the Senate, Radhakrishnan had said, "On behalf of the young democracy of India and of the Rajya Sabha, I have the honour and the pleasure to present to you, Mr Vice President, this gavel in the earnest hope that the legislators of the Senate will discuss all problems, national and international, with calmness and composure, with freedom from passion and prejudice, with the one supreme object of serving your great people and the human race."

Our country hopes that these words spoken 66 years ago will resonate with the newly elected MPs as they take their seats in Parliament.

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A Hindi Rashtra? An unwise idea

will face. There is a divide within the BJP like there is in most ideological parties. The core membership has a radical agenda which they wish to implement immediately upon winning power. There will no doubt be *ghar wapsi*, love jihad, *gau raksha* and vigilante attacks before Modi reads the riot act. He has extended the vote beyond what the core membership can deliver by widening the appeal, *Sabka Saath*, and offering substantial rather than ideological goods, *Sabka Vikas*.

Hindi is an obsession of the Hindi belt. When the issue came up before the Constituent Assembly, the Hindi belt Congress members defeated Jawaharlal Nehru, who wanted Hindustani as national language, by one vote during a

meeting. In 1965, the insistence on replacing English by Hindi nearly caused the cessation of South India. Lal Bahadur Shastri solved the issue by compromise. Why then start dividing again?

The Hindi belt has to learn that it may be the most populous region, but it is neither the majority nor is it the most socially progressive or prosperous region. South and North East, Gujarat and Maharashtra, Punjab-Haryana are important but separate regions of the nation. Hindi is a relatively recent language, at most 200 years old. Tamil is 4,000 years old. If you want to unite the nation genuinely, then encourage the learning of a South Indian or Northeastern language. Hindi and English are both jointly national languages.

Learning both is a luxury. Studying Tamil, Bengali or Assamese may bind the nation together better.

There is no point in rushing on the cultural front before the material poverty has been tackled. Clean water, energy, good health, adequate income, viable livelihoods, decent education and skills learning should have priority over language wars. Modi won because he began working on this vital list of needs and never talked about Hindutva in five years. The BJP is now the party with a long lease on power. Its Hindi belt core supporters will have to learn not to harm its prospects. Making haste will lead to loss of power.

The BJP may be a Hindu majoritarian

party, but it has to learn that not all Hindus do or should speak Hindi. The Sanatan Dharma takes different forms in different parts of India. It is not a monolith like an Abrahamic religion. Murugan is worshipped only in the South, not in the North. Assam became integrated into Vaisnavism only in the middle of the second millennium of the Common Era. The Scheduled Tribes follow a variety of beliefs across India. "Educating" them into Hinduism will lead to a backlash.

Pakistan is a guide. Despite sharing a religion, language became the reason for the breakaway of East Pakistan. Every linguistic state is a nation with its own history. India is a nation of nations bound together by democracy. Let it be.

ASSAM Woman, son beaten to death on suspicion of killing kin: police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, JUNE 8

A MOTHER and her son were thrashed to death by a mob at a tea garden in Assam's Tinsukia district on Friday after the discovery of the body of the son's wife in a septic tank of their residence, police said.

Jamuna and Ajay Tanti of the Sewpur Tea Estate in the district succumbed to their injuries at a local hospital after they were thrashed by their neighbours as well as the relatives of Ajay's wife, Radha.

Videos of the violence that

Jamuna and Ajay Tanti of Sewpur Tea Estate died after they were allegedly thrashed by neighbours and relatives

surfaced on social media platforms on Friday showed a group of people, comprising both men and women, beating up the two severely.

Radha had been missing for two days, but Jamuna and Ajay had not filed any missing report

with the police.

"The mob suspected that the mother-son duo had killed the wife Radha," a senior Tinsukia police officer said. He added that the mob also alleged that the duo had also killed and disposed of their two-month-old daughter.

"The child is missing and a search is on. No trace has been found yet," the officer added speaking to the media.

The officer said, "We will be investigating two cases - the killing of the mother and the son by the mob, and the death of the son's wife. Till now no arrests have been made."

Nipah: 'No new cases reported from Kerala'

New Delhi: No new cases of the Nipah virus have been reported from Kerala, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Saturday.

On June 3, a case of Nipah infection was reported from Kerala's Ernakulam district.

The state government has said a total of 318 people, who were in touch with the student, have been kept under observation.

Vardhan, who has regularly been reviewing the measures put in place in Kerala, on Friday assured state health minister, KK Shailaja, of all support from the Centre for prevention and management. PTI

Jharkhand to exhume body of man suspected to have starved to death

Latehar: Jharkhand Food Minister Saryu Rai on Saturday directed the Latehar administration to exhume the body of a 65-year-old man for a post-mortem in the wake of allegations that he died of starvation three days ago.

Talking to reporters here, Rai said he had taken a serious note of the allegation and directed the administration to

follow strict protocol while carrying out an investigation into the case.

"If the reports are true and anybody is found guilty, he or she will be punished as per norms," the minister said, adding the probe would cover all aspects in the case, including the allegation that Munda did not receive ration for two months. PTI

New sound system on Vaishno Devi walking track

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 8

PILGRIMS WALKING the Tarakote Marg to reach the Vaishno Devi shrine in the Trikuta hills this year will be able to listen to chants, hymns and devotional songs through a multipurpose audio system that was made operational on Saturday by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board all along the track from Katra to Adhkuwari.

The system was formally inaugurated by a group of pilgrims from Sonapat, Haryana, in the presence of Simrandeep Singh, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board by operationalising its main control room on the Tarakote Marg amidst a 'havan yagya' and chanting of Vedic mantras. The setup includes a control room and 550 speakers. It has been set up by manufacturer of sound products BOSE at a cost of Rs 4.55 crore. The system will also be used to play Atka Aarti, pre-recorded general, medical advisories and emergency announcements.

Tiger dies in Sariska, cause of death not yet identified

Jaipur: A tiger died at the Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) in Alwar district on Saturday. Forest officials were yet to ascertain the cause of its death.

According to the senior forest officials, the male tiger, identified as ST-16, had been shifted to the STR from the Ranthambore Tiger Project in Sawai Madhopur around two months back.

"The tiger was injured and our doctors tranquilised it in the morning for treatment. The animal revived in the morning and moved on to a different place and there it collapsed. The deceased tiger ST-16 was a male aged around 7-8 years and was brought from Ranthambore around two months ago," Rajasthan chief wildlife warden Arindam Tomar told *The Sunday Express*.

He added that the cause of death is unclear and will be ascertained once a post-mortem is conducted on Sunday.

"We are going to have an independent post-mortem conducted tomorrow with the presence of representatives from the wildlife institute of India (WII), Indian Veterinary Research Institute and other institutes to know cause of the animal's death. The cause of the injury for which it was being treated will also be ascertained after the post-mortem," said Tomar.

On being asked whether there was any chances of the tiger's condition deteriorating after it was tranquilised, officials said that potential causes of its death will be investigated. ENS

SCRAP FOR SALE (E-AUCTION)

E-Auction forms are invited from intending buyers for disposal, strictly on "As is Where is" basis, of damaged/fire effected Excavator (Mitsubishi Hitachi, Model-ZAXIS 210 LCH) excluding taxes. Salvage belonging to Mrs Lucky Minerals, Luthra Firm, Gate No. 3, Rajokri, New Delhi-110038. Damaged Excavator can be inspected at Tata Steel BSL, PO-Narendrapur, Khusupanga, Dhenkanal, Odisha-759121 between 10.06.19 to 24.06.19 after taking prior appointment from Mr. Tanmoy Biswas-9873654992

E-Auction date/time-24.06.19 between 03:00 PM to 04:30 PM Interested buyers/bidders have to deposit an EMD (D.D.) of Rs. 1 Lac in favour of "Mrs Lucky Minerals" payable at New Delhi to participate in the e-auction.

One or all bids/offers can be cancelled without assigning any reason. E-Auction forms can be obtained from the Auctioneers Saviour Settlers Pvt. Ltd., 511, 5th Floor, Usha Kiran Building, Commercial Complex, Azadpur, Delhi-110033. Contact Mr. Jitender Thakur: 8744013008, 9654772277

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2019-20 Session

Applications on prescribed format are invited **only from bona fide residents of National Capital Territory of Delhi** (no application from any other State will be considered) for admission to the aforementioned course commencing from 16th July, 2019 at Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT), Jodhpur.

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- Seats :** Total Number of Seats for admission from Delhi State are 8 (eight).
- Reservation:** The Reservation Policy for SC/ST/OBC as per existing policy of Govt. of NCT of Delhi will be followed. Minimum 20% of the total seats allotted to the States are reserved for candidates belonging to weavers community. Shortfall, if any, will be met out from the candidates other than weavers community. 10% Seats have been reserved for Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
- Last Date for submission of Application Forms:** 17th June, 2019 up to 6.00 pm.

Application form and other details regarding total no. of seats, State reservation, availability and submission of application forms, documents to be attached, stipend etc. are available at website (<http://industries.delhi.gov.in> or from the Office of Commissioner of Industries, Udyog Sadan, 419, 4th Floor, Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi-110092 on all working days between 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. from the date of publication up to 17th June, 2019 and the duly filled in form should be submitted at the above office address. Forms sent directly to IIHT, Jodhpur will not be considered for admission process.

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Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Partially Cancelled Between Stations	Date from originating station
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DIVERSION OF TRAINS			
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14617 Saharsa Jn. - Amritsar Jn. Jansewa Express	Chandigarh	10.06.2019	
22430 Pathankot - Delhi Jn. Superfast Express	Chandigarh	11.06.2019	
64516 Nangal Dam - Ambala Cantt. MEMU	Morinda - Chandigarh	11.06.2019	

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I, Nareish Kumar s/o hari singh varma r/o-478, Tahir Pur Sarai, Jhilmil, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Nareish Kumar Verma. 0040498621-8

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I, Hunny, S/O Sh. Jai Bhagwan R/O-476, Katra Rewari-Wala, Subzi-Mandi, Delhi-110007, inform that name of mine and my father has been wrongly-written as Hunny Shakra and Jay Bhagwan Shakra in my 10th and 12th-class marksheet and certificate. 0040498624-7

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@REALDONALDTRUMP, ON NASA'S PROJECTS

For all of the money we are spending, NASA should NOT be talking about going to the Moon — We did that 50 years ago. They should be focused on the much bigger things we are doing, including Mars (of which the Moon is a part), Defense and Science!

TOP OF THE WORLD

Onus of Indo-Pak peace on Pakistan, says White House

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 8

AMIDST NEW peace overtures from the Imran Khan government after the re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the White House has made it clear to Pakistan that the onus for sustained peace in South Asia was on it by putting the terror groups out of business.

Khan has written a second letter to Prime Minister Modi after his re-election, saying that Pakistan wants talks with India to resolve all differences, including on the Kashmir issue.

However, India has rejected Pakistan's offer of talks, maintaining that terror and talks cannot go together and said that no bilateral meeting has been planned between the two premiers on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Summit (SCO) in Kyrgyzstan's capital Bishkek on June 13-14.

"Until these groups are put out of business, it's going to be very difficult for India and Pakistan to achieve a sustained peace. So the onus is on Pakistan to ensure that they crack down on these groups," said the White House official.

The US is looking for sustained and irreversible steps that

What the United States is really looking for in Pakistan are arrests and prosecutions and not allowing these groups to operate and move around freely, acquire weapons, cross into India, carry out attacks"

— A SENIOR WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL

shut down their operations, said the official.

A senior State Department official said that in the wake of the Pulwama terrorist attack, the US has seen Pakistan taking some initial actions against designated terrorist organisations and more steps to enhance counter terrorism financing measures.

"We have always agreed that the underlying causes of the tensions between India and Pakistan needed to be addressed. And the underlying tension has been the role of terrorist forces that have sanctuary on Pakistani soil. So we certainly encourage the creation of an environment that will lead to a dialogue," the official said. PTI



Narendra Modi and Imran Khan are to be at the Shanghai Cooperation Summit (SCO) in Bishkek on June 13, 14. Archive

ON PAKISTAN'S ACTION AGAINST TERROR

'NEED PRACTICAL STEPS' Pakistan needs to take practical steps to demonstrate that it is countering terrorist financing and extremists that are located on their territory, a senior State Department Official told reporters last week

WATCHDOG WATCH LIST Paris-based international terror financing watchdog

FATF in June last year placed Pakistan onto its watch list in a bid to push the country to halt support for militant groups

'FAILURE TO STOP FUNDS' In February, the FATF decided to continue the 'Grey' listing of Pakistan for its failure to stop funding of terrorist groups such as the JeM and the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)

Trump calls off plan to impose tariffs on Mexico

MICHAEL D SHEAR, ANA SWANSON & AZAM AHMED
WASHINGTON, JUNE 8

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump backed off his plan to impose tariffs on all Mexican goods and announced via Twitter Friday night that the United States had reached an agreement with Mexico to reduce the flow of migrants to the southwestern border.

Trump tweeted the announcement only hours after returning from Europe and following several days of intense and sometimes difficult negotiations between American and Mexican officials in Washington.

The president's threat that he would impose potentially crippling tariffs on the United States' largest trading partner and one of its closest allies brought both countries to the brink of an economic and diplomatic crisis — only to be yanked back from the precipice nine days later.

In an unusual show of force against their own party's president, Republican senators had threatened to try to block the tariffs if Trump moved ahead with them, and had demanded a face-to-face meeting with the president before any action.

According to a U.S.-Mexico Joint Declaration distributed late



President Donald Trump greets supporters in Washington. AP

Friday, Mexico agreed to "take unprecedented steps to increase enforcement to curb irregular migration," including the deployment of its national guard throughout the country to stop migrants from reaching the United States.

The declaration, distributed by the State Department, said Mexico had also agreed to accept an expansion of a Trump administration program that makes some migrants wait in Mexico while their asylum claims are heard in the United States.

"The United States looks forward to working alongside Mexico to fulfill these commitments so that we can stem the tide of illegal migration across our southern border and to make our border strong and secure," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

EXPLAINED

Settled, for how long?

MEXICAN president López Obrador has promised his voters sweeping economic reforms at a time when Mexico's economy is considerably weakened — which increases the need for good trade ties with the US. But the current solution is conditional on Mexico's actions yielding results that are to Trump's satisfaction.

SUDAN
Two rebel leaders held

Stockholm: A powerful explosion ripped through two apartment buildings in a Swedish city on Friday, slightly injuring 25 people, officials said. The cause of the blast wasn't immediately known. The explosion blew out dozens of windows and destroyed balconies in the buildings in central Linköping. One of the buildings has five stories, while the other has four floors. "As for now, we don't have any information to believe this is terror-related," said police spokesman Bjorn Oberg.

UNITED KINGDOM

Five held for 'homophobic attack'

London: Police in London have arrested five suspects on suspicion of punching two women on a bus because they are lesbians. Authorities didn't identify the victims in the May 30 attack. But one of the victims posted an image on her Facebook page showing her bloodied face and that of her girlfriend's. She said in the post that they were on the upper deck of the bus when a gang of "hooligans" demanded that they kiss. The women tried to reason with them, but the incident escalated. Police said Saturday all of suspects are between 15 and 18 years old.

TURKEY

'Neutralised' 43 Kurdish militants: Govt

Islamabad: Turkey's Defence Ministry said Saturday 43 members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) had been "neutralised" as part of an operation Ankara launched in northern Iraq 13 days ago. The Turkish military launched what it dubbed "Operation Claw" in a rural region on June 27 with artillery and air strikes followed by operations by commando brigades. Ankara said the aim was to destroy shelters and caves used by the PKK and "neutralise" its members — a term it uses to refer to deaths, but also to those wounded or captured.

Bangladeshi immigrant charged with planning Times Square attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW YORK, JUNE 8

A BANGLADESHI immigrant, who allegedly heaped praise on the Islamic State group and Osama bin Laden, has been charged Friday after he was accused of plotting a grenade attack on the bustling tourist-clogged Times Square in the US, authorities said.

Ashiqul Alam, 22, was arrested Thursday after arranging through an undercover agent to buy a pair of semiautomatic pistols with obliterated serial numbers and surveilled the popular Manhattan district to identify the best place for the attack, the the Justice Department said in a statement.

Alam who underwent an eye surgery to improve his vision was nervous about his eyeglasses falling off his face during the terror strike and creating an embarrassing debacle," according to federal charging documents.

Alam and the undercover agent went on several reconnaissance runs there. Alam said a successful attack would make them "legends", it said.

The documents said Alam expressed his desire to destroy the new World Trade Center with 'probably a rocket launcher, like a huge one'



'A TURNING POINT FOR HONG KONG'

Students in chains at a protest in Hong Kong on Saturday. They are against a proposed extradition law which would allow Hong Kong to hand over fugitives to the jurisdictions that the city doesn't currently have an extradition agreement with, including mainland China, where a fair trial might not be guaranteed. AP

Sirisena fires intelligence chief after criticism over Easter Sunday bombings

RANGA SIRILAL
COLOMBO, JUNE 8

SRI LANKAN President Maithripala Sirisena has fired the country's chief of national intelligence after he suggested the leader knew about warnings that deadly Easter bombings were in the works.

Indian intelligence agents sent several warnings to Sri Lankan authorities that a plot was underway, but Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe have both said they were not briefed about the warnings before the April 21 attacks, claimed by Islamic state,



Maithripala Sirisena

which killed over 250 people.

A Parliamentary select committee led by allies of Sirisena's rival Wickremesinghe is investigating possible lapses that allowed the Islamist militants to target hotels and churches.

In his May 29 testimony to parliament, intelligence boss Sisira Mendis said security council meetings were irregular, making it difficult to properly protect the island nation.

Mendis said that when he brought up the warnings during a meeting on April 9, director of the State Intelligence Service Nilantha Jayawardena, the direct link to the president, told him Sirisena had already been briefed.

On Friday, a day after two other critical testimonies, Sirisena announced Mendis's removal in a move that could escalate political tensions over the parliamentary probe.

US Ambassador says Israel has right to annex parts of West Bank

DAVID M HALBFINGER
JERUSALEM, JUNE 8

ISRAEL HAS a right to annex at least some, but "unlikely all," of the West Bank, the US ambassador, David Friedman, said in an interview, opening the door to U.S. acceptance of what would be an enormously provocative act.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has promised to begin annexing Jewish settlements in the West Bank, a move that would violate international law and could be a fatal blow to a two-state solution.

"Under certain circum-

"We really don't have a view until we understand how much, on what terms, why does it make sense, why is it good for Israel, why is it good for the region, why does it not create more problems than it solves"

— DAVID FRIEDMAN

stances," Friedman said, "I think Israel has the right to retain some, but unlikely all, of the West Bank."

In a wide-ranging interview

RECENT US-IRAN EXCHANGES

■ Trump said on Thursday Iran was failing as a nation, under pressure of his sanctions, and repeated his call for talks with Tehran.

■ Mousavi on Friday dismissed Trump's comments as "repetitive, groundless and paradoxical" and said they did not merit a response.

Hatami noted the presence of American warships in the region Saturday and said the Islamic Republic's enemies are afraid of conflict because of the country's advanced offensive and defensive power, said a news agency.

'HE WAS REFUSING TO LET ME WORK BECAUSE I REFUSED TO MARRY HIM'

A #MeToo wave hits global football as women's World Cup begins

TARIQ PANJA
PARIS, JUNE 8

AS WORLD soccer opens its most important championship for women this week, it is confronting a range of accusations that men with influence over women in the sport repeatedly have used their positions to harass or abuse them.

Since the start of this year, coaches and administrators in at least five countries on four continents have been accused by players and colleagues of sexual misconduct, inappropriate behavior and even rape.

Now, an internal investiga-



Ahmad Ahmad was accused of harassing several women

tion has begun into a vice president of FIFA, world soccer's governing body, after he was accused, among other transgressions, of dismissing an employee in 2017 after she rejected his romantic advances. The of-

ficial, Ahmad Ahmad, president of Africa's soccer confederation and a close ally of the FIFA president, Gianni Infantino, has denied the accusation and separate claims that he sexually harassed several other women.

The harassment allegations against Ahmad are the first to be made against the leader of one of soccer's six regional governing bodies. Ahmad also has been accused of misusing confederation funds and entering into questionable contracts, potential offenses that led to his being detained by French authorities in Paris on Thursday. He was later released without being charged.

"I think there's a lot to be done to ensure proper safeguarding" of women's players, said Moya Dodd, an Australian soccer official who once served on FIFA's governing council. "We simply don't know how big the problem is unless we have proper policies and safe-reporting mechanisms to test that question."

In some of the cases, the abuse of women's players was known to more senior soccer officials, who did not act to stop it.

This was the case, too, with the accusations of inappropriate behavior by Ahmad. In the most detailed accusation against him, a public relations

consultant from Mali, Mariam Diakite, said she was fired by Ahmad for rejecting his advances. Although she was later reinstated after soccer officials intervened, she learned, after her incident was included in an ethics complaint filed with FIFA this year, that at least four other women had made similar claims.

Ahmad called her accusations "smears on my character" and part of a personal vendetta against him he said was being orchestrated by a former senior employee of the African soccer federation.

Diakite, 34, said she had a confrontation with Ahmad in a

hotel suite during a conference she was hired to organise in Rabat, Morocco, in 2017. He informed her he was terminating her because he had intimidated officials that the pair were in a romantic relationship and that it would be a conflict of interest if she carried on working.

But Diakite said that while he sought one, there was no romantic relationship.

"He was refusing to let me work because I refused to marry him," Diakite said. "When you are a president and you've got people whose dream is to work in football and you say, 'Come to my room and I give you a job,' is that not abuse of power?" NYT

Former Afghan football president banned for life

New York: The former president of the Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) has been banned for life after FIFA's ethics committee found him guilty of abusing his position and sexually abusing female players, the global soccer body said on Saturday.

Keramuddin Keram, also a former FIFA Standing Committee member, was ac-

used by at least five Afghan female football players of repeated sexual abuse between 2013-18, FIFA said in a statement.

He was also fined 1,000,000 Swiss francs (\$1.01 million).

The AFF could not immediately be reached for comment. It has previously rejected the allegations as "groundless". ENS

20 ECONOMY

G20 FINANCE MINISTERS & CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS MEETING



Japan's Finance Minister Taro Aso (centre) poses with the delegation members during a family photo of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting Saturday, June 8, in Fukuoka, Japan. AP

Sitharaman highlights India's efforts to counter tax avoidance, evasion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI/FUKUOKA, JUNE 8

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman Saturday highlighted ongoing efforts of India to counter tax avoidance and evasion. She was speaking at the Ministerial Symposium on International Taxation on Globally Fair, Sustainable and Modern International Taxation System held at G-20 Finance Ministers meeting beginning Saturday is likely to focus on risks and challenges being faced by the global economy, investment in infrastructure and international taxation. The deliberations would be followed by the G-20 Leaders' Summit scheduled

on June 28-29 at Osaka. The meeting of the finance ministers would also deliberate on issues like increasing protectionism and its implication on global growth and trade. On the sidelines of the G-20 meeting, Sitharaman also held a bilateral meeting with her UK counterpart Philip Hammond. The ministerial symposium was organised with the support of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to discuss the challenges in modernising the international tax system and also ways to continue the fight against tax avoidance and evasion. India is a signatory to the OECD's multilateral convention that aims to check cross-border tax evasion by multinational companies. The Multilateral Convention is an outcome of the OECD/G20 Project to Tackle Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), which is resorted to by MNCs through tax planning strategies by exploiting

gaps and mismatches in tax rules.

It helps them artificially shift profits to low or no-tax locations, resulting in little or no overall corporate tax being paid.

Post this convention, 90 countries have now implemented automatic exchange of financial account and tax information.

Further, with increasing digitalisation, the challenge now before the G-20 and OECD countries is how to tax businesses which mostly rely on intangible assets, data and user participation. Speaking at the ministerial symposium, Japan Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Taro Aso said, "Due to public frustration surrounding the lower effective tax rates faced by some digital companies in particular, several countries have decided to act unilaterally, by putting temporary measures in place. 'Obviously, multilateralism is better than unilateralism; a common approach is always better than fragmentation,'" he further said.

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Finance chiefs of G20 nations to warn of trade risks, differ on how 'pressing'

FRANCESCO CANEPA & DAVID LAWDER
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GLOBAL TRADE tensions threaten an expected pick-up in economic growth this year and in 2020, a draft communique by the world's financial leaders showed on Saturday, but the policymakers were divided on whether the need to resolve them was "pressing". Finance ministers and central bank governors of the world's 20 biggest economies, the G20, are meeting in the southern Japanese city of Fukuoka to discuss the global economy.

"Global growth appears to be stabilising and is generally projected to pick up moderately later this year and into 2020," the draft G20 communique, seen by *Reuters*, said. "However... risks remain tilted to the downside. These include, in particular, intensified trade and geo-political tensions," said the draft communique,

'Trump-Xi meet has parallels to Buenos Aires Summit'

Fukuoka: A highly anticipated late June meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping has some parallels with their Buenos Aires summit last December that postponed a tariff hike, US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Saturday.

which may yet change before it is released on Sunday.

The draft statement, to which all the G20 financial leaders have to agree, contains a sentence in square brackets — which means it was not yet agreed — that trade and investment were important engines of growth. "We reaffirm our leaders' conclusions on trade from the Buenos Aires Summit and recognise the pressing need

Mnuchin told *Reuters* in an interview that the US-China trade dispute was at a similar point in December 2018, when Trump and Xi met on the sidelines of a G20 summit in Argentina, with a US tariff increase about to kick in on hundreds of billions of dollars in Chinese goods. **REUTERS**

to resolve trade tensions," the sentence still under discussion said.

If the sentence is dropped from the final statement, it would mean rowing back on an agreement reached by G20 leaders last December in Argentina that while the existing international trade system, the World Trade Organization, needs improvement, it helps world growth and should be fixed. **REUTERS**

Costlier air travel: Hike in aviation security fee from July 1

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INDIAN AIR passengers will have to shell out a bit more to fly July 1 onwards as the Ministry of Civil Aviation has decided to increase the aviation security fee (ASF) to Rs 150 from Rs 130 per passenger on domestic flights, according to an official government document.

Meanwhile, the ASF for international passengers has been increased to \$4.85 from \$3.25 effective next month, the document further said.

The order from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, dated June 7, 2019, also stated that the ASF will be replacing the PSF (SC), which stands of passenger service fee (security component).

"The above rates of the ASF will be applicable with effect from 00.01 Hrs of 01.07.2019 and will replace the PSF (SC) which was being charged so far at the rate of Rs 130 per embarking passenger for tickets issued against Indian Rupees and USD 3.25 per embarking passenger for tickets issued against foreign currency," the order stated.

Hope West Bengal CM attends NITI Aayog meet: Rajiv Kumar

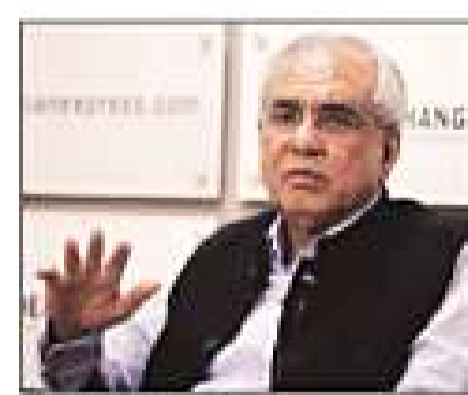
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FINANCE MINISTER NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar Saturday expressed hope that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will attend the Aayog's Governing Council meeting to be held on June 15. Banerjee has refused to attend the meeting, to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying it is fruitless as the body has no financial powers to support state plans.

"We have invited her with all due respect and I am still hoping that she will accept my personal invitation and attend the meeting on June 15th and give us the idea as to how to improve NITI further," Kumar said on the sidelines of a conference organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

At the Governing Council's meeting, various issues regarding the country's development will be discussed. Banerjee conveyed her decision not to attend the meeting in a letter written to the PM.

"Given the fact that the NITI Aayog has no financial powers and the power to support state plans it is fruitless for me to attend the meeting of a body that is bereft of any financial powers," Banerjee wrote. The Council, the apex body of NITI Aayog, includes all chief ministers, lieutenant governors of



NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar. *Abhinav Saha*

union territories, several union ministers and senior government officials. This will be the first Governing Council meeting of the PM Modi-led NDA government, which took charge on May 30. The Council's meeting comes in the backdrop of the Indian economy growing at a much-lower-than-expected rate of 5.8 per cent in January-March quarter, its lowest level in five years.

When asked about high unemployment, Kumar said it is linked to growth and added that informal sector has created a lot of jobs which has not been captured in the data. He said India needs 8 per cent growth over three decades to meet aspirations of the people.

While growth fell to a five-year low of 5.8 per cent, unemployment rate rose to 45 year high of 6.1 per cent in 2017-18.

"We need to reverse the de-

One-hit wonders: Smaller pharma companies with blockbuster brands

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PRABHA RAGHAVAN
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EVER SINCE he was in medical school two decades ago, Delhi-based general physician Dr S Chatterjee can remember turning to world-renowned microbicide brand Betadine for his antiseptic needs when treating his patients' wounds.

Even today, despite nearly 100 different brands in this particular therapeutic segment — some even marketed by few of India's largest and most popular pharmaceutical companies — surgeons and medical practitioners like Dr Chatterjee still swear by Betadine. It comes as no surprise then that Betadine was the 28th largest medicine brand in India by sales, raking in a little over Rs 315 crore in the 12 months ended April 2019.

Yet, the company that markets Betadine in India — Win-Medicare — is not as well known as the brand. And, just like it, other lesser-known drug makers, though few, have managed to build medicine brands to be reckoned with.

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In Battle of Brands, it's David vs Goliath

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Betadine, Sinarest, Dexorange, Zincovit and Meftal may belong to different therapeutic categories, but have one thing in common — they are marketed by small to mid-sized companies, but have carved a space for themselves among India's 100 most popular brands. Often, they have even topped brands by 10 of the largest domestic and foreign drug makers that dominate over 40 per cent of the country's Rs 1.30 lakh-crore pharma market.

For instance, Sinarest, a popular line of cold medication products, ranked 33rd in April 2019, while its company, Mumbai-headquartered Centaur Pharmaceuticals, ranked 60th in the overall

pharma market in March 2019, according to market research firm AIOCD Awacs PharmaTrac. "We have maintained pole position for over two decades and have widened our lead over the competition," boasts Centaur managing director S D Sawant.

Mumbai-headquartered Blue Cross Laboratories, too, has created a household name with muscle cramp medicine line 'Meftal', which has beat brands by companies like Alkem, Lupin and Torrent Pharmaceuticals in its therapeutic segment, according to PharmaTrac. "Meftal is the most commonly used drug in young females for dysmenorrhea. It works well," says Dr Chatterjee, who prescribes the drug around 15-20 times a month. Yet, experts consider these brands anomalies in the industry, since the investment required to build them here is immense.

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"These are the companies which have got one or two molecules right. In a way, it's a very efficient molecule and they have been able to quickly get the acceptance of a physician or patient," says Thangarajan. "Very few such names will come up at the pan-India level, but there would be many other brands that are performing better at the regional level. Unfortunately, there isn't enough data to track this," he further says.

TOP BRANDS MANUFACTURED BY INDIAN PHARMA COMPANIES			
Company	Brand	Brand Sales MAT March 2019	Contribution of Brand to Annual Revenue*
Win-Medicare	Betadine	₹ 268.70 cr	55.34%
Centaur Pharmaceuticals	Sinarest	₹ 272.16 cr	61.38%**
Franco Indian Pharmaceuticals	Dexorange	₹ 219.17 cr	29.72%
Apex Laboratories	Zincovit	₹ 198.99 cr	45.54%
Blue Cross Laboratories	Meftal	₹ 164.6 cr	26.36%

*Contribution to company's total revenue before taxes for the year ended March 31, 2019

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Source(s): AIOCD Awacs PharmaTrac, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Centaur Pharmaceuticals

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"Here, while the patient is the consumer of the drugs, there are a few other influencers in the system and the most important among them is the doctors who are prescribing the drugs," says another analyst requesting anonymity.

"Depending on the scenario, the affordability and most importantly, the efficacy of the drug, the doctors choose certain brands and that becomes an important driver in this market," the person adds.

"With most of these single-brand companies, you'll see the brand was launched a long time back," says Abhishek Sharma, pharma analyst at IIFL.

The brands in focus could have been "unique launches" when introduced in the market before achieving the scale they have today with the help of "superlative" efforts by their companies. For instance, no company has been able to create a suitable competitor to Sinarest, says Sharma. "Now that the brand is established in the minds of prescribers, it would be very difficult for other players to overtake it," he adds.

Centaur president A K Handa says the company from the be-

gining has focused and relied on consistent communication with ENT surgeons, pediatricians and GPs and ensured "world class" quality standards and availability. Such differentiation and positioning makes up for limited resources and helps smaller companies carve out a "significant niche".

The brand's safety for specific patient groups also plays a huge role in its growth. For instance, Franco-Indian Pharmaceutical's Dexorange is safe for consumption by pregnant women.

"The physician would be quite resistant to try something new in pregnant women," says IIFL's Sharma.

"If I'm prescribing a drug for years, it is working well for my patients, nobody has complained of a side effect and it is affordable for them, I don't feel the need to look at other options," agrees Dr Chatterjee.

The brand's global image also matters. Win-Medicare brought Betadine to India through a deal with Swiss pharma firm Mundipharma AG in the late eighties. The topical microbicide "is trusted for its uncompromising antiseptic efficacy" in 75 countries, says Win-Medicare's parent, the Umesh Modi Group.

Yet, the business models these companies follow may put them in a vulnerable position further down the road.

What the Future Holds

These companies in focus here have annual revenues of less than Rs 1,000 crore and have, for decades, relied heavily on one or two brands for a chunk of their income, according to PharmaTrac and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Their top brands contribute anywhere between 25 per cent to over 50 per cent of their overall revenues and are expected to deliver a higher share of their domestic revenues. For instance, the Sinarest line contributed over 60 per cent to Centaur's domestic sales in 2017-18, according to vice president Amit Rangnekar.

Companies may run a "high risk" from external and internal factors due to heavy dependence on fewer critical "legacy" brands with strong brand equity, according to healthcare sector information and services provider IQVIA.

"Suppose there is now a product that comes in the market which is far more superior

and the company is not able to counter it, that is how you can get challenged," agrees IIFL's Sharma.

This happened in the case of drug maker Unichem, which used to derive a "bulk" of its revenue and profitability from hypertension drug brand Losar (losartan), but began losing out to Glenmark after its telmisartan was launched, Sharma says. "New patients of hypertension were put on telmisartan instead of losartan, and Unichem was not able to protect its turf," he says. Some of these companies have begun to realise this risk.

"Over dependence on a major brand is a concern and we have introduced multiple extensions targeted to specific indications to alleviate the risk," says Sawant of Centaur.

The company wants to enter new therapy areas through tie-ups and also plans to "sharpen" its focus on the ophthalmology segment and chronic therapy areas to emerge as a "significant player" in the high growth chronic therapy area, he adds.

However, the market is no longer the same, and replicating the same success with new launches is not possible.

It has become "increasingly difficult" in the last two decades for smaller companies to expand their presence in the Indian market, explains IIFL's Sharma.

Nowadays, even launching a brand in a small category typically costs north of Rs 5 crore. "Very few companies have that kind of muscle," he says.

"The larger companies are very smart, very nimble. Their hold on prescribers has only increased," he says, adding that any gaps they have left are "few and far in between".

Yet, growth and scale may not necessarily be every company's vision.

Even if there is a risk of a new product coming into the market, companies with legacy brands may not lose out drastically.

"Maybe your margins may be lower, but you will still bring in cash, so it is a very attractive and lucrative business once you've set it up," says Sharma.

"Many people are happy with a Rs 100-crore brand. They don't want to expand; they don't want to scale up. It is never a battle for survival once you've established a single brand, and some people prefer it that way."

Win-Medicare, Apex Laboratories, Franco-Indian Pharmaceuticals and Blue Cross Laboratories did not respond to queries about their brands.

Dues worth ₹276.05 cr paid to investors, says DHFL

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DEWAN HOUSING Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) said that it has repaid dues worth Rs 276.05 crore to retail and institutional investors. It said it has paid back Rs 59.74 crore of its total obligations worth Rs 961.65 crore to 35,595 retail investors holding its non-convertible debentures (NCDs), and added it would ensure that the rest of them are repaid within seven working days.

Interest payments on NCDs issued on a private placement basis had also fallen due on June 4 and June 6. DHFL said that for the first set of NCDs, on which interest dues are worth Rs 80 crore and the principal amount aggregates Rs 120 crore, it has arranged funds and met its obligations.

For the second set, interest aggregating to Rs 16.31 crore were scheduled for June 6. The repayments to retail investors had fallen due on June 4.

In a statement to the exchanges, the financier said, "... in the event that payment of interest on the NCDs is not met on the due date ... and such non-payment continues for a period of seven working days, the same shall constitute an event of default ..." **FE**

Fresh look at regulation & supervision of NBFCs needed, says RBI chief

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THE RESERVE Bank of India is soon to issue new guidelines for liquidity risk management framework to harmonise the liquidity norms between banks and the non-banking financial companies (NBFC). RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, while addressing the 15th convocation of the National Institute of Bank Management here on Saturday, talked about the need of a fresh look at the regulation and supervision of the NBFCs.

"The conventional approach to their regulation and supervision has been light-touch, so that they could complement banks with their diverse financial products for niche areas and reach a large cross-section of population through innovative service delivery mechanisms.

"However, with a view to strengthen the sector, maintain stability and avoid regulatory arbitrage, the Reserve Bank has been proactively taking necessary regulatory and supervisory steps, keeping in mind the requirements of the time," he said.

Das added that in the light of recent developments, there is a case for having a fresh look at

Das wants close watch on top bank executives

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday said boards of both public and private sector banks should closely monitor the performance of their MDs and CEOs, either through a sub-committee or through an external peer group review.

Governance issues in private sector banks mainly relate to incentive structure of their managements, quality of audits and compliance and also efficient functioning of audit and risk management committees, Das said at the NIBM convocation. **ENS**

their regulation and supervision.

"It is our endeavour to have an optimal level of regulation and supervision so that the NBFC sector is financially resilient and robust. At the same time, NBFCs should be enabled to operate as well-functioning entities with necessary capacity to reach wider sections of population," he said.

BRIEFLY

Govt plans to set up institute for valuers

New Delhi: The government will look at setting up a national institute for valuers on the lines of chartered accountants' apex body ICAI, a senior official said Saturday. A similar attempt was made way back in 2008. "We now feel that we have enough critical mass to once again make an attempt to have a national institute for the valuers' profession on the lines of ICAI. It will require a lot of hardwork," Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas said. **PTI**

'China to curb some tech exports to US'

Shanghai: China is preparing to curb some technology exports to the US, the chief editor of China's *Global Times* newspaper said Saturday. If enacted, the steps suggest Beijing would retaliate over US restrictions imposed on Huawei due to what US said were national security issues. **REUTERS**

BRIDGE

Use the bidding to guide you in the play. When a player has a known point count, keep track of the HCP that come out of that player's hand. That information may help you in the play of a particular suit.

Dir: West; Vul: Neither

NORTH		SOUTH	
♠ 9876	♥ AK1054	♠ AK1054	♥ 765
♦ J109	♣ 765	♦ Q104	♣ A2
♠ K98	♥ Q104	♠ K65	♥ A2
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT (1)	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
(1)15-17			

OPENING LEAD: H:Q (Q from AKQ)

West cashes three hearts, East following up the line, and shifts to the C:Q. You win the ace and play the A:K of spades. West having Qx, East Jx. How do you play diamonds for one loser?

West has shown up with 9 HCP in hearts, presumably 3 in clubs and the S:Q for a total of 14 HCP. West cannot have the D:A (too many HCP) but must have the D:J to climb to 15 HCP. Lead a diamond to the nine.

THE WEST HAND: ♠Q3 ♥AKQ2 ♦J75 ♣QJ94

THE EAST HAND: ♠J2 ♥843 ♦A632 ♣10873

Some players lead the Q from the AKQ on opening lead. Third hand is supposed to give count on the lead of the queen, suit preference on the next lead of the suit.

Dir: South; Vul: North-South

NORTH		SOUTH	
♠ 754	♥ A86	♠ A86	♥ 54
♦ AQJ3	♣ 54	♦ AKQ87	♣ J42
♠ J10943	♥ AKQ87	♠ A	♥ J42
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1♣	Dbl.	Pass
2♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

OPENING LEAD: S:K East plays the S:9. Plan the play

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2220

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

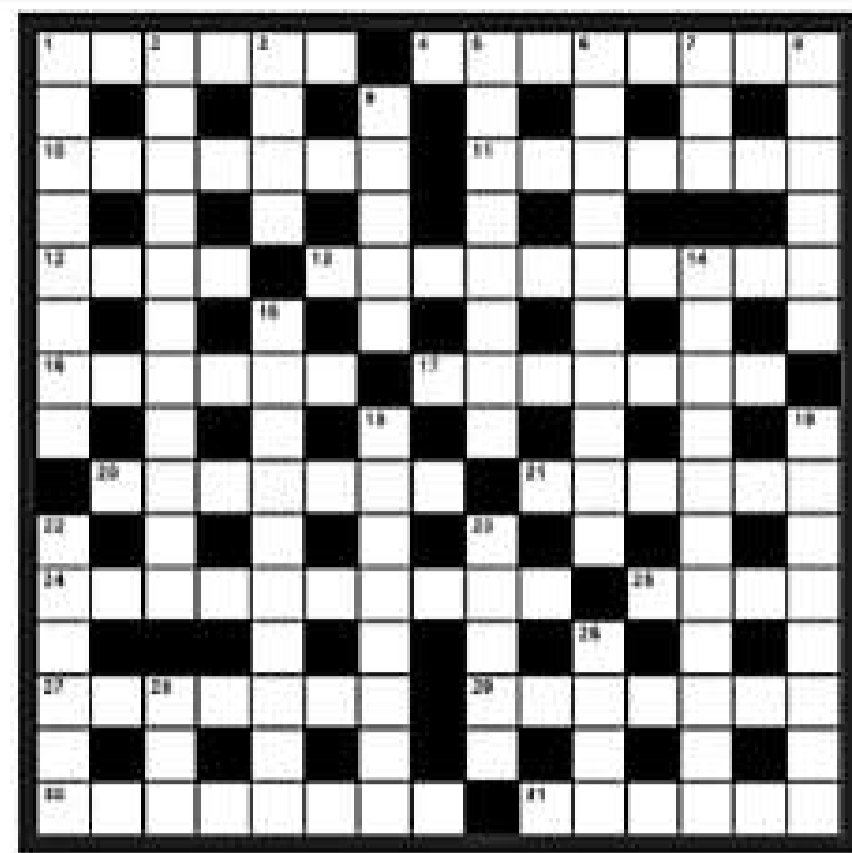
- Accident preventer's concern (6)
- Knows about or is aware of beforehand? (8)
- Voracious swimmer - "hap Iran" anagram (7)
- A horizontal crosspiece across a window (7)
- Evident or exposed, in a way? (4)
- In accordance with law (10)
- Card game (6)
- Spiny lobster, e.g. (7)
- ... with: escape one's just deserts, especially punishment? (3,4)
- Diminutive, itsy-bitsy (6)
- Foolish (10)
- "A hit" changes that man from Bangkok? (4)
- Six-pointed star (7)
- Causing or tending to decline or deterioration (7)
- Bessemer factories (8)
- Become septic, rot or stagnate (6)

DOWN

- Assumes, believes (8)
- Progressed rapidly; took lead (6,5)
- Blue Nile source (4)
- Got or procured (8)
- Cleansed, eliminated or purged (10)
- Editors, in short (3)
- Hot wind (6)
- Displayed boredom (5)
- The act of doing away with or putting an end to (11)
- It's his job to do all the planning prior to an attack (10)
- One of a fairy tale trio (4,4)
- Formal or official list of items, names, etc. (8)
- Road workers (6)
- A social outcast from the Biblical times (5)
- "Mona Lisa" singer Nat King ... (4)
- Trichloroethylene, in short (3)

CRYPTIC CLUES: ACROSS

- In remorse, quells successor (6)
- It strikes one this could be in Gimpes, perhaps (8)
- Cold bag that might be drifting in the sea (3,4)
- On second thoughts, rising fish glitter (7)
- Find somewhere to stop among the trees (4)
- Never satisfied wearing fur, holding it round one (10)
- Extremely upset, having got inside out? (6)
- Freaky and tailless, Satan sits on



- As not recorded in colour, returned free (7)
- Another region to avoid (6)
- Very few people are needed to work with this (10)
- Hangs behind, and wraps up well (4)
- University in Goa can butcher South American ruminant (7)
- Its operators expected to net a profit in the main (7)
- Chips ruler (8)
- Great man backing out of negotiations under flag of truce (6)
- Delay caused by little piece of paper, or whole sheet (8)
- Funny way to act in a difficult situation (5,6)
- He's up in the church (4)
- I'm sent back with amounts of betting slips (8)
- In gaming is the stuff of dreams (10)
- Great to cut the caper for a pop performance! (3)
- All part of the act to be seen to follow the lawyer (6)
- If you risk inking within the circle you'll find a harmless lizard (5)
- He provided the number for people's houses (5,6)
- Average hand signal from radio channel (6,4)
- Didn't drink wine... just sailed (4,4)
- Blamed a number before having made certain (8)
- Black rage at ancient car (6)
- Have to sub, fixing up contests (5)
- The loot from the manor house, we hear (4)
- Being king could indicate danger to him (3)

Solutions to 2219

QUICK CLUES ACROSS: 1 Abidance, 6 Music, 9 Allibi, 10 Splendour, 11 Bright idea, 12 Dear, 14 Artless, 15 Started, 17 Parties, 19 Splurge, 20 Tasm, 22 New Yorkers, 25 Tea-kettle, 26 Award, 27 Slevs, 28 Contessas. **DOWN:** 1 Lamb, 2 Initiator, 3 Arithmetic, 4 Cassius, 5 Sellers, 6 Many, 7 Shone, 8 Cartridge, 13 Tailor-made, 14 Amputates, 16 Three days, 18 Sceptic, 19 Soybean, 21 Spate, 23 Sodas, 24 Cess. **CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS:** 1 Pilchards, 6 Micks, 9 Powys, 10 Paintball, 11 Sean Casey, 12 Veda, 14 Paddles, 15 Skinful, 17 Koreans, 19 Courses, 20 Sows, 22 Hit and miss, 25 Allimental, 26 Shame, 27 Fists, 28 Detergent. **DOWN:** 1 Pipes, 2 Lowlander, 3 Historical, 4 Repeats, 5 Shivers, 6 Mets, 7 Crane, 8 Syllables, 13 Liquidiser, 14 Pikestaff, 16 Fascinate, 18 Shifted, 19 Chaplet, 21 Writs, 23 Spent, 24 Fees.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday June 9

You may be torn between two conflicting impulses. One is to stay exactly as you are, following the most cautious path possible. The other is to break free, casting aside the bonds with the past.

Monday June 10

You must perform a careful balancing act between different people who all imagine they have some special claim on your time.

Tuesday June 11

Every relationship comes with a price tag. It's an enjoyable rather than a profitable moment. One word of advice is to continue to take care in all monetary matters.

Wednesday June 12

If we look over the coming year, it seems that you will soon enter a period of potential surprises. If you get your act together, you'll be able to implement wide-ranging improvements.

Thursday June 13

This week's alignments reveal that you have a last chance at moving one step closer to a life-long goal. Family should now back you.

Friday June 14

You may sign on the dotted line and make firm commitments. In matters of the heart you are still pursuing a fantasy, not that there's anything wrong with that.

Saturday June 15

The Sun's alignments are romantic, ambitious, generous, intuitive, and slightly confused. This sets the pattern for next year, creating situations in which you will only come to know yourself much better.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The happy news is that Venus, planet of love, pleasure and all good things, is sending you maximum encouragement. The welcome result should be a lift in your morale - and very soon. With a little effort in the right direction you'll find it that much easier to get on with people and form satisfying emotional ties.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You're generally an honest, straightforward person. As some would say, you 'tell it like it is'. Yet now that you're about to enter a rather secretive phase, you will face the temptation to cover up the truth. My word of advice for the next month is to be open and above board in all your dealings, including in personal matters.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Mercury's excitable behaviour is making life seem rather blurred around the edges. Most of you are having a hard time just getting a fix on what it is you're supposed to be doing, and why. Actually, this is in ideal time to question your current involvements, setting yourself free for a number of improvements.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The entire week will be dominated by the gradual approach of Venus and Mars to their various meetings with Jupiter, planet of hope and optimism. You must realise that this is a time when you may achieve your life-long goals, always provided you are prepared to take a giant leap of faith: you have to believe in yourself.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

The Moon gives you a flying start, but not until the middle of the week. All you need to do is make sure that your very wonderful ideas are put into practice in every detail. Inspiration is on the way for working Leos, too, especially if you have won colleagues over with your ready charm and wit.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You are now caught between two utterly marvellous planetary alignments, one which encourages you to break free, the other which urges you to stay where you are. If there is a problem, it's too much choice. The planets are begging you to put your daily routine to one side and indulge yourself in your favourite fancy. Please enjoy yourself.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

The planets are in a muddle, but the result is that you can make your own choices. On one level this is an excellent time for all business-minded Librans. On another, you should understand that any decisions taken now are likely to be revised or regretted later on. So, when it comes to spending your hard-earned cash, be sure exactly what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Be positive. The Sun is edging its way towards a slap-up confrontation with your chart, so you will have to face the music sooner or later. The best advice now is: come clean about all past blunders and convince other people you were in the right - and had no choice. And do give partners the benefit of the doubt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

A financial problem should now lie in the past, which will come as quite a relief. At the very least, you can look forward to a smoother ride in the future. And, as an added bonus, you're about to receive all the credit you so richly deserve for all your past efforts and achievements. Also, be sure to listen to good advice later in the week.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

This is, in general, a fine time of year, mainly because the Sun's gentle change of position helps you come to terms with your motives and calm your shattered nerves - and get back on your feet. The best planetary patterns around romantic thoughts for all the young-at-heart, however old they are. I hope that includes you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Home improvements are figured strongly in this week's stars, as are family meetings. The only snag is that you are finding it difficult to make up your mind about which arrangements you actually prefer. Even when you settle on a particular option you may find that matters outside your control cause delays.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Mars is now strengthening its role in your life, meaning that you will find it easier to stand up for yourself over the rest of the month. The only word of advice is to avoid losing your temper or insisting that other people bend to your way of doing things. If you say something you shouldn't, then it may be too late to apologise.

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 clue.

All ___ is not ___, as all movement is not forward. - Ellen Glasgow (6, 6)

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SOLUTION: MAKER, NOTCH, HAINCH, WIGGLE. Answer: All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward. - Ellen Glasgow

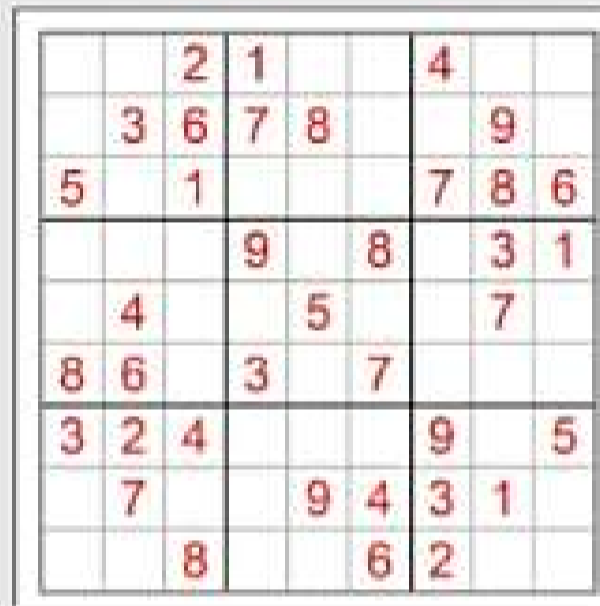
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Squaring off at Oval

Jasprit Bumrah versus the Australian top-order will be the most anticipated battle today as India face first big test in London



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JUNE 8

IS THERE any other bowler, apart from Jasprit Bumrah, who can get the ball to skid off the surface and also, at the same time, get it to bounce from back of a length? Skid or bounce: Usually bowlers have the ability to make the ball do one of these, rarely both. The effect is almost imprinted in the action: you are either a skiddy type or the bouncy type. Bumrah can be both. Depending on the surface, he can pitch the ball at the same spot and make it do two different things.

Casual observers have called his action 'slingy' like Lasith Malinga's but it's different. The hyper-extension of the elbow has meant that it remains straight — the elbows don't bend like most bowlers' tend to do. Instead, the wrists do all the work, whipping the ball down. As a result, he gets the dual advantage of both the high-arm and whippy release. And hence he can be skiddy and at the same time, get it to kick up if he desires.

He does it with such subtlety that makes it difficult to pick them. The difference is having the fingers on top of the seam and behind it but with his unique action, the batsmen have little or no time to sort out the intricacies. In some sense, it's as if he is standing and releasing the ball. Like throwdowns. The arm is raised high and the wrists and fingers whip the ball down. He can then focus entirely on cocking his wrists and getting his fingers to impart a lot more backspin than normal. Bumrah has the skill and variety to trouble each of the top-four Australians at the Oval on Sunday.

Finch: A good-length delivery

Aaron Finch is a candidate for lbw against good-length deliveries. Until not too far back, he used to be in real trouble against that length and though of late, for the last three-four months, he has developed a defensive plan against it. The frailness used to mystify as it wasn't the outgoing or nip-backer, but the length itself which used to trouble him. He would dawdle on the front foot and then sort of hang his bat out. Analysts from broadcasting networks around the world have spent enough footage on it and would usually end with a mumble: it doesn't seem to be great issue but he is having it.

As if they couldn't believe their eyes. As if they couldn't understand why does a top-order batsman have a problem against length deliveries, of all things. Probably because he is a converted opener and doesn't (rather didn't) have the confidence to take a positive stride out.

Warner: Mixing it up, cramping him on the leg-side



MISHAP IN THE NETS

A net bowler had to be stretchered off after he got hit flush in the head by a David Warner drive at the Oval on Saturday. The incident left Warner 'shaken', according to Australia captain Aaron Finch. Reuters

David Warner presents an interesting challenge. The IPL, where he made a lot of runs, actually threw up a problem with his batting. As the tournament progressed the bowlers had identified that if they bowled at his body, on the leg and middle line, he was getting cramped a bit too much. He had based his game on the off-side play and was looking at every opportunity to side-step and play through that region. Kevin Pietersen, who was commentating in the IPL, said if it were him, he would take a guard close to the middle and off, give himself more room to nudge to the leg side. But Warner isn't KP, and he didn't take that option in the middle. He stuck to his legstump stance and somehow manoeuvred into positions to try ping the off side. He was also helped by the fact that most sides in IPL didn't have a bunch of good fast bowlers who could effectively target that weakness. Bumrah, and the Indian team, would have observed Warner's troubles for sure, and yet again, Bumrah possesses the weapons to really test him. He has the leg-cutter, at least the one that straightens, and can of course slant it across Warner — and the combination of the two could force



Depending on the surface, Bumrah can pitch the ball at the same spot and make it do different things.

Warner into committing mistakes.

Khawaja: Straightening one to try for LBW

Usman Khawaja showed a hitherto unsuspected problem against the bouncer when he got hit twice on the helmet by the West Indies bowlers, and moved outside leg stump and had a bit of a slog at the third. Indians aren't likely to overdo the bouncers on this Oval track, but there would be a couple for sure at Khawaja, who is usually a good puller. Khawaja had great success against India in the ODIs in India earlier this year, tackling whatever was thrown at him — seam and spin. Bumrah usually tries to slant a few across him, before straightening one to try for an lbw.

Smith: Leg-cutter can do the trick

If Bumrah is bowling at Steve Smith with the new ball, then India would already be in very good position. In the IPL, his elbow was still sore and stiff and had restricted his shot making. He was at his fluent self against the West Indies and as aware and in control as ever. Even as his team-mates were struggling

against the short ball, Smith shelved the pull shot. As Finch pointed out on Saturday, Smith tried a pull shot "around the 33rd over" and when he saw he couldn't control it, he once again ditched the shot. Of all the Indian bowlers, it has to be Bumrah that Smith might have a problem against. Not many bowlers in the world have come to terms with Smith's shuffles in the crease. He is forever on the move in the crease — something that throws off the bowlers. But if there is one delivery that has caused him some problem, it's the delivery that straightens (preferably a leg cutter) outside off stump from a length. On the move, Smith can throw his hands at it, and nick it. Not many bowlers manage to do it, though. In the Indian attack, if anyone can, it's Bumrah.

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How you can play and how you can't play, in India, in Australia, in England, South Africa, New Zealand, whichever place you go to, that is something that I've understood. (I have also realised that) how important it is for one of your top order batsmen to bat all the way through."

ROHIT SHARMA

Finch expects no surprises from India

AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN Aaron Finch will feel much better about his team's chances against India on Sunday at the Oval if they can remove Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma quickly. Kohli and Sharma average more than 50 against Australia. "You can't afford to give them too much freedom," Finch said on Saturday. "Those first 10 or 15 balls it's about making them take a risk, and early wickets will be a real key." Finch doesn't expect to be surprised by India, not after eight ODIs between the teams already this year. They were split 4-4.

Coulter-Nile not sure of place in India game

AUSTRALIA'S FAST bowling all-rounder Nathan Coulter-Nile says he is not sure of his place for the big-ticket World Cup encounter against India despite a match-winning 92 against West Indies. Coulter-Nile said: "I took none for 70. We've got two world-class (fast) bowlers (on the sidelines). I'm not in the team to make runs, hopefully the top order does that, so I wouldn't be surprised if I got dropped for the next game."

Aussies, too, have an ace up their sleeve: their all-round bowler Cummins

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JUNE 8

THERE IS a tale Pat Cummins's mates at Penrith Cricket Club like to tell about the paceman. At 14, it goes, he was so fast that the umpires had to stop play after he'd bowled a batsman because they couldn't find the balls. According to one version, it was found beyond the boundary. That such a jaw-dropping story is even told says something about Cummins. In his teenage years, it was generally assumed by the Australian cricket faithful that he would be a once-in-a-generation fast bowler. Injuries meant it didn't quite turn out that way, but for the last couple of years, Cummins has been doing everything he can to keep that hope alive.

He can still be really pacy but it's his cricketing intelligence that stands out. Not many fast bowlers have the game to be equally comfortable in Tests and limited-overs; Cummins is not one of them. Most tend to rely on a particular ball in white-ball cricket — for instance, Mitch Starc relies a lot on yorkers at any given stage in a match. With Cummins, it's hard to detect a pattern. And that's why he could be India's Achilles heel on Sunday.

In general, he likes to bang the ball at back of a length. He loves his bouncers, can bowl the yorkers, can cut the ball either ways, and of late, has been working on his

swing (in preparation for the Ashes in England) — there's no way the Indian batsman can relax against him on any pitch and in any conditions.

Aaron Finch offered a hint on Saturday about the lines they would avoid bowling to Virat Kohli. "We were probably too straight to him early on in the recent matches." Cummins is the best man to exploit that outside-off strategy. Starc is at his best when he is attacking the stumps, but Cummins can be more potent with that teasing line.

Many seamers bowl the off-cutter with the oldish ball once they get a better grip, but Cummins gets it to cut in with the new ball. Not quite like Fanie de Villiers in his prime when he used to trouble Sachin Tendulkar with that weapon, but Cummins' version is pretty potent too. It allows him to still land the ball in the outside-off corridor and cut in to attack the stumps. It can prove a good delivery to Rohit Sharma in case he loses the last-game abstinence and tries to work the ball to the leg side.

He also has the leg-cutter to trouble most batsman in the world. We have seen him using it a lot more on Indian tracks where the ball grips the surface.

There is a story Cummins also like to tell. It is of an accident when he was four that he believes might have hampered his bowling. But his team-mates believe it has actually helped him. A family friend had picked him up from pre-school and gave him four lolly-



Not many fast bowlers have the game to be equally comfortable in Tests and limited-overs cricket. Pat Cummins is an exception.

pops to distribute to his two brothers and sister. Hearing his excited voice, his sister opened the bathroom door, collected the lollypop, and slammed the door shut, but little Cummins couldn't get his right hand out in

time. He lost about a centimetre of his middle finger, the bowling finger as it's called. As a result, his index and middle are almost of equal length.

The leg cutter is largely driven by that fin-

Cummins can still be really pacy but it's his cricketing intelligence that stands out. There's no pattern to his bowling, and that's why he could be India's Achilles heel on Sunday.

ger as it grips and squeezes out the ball in the desired direction. But his team-mates believe the cut-finger has meant that Cummins gets his fingers behind the seam more than most bowlers, and that helps his bowling.

Somehow, despite that handicap — or because of that — he has a potent legcutter that he deploys a bit more on dry tracks.

Cummins is a better all-round bowler than Starc and has the game to exploit any conditions. With his penchant for aiming back of a length, he gets disconcerting bounce. His offcutters allow him to exploit dry tracks. His bouncers prevents most batsmen from getting on the front foot and he uses that wari-ness to slip in the nip-backer to trap them. Even in the bouncers, he can direct it almost at will — often using the short one outside off against batsmen who are generally good with the pull, making them drag it from outside off and inducing mistakes. He of course has the yorkers, though he doesn't bowl them as much as Starc. We have seen him re-

ceive the ball in Test cricket. In the T20s, we have seen him develop a better control over his slower ones, and if his recent attempts at improving his swing have been successful, then he comes as close to having a perfect allround package.

Not long ago he talked about his ideal fast-bowling package, picking individual traits from other bowlers. A run-up like Dale Steyn, disconcerting bounce from close to good length like Glenn McGrath, reverse swing like Wasim Akram, crease-presence like Shane Warne, durability and celebrations like Brett Lee. He perhaps doesn't quite have the fluidity of a bustling sprint like Steyn, but he ticks most of his other wishes.

Not that success has got to his head. It did once, but he was quickly brought back to earth by his mother. When he was injured for years after his Australia debut and was studying Bachelor of Business at a Sydney University, he was tired of public transport and asked his dean that he be granted parking space, just like the professors and other staff. When his mother learnt about it that evening, she made him write a letter to the dean, apologising for the request. His brothers were too lenient on him, either. When he stunned the South Africans on his debut, aged 18, reporters landed up at his home. A brother opened the door, said, "I can't believe he is playing a Test match as he can't even bowl me out in backyard," and shut the door.

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ENGLAND 386/6 IN 50 OV

J Roy c Mortaza b Mehidy **153** (121b, 14x4, 5x6)

J Bairstow c Mehidy b Mortaza **51** (50b, 6x4)

J Root b Saifuddin **21** (29b, 1x4)

J Buttler c Soumya b Saifuddin **64** (44b, 2x4, 4x6)

E Morgan c Soumya b Mehidy **35** (33b, 1x4, 2x6)

B Stokes c Mortaza b Mushfiqur **6** (7b)

C Woakes not out **18** (8b, 2x6)

L Plunkett not out **27** (9b, 4x4, 1x6)

■ Extras: (lb 3, nb 1, w 7) **11**

■ Fall of wickets: 1-128 (JM Bairstow, 19.1 ov), 2-205 (JE Root, 31.3 ov), 3-235 (JJ Roy, 34.4 ov), 4-330 (JC Buttler, 45.2 ov), 5-340 (EJG Morgan, 46.5 ov), 6-341 (BA Stokes, 47.1 ov)

■ Bowling:

Shakib-al-Hasan 10-0-71-0

M Mortaza 10-0-68-1

M Saifuddin 9-0-78-2

M Rahman 9-0-75-1

M Hasan 10-0-67-2

M Hossain 2-0-24-0

BANGLADESH 280 IN 48.5 OV

T Iqbal c Morgan b Wood **19** (29b, 1x4)

S Sarkar b Archer **2** (8b)

Shakib b Stokes **121** (119b, 12x4, 1x6)

Mushfiqur c Roy b Plunkett **44** (50b, 2x4)

M Mithun c Bairstow b Rashid **0** (2b)

Mahmudullah c Bairstow b Wood **28** (41b, 1x4, 1x6)

M Hossain c Archer b Stokes **26** (16b, 4x4)

M Saifuddin b Stokes **5** (8b)

M Hasan c Bairstow b Archer **12** (8b, 2x4)

M Mortaza not out **4** (9b)

M Rahman c Bairstow b Archer **0** (3b)

■ Extras: (lb 9, w 10) **19**

■ Fall of wickets: 1-8 (Soumya Sarkar, 3.2 ov), 2-63 (Tamim Iqbal, 11.6 ov), 3-169 (Mushfiqur Rahim, 28.6 ov), 4-170 (Mohammad Mithun, 29.3 ov), 5-219 (Shakib Al Hasan, 39.3 ov), 6-254 (Mosaddek Hossain, 43.1 ov), 7-261 (Mahmudullah, 44.6 ov), 8-264 (Mohammad Saifuddin, 45.4 ov), 9-280 (Mehidy Hasan Miraz, 48.2 ov), 10-280 (Mustafizur Rahman, 48.5 ov)

■ Bowling:

C Woakes 8-0-67-0

J Archer 8.5-2-29-3

L Plunkett 8-0-36-1

M Wood 8-0-52-2

A Rashid 10-0-64-1

B Stokes 6-1-23-3

NUMBERS GAME

2 Shakib-Al-Hasan is now the second Bangladeshi to register a World Cup century. The first player do so is Mahmudullah.

7 Number of successive 300-plus scores England have scored in ODIs after this innings — the longest such streak by any team in this format. The previous streak was 6, held by Australia in 2007.

We knew that we would have to improve in order to win a tough game against Bangladesh and I think with the bat, in particular, we were outstanding. He (Roy) is very intimidating to play against when he does score runs.

EOIN MORGAN, ENGLAND CAPTAIN



TON-UP, UMPIRE DOWN

Jason Roy runs into umpire Joel Wilson after bringing up his century against Bangladesh in Cardiff on Saturday. Roy's 153 was the cornerstone of England's win. Reuters

Cardiff: England's Maximum City

Roy's century helps hosts post their highest World Cup score and register 106-run win over Bangladesh

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CARDIFF, JUNE 8

HIS EYES fixed on the ball that was trickling toward the boundary to bring up his century, England batsman Jason Roy wasn't aware he was about to clatter into an unsuspecting umpire who also was looking out into the field. Bang!

Down went West Indian official Joel Wilson, much to the shock of Roy and the initial amusement of his teammates who were laughing heartily from the balcony of the team's dressing room. Wilson took a while to get to his feet, and even required a concussion test out in the middle.

He wasn't the only one floored by Roy in a comfortable win for England at the Cricket World Cup on Saturday.

The explosive opening batsman smashed a 121-ball 153 — the biggest individual score of the World Cup so far — to help England to a tournament-high 386-6, setting up a 106-run victory over Bangladesh on a blustery day in Cardiff. Bangladesh needed a World Cup-record chase but was restricted to 280 all out in its reply, with Shakib Al Hasan's 121 in vain but still a joy to watch.

It was quite the way for England to bounce back from a loss to Pakistan that heaped some early pressure on the host nation and top-ranked team. Captain Eoin



Jofra Archer picked up three wickets.

Morgan urged his players to "stick to what we do well" and they carried out that order.

England posted its highest total at a World Cup and blasted 14 sixes, one of them from Jos Buttler (64 off 44 balls) clearing the stadium, going through the trees and landing somewhere near the River Taff running parallel to Sophia Gardens.

Another from Roy, the first of three in a row, soared 97 meters over the longest boundary.

Then Jofra Archer (3-29) starred with the ball, firing down the fastest delivery of the World Cup at 95 mph (153 kph) and taking the first wicket with a ball that clipped off

the bails and flew some 50 meters straight over the boundary rope.

This was Roy's day, though. He made the second-highest World Cup score by an England batsman, falling just short of Andrew Strauss' 158 against India in 2011, in eye-catching style.

One of his 14 fours came following a misfield in the deep by Mohammad Mithun and it allowed Roy to reach three figures for the ninth time in ODIs.

But as he gazed out toward the ball while jogging leisurely between the wickets, Roy slammed straight into umpire Wilson, who dropped to the ground.

A doctor came onto the field to carry out a concussion test on Wilson, who also went off the field during a drinks break for further checks. He was deemed OK to continue.

Roy brought up his 150 with those three successive sixes but lost his wicket as he went for a fourth, mis-hitting Mehedi Hasan to cover.

Buttler picks up mantle

Buttler picked up the mantle after Roy's demise, showing off his extraordinary shot-making skills that included a slapped six over long-on. By the time he holed out to Soumya Sarkar on the boundary rope, Buttler was moving gingerly after hurting his right hip while sprinting a single.

He didn't reappear for Bangladesh's in-

nings, with Jonny Bairstow keeping wicket. Bairstow (51 off 50 balls) and Morgan (35 off 33) also had weighed in as England topped the 348-8 made by Pakistan against the English at Trent Bridge on Monday.

Shakib shines

Bangladesh was always behind the required run rate, with Shakib — with two half-centuries already to his name this World Cup — starting watchfully before opening his shoulders. A single got him to his century, off 95 balls, as he became the second Bangladesh player to record a World Cup hundred, after Mahmudullah (twice, in 2015).

His 119-ball innings, featuring 12 fours and a six, ended when his stumps were splattered by a Ben Stokes yorker. That left the Tigers on 219-5, and with no hope with 10 overs remaining. The other batsman to impress was Mushfiqur Rahim, who made 44 as part of a 106-run partnership with Shakib for the third wicket.

Bangladesh's innings was wrapped with seven balls to spare, with Archer taking the final two wickets.

After opening with a win over South Africa, Bangladesh has lost to New Zealand and now England but gets a slight respite from its tough-looking early schedule when it plays Sri Lanka in Bristol on Tuesday. As for the English, they are back on track as they go for a first 50-over world title.

Afghanistan crumble as Neesham picks up five

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HASHMATTULLAH SHAHIDI slogged Lockie Ferguson for a boundary down the ground to raise his half century as he helped lift Afghanistan to 172 in 41.1 overs in a stop-start innings against New Zealand at the Cricket World Cup. Afghanistan made a blazing start after being sent in on Somerset's County Ground to reach 66-0 in the 11th over Saturday before the innings derailed as New Zealand snared four wickets for four runs in 20 balls.

Hazratullah Zazai (34) and Noor Ali Zadran (31) plundered the opening bowlers with some unorthodox shot-making, taking 12 from the first over and producing Afghanistan's best opening stand at a World Cup before New Zealand's change bowlers hit back hard.

Jimmy Neesham made the initial breakthrough, the first of his five wickets, having Zazai caught slicing out to Colin Munro at deep backward point to end an entertaining 28-ball innings that contained five boundaries and a giant six into the pavilion.

Noor Ali gloved a short ball from Ferguson down leg for a simple wicket-keeper's catch two balls later.

Rahmat Shah (0) and skipper Gulbadin Naib (4) both fell to Neesham as Afghanistan slumped to 70-4, with Naib wrongly opting to review his dismissal after feathering a catch behind as he swiped at a wide ball.

The first of two rain delays interrupted play after 20 overs with the Afghans on 84-4. Neesham nabbed two more middle-order wickets before and after the second rain interruption and finished with 5-31 from 10 overs.

Hashmattullah, who went to the crease at the fall of the second wicket, worked with the lower order to add valuable runs and was the last man out for 59. The last three wickets combined for 42 runs and frustrated the New Zealand attack on the small ground in Taunton.

Hashmattullah's eighth ODI half-century came off 84 balls and his wicket gave Ferguson, who bowled three consecutive maidens to stymie the Afghan middle order, figures of 4-37.

Afghanistan is coming off losses to defending champion Australia and Sri Lanka and had to make three changes, including the injury-enforced replacement of opener and wicketkeeper Mohammad Shahzad.

New Zealand, the runner-up in 2015, opened with wins over Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and retained the same XI for a third consecutive game.

BRIEF SCORES: Afghanistan 172 in 41.1 overs (Hashmattullah Shahidi 59, Hazratullah Zazai 34; Lockie Ferguson 4/37, Jimmy Neesham 5/31) vs **New Zealand**.



Rashid Khan was ruled out of the remainder of the match against New Zealand after being hit on the helmet by Lockie Ferguson's bumper. Reuters

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Hugs, handshakes and chilled beer for the FLOAT

Hugs, handshakes and chilled beer awaited Mitchell Starc at the Trent Bridge dressing room after his match-winning performance against the West Indies, wherein he not only picked up a five-for but also became the fastest to pick 150 wickets in ODIs, in just 77 matches. Nathan Lyon was ready with a new nickname too—FLOAT, the acronym when expanded reading Fastest Left-Armer of All Time. It was a revenge of sorts, as it was Starc who coined the Greatest off-spinner of All Time — GOAT — acronym for Lyon, after he became the most successful Australian off-spinner in Tests. Lyon, apparently, was not so chuffed about the moniker, and was waiting for an opportune time to exact revenge.

Living out of a bus

Hopping from one venue to the other in England consumes a lot of time. Though some of the Australian cricketers are happy that it doesn't involve spending time at the airport and on flights, they still have to fight boredom.

So they have devised means to fight tedium — to play cards, specifically card game '31'. At the back of the bus, they have fixed about eight seats and squeezed in a table. "Sometimes, there aren't

enough seats for all of us. At times, there are 15 of us," Pat Cummins told Fox Sports. The bus has almost become their sanctuary. "It is a great place to relax. We always play the card game '31', which is basic but easy for a big group to play. At the back of the bus, we have about eight seats around a table which always becomes the cards table. There are TVs to watch the World Cup, and a good coffee machine that gets a decent workout," he adds.

Best chums, ready for face-off

Virat Kohli and Marcus Stoinis are RCB chums, besides bumping into each other on the international circuit. Fair enough to explain their mateship. But it apparently dates back to their late teens. They met through mutual friend Shreyans Jain, who grew up with Kohli in India before moving to attend Perth's Hale High school with Stoinis. When Kohli visited Australia on tours such as with India's under-19s, the trio would train together in suburban Perth.

Stoinis says he detected the spark right from those days. "You could tell (Kohli) was a jet at that stage. He's a great bloke. Mate, anyone that has a bad word to say



CATCH OF THE MATCH

A Bangladeshi supporter takes a catch off Jason Roy in Cardiff. Reuters

about him doesn't actually know him," he says. Like a good friend, he understands Kohli's hyper-aggro on the field. "You'll see him with a lot of passion, you'll see him screaming and shouting, but he'll never swear at a player, he never really sleds a player, he never really actually says

anything to a player," he says. He also dwells light on Kohli's other big passion than cricket. "He enjoys chilling out playing FIFA (on PlayStation), or just talking. He enjoys a deep and meaningful conversation. He enjoys learning and getting to know people. But he

doesn't have much time off — he's a sought-after man in India."

Rewind before forward march

Rewind and reboot. That's been Mitchell Starc's mantra as he prepared for the World Cup, trying to replicate his deadly form from the 2015 edition. The Australian paceman and his coaches spent months watching videos of his performances from the previous World Cup, where he was player of the tournament, taking 22 wickets with an average of 10.18. Starc has been through more downs than ups since, especially 2018 where he struggled for rhythm and confidence. Andrew Adams, his bowling coach at New South Wales, told AAP that they tried to make him 'feel like' he did in 2015 in the run up to this edition of the World Cup by watching replays of his spells that were critical in Australia reclaiming the title four years ago.

Moeen weighs in on loyalty test

Little seems to have changed in over 29 years, possibly much to Norman Tebbit's chagrin. Way back in April 1990, Lord Tebbit, a Tory politician, had called for a test of national loyalty for the South Asian and Caribbean immigrants and their children who were

British nationals. Lord Tebbit suggested that the immigrants, who support their native countries during a game of cricket involving England, were yet to be integrated into their adopted home.

Lord Tebbit is now 88 years old, and as England is hosting the 2019 ICC World Cup, The Times (London) emphatically declared a few days ago: "Asian fans at the Cricket World Cup hit Tebbit test for six". The newspaper put out some figures. "...more than 40% of tickets sold for the Cricket World Cup have been snapped up by fans of Asian origin cheering on other countries". It also mentioned that the demand from British Asians for the India versus Pakistan fixture at Old Trafford on June 16 has been so high that "almost 600,000 supporters applied for the 25,000 seats available".

Moeen Ali in his World Cup blog for The Guardian said he did not feel it was a big deal if people of Asian origin settled in the United Kingdom support their 'home side'. "Firstly, it doesn't actually matter if someone who was born in the UK supports another country. If people have a strong affiliation to Pakistan, for example, through their roots, why can't they support them? Who cares, right? People following cricket is the important thing."

Ali, however, clarified that he always supported England first. **ENS**

Dravid given NCA reins, will monitor junior teams and chart roadmap

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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FORMER INDIA captain Rahul Dravid has been put in charge of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, an all-encompassing role which will make him the point man to groom the next generation of cricketers. His new designation is likely to be 'head of cricket' and responsibilities will include monitoring the progress of the India 'A' and the under-19 teams, charting out a development programme for junior squads and the women's team, appointment of coaches for the NCA and zonal cricket academies and overseeing the injury management of contracted players.

In addition to this, the coaches of the India under-19 and India 'A' teams will report to the former India No.3. Dravid coached both the teams since 2015, but with him set to take up the new role at the NCA, the task of coaching the junior teams have been assigned to former India pacer Paras Mhambrey and former wicket-keeper Abhay Sharma for now.



Rahul Dravid will be the point man when it comes to grooming the next generation of players. Express File

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Mhambrey will travel with the under-19 team to England and Sharma will be in charge of India 'A', which will tour the West Indies. Dravid will travel to both England and West Indies in July for a limited number of days while the teams are on tour. The Committee of Administrators is set make a formal announcement on Dravid's appointment after their next meeting.

Dravid will also have a key role when it comes to rehabilitation and injury management of contracted players, who travel to the NCA for recovery. Dravid will not only monitor

their progress but will also give feedback to the Indian team management about the fitness of a player who is making a comeback after an injury. "He (Dravid) will look after the development programme for the India 'A', under-19 teams and the women's team. The NCA is a high-performance centre and with Dravid in charge, players even coaches will benefit. He will appoint coaches at the NCA and ZCA. He will conduct interviews and plan the way forward for juniors. He will travel as head of cricket when the India A and under-19 teams are touring," said a BCCI source.

Dravid in his role as India 'A' and under-19 coach has groomed players including India under-19 captain Prithvi Shaw, opener Mayank Agarwal and middle-order batsman Hanuma Vihari and they have seamlessly transitioned into Test cricket. All-rounder Vijay Shankar, who is part of the World Cup squad and 19-year-old batsman Shubman Gill, one of the most promising batsmen, have also been coached by the former Indian captain. Dravid was the coach of the India Under-19 squad which beat Australia for the title last year in New Zealand.

THREE MUMBAI LEAGUE TEAMS WANT ACTION AGAINST OWNER WHO APPROACHED PLAYER

Mumbai: Three team owners have written to the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) seeking strict action against another who had approached a player to under-perform in the T20 Mumbai league. The approach was made before the semifinals by a rival team's owner in the tournament hosted by the MCA last month. Earlier this week, *The Indian Express* had reported that this particular Ranji Trophy player had informed his state unit of the same.

On Saturday, Rajdip Gupta, owner of North Mumbai Panthers that won the league this season, sent an e-mail to the MCA seeking clarification on this issue. Gupta has also requested the association and Probability Sports, that runs the league, to hold a joint meeting with the owners. According to MCA sources, two

other owners have also written similar letters. "We came to know about this incident after reports emerged in the print media. This comes as a shock for us. We would like to know the MCA and Probability sports' stand on this issue. It's a zero tolerance incident and we believe that strict action must be taken against the concerned parties," Gupta wrote in an email sent to the MCA's ad-hoc committee and Probability Sports.

MCA ad-hoc committee had a meeting on the issue on Thursday and has referred the matter to BCCI's anti-corruption unit to take further course of action.

The second edition of the Mumbai T20 League was held at the Wankhede Stadium from May 14 to May 26. The matches were telecast on Star Sports.

DEVENDRA PANDEY

Thiem sets up French Open final rematch with Nadal

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC'S 26-match Grand Slam winning streak ended with a dramatic 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 loss Saturday to Dominic Thiem in a rain-interrupted French Open semifinal that spanned more than four hours over two days. Thiem wasted two match points with quick unforced errors when serving for the victory at 5-4 in the fifth, but he made his third chance count, smacking a forehand winner to break Djokovic in the last game.

The top-ranked Djokovic had trouble with Thiem, to be sure, but also with the weather, with the chair umpire and with his odd propensity for heading to the net much more often than usual, including some serve-and-volleying that often failed.

He was stopped two victories short of collecting his fourth consecutive major championship, a run that began on the grass at Wimbledon last July, then continued on the hard courts of the U.S. Open and Australian Open. Instead, it is Thiem, an Austrian ranked No. 4, who now gets a chance to win his first Grand Slam trophy on the red clay of Roland Garros. Thiem will face 11-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal on Sunday in a rematch of last year's final. Nadal won that one, part of an 8-4 lead for the Spaniard in their head-to-head series.

"All the time, if someone reaches the finals here, it's against Rafa," Thiem joked.

It will be the fourth straight day that Thiem is in action because of postponements, whereas Nadal will be well-rested, having played his quarterfinal Tuesday and his semifinal Friday, when he beat Roger Federer 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. The women's final followed Thiem-Djokovic at Court Philippe Chatrier on Saturday, with No. 8 seed Ash Barty of Australia against unseeded 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic. Neither had ever participated in a major singles final.

On Friday, Thiem had just broken Djokovic to go up a break at 3-1 in the third set when their match was suspended because of a shower. They resumed 18 hours later, in dry, breezy conditions. The wind that was so fierce Friday, spreading loose, rust-colored clay dust from the court surface all over the place, making for something that seemed like a sandstorm, was much more manageable Saturday. It rippled players' shirts, yes, but did not cause havoc with serve tosses and shots the way it had the evening prior. They repeatedly engaged in long and entertaining baseline exchanges that lasted 10 shots, 20 shots or more. They used speed and anticipation to track down each other's shots. They walloped the ball from all angles.

The very longest of these tended to go Djokovic's way: He won 37 of 61 points (61% of nine or more strokes. For whatever reason, Djokovic felt compelled to try to shorten points on occasion, hardly his usual strategy

Barty ends a four-decade drought

23-year-old beats teenager Vondrousova to become first Australian to win French Open since 1973

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
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ASHLEIGH BARTY ended Australia's 46-year wait for a French Open singles title on Saturday by thrashing nervous Czech teenager Marketa Vondrousova in a one-sided women's final. Eighth seed Barty got off to a strong start and never looked back, winning 6-1, 6-3 after only 70 minutes to claim her maiden Grand Slam title.

The 23-year-old will rise to second in the world behind only Naomi Osaka when the latest rankings are released next week, after becoming the first Australian winner at Roland Garros since Margaret Court won the last of her five trophies in 1973.

She will be best-ranked Australian woman since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1976. "It's unbelievable, I'm a little bit speechless. I played the perfect match today. I'm so proud of myself and my team, it's been an incredible two weeks," said Barty.

"It's a special place for Australians here. Sam (Stosur) has done well here before and come so close. It's been a magical two weeks." Barty, who famously took a break from tennis to play professional cricket in 2015, struck 27 winners past an opponent riddled with nerves. The 19-year-old Vondrousova saw her bid to become the first teenage Grand Slam champion since Maria Sharapova won the 2006 US Open come to a tame end, as the world number 38 made 22 unforced errors, against a mere 10 winners.

"Congratulations to you and your team, you gave me a lesson," Vondrousova said to Barty at the trophy presentation.

"Even though I didn't get the win today, I'm really happy with everything."

Almost 90 minutes after the match was due to start, the players made their way onto Court Philippe Chatrier, after Dominic Thiem's thrilling five-set win over Novak Djokovic in the men's semi-finals forced Barty and Vondrousova to endure a nervous wait. The scheduling had already been criticised on Friday as a sexism row erupted when the women's semis were moved away from the showpiece Chatrier court.

In fact, this was the first match on the premier Roland Garros arena in Vondrousova's career, although she did have a brief practice session on Saturday morning. The tension got the better of the Czech early on, as she double faulted to gift Barty two break points, before firing long to put her opponent 2-0 ahead. Barty, who also reached the Australian Open quarter-finals earlier this year, consolidated the break with a confident love hold, leaving Vondrousova firmly on the back foot after only seven minutes of play.

Another break followed as Vondrousova threatened to fall apart, but she settled down and got herself on the scoreboard. Barty quickly got back on track, and wrapped up the first set after only 29 minutes with a crunching forehand winner. Vondrousova had it all to do in the second set having managed just two winners in the opener, but she contrived to drop serve again at the first time of asking.



Ashleigh Barty, who will rise from 8th to World No 2 rankings, with the French Open title on Saturday. Reuters

Another year, another first-time champion

With a win over fellow first-timer Marketa Vondrousova, Ashleigh Barty became the ninth woman to capture a maiden Grand Slam in the last 15 Majors. It was also the fourth straight French Open to be won by a first-time champion, after Garbine Muguruza, Jelena Ostapenko and Simona Halep. Here's a look.

FIRST-TIME WOMEN'S SLAM CHAMPS AND FINALISTS, BY DECADE

Decade	Finalists	Winners
2010s	25	15
2000s	12	9
1990s	13	9
1980s	11	4
1970s	20	8
AT FRENCH OPEN		
2010s	10	6

THE 80s were largely dominated by Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert. Steffi Graf burst on the scene in the late 80s and along with Monica Seles, ran roughshod in the 90s. Williams sisters came into their own in the noughts, but with the two slowing down, battles at the top of women's

tennis this decade have been unpredictable, and the Grand Slams have often been free-for-all affairs. Nine of the last 15 Majors have been won by first-timers.



THERE HAVE been 25 first-time finalists this decade and 15 fresh champions. French Open has accounted for the majority in both columns, with 10 first-time finalists and six winners, the latest being Ashleigh Barty. The state of affairs on the men's side is a stark contrast. Since Rafael Nadal won his first French Open in 2005, five men have won 53 Grand Slams (Nadal, Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Stanislas Wawrinka). Only Juan Martin del Potro and Marin

Cilic were able to momentarily challenge the hegemony with a slam each.

THE WOMEN'S field remains especially open at French Open due to the lack of a clay-court specialist. From 1980 to 2000, the red clay in Paris was ruled by Chris Evert, Steffi Graf, Monica Seles and Arantxa Sanchez, who accounted for 16 titles. The last specialist was Justine Henin who won four titles between 2003 and 2007. Perhaps the greatest men's clay-court player Rafael Nadal, meanwhile, has won eleven French Open titles in the last 14 years, and with Dominic Thiem in his second successive final, the future on clay remains secure.

KING'S CUP

India beat hosts Thailand 1-0 in Stimac's first victory in charge

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A NEW-LOOK Indian football team beat hosts Thailand 1-0 to hand head coach Igor Stimac his first win and finish third in the King's Cup tournament here Saturday.

Stimac made as many as eight changes from the starting eleven which lost to Curacao 1-3 in their previous match on Wednesday with key players like Sunil Chhetri, Udanta Singh and goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu sitting at the bench.

Only Sandesh Jhingnan, who led the side, Rahul Bheke and Subhashish Bose retained their places, but India still won the match through a 17th minute strike from midfielder Anirudh

Thapa in the third-place match at the Thunder Castle stadium. This is India's second win over Thailand this year, having beaten the War Elephants in a group match of the AFC Asian Cup in the UAE in January.

India had three players from that Asian Cup match in Jhingnan, Subhashish Bose and Thapa while five Thai players -- Theerathon Bunmathan, Tristan Do, Thitiphan Puangchan, Jaidev Supachai and captain Teerasil Dangda -- survived from that team.

Amrinder Singh replaced Gurpreet under the bar, with Adil Khan, Thapa, Vinit Rai, Farukh Choudhary, Balwant Singh coming into the starting eleven, along with Amarjit Singh and Raynier Fernandes.

Thapa, who had also scored in India's last meeting against Thailand in the Asian Cup,

silenced the hostile home supporters with his goal in the 17th minute. Following a free-kick, Adil latched onto a loose clearance at the top of the Thai box, and played it deftly behind the defence line for Thapa to put India into the lead. Adil, in fact, could have broken the deadlock in the sixth minute itself but his powerful header sailed over the crossbar.

Stimac said the win was due to excellent defending. "That (defending) was fantastic. I was a defender playing at the top level. I can show a few things to the boys, and that is what we have been doing in the last two weeks -- explaining things to the players, and working on the pitch," he said.

"In the second half, Thailand were very organised. They were trying to attack from the wings, and put quality crosses. But my defend-

ers were fantastic today. It was just not possible for Thailand to score today with my defenders working like this," said the Croatian World Cup bronze winner.

He said the game could have gone either way. "After we scored the goal, we allowed Thailand to take possession. We did not insist on possession. We tried to hold, and hurt them on counter attacks. Off one such counter, we could have finished the game in the first-half itself. But two of my players were a little bit indecisive in front of the goalkeeper," the Croatian said later.

In the 21st minute, Thai skipper Dangda's powerful back-volley found the target, but he was ruled offside. The hosts switched the gear after the half-hour mark but the Indian defenders, led by Jhingnan, showed their resilience to

keep them at bay.

Adil, who had an impressive match along with Thapa, denied the lethal duo of Terrasil and Tristan twice.

India had their best opportunity to double the lead at the stroke of the half-time. Adil played a long ball for Farukh who beat the offside trap, and ran onto the rival box. But as he hesitated and passed it to onrushing Balwant Singh, rival defender Theerathon recovered in time to make the clearance.

Changing over, Thailand came out all guns blazing, but the Indians defended stubbornly. Farukh came very close to scoring his first international goal in the 50th minute but his effort from 20 yards bounced off the post. On the rebound, Balwant's right-footed shot hit the side-netting.

BRIEFLY

NBA Finals: Leonard, Raptors win Game 4

The veteran big man with a history of overpowering opponents in the NBA postseason returned to the forefront Friday night. But while Golden State Warriors fans had hoped that might be their own Kevin Durant in Game 4 of the NBA Finals, in fact it turned out to be the opponent's Serge Ibaka. Ibaka revived his glory days with 20 points off the bench to complement teammate Kawhi Leonard's usual brilliance in a 105-92 victory that lifted the Toronto Raptors within one win of their first championship. Leonard scored 17 of his game-high 36 points in a decisive third quarter, and a scrambling Toronto defense harassed Warriors star Stephen Curry into 2-for-9 shooting on 3-pointers, delivering the two-time defending champions a loss that puts them in a 3-1 hole in the best-of-seven series.

France start Cup campaign with win

Hosts France laid down a marker in the opening game of the women's World Cup as towering defender Wendie Renard scored twice in a convincing 4-0 win over South Korea to kick off the tournament in style in Paris on Friday. A sell-out crowd of 45,261 filled the Parc des Princes to watch the start of what is billed as the biggest women's World Cup yet, but there was no sign of the pressure getting to the French. Les Bleues are among the favourites to win the trophy on home soil and they showed no mercy to the Koreans, with the prolific Eugenie Le Sommer giving them an early lead and Renard -- the tallest player at the tournament -- twice heading home before the interval.

Spain, Portugal eye hosting 2030 WC

Spain and Portugal's football associations announced on Saturday they are looking into the idea of bidding to stage the World Cup in 2030, without Morocco who had earlier been cited as a potential partner. "After holding several meetings in recent weeks, the football federations of Spain and Portugal confirm that they will begin a thorough process of analysis on the possibility of presenting a joint bid to organise the 2030 World Cup," a statement said. "Both federations want to take the opportunity to communicate that the governments of both countries are adequately informed about the process, as they will play a fundamental part of their development," it added. The announcement comes after Spain prime minister Pedro Sanchez proposed in November a venture along with the north African country.

Erdogan best man at Ozil's wedding

Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was in the wedding party as Arsenal's Ozil tied the knot on Friday. State-run Anadolu news agency said Erdogan and his wife, Emine, were legal witnesses for Ozil, who married model, actress and former Miss Turkey Amine Gulse in Istanbul. Secular Turkish weddings require a witness each for the bride and groom. Ozil, a German player of Turkish descent, quit Germany's football team last year after he was criticized for posing for a photograph with Erdogan before the World Cup. In his international retirement announcement, Ozil accused the German federation, its president, fans, and media for what he saw as racism in how it treated people with Turkish roots. AGENCIES