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AAP govt. benefited discoms, says Sheila

NEW DELHI

The Delhi Congress on Saturday alleged that the AAP government had benefited power discoms by coaxing tenants into installing separate power meters. DPCC president Sheila Dikshit said that the Arvind Kejriwal government was "looting consumers" by levying higher "fixed charges".

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Monsoon finally arrives in Kerala

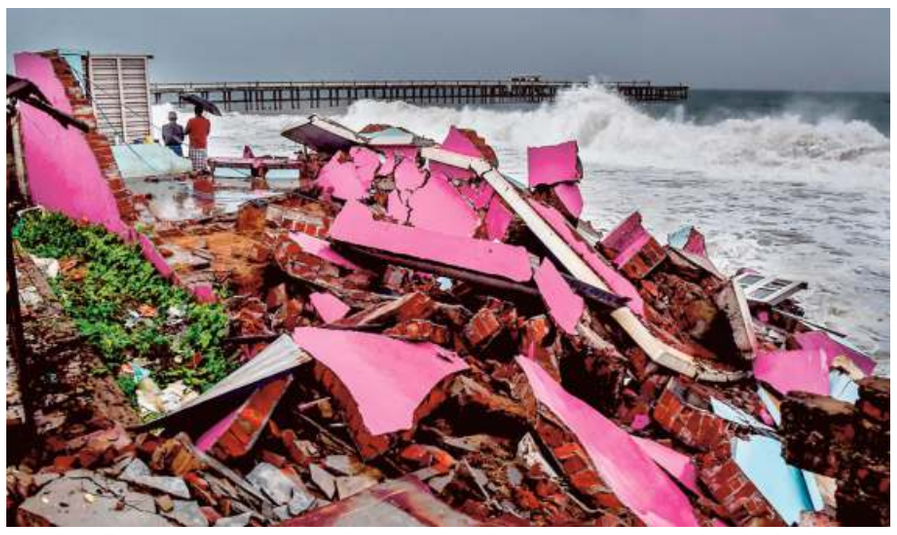
It is a week later than the normal onset date of June 1; criteria met, says IMD

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The monsoon has arrived in Kerala, a week later than its normal onset date of June 1.

"There has been good pre-monsoon rainfall over the last 48 hours, and other criteria are met. So we are declaring onset today," M. Mohapatra, senior forecaster at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), told *The Hindu*. "Good rains are expected in the next 48 hours."

Mr. Mohapatra, however, also cautioned that a developing cyclonic storm system in the Arabian Sea could potentially hamper the monsoon's normal progress along India's western coast. "If this system moves north-north westwards, it could help the monsoon's ascent. But if it moves towards the Oman coast, it could temporarily obstruct the monsoon," he added.



Rain fury: The remnants of a house that came down in the first monsoon rain at Valiyathura in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday. ▪ S. GOPAKUMAR

A low pressure area is likely to form along the Kerala-Karnataka coasts in the south-east and east-central Arabian Sea by Monday, the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) said on Saturday, quoting an IMD advisory. The SEOC has warned fishermen not to venture into the sea till Wednesday, as squally weather is expected in the southwest Arabian Sea and along Kanyakumari, the Gulf of Mannar, and the Maldives region.

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India, Maldives sign six key agreements

Bilateral ties are older than history, says Modi

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Maldives on Saturday, his first state visit abroad since being re-elected to office, was marked by the signing of six key agreements and substantive bilateral level talks, reaffirming cooperation between the two countries.

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih conferred upon Mr. Modi the Maldives' highest honour – the Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen.

Addressing the Maldivian parliament, the Majlis, Mr. Modi said the relations between India and the Maldives are older than history. "Today I want to emphasise that every Indian is with you for the strengthening of democracy in the Maldives," he said.

'A threat to civilisation'

Stressing the need for global cooperation in combating terror, he said terrorism is not just a threat to a country but to the entire civilisation. "It is very unfortunate that people are still making the mistake of distinguishing between good terrorists and bad terrorists," he said.

"State sponsorship of terrorism is the biggest threat the world is facing today," Mr. Modi said, adding, "Combating terrorism and radicalization is the most accurate test of the leadership in the world."

The Memoranda of Understanding covered areas such as hydrography, health, passenger and cargo services by sea, capacity-building in customs and civil service training.

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First stop: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being received at the Male airport on Saturday. ▪ PTI

Highest honour for PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COLOMBO

In a gesture of goodwill, showing Male's regard for the Indian Prime Minister, the Maldivian government honoured Mr. Modi with 'The Most Honourable Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen', the highest honour conferred by Male on foreign dignitaries.

Meanwhile, even as the countries discuss possible cooperation in cricket, Mr. Modi presented President Solih, a cricket enthusiast himself, with a cricket bat signed by the Indian team currently playing the World Cup series in England.

Golden langur to get fruits of MGNREGA

₹27.24 lakh project to plant trees in Assam forest to help the endangered primate

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

For the first time since it became law in 2005, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) will have non-human beneficiaries – the rare golden langur (*Trachypithecus geei*) in a reserve forest in western Assam's Bongaigaon district.

On June 5, the district authorities launched a ₹27.24-lakh project under the MGNREGA to plant guava, mango, blackberry and other fruit trees to ensure that the resident golden langurs of the 17 sq.km. Kakoijana Reserve Forest do not have to risk their lives to find food. Several golden langurs have died due to electrocution and in road accidents while looking for food beyond the reserve forests.

A richer habitat: A baby golden langur with its mother in Guwahati zoo. ▪ AP

Community-based plan

Community-based conservation by local NGOs involving 34 villages around the reserve helped the low golden langur population in Kakoijana rise to 500 by 2015. But scarce food saw some of them set up colonies in forest patches such as Malegarh, Nigamghola and Bhumeshwar nearby.

"This is the first time MGNREGA is being used with a focus on food for a primate species. The project entails planting 10,575 saplings and seedlings of fruit-bearing trees," Adil Khan, Deputy Commissioner, told *The Hindu* from Bongaigaon.The Assam Forest Department and local communities will maintain the saplings.

Wildlife activists have lauded the Bongaigaon administration's step, but said the effort can be sustained only if Kakoijana is declared a wildlife sanctuary.

"Kakoijana was once contiguous with the Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, about 40 km away and straddling adjoining Dhubri and Kokrajhar districts. The joint forest management approach for Kakoijana, enabling people to interfere, is not a long-term solution," said Soumyadeep Dutta of the green group Nature's Beckon.

"The scattering of golden langurs in small groups is not a good sign. The primate needs to be concentrated in viable areas such as Kakoijana," Mr. Dutta said.

Officials said there are about 1,400 golden langurs, currently classified as endangered, in India.

Scribe arrested for tweet in U.P.

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

A freelance journalist was booked on Saturday by the Uttar Pradesh police on charges of trying to malign the image of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath by allegedly posting an "objectionable comment" on Twitter.

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ED set to move Interpol against Naik

DEVESH K. PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate will soon send requests for an Interpol Red Notice against preacher Zakir Naik and his extradition from Malaysia after securing a non-bailable warrant against him from a Mumbai special court.

The court has taken cognisance of the chargesheet filed by the agency against Naik and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The next date of hearing is June 19, when it expects to get a warrant.

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India asks Pak. to exempt PM's flight

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India has requested Pakistan that Prime Minister Narendra Modi be allowed to fly through its airspace to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting in Bishkek, scheduled for June 13 and 14, despite the restrictions it had imposed on flights from and through the country.

The two countries had made an exemption for each other's Foreign Ministers last month.

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- Gender-based budgeting
- Special schemes to provide jobs for transgender
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Delhi Palam Tomorrow
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IN BRIEF

Woman, 2 children die in Faridabad building fire

CHANDIGARH

A woman and her two children suffocated to death after a fire broke out in a three-storeyed building that housed a playschool and a cloth shop in Haryana's Faridabad on Saturday, the police said.

They said that the fire had broken out in the cloth shop on the ground floor of the building at Dabua Colony here, resulting in a thick smoke that engulfed the upper floors where the family lived and ran a playschool. The cloth shop was being run by the woman's husband.

'I'll see you in 10-15 minutes'

More than a year after losing the love of her life, Ankit Saxena's last words to her still haunt Shehzadi. The 19-year-old talks about that fateful evening, a forced engagement in the middle of a three-year romance, meeting her jailed parents, and her transformation into a woman in charge of her life

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI

"I miss Ankit so much. I will never get over him. I blame myself for everything that happened to him and my family. But sometimes, I wonder how a naive and submissive girl like me, who was always dependent on others, is now taking care of herself and her sister."

It's been more than a year since she lost the love of her life, Ankit Saxena, who was allegedly murdered by her family because they were against their cross-faith relationship. Today, Shehzadi has finally decided to speak out – about that evening of loss, a forced and broken engagement, meeting her jailed parents, and transformation into a woman who has taken charge of her life.

Ankit, 23, was killed on February 1, 2018, and the police arrested Shehzadi's immediate family members for the crime. Since then, life has been a roller-coaster ride for the 19-year-old.

She shifted house thrice, took up a call centre job in Noida and moved into a paying guest accommodation where she stayed for six months. Her 13-year-old sister stayed with her aunt during this period. "Then, my sister told me that I should either keep her with me or kill her. So, I shifted to where my maternal aunt lives and rented a house nearby, where the two of us stay," she told *The Hindu*.

Six months ago, Shehzadi met her jailed parents for the first time. "My mother said she couldn't understand me. My father hasn't spoken about the incident... I met my mother a day before Id and gave her a salwar-suit," she says.

Case so far

- **Ankit Saxena (23)** was allegedly killed by Shehzadi's family on the evening of **February 1, 2018**
- Shehzadi's family, including mother Shehnaz, father Akbar Ali and maternal uncle Mohd. Saleem, were arrested on **February 2**
- The chargesheet was filed in the court on **May 1, 2018** in which the police submitted a list of 32 witnesses, including doctors and police officers
- The accused (Shehzadi's parents) are currently lodged in jail

FROM THE CHARGESHEET:

"He used to often come near our house. Whenever we asked, he would say he had come to meet a friend. We asked him several times to stop. To end the everyday bickering, I picked up my butcher knife and left the house"
SHEHZADI'S FATHER'S STATEMENT

"Ankit fell on the ground near a paan shop. When I tried to help him, he kept his hand on my shoulder and told me that Shehzadi was at the Tagore Garden metro station. He said I should take her to the police station and he would meet us there in five minutes"
ANKIT'S FRIEND'S STATEMENT

And, yet, the memories of that fateful February evening continue to haunt her. "My family was going to send me away, to our village in Saharanpur on February 2. I asked my younger sister to go to a booth and call Ankit. He told her *usko bolo kaise bhi karke ghar se nikal jaye* (tell her to leave the house somehow). I was in my nightclothes when my sister told me this. I locked the house and left," she says.

Recollects the day

With just ₹30 in hand, she took a rickshaw to the Tagore Garden metro station and borrowed a tea-seller's phone to call Ankit. Her next two calls went unanswered. After three more futile attempts, Ankit's mother answered: "Usko maar diya (They killed him)."

However, Ankit's friends who came to pick her up from the metro station and women officers she was with calmed her down telling her that he is only injured and they'll make her meet him soon.

For the next two days, Shehzadi was at a shelter home, in a daze. "A police officer asked me to forget everything that had happened. I told him I want to meet Ankit. Three female officers who were present gestured to him that they hadn't told me yet. That's when he said Ankit was no more," she says.

Shehzadi and Ankit had known each other since she was in Class 4, and they fell in love when she was in Class 11. Smiling shyly, the 19-year-old recalls that Ankit also proposed to her. She says that while she wanted to agree with all her heart, they had a conversation about that the problems their relationship might cause.

"I told him that my parents would never agree to this relationship because he was a Hindu. He joked that we will not get serious. But he made me believe that we shouldn't believe in such orthodox notions... I thought the situation could be managed," she says.

The couple went out together only twice during their three-year-long relationship – to Bangla Sahib gurdwara and a birthday party. Fighting back tears, Shehzadi says that "used to stay on call 24x7... even sleep while on call".

Objection from parents

The road was not smooth though. Once her mother found about her relationship with Ankit, her parents beat her up. Shehzadi then promised she wouldn't keep in touch with him. That promise lasted just three months.

The second time, her mother saw her standing in the gallery while Ankit was downstairs. This time, the mother drank phenyl in an attempt to end her life.

"I told Ankit I am not so brave to fight such circumstances. He said he would handle everything. We got back together," she says. Ankit then gave her a phone, she says, which she hid in her school bag. But then, her brother saw the two together on Ankit's bike while returning from their first date to Bangla Sahib. This time, her mother got her engaged in November 2016 to a man who was 10 years older.

Fortunately for her, she says, the engagement broke after two-three months because she convinced her parents that she wanted to study further. By this time, she had taken her Class 12 exams. Soon, Shehzadi enrolled in a nursing institute and was also allowed to help in managing her mother's beauty parlour.

"One day, when I was in the parlour, a female friend of Ankit's told me that he wanted to talk to me and that he's had enough. I called him and he said he wanted to meet. We met in a park a few days after that call," she says. Ankit said he wanted to marry her and that he would speak to her parents about it. "I was happy but told him that my parents wouldn't agree," she says.

"In late January, Ankit was dropping me home from my institute when my brother saw us. A few days later, he told my mother. This time, I was not scolded or thrashed. I was told that I would be taken to Saharanpur to get married," she says.

Two days later, in the evening of February 1, Shehzadi walked out of her house. On the way, she called Ankit borrowing the rickshaw-puller's phone.

"I'll see you in 10-15 minutes," he told her. It was to be their last conversation.

Glitch delays Yellow Line services by 90 minutes

People face exit problems on Aqua Line

Commuters complained about the series of glitches that have disrupted the Metro services recently.
▪ FILE PHOTO: SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

PALLAVI KESWANI
LYDIA JAYAKUMAR
NEW DELHI

Services on the Delhi Metro's Yellow Line were disrupted on Saturday following a power failure in the stretch between New Delhi and Chawri Bazar metro stations.

Officials of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation said that leakage from a water pipeline resulted in the power supply getting tripped on the Central Secretariat-Kashmere Gate section of the corridor.

Commuters travelling on the corridor were severely affected due to the glitch that happened around 5 p.m. and lasted for nearly 90 minutes.

Diksha Sahni (17), who was travelling from Rohini to Saket, said, "My train got extremely crowded. I got separated from my mother. She is in the metro right now and I have been waiting at Patel Chowk station for the last 45 minutes."

Officials said that trains were run in loops between Huda City Centre and Central Secretariat and Kashmere Gate and Samaypur Badli, while the snag lasted.

Karisma Chopra (20) said, "The trains were very crowded and hence I got off at Rajiv Chowk metro station. It has been almost an hour and I am still waiting."

Kiran Jain, a housewife, who was travelling from Huda City Centre to Central Secretariat, said, "It took me two hours to reach Patel Chowk. Such snags have become common now. I feel that the metro authorities need to improve the services."

Commuters complained about the series of glitches that the Delhi Metro has been facing recently. A technical snag on the Yellow Line on May 21 had left several people stranded at Chhatarpur metro station.

Meanwhile, commuters travelling on the Noida-Greater Noida corridor were also affected when the AFC gates at Noida Sector 51 metro station of the Aqua Line malfunctioned. Officials of the Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) said that the glitch was due to a "software problem".

"There was a software problem due to which commuters travelling with smart cards had difficulty in exiting the station. However, it was resolved later. Any extra fare that the commuters might have been charged manually will be adjusted during their next trip," said a senior NMRC official.

AAP govt.'s Outcome Budget misleading: BJP

Challenges Arvind Kejriwal to a debate

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A day after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi released its Outcome Budget for 2019-2020, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleged it was "misleading" even as it challenged Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to a debate on his "development model for Delhi".

In response to Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's assertion that the exercise was an "achievement" in terms of governance for the AAP government, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari argued it was a "failed budget".

"The Delhi government has itself admitted that it has not been able to work successfully for the people of Delhi. Kejriwal's party is again trying to mislead the people with the Outcome Budget in view of the next Assembly election and to continue in power," he alleged.

"When Kejriwal could not give free Wi-Fi in four years, how will he provide free travel to women in metro [trains] and buses? How will a party, which could not even touch the targets fixed by itself seek votes from the people of Delhi again?" Mr. Tiwari said.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana alleged that the data presented by the AAP government was "misleading" and challenged Mr. Kejriwal to a debate.

DELHI TODAY

Talk: Health lecture on "Understanding arthritis, painless joint replacement & rapid recovery" by Dr. Rajeev. K Sharma, Chairman, Orthopaedics, Vimhans Nayati Hospital at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.

Music: Lok Prabaha, a musical evening, based on traditions of folklore of the country, will be presented in Bangla, by Mihir Bisakha Basu and Art Ensemble at Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.

Exhibition: 'I AM - Identity Art Marathon 2019', a solo show of photographs titled, 'Framed Emotions' by artist Manu Sharma at Academy of Fine Arts & Literature (AFAL), 4/6, Sirifort Institutional Area, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Culture: Udaan 2019, an annual cultural programme, will feature the performances in yoga, dance, music, theatre and martial arts, at Kamani Auditorium, Mandi House, 10:30 a.m.

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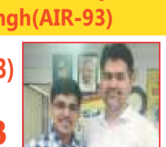

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TAMIL

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MARAVAR 34/162 Avittam BE MBA, IT Mngr, MNC divorcee no issue seeks employed Mukkulathor groom 9952917455

46 MBBS DPH TN Govt Divorcee 20 days only no issue, pure and mostly veg, Inter caste Father SC Mother Vanniyakulakshatriya, seeks MBBS / ME/ Neurologist/ Radiologist /Surgeon /MS age region Country Citizenship no bar cell 9443073954

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Nagercoil based well settled Hindu parents seeks Groom for their daughter, age 37/158 cm. Caste no bar. Contact : 8667336864

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HINDU NADAR B.COM ACA DISA Age26 165cm 1,00,000/– K A RamanNadar 9380791999 ramannadar2004@gmail.com

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Mudaliar Magam 29/157 Fair,B.Tech, Infosys Chennai seeks Professionally Qualified Groom,Sub Caste No Bar. Contact: 9444114972 / 044-26620241

MUDALIAR 28/165, BE MBA, fair, Pooram/ Chevvai, seeks Groom India/ Abroad 9443626706/ 9341274028.

SC 26/164, B.E MBA, Fair.Seeks working Govt / PVT Groom with good family.Ct:9444991091

TAMIL

REDDY 30 Attorney at Law California seeks suitable profile in California CNB Ct: Geetham 9884858014

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IRS(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER),HINDU,31, Caste no bar. Looking for suitable groom.mob– 8754971212

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SENGUNTHA MUDALIAR Uthiram 28/163, MBA, French National, Employed France,Seeks Equally Qualified France/USA groom. Cont:9894386532

SC/ AD 31 yrs 153 cms ME, unemployed, unmarried seeks suitable match. Ct no 7358644770

HINDU SOZHIYA Vellalar 35 / 160cm MBBS, Divorcee (No Child) Seeks MBBS, BDS, PG. Suitable groom, (No Child) good family Contact : 9500766577.

F–DKVSC, M–REDDY, Age:37 BA Slim Fair expects any diploma/degree, private/govt Business,Caste no bar, ct:9003225310 mail:ipmin2019@gmail.com

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SC AD, 29/ B.E, (EEE) Central Govt Job (Indian Oil Corporation), 70, 000 pm. Seeks Bride. 9486201000

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IN BRIEF

Woman's headless body found near metro station

NEW DELHI

An unidentified woman's headless body was found near the Jahangirpuri metro station on Saturday. The body was found wrapped in a blanket, kept inside a metal truck, which was affixed atop a cycle. The police suspect that the woman had been killed a few days ago as the body had decomposed.

Woman shot at over money dispute

NEW DELHI

A woman was shot at allegedly by a neighbour in South West Delhi's Vasant Kunj over a monetary dispute on Friday night, the police said on Saturday. The police have registered a case and begun probe. A senior police officer said the victim was identified as Sonali Singh, resident of Dewli working in a MNC in Gurugram, who was allegedly shot at by her friend's brother Rahul Singhal.

Man killed by former girlfriend's kin

NEW DELHI

A 25-year-old man was stabbed to death allegedly by his former girlfriend's family in North East Delhi's Khajuri Khas on Friday night. Four persons including two minors have been held in connection with the case.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (North East) R.P. Meena said that the victim has been identified as Naeem and the accused have been identified as Azeem, Muzammil.

They allegedly killed Naeem because they wanted him to stop his advances towards their relative Nazma who he was previously in relationship with but got married to Azeem in March, the police said.

Woman, boyfriend held for killing live-in partner

Arrest comes one month after murder; body found on June 5

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 38-year-old scrap dealer was killed, stuffed into a gunny bag and then thrown in a drain in Rohini's Aman Vihar over a month ago allegedly by his live-in partner. The accused woman had allegedly hatched the plan with her boyfriend and his friend.

Additional DCP (Rohini) Ingit Pratap Singh said that the victim has been identified as Munna Lal who was killed by his partner Komal (name changed), her boyfriend and Munna's former employee Rajender and their associate Tarun.

The police said that they found a decomposed body on June 5 in a drain in Ramesh Enclave. Preliminary investigation suggested that the man was a resident of nearby area. The police then checked the missing persons record from May 1 which showed that 32 people, including four males were reported missing. Munna was found who was reported missing by his wife on May 6. "She was remorseless and very casual in her approach. She also denied that the body was Munna's. His parents were then approached and his mother identified him," Mr. Singh said.

Not married

During investigation, it was revealed that Komal and Munna Lal were not legally married. They had three children and Komal had a daughter from her previous partner. Munna Lal suspected her of infidelity, the police were allegedly informed.

Further, the police obtained records of Munna's employees and found that one Rajender who used to work for Munna about six months ago had rejoined a day after Munna went missing. "Munna's brother revealed that on the night of May 4, he noticed Rajender, Komal and one Tarun ferrying a big gunny bag on a rickshaw," Mr. Singh said.

During interrogation, Tarun told the police that the three killed had Munna on May 4 by strangulating him in his sleep before hitting him with a dumb-bell. "It was revealed that Rajender used to work with Munna and used to visit the house often during which Komal and Rajender got close," the officer said.

'Women happy with free rides'

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Not a single woman he had spoken to during a padayatra here on Saturday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed, was unhappy with the Aam Aadmi Party government's proposal to provide free access to public transport to women commuters.

Foot march

Mr. Kejriwal made the claim during a public address at the conclusion of his foot march at South Delhi's Malviya Nagar Assembly constituency where he interacted with local residents, some of whom complained about power outages. Mr. Kejriwal also issued directions regarding the installation of an adequate number of transformers in the area to prevent any further distribution problems.

DU holds 'open day session' for female students

Highlights option of courses under Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Delhi University organised a 'special open day' for female students on Saturday. It highlighted the option of courses under the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board (NCWEB) and other courses specially for female students.

The NCWEB programme is an alternative for students who want to obtain degrees from the university but for various reasons cannot attend regular classes. These classes are held on weekends and during the academic breaks and are taught by teachers of the DU who are specially deputed for the task. Currently, there are 26 UG centres and one PG centre with approximately 32,000 students under this course, according to the admissions bulletin.

It offers primarily, B.A. programme which has 312 seats and B.Com which has 202 seats, and the final degree one receives is the same as regular students, officials said. Officials also advised students to identify colleges that are near their place of residence while selecting for admissions in order to ensure that they attended classes. Just as rest of DU, in order to attend examinations students require a minimum 66.6% attendance.

Meanwhile, the online application portal for foreign nationals has been advanced and will reopen between June 10 and June 25 for the second phase of admissions. Registrations for the admission of foreign students will take place through the Foreign Student's Registry website available at http://fsr.du.ac.in. For queries, applicants may approach the staff of the Foreign Students registry or call on 011-27666756.

No respite from heat

Women cover their faces on a hot Saturday afternoon in Delhi as the temperature crossed 44 degrees Celsius. ▪ R.V. MOORTHY

AAP govt. benefited discoms: Sheila

Cong. chief levels allegations of corruption against Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Congress unit on Saturday alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party government had benefited power discoms by coaxing people living in rented accommodations into installing separate power meters.

'Fixed charges'

Levelling allegations of corruption against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Sheila Dikshit said that the AAP government was in "connivance with power distribution companies" and was "looting consumers" by levying higher "fixed charges".

Demanding the government to not bill power consumers for the next six months, Ms. Dikshit said: "The Kejriwal government, in the name of providing relief to the common people, installed lakhs of new power meters to openly benefit the power companies. Earlier, bills used to be nominal but now, in the name of fixed charges, the government collected crores of rupees and gave it to the power discoms."

DPCC working president Haroon Yusuf said, "After the meters were installed, the fixed charge component of power tariff was raised causing a lot of trouble to the poor. In the last one-and-a-half years, the power companies have collected ₹7,401 crore from power consumers in the name of fixed charges."

A high-level delegation of the DPCC, headed by Ms. Dikshit, is likely to meet Mr. Kejriwal on Monday, added Rajesh Lilothia, DPCC working president.

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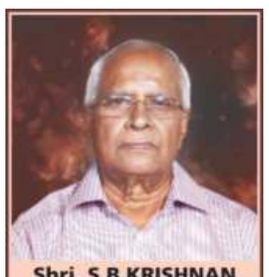

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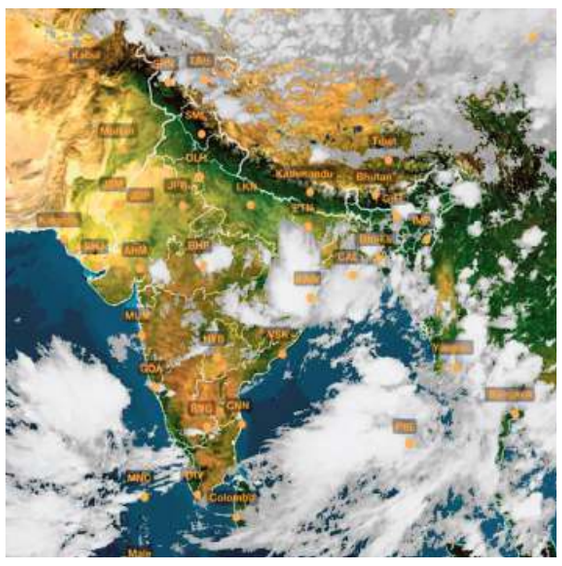

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Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Heat wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over north Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.2	26.0	Kozhikode	7.2	33.5	25.6
Ahmedabad	–	44.1	29.6	Kurnool	–	33.1	25.5
Aizawl	–	28.7	19.8	Lucknow	–	41.3	28.3
Allahabad	–	43.4	31.0	Madurai	41.8	40.0	25.3
Bengaluru	–	30.7	22.5	Mangaluru	1.7	34.7	26.3
Bhopal	–	45.1	31.6	Mumbai	–	35.4	29.6
Bhubaneswar	–	33.8	26.6	Mysuru	2	32.1	21.8
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Gangtok	2	23.0	17.7	Pune	–	39.5	24.1
Goa	–	34.8	27.5	Raipur	–	40.6	28.4
Guwahati	–	35.4	25.9	Ranchi	–	36.6	24.7
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Hyderabad	28	34.0	22.7	Shimla	–	28.5	17.5
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Kohima	3.6	32.7	16.2	Vijayawada	–	41.1	29.6
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(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

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Chennai	.5	.30	79	–	–	–
Delhi	31	.60	47	135	295	
Hyderabad	.2	.33	36	60	71	
Kolkata	.3	.16	11	38	43	
Lucknow	11	.26	88	128	–	
Mumbai	25	.20	75	19	49	
Pune	43	.20	29	75	74	
Visakhapatnam	12	.38	40	56	101	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ludhiana, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 317 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Haldia, West Bengal recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

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Exhume man's body, orders Jharkhand Minister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LATEHAR

Jharkhand Food Minister Saryu Rai on Saturday directed the Latehar administration to exhume the body of a 65-year-old man for post-mortem in the wake of allegations that he died of starvation three days ago.

Reports published in a section of the local media have claimed that Ramcharan Munda, a resident of Lurgumi Kala village in the district, died of starvation on Wednesday after being denied ration over the past two months, a charge denied by the administration.

Talking to reporters here, Mr. Rai said that he has taken a serious note of the allegation and directed the administration to follow strict protocol while carrying out an investigation into the case.

'No ration'

"If the reports are true and anybody is found guilty, he or she will be punished as per norms," he said, adding the probe would cover all aspects in the case, including the allegation that Munda did not receive ration for two months.

He appealed to the Opposition parties to refrain from politicising the issue.

Meanwhile, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of the Mahuadand block in the district, Sudhir Kumar Das, asserted that Munda did not die of starvation and that his family gets all facilities entitled to it. He also said the local ration dealer died three months ago, and his wife has taken charge of the public distribution system in the village.

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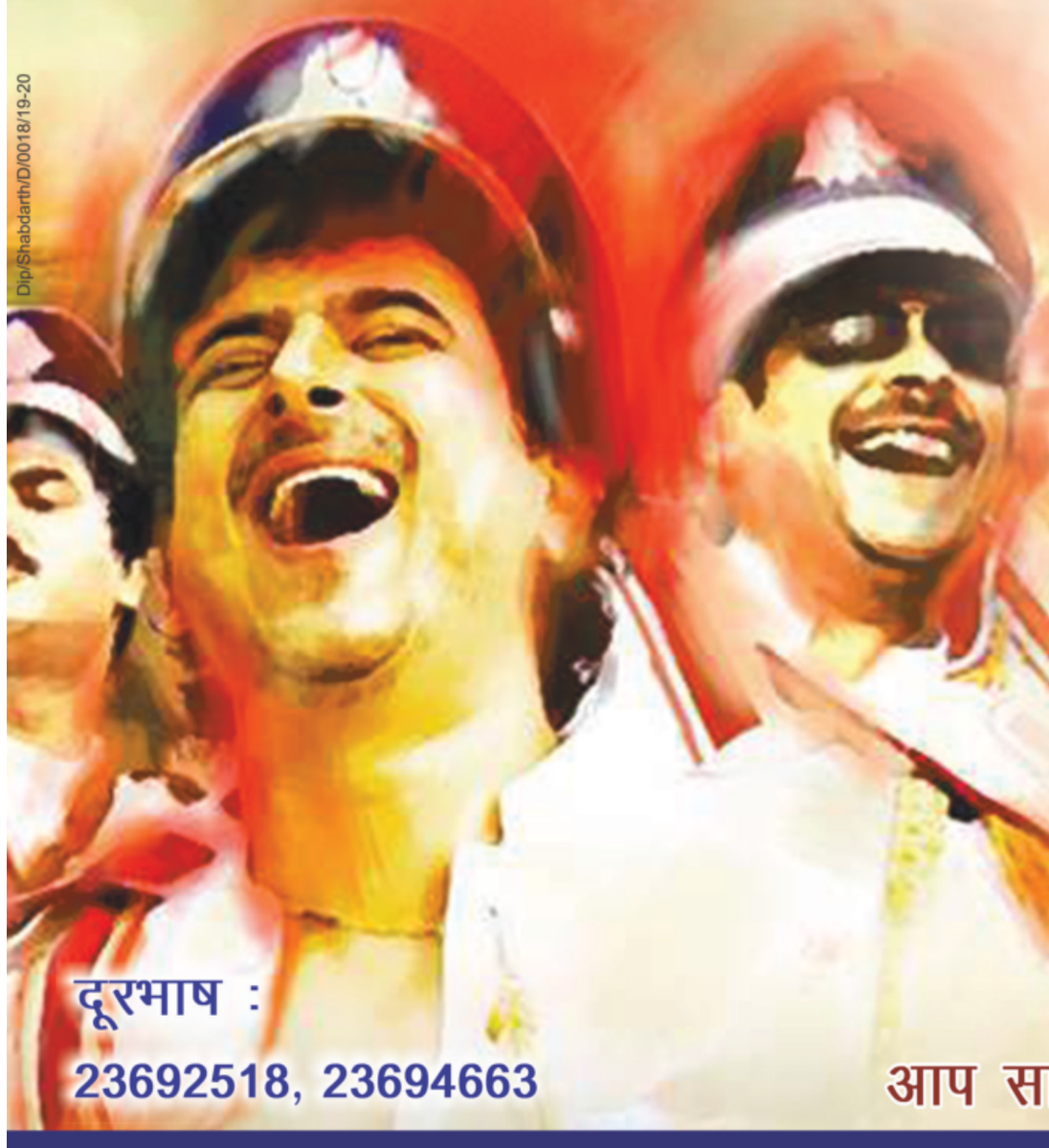

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IN BRIEF

₹98.66 crore fall in Sabarimala revenue

PATHANAMTHITTA

A report on the finances of the Travancore Devaswom Board submitted by the Devaswom accounts officer has pointed out a shortfall of ₹98,66,48,470 in the revenue collection at Sabarimala during the previous Mandalam-Makaravilakku season. The report says Supreme Court order permitting women of all age groups to enter Sabarimala, Nipah virus and August floods contributed to the dip in revenue.

Consensus likely in Kerala Congress(M)

KOTTAYAM

Kerala Congress(M) acting chairman P.J. Joseph has finally hinted at the possibility of thaw in the bitter factional feud over the election of the new party chairman and parliamentary party leader. Talking to presspersons here on Saturday, Mr. Joseph expressed his willingness to convene the parliamentary party and high-power committee meetings to discuss and settle the issue.

Bidar techie, child killed in accident in U.S.

BELAGAVI

A techie from Bidar and his three-year-old daughter were killed in a road accident in the U.S. on Thursday. Mukesh Deshmukh, 40, and his wife Monica, 35, were going to the beach with Divija to celebrate her birthday. Ms. Monica, who was driving, is said to have rammed into an oil tanker and the car caught fire in Columbus County, North Carolina. A passer-by helped Ms. Monica get out, Mukesh's brother Sunil Shivajirao Deshmukh told *The Hindu*. Mukesh and the child could not be saved. Mukesh was an IT engineer working off site for Wipro technologies.

'Kerala close to me like Varanasi'

PM says once elections are over, welfare of entire country becomes the goal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THRISSUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Kerala is as important to him as Varanasi, his own constituency.

Addressing an Abhinandan Sabha, a public meeting organised by the BJP State committee after his election for a second term at Guruvayur on Saturday, the Prime Minister congratulated the people for wholeheartedly taking part in the election process.

Earlier, Mr. Modi had darshan at the Sreekrishna temple in Guruvayur.

"Many political observers must have wondered why I chose Guruvayur for the first public meeting after the election when the BJP could not even open its account in the State," Mr. Modi said.

"There may be differences of opinion during polls. But once elected, welfare of the entire country is of paramount importance for a government. So I am taking this opportunity to congratulate those who tried for BJP's victory and those who did not," Mr. Modi said.

Gift of lotus: PM Narendra Modi during 'Thulabharam' ritual at Krishna temple in Guruvayur on Saturday. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Political pundits, analysts and even surveys could not predict the people's will correctly. They were decisive in the election. People are the gods in a democratic country, he said.

"I have joined politics not to win elections. I am here to build a new country. BJP workers don't work just for elections. They function throughout the year for the welfare of people," Mr. Modi said.

Jobs in tourism

He told BJP workers that they should not to get affected by success or defeat. Nothing should make us deviate from our goal of taking development to everyone in society.

Mr. Modi said Kerala had huge employment scope in the tourism sector.

"Projects of the NDA government over the last five years put the country in the third position on the global tourism map. The Centre has allotted seven projects under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme for Kerala."

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan, BJP State president P.S. Sreedharan Pillai and other BJP leaders participated.

Shylaja rejects PM Modi's allegation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Kerala Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has rejected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claim that Kerala did not join the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Addressing the Abhinandan Sabha at Guruvayur on Saturday, Mr. Modi alleged that the LDF government was denying the benefit of the scheme to the poor people. He said, "Lakhs of poor people in various States have availed themselves of health benefits up to ₹5 lakh. But the Kerala government has refused to join the scheme."

"Mr. Modi has misunderstood the State in this regard; he may correct his statement since Kerala is a member of the scheme and signed MoU on November 2, 2018. We have received ₹25 crore as the first instalment," Ms. Shylaja said.

Andhra Pradesh to have woman Home Minister

60% of berths has BC, SC, ST & Minority

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AMARAVATI

Following in the footsteps of his father late Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has chosen Mekathoti Sucharitha (SC) from Prathipadu, for the Home Ministry.

Ms. Sabitha Indra Reddy was given the key portfolio by YSR in his Cabinet.

Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy greeting Mekathoti Sucharitha on Saturday.

Cabinet Ministers

A day after throwing a surprise by declaring party legislator Tammineni Sitaram from Amadalavalasa in Srikakulam district in the eleventh hour as the Assembly Speaker, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy came up with a list of Cabinet Ministers, which was kept confidential. The Chief Minister has filled 60% of the berths with BC, SC, ST and Minorities to make it the most socially-inclusive Cabinet.

While the former Public Accounts Committee Chairman Buggana Rajendranath Reddy from Dhone Assembly constituency is allotted Finance and Planning and Legislative Affairs, former Minister and senior leader Botcha Satyanarayana from Cheppurapalli (BC) is given Municipal Administration and Urban Development.

Modi's campaign filled with hatred: Rahul

Congress president says his doors are open to all people of Wayanad

STAFF REPORTER
KALPETTA

Stepping up his attack on the Prime Minister on the second day of his visit to Wayanad, Congress president Rahul Gandhi said Narendra Modi's Lok Sabha election campaign was filled with 'lies, poison and hatred', but his party stood for truth, love and affection.

Mr. Gandhi, who is in his constituency on a thanksgiving three-day visit after being elected to the Lok Sabha, addressed party workers at six roadshows at Kalpetta, Kambalakkad, Panamaram, Mananthavady, Pulpally and Sulthan Bathery, braving the scorching sun.

Reaching out: Congress chief Rahul Gandhi meeting people at the MPs Facilitation Centre in Wayanad on Saturday. ▪ PTI

Addressing a crowd at Kalpetta, Mr. Gandhi said Mr. Modi 'uses hatred, anger and lies', which are his 'weapons'.

'We have truth'

The Congress will continue to fight the 'worst sentiments' the Prime Minister represents. "He [Mr. Modi] might have all the institutions, channels, media, all the money in the world, all the rich businessmen. But we have truth by our side."

Thanking voters at Bathery for electing him with a huge majority, Mr. Gandhi said the issues of the hill district were highly complex and a joint attempt was needed to address them. "I belong to the Congress party, but my doors are open to every single citizen of Wayanad irrespective of the ideology they believe in," Mr. Gandhi said.

"My job is to listen to the people of the constituency, understand their difficulties and work with them to improve their life."

Earlier, Mr. Gandhi visited the MP's facilitation centre at the civil station here and interacted with political party leaders and representatives of various organisations.

Nipah: four patients out of isolation ward, 7 others stable

Condition of infected youth stable; AIIMS team arrives

STAFF REPORTER
KOCHI

Scaling down the scare of a potential Nipah outbreak, four out of 11 persons treated in an isolation ward of the Government Medical College (GMC), Ernakulam, were shifted to the observation ward on Saturday after their condition improved significantly.

The condition of the remaining seven persons in the isolation ward was reported to be stable, a medical bulletin issued by the District Collector on Saturday evening said. Ten out of the 11 persons in the isolation ward have tested negative for Nipah; the test result of one patient is awaited.

Meanwhile, three persons were admitted to the GMC late on Friday night with fever and other symptoms.

The condition of the index patient, a youth from Paravur, continues to remain stable. The Health Department has collected details of 325 persons found to have come into contact with the infected person. A team has been analysing the condition of these persons.

An expert team from the Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV) continues to camp at the GMC Hospital here. A team from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and NIMHANS examined the facilities at the new isolation ward at the medical college.

Another three-member team from the NIV is setting up a mechanism to study bats at Thodupuzha, while a forest team was entrusted with a similar task at Vadakkekkara. Four teams, deployed to monitor private hospitals, have visited 63 hospitals.

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10	Technical Bid Opening Date	:	Date:-	28.06.2019	Time: 02:00 PM
11	Name & Address of Officer Inviting Tender	:	Executive Engineer, Rural Development Special Division N0-02, Garhwa.		
12	Contact No. of Procurement officer	:	9162968480		
13	Help line Number e-Procurement Cell	:	6512401750		

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P.R.208179 Rural Development(19-20):D

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL DIVISION NO-02, GARHWA

Request For Proposal (e-Procurement) Notice
Tender Referance No-RWD/SD/GARHWA/01/2019-20

1	Name of Work	:	CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER DANDU RIVER IN JHOTAR NEAR KAJARMARA SCHOOL UNDER BLOCK DANDAI IN GARHWA DISTRICT.		
2	Estimated Cost (B.O.Q. Cost)	:	Rs. 2,83,04,125.00		
3	Period of Completion of work	:	18 Months.		
4	Tender Fee & Earnest Money	:	Tender Fee- 10000.00		
		:	Earnest Money- Rs. 5,68,000.00		
5	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	:	Date:-	18.06.2019	Time: 11:00 AM
6	Pre-bid Meeting Date	:	Date:-	19.06.2019	Time: 03:00 PM
7	Mode of Submission of Tender	:	Online Through-www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in		
8	Period of uploading bid documents	:	Date:-	20.06.2019	Time: 11:00 AM
		:	Date:-	26.06.2019	Time: 03:00 PM
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- last Date of Verification (at any Govt.ITI) : 01.07.2019

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IN BRIEF

U.P.'s Chaukhandi Stupa declared 'protected area'

NEW DELHI

An ancient Buddhist site in Uttar Pradesh's Sarnath known as Chaukhandi Stupa has been declared to be "of national importance" by the Archaeological Survey of India, a notification of the Union Ministry of Culture said. The government had sought public feedback on March 8 for a period of two months.

Operation continues to rescue boy from borewell

CHANDIGARH

Large-scale rescue operations continued on Saturday to pull out the two-year-old boy who fell into an over 150-feet-deep borewell near his house in Punjab's Sangrur district almost 48 hours ago. Fatehvir Singh, who would turn three next week, fell into the unused borewell in a field while he was playing near his house around 4.00 pm on Thursday, officials said. PTI

Woman kills friend to fake her own death

AURANGABAD

A woman allegedly tried to fake her own death by killing her friend with the help of her male companion in Aurangabad, the police said on Saturday. According to police, Sonali Shinde, 30, tried to frame her husband for abetting her "suicide", as she wanted to elope with her companion. After killing Rukhmanbai Mali, 31, the accused dressed her body in Sonali's clothes. PTI

Naxals ask passengers to alight, torch bus

RAIPUR

Naxals torched a bus in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, after asking the passengers to alight, the police said on Saturday. The incident occurred on late Friday evening when the private bus was on its way to Bedre from Bijapur town, a senior police official said. None of the passengers was harmed in the incident. PTI

Humanity to secular, these West Bengal colleges allow faith options

Despite not being mandatory, universities had been asking for the students' religion to provide data to UGC and for other surveys

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Agnostic, humanity, non-religious and secular. These are among the options that some colleges in Bengal are offering as choice of religious identity for applicants seeking admission to undergraduate courses in their institutions in this year's admission cycle.

Kolkata's State-run Bethune College, the country's oldest women's college, set the ball rolling by offering 'humanity' as a choice in the mandatory 'religion' column in its application form, which became viral on social media.

The move was hailed across various sections of society and now about 50 colleges in the State are offering varied options against 'religion' to applicants seeking admissions.

Maulana Azad College, Rammohan College and Women's College Calcutta are among the Kolkata-based colleges that have all followed Bethune College's example, while Maharaja Srischandra College in Howrah district and Midnapore College in Midnapore town are some of other institutions offering 'humanity' as an option in the 'religion' column.

Other than 'humanity', the 189-year-old Scottish Church College in the city offers an option to include "secular" or "agnostic" in the 'religion' column of the application form. And Kulti College in Bardhman district allows applicants to state that they are "non religious".

Leading the pack: The Bethune college at Kolkata was the first to implement the reform. ▪ BETHUNE COLLEGE

Interestingly, while education authorities have not made it mandatory for colleges to seek information on a student's religion, universities have chosen to seek the information to enable them to provide granular enrolment data to the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other surveys that rate institutions offering higher education.

"Data on student enrolment is sought after by numerous agencies including the University Grants Commission," a senior official of a State-run university said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "For surveys like the All India Survey of Higher Education, universities and institutions are required to provide data on student intake depending on their religion, caste and even nationality," the official added.

The University of Calcutta, which had started a similar initiative of allowing applicants to refrain from disclosing their religion in admission forms in the 1990s, dropped the move in the early 2000s after the Sachar Committee report became a major issue in Bengal politics after it was found that the percentage of Muslims enrolling for higher education and jobs in the State was low.

"There are about 4% Muslim students in higher educational institutions in Bengal," Sabir Ahamed, a researcher with Pratichi Trust observed. "Moreover, if students opt for 'humanity' or 'non religious' identity there will be no accurate data on participation of religious groups in higher education," he cautioned.

A publication titled '*Living Reality of Muslims in West Bengal*', released by Professor Amartya Sen in 2016 pointed that only 4.4% Muslims were enrolled in graduation courses and only 0.6% in postgraduate courses. Mr. Ahamed, who has worked on enrolment of Muslims in higher education, said that certain universities like Jadavpur University do not keep a record of students on religious basis and had denied replies to RTI queries on data of Muslims enrolled in the University.

Sabyasachi Basu Roychowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University (RBU), said the data of students selecting options like 'humanity' or 'secular' compiled for a few years could provide an interesting perspective on the new generation's views on religion. The RBU too planned to provide similar options during the admission process from 2020, Prof. Basu Roychowdhury added.

Two more arrested for Aligarh infant's murder

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh police on Saturday arrested two more persons in connection with the brutal murder of an infant in the Aligarh district. A total of four persons have been arrested so far.

The police nabbed Mehdi Hasan and Shaista, the younger brother and wife of Zahid, the main accused, for their alleged complicity in disposing the body after the murder. Zahid and Aslam are alleged to be the main accused who planned and executed the murder, police said.

New evidence

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Aligarh Akash Kulhary said investigators have recovered a "new piece of evidence" in the form of the *dupatta* that belonged to Shaista. According to the police, the same cloth was used to wrap the child's body when it was discovered near a dumping zone in the Tappal area. The police have also recovered a curtain from the accused persons' house. The items have been sent for forensic probe along with the tissues, viscera sample and slides from the body, said Mr. Kulhary.

While the post mortem report ruled out rape, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted to probe the case will also include a forensic investigation to ascertain the true nature of the crime that has caused wide outrage.

Meanwhile, the Aligarh Bar Association has boycotted the accused and barred its lawyers from appearing for them. "No advocate will stand with those miscreants and nobody will fight their case. If anybody comes from outside, we won't allow even them to argue the case," said Anup Kaushik, Aligarh Bar Association general secretary.

₹5 lakh reward for info on missing An-32

Local authorities have announced separate reward

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The IAF on Saturday announced an award of ₹5 lakhs for information on the An-32 aircraft with 13 persons on board that has been missing since June 3.

Air Marshal RD Mathur, AOC-in-C , Eastern Air Command, announced the cash award for the person(s) or group who provide credible information leading to finding of the aircraft.

Earlier in the day, the Siang district administration in Arunachal Pradesh announced a cash award of ₹50,000 for information on the aircraft.

The An-32 had taken off from Jorhat in eastern Assam for the Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground about 30 km from the India-China border in Shi-Yomi district. Ground control lost contact with the aircraft 35 minutes after take-off.

Desperate times: Army officials have sought the help of locals to find the missing An-32 aircraft. ▪ AFP

"It is not easy for people to move through dense jungles during monsoon because of venomous snakes, leeches and toxic insects, such as the dumdum fly. The ₹50,000 [award] is to encourage them to take a risk for the cause of the IAF personnel," a district official said, declining to be quoted.

"Army officials have sought our help in finding the aircraft. We are trying to motivate more able-bodied men to go on hunting of a different kind," Arun Yabu, a resident of Yapik village in Shi-Yomi district, said. He said people from neighbouring Pene, Hone, Yapik, Hirgo and Lipo villages were also part of the search.

Satellite images unlikely to spot wreckage: experts

MADHUMATHI D.S.
BENGALURU

The IAF and other search teams have used all possible options including going through pictures and data sent by Earth Observation (EO) satellites circling roughly 500 km overhead to find missing An-32 transport aircraft.

The IAF said it was sifting through images sent by the Cartosat and the radar imaging satellite RISAT operated by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It also said its multi-level search faced "challenges posed by vegetation, inhospitable terrain & poor weather".

Through the 1990s, ISRO was among the space agencies that put a SAR transponder on its communication satellites as a party to an international non-commercial cooperation called Cospas-SARSat – working for space-based search and rescue of people and vehicles in distress.

According to Dr. Mukund Rao, former deputy director, Earth Observation Systems at ISRO and currently with the National Institute of Advanced Studies, the probability of finding an aircraft using satellite imagery was very remote; there were just a couple of such instances so far.

"In my view the scattered pieces may not be amenable to satellite-based image detection. The region has thick forest and valleys, the terrain is rugged with high elevation. The ability of images to detect pieces [of the aircraft] is remote," he said.

MiG-29K fuel tank falls on Goa airport runway

Flight operations suspended for 2 hours

PRAKASH KAMAT
PANAJI

All flight operations at Dabolim International Airport in Goa were suspended for two hours on Saturday after a detachable fuel tank from a MiG-29K fighter aircraft fell on the runway, spilling fuel and causing minor damage to the landing and take-off strip.

"Due to the jettisoned fuel tank on the runway during MiG sortie, the operations are closed for two hours at Goa airport. Please bear with us," AAI Goa tweeted on Saturday afternoon.

An airport official said Indian Navy personnel were clearing the runway of the fuel and carrying out minor repairs. "These are external fuel tanks outfitted to aircraft in order to enable them to cover more distance. One such tank attached to a MiG-29K got jettisoned during a sortie and landed on the runway," he told presspersons. The Navy operates MiG-29Ks off the aircraft carrier *INS Vikramaditya* and the squadron is based at Naval air station, Goa.

Smoke rises from the runway at Dabolim airport in Goa. ▪ PTI

Flights diverted

Three Goa-bound aircraft were diverted to Mangaluru International Airport. Three more were diverted to Bengaluru and one to Hyderabad.

(With inputs from Ravi Prasada in Mangaluru)

Where designations are not a barrier

Assam Police officers listened to constables about deficiencies in the department

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Constables follow orders of their seniors. But, besides doing what they are told to do, constables in the Assam Police have begun giving ideas to top officers for better policing.

They have, in the process, drawn the attention of the officers to niggles in the department and what needs to be done to boost the morale of men and women at the bottom of the ranks.

An "ideas exchange" interaction between the officers and the constabulary was organised on Friday at the 4th Assam Police Battalion in Guwahati. It was a first-of-its-kind initiative where the officers listened to the constables, speaking only to tell them what could be done with their ideas. "This interaction, followed by a community feast, was for letting the constables share their experience since they know the ground realities better and deal with people more than the officers. The idea was to try to incorporate new ideas towards better, people-friendly policing," Kuladhar Saikia, Assam's Director-General of Police told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

An "ideas exchange" interaction between the officers and the constabulary was organised in Guwahati. ▪ AP

The officers of the Inspector-General of Police rank and above, noted suggestions such as turning up at social or religious functions to congratulate or wish the people, and attending the funeral of a villager.

The constables also suggested putting the "right man in the right place".

Khargeswar Deka, a constable from western Assam's Dhubri said the force had post-graduates working as drivers and reporting to police station officers who were academically inferior. "We can make better use of qualifications and certain skills of our colleagues with a bit of honing," he said.

Badrul Haque Laskar from southern Assam's Hailakandi said the constables get deflated by the lack of promotions. "The department has not conducted exams for constables to become assistant sub-inspectors since 2004," he said.

"We are working on skill development. Eight of our 29 Battalions have been chosen for developing classrooms with computers where all police personnel will be given a refresher course including on public relations every three years," said A.K. Sinha Casshyap, Special DGP (Training and Armed Police).

But some constables underlined the deficiencies of the battalions. Hemanta Narzary from north-eastern Assam's Likabali said the battalions should have a school for children of the department's staff. "Each battalion has more than a thousand families and a school would keep us off certain worries while on duty," he said.

"We hope to interact more with the backbone of our 80,000-strong force. Their points have been well taken," Mr. Saikia said.

Hike in security fees at airports from July 1

This is the first revision since 2001

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government has raised the fees to be paid by passengers for security at airports to ₹150 from ₹130 per flight, effective July 1.

The move follows demands from airport operators who said they were unable to foot the bill for deployment of CISF. Various airports owed nearly ₹750 crore to the paramilitary force that provides security at 59 out of the nearly 105 airports in the country. The remaining are under other forces like the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the India Reserve Battalions (IRBs) or state police units.

"Aviation Security Fee for domestic passengers will be levied at the rate of ₹ 150 per embarking passenger. Aviation Security Fee for international passengers will be levied at the rate of $4.85," according to a circular issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on June 7.

The fee is part of the air fare paid by passengers and has been revised for the first time since 2001.

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Department of Chemistry, IISER Bhopal intends to hold a Special drive for Admissions into the Integrated Ph.D. programme in Chemistry as per the following details:

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Department of Chemistry

India, Portugal to join hands in setting up maritime museum

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

India and Portugal will cooperate in the setting up of a national maritime heritage museum at Lothal in Gujarat.

The Indian Navy is keen to be a stakeholder in the project and the Portuguese Navy has agreed to assist with their experience of administering the maritime museum in Lisbon, according to defence sources.

Initial discussions were held during the visit of Portuguese Defence Minister João Gomes Cravinho to India in April. "It was agreed that we could work together to develop the maritime museum at the ancient Indian site of Lothal. Portugal Navy looks after their museum in Lisbon so it was discussed that we in India could follow a similar model," a defence source said.

A Defence Ministry-led delegation would visit Portugal to study the existing museum, the source added.

The Government of India has allocated a grant for building the maritime museum and the foundation stone for the project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March.

The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Shipping through its Sagarmala programme, with the involvement of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the State government and other stakeholders.

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Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for the post of **DIRECTOR** in **Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Puducherry.**

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Director

FROM PAGE ONE

India, Maldives sign six key agreements

A technical agreement on sharing 'White Shipping Information' between the Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force was also signed to facilitate exchange of prior information on the movement of commercial and non-military vessels. Mr. Modi and Mr. Solih jointly inaugurated a Coastal Surveillance Radar System and a training facility of the Maldives National Defence Force by remote link.

"Both leaders welcomed the signing of the $800-million Line of Credit Agreement in March 2019 for assisting the Maldives in achieving sustainable social and economic development. The leaders stressed the need to work towards expeditious implementation of people-centric and socio-economic projects," the statement said.

Further, it said the leaders "reaffirmed their unequivocal and uncompromising position against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations."

ED to seek Interpol notice against Zakir Naik

Based on the warrant, the ED will approach the Interpol for issuing a Red Notice through which the assistance of all member countries are sought for detention of the subject. Malaysia is one of the members, and it also has an extradition treaty with India, signed in 2010.

The warrant will also be the basis for the ED to open proceedings againstNaik under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act.

The agency has identified proceeds of crime worth more than ₹193 crore in India and abroad. Of the total amount, properties valued at ₹50.46 crore have already been attached under the PMLA. The attachment was recently confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority.

In the chargesheet, the ED has alleged that Naik made investments in Dubai where he is developing high-end bungalows. His organisation, Islamic Research Foundation, received funds to the tune of ₹64.86 crore between 2003 and 2017, mostly from "dubious, suspicious or unknown sources".

The ED alleges ₹49.20 crore was received from 2012 to 2016 from Naik's accounts maintained in the UAE to his personal accounts in India. The source of his income in the UAE is not known. A part of the funds was used for booking properties in Mumbai and Pune.

To conceal the source of funds, initial payments were refunded, diverted to the accounts of his relatives and re-routed for booking in their names.

According to the agency, Naik had established several companies in the United Kingdom and India by placing his close associates and relatives as their directors, to camouflage the diversion of funds. Some of these companies have been identified by the ED as Universal Broadcasting Corporation Ltd. and Lords Production Inc Ltd in the U.K.; Harmony Media Pvt. Ltd, Longlast Constructions Pvt. Ltd, Majestic Perfumes Pvt. Ltd and Alpha Lubricants Pvt. Ltd in Mumbai; and Right Property Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Journalist booked for tweet on Adityanath

The family of the journalist, Prashant Kanojia, alleged that he was picked up by policemen in plainclothes from Delhi and brought to Lucknow where he was being questioned. An FIR has been lodged at the Hazratganj police station.

The Hazratganj police said in a statement that Mr. Kanojia was arrested after being questioned.

During questioning, he had admitted to his crime, the police said, adding that they had evidence against him under Sections 500 and 505 of the IPC and Section 66 of the IT Act. His whereabouts are not known.

As per the FIR, he is charged with trying to malign Mr. Adityanath's image through an objectionable post but it did not specify the details of the post. One of the last few posts shared by Mr. Kanojia on social media was a video of a woman who was speaking to media claiming that she had sent a marriage proposal to the Chief Minister. Mr. Kanojia had mocked Mr. Adityanath over the video and remarked in Hindi: *"Ishq chupta nahi chupane se Yogi ji* (love cannot be hidden)."

Monsoon finally arrives in Kerala

Private weather company Skymet said that most criteria for declaring the monsoon's Kerala arrival had been met on Friday, and that the country should expect a "slow and sluggish start" to the monsoon.

The IMD declares onset of monsoon over Kerala if, after May 10, 60% of the 14 meteorological stations – Minicoy, Amini, Thiruvananthapuram, Punalur, Kollam, Allapuzha, Kottayam, Kochi, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Thalassery, Kannur, Kudulu and Mangaluru – report rainfall of 2.5 millimetres or more for two consecutive days. Two other key factors are the speed of the westerlies and long-wave radiation.

Date of arrival

On May 15, the IMD had said that the monsoon would arrive in Kerala on June 6. The monsoon's date of arrival does not have a bearing on the quantum of monsoon rain, the IMD maintains.

In April, the IMD said that the monsoonal June-September rainfall would be 96% of the Long Period Average (LPA), which is just shy of "below normal" rainfall. The LPA of the season rainfall over the country as a whole for the period 1951-2000 is 89 cm.

The rains in June are likely to be impacted due to the El Nino phenomenon, although a weak one.

Later this month, the IMD is expected to provide a more detailed assessment of how the monsoon is expected to pan out over the country.

Delayed sowing

The monsoon has arrived even as large parts of the country face drought-like conditions and low water levels in reservoirs. Farmers in many States have already been advised to delay sowing for at least two weeks.

Pre-monsoon March-May rainfall this year has been the lowest in the last five years, and second lowest in the last 65 years. According to data from the IMD, India received 99 millimetres (mm) rainfall between March and May – with 23% below the normal rainfall during this time of the year.

Congress travails go from bad to worse

While uncertainty over Rahul prolongs, mass defection in Telangana and fight with allies rock party

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Congress committees from different States are expected to submit their reports on the reasons for the 2019 Lok Sabha debacle by next Tuesday. But the big question that is being asked in party circles is "who is going to analyse or examine these reports", given that the uncertainty over the top post is now set to extend into a third week.

The sense of unease among Congress workers is growing over the leadership uncertainty. On Saturday, R.P.N. Singh, Jharkhand party in-charge, had a tough time controlling party workers in Ranchi who were demanding the ouster of State Congress chief Ajoy Kumar for the election debacle.

Party insiders, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was likely to be clarity in the coming week once Congress president Rahul Gandhi returned from Kerala. "By June 17, the first session of the newly constituted Lok Sabha will start and the party needs to take some important decisions like appointing its leader in the Lok Sabha," a Congress MP, who declined to be identified, said, adding that Mr. Gandhi would have to either take these decisions himself or depute leaders to do so. Various reports have been floating on the options available to the party: from appointing working presidents to appointing a panel of senior leaders to run the day-to-day affairs.

Keeping his counsel

Ever since May 25, when Mr. Gandhi told the Congress Working Committee (CWC) that he would step down as party president, he has refused to meet any Congress leader.

But officially, the party maintains that Mr. Gandhi is still in charge.

"Let me again reiterate, Shri Rahul Gandhi is the president of the Indian National Congress and there are no two opinions or doubts on this issue," Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala told presspersons on June 1. "I would request all the naysayers to hold their breath; the Congress Working Committee has authorised Shri Rahul Gandhi to do a complete overhaul of the organisation from top to bottom," he added.

On May 29, *The Hindu* quoted an unnamed Congress official who had asserted that Mr. Gandhi could start meeting party leaders and taking decisions even though he was firm on stepping down.

He was also likely to agree to oversee the revamp of the party that the CWC had authorised.

But with the uncertainty over Mr. Gandhi's continuance, the Congress appears to be in disarray. From Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh to Punjab and Haryana, bitter factionalism has surfaced. After *en masse* desertion by a dozen lawmakers in Telangana, there are problems with allies. In Karnataka, a video showing Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil exhorting Janata Dal(S) workers to prepare for mid-term elections, went viral on social media.

On Friday, at a review meeting in Mumbai, Congress workers accused workers of its ally, the Nationalist Congress Party, of having helped the BJP. "Rahul Gandhi has to take over the reins as it is important to protect the unity and integrity of the party and as the Congress president, it is his duty to ensure this," senior Congress leader M. Veerappa Moily said on Friday. "If he is determined to step down, then he himself should find a replacement and until then he should continue firmly."

Show of support: People waiting for Congress chief Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad on Friday. ▪ PTI

NEWS ANALYSIS

Four killed in clashes in West Bengal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Four men were killed and several injured in North 24 Paraganas district of West Bengal in clashes between BJP and Trinamool workers on Saturday night.

Three of the dead were BJP workers, while the other was a Trinamool member. The deceased were identified as Sukanta Mandal, Pradip Mandal and Tapan Mandal of the BJP and Kayum Mollah of the Trinamool.

The parties blamed each other for the violence at Bhangipara of Sandeshkhali block, about 80 kilometres south of Kolkata.

The BJP said Trinamool cadre attacked their activists following a scuffle over removal of saffron flags. "They opened fire indiscriminately killing three of our cadres. Kayum Mollah was shot by Trinamool activists only," said Sayantan Basu, a BJP leader.

However, Trinamool leaders said armed BJP activists had attacked their members and killed Mollah.

Row over State flag day in Kashmir

Police had permitted the function, but govt. disallowed it

The State flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of J&K in 1952. ▪ NISSAR AHMAD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday denied Awami Itehad Party (AIP) leader Engineer Rashid permission to observe the State flag day.

"Due to the withdrawal of permission by the government, the AIP has decided to cancel the State Flag Day function in Srinagar," a party spokesman said.

The police had permitted Mr. Rashid's function in Sher-i-Kashmir Park. However, the civil administration disallowed it.

In the past, Mr. Rashid would unfurl the flag in Srinagar and play the State song.

On June 7, 1952, the State flag was adopted by a resolution at the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.

Peoples Conference leader and Srinagar Mayor Junaid Azim Mattu called for protection of the State symbols. "It's a symbol of the State's history and its constitutional rights. We continue to strive for the reversal of erosion in Article 370 so far. Article 35-A is a non-negotiable article of faith," he said.

Jawans near the encounter site in Anantnag district of south Kashmir on Saturday. ▪ NISSAR AHMAD

Cong. alleges land scam in Faridabad

Says Patanjali group has acquired over 400 acres of forest land in Aravalli range

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday asked the BJP government to probe an alleged land scam in Faridabad on the outskirts of Delhi.

Addressing a press conference, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera alleged that nearly 400 acres of prohibited land had been acquired by the Patanjali group. "The Patanjali group and Acharya Balkrishna, along with some property dealers, have acquired 400 acres of forest land falling in the Aravalli Mountain range. This was done through power of attorneys....This is called 'Shamlat Zamin.' Under the law, there can be no cultivation or any other activity on such land," said Mr. Khera. "In 2011, the Haryana government under the Congress ordered the panchayat to restore all Shamlath lands that are under illegal activities," he said.

The Congress alleged that the land was acquired through a Faridabad-based real-estate agent, Pravin Kumar Sharma, who along with his associates held 104 power of attorneys. Together with his associates, Mr. Sharma controls more than 400 acres of forested hill common land in Kot village, Faridabad.

'Shares transferred'

Mr. Khera alleged that Mr. Sharma bought land on his own and represented Herbo Ved Gram Private Limited, a company associated with Patanjali group. In 2017-18, about 99% share of this company was transferred to Acharya Balkrishna.

As per the 2017-2018 records, this company had earned only ₹60,000 as revenue from its operations, but gave advances of ₹16. 77 crores, Mr. Khera said.

He alleged that the State government had been patronising "illegal activities" and tried to take several other such steps over the past four years to dilute or do away with the legal protection of the the Aravalli forests.

Jaish militant killed in Anantnag encounter

Combing operation continues

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Security forces killed a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) militant in an operation in a forest area of Anantnag on Saturday.

A police official said the security forces established contact with armed militants in Nowgam area of Verninag, "who opened fire".

"The body of a militant was recovered from the encounter site. A combing operation is on in the forest area," said the police.

The slain militant was a local and was identified as Iqbal Ahmad of Panzath, Dooru. Ahmad was associated with the JeM, said the police.

Mobile Internet was suspended in parts of Anantnag as a precautionary measure.

Kailash Vijayvargiya (right) welcoming GJM councillors into the BJP in New Delhi on Saturday. ▪ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

17 councillors from Darjeeling join BJP

BJP gets majority in the municipality

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Seventeen councillors of the Darjeeling Municipality, all from the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, joined the BJP on Saturday. With this, the BJP had the majority in the West Bengal town's local body, BJP leader Mukul Roy said at a press conference here.

With the GJM councillors in attendance, Mr. Roy said the 32-member municipality was down two members, with one passing away and one resigning. Hence, with 17 members, the BJP had the majority in the 30-member body, he said.

He said the Trinamool government in Bengal had been using the police to target BJP workers and supporters. The "people's mandate" had gone against the Trinamool with the BJP winning 18 of the 42 Lok Sabha seats, he said. Mr. Roy said the party would stage a protest in Darjeeling soon, under the leadership of BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya.

BJP MP from Darjeeling Raju Bista said the councillors had been forced to come to Delhi to "say what they could have in Darjeeling", and accused the Trinamool government of misusing the police.

Pompeo to address India conference on June 12

Meet comes at a time of unease in India-U.S. trade ties

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
WASHINGTON

U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo will deliver the keynote address on "The U.S. and India: an economic foundation for a free and open Indo-Pacific" next Wednesday in Washington D.C. Mr. Pompeo's remarks will be delivered at the India Ideas summit, a two-day conference organised by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-India Business Council at a time when the trade relationship between the two countries faces strong headwinds despite the fact that trade between the two countries has been growing.

Last week, the U.S. withdrew preferential trade access for Indian goods under the Generalized System of Preferences, citing lack of assurances on market access for U.S. goods in India. Simultaneously, the U.S. is hoping to increase its sale of defence equipment to India.

At the same time, the defence aspects of the relationship are not without looming challenges. India has committed to buying the S-400 Triumf missile defence system from Russia – a move that could attract U.S. sanctions and, as per recent U.S. administration warnings, preclude a deep defence relationship with India. These developments come at a time when the U.S. is confronting China on various fronts, from trade to security and China's ambitions, including via its Belt and Road Initiative.

Mr. Pompeo is expected in New Delhi in the last week of June to prepare for a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump in Osaka, Japan, where the G-20 will meet on June 28 and 29.

Pak. has to rein in terror groups first: U.S. official

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON

Amid new peace overtures from the Imran Khan government after the re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the U.S. has made it clear that the onus of sustained peace in South Asia is on Pakistan by putting terror groups out of action.

Mr. Khan has written a second letter to Mr. Modi after his re-election, saying Pakistan wants talks to resolve all issues, including Kashmir. But India has maintained that terror and talks could not go together.

"What the U.S. is really looking for in Pakistan are arrests and prosecutions and not allowing terror groups to operate freely, acquire weapons, cross into India and carry out attacks," a senior White House official told PTI this week. "The U.S. is looking for sustained and irreversible steps that shut down their operations," the official said to a question on the U.S. assessment of the India-Pakistan tension.

Action against Alwar police personnel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The Rajasthan government has decided to take action against the entire staff of the Thanagazi police station in Alwar district in connection with the April 26 gang rape of a 19-year-old Dalit woman, which had caused widespread outrage in the State.

The decision follows an inquiry by the Jaipur Divisional Commissioner and senior police officers.

The then Station House Officer (SHO) of Thanagazi, Sardar Singh, already suspended from service, will be booked under Section 166A (c) (public servant failing to record information) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 (neglect of duties by public servant) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Disciplinary action will also be taken against several other policemen.

The Dalit woman was raped allegedly in front of her husband after they were waylaid on the Thanagazi-Alwar bypass and dragged to a deserted area. She and her family alleged that the police did not take action for seven days.

INTERVIEW | AUSTIN FERNANDO

'Modi's visit to Easter attack sites will signal India's solidarity'

Sri Lankan envoy says Indian PM's trip could see discussion on a regional counter-terrorism mechanism and convey that the island nation is safe for tourists

SUHASINI HAIDAR

Though Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Sri Lanka on Sunday is expected to be brief, Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India **Austin Fernando** *says the messaging from his first visit abroad of his second tenure is multi-pronged, given the disquiet after the Easter Sunday serial attacks.*

Prime Minister Modi is making a short visit to Sri Lanka on Sunday, just a few hours. What do you hope from the visit?

■ The visit is about how the Indian government conceptually frames its policy towards Sri Lanka and other countries in the region as "Neighbourhood first". Secondly, all eyes have been on Sri Lanka since the disaster that befell us on April 21 [Easter Sunday IS terror attacks], and it is significant that he will be the first foreign dignitary to visit us since then. India gave us intelligence inputs before the attacks, and I think we feel particularly bound together due to this. India has shown that it is ready to help us with intelligence, with defence as well as with counter-terrorism cooperation.

Terror attacks in Sri Lanka have an impact on the Maldives, India or any other country in the region. Prime Minister Modi's concept of SAGAR [Security and Growth for All in the Region] may also be discussed during his visit as it pertains to this issue too.

Is Mr. Modi likely to visit any of the sites of the attacks?

■ I understand the PM may wish to visit some of the sites of the Easter attacks, but I am not sure if there will be enough time. This would send several important messages, including the fact that India stands in solidarity with Sri Lanka in fighting terrorism. Churches were amongst the targets, and if PM Modi visits one of these, he will be giving a message of pluralism.

In addition, he will be sending out a message to businessmen, investors and tourists from India that Sri Lanka is safe for travel. This is something we need, as remember, apart from our close trade ties, Indian tourists account for 20% of the total arrivals to Sri Lanka.

R.V. MOORTHY

How badly has tourism been affected since the attacks?

■ It has definitely been affected. Last year, we had 4,25,000 Indian tourists and we expected 5,50,000 this year, but I don't know if that figure will be reached now. This affects the Indian industry too, as several Indian airlines and hotel chains operate from Sri Lanka.

If Mr. Modi takes back this message of safety to all Indians, that would help us immensely.

We are also hoping for the Sri Lankan Tourism Minister to visit India soon to reinforce this message.

India gave us intelligence inputs before the attacks... and we feel particularly bound together due to this

We want to promote a "Ramayana trail" that would attract pilgrims from India as well as holiday-goers.

On the issue of counter-terror cooperation, President Sirisena had said during his visit to Delhi that he had not been informed of the intelligence inputs before the attacks. Was there a communication failure between Delhi and Colombo as well, which prevented the information being followed seriously?

■ We have several inquiries ordered by Parliament, the President and courts under way in Sri Lanka on this issue. So I would rather not comment.

I would say, we were given the intelligence on the attacks by India, and there was a breakdown somewhere along the chain. Therefore, going forward, we should look at how to improve the chain of communication at both ends.

We might explore consultative cooperation with India, as well as technological cooperation, in which India, the U.S., the U.K. are ahead, apart from the existing intelligence cooperation.

As Sri Lankans, we have to manage our own security; no other country can tell us what to do, but such cooperation can help us.

Many of the joint development projects planned in an MoU signed in April 2017 have not made much progress. Will these be prioritised during the PM's visit?

■ I am not sure how much time there will be on this visit. I would not agree that there has been no progress on the projects, but I do agree they could have progressed faster. In some of the projects planned, like the Mattala project (for airport), they came across a legal barrier. In the case of petroleum tank farms in Trincomalee, there were some meetings, but they also wanted a working group to oversee it, which hasn't happened yet.

IN BRIEF

Army steers clear of row over Dhoni's gloves

DEHRADUN

The Army on Saturday distanced itself from the controversy over Mahendra Singh Dhoni sporting the insignia of a parachute regiment on his gloves during a World Cup match, saying it had nothing to do with it. Talking to presspersons after a passing-out parade at the Indian Military Academy here, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (South-Western Command) Lt. Gen. Cherish Matheson said it was Mr. Dhoni's personal decision to sport the insignia. PTI

Govt. notifies farmers of PM-KISAN extension

NEW DELHI

Delivering on its poll promise, the Centre on Saturday notified the decision to extend the benefit of ₹6,000 per year under the PM-KISAN scheme to all 14.5 crore farmers, irrespective of the size of their landholding. A decision in this regard was taken in the first Cabinet meeting of the new NDA government on May 31. The government has so far enrolled 3.66 crore beneficiaries. The Agriculture Ministry has written to all State governments asking them to identify beneficiaries subject to the "existing exclusion factors". PTI

Ram Madhav parries query on reshuffle plan

IMPHAL

Ram Madhav, the BJP national secretary in charge of the northeastern region, arrived in Imphal on Saturday to straighten out the lack of cohesion among the coalition partners in Manipur. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Rajya Sabha member and State unit president K. Bhabananda received him at the Imphal international airport. Mr. Madhav said: " I have come to thank the people of Manipur for electing the BJP candidate in the Inner Manipur seat." He, however, parried a question about the Cabinet reshuffle plans in the State.

Tripura govt. to probe 'political' murders

AGARTALA

The Tripura government has constituted a three-member committee headed by a senior Minister to examine the political killings that occurred before the incumbent BJP-IPFT coalition government came to power. The committee has the mandate to examine the cases and make necessary recommendations. The Home Department in a statement said that family members of the victims were asking for proper investigation and for the culprits to be brought to justice. Education and Law Minister Ratan Lal Nath has been made chairman of the committee. Principal Secretary of Law Department Data Mohan Jamatia and Additional Home Secretary Devananda Reang are members.

Kargil veteran out of detention centre

Sanaullah, who was declared a 'foreigner' by a tribunal, was granted bail by the Gauhati High Court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Kargil War veteran Mohammed Sanaullah returned home on Saturday from a detention centre for foreigners at Goalpara in western Assam 24 hours after the Gauhati High Court granted him bail.

A Foreigners' Tribunal on May 23 declared the 52-year-old retired Honorary Captain a "foreigner". He was lodged in the detention centre on May 28.

The ex-serviceman, originally from a village from Boko in western Assam, reached his Guwahati residence in the evening. He walked out of the Goalpara centre in the morning, but was brought to Amingaon in Kamrup district where the State's Border Police lodged the case against him in 2008.

Mr. Sanaullah was formally released after the district authorities obtained the biometrics of his iris and fingerprints, and conducted a health check-up as was ordered by the court.

Home again: Mohammad Sanaullah leaving the Kamrup SP office in Guwahati on Saturday. ▪ RITU RAJ KONWAR

"I am grateful to the court for granting bail to me. I also thank all others who extended their help to me and prayed for me. But I won't comment on my detention as the matter is *sub judice*," he said.

'Poor facilities'

The ex-serviceman, however, said there were some issues regarding hygiene and sanitation in the detention centre. "The Goalpara centre has 230-240 declared foreigners, some of them very poor and cannot fight their cases in the court," he said.

His wife, Samina Begum, said her husband's return was an Id gift.

"We observed *roza* during Ramzan, but did not celebrate Id because of his detention. Our festival has started with his arrival," she said.

Mr. Sanaullah had been a soldier for 30 years and retired from the Army in August 2017.

He joined the Border Police – ironically tasked with detecting and detaining foreigners – in December 2018 as a sub-inspector. The Border Police dismissed him from service on May 29.

NRC is waste paper: Gogoi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Saturday waded into the Sarbananda Sonowal government's "mishandling" of ex-serviceman Mohammed Sanaullah's case to question the validity of the process to update the National Register of Citizens. "The NRC is waste paper and has become useless with lakhs of genuine citizens certain to be excluded from the final draft of the NRC to be published by July," Mr Gogoi said, adding that the Supreme Court should not have given the responsibility of updating the citizens' register solely to State NRC Coordinator Prateek Hajela.

Right of passage

A brief timeline of tentative steps to open air routes between India and Pakistan after the Balakot air strike

Pakistan shuts its airspace for all flights on Feb. 27

- Pakistan opens one route to India on April 5
- India okays Pak. Foreign Minister's overflight on May 2 and May 4
- Pak. allows then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to fly through its airspace for SCO meet on May 22 and 23
- Etihad's Abu Dhabi-New Delhi flight on June 2 becomes first flight to cross into India by flying over Pak. after Balakot incident; enters through a route opened on the Gujarat side
- Indigo's Dubai-New Delhi flight on June 4 is the first by an Indian airline to enter India through Pakistan

India asks Pakistan to exempt PM's flight

Detour will take 8 hours to Bishkek

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India has requested Pakistan that Prime Minister Narendra Modi be allowed to fly through its airspace to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting in Kyrgyzstan's capital, Bishkek, on June 13 and 14 despite the restrictions it had imposed on flights from and through the country, according to government sources.

The two countries had made an exemption for each other's Foreign Ministers last month.

After imposing a ban on all flights following India's air strikes in Balakot deep inside its territory, Pakistan has lifted restrictions on the use of its airspace for most carriers and opened only two out of 11 routes through its southern parts for flights to and from India.

Flying time

As a result, airlines still need to take a long detour to fly to countries to the north of Pakistan. A flight to Bishkek through Pakistan is likely to take nearly four hours, but a detour will result in an eight-hour flight.

Early May, India allowed Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi to fly through its airspace for a visit to the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

Narendra Modi

This was followed by Pakistan permitting then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to fly directly through its airspace for the SCO meeting in Bishkek on May 22 and 23.

Mr. Qureshi though had to cancel his trip following the serial bomb blasts that took place on Easter day in Sri Lanka.

Curbs continue

Airspace restrictions by Pakistan have been in place since February 27 and were recently extended until June 15 for flights entering the country through its eastern border after flying through Indian skies.

These have resulted in steep airfares for passengers, including a large number of Indian students in different Central Asian countries planning a trip home for their summer break.

Inferno in Kolkata

Pitched battle: Firefighters battled for over 10 hours to extinguish a blaze in a chemical warehouse in Jagannath Ghat near the Howrah Bridge in Kolkata on Saturday. Twenty fire-tenders were deployed after the fire broke out at 2 a.m. ▪ PTI

Media awards for Yoga Day campaigns

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government will award media houses for campaigns on the benefits of yoga ahead of the International Day of Yoga on June 21, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said here on Saturday.

The awards are open to media firms operating in 22 Indian languages and English. There are 11 awards each in print, TV and radio categories.

Calling yoga India's foremost gift to the world, Mr. Javadekar hoped that all media houses would participate to make sure "healthy living" became a mantra in a new India. "We have observed that many media houses are doing their own bit to propagate the message of healthy living through yoga," the Minister added.

Sidhu not part of Punjab CM's new consultative groups

He is yet to take charge of newly allotted Power Ministry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday constituted eight dedicated consultative groups to accelerate the pace of implementation of the State government's flagship programmes. Conspicuously absent from the names of members of the eight groups was Navjot Singh Sidhu, who is yet to take charge of his newly allotted Power Ministry after having been divested of the key Local Government portfolio. Apart from Mr. Sidhu, Medical Education Minister Om Prakash Soni was also not nominated to any of the groups.

Amarinder Singh

"The groups have been mandated to review and assess the performance of the programmes/schemes so far and give their respective recommendations for further improvements," the State government said in a statement. "They will also recommend amendments... to improve their coverage with effective participation of communities and citizens, besides suggesting ways and means to improve outreach of these programmes," the government added.

Harsh Vardhan flays Delhi's 'fancy schemes'

Mohalla clinics are 'an utter flop', says Health Minister in rejoinder to Delhi CM

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

A day after Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wrote a two-page note listing the reasons why the Delhi government would not implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) in the capital, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan hit back by asserting that Delhi's residents were bearing the brunt of the poor medical care provided by the territory's government.

"All your fancy schemes, including the much-touted Universal Coverage Health Scheme, announced more than a year ago, are still lying on the drawing board awaiting implementation," Dr. Vardhan wrote. "Your mohalla clinics are an utter flop and the drastic neglect of patient care in Delhi government hospitals is there for all to see."

Earlier, Mr. Kejriwal had written that the Delhi government was implementing a free health care scheme that did not set any upper limit on the cost of treatment, unlike the PMJAY, and that there was no income ceiling thus enabling all the capital city's residents to qualify as beneficiaries.

Harsh Vardhan

In his reply, the Union Health Minister repeated an invitation to the Chief Minister to work together for the larger good of the people of Delhi and the country.

Responding to Mr. Kejriwal's pointed criticism that the Centre's scheme excluded a large population of the vulnerable, the Minister wrote: "PMJAY targets almost 30 lakh (15% of total population) persons in Delhi who are most poor and vulnerable. You have also mentioned that the income criterion of ₹10,000 per month is less than the minimum wages in Delhi but I want to correct you that this criterion of ₹10,000 per month was used on data collected in 2011 and therefore, such families which were earning less than ₹10,000 per month in 2011 are eligible under the scheme".

Dr. Vardhan also asserted that the insurance cover of ₹5 lakh per year under the PMJAY was adequate.

ELSEWHERE

U.S. offer of talks is not genuine, says Iran

GENEVA

Additional sanctions imposed on Iran by the U.S. show that Washington's offer of talks is not genuine, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said on Saturday. The U.S. placed sanctions on Iran's largest petrochemical holding group on Friday for indirectly supporting the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a step it said aimed to dry up revenues to the elite Iranian military force. REUTERS

Nepal journalists hold rally against Media Bill

KATHMANDU

Nepali journalists on Friday held a rally demanding immediate withdrawal of a Media Council Bill that aims to curtail press freedom. Nepal has proposed the new Media Bill aimed at imposing a hefty fine of up to Nepali Rs. 1 million on media outlets found guilty of damaging anyone's reputation. PTI

Trump calls off tariffs against Mexico

The two nations reach a deal on expanding an asylum programme to stop the flow of migrants to U.S.

REUTERS
WASHINGTON/MEXICO CITY

The U.S. and Mexico struck a deal on Friday to avert a tariff war, with Mexico agreeing to rapidly expand a controversial asylum programme and deploy security forces to stem the flow of illegal Central American migrants.

President Donald Trump had threatened to impose 5% import tariffs on all Mexican goods starting on Monday if Mexico did not commit to do more to tighten its borders. In a joint declaration after talks in Washington, both countries said Mexico agreed to expand along the entire border a programme that sends migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. to Mexico while they await adjudication of their cases.

Ready to ship: Export freight containers with goods produced in Mexico are seen ready to be shipped to the U.S. in the Pantaco customs complex on Friday. ▪ GETTY IMAGES

Strong measures

Mr. Trump said Mexico had agreed to take strong measures to "reduce, or eliminate" illegal immigration from Mexico. However, the deal fell short of a key U.S. demand that Mexico accept a "safe third country" designation that would have forced it to permanently take in most Central American asylum seekers.

"The Tariffs scheduled to be implemented by the U.S. on Monday, against Mexico, are hereby indefinitely suspended," Mr. Trump said in a tweet on Friday evening.

Frustrated by a recent surge of migrants that has overwhelmed U.S. resources on its southern border, Mr. Trump had used the threat of tariffs to pressure Mexico into making concessions.

But business groups and even some close Republican allies were unhappy with the prospect of tariffs on the top U.S. trade partner, saying they would damage the economy. Duties on Mexico would also have left the U.S. fighting trade wars with two of its three largest trading partners.

Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said in Washington that his team had also resisted U.S. requests to send deported Guatemalans to Mexico. He said he was satisfied with the deal. "I think it's a fair balance because they had more drastic measures and proposals at the start and we reached some middle point," he said. He also highlighted U.S. support in the agreement for a proposal to jointly address underlying causes of migration from Central America.

'Remain' scheme

The asylum programme to be expanded is commonly known as Remain in Mexico, and currently operates in the border cities of Tijuana, Mexicali and Ciudad Juarez.

Under the new deal, returned asylum seekers will spend long periods in Mexican cities on the Texas border. Under the deal, Mexico will also increase its efforts to stop illegal migrants from Central America travelling through Mexico to the U.S.

Intelligence chief sacked over Easter attacks probe

He had testified to parliamentary panel

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Sisira Mendis

Sri Lanka's President has sacked the national intelligence chief and will not cooperate with a parliamentary investigation into security lapses before the Easter suicide bombings, officials said on Saturday.

Maithripala Sirisena summoned an emergency Cabinet meeting on Friday night to oppose a parliamentary select committee probe into the attacks. Chief of National Intelligence Sisira Mendis was sacked after testifying to the inquiry last week that the attacks could have been averted. He also said the President had failed to hold regular security meetings to assess the threat from Islamist radicals.

Live telecast stopped

Mr. Sirisena's office did not give a reason for the sacking. Halfway through the testimony, the live telecast of the proceedings was stopped on the President's orders, official sources said. A ministerial source said Mr. Sirisena has refused to allow any police, military or intelligence personnel to testify before the committee.

The source added that the heated Cabinet meeting ended "inconclusively" without taking a decision on whether to suspend the parliamentary probe. Mr. Sirisena's office said the President had told senior police officers on Friday that he will not allow any serving officer to testify.

The Defence Secretary and police chief have suggested that the President, who is also Defence Minister, did not follow proper protocols in dealing with intelligence warnings about the bombings.

Israel has the right to annex some West Bank land: U.S. Ambassador

Peace plan aims to improve life of Palestinians: Friedman

DAVID M. HALBFINGER
JERUSALEM

Israel has a right to annex at least some, but "unlikely all," of the West Bank, the U.S. Ambassador, David Friedman, said in an interview, opening the door to U.S. acceptance of what would be an enormously provocative act.

"Under certain circumstances," Mr. Friedman said, "I think Israel has the right to retain some, but unlikely all, of the West Bank."

U.S. Ambassador David Friedman. ▪ AFP

Mr. Friedman also accused Palestinian leaders of wrongheadedly using "massive pressure" to deter business leaders from attending an economic conference that the administration is organising this month in Bahrain, where it hopes to impress upon them the financial windfalls they can expect if they embrace the administration's peace plan.

And he said that the Trump peace plan was aimed at improving the quality of life for Palestinians but would fall well short of a "permanent resolution to the conflict." NY TIMES

Hindu girl raped in Pak.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KARACHI

A 13-year-old Hindu girl was allegedly raped by two men after they forced her to drink liquor in Pakistan's Sindh province, media reports said on Saturday.

The incident happened in Tando Muhammad Khan district on Friday while the victim was on her way to purchase some grocery, the *Dawn* newspaper reported.

When she did not return home, her father and brother went out looking for her. They later found her in an unconscious state in a ground near a sugar mill, the paper said, quoting the FIR registered by the victim's father. After initial investigation, the police arrested two suspects for their involvement in the assault.

Medical test

The victim, who narrated her ordeal after regaining consciousness, underwent a medical test at the a hospital in Hyderabad where doctors confirmed that "sexual intercourse has taken place".

A medical examination of the Hindu girl revealed evidence of rape. The result of the test is being sent to another laboratory for a final report, *The Express Tribune* quoted Dr. Maqbol Mallah of the District Health Office as saying.

'Suspending Parliament is an option to ensure Brexit on Oct. 31'

PM candidate Raab favours leaving the EU by the deadline

REUTERS
LONDON

Suspending Parliament remains an option to ensure Britain leaves the European Union (EU) on October 31, former Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab said on Saturday, rejecting criticism of the measure from other Conservative leadership candidates.

Mr. Raab, who draws support from the most pro-Brexit wing of the Conservative Party, has refused to rule out

Dominic Raab. ▪ REUTERS

suspending Parliament until the Brexit deadline, if needed to prevent lawmakers from stopping a no-deal Brexit. "I think it is very unlikely that it would be necessary," he said in a BBC interview. "It is much more difficult this time for Parliament to engage in the sort of guerrilla warfare sabotage of a government that is resolved... to leave by the end of October," he added.

Mr. Raab said he wanted to keep all constitutional options on the table in order to pressure the EU to agree a time limit for a 'backstop', that prevents border controls between Ireland and the British province of Northern Ireland.

Indian-origin activist held for shouting at Bezos

She asked him to stop abuse of animals

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON

Indian-American activist Priya Sawhney, who interrupted Amazon chief Jeff Bezos' on-stage talk, has been arrested on trespassing and burglary charges, according to media reports.

Ms. Sawhney, 30, rushed onto the stage during Amazon's "re:MARS" event on Thursday and asked Mr. Bezos to do something about "chicken farms".

"You are the world's richest man. You're the president of Amazon and you can help the animals," shouted Ms. Sawhney, asking Mr. Bezos to stop the abuse of animals in California farms, the report said. The security guards quickly surrounded her and took her away.

Animal rights activist Priya Sawhney. ▪ AP

Ms. Sawhney is co-founder of Direct Action Everywhere, an international grassroots network of animal rights activists founded in 2013 in the San Francisco Bay Area.

2 Sudan rebel leaders held after meeting Ethiopia PM

Ahmed was in Khartoum for mediation

REUTERS
KHARTOUM

Two Sudanese rebel leaders were arrested early on Saturday, Opposition sources said, shortly after meeting visiting Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who is trying to mediate in a crisis threatening a transition to democracy.

Mr. Abiy had on Friday urged Sudan's military rulers and civilian Opposition to exercise "bravery" in trying to agree steps towards democracy after the worst bloodshed since the overthrow in April of President Omar al-Bashir.

The Ethiopian Premier visited days after Sudanese forces stormed a protest camp outside the Defence Ministry in Khartoum where demonstrators were demanding civilian rule. Dozens of people have been killed since Monday. While no breakthrough was announced at the end of Mr. Abiy's one-day visit, an aide to the Ethiopian Prime Minister said the talks went well and that Mr. Abiy would be returning to Sudan soon.

However, two Opposition figures who were at Friday's meeting with Mr. Abiy said Ismail Jallab, secretary general of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North, and the armed group's spokesman Mubarak Ardol were detained a few hours later.

German footballer Özil marries in Istanbul, with Erdoğan as best man

Move to invite Turkish President was criticised in Germany

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ISTANBUL

Former German international football Mesut Özil was married in Istanbul on Friday with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan as his best man.

Mr. Özil, 30, who has Turkish family roots, sparked controversy last year when he was photographed with Mr. Erdoğan, raising questions about the footballer's loyalty to Germany on the eve of their disastrous 2018 World Cup campaign.

Special guest: German footballer Mesut Özil, second from left, and his fiancée Amine Gülşe, left, with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his wife Emine in Istanbul. ▪ AFP

Ceremony in Bosphorus

Mr. Erdoğan arrived in the early evening for Friday's ceremony at a luxury hotel on the banks of the Bosphorus to see the former Arsenal midfielder marry his fiancée, former Miss Turkey Amine Gülşe.

A smiling Mr. Erdoğan and his wife Emine were seen standing next to the young couple as their marriage was formalised. Mr. Özil announced in March that he had asked Mr. Erdoğan to be his best man.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Chief of Staff was part of a chorus of criticism of the invitation. Helge Braun told the *Bild* newspaper then that it "makes one sad" that Mr. Özil would make a such a move despite having already been sharply criticised by the German public over his first meeting with Mr. Erdoğan.

Mr. Özil has dated Ms. Gülşe since 2017 and the couple announced their engagement in June 2018.

Mr. Erdoğan often attends marriages in Turkey of celebrities, whom he seeks out during election campaigns.

Detained Russian scribe sent to hospital

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

A Russian journalist facing drugs charges in a case supporters have denounced as a frame-up was taken to hospital on Saturday after complaining of having been beaten in police custody.

Ivan Golunov, a Moscow-based reporter for Meduza independent news site, has been charged with attempted dealing in designer drug mephedrone and cocaine.

Rights groups Amnesty said there was evidence that the authorities were fabricating drugs charges to shut up their critics.

The journalist was due to attend court on Saturday for a ruling on whether to hold him in custody but police said that they called an ambulance after he complained of feeling unwell and he was taken to a hospital for examination.

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FM highlights efforts against tax evasion

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the 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 organised during the meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers at Fukuoka in Japan.

"@nsitharaman spoke on the on-going efforts of Indian Government to counter tax avoidance & evasion," the Finance Ministry tweeted.

The two-day G-20 Finance Ministers and central bank governors meeting 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.

Banking system on the cusp of a transformation: Das

Addressing governance reforms top priority; committed to make NBFC sector financially resilient and robust, says RBI Governor

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Following the steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the government in the last few years, the tide has turned for the banks, with asset quality improving.

"...the banking system is on the cusp of a transformation, aided by recent policy measures to reduce vulnerabilities and improve its financial health," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in a speech at NIBM, Pune, on Saturday.

There was a significant improvement in asset quality of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) in 2018-19 as the gross non-performing assets (NPA) ratio declined to 9.3% as on March 2019. It was 10.8% in September 2018 and 11.5% in March 2018.

At the same time, there has been an improvement in the provision coverage ratio (PCR) of SCBs to 60.9% in March 2019 from 48.3% in March 2018 and 44% in March 2015.

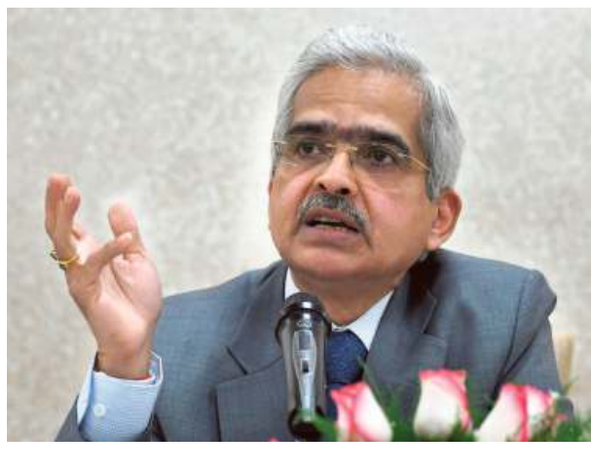
There has been evidence of credit growth picking up after remaining subdued in the last few years.

"With incipient signs of improvement in the health of banks, credit growth is picking up," the RBI Governor added.

The capital adequacy ratio of the banks, which were at 14.2%, remains well above the regulatory requirement of 9%. "However, if we take into account the capital conservation buffer (CCB), some banks, especially public-sector banks (PSBs), are falling short of the required 10.875%," he noted.

Capital infusion

Even though the government's capital infusion has helped PSBs improve their balance sheets, they should not become too dependent on this source. "Depending upon individual situations, PSBs should access the capital market for mobilisation of capital," Mr. Das said.



Subtle hint : Public lenders must access the capital market for fund mobilisation, says Shaktikanta Das. ▪ SANDEEP SAXENA

The Governor said among the issues that would be addressed in the coming months, was that of governance reforms, which was a 'first and foremost' priority.

It was important to enhance the quality and the stability of bank boards through further streamlining the appointment process, succession planning and compensation. For this, there was a need to create a pool of independent directors across areas of expertise, Mr. Das said.

"The performance of MDs/CEOs of both the public and the private sector banks should be closely monitored by the board of directors either through a sub-committee or through an external peer group review," he said.

He also highlighted the need for an effective performance evaluation system to improve banks' financial and operating parameters.

After the Supreme Court struck down the February 12, 2018 circular of the RBI on stressed asset resolution, the central bank came out with a revised circular on Friday.

Mr. Das said the new norms would provide a system of strong disincentives in the form of additional provisioning for delay in initiation of resolution or insolvency proceedings.

"It is expected that the revised prudential framework for resolution of stressed assets will sustain the improvements in credit culture ... it will go a long way in promoting a strong and resilient financial system in India," Mr. Das said, adding wherever necessary, the RBI would issue directions to banks for initiation of insolvency proceedings against borrowers for specific defaults.

> **With incipient signs of improvement in banks' health, credit growth is picking up**
>
> SHAKTIKANTA DAS
> Governor, RBI

NBFC crisis

On the issue of crisis of confidence that the 'shadow banks' are facing, triggered by debt default by Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services in August last year, Mr. Das said while the conventional approach to NBFC regulation and supervision has been light-touch, now, with a view to strengthen the sector, RBI had been pro-actively taking necessary regulatory and supervisory steps, keeping in mind the requirements of the time.

"In the light of recent developments, there is a case for having a fresh look at 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," Mr. Das said.

The RBI would continue to monitor the activity and performance of the sector with a focus on major entities and their inter-linkages with other sectors and would take steps, if needed, to maintain financial stability in the short, medium and long-term.

The central bank's objective was to harmonise the liquidity norms between banks and NBFCs, taking into account the unique business model of the NBFCs vis-à-vis the banks', he added.

"In this context, the final guidelines on the liquidity risk management framework, which we have proposed recently, would be issued shortly," the RBI Governor added.

TVS Credit plans to expand product portfolio

Offerings to include insurance, MFs

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

TVS Credit Services Ltd. is exploring ways to tie up with like-minded companies to offer various types of financial services to the self-employed and mid-market segments.

"We are keen to be an end-to-end financial services provider to the self-employed and mid-market of the Indian economy," said said G. Venkatraman, CEO, TVS Credit Services Ltd.

"We will evaluate what we have to do ourselves and what we need to provide by partnering with like-minded companies," he said.

Initially, the non-banking financial company had started with retail financing for TVS Motor Co. In the last few years, it has been financing two-wheelers, used cars, tractors, used tractors and used trucks.

Now, it is piloting mid-market and consumer durable finance for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

According to him, the firm had built a broad suite of products for the next 10 years. "Either we will do it ourselves or by tying up with somebody. Broadly, it will include what a middle-income or self-employed Indian wants as he has requirement for savings, insurance, investment or mutual funds in financial services," he said.

"We are trying to go over time to build out a business which will reach out to every business and consumption needs of the self-employed. The aim is to be the largest as we can."

To a question about home finance business, he said it was a couple of years away. "Over the years, we have grown consistently at the rate of 25% to 30%. Last year, we had assets under management (AUM) of ₹8,500 crore and net profit of ₹200 crore. This year, we hope to have AUM of ₹11,000 crore and net profit of ₹300 crore," he said.

M&M to have 'no production' days at plants

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) on Saturday said it will shut production across plants for up to 13 days in the ongoing quarter to adjust to market demand.

The company would be observing no production days during the first quarter ranging between 5 and 13 days across its automotive and farm equipment sector plants, M&M said.

"The management does not envisage any adverse impact on the availability of vehicles in the market due to adequacy of vehicle stocks to serve the market requirements," it added.

Last month, Maruti Suzuki India shut production for a day at its Gurgaon and Manesar plants to manage rising inventory levels.

Auto manufacturers have been facing muted sales for quite some time now. The slowdown has forced companies to adjust their production schedules to market demand.

India, key market for coloured gemstones, says Gemfields

Company is looking at Africa for opportunities in sapphires

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Gemfields Group, a leading coloured gemstones mining and trading company, has accorded high importance to India due to growing demand for gemstones and plentiful availability of skilled workforce required for cutting and polishing the gemstones.

"India plays a crucial part in Gemfields' operations," said Sean Gilbertson, CEO, Gemfields Group.

India hosts a large number of gemstone clients, says Gemfields.

"It hosts a large number of our gemstone clients - our auction partners - who purchase rough emeralds and rubies from us at auction. India is also the centre for coloured gemstone trading as well as housing world experts in gemstone cutting and polishing - particularly for emeralds which require highly skilled hands to realise the brightest gems with minimal weight loss," said Sean Gilbertson, CEO, Gemfields Group. "These aspects, coupled with India's inherent love for colour and fascination for jewellery, make the Indian market particularly important to Gemfields," he added.

The global market for rough, coloured gemstones is estimated to be over $2 billion (compared with more than $13 billion for diamonds) and the recent auction results have given reasons that 2019 would yield positive results, he said. He did not quantify the business volume from India.

Growth strategy

On the company's growth strategy, he said Gemfields had been through a transformation in recent years. In 2017, the company restructured and came under ownership of Pallinghurst Resources Limited, which subsequently changed its name to Gemfields Group.

"The three-year business plan centres around the 'big three' – identifying suitable sapphire opportunities in Africa to complement our thriving ruby and emerald operations, expanding our marketing activities to boost demand for coloured gemstones and disposing of our non-core minority stakes in both platinum and manganese mines," he said.

The U.K.-based Gemfields has been present in India since April 2005.

Centre mulls national institute for valuers

'Enough critical mass to have one'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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.

Professional institutes like the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) have been set up under Acts of Parliament.

The Companies Act, 2013, provides a comprehensive framework for development and regulation of the profession of valuers.

Speaking at a national seminar on valuation here organised by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), Mr. Srinivas stressed on the importance of professional competence, conduct and ethics of valuers.

He also said standards for valuation are likely to be finalised in the near future, adding that the immediate priority is that Registered Valuers Organisations (RVOs) should develop and further improve their code of conduct as each RVO is a frontline regulator.

'Below the radar'

Mr. Srinivas noted that in a market economy, it was surprising that valuation, a 100-year-old profession, somehow had been "flying below the radar".

In 2008, there was an initial attempt to have a bill on the lines of ICAI Act for having an institute for the valuers, he said, adding that now valuation profession cannot fly below the radar as the corporate affairs ministry is taking various steps.

Vodafone Idea gets nod to transfer fibre assets to arm

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Shareholders and creditors of telecom operator Vodafone Idea have approved a plan to transfer optical fibre assets to its wholly owned subsidiary Vodafone Towers Limited.

"The proposed resolution, approving the scheme, was passed with requisite majority by equity shareholders of the company," Vodafone Idea informed the BSE on Saturday.

The company had proposed to transfer its telecom fibre infrastructure to Vodafone Towers before monetising it and approached the National Company Law Tribunal Ahmedabad on April 11, 2019 for its approval.

The meeting of shareholders and creditors of the company were separately held on June 6. "The proposed resolution approving the scheme was passed unanimously by secured creditors and unsecured creditors of the company," Vodafone Idea said.

According to a source, Vodafone Idea has received a valuation of about ₹15,000 crore for its nearly 1.56 lakh kilometre-long telecom fibre assets.

The firm had earlier said that it would be beneficial to restructure its business by divesting the Fibre Infrastructure Undertaking into a separate legal entity.

'Mastercard, W-GDP team up to foster women's empowerment'

Empowering women can add $28 trn to the system: Banga

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN
THE HAGUE

Mastercard and the U.S. government-backed Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative have teamed up to further women's empowerment along the lines of financial inclusion, access to capital and ability to work, said Ajaypal Singh Banga, CEO, Mastercard.

Ajaypal Singh Banga

"I think the business case for including and empowering women has been made up from so many different studies that it puzzles me why the conversation still runs on," Mr. Banga said addressing the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2019 here.

Purchasing decisions

"You can add to the world GDP, there's the fact that women make 80% of the purchasing decisions, the fact is that women will be controlling $70 trillion of global wealth, which is 32% of global wealth by 2025," Mr. Banga added.

"There's the fact that you can add $28 trillion to the system by empowering women to the same extent in the workforce as men are today."

Against this background, Mastercard and the W-GDP have entered into an agreement to work on three pillars to do with women's empowerment.

"The first one being, we are going to try to ensure financial inclusion, financial literacy and the comprehension of how to be better prepared if an opportunity to use credit and financial facilities comes your way," he said.

The second pillar, he said, was the access to capital for women entrepreneurs and the micro-enterprises run by them.

"The third has to do with finding ways in which women are not allowed to progress, mostly because of either laws or norms that don't make sense," Mr. Banga said. "There are more than 100 countries in the world where women don't get a chance to have the same kind of jobs as men do. There are 10-15 countries where men can actually insist that their women don't get a chance to work. That's stuff that needed to go out with the last century."

Senior Adviser to the U.S. President, Ivanka Trump, said that the first issue was to identify the barriers facing women in different parts of the world since each region had different challenges.

"In the developed world, we have our own barriers such as the challenge of accessing affordable, high quality child care," Ms. Trump said, also speaking at GES 2019.

"The developing world has its own challenges. Can a woman open a bank account without the consent of a husband or a father or a male relative? Can a woman inherit or acquire property? Unfortunately, in parts of the world, they cannot," she said.

Excluded from working

There are 2.7 billion women worldwide who are excluded from working in certain industries because it is deemed man's work because of the nature of the industry, or the timings.

"If you are the CEO of a company that relies on middle-class growth, and on people consuming, so that if they consume, I can get the benefits as they come to me, it is in my own self-interest to try and spread the 'peanut butter' in a way that more people get a chance to get the peanut butter," Mr Banga said, highlighting the financial imperatives for empowering women.

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

J&K Bank chairman removed

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SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday removed J&K Bank chairman Parvez Ahmad from his post and appointed R.K. Chibber as the interim chairman of the lender.

Mr. Chibber has been appointed as the interim chairman and director on the board of directors, according to an order issued by the Additional Secretary, Finance, Vishal Sharma.

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Tweaking visa norms

Why are American immigration norms being tightened? Why does the U.S. want to know the Internet history of applicants?

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN

The story so far: On May 31, 2019, the U.S. Department of State introduced a change in online visa forms for immigrant (form DS-260) and non-immigrant visas (form DS-160) requiring applicants to register their social media handles over a five-year period. The newly released DS-160 and DS-260 forms ask, "Do you have a social media presence?" A drop-down menu provides a list of some 20 options, including Facebook, Instagram, Sina Weibo and Twitter. There is also a "NONE" option. Applicants are required to list their handles alone and not passwords. All sites will soon be listable according to an administration official who spoke to *The Hill*, a Washington DC-based newsletter. The policy does not cover those eligible for the visa waiver programme and those applying for diplomatic visas and certain categories of official visas.

How did it come about?
The policy is part of U.S. President Donald Trump's intent to conduct "extreme vetting" of foreigners seeking admission into the U.S. In March 2017, Mr. Trump issued an Executive Order asking the administration to implement a programme that "shall include the development of a uniform baseline for screening and vetting standards and procedures for all immigrant programs."

In September 2017, the Department of Homeland Security started including "social media handles, aliases, associated identifiable information, and search results" information in the files it keeps on each immigrant. The notice regarding this policy said those impacted would include Green Card holders and naturalised citizens. In March 2018, the State Department proposed a similar policy, but for all visa applicants – this is the policy now in effect. Earlier, only certain visa applicants identified for extra screening were required to provide such information. Asking visa applicants to volunteer social media history started during the Obama administration which was criticised for not catching Tashfeen Malik, one of those who carried out a mass-shooting in San Bernardino, California, in 2015. Malik had come to the U.S. on a K-1 fiancé visa, and had exchanged social media messages about jihad prior to her admission to the U.S.

> At least 10 lakh Indians, and these are just those who are successful in their visa applications and not all applicants, will be directly impacted by the policy

How will it impact India?
Most Indians applying for U.S. visas will be covered by this policy. Over 955,000 non-immigrant visas (excluding A and G visas) and some 28,000 immigrant visas were issued to Indians in fiscal year 2018. So at least 10 lakh Indians – and these are just those who are successful in their visa applications and not all applicants – will be directly impacted by the policy.

What lies ahead?
The new policy is expected to impact 14 million travellers to the U.S. and 700,000 immigrants worldwide according to the administration's prior estimates. In some individual cases it is possible that the visa policy achieves what it is (ostensibly) supposed to – allow the gathering of social media information that results in the denial of a visa for an applicant who genuinely presents a security threat. However, the bluntness of the policy and its vast scope raise serious concerns around civil liberties including questions of arbitrariness, mass surveillance, privacy, and the stifling of free speech.

First, it is not unusual for an individual to not recall all their social media handles over a five-year period. Consequently, even if acting in good faith, it is entirely possible for individuals to provide an incomplete social media history. This could give consular officers grounds for denying a visa.

Second, there is a significant degree of discretion involved in determining what constitutes a visa-disqualifying social media post and this could stifle free speech. For instance, is criticising the President of the United States or posting memes about him (there are plenty of those on social media these days) grounds for visa denial? What about media professionals? Is criticising U.S. foreign policy ground for not granting someone a visa?

Third, one can expect processing delays with visas as social media information of applicants is checked. It is possible that individuals impacted by the policy will bring cases against the U.S. government on grounds of privacy or on grounds of visa delays. The strength of these cases depends on a number of factors including whether they are brought by Green Card holders and naturalised citizens (who were impacted by the September 2017 policy not the May 31 one) or non-immigrants. The courts could examine the intent of the U.S. government's policy and ask whether it has discriminatory intent.

How will a 5G network power the future?

The government plans to start trials for next generation cellular tech this year. Is India prepared?

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA

The story so far: On Monday, June 3, Union Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad announced that the government will be holding an auction for spectrum, which includes airwaves that will be used to offer 5G or fifth-generation services, in the current calendar year. While some countries such as South Korea and the U.S. have begun rolling out commercial 5G services, India is yet to begin trials for these even as the government is targeting 2020 as the launch year for 5G in the country. However, during his first address after taking charge of the ministry, Mr. Prasad said the government plans to start 5G trials in the next 100 days or by mid-September.

What is 5G?
It is the next generation cellular technology that will provide faster and more reliable communication with ultra low latency. A government panel report points out that with 5G, the peak network data speeds are expected to be in the range of 2-20 Gigabits per second (Gbps). This is in contrast to 4G link speeds in averaging 6-7 Megabits per second (Mbps) in India as compared to 25 Mbps in advanced countries, it added.

Who does it benefit?
With 5G technology, consumers will be able to download data heavy content such as 8K movies and games with better graphics in just a few seconds. But once 5G becomes commercial, users will be required to change their current devices in favour of 5G-enabled ones.

However, it is likely that the primary use of the technology will go beyond delivery of services on personal mobiles devices. 5G is expected to form the backbone of emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and machine to machine communications, thereby supporting a much larger range of applications and services, including driverless vehicles, tele-surgery and real time data analytics. The ultra low latency offered by 5G makes the technology desirable for such use cases. Latency is the amount of time data takes to travel between its source and destination.

A government panel on 5G says the technology will extend the use of wireless technologies – for the first time – across completely new sectors of the economy from industrial to commercial, educational, health care, agricultural, financial and social sectors.

The report also stresses that even after the entry of 5G into the Indian networks, the earlier generation mobile technologies (2G, 3G and 4G) will continue to remain in use and that it may take 10 or more years to phase them out.

It is widely accepted that 5G's value for India may be even higher than in advanced countries because of the lower levels of investments in physical infrastructure. "5G may offer 'leapfrog' opportunities by providing 'smart infrastructure' that offers lower cost and faster infrastructure delivery," as per the government panel. One of the primary applications of 5G will be implementation of sensor-embedded network that will allow real time relay of information across fields such as manufacturing, consumer durables and agriculture. 5G can also help make transport infrastructure more efficient by making it smart. 5G will enable vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication, making driverless cars, among other things, a reality.

What will be the economic impact?
5G is expected to create a cumulative economic impact of $1 trillion in India by 2035, according to a report by a government-appointed panel. According to a separate report by telecom gear maker Ericsson, 5G-enabled digitalisation revenue potential in India will be above $27 billion by 2026. Additionally, global telecom industry GSMA has forecast that India will have about 70 million 5G connections by 2025.

When will it be launched?
In April, South Korea and the U.S. became the first countries to commercially launch 5G services. South Korea claimed it was the first to do so, beating the U.S. by a couple of hours, a claim disputed by U.S carriers. China too has handed out commercial 5G licences to its major carriers earlier than expected. Mr. Prasad has promised that trials in India will begin by mid-September. During the first term of the Narendra Modi government, the Central government had set a target of 2020 for the commercial launch of 5G services, largely in line with rest of the world. For the trials to begin, the government needs to allot certain amount of spectrum to telcos.

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The government launched a three-year programme that started in March 2018 to advance innovation and research in 5G with a budget of ₹224 crore. Ericsson has also installed a 5G test bed at IIT Delhi for developing applications in the broadband and low latency areas. This will help develop India-specific usage scenarios and applications.

What about spectrum auction?
The government plans to undertake spectrum auction in the current calendar year. In a first step towards preparing for these auctions, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had in August last year recommended that entire available spectrum be put to auction in the forthcoming sale. As a result a total of 8,644 MHz of spectrum will be put on sale, making it the largest ever such auction. The total base price of the total airwaves on sale is about ₹4.9 lakh crore.

Spectrum auctions are a major revenue earner for the government. In the last auction, held in October 2016, it fetched the government over ₹65,000 crore. However, 60% of the spectrum remained unsold. For 5G spectrum, i.e. the spectrum in 3300-3600 MHz which will be put out for bids for the first time, the regulator has recommended a pan-India reserve price of about ₹492 crore per MHz for unpaired spectrum.

Are there any apprehensions?
Two of the three private telcos, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, have, however, expressed apprehensions about the auction this year. They have pointed out that the reserve price of these airwaves is very high. Besides, there are currently no India-specific use cases for deployment of 5G.

Telecom industry body Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has also expressed concerns about the financial health of the sector amid intense competition and recent phase of consolidation. Currently, the industry's cumulative debt is pegged at around ₹7 lakh crore.

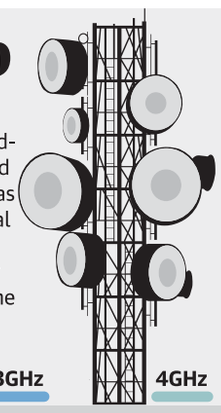
Airtel, for example, has hinted that it may not participate in the auctions at the current "exorbitant" prices. Vodafone Idea, which is the country's largest operator, has requested that the 5G spectrum should not be put on sale before 2020 as there is a need to first develop India-specific use cases.

The COAI has also pointed out that 5G is overpriced by at least 30% to 40% compared to international standards and auction in other markets such as South Korea and the U.S. In previous auctions, the government saw no takers for the 700 MHz spectrum, which is used to offer high speed 4G services and was put on sale for the first time, mainly due to the high reserve price. In its recommendations now, the sectoral regulator has said that the prices be reduced by about 43%. The recommended pan-India reserve price for 700 MHz now is ₹6,538 crore per MHz as opposed to ₹11,500 crore last time. Based on TRAI's recommendation, the Department of Telecom will work out the final details and timing of the auction.

Besides the spectrum, 5G will require a fundamental change to the core architecture of the communication system. Simply upgrading the existing Long Term Evolution core will not be able to support the various requirements of all 5G use cases. A report on 5G by Deloitte stated that it is anticipated that the industry might require an additional investment of $60-70 billion to seamlessly implement 5G networks. Ernst & Young too estimated a similar amount of investment to implement 5G.

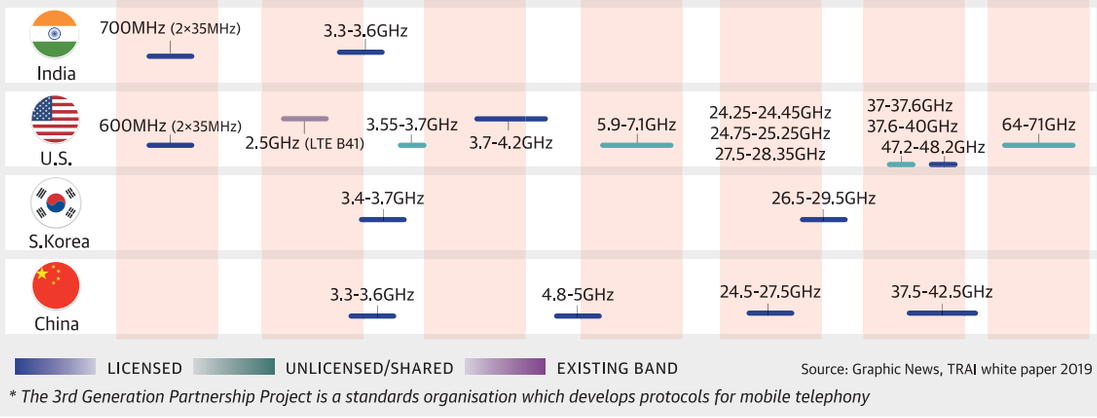
A giga leap

The Indian government has planned to start 5G trials by mid-Sept. 2019. 3GPP* has identified 700 MHz, 3.5 GHz, 26/28 GHz as the 5G pioneer bands. The visual shows the allocated/targeted bands for 5G spectrum in major countries. India has allocated the least number of bands among other major countries



5G is a giant leap forward from the earlier generations. It is expected to offer a peak data speed of 1 Gbps, which is 900% faster than 4G's maximum data speed. 5G also offers an ultra low latency of 1 millisecond which, in 4G is 10 milliseconds

Year	Generation	Maximum data speed	Data transfer per second	Time to download a 5GB movie
1991	2G	14.4 kbps	1.8 K	Over a month
2001	3G	384 kbps	48 K	Over a day
2010	4G	100 Mbps	12.5 MB	7 minutes
2020	**5G**	**1 Gbps**	**125 MB**	**40 seconds**



Source: Graphic News, TRAI white paper 2019

** The 3rd Generation Partnership Project is a standards organisation which develops protocols for mobile telephony*

What is the three-language formula?

Why is there opposition to the teaching of Hindi which crystallised into a policy in an official document in 1968?

K. VENKATARAMANAN

The story so far: A 50-year-old controversy got a new lease of life recently when a paragraph in the Draft New Education Policy 2019 referred to the mandatory teaching of Hindi in States where Hindi is not spoken. This was a reiteration of the Central government's three-language formula, but it set off a storm in Tamil Nadu, which stoutly opposes any attempt to impose Hindi and adheres to a two-language formula. The Union government sought to neutralise the hostile reaction by dropping the controversial reference to Hindi.

What is the formula?
It is commonly understood that the three languages referred to are Hindi, English and the regional language of the respective States. Though the teaching of Hindi across the country was part of a long-standing system, it was crystallised into a policy in an official document only in the National Policy on Education, 1968. This document said regional languages were already in use as the media of education in the primary and secondary stages. In addition, it said, "At the secondary stage, State governments should adopt and vigorously implement the three-language formula, which includes the study of a modern Indian language, preferably one of the southern languages, apart from Hindi and English in the Hindi-speaking States." In the 'non-Hindi speaking States', Hindi should be studied along with the regional language and English. It added: "Suitable courses in Hindi and/or English should also be available in universities and colleges with a view to improving the proficiency of students in these languages up to the prescribed university standards."

On promotion of Hindi, the NPE 1968 said every effort should be made to promote the language and that "in developing Hindi as the link language, due care should be taken to ensure that it will serve, as provided for in Article 351 of the Constitution, as a medium of expression for all the elements of the composite culture of India. The establishment, in non-Hindi States, of colleges and other institutions of higher education which use Hindi, as the medium of education should be encouraged".

Incidentally, the NPE 1986 made no change in the 1968 policy on the three-language formula and the promotion of Hindi and repeated it verbatim.

Why is it in the news now?
The Central government released a draft NPE, a report prepared by a committee headed by space scientist K. Kasturirangan. Its reference to mandatory teaching of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States set off a political storm in Tamil Nadu, which is traditionally opposed to the compulsory study of Hindi. The draft had a sentence on flexibility on choice of language for school students. Those who wished to change the three languages may do so in Grade 6, it said, "so long as the study of three languages by students in Hindi-speaking States would continue to include Hindi and English, and one of the modern Indian languages from other parts of India, while the study of languages by students in the non-Hindi-speaking states would include the regional language, Hindi and English."

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How did Tamil Nadu react, and what was the Centre's response?
The draft evoked a hostile response from political leaders in Tamil Nadu, who were quick to dub the proposal as an attempt to impose Hindi on the unwilling State. Dravida Munnetra Kazhgam president M.K. Stalin warned that his party would be forced to launch another agitation against Hindi imposition. The State had witnessed massive protests against earlier attempts to impose Hindi in 1937 and 1965. The Centre sought to defuse the situation by first reminding them that it was only a draft, and that the policy was yet to be finalised. Subsequently, the reference to Hindi was dropped by the committee. It reworked the sentence to the effect that students could change their language preference in Grades 6 or 7, "so long as they are able to still demonstrate proficiency in three languages (one at the literature level) in their modular Board examination some time during secondary school".

What is the backdrop to the Hindi imposition row?
The State has been traditionally opposed to any attempt to introduce Hindi as a compulsory language of learning or administration. The origin of the linguistic row, however, goes back to the debate on official language. In the Constituent Assembly, Hindi was voted as the official language by a single vote. However, it added that English would continue to be used as an associate official language for 15 years. The Official Languages Act came into effect on the expiry of this 15-year period in 1965. This was the background in which the anti-Hindi agitation took place. However, as early as in 1959, Jawaharlal Nehru had given an assurance in Parliament that English would continue to be in use as long as non-Hindi speaking people wanted it.

What is Tamil Nadu's stand on this?
Leaders in Tamil Nadu are often at pains to emphasise that they do not oppose the voluntary learning of Hindi and cite the unhindered work of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, established in Chennai by Mahatma Gandhi in 1918. The institution imparts Hindi teaching at various levels to anyone who enrols for its programme. Also, there is no bar on private schools, most of them affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, offering Hindi.

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The State has been following the two-language formula for many decades, under which only English and one regional language are compulsory in schools. In 2006, facing criticism that many manage to avoid learning Tamil by opting for Hindi or Sanskrit in private schools, the State government enacted The Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act under which Tamil has to be compulsorily learnt in schools operating in the State.

The State is also opposed to the establishment of Navodaya schools by the Centre in any part of Tamil Nadu.

An important aspect of the opposition to Hindi imposition is that many in Tamil Nadu see it as a fight to retain English. English is seen as a bulwark against Hindi as well as the language of empowerment and knowledge. There is an entrenched belief that the continued attempts to impose Hindi are essentially driven by those who want to eliminate English as the country's link language.

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Protein diet
It is a puzzle why pandas have jaws and teeth characteristic of herbivores but resemble carnivores in their gut and digestive enzymes. A study published in *Current Biology* shows that they consume the bamboo at a stage when it has the highest protein content. This puts them on the same bracket as carnivores that obtain 70% of their food from animals.

West Antarctic melt
The melting of Antarctic ice and ensuing rise in sea level will accelerate with climate change. A study published in *Science* argues that this will be delayed by a crustal uplift in the Amundsen sea sector, which helps reduce grounding line retreat. While this won't reverse ice sheet loss, this can delay the progress of dynamic mass loss of Thwaites glacier by about 20 years.

Bitter meal
Bees that get dusty with pollen from the flowers they visit for nectar many times eat the protein-rich pollen. This defeats the interests of the plant, which would like the pollen spread to other flowers. Teasel (*Dipsacus* species) has evolved a distasteful saponin with their pollen. Bees when visiting teasel flowers simply gather the nectar and ignore the pollen.

IISc team submits more evidence of superconductivity

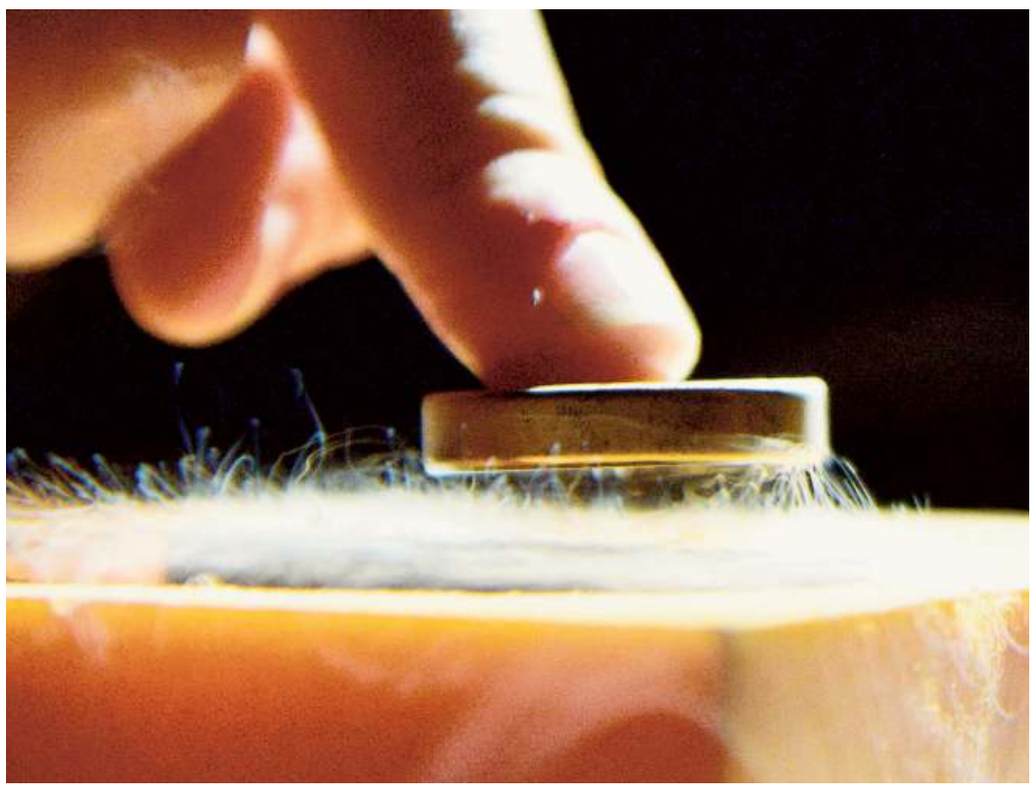
On June 5, they posted a preprint which fills up the lacunae in their previous ones

R. PRASAD

A team of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers led by Prof. Arindam Ghosh from the department of Physics have presented further evidence of possible superconductivity in gold-silver nanostructures in a preprint posted on June 5 in the preprint repository arXiv. The preprint is yet to be peer-reviewed.

In a revised preprint posted on May 21 in arXiv, the IISc team had written about the material exhibiting superconductivity. "Two of the most important properties of superconductivity are diamagnetism and zero resistance. These two were seen in the material we studied. They seem to suggest that the material becomes superconducting below a certain temperature (286 K or 13 degree C). And it can go up to 70 degree C," said Prof. Ghosh. "At 286 K we have seen clear transition from a normal state to a superconducting state. This is more than anyone has reported."

However, the May 21 preprint did not furnish data on current-voltage characteristics and the evidence of critical current.



Closing in: Two of the most important properties of superconductivity are diamagnetism and zero resistance. These two were seen in the material we studied, said Arindam Ghosh. ▪ AFP

Fills lacuna

The latest one posted on June 5 fills that lacuna as it has dealt with current-voltage characteristics in gold-silver nanostructures with regard to superconductivity.

What typically happens in current-voltage characteristics is that as the current is increased the voltage remains zero and at a critical current the voltage suddenly increases and superconductivity is destroyed.

"The current-voltage characteristics was one of the important data that were not presented in the earlier paper. This study shows the material has some signatures of critical current – the current at which the superconductor is no longer stable and becomes resistive," Prof. Ghosh wrote.

The IISc team observed that at a critical temperature of 160 K (-113.15 degree C) and critical current of little less than 10 milliampere the voltage suddenly shoots up and the gold-silver nanostructures no longer exhibit superconductivity as resistance increases rapidly. A superconductor is one which conducts electricity with zero resistance to the flow of electrons.

"The data look interesting but whether they confirm superconductivity is not sure," observed Prof. Pratap Raychaudhuri from the Superconductivity Lab at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai. " The data is not unambiguous," he added.

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Parallel results

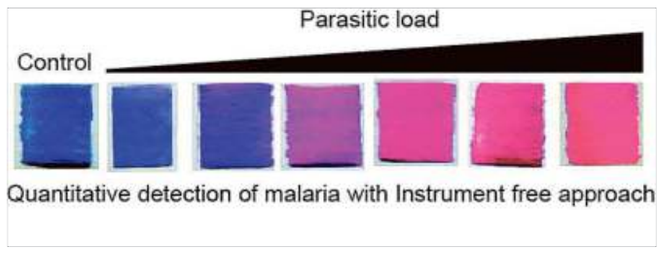
Referring to the figure on current-voltage characteristics, Prof. Raychaudhuri said that though the voltage increased sharply at about 10 milliampere critical current, the voltage was not zero before the sharp increase was seen. He compared the IISc work with another preprint posted by a team led by Prof. Subhankar Bedanta from the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneshwar.

"The current-voltage characteristics [in Prof. Bedanta's preprint] show clear evidence of superconductivity," said Prof. Raychaudhuri. "At the critical current, the voltage is zero before it increases sharply."

Prof. Raychaudhuri added: "It would take more effort by the authors to convincingly show that the nanomaterial is indeed superconducting. The preprint posted earlier had very little data. Now, more data are available. Whether the data are correct or not can be settled only though scientific discourse – peer-reviewing and other groups reproducing it."

Clarifying about the zero voltage Prof. Ghosh said, "At temperatures slightly below 161.3 K the voltage is zero up to 10 milliampere current. The voltage may increase at higher current, which was not tested. Similar behaviour was observed in metal whiskers where superconductivity is observed at a lower temperature.

"At a lower temperature the voltage becomes zero. This further supports the original claim. The critical current data is a strong indicator of superconductivity," emphasised Prof. Ghosh. "We observed critical current behaviour which is one of the important characteristics of traditional superconductors."



Colour change: When the captured antigens interact with specific substrates inside the syringe, the blue dye turns into pink.

New paper-based test kit for malaria detection

The team has applied for patents for one aptamer and the detection strategy used

ASWATHI PACHA

With over one million reported cases in 2017, malaria still continues to be a burden for India and most countries of southeast Asia. Now, a group of researchers from IIT Guwahati has developed a simple detection method that uses an instrument when in the lab or a piece of chromatographic paper when in the field.

The kit can be used to detect *Plasmodium* parasite, which causes malaria and also specifically detect *Plasmodium falciparum*, a notorious species.

Simple instruments

Using an ordinary syringe fitted with a small magnet, magnetic beads and few chemicals inside, the researchers were able to specifically capture the antigen released by the parasites in the blood of malaria patients.

"As the blood has many interfering agents, we used magnetic bead-tethered aptamers (two small DNA molecules), which capture only the specific antigens and separate these from the blood serum to perform the reaction. The magnetic bead helps in holding the aptamers," explains Naveen Kumar Singh, Ph.D. scholar at the institute and first author of the paper published in *Analytical Chemistry*. "This kit also has high stability in hot and humid conditions. When mass produced, the kit can be cheaper than the existing rapid detection test kit available in the market."

One of the aptamers selectively captures the antigen (*P. falciparum* glutamate dehydrogenase - PfGDH) from the *P. falciparum* strains, while the other captures another antigen (*Plasmodium* lactate dehydrogenase - PLDH) that is common to all the *Plasmodium* species.

The team used PfGDH instead of the currently used HRP-2 as there have been several reports of HRP-2 gene deletions in P. falciparum. This absence of gene allows the parasite to evade HRP-2-based detection tests, resulting in a false-negative test result.

When the captured antigens interact with specific substrates inside the syringe, the blue dye turns pink. The dye is then adsorbed over a modified chromatographic paper. The formation of pink colour on the paper is a direct indication of the presence of parasites in the blood serum. The intensity of the colour increases when the concentration of antigen is high.

"The paper-based method offers the result rapidly and the aptamer-tethered magnetic beads can be reused too." adds Naveen.

Sensitivity

In the instrument-based method the intensity of the colour change is measured using a spectrophotometer. This gives a quantitative measurement and can detect very low level of the antigen in blood.

The team has already filed patent applications for one of the aptamers as well as for the detection strategy used to develop the kit. "The next phase of the work involves validation of the kit through field trial for point of care applications," says Prof. Pranab Goswami from the Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering at IIT Guwahati and the corresponding author.

IIT Mandi observes zero resistance at high temperatures in gold-silver nanostructures

The group has fabricated structures that could be superconducting at relatively high temperatures

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

New results from IIT Mandi indicate that nanostructures made of gold embedded with silver show zero resistance to the flow of electric current through them. Interestingly, this happens at the relatively high temperatures, between 240 K and 275 K, that is, approximately between -33 degrees Celsius and 2 degrees Celsius. "The resistance fluctuated as we lowered the temperature and suddenly fell below the limit of resolution of the apparatus on cooling below a critical temperature. As we repeated the heating and cooling, this critical temperature varied between 240 K and 275 K," says C.S. Yadav from School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi. This poses the interesting question of whether the group has fabricated structures that are superconducting at relatively high temperatures. A superconductor is a material that, for one, allows electricity to pass through it with zero resistance.

Hopeful: Effort is needed to dentify and stabilize the superconducting phase in these materials to pave the way for room temperature superconductivity, says Dr. Yadav. ▪ IIT MANDI

Reproducibility

Though six gold-silver nanostructure samples were studied, the team was able to see such a fall in resistance only in one sample. They also did not observe the other important property of superconductors, namely, when a superconductor is cooled below the critical temperature in the presence of a magnetic field, it suddenly expels the magnetic flux from its insides below the critical temperature. This is because it turns into what is called a diamagnet at this temperature. A perfect diamagnet does not allow magnetic fields to penetrate its bulk.

The team was inspired by the work of Anshu Pandey and Dev Kumar Thapa of the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, who had posted on ArXiv their observations on carefully fabricated nanostructures of silver embedded in gold. They observed a transition with resistance dipping to zero as the samples were cooled, and also a diamagnetic transition. Even as their preprint is under review, the IIT Mandi researchers bring to the public forum these observations on gold-silver nanostructures, albeit differently fabricated. "We started the work last year after the first report by Thapa et al," says Dr Yadav.

Viswanath Balakrishnan, from the School of Engineering at IIT Mandi, who led the study along with Dr. Yadav, explains the lack of diamagnetism as follows: "Our film was of thickness approximately 55 nanometre, so back-calculating, the amount of material must be just a few micrograms. It is very unlikely this can give a good signal of diamagnetism." He agrees that their plans include fabricating the nanostructure in bulk form: getting at least 1 square centimetre sample, get detailed characteristics and study the variations in microstructure. "The structure needs to be stabilised," he adds.

Puzzling feature

The group also observed that the transition temperature was unaffected when they cooled the sample in very high magnetic fields, such as 14 tesla. "This is puzzling because normally the magnetic field is detrimental to the transition," says Dr. Yadav.

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> VISWANATH BALAKRISHNAN
> School of Engineering, IIT Mandi

As for the reason for observing zero resistance in only one sample, Dr. Balakrishnan explains, "We speculate this has to do with spatial inhomogeneity and instability issues associated with the particular phase. We could not observe this in other samples of same batch."

The reason for this, according to them, could be that microstructural and compositional distribution in the sample plays an important role in the transition. Dr. Balakrishnan adds, "Nevertheless our repeated measurements on this sample did show zero resistance transition over multiple cycles which are presented in our paper."

The researchers found that the control and stabilization of the correct phase of Au-Ag nanostructure present in thin film was the most challenging part of the work. But they are excited that their results will generate further interest in Au-Ag and other nanostructure systems in the quest for superconductivity at ambient conditions (that is, room temperature and normal pressure).

Efforts needed

"Consistent efforts are required for the identification and stabilization of superconducting phase in these materials which will pave the way for room temperature superconductivity," says Dr. Yadav.

While there are questions, such as difficulty in reproducibility of the microstructure, it is undeniably an interesting phenomenon that the IIT Mandi researchers have come up with.

"We did not observe room temperature superconductivity but observed zero resistance in Au-Ag thin films. In the light of recent report from IISc, our study surely provides some evidence and strengthens the need for the further exploration in these systems," says Dr. Balakrishnan.

Scientists create a global map of where groundwater meets oceans

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Scientists have created high-resolution maps of points around the globe where groundwater meets the oceans – the first such analysis of its kind that may help protect both drinking water and the seas.

In a study published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, researchers from The Ohio State University in the U.S. showed that nearly one-half of fresh submarine groundwater discharge flows into the ocean near the tropics.

They also found that regions near active fault lines send greater volumes of groundwater into the ocean than regions that are tectonically stable.

They found that dry, arid regions have very little groundwater discharge, opening the limited groundwater supplies in those parts of the world to saltwater intrusion.

The team worked with researchers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the University of Saskatchewan to combine topographical data from satellites and climate models to show the flow of groundwater around the world's coasts.

Aquifers: Regions near active fault lines send greater volumes of groundwater into the ocean than tectonically stable ones. ▪ K. R. DEEPAK

Managing freshwater

The findings may help coastal communities better protect and manage their drinking water.

"Freshwater-groundwater discharge is a natural line of defense against saltwater intrusion," said Audrey Sawyer, an assistant professor at Ohio State.

"It's a problem that dry regions have as little groundwater discharge as they do because these are also the places where people are going to tend to look for groundwater to meet their freshwater needs," said Dr. Sawyer.

The research work, the first near-global and spatially distributed high-resolution map of fresh groundwater flow to the coast, could give scientists better clues about where to monitor groundwater discharge.

When researchers think about coastal water quality and the way water affects the biochemical makeup of the world's lakes and oceans, they typically think about rivers and streams – and for good reason. Most of the water that gets to lakes and oceans comes from surface water sources. However, groundwater plays an important role, too, carrying minerals and, in some cases, pollutants, to surface bodies of water.

"If you've ever been swimming in a lake or in the ocean in the summertime and you go through a cold patch, that is probably a place where groundwater is coming out," Dr. Sawyer said.

"And that's just one way that groundwater affects surface water – in that case, it's affecting temperature, but it also affects the chemistry of the water. These effects can be hard to measure over large scales," he said.

The team started building these images. The research group focuses on groundwater, and realised that there was limited information showing where groundwater was most likely to flow into the oceans.

The study found that in some parts of the world, groundwater could be polluting oceans and lakes with nutrients and other chemicals.

Groundwater, for example, can carry higher concentrations of nitrates – a key contributor of the types of harmful algal blooms – as well as high concentrations of mercury.

Understanding how and where groundwater gets to surface water could help policy-makers create better plans to improve those bodies of water.

The study also found that climate heavily influences groundwater flow, and that cities in dry areas are especially vulnerable to salt water contamination of aquifers.

Go for the blank space

PRIYA VADLAMUDI

When was the last time you thought about blank space left on a hand-written page? Not Taylor Swift's 2014 sensation with 2.4 billion views on YouTube. For a student going to school or college for several hours a day, keeping the head down and filling blank pages in the notebook is an everyday routine.

Most children in today's world have the privilege to buy fancy notebooks with machine-ruled lines to make their lives easier and their study sessions hassle-free. However, as the world's resources dwindle, it is high time we acted to curb the current level of environmental degradation and wastage of resources, and this also includes the avoidance of wastage of paper resources.

If you ever wondered about the small blank space at the top and bottom of every page of a ruled notebook, you must have also realised that it may not be an absolute necessity. On an average, about 2 inches are allocated to these margins on a sheet of paper, which may account for about 7% to 10% of the page area. This means that in a 100-page ruled notebook, seven to 10 pages are only margin spaces.

This might not seem like a heavy loss to most students, but the current, deteriorating ordeal of the environment does not allow us to let this wastage just pass. One estimate says it takes 24 trees to make one tonne of paper. If one assumes that a school student uses an average of five ruled books in a year and there are about 10 lakh students in a city like Hyderabad, the number of trees cut for the paper they use is between 225 and 450. The margin space alone is the life of 30 to 50 extra trees for students in Hyderabad alone.

It is understandable that students might not be able to allocate much time to constructively execute novel actions meant for environmental protection, but a conscious effort in saving the margin space, which could be encouraged by teachers and school managements too, will be a small but helpful act that reduces one's carbon footprint. It does not require any extra effort or separate allocation of time.

Therefore, to mark this year's World Environment Day (which fell on June 5 this year) and the new school year that is upon us, do not just go back to school with excitement about the new stationery. Go with a motive to chip in with your own small efforts for your beloved and currently mildly sick planet.

Unable to just 'be': looking back on a lived life

Does anyone think about the importance of happiness, equanimity, self-confidence and sensitivity to nature anymore?

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At the age of 10 I gave my first full-length public concert, and there was a review in a major English language newspaper by the music critic Charles Fabri. At the age of 12, I sang in the Central Hall of Parliament and was hugged by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. At 16, I had gathered 10 gold medals. Soon I had postgraduate degrees in both economics and music, and began doctoral research with a UGC fellowship.

All very commendable? Today, in my late-seventies, I am not too sure. And therein lies a lesson perhaps, in lifestyle goals that we choose – or rather, what parents choose for their children.

My parents believed that wasting time was a crime. *Edaana pannu* (do something) was the constant exhortation in Tamil. During one summer vacation when I was seven, I had to take Kathak classes. A year later, it was learning to read Tamil and memorising the 30 Tiruppavai songs of Andal, one of the 12 Alvar saints. Another summer, I was taking lessons in Sanskrit, learning to play the veena, then machine embroidery and painting. (I still have those artefacts.)

My mother was a gifted musician and trained painter. With two full-time domestic help, she spent her time in radio rehearsals and broadcasts, teaching music, and producing musical features. Any moron can chop and cook; if you have artistic talent, it's a crime not to develop them, she would say, citing the biblical story of a master distributing talents to his group members and chiding those who had wasted them.

As Amy Chua says in her book, *Tiger Mom*, I had to not only learn varied skills but also excel in them – once when I got the second prize in an inter-school competition, my mother forbade me from going on stage to receive my prize and certificate, for only the first prize was acceptable. My classmates wondered why I didn't go on stage when my name was called out. If I got 95% in an examination, she would ask where I had lost the five marks, before signing the report card.

And so I grew up learning a variety of skills. Marriage to a man who believed that a woman's place was in the kitchen ministering to the needs of her spouse and raising a family, brought sharp discrepancies in what I thought I should be spending my time on, and what I was expected (and forced) to do. The end of each day left a sense of huge guilt – that I had wasted my time, doing nothing creative. The only way to cope was to somehow fit in 26 hours into each 24, so that after finishing the day's chores I would still have some time for my own artistic pursuits. Which meant I multi-tasked and pushed myself physically beyond what the body could endure in the normal course. Coffee was gulped down in five seconds, standing up, while getting on with the cooking. (My daughter still teases me that I have forgotten how to sit, slowly sipping a steaming, leisurely cup, enjoying the aroma and flavour. Indeed, I have.) If I was supervising school homework, I was also darning or ironing clothes at the same time. Relaxing with the music on, was a no-no; I had the music on while I chopped vegetables, or could read the newspaper only as I sat with my toddler son at the playground.

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When Penguin commissioned me to write a book, the only way I could find the time was to get up at 3 a.m. and put in three hours of typing before starting the day's work at six, preparing breakfast, packing lunch boxes and getting the kids ready. My husband had declared that I needed no help since we were a small family of four. After all, his mother used to cook for a dozen people.

Awards and honours rolled in – but something had to give, and my body began to protest. Now that the children are off my hands, I have time to work on the four book drafts that I have pending. But, my eyesight is failing.

I have severe low backache, and I am in constant pain. I am tired. Not the best of conditions to focus on creative work. And this again is causing irritability, frustration, and a massive sense of guilt that I am forced to rest when I have multiple assignments to complete.

Author R.M. Lala says in his book *Celebration of the Cells* (on his encounter with cancer) that even a walk became "a chore, something to be completed and ticked off a list". That's exactly how I feel. I haven't done anything "for enjoyment", never just "sat around" for the sheer pleasure of "just being". And that's what my doctor now advises. "Just be," she says. "Relax. You have done enough. Teach yourself to take time off – look at the trees, listen to the chirping of the birds as they return to their nests in the evening, watch the eagles soaring overhead...."

I try, I try, but after the initial two minutes, I fret – shouldn't I be checking email, or mixing the dough for dinner? "Just be," my doctor-friend admonishes, pushing me firmly back into my chair. "See that line of tiny ants creeping along the sheer wall?"

Yes, but what does watching a line of ants bring? The doctor glowers at me. "It brings peace, calmness, soothes the mind. Remember, stress causes cancers, and keeping the mind calm is as important as the capsules you swallow." Fun can be therapy. Especially in today's milieu where the rat race traps even children.

No one teaches "just being". High school kids run from one tuition class to another, vying for medical or engineering seats. When the cut-off points are at 95%, the boy who scores 94 is a "failure", and debarred.

A child prodigy student of mine is now a mental wreck, undergoing psychiatric treatment, after taking four hours of tuitions each day, after classes, to "improve" upon his 93% in the school final examination.

No one stresses the importance of happiness, equanimity, self-confidence, sensitivity to nature. Only 96% counts. Sad indeed, isn't it?

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The simple pleasures of a momentary wink

The once-popular eyelid gesture that could say a lot without a word being spoken, seems to be flirting with extinction

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What we mean by the word 'wink' is to close one eye briefly as a way of greeting someone or showing friendliness, affection or sexual attraction, or showing that you are not serious about something you have just said. So you can praise someone and wink at them when they turn their back. Sometimes a friend may talk about something seriously but if he winks at you, it means he is joking. Similarly, winking is used to control interaction to indicate that something is not to be taken seriously or to show a friendly attitude towards the other. A wink may seem to be simply an eye movement, but it is also a facial expression. Since the head usually moves slightly to one side while winking, it is a head movement. However, when you wink surreptitiously there will be no head movement. In fact, the presence or absence of head movement can be a crucial factor in the beholder interpreting the significance of a wink.

Winking accompanied by a short, sharp downward tilt of the head to one side is a useful gesture. It can mean that a statement is not to be taken seriously. It can be humorously conspiratorial, saying, "This is a secret between the two of us." It can simply be used as a gesture of friendly social acknowledgement.

While studying in a co-educational school, I winked at a girl who was my first love. She winked back. It was a great day for me and I recorded it in my diary. A girl's wink is like an arrow piercing your heart. In those halcyon days, schoolgirls used to wink at boys and *vice versa*. However, in the new millennium I hardly see girls or boys winking at each other. Instead, they send short messages to express their feelings electronically. When we winked at girls, the class teacher frowned. But I distinctly remember a jovial young teacher who loved winking girls and boys. He also winked at good-looking girls surreptitiously.

Mobile phones

I have failed to find anyone winking today because they are glued to their mobile phones. When I recently travelled from Sri Lanka to India, I found the same situation prevailing there. It may be that owing to the generation gap and amid technological advances such as smart phones, simple pleasures like winking have vanished. Even some of our elders savoured this playful aspect of flirting. How would you react to someone who dares to blow you a kiss with the drop of a lid? Would you dare to wink back?

The father of a friend of mine was a great winker. He had two winks. One was for his wife, which was a romantic invitation. The other was for his children, which meant "I love you."

You cannot just wink at someone; you have to do it with panache. There were winking celebrities such as Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo and Elizabeth Taylor. I still remember the wink Elizabeth Taylor gave Richard Burton in *Cleopatra*.

Flattered

I asked a 96-year-old man whether he had received any winks.

ILLUSTRATION: SREEJITH R. KUMAR

"Many times," he said with a smile. "I was flattered when I received them from members of the opposite sex." Then I asked him whether he still winks. "Yes, of course, I wink at close associates and some of my former students as a way of greeting them. It is tragic that people have stopped winking at others for some unknown reason."

Then I asked a woman in her eighties whether she still winks. "It's out of fashion now. Today there are better ways of attracting the attention of others. So I think that winking is somewhat passé."

Winking at strangers is somewhat risky. Jim Steele, a Sociology Professor at the James Madison University in Virginia, U.S., says winking is safe in office settings where co-workers are allowed to tease gently.

Some famous people wink just to make headlines in newspapers. President George W. Bush did it famously to Queen Elizabeth in 2007. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott's infamous wink during a 2014 radio show went very differently.

Psychologists consider the wink as ambiguous behaviour. This is because a wink can be friendly, conspiratorial, flirtatious, lecherous or sinister. Robert Provine, Psychology Professor at the University of Maryland and the author of *Curious Behavior: Yawning, Laughing, Hiccupping, and Beyond*, describes winking as a distortion of natural behaviour.

An Internet sensation

The emerging south Indian actress Priya Prakash Varrier became an Internet sensation because of her wink that went viral. She has both offended and impressed the Internet with her viral scenes from the film *Oru Adaar Love*. Her wicked winking won over millions of netizens. Actor Noorin Shereef, who played the female lead in the school romance drama, confessed that Priya's wink led to her own performance in the film getting sidelined. In 2018, Priya Varrier turned out to be one of the most Googled names in India.

As the generations progress, some simple pleasures like winking are left behind. Sadly, a gesture once popular among people is now flirting with extinction.

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Finding contentment wherever you are

An observed instance of an insect not hankering after newer opportunities and greener pastures

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We have a plantation of roses hugging an entire wall of the porch at our home in Ambala. Come March and April, it explodes into kaleidoscopic blossoms, each with a character of its own. This year we have had blood-red roses effusing a strong and authentic *gulabari jal* (rose water) scent, peach pink half-open buds unfolding with an elite aura about them, fairly large off-white ones in the unique shade of semi-baked cake batter, scarlet-red ones that are so plump they're nearly kissing the ground, and a velvety soft mango-yellow one in full bloom.

I observe these roses closely. In recent days I noticed a tiny guest in the plantation – an insect similar to a grasshopper, but smaller in size and pale green in colour. It sat on the crown of the mango-yellow rose. I assumed it was there for a moment to sip nectar.

In the evening the same day, I was amused to see it perched at the same place. I leaned in to check if it was alive. I couldn't imagine any other reason for an insect to sit on the same flower all day! After all, the yellow rose was in a rich plantation of very exciting opportunities. The other roses were as nutritious and promising, if not more. There was nothing to stop the insect from hopping from one rose to the other, enjoying different creamy petals, multiple fragrances and flavours.

I assumed so based on my understanding of common behaviour. Whether insect or human, we often feel lured towards 'other' opportunities, greener pastures, more perks and greater joys, especially when they are within our reach. Whether we need them or not is another matter. Whether their achievement brings lasting happiness is also quite another matter.

Soon I saw it twitching its front legs and curving its spine. It was not only alive, it had no injury. A bumblebee buzzed off and on. A wasp hovered over the rose. Our guest was active and so was life all around it. I thought that it probably wanted to absorb the goodness of one flower in its entirety, and had hence settled down on one rose for the whole day.

The next day, Day 2, I went to our porch for a chore. The sun was overhead. I wishfully glanced at the yellow rose, secretly hoping to spot our tiny guest. I couldn't. I went closer to take a look again.

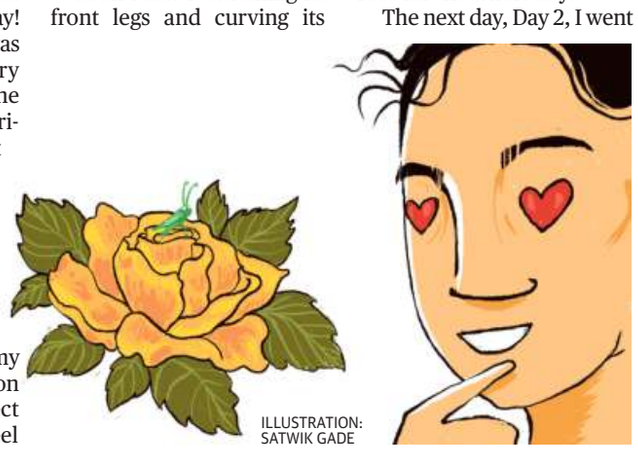

ILLUSTRATION: SATWIK GADE

And there it was... in a cozy, shaded space formed by a petal giving cover to the petal below it! Since the crown of the rose was exposed to direct sunrays, our guest had found a way to deal with the heat within the petals of the same rose. It could've taken a short flight to another rose that was fully under the shade at that time. But it didn't.

A small but meaningful example of willingness to find a solution instead of escaping the problem. In the latter half of the day, when the sun's rays had sobered, I found it had moved back to the crown of the rose, and swayed in tandem with the gentle evening breeze.

Came Day 3. I stepped out with my morning cup of tea. No surprise, I saw our guest still perched peacefully. It seemed as satisfied sitting on the yellow rose on that third day as it was on the first. It enjoyed food and health from it. Day turned to night, and it continued to enjoy the familiar position.

It was happy there. And that happiness was independent of the dynamics and opportunities in its environment. Isn't that precious?

In the next few days, as the rose withers, our humble guest must fly away to another one. Until then, as it rests on the yellow petals regardless of the scarlet-red, peach-pink, and off-white temptations in the backdrop, I know I'm looking at contentment.

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Batting will hold the key in the battle of bruisers

India's attack has the pace to rattle the Australian top-order; Starc and Cummins are capable of menace and hostility

Honing their skills: Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan at a net session ahead of their clash against Australia. ▪ AFP

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World Cups are largely about the macro-vision. It reflects an all-encompassing gaze, blends in a fierce desire to script fresh legacies, and always thrives upon a squad's itch to prove its global credentials. Unfortunately for India and its larger footprint of Twitterati, fans and sections of the media, the focus was solely on an army insignia that M.S. Dhoni flaunted on his wicket-keeping gloves during the match against South Africa at Southampton.

The gesture reflected the former India captain's fondness for the army but it violated the International Cricket Council's (ICC) player-apparel rules. The subsequent brouhaha over the ICC's reservations and the vitriolic utterances that marred the digital space, did a disservice to the fact that India had started its campaign on a winning note with a six-wicket triumph over the Proteas. Thankfully the ICC refused to budge and now that the controversy is on the wane, Virat Kohli's men can get back to doing what they do best – play cricket.

It is time to take on Australia at the Oval on Sunday. The venue, with its quaint tiled, red-brick homes around its fringes, has history coursing through its edifice. Its corridor-walls feature photographs, most of them black-and-white and harking back to old heroes and their stirring sporting tales. Cut to the present, Saturday was about the teams limbering up in turns, India had an optional hit, and there was the slow assemblage of food-vans outside, promising traditional British cuisine like fish and chips, to be washed down with ale. Also sighted was a Gujarati truck, to tickle the Indian palate.

A few years ago, Indian cricket was like 'when you are bored please play Sri Lanka'. But over the last seven months, that fixation has been centred around Australia. Kohli's men and Aaron Finch's feisty troops have clashed often since December. Down Under, India won the ODI series 2-1 and when Australia toured, the visitor prevailed 3-2.

Adding depth

The latest episode has the added weight of Steve Smith and David Warner. The duo returned after serving a one-year ban following last summer's ball-tampering controversy. The two have added depth and aura to the opposition outfit and played their parts in Australia's winning start.

Warner remained unbeaten on 89 against Afghanistan while Smith etched a 73 in the contest involving the West Indies. Still, a few chinks have surfaced as Australia's top-order was seen a touch fragile against the short-pitched bowling that the West Indians unleashed at Nottingham.

India's Jasprit Bumrah and his fellow-seamers would be keen to probe any vulnerability.

However, in a battle of bouncers, Australia can dish its own version of the 'perfume ball'. Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins can hustle the very best and if it is a question of middle-over skirmishes, the Aussies have regularly played spinners Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav in the past.

India's batting has to be top-drawer and thankfully most of its cogs performed at Southampton, especially Rohit Sharma, who was magnificent.

But more needs to be done on a pitch that was kept under wraps during Friday's rains, and was allowed to breathe once the sun peeped past the clouds on the game's eve.

There is a 20 per cent chance of precipitation during the clash and the last thing the captains need is the weather adding its own wicked texture to a storied rivalry.

India vs Australia - a WC timeline

1983

NOTTINGHAM: After not crossing swords in 1975 & '79, the two met for the first time in the third edition. Trevor Chappell's 110 powered Australia to 320 and a 162-run win

CHELMSFORD: In a must-win final league game for both teams, Madan Lal and Roger Binny picked up four wickets each to bundle out Australia for 129, defending 248, and qualify for the semifinals

1987

CHENNAI: The M.A. Chidambaram Stadium couldn't have asked for a better ODI debut. A four was changed to a six after the umpires were alerted during the innings break. India, chasing a target of 271, lost by one run!

NEW DELHI: India won the second meeting with Mohd. Azharuddin and Maninder Singh picking up three wickets each. India won by 56 runs after scoring 289

1992

BRISBANE: Like in Chennai, India lost by one run despite Azharuddin's heroics - he made 93 before being run out by a direct throw from Border

1996

MUMBAI: Mark Waugh made 126 and removed a rampaging Tendulkar with a clever piece of bowling as Australia won by 16 runs

1999

THE OVAL: Mark Waugh (83) was at it again before McGrath cleaned up the top-order as India lost by 77 runs despite Ajay Jadeja's 100

2003

CENTURION: India was shot out for 125 and Australia romped home by nine wickets

JOHANNESBURG: In the grandest stage of them all, skipper Ricky Ponting's unbeaten 140 powered Australia to a mammoth 359 in the final. India could only manage 234

2011

AHMEDABAD: Skipper Ponting once again slammed a ton, but half-centuries from Tendulkar, Gambhir and Yuvraj finally ended Australia's long reign at the World Cup, in the last eight

2015

SYDNEY: Australia ended India's unbeaten run in the event, with a 95-run victory in the semis. Steve Smith's ton had taken the hosts to 328

The teams (from):
India: Virat Kohli (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, M.S. Dhoni, K.L. Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, Kedar Jadhav, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Vijay Shankar, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Shami, Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav.
Australia: Aaron Finch (Capt.), David Warner, Steve Smith, Usman Khawaja, Jason Behrendorff, Alex Carey, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Pat Cummins, Nathan Lyon, Shaun Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Jhye Richardson, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa.
Umpires: Chris Gaffaney and Ian Gould; **Third umpire:** Nigel Llong; Match referee: Andy Pycroft.
Match starts at 3 p.m. IST.

It's going to be a great contest, says Rohit

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LONDON

Staying in the present and focusing on performance seems to be Rohit Sharma's mantra. Ahead of Sunday's big match against Australia, the India vice-captain spoke to the media at the Oval, and he exuded confidence.

"In the World Cup, you have to turn up on that day and play good cricket. What we have done in the past is past. As a team we believe that we have to play better on that particular day. We had a good rivalry between the teams in the last few months. We played good cricket in Australia, they played good cricket in India. So it's going to be a great contest," Rohit said. The opener admitted that his match-winning hundred against South Africa wasn't a regular aggressive knock but an innings that gave him immense satisfaction. "It was a massive confidence booster. Talking about the innings, I felt it was not the way I would like to play but obviously you have to respect the conditions, and, at times, the bowlers as well, which is probably the reason I would say that it is one of the best.

"There was something in for the bowlers. You have to try and bat the condition so that was a bit challenging," Rohit recalled his ton.

"I have played more than 200-odd ODIs. Experience teaches you a lot. You want to make sure that you start the innings and finish the innings, as well. When I did that in the first game, the satisfaction you get is something else."

Rohit refused to comment on the controversy involving M.S. Dhoni's wicket-keeping gloves but was quick to support K.L. Rahul's ability: "It might seem that he didn't get big runs, but that 26 (against South Africa) was as good as getting a 50-plus on that pitch. He looked good and was confident. More often than not he will be coming at number four when the ball will be doing a bit, and being an opener it's an advantage for him to get used to the conditions quickly."

Among the leading ODI run-scorers for India, Rohit believed that it is an 'external reward' for his performance. "For me, it's always been about going and getting the job done for the team. When I started opening, it was challenging because I have never done that before in international cricket, but I have come a long way."

Where they stand

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	6	2.163
England	3	2	1	0	4	1.307
Australia	2	2	0	0	4	1.059
Sri Lanka	3	1	1	1	3	-1.517
Pakistan	3	1	1	1	3	-2.412
West Indies	2	1	1	0	2	2.054
India	1	1	0	0	2	0.302
Bangladesh	3	1	2	0	2	-0.714
South Africa	3	0	3	0	0	-0.952
Afghanistan	3	0	3	0	0	-1.443

**till the New Zealand-Afghanistan match on June 8*

Winning in India was really important: Finch

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Aaron Finch declared that he and his team would draw self-belief from the 3-2 victory in the ODI series in India while squaring up against the familiar rival on Sunday.

"Winning the last three games (in India) was really important for us. Whenever you are playing India, you have to believe that you can beat them because they are a world-class side.

"They have got some all-time great players. So to be able to beat them in their home conditions three times in a row was really important for the confidence of the side, especially going into a game like this," the Australian captain said. The opener also lauded Steve Smith and David Warner.

"Steve is the best batter in the world in my opinion over all three forms of the game. I think when you have David who is so destructive at the top, it's great for the side. We have always believed that we have a side that can win the World Cup," he said.

As for the Indian threats, be it Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Jasprit Bumrah, Finch felt that "no freebies should be given to the batsmen", and stressed that "due diligence" has been done on the spearhead.

Net bowler injured

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A net bowler suffered a freak injury and that caused a scare during Australia's training session at the Oval here on Saturday.

David Warner's full-blooded drive struck Jaykishan on his head and the anguished opener and his teammates briefly halted their practice schedule.

The bowler was checked immediately and then taken to a hospital as a precautionary measure. Later Finch said: "It's quite rare that somebody gets hit, and it's obviously very unfortunate. The medical staff that were on hand, did a great job. He seemed fine and was actually smiling when they took him to the hospital."

Concerned: David Warner looks on as an injured net bowler receives medical attention ▪ AFP

Roy and Buttler star in England's comfortable win

The former makes 153 and the latter 64; Shakib's century the lone bright spot for Bangladesh

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Opener Jason Roy smashed his way to a sensational 153 as England scripted a dominating performance to hammer Bangladesh by 106 runs in a high-scoring World Cup match here Saturday.

Sent into bat, England posted a massive 386 for six and then returned to dismiss Bangladesh for 280 in 48.5 overs, despite a superb hundred by all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan (121).

Good foundation

Roy, who blasted five sixes and had 14 hits to the fence in his 121-ball innings, laid the foundation of the big score with two crucial partnerships – 128 with opener Jonny Bairstow (51) and 77 with first-down Joe Root (21).

Jos Buttler then scored a 44-ball 64 laced with four sixes and two fours and added 95 runs with skipper Eoin Morgan (35) as England posted the first 350 plus total of the tournament.

It was also England's best World Cup total, surpassing the 338 for eight against India in the 2011 edition.

Chasing an improbable 387 to win, Shakib added 106 runs with Mushfiqur Rahim (44) after Bangladesh was reduced to 63 for two in 12 overs.

Crucial wicket

Shakib took Bangladesh across the 200-mark in 37th over but the Tigers never really looked in the chase and once he departed in the 40th over, it was a mere formality thereafter for the hosts who won their second match. The victory will help to exorcise the ghost of 2015 World Cup when England was knocked out by Bangladesh.

Next assignment

BANGLADESH: June 11 vs **Sri Lanka,** *Bristol, 3 p.m.*

ENGLAND: June 14 vs **West Indies,** *Southampton, 3 p.m.*

INNINGS SCAN

ENG		BAN
0	Maidens	3
28	Fours	22
14	Sixes	2
128 (1st)	Best stand	106 (3rd)
7.72	RR	5.73

PROGRESSION

ENG		BAN
67/0	10 overs	48/1
130/1	20 overs	105/2
185/1	30 overs	170/4
275/3	40 overs	224/5
386/6	50 overs	--

TOP SHOWS

For	Batting	Bowling
England	Roy 153 (121b, 14x4, 5x6)	Stokes 3/23 (6) Archer 3/29 (8.5)
Bangladesh	Shakib 121 (119b, 12x4, 1x6)	Mehidy Hasan 2/67 (10)

Jason Roy ▪ AFP

SCOREBOARD ENGLAND VS BANGLADESH

ENGLAND
Jason Roy c Mortaza b Mehidy 153 *(121b, 14x4, 5x6)*, Jonny Bairstow c Mehidy b Mortaza 51 *(50b, 6x4)*, Joe Root b Saifuddin 21 *(29b, 1x4)*, Jos Buttler c Sarkar b Saifuddin 64 *(44b, 2x4, 4x6)*, Eoin Morgan c Sarkar b Mehidy 35 *(33b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Ben Stokes c Mortaza b Mustafizur 6 *(13b)*, Chris Woakes (not out) 18 *(8b, 2x6)*, Liam Plunkett (not out) 27 *(4x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-3, nb-1, w-7): 11; Total (for six wkts. in 50 overs): 386.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-128 (Bairstow, 19.1 overs), 2-205 (Root, 31.3), 3-235 (Roy, 34.4), 4-330 (Buttler, 45.2), 5-340 (Morgan, 46.5), 6-341 (Stokes, 47.1).

BANGLADESH BOWLING
Shakib 10-0-71-0, Mashrafe 10-0-68-1, Saifuddin 9-0-78-2, Mustafizur 9-0-75-1, Mehidy 10-0-67-2, Mosaddek 2-0-24-0.

BANGLADESH
Tamim Iqbal c Morgan b Wood 19 *(29b, 1x4)*, Soumya Sarkar b Archer 2 *(8b)*, Shakib Al Hasan b Stokes 121 *(119b, 12x4, 1x6)*, Mushfiqur Rahim c Roy b Plunkett 44 *(50b, 2x4)*, Mohammad Mithun c Bairstow b Rashid 0 *(2b)*, Mahmudullah c Bairstow b Wood 28 *(41b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Mosaddek Hossain c Archer b Stokes 26 *(16b, 4x4)*, Mohammad Saifuddin b Stokes 5 *(8b)*, Mehidy Hasan c Bairstow b Archer 12 *(8b, 2x4)*, Mashrafe Mortaza (not out) 4 *(9b)*, Mustafizur Rahman c Bairstow b Archer 0 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-9, w-10): 19; Total (in 48.5 overs): 280.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-8 (Sarkar, 3.2 overs), 2-63 (Tamim, 11.6), 3-169 (Mushfiqur, 28.6), 4-170 (Mithun, 29.3), 5-219 (Shakib, 39.3), 6-254 (Mosaddek, 43.1), 7-261 (Mahmudullah, 44.6), 8-264 (Saifuddin, 45.4), 9-280 (Mehidy, 48.2).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Woakes 8-0-67-0, Archer 8.5-2-29-3, Plunkett 8-0-36-1, Wood 8-0-52-2, Rashid 10-0-64-1, Stokes 6-1-23-3.

Toss: Bangladesh; **MoM:** Roy.
England won by 106 runs.

Neesham blows away Afghanistan

His five-for and Ferguson's four-for help the Kiwis outplay Naib's men

Timely strikes: Jimmy Neesham pulled things back for New Zealand with an incisive spell. ▪ ALEX DAVIDSON/GETTY IMAGES

WORLD CUP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TAUNTON

New Zealand speedster James Neesham grabbed his maiden five-wicket haul as he ripped through the Afghanistan batting line-up and bundled it out for 172 on Saturday.

In reply, Kane Williamson scored an unbeaten 79 as the Kiwis reached the target in the 33rd over, losing three wickets. Ross Taylor contributed 48.

Earlier, Neesham returned with career-best figures of five for 31 from 10 overs, bettering his four for 42. His pace colleague Lockie Ferguson claimed four for 37.

Hashmatullah Shahidi, who top-scored with a 59 off 99 balls, played a lone hand. He was the last man out as Afghanistan folded up in 41.1 overs. Seven batsmen failed to reach double digits.

SCOREBOARD AFGHANISTAN VS NEW ZEALAND

AFGHANISTAN

Hazratullah Zazai c Munro b Neesham 34 (*28b, 5x4, 1x6*), Noor Ali Zadran c Latham b Ferguson 31 (*38b, 5x4*), Rahmat Shah c Guptill b Neesham 0 (*4b*), Hashmatullah Shahidi c Henry b Ferguson 59 (*99b, 9x4*), Gulbadin Naib c Latham b Neesham 4 (*4b, 1x4*), Mohammad Nabi c Latham b Neesham 9 (*24b*), Najibullah Zadran c Latham b Neesham 4 (*3b, 1x4*), Ikram Alikhil c Guptill b de Grandhomme 2 (*22b*), Rashid Khan b Ferguson 0 (*4b*), Aftab Alam c Latham b Ferguson 14 (*10b, 3x4*), Hamid Hassan (not out) 7 (*11b, 1x4*); Extras (lb-6, w-2): 8; Total (in 41.1 overs): 172.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-66 (Zazai, 10.5 overs), 2-66 (Noor Ali Zadran, 11.1), 3-66 (Rahmat, 12.3), 4-70 (Naib, 14.1), 5-105 (Nabi, 23.3), 6-109 (Najibullah Zadran, 23.6), 7-130 (Ikram Alikhil, 32.4), 8-131 (Rashid, 33.4), 9-147 (Aftab Alam, 35.4).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

Henry 8-0-50-0, Boult 10-0-34-0, Ferguson 9.1-3-37-4, Neesham 10-1-31-5, de Grandhomme 4-1-14-1.

NEW ZEALAND

M. Guptill c Zadran b Aftab Alam 0 (*1b*), C. Munro c Hamid Hassan b Aftab Alam 22 (*24b, 4x4*), K. Williamson (not out) 79 (*99b, 9x4*), R. Taylor b Aftab Alam 48 (*52b, 6x4, 1x6*), T. Latham (not out) 13 (*18b, 1x4*); Extras (lb-4, nb-1, w-6): 11; Total (for three wkts. in 32.1 overs): 173.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Guptill, 0.1), 2-41 (Munro, 7.5), 3-130 (Taylor, 25.4).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING

Aftab Alam 8.1-0-45-3, Hamid Hassan 7-0-30-0, Naib 9-1-55-0, Nabi 3-0-18-0, Rahmat Shah 5-0-21-0.

Toss: New Zealand.

Man-of-the-Match: Neesham.

New Zealand won by seven wickets with 107 balls remaining.

Ruturaj and Shubman help India-A win at a canter

The host crosses the finish line with plenty to spare in the second one-dayer

SL-A IN INDIA

SHREEDUTTA CHIDANANDA
BELAGAVI

Openers Ruturaj Gaikwad and Shubman Gill slammed imperious centuries as India-A made short work of Sri Lanka-A in the second one-day match at the KSCA Stadium here on Saturday. Chasing 243 for victory, the host cruised home in 33.3 overs, with Gaikwad unbeaten on 125 (94b, 14x4, 4x6).

Man-of-the-match Gill, who scored an elegant 109 (96b, 14x4, 2x6), retired hurt with cramps with the target 17 runs away. India-A now leads the five-match series 2-0.

Gill's innings was a visual treat, with an array of delightful shots played all around the wicket. The 19-year-old had been dismissed cheaply in the first one-day match, but he made big amends here. He signalled his intentions early on with a hook shot off Asitha Fernando that sailed 20m over the fine-leg boundary.

Lahiru Kumara was cover-driven exquisitely, and Akila Dananjaya slog-swept over cow-corner. Gill got to his half-century with a pair of boundaries off Ishan Jayaratne, a front-foot cover drive followed by a glorious back-foot punch.

Gaikwad had been playing second-fiddle at this stage, but he soon went on the offensive, and overtook Gill to three figures. The 22-year-old from Maharashtra had made an unbeaten 187 in the first one-day game; on this occasion, he notched up a 78-ball century. Gaikwad has so far scored 312 runs this series without being dismissed once. India-A's opening stand, broken only by Gill's retirement after 30 overs, was worth a massive 226.

Shubman Gill. ▪ COURTESY BCCI

Ruturaj. ▪ COURTESY BCCI

Earlier, Sri Lanka-A collapsed to 81 for six after being put in to bat. Shehan Jayasuriya, centurion from the opening game, rode to his side's rescue yet again, scoring a defiant 101 (139b, 8x4, 1x6).

He found able support in Jayaratne, who hammered an unbeaten 73-ball-79, as the pair added 142 runs for the seventh wicket. Jayasuriya could've been dismissed on 28 when a miscued shot off Shreyas Gopal ballooned towards short third-man, but Ishan Porel failed to move quickly enough.

In the end, though, it would make little difference to the outcome.

The scores: Sri Lanka-A 242 for seven in 50 overs (Shehan Jayasuriya 101, Ishan Jayaratne 79 n.o.) lost to India-A 243 for no loss in 33.3 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 125 n.o., Shubman Gill 109 retd. hurt).

Barty reigns supreme

Ends Australia's 46-year wait for French Open title

The Ashleigh file

- Began playing tennis at the age of five
- Reached three Grand Slam doubles finals with Casey Dellacqua in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, U.S. Open)
- After winning another WTA doubles crown in 2014, she took a break from tennis following the U.S. Open
- Had a successful stint at the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the Women's Big Bash League before returning in 2016
- Broke into the top-20 in 2017, clinching her first WTA singles title at Kuala Lumpur as a qualifier
- Clinched her second and third WTA singles crowns to finish 2018 ranked 15th in the world

Memorable outing: Ashleigh Barty, who famously took a break from tennis to play professional cricket in 2015, struck 27 winners past an opponent riddled with nerves. ▪ CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

ROLAND GARROS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

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. She became the first Australian winner at Roland Garros since Margaret Court won the last of her five trophies in 1973.

"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.

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 No. 38 made 22 unforced errors, against a mere 10 winners.

Thiem ends Djokovic history bid

Sets up final against defending champion Nadal

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Novak Djokovic's dream of becoming just the second man in history to hold all Grand Slam titles at the same time twice was crushed by Dominic Thiem at Roland Garros on Saturday.

Thiem downed the World No.1 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 to set up a repeat of last year's final against 11-time winner and defending champion Rafael Nadal.

Thiem did it the hard way, squandering a 4-1 final set lead and two match points before he sealed his place in the final.

"It was an amazing match. It was my first five-set match at Roland Garros so it was a good one to have," said Thiem after the four hour 13-minute match which was played over two days.

The semifinal had been controversially suspended overnight Friday with Djokovic complaining about the 'extreme wind' in the stadium.

When play was halted, with the top seed trailing 1-3 in the third set, there was still around two hours of daylight remaining.

"I congratulate Dominic, he played great, especially in the important moments," said Djokovic. "Obviously, when you're playing in hurricane-like conditions it's hard to play your best."

2018 redux

A look at how Nadal and Thiem stack up before their second successive final in Paris

NADAL

- Has won all 11 finals he has competed in at Roland Garros
- A triumph will give him an all-time record 12th title at the same Grand Slam, breaking his tie with Margaret Court (11 at the Australian Open)
- A victory will move him to within two titles of Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slams
- The Spaniard will move to 99 wins at a single Grand Slam, moving him past Jimmy Connors (98 at the US Open)

THIEM

- Has reached his second straight French Open final
- A victory will make him the second Austrian to win a Slam after Muster's triumph at the 1995 French Open
- If he wins on Sunday, he will be the first to beat Nadal in the finals, and just the third to beat the King of Clay at Roland Garros
- Thiem's all four wins over Nadal have come on clay

Turning it on: Dominic Thiem squandered a 4-1 final set lead and two match points before sealing his place in the final. ▪ AFP

Good start for France, Germany

WOMEN'S WC

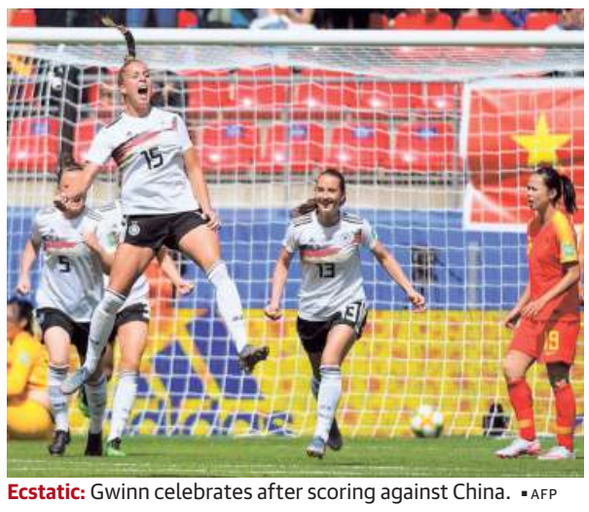
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
RENNES

Teenage midfielder Giulia Gwinn scored the only goal on Saturday as Germany opened its World Cup campaign with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over China in Group B.

Lena Oberdorf came on at half time to become her country's youngest World Cup player at 17 years and 171 days.

Earlier on Friday, host France started its campaign with a 4-0 victory over South Korea.

The results: Germany 1 (Gwinn 66) bt China 0; Spain 3 (Hermoso 70-pen, 83-pen, Garcia 89) bt South Africa 1 (Kgatlana 25); France 4 (Le Sommer 9, Renard 35, 45+2, Henry 85) bt South Korea 0.



Ecstatic: Gwinn celebrates after scoring against China. ▪ AFP

Sunday's schedule: Australia vs Italy (4.30 p.m.), Brazil vs Jamaica (6.30 p.m.), England vs Scotland (9.30 p.m.).

Leonard puts Raptors on the cusp of glory

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
OAKLAND (USA)

NBA FINALS

Kawhi Leonard hoisted Toronto Raptors onto his back in the third quarter of Friday's NBA Finals game against Golden State Warriors and lifted the team within one triumph of a first championship.

The 27-year-old playmaker scored 36 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to power Raptors over defending champion Warriors 105-92 for a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

With the game poised on a knife's edge, Leonard opened the third quarter with back-to-back three-pointers to give the Raptors their first lead and finished with 17 points in the quarter while helping silence Warriors' stars Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

Leonard, who was the 2014 NBA Finals MVP in leading San Antonio to a title, was 11-of-22 from the floor, 5-of-9 from 3-point range, and 9-of-9 from the free throw line.

The result: Raptors 105 (Kawhi Leonard 36, Serge Ibaka 20, Pascal Siakam 19) bt Warriors 92 (Klay Thompson 28, Stephen Curry 27, Draymond Green 10, Kevon Looney 10). *Raptors lead 3-1.*

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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Reid and his 'culture' challenge

Says the need of the hour is of team first mentality

HSF

UTHRA GANESAN
BHUBANESWAR

Having come in with loads of experience and a fair amount of understanding about Indian hockey Graham Reid is still coming to terms with the 'culture' here. That is a word he goes back to when trying to explain the Indian team and the challenges he faces.

"I still need to come to terms with the Indian culture. We need to build a culture of being comfortable enough to perform when it matters but also understand that your performance affects others in the team. We will work that out in the next few months. The team first mentality is what you need," he said in an interaction with *The Hindu* here on Saturday.

The cultural challenges are also one of the reasons he is trying to sort out the switching on-switching off issues in the side. "Back-to-back games are the hardest because the result of the previous game lingers on. Against Poland, one of the difficult things I had to get them over was the previous 10-0 result between the two.

Graham Reid.

"A lot of players were still in that mindset. Switching off happens when you either take it too easy or are distracted from what you need to be doing at that time," he tried to explain.

Reid, though, isn't sure about engaging a full-time psychologist just yet. "Sports psychology is more about getting the guys to understand they can count on each other. I need to work out who we can get and how we can work with them but we have to ensure they fit," he said.

Asked about India suffering due to lack of top-level matches by not playing the Pro League, Reid went back to his Australian experience.

"As coaches, our job is to create a training environment that is equal to the top level of competition. Before the 2014 World Cup we were training by ourselves in Perth and our training matches were 40 % above what we actually ended up playing," he said.

Reid felt any of the teams from the ongoing Pro League and India can win the Olympics but cautioned there were no guarantees.

"I want it to be achievable but it is important to get people to believe that we can get there," he signed off.

USA hammers Mexico

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHUBANESWAR

USA continued its impressive campaign in the FIH Series Finals, registering its second win in as many games in Pool B with a 9-0 victory against neighbour Mexico here on Saturday.

USA is comfortably on top of the table, making its final league match against Japan crucial in deciding the semifinalist from the pool.

The results:

Pool B: USA 9 (Michael Barminski Jr 2, Sean Cicchi 2, Julian Croonenberghs, Tyler Sundeen, Alberto Montilla, Christian de Angelis, William Holt) bt Mexico 0.

Japan 2 (Kentaro Fukuda, Kazuma Murata) bt South Africa 0.

Tokyo 2020: IOA eyes a 'double figure' target

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has set an ambitious target of "double-figure" medals at the Tokyo 2020 games. India's best performance came at London 2012 when it secured six medals. At Rio 2016 India bagged just two.

Speaking here on Saturday, IOA president Narinder Batra said that a good performance will prove significant in the lead up to India's potential bid for the 2032 Olympics.

"The target [for 2020] is double-figure medals," said Batra. "Then, if we have to bid for the 2032 Olympics, the target should be 25 medals in 2024 and 35-40 by 2028. Otherwise they won't even allow you to bid. You have make sure the performance is such."

Let off with warning

Back in February, the IOC had put in cold storage India's prospective bids for all big-ticket events for refusing visas to two Pakistani shooters. In November 2018, the country was let off with a warning for denying visa to a boxer from Kosovo. But Batra was confident that the issues would be resolved soon.

"I have met Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju and I am hopeful. The Pakistan issue is different. Now it is mainly Kosovo. IOC's rules are that all member countries' athletes have to be given visa.

"But India doesn't recognise Kosovo. There is now a discussion, but we can resolve it. Even Russia doesn't recognise Kosovo but it has hosted events. It will be sorted out," he said.

"India will be a country which will host many events. We are looking at 2026 Youth Olympic games, and the IOC Congress in 2021. We have also expressed our interest to host the 2030 Asian Games."

TV PICKS

Roland Garros: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 2.40 p.m. & 6.15 p.m.
ICC World Cup: India vs Australia, Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 3 p.m.
FIFA Women's World Cup: Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 9.30 p.m. & 12.20 a.m. (Monday)
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 6.30 p.m.
Formula One: Canadian GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 11.35 p.m.

Hazard joins Real Madrid

Eden Hazard. ▪ AFP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MADRID

Eden Hazard completed his long-awaited move from Chelsea to Real Madrid on Friday and could become the Spanish club's most expensive signing in its history.

Real said Hazard, 28, had signed a five-year contract.

The forward, who will reportedly cost Madrid an initial €100 million, with another 45 million in potential add-ons.

The full amount would trump the €101 million Madrid paid Tottenham for Gareth Bale and the €91 million spent to sign Cristiano Ronaldo from Manchester United.

Pulling it off: Deepak Ravikumar of TVS Racing survived some anxious moments at the start before winning the premium Pro-Stock 301-400cc class. ▪ S. SIVA SARAVANAN

Deepak, Sarath's day out

It was the latter's first top finish on the podium in three years

INMRC

RAYAN ROZARIO
COIMBATORE

Deepak Ravikumar (TVS Racing) and Sarath Kumar (Team Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) topped the charts in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc and Pro-Stock 165cc categories respectively in the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship (INMRC) at the Kari Motor Speedway here on Saturday.

Starting sixth, Deepak survived some anxious moments at the start before pulling off a comfortable win in the premium Pro-Stock 301-400cc class. Pole sitter Prabhu Arunagiri (Team Alisha Abdullah) and Jagan Kumar (TVS Racing) ran into rough weather in the second lap and Deepak cashed in on the chance to win by miles.

"Finishing on top in the first race of the season gives me a good feeling. Hopefully, I need to carry it through for the rest of the season," said Deepak.

Sarath was a master in the Pro-stock 165cc category. It turned out to be easy for him as Jagan encountered early issues after the chain snapped during the formation lap.

Quick recovery

He had to start from the pit lane, thus giving the edge to Sarath. The Chennai rider, starting sixth on the grid, did not enjoy a great start either but he recovered quickly enough to be on top. After strengthening his position, he rode calm all the way to take the chequered flag.

It was Sarath's first top finish on the podium in three years. "This win will motivate me for the rest of the season," he said.

He felt sorry for Jagan. "If he had been around the it would have been a tight fight but I am pleased that he fought back to finish third. K.Y. Ahamed of Team TVS Racing took the second spot.

The results (provisional):

National Championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc (Race 1, 10 laps): 1. Deepak Ravi Kumar (TVS Racing) 11:40.315s; 2. K.Y. Ahamed (TVS Racing) 11:41.960; 3. Satyanarayana Raju (Gusto Racing) 11:58.709. **Pro-Stock 165cc (Race 1, 10 laps):** 1. Sarath Kumar (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 12:23.441; 2. K.Y. Ahamed (TVS Racing) 12:26.672; 3. Jagan Kumar (TVS Racing) 12:27.061. **Stock 165cc (Race 1, 7 laps):** 1. S. Vijay (Sparks Racing) 09:29.877; 2. Y. Manoj (Pvt) 09:31.371; 3. Abhimanyu Gautam (Sparks Racing) 09:36.358. **One-Make Championship: Idemitsu Honda Talent Cup (CBR 150) Race 1 (10 laps):** 1. Varoon 13:31.952; 2. Lalrinuala Tlau; 3. T. Charan. **TVS (Open, RR 310): Race 1 (10 laps):** 1. R. Anand (12:17.045); 2. Aravind Ganesh; 3. P.M. Soorya. **Novice (RR 200): Race 1 (4 laps):** 1. Anish Samson (05:34.808); 2. Y. Manoj; 3. Ullas Santruptnanda. **Girls (RR 200):** 1. Lani Zena Fernandez (04:19.084); 2. Nivetha Jessica; 3. Shifa Shabir Ahmed.

India clubbed with Bahrain, Lebanon and Iraq

BASKETBALL

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

India has been placed in Group 'D', alongside Bahrain, Lebanon, and Iraq for the 2021 FIBA Asia Cup qualifiers. The draw ceremony was held here on Saturday.

There are 16 spots up for grabs in the main draw of the 2021 FIBA Asia Cup. The top two from each of the six qualifying groups will automatically advance into the main draw, while the next four berths will be determined through a tournament involving the third-placed sides in the groups.

India (World No. 67) will fancy its chances, with Bahrain (World No. 112) and Iraq (World No. 80) being lower-ranked nations. Lebanon (World No. 53) is the favourite to top the group.

The teams will play a home-and-away format, scheduled for November 2019, February 2020, and November 2020.

NBA Hall Of Fame player and Chairman of the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) Yao Ming was present at the draw ceremony.

Former Philippines star player Jimmy Alapag, Japanese women's professional player Asami Yoshida, FIBA President Horacio Muratore, FIBA Secretar-General Andreas Zagklis, FIBA Asia President Sheikh Saud, Basketball Federation of India President K. Govindraj, and Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala were some of the other dignitaries present at the event.

The groups: A: Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea; B: China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Malaysia; **C:** Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Guam; **D:** Bahrain, Lebanon, India, Iraq; **E:** Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria; **F:** Jordan, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Palestine.

AAI elections — bizarre scenario set to play out

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA

Turning a deaf ear to suspension threats from the world body, the Archery Association of India (AAI) will go ahead with two separate polls simultaneously in New Delhi and Chandigarh on Sunday, which will, in a bizzare scenario, lead to the election of two presidents.

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda and retired IAS officer B.V.P. Rao, who earlier held the AAI top post before the Supreme Court last month set aside his election, are thus set to be elected unopposed in Delhi and Chandigarh respectively.

The two factions of the AAI refused to come together despite a four-member World Archery team holding parleys on Friday and suggesting June 24 as the common election date.

It now remains to be seen whether WA suspends AAI and bars the Indian team from competing under the national flag at the upcoming World Championships, as warned by the secretary general Tom Dielen. The Indian archery team begins its World Championships campaign on Tuesday, aiming to seal quota places for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Speaking in Bengaluru, the IOA president Narinder Batra reiterated his position of sending an observer to Delhi.

Karunuday loses in doubles final

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU
TUMON

Karunuday Singh and Palaphoom Kovapitukted of Thailand were beaten 7-6 (6), 4-6, [10-3] by the Japanese duo of Gengo Kikuchi and Ko Suzuki in the final of the $15,000 ITF Futures tennis tournament.

Karunuday, seeded fourth in singles, had missed a match point while losing to Ko Suzuki in the pre-quarterfinals.

The result: $15,000 ITF men, Tumon, Guam:

Doubles (final): Gengo Kikuchi & Ko Suzuki (Jpn) bt Palaphoom Kovapitukted (Tha) & Karunuday Singh 7-6(6), 4-6, [10-3].

India downs Thailand

Stimac's first win in charge, ends third

Winner: Anirudh Thapa silenced the hostile home supporters with his goal in the 17th minute.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BURIRAM

A new-look Indian football team beat Thailand 1-0 to hand head coach Igor Stimac his first win and finish third in the King's Cup here on Saturday.

Stimac made eight changes from the starting eleven which lost to Curacao 1-3 in its previous match on Wednesday with key players like Sunil Chhetri, Udanta Singh and goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu sitting out of the game.

Only Sandesh Jhingan, who led the side, Rahul Bheke and Subhasish 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.

KING'S CUP

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.

RACING

Mauritania vs. Tutankhamun

BENGALURU: Mauritania and Tutankhamun may fight out the finish of the Shapoorji Pallonji Million (1,200m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Sunday (June 9).

False rails (width about 8.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 ENDORSEMENT PLATE (1,800m), rated 00 to 20, 2-00: 1. Ekalavya (6) Neeraj 60, 2. Extremelydangerous (2) R. Manish 59.5, 3. Simply Magical (5) Yash 59.5, 4. Aleef (7) Darshan 58, 5. Princess Amu (1) Arshad 58, 6. Smile Of Joy (3) Rayan 57.5, 7. Galino (8) Akshay 55.5 and 8. Track Striker (4) Antony 55.5.

1. SIMPLY MAGICAL,
2. PRINCESS AMU,
4. TRACK STRIKER.

2 JUNE PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 20, 2-35: 1. Desert Angel (12) R. Manish 60, 2. Chula Vista (1) John 59, 3. Rancho (6) N.B. Kuldeep 59, 4. Show Girl (10) A. Qureshi 59, 5. Songkran (11) P.S. Chouhan 58.5, 6. All By Myself (5) Jagadeesh 57.5, 7. Seaborn (9) Md. Akram 57, 8. Darahasini (2) P. Surya 56.5, 9. Irish Prince (8) Mark 56, 10. Duty Call (7) Nikhil Naidu 54.5, 11. Astron (3) Irvan 53 and 12. Proudwish (4) M. Ravi 50.

1. SONGKRAN,
2. CHULA VISTA,
3. SHOW GIRL.

3 FLIRTING VISION PLATE (1,600m), rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over, 3-10: 1. Another Rainbow (5) Darshan 60, 2. Limato (6) Afroz Khan 59.5, 3. King Creole (1) Sandesh 59, 4. Natalam (3) Zervan 58, 5. Proudprince (2) P.S. Chouhan 58, 6. Red Indian (7) Irvan 56.5, 7. Three Wishes (4) Ashok K 56.5 and 8. Arrogance (8) D.R. Shubham 53.5.

1. NATALMA,
2. KING CREOLE,
3. PROUDPRINCE.

4 Y.S. SURENDER MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 45 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-45: 1. Star Cracker (11) T.S. Jodha 58, 2. Set To Win (6) Zervan 58, 3. Gypsy (5) N. Rawal 57.5, 4. Striking Grey (12) Darshan 57.5, 5. Nikandros (2) N.B. Kuldeep 57, 6. Piper Regina (3) Irvan 56.5, 7. Standout (9) Antony 55, 8. Starry Wind (1) Jagadeesh 54, 9. Brooklyn Supreme (10) Nazerul 53, 10. Fair Warning (8) Neeraj 53, 11. Good Time Indeed (4) P.S. Chouhan 53 and 12. Optimisticapproach (7) Koushik 53.

1. STRIKING GREY,
2. STAR CRACKER,
3. SET TO WIN.

5 SHAPOORJI PALLONJI MILLION (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-20: 1. Tutankhamun (8) Trevor 60, 2. Mauritania (9) Sandesh 59, 3. Captain Courage (5) Neeraj 57.5, 4. Accolade (4) Suraj 55.5, 5. Blue Blazer (2) Arshad 54.5, 6. Dream Catcher (10) Darshan 54.5, 7. Smile Stone (6) M. Naveen 54.5, 8. Southpaw (11) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 9. Eastern Star (3) T.S. Jodha 53.5, 10. Knotty Ash (1) Antony 53.5, 11. Subah Ka Tara (12) J. Chinoy 53.5 and 12. Organic (7) Yash 52.

1. MAURITANIA,
2, TUTANKHAMUN,
3. KNOTTY ASH.

6 MOONLIGHT ROMANCE PLATE (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-55: 1. Cavaliere (3) Neeraj 56, 2. Defender (11) Zervan 56, 3. Northern Alliance (8) Koushik 56, 4. Roman Senator (7) Sandesh 56, 5. Sir Lancelot (2) P.S. Chouhan 56, 6. Aqaba (6) Hindu Singh 54.5, 7. Hukumat (9) Trevor 54.5, 8. Kirkwood (1) Suraj 54.5, 9. Philharmonic (4) Yash 54.5, 10. Scintilla (10) Darshan 54.5 and 11. Truly Delightful (5) Dhebe 54.5.

1. KIRKWOOD,
2, NORTHERN ALLIANCE,
3. ROMAN SENATOR.

7 FIRE HAVEN PLATE (1,400m), rated 15 to 35, 5-30: 1. Star Cavalry (4) Sandesh 60, 2. Hafnium (7) Arshad 56.5, 3. Azeemki Princess (9) Raghuveer Singh 56, 4. Cosmic Feeling (3) Dhebe 56, 5. Renegade (2) Zervan 55, 6. Sir Piggot (5) Nikhil Naidu 55, 7. Nostradamus (1) P. Surya 53.5, 8. Grey Channel (8) A. Merchant 53 and 9. Marco Polo (6) P.S. Chouhan 52.5.

1. STAR CAVALRY,
2. MARCO POLO,
3. COSMIC FEELING.

Day's best: **STAR CAVALRY**

Double: **STRIKING GREY – MAURITANIA**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Courage wins feature

BENGALURU: Courage (Suraj up), won the Civil Service Cup, the main event of the races held here on Saturday (June 8). The winner is owned Vinayaka Breeders Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. D. Pritam Basapa & Rajagiri Rubber & Produce Co. Ltd rep by. Mr & Mrs. Dilip Thomas and trained by Arjun Mangalorkar.

1 ROYAL CHALLENGE PLATE (Div. II), (1,400m), rated 30 to 50, 4-y-o & over: **ORENDA** (Sandesh) 1, Supernormal (R. Marshall) 2, Charmed Life (Trevor) 3 and Ultimate Speed (Adarsh) 4. Shd, 5-1/4 and 2-1/2. 1m 27.28s. ₹13 (w), 11, 16 and 11 (p), SHP: 55, THP: 42, FP: 56, Q: 56, Trinella: 123 and 38, Exacta: 1,606 and 1,443. Favourite: Orenda. Owners: Mr. Aravind Ganapathy, Mr. Vikram P. Bavikatte & Sohna Stud Farm Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Gautam Thapar & Sultan Singh. Trainer: G. Aravind.

2 PRINCE KHARTOUM TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **COMMODUS** (Trevor) 1, Constanza (Sandesh) 2, On The Trot (Neeraj) 3 and Donna Bella (Suraj) 4. Not run: Richmond Hill and Tenno Sho. 1-3/4, 1-1/2 and Nose. 1m 14.09s. ₹32 (w), 14, 12 and 20 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 34, FP: 81, Q: 39, Trinella: 363 and 172, Exacta: 507 and 120, Favourite: Constanza. Owners: Mr. K. Manoj Kumar, Manjri Horse Breed Farm Pvt Ltd, Mr. K. Shasha Bindu Das and Mr. K. Kamesh. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

3 STAR SUPREME PLATE (1,400m), rated 15 to 35, 5-y-o & over: **INCITATUS** (Suraj) 1, Amazing Angel (Nazerul) 2, Ultimate Power (Darshan) 3 and Agnar (P. Surya) 4. 3-1/4, 1-3/4 and 1-1/4. 1m 27.34s. ₹17 (w), 13, 25 and 19 (p), SHP: 69, THP: 50, FP: 125, Q: 64, Trinella: 358 and 120, Exacta: 2,654 and 995. Favourite: Incitatus. Owners: Mr. P. Jayakumar & Mr. Kunal Gupta. Trainer: B. Prithviraj.

4 CIVIL SERVICE CUP (1,200m), rated 60 & above: **COURAGE** (Suraj) 1, Aeisir (P.S. Chouhan) 2, Saint Petersburg (Trevor) 3 and Bora Bora (A. Imran) 4. Not run: Haedi's Folly and Miniver Rose. 1/2, Shd and 1-3/4. 1m 13.38s. ₹30 (w), 12, 19 and 12 (p), SHP: 50, THP: 55, FP: 164, Q: 133, Trinella: 338 and 85, Exacta: 3,338 and 3,338. Favourite: Saint Petersburg. Owners: Vinayaka Breeders Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. D. Pritam Basapa & Rajagiri Rubber & Produce Co. Ltd rep by. Mr & Mrs. Dilip Thomas. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

5 MEYDAN PLATE (1,200m), rated 15 to 35: **STARI GRAD** (Dhebe) 1, Prodigal (Anjar Alam) 2, Adventurer (Arshad) 3 and Youresohandsome (P. Surya) 4. 1-1/4, 3 and 6. 1m 13.72s. ₹34 (w), 13, 11 and 16 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 43, FP: 74, Q: 27, Trinella: 167 and 122, Exacta: 826 and 433. Favourite: Prodigal. Owner: Manjri Horse Breed Farm Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Pallon S. Mistry. Trainer: Mahmood Khan.

6 ROYAL CHALLENGE PLATE (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 30 to 50, 4-y-o & over: **AEOLUS** (Zervan) 1, Ambrosio (Trevor) 2, Akita Pro (Suraj) 3 and Constantinople (A.S. Peter) 4. Nose, 6 and 3/4. 1m 25.95s. ₹27 (w), 12, 12 and 13 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 38, FP: 64, Q: 40, Trinella: 105 and 40, Exacta: 190 and 169. Favourite: Ambrosio. Owners: Mr. Rienzie M.K. Edwards & Mrs. P.P.M. Edwards. Trainer: Darius.

Jackpot: ₹2,646 (222 tkts); Runner up: 261 (964 tkts); Treble (i): 75 (146 tkts); (ii): 402 (67 tkts).

Spain eases to its third win

Beats Faroe Islands in Euro 2020 qualifiers

REUTERS
TORSHAVN (FAROE ISLANDS)

Spain eased to its third win from three games in its Euro 2020 qualification campaign by beating the Faroe Islands 4-1 away on Friday to stay two points clear at the top of Group 'F'.

Captain Sergio Ramos put the visitor ahead from a corner in the sixth minute and Jesus Navas slammed the ball into the far corner in the 19th for Spain.

Faroes struck back on the half-hour mark though when Klaemint Olsen rose to flick a header from defender Odmar Faero into the net on the volley, although Spain restored its two-goal advantage four minutes later.

Midfielder Isco fired a shot against the post which bounced off goalkeeper Teitur Gestsson and trickled into the net to be given as an own goal, while Spain left back Jose Gaya scored the best goal of the game in the 71st minute with a classy chip. Spain tops the group with nine points from three games.

Completing the tally: Spain's Jose Luis Gaya, left, scored the best goal of the game in the 71st minute with a classy chip against Faroe Islands. ▪ AFP

The results: **Group A**: Czech Republic 2 (Schick 19, 50) bt Bulgaria 1 (Isa 3); Montenegro 1 (Mugosa 69) drew with Kosovo 1 (Rashica 24); **Group B**: Lithuania 1 (Novikovas 74) drew with Luxembourg 1 (Rodrigues 21); Ukraine 5 (Tsyhankov 26, 28, Konoplyanka 46, 75, Yaremchuk 59) bt Serbia 0; **Group D**: Georgia 3 (Gvilia 30, Papunashvili 59, Arveladze 76-pen) bt Gibraltar 0; Denmark 1 (Hojbjerg 76) drew with Republic of Ireland 1 (Duffy 85); **Group F**: Faroe Islands 1 (Olsen 30) lost to Spain 4 (Ramos 5, Navas 19, Gestsson 33-og, Gaya 71); Norway 2 (Elyounoussi 56, Odegaard 70) drew with Romania 2 (Keseru 77, 90+2); Sweden 3 (Quaison 2, Claesson 50, Isak 81) bt Malta 0; **Group G**: Austria 1 (Burgstaller 74) bt Slovenia 0; Latvia 0 lost to Israel 3 (Zehavy 10, 60, 81); Macedonia 0 lost to Poland 1 (Piatek 47).

Ayush shoots gold, Manisha bronze

SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU
ORIMATTILA (FINLAND)

Ayush Rudraraju defeated compatriot Gurnihal Singh Garcha 50-47 for the junior men's skeet gold in the 11th International junior shotgun cup on Saturday.

Brilliant effort

It was a brilliant effort by both shooters as they took the last two berths in the final with an identical score of 118.

Along with Abhay Singh Sekhon (111), the duo also helped India clinch the team silver, two points behind Czech Republic.

Earlier, Manisha Keer bagged the bronze in junior women's trap. After qualifying with the second best score of 113, Manisha shot 28 in the final and was overtaken by Giala Ragazzini and qualification topper Sofia Littame of Italy.

The results:

Junior men: Trap: 1. Matteo D'Ambrosi (Ita) 41 (115)4; 2. Jonathan Simon (Ger) 37 (115)1; 3. Teemu Ruutana (Fin) 30 (115)3; 6. Vishwa Kundu 15 (114)3; 8. Manavaditya Rathore 114(1); 9. Vivaan Kapoor 113; **Team:** 1. Italy 350; 2. Finland 348; 3. India 341.

Skeet: 1. Ayush Rudraraju 50 (118)2; 2. Gurnihal Singh Garcha 47 (118)0; 3. Daniel Korcak (Cze) 39; **Team:** 1. Czech Republic 349; 2. India 347; 3. Italy 342.

Junior women: Trap: 1. Gala Ragazzini (Ita) 43 (111); 2. Sofia Litlame (Ita) 34 (114); 3. Manisha Keer 28 (113); 6. Kirti Gupta 11 (105)1; 8. Preeti Rajak 103; **Team:** 1. Italy 333; 2. India 321; 3. Finland 284.

Skeet: 1. Eva Tamara Reichert (Ger) 49(2) 110(1); 2. Giada Longhi (Ita) 49(1) 114; 3. Dominika Brozkova (Cze) 38 (110); 6. Areeba Khan 14 (108)1; 8. Parinaaz Dhaliwal 104; 9. Muffaddal Deesawala 100.

Team: 1. Czech Republic 327; 2. India 312; 3. Germany 310.

Manas, Shruti champions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Manas Dhamne and Shruti Ahlawat won the boys' and girls' titles in the Sports Boulevard Asian under-14 tennis tournament here on Saturday.

While the athletic and energetic Manas subdued the tall and wiry Arunava Majumder 6-3, 6-2, Shruti outplayed Nandini Dixit 6-3, 6-0. Maharashtra's Manas did not drop a set in the tournament, knocking out top seed Rushil Khosla along the way.

The fifth-seeded Shruti had blanked her first three opponents and dropped only six games in all.

The results (finals): Boys: Manas Dhamne bt Arunava Majumder 6-3, 6-2. **Girls:** Shruti Ahlawat bt Nandini Dixit 6-3, 6-0.

Delightful day: Shruti and Manas proved too good for their opponents. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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