

CM WANTS CONFIDENCE MOTION ON JULY 17

Karnataka heats up after SC orders status quo on rebel MLAs, Kumaraswamy seeks trust vote

CM says it's not right to continue without majority; SC underlines weighty issues, directs Speaker to wait until July 16

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BENGALURU, NEW DELHI,
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AS THE Supreme Court directed Karnataka Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar not to take any decision on the disqualification or resignation of 10 rebel Congress-JD(S) coalition MLAs until July 16, more political uncertainty loomed in the state Friday with Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy announcing that he will seek a trust vote in the Assembly.

In a move intended to counter the rebellion in the coalition ranks, Kumaraswamy diverged briefly from a condolence message he was delivering at the start of the state monsoon session and told the Speaker: "It would not be appropriate for me to continue without proving my

EXPLAINED

Rebel MLAs face two choices: letters accepted or disqualified

IF THE Speaker accepts the resignations of the rebel MLAs, they can contest elections on any party ticket. They can also be inducted as ministers, but have to get elected within six months. If their resignations are not accepted and the House votes on the trust motion, the MLAs will be given a whip from their parties. If they violate the whip, their parties can approach the Speaker to disqualify them. An MLA disqualified under the Tenth Schedule cannot be inducted as a minister or appointed to a remunerative post until re-elected.

majority. I am not someone who would like to hang on to my seat if there is lack of confidence in my government."

Kumaraswamy later met the

Speaker at a business advisory council meeting and asked him to schedule a confidence motion for Wednesday, July 16, the day

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Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy with his deputy G Parameshwara during the assembly session in Bengaluru, Friday. PTI

Staggered patrols, meetings, new drills lower Sino-Indian border tensions

New rules of engagement along Line of Actual Control post-Wuhan summit

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

TENSIONS ON the Sino-Indian border, which snowballed into a crisis at Doklam in 2017, have come down dramatically after the informal summit between the leaders of the two countries at Wuhan in April 2018. The new rules of engagement between the two sides, following the "strategic guidance" provided to the two militaries by President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the Wuhan summit, have meant that face-offs between soldiers on both sides of the disputed boundary have reduced significantly.

Top government officials told *The Indian Express* that even though minor differences still remain, particularly in eastern Ladakh near the strategic Darbuk-Shayok-Daulat Beg Oldie (DSDBO) road, "50 per cent of the friction areas between the two militaries on the contentious border have been reduced". The changes were effectively felt on the ground by August-September last year, officials said.

The new rules of engagement include changes in drills and procedures of patrolling by the two sides and control of aggressive behaviour, besides increased number of meetings between the local commanders on the disputed border. These changes have been specific to



Modi, Xi met in Wuhan in April 2018. File

each area, depending on the peculiarities of each place on the boundary, and were done after mutual discussions and agreements between the two militaries at the local level.

"The change has happened because some kind of new rules of engagement have been formed by commanders on the ground. Strategic guidance percolated down to the lowest level and induced behavioural changes. Both sides equally understand the situation and guidance was also available to the Chinese side, which led to this sharp drop in face-offs," the official said.

According to officials, "depending on the complexity of the place, the solution was found". Thus, there was a different model found for each sector

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Life savings put in flats ordered razed, these Kochi residents have nowhere to go

SHAJU PHILIP
KOCHI, JULY 12

FOR TWO decades, engineer Joyson E Pallen toiled in the shipping sector, setting aside money for a home in Kochi. Twelve years ago, he bought an apartment in an all-new complex in Maradu, part of the Kochi urban conglomeration, and moved in with his family. This was where he would spend the rest of his life. Or, so he thought.

Two days ago, when the Supreme Court rejected petitions seeking review of its May 8 order to tear down five apartment complexes in Maradu for violating Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms, Joyson's



4 apartment complexes are to be razed for CRZ violation

world started falling apart. Like Joyson, uncertainty has gripped residents of some 350 apartments of Alfa Serene, Holy Faith H2O, Golden Kayaloram and Jain Housing — the fifth developer never built the complex though he had the initial

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Mehul's latest: Typhoon in Antigua delayed courier, letter to court

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, JULY 12

FUGITIVE DIAMOND trader Mehul Choksi has blamed an "untimely typhoon" in Antigua and Barbuda for his inability to send legal documents to his lawyer in India to challenge a January 31 special court order in the Bombay High Court within the mandated 30-day period.



Choksi currently resides in Antigua and Barbuda

On January 31, a special court in Mumbai had rejected Choksi's plea seeking examination of witnesses, based on which the Enforcement Directorate (ED) wanted to declare him a fugitive economic offender under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018. Choksi now wants to challenge this order in the High Court.

Choksi, who took up citizenship of Antigua and Barbuda in

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No stay on Maratha quota, but SC says can't be retrospective



Day earlier, Fadnavis govt said quota retrospective

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G & ZEESHAN SHAIKH
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JULY 12

A DAY after the Maharashtra General Administration Department (GAD) said reservation for Marathas in education and jobs will also be applicable to those who had applied for it between July 9 and November 14, 2014, the Supreme Court Friday made it clear that the quota cannot be applied with retrospective effect.

Declining to stay the Bombay High Court order which last month upheld the constitutional validity of the quota for the Maratha community, the bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said "we will examine" the matter and issued notice to the Maharashtra government.

In Mumbai, GAD Secretary Shivaji Daund said: "Today's statement by the SC will not have any bearing on the GR (government resolution) that was issued yesterday. Yesterday's GR was issued to safeguard the rights of individuals who had applied when the earlier ordinance was in effect."

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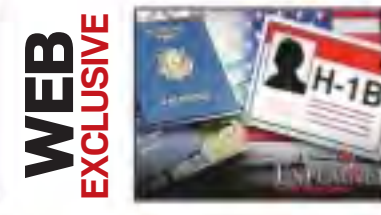
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SC takes suo motu cognizance of 'alarming rise' in child rape cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday took suo motu cognizance of the "alarming rise" in instances of child rapes in the country and decided to frame guidelines to deal with it.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said that between January 1 and June 30 this year, a total of 24,212 FIRs related to child rapes were filed across the country.

Out of this, 11,981 are still being probed and in 12,231 cases, chargesheets have been filed, it added.

Trials have commenced in only 6,449 cases, stated the bench, wondering why trials had not begun in the rest.

The trial courts too have decided only 911 cases — about 4 per cent of the total cases regis-

tered — till now, added the bench. The court asked senior advocate V Giri to assist it as Amicus Curiae in the matter, to suggest what can be done for faster disposal of the cases. "Look at the deficiencies", the bench told Giri.

The court directed that the "state-wise statement as well as collective data placed before the court" be made available to Giri and fixed July 15 to hear it next.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta then told the bench that the government was equally concerned about the issue and will extend every assistance to the court in the matter.

The CJJ agreed to this and said Mehta and Giri would assist it in the matter or else progress may be difficult. Mehta also requested the court to take cognizance of only reports drawn up by the court's registry and not in portals etc as there may be factual inconsistencies.

FROM PAGE ONE

Mehul Choksi

June last year and currently resides there, moved the Bombay High Court on July 4, requesting it to pardon the delay and admit his appeal. Under the limitation laws, an appeal has to be filed in the High Court within 30 days of the date of the order passed by a lower court.

"...the counsel (of Choksi in India) failed to get the vakalatnamas within the limitation period due to untimely typhoon at Antigua which created chaos and also interrupted the courier service and the shipment through which the signed vakalatnamas were shipped by the applicant (Choksi) to the counsel on June 18 by FedEx courier and the same was received by the advocate of the applicant on June 24," said Choksi's application filed by his counsel Rahul Agarwal.

A vakalatnama is a document by which a party authorises a lawyer to represent it in the court. Choksi's application said he is "already undergoing tremendous stress and hardship and if delay (in filing an appeal) is not condoned and the application is not allowed to be heard on merits, the same would cause great deal of prejudice" to him. It said the delay was not "intentional" but due to reasons "beyond the control" of Choksi.

Choksi and his nephew Nirav Modi are accused of routing transactions of about Rs 15,600 crore through fraudulent Letters of Understanding (LoUs) of Punjab National Bank (PNB). Both left India in the first week of January 2018, before the PNB scam became public. Besides the ED, the two are being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).

Of the total proceeds of crime of Choksi worth Rs 6,097.73 crore, the ED has so far attached and seized properties worth Rs 2,534.7 crore. India has also sought Choksi's extradition from Antigua and an Interpol arrest warrant has been issued against him. Last month, the ED rejected Choksi's offer to question him in Antigua in relation to the PNB fraud. Choksi has now told the Bombay High Court that he cannot return to India as he is allegedly taking medical treatment in the Caribbean country. The ED has told the court that Choksi's medical reasons and conditions appear to be a facade to delay the lawful proceedings. The central agency, in fact, informed the court it was "willing to provide an air ambulance with medical experts to bring Choksi from Antigua to India and provide him with all the necessary treatment in India".

Following this, the Bombay High Court asked Choksi to submit his medical reports by July 1 with the probe agency and directed the state-run JJ Hospital to study these and submit an opinion on his medical condition. Choksi is yet to submit the reports to the agency.

Kochi residents go-ahead — who say they have nowhere to go because most had put their life savings in these homes. "The order was totally unexpected. I don't know where to go with my wife and two chil-

Karnataka crisis heats up

after the hearing in the SC. Earlier, directing the Speaker to maintain status quo, a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi observed that there were several "weighty" Constitutional issues to be decided. The question of maintainability of the petitions and whether one Constitutional authority can issue directions to another will also have to be looked into, said the bench also comprising Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose.

16 Congress and JD(S) MLAs have quit in all since July 1, the Speaker had rejected the resignations of 10 MLAs on the ground that they were not in the correct format. The 10 rebels had moved the Supreme Court against the Speaker's decision to reject their resignations.

If the 16 resignations are accepted, the coalition's numbers in the 224-member House will fall to 101 compared to the BJP's 105 MLAs and the support of two Independents. The BJP can win a confidence vote if at least 11 resignations are accepted.

The Congress-JD(S) coalition, however, hopes to wean back at least six rebel MLAs, prevent more exits and get a few BJP MLAs to stay away from the House for the trust vote to prove its majority, said JD(S) sources. Kumaraswamy expressed confidence that he would win the trust vote.

Of the 16 MLAs, 14 are be-

ing contacted to return to the coalition fold and two MLAs, Ramesh Jharkiholi of the Congress and H Vishwanath of the JD(S), are not being approached since they are intent on joining the BJP, said sources.

Four MLAs from Bengaluru and two Congress veterans R Ramalinga Reddy and R Roshan Baig — who has been summoned by police in a probe into a multi-crore ponzi scheme scam — have signalled their interest to return following discussions with Kumaraswamy, said sources. The duo did not approach the SC with the other rebels.

Indicating its lack of enthusiasm for the trust vote, the BJP stayed away from the business advisory council to fix the date for the vote.

"We will wait for the directions of the Supreme Court on Tuesday," said BJP state chief B S Yeddyurappa. Incidentally, the JD(S) and BJP moved its MLAs to resorts outside Bangalore Friday evening as part of an exercise to protect their MLAs.

Meanwhile, a meeting between a JD(S) minister, who is a close aide of Kumaraswamy, and BJP leaders, including general secretary P Muralidhar Rao, Thursday night triggered speculation of the JD(S) exploring the possibility of helping the BJP form government in Karnataka.

Kumaraswamy, however, claimed it was a casual meet-

ing and should not be misconstrued. "It is unnecessary to give importance to Tourism Minister Sa Ra Mahesh's casual meeting with BJP leaders at the new building of KK guest house managed by KSTD which is under his portfolio," he said.

"There is no truth in any kind of discussion with a JD(S) minister. In a public place, it was a mere coincidence," said Muralidhar Rao.

Appearing for the 10 rebel MLAs in the SC, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said the decision on resignations has nothing to do with the Speaker's powers inside the House. "They have been giving resignations from July 1. Disqualification proceedings against two MLAs had been initiated in February this year and later adjourned. The proceedings against the others were initiated post their resignation," he said, adding that a whip has been issued asking all MLAs to be present and vote in a particular way for the Budget.

He claimed that the object was to keep resignations pending and then disqualify them so that their resignations become infructuous. He said if the Speaker should be given more time, if necessary until Monday, to decide on the resignations but added there should not be any disqualification also until that time. "If he doesn't want to decide at all, contempt should be issued," he argued.

Defending the Speaker's action, Abhishek Manu Singhvi said the requirement for an enquiry under the to proviso Article 190 was introduced by way of the 33rd Constitutional amendment in May 1974.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons underlying the amendment makes it clear that the object was "that the resignation shall not be accepted by the Speaker or the Chairman if he was satisfied after making such inquiry as he thought fit that the resignation was not voluntary or genuine," Singhvi submitted.

To this, the CJJ said "is the Speaker challenging the authority of the Supreme Court to issue directions?". "No" replied Singhvi, adding that he was only trying to say that the question of disqualifications needed to be decided before the resignations could be considered.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan appearing for Kumaraswamy termed it an "overtly political petition" and said all that the MLAs had stated in it was about the alleged failures of the government.

"Your lordships are asked to enter the political thicket on the ground that because this government has already failed, please help us in failing it further," said Dhavan. "There is a mandate on which these people were elected. Now they want to defeat that mandate."

The bench was hearing two appeals, including one filed by J Laxman Rao Patil, challenging the June 27 order of the High Court that upheld the validity of the Maharashtra State Reservation (of seats for admission in educational institutions in the State and for appointments in the public services and posts under the State) for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018. The High Court, however, ruled that the 16 per cent quota granted by the state was not "justifiable" and reduced it to 12 per cent in education and 13 per cent in government jobs, as recommended by the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission (MSBCC). On Friday, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for one of the petitioners, referred to the state government's decision to apply the quota law with retrospective effect and sought a stay on it. But the CJJ declined to grant the relief, saying "should we blindly stay it?... So we have issued some order".

Justifying its decision to push the quota law with retrospective effect, the Devendra Fadnis government had argued that an ordinance granting 16 per cent reservation had originally been issued on July 9, 2014 by the then Congress-NCP government. But on November 14, 2014, the High Court, which was hearing a petition against this ordinance, had ordered a stay.

After coming to power in 2014, the Fadnis government had first cleared a legislation in this regard. But the recruitment process was again stayed by the High Court on April 7, 2015. After commissioning a fresh survey to establish the social and educational backwardness of the community, the government cleared a fresh legislation in November 2018, which was held valid by the High Court last month.

Student stabbed on Kerala college campus for singing

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JULY 12

A STUDENT was stabbed on Friday at University College in Thiruvananthapuram, allegedly by a group of SFI members for singing a song without their consent. Akhil, a degree student and an SFI supporter, has been hospitalised.

The incident has triggered widespread protests against SFI, the CPM's student wing. Students have alleged that the SFI unit in the state-run college does not allow other organisations to function there.

A case has been registered against six SFI workers, including one Naseem, who allegedly stabbed Akhil. Naseem, police said, has been involved in several other criminal cases in the past, including an attack on policemen on college premises.

Students told the media that the 13-member unit of SFI behaved like "fascists". "Akhil was attacked when he refused to stop singing as per their diktat.

One has to take their permission if he wants to get acquainted with another student. Otherwise, the SFI group would harass them," a student said.

Akhil's father Chandran, also a CPM worker, said the SFI group attacked his son last year too.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Ramesh Chennithala, said in a release, "The SFI, which never allows any other student organisation to work inside the University College, has now turned towards its own workers. This exposes the fascist attitude of SFI." The LDF government has asked the state Education Department to submit a report on the issue.

A few months ago, a woman degree student of University College tried to commit suicide after alleged harassment by SFI members on the campus.

SFI state secretary K M Sachindev has said the organisation's unit at University College has been dissolved and six students allegedly involved in the attack have been suspended. Stern action would be taken against the cadres, he said.

New drills lower Sino-Indian border tensions

of the 4,000-km Line of Actual Control (LAC) to avoid face-offs between soldiers and consequent tensions.

In certain areas in the eastern sector, where perceptions of the LAC of the two sides overlap, the two militaries have agreed to staggered timings of patrol — one side conducts patrolling in first fortnight of the month and the other in the second fortnight.

In another sector, drills have been amended so that patrols encountering each other maintain certain physi-

cal distance (50-100 metres), avoid all physical contact, limit the interaction between commanders and disperse from the site between a fixed time (15 minutes). In some other places, the two sides have agreed to escorted patrols, with soldiers of one side escorting certain members of the other's patrol to their perception of the LAC. "The increase in number and frequency of meetings between local commanders on the border has been a feature of this change in border engagement. The

Chinese were invited at all locations to participate in the International Yoga Day celebrations. There has been an increased thrust on organising non-contact sports, such as volleyball, between the soldiers of both sides. All this has helped," the official said.

"The challenge of such a shift was overcome by close monitoring of interaction by highest levels. Deliberation and thought went into each flag meeting with a view to not surrender our legitimate right and yet reduce friction," the of-

ficial said. The last such meeting was held at the level of Major Generals of the two armies at Chushul on Monday where the two sides agreed to certain modifications in the rules of engagement to avoid any friction on that border.

But officials agree that these changes "have not worked at some places, such as in eastern Ladakh on the DS-DBO road and to an extent in Nathu La in Sikkim". These are due to strategic sensitivities of some areas, where tensions remain between the two sides.

dren, both in college. We have no other place to go. If we are thrown out, there is no other option but to... Before buying the flats, we all took legal opinion and examined all documents. Even the bank which financed my flat did not find any fault. I invested Rs 65 lakh. Who gains if these houses are demolished?" Joyson said.

The four apartment complexes are home to elderly couples, widows, even young professionals who took heavy loans from banks.

Ever since the court order, many have not even stepped out of their homes. "All of us are under severe mental agony. You see people breaking down. Many don't have the courage to address this

predicament," said 38-year-old Bijo V C who has been in one of the apartments since 2014. "We purchased the flats through legal routes and have been paying tax to the local body after occupying the houses. If government officials have furnished wrong reports, we should not be punished," he said.

Another resident, who did not want his identity revealed, said he had spent 30 years in Kuwait before purchasing an apartment for Rs 70 lakh. He had also sold his family property in Pathanamthitta district. "I sold my property to marry off two daughters. With the remaining money and the bank loan, I bought this flat. If it is going to be demolished, I don't know what to do. Even

five-star hotels have come up close to water bodies. But action is being taken only against these flats only. The builders have got their money and the government agencies their tax, but we are not allowed to live here. Is this justice?" he said.

Noor Muhammed, a representative of the residents, said they were meeting Saturday to decide the next step. "Since the apex court has rejected the review petition, we are afraid to speak on the issue," he said.

Kerala Local Self Government Minister A C Moithen said the government wants to protect the families: "The flats will not be demolished in haste because that will also lead to environmental is-

sues. IIT-Madras has been entrusted the task of studying the environmental impact of the demolition. The government will act only after getting that report.

Alfa Serene, Holy Faith H2O, Golden Kayaloram and Jain Housing projects were granted building permits in 2005-06 when the Maradu local self-governing body was a panchayat. At that time, the High Court, in another matter, had stated that the coastal zone mapping of Maradu was wrong. Since the order was still standing, the builders went ahead with construction.

Subsequently, the vigilance wing of the local self-government department detected anomalies in building permits and wanted

Apex court refuses to interfere with order restraining Puducherry L-G

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday declined to interfere with the Madras High Court order restraining Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi from interfering with the day-to-day affairs of the elected government of the Union Territory.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose asked the L-G to approach

the High Court for relief. Holding that the L-G "cannot interfere" in the day-to-day affairs of the elected government, the High Court had on April 30 ruled that the L-G is bound by the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers in matters which rest with the legislature of Puducherry.

The court said "anarchy attacks the soul of the Constitution and the public interest" and

therefore, the "Central government, as well as the Administrator, should be true to the concept of democratic principles". Referring to the judgment on the tussle between Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lt Governor Anil Bajjal, the HC also said restrictions imposed on the Delhi government are not applicable to the Puducherry.

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Odisha BJP chief whip says forced to sleep on footpath as no house allotted

Bhubaneswar: BJP's chief whip in the Odisha Assembly, Mohan Charan Majhi on Friday said he is forced to sleep on the footpath in the absence of allotment of a house in the state capital. Majhi, a three-time MLA from Keonjhar, said this during the zero hour.

"I am sleeping on the footpath in the state capital as I've not got a house even after a

month of taking oath as a member of the Odisha Assembly," Majhi said. The senior BJP leader said he was not even allotted a room either in a state guest house or one meant for MLAs.

The lawmaker said his mobile phone was stolen two days back while sleeping on the footpath. "My personal assistant was also assaulted by the miscreants," he said.

Drawing the attention of Speaker S N Patro, the MLA alleged that the additional secretary of the Home Department did not pay any heed to his requests for accommodation.

The Speaker requested Majhi to discuss the matter with him in his chamber. "All your problems will be sorted out. Please come to my chamber for a discussion," Patro told him. PTI

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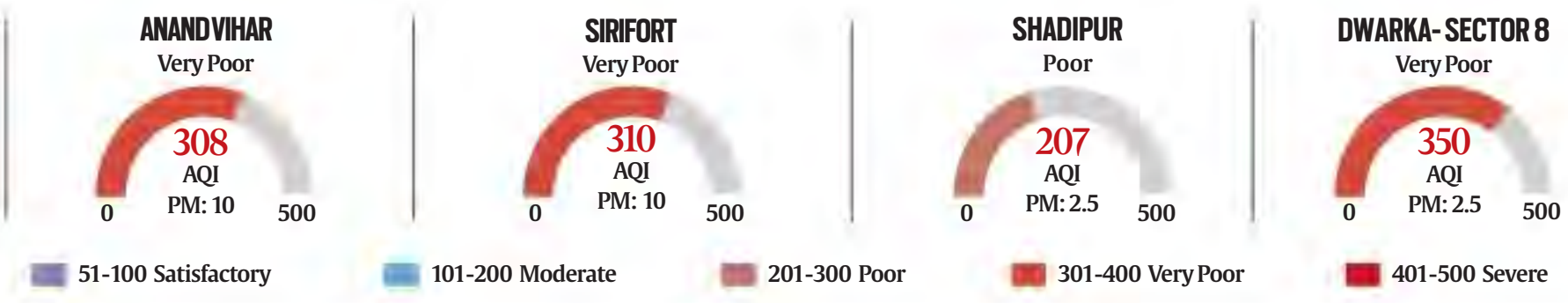
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Minor fire at ESI hospital

New Delhi: A minor fire broke out in the operation theatre of ESI Hospital in Basai Darapur Friday. Six patients inside the pre- and post-operative rooms were evacuated and no casualties were reported.

511 new auto stands set up

New Delhi: The Delhi government has notified 511 new auto stands across the city to facilitate commuters and address the problem of congestion.

Woman stabbed

New Delhi: A JNU employee was stabbed by her former live-in partner, who suspected her of being in a relationship with someone else.

Armed heist at shop

Gurgaon: Four armed men barged into a jewellery shop and robbed jewellery and cash worth Rs 10 lakh in Govindpuri, Friday. **ENS**

'Dead wood' drive expanded

New Delhi: Widening the exercise to identify non-performing and tainted officers, the Delhi government Friday issued a fresh order saying service records of teachers, hospital staff, MLOs and information officers will also be reviewed. **PTI**

POLICE SAY HUSBAND BEING EXAMINED

Day after being shot at in Dwarka, woman critical, police detain 4

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

MORE THAN 24 hours after a 38-year-old woman was shot at multiple times while driving home after dropping off her nine-year-old son to school, hospital authorities said she is "critical" and on ventilator. Meanwhile DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse said, "Four men have been detained in connection with the attempt to murder... the woman's husband Varun Yadav is being examined."

A little past 8 am Thursday, Kiran Yadav, a real estate agent, was shot at multiple times by two unknown assailants aboard a motorbike, outside Hotel Radisson Blu in Dwarka. She was driving a Datsun Go when she was attacked. An officer said, "She was shot at three times... one bullet hit her neck and the other two hit the



The spot in Dwarka where Kiran was attacked by two armed assailants

car. She crashed it into a divider." An autorickshaw driver rushed her to Venkateswara Hospital, where she is currently being treated. He said, "I was sitting in my auto when I heard the gunshots. Initially, I thought bikers were performing stunts. Then I saw the car coming my way; it

crashed next to my auto. I saw the two men on a bike with pistols in their hands. They pointed the gun in my direction... threatened me and my friend and left. We picked up the woman and took her to the hospital."

A police officer said, "We have gathered CCTV footage from the

spot and are examining it. Three teams were formed on the day of the incident to work on various angles. We are probing claims that she had an ongoing dispute with her husband as well as some work-related enmity."

A case under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC has been filed at Dwarka North police station. Alphonse said, "All four people who have been detained are known to her."

The victim's nine-year-old son is with her sister Pooja. She said, "He's been told that his mother met with a minor accident and will be fine soon. We are trying to maintain a normal environment so he doesn't get suspicious... his paternal grandparents also keep meeting him."

Meanwhile, at least three police officers in plainclothes have been stationed outside the hospital. Kiran's sister said, "We are

scared for her safety, so we requested the police to give her security on Thursday... but we haven't seen any police officers outside the ICU."

At Indraprastha Enclave in Dwarka, where Kiran lives with her son and in-laws, neighbours said that the four moved into the house three months ago. Pooja claimed that "Kiran and Varun have been living separately for two years now".

"My sister told us that he would ill-treat her and she complained against him at Dwarka North police station this year," she claimed. A police officer confirmed, "In April, Kiran filed a domestic violence complaint against her husband." Another relative claimed that "trouble between the couple started when Kiran started her own real estate business after leaving his real-estate business... he didn't like that."

SC rejects PIL against CCTVs in classrooms

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday turned down a petition challenging the Delhi government's decision to install CCTVs in classrooms of government schools. A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said it was not inclined to entertain the plea.

The court had on May 10 issued notice on the PIL, which claimed that the government's move would violate the Fundamental Right to Privacy. The petition was filed by a law student, Amber Tickoo. The petitioner pointed out that according to government's decision, the live feed from these cameras can be

accessed by any person with a valid username and password. Tickoo said this would adversely affect safety and security of children and "give rise to incidents of stalking and voyeurism".

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia meanwhile dismissed privacy concerns, saying: "The feed from classrooms will only be made available to parents, who will be able to access it after getting a secure password for a smartphone for a limited period of time daily without any audio. Teachers, parents and students are happy with this initiative and our government will prove the sceptics wrong again, like it has done repeatedly." **ENS**

Police's noise helpline mostly silent so far

ASHNABUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

AT 1.52 pm on Friday, assistant sub-inspector Subhash Chander receives a call from New Friends Colony about a car alarm troubling residents. Just the previous night, Chander's colleague had received four back-to-back calls from people across the city, complaining about blaring noise and music from loudspeakers.

The men are among four police officers working on the Delhi Police's 24x7 noise pollution helpline number, 155271, which

was inaugurated on April 6. A few months on, the helpline is still catching up, said Shanker Choudhury, additional DCP, Police Control Room (PCR). The helpline had been set up in compliance with the National Green Tribunal's orders.

A lack of awareness about the helpline appears to be the most obvious reason. While the noise pollution helpline receives three-four calls a day, the '100' number receives 50-60 calls regarding noise pollution. Complaints on both numbers are dealt with in the same way. "The (noise pollution helpline) num-

ber is long and difficult to remember. Plus there is a lack of awareness about it," said a senior officer.

Choudhury said the helpline is "maintained by the PCR and Delhi Police proactively monitors calls, following which officers concerned take all necessary steps".

The calls are received by officers who work on the third floor of the Delhi Police headquarters. Chander, who previously worked in the anti-stalking cell, said, "There are more calls received at night than during the day. Most of these calls are about

DJs playing loud music at parties."

Calls come from across the city, he said. "The complaints made the previous night were in connection with loud music from a temple in Uttam Nagar and residential areas in Model Town, Shastri Nagar and Krishna Nagar."

Four officers work six-hour shifts — one each in morning and evening and two at night. The desk assigned to them comprises two telephones and a register, meant to keep a record of complaints, which range from noise from fireworks to construction equipment in residential areas.

"The number of calls are increasing as people get more and more aware of this initiative," said an officer. After receiving a call, officers on the tenth floor of the police headquarters are alerted. They contact the police station concerned, which then sends officers to the spot along with the closest PCR officers. If the complaint includes traffic violations, traffic police is also alerted. The violators are asked to lower the volume and a challan, ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000, is handed to them.

Notice of Lodgement of Petition of Appeal to the Respondent (RULE 8(i) & (ii) of ORDER XIX, S.C.R. 2013) IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL No. 10468 OF 2017

(Appeal by Special Leave granted by this Court's Order dated the 11th August, 2017 in SLP(C) No. 31983 of 2016 from the Judgment and Order dated the 23rd May, 2016 of the HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI, DELHI in RSA No. 231 of 2013)

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TAKE NOTICE that the Appellant above-named has on the 27th August, 2016 filed in the Registry of the Supreme Court, SLP(C) No. 31983 of 2016 from the Judgment and order of the High Court above mentioned and pursuant to this Court's order dated 11th August, 2017 granting special Leave to Appeal the case has been registered as CIVIL APPEAL No. 10468 of 2017.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that if you wish to contest the appeal, you may appear before this Court within thirty days of the receipt of this Notice either in person or by an Advocate-on-Record of this court appointed by you in that behalf and take such part in the proceedings as you may be advised.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT in default of your appearance within the time prescribed, the appeal will be proceeded with and determined in your absence and no further notice in relation thereto shall be given to you.

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Audited Financial Result for the Year Ended on 31st March, 2019

Figures in ₹ Lakhs

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Half Year ended 31.03.2019 | Corresponding half Year ended 31.03.2018 | Year ended 31.03.2019 | Previous Year ended 31.03.2018 |
|---------|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Reviewed | Reviewed | Audited | Audited |
| 1. | Total Income from Operations | 72,129.93 | 68,892.06 | 1,42,601.51 | 1,34,944.89 |
| 2. | Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) | 24,131.02 | 22,174.12 | 51,559.72 | 46,823.52 |
| 3. | Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) | 24,131.02 | 22,174.12 | 51,559.72 | 46,823.52 |
| 4. | Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) | 18,953.98 | 17,385.58 | 40,472.12 | 36,774.40 |
| 5. | Total Comprehensive Income for the Period [comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] | 21,473.46 | 22,433.22 | 44,830.32 | 43,811.63 |
| 6. | Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 10 each) | 1,10,552.00 | 1,10,552.00 | 1,10,552.00 | 1,10,552.00 |
| 7. | Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserves) | — | — | 3,35,390.83 | 2,90,560.51 |
| 8. | Net worth | — | — | 4,23,125.87 | 3,80,646.91 |
| 9. | Paid-up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt | — | — | 3,26,194.94 | 3,30,090.00 |
| 10. | Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares | — | — | — | — |
| 11. | Debt Equity Ratio | — | — | 0.77 | 0.87 |
| 12. | Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (For continuing and discontinued operations) | | | | |
| | 1. Basic: (Not Annualised) | 1.71 | 1.58 | 3.66 | 3.33 |
| | 2. Diluted: (Not Annualised) | 1.71 | 1.58 | 3.66 | 3.33 |
| 13. | Capital Redemption Reserve | — | — | — | — |
| 14. | Debt Redemption Reserve | — | — | 14,766.70 | 13,009.20 |
| 15. | Debt Service Coverage Ratio | — | — | 1.98 | 1.58 |
| 16. | Interest Service Coverage Ratio | — | — | 3.31 | 3.28 |

Notes:

- The above financial results have been recommended by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 12.07.2019 and approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on the same day.
- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Ind AS as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Amendment Rules, 2016.
- Ind AS 115 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" mandatory for the reporting periods beginning on or after April 01, 2018 replaces the existing revenue recognition requirements. The Company has elected the option of modified retrospective approach for adoption and it did not have any significant impact on the overall results of the Company.
- Being an electricity utility, depreciation has been provided under the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended to date and not as per Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013.
- The Company has retained its credit rating of 'CARE A' and 'IND A' assigned by CARE and India Ratings and Research Pvt. Ltd. respectively.
- The Company has sufficient asset cover to discharge the principal amount for all Non Convertible Debt Securities issued.
- Details of Listed Non-Convertible Debentures are as follows:

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Previous Due Date | | Next Due Date | |
|---------|--|-------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | | Interest | Principal | Interest | Principal |
| 1. | 9.75% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2019 | 16.10.2018 | 16.10.2018 | 16.04.2019 | 16.10.2019 |
| 2. | 10.29% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2021* | 26.01.2019 | — | 26.07.2019 | — |

Interest and Principal have been paid on the due dates.
* Repayable in a single installment on 26.07.2021.

- The Company has not received any information from the vendors as to their status under the Micro, Medium and Small Enterprise Development Act, 2006 and hence amount outstanding and interest paid / payable to them under this act is considered to be 'Nil'.
- Assets include the value of Rs. 9611.40 Lakhs and Liabilities include the value of Rs. 960.69 Lakhs pertaining to the Assets and Liabilities associated to transmission activity of Durgapur Projects Ltd., transferred to the Company in terms of notification no. 65/PO/O/C-IV/1E-60/13(Pt-VA) dated 11.04.2019 of Department of Power & NES, Govt of West Bengal.
- Formula used for computation of Ratios: ISCR = Earning before Interest and Tax/ Interest Expenses and DSCR = Earning before Interest and Tax/(Interest + Principal Repayment).
- During the year the Company did not receive any complains/grievances from investors.
- The figures of the earlier periods have been regrouped wherever necessary to make them comparable with the current period.

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Leaving for Amritsar, 1,000 pilgrims thank their luck — and the CM

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

SAFDARJUNG RAILWAY Station was abuzz with activity Friday evening, as the Delhi government's first pilgrimage train carrying 1,000 elderly passengers set off on its journey to Amritsar.

From neighbours taking their first trip together to elderly couples enjoying a holiday, pilgrims making the overnight journey said they were excited to be travelling with people of their age group.

Resham (66), a resident of South Delhi's Chhattarpur, was travelling with four of her friends, all of them visiting Amritsar for the first time. "I never thought that I would get the chance to visit Amritsar, that too for free. We are incredibly happy that (Chief Minister Arvind) Kejriwal has made possible what our children were not able to."

The Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana is a free pilgrimage scheme introduced by the Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government, which can be availed by Delhi residents above 60 years of age.

Those making the journey on Friday will visit the Amritsar, Wagah Border, Anandpur Sahib, among other places.

The scheme includes travel,



Kejriwal with pilgrims as Sisodia clicks a photo, Friday, Prem Nath Pandey

accommodation and food for pilgrims, and has planned five routes at present. The second tour will be from July 20-24 and will cover the Delhi-Vaishno Devi-Jammu route. Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia are expected to join pilgrims on this route.

Flagging off the train on Friday, Kejriwal said, "We thought of this scheme around two years ago and faced many problems in between. But today, I am happy to say that our train is setting off...

It is our dream that every elderly resident of Delhi has the chance to take one pilgrimage of their choice in their lifetime."

People making the journey said they filled an application for the scheme through the local RWA before the Lok Sabha elections, and received a message on their phone that they had been selected.

Pratibha Gehlot (42), a resident of Najafgarh, was accompanying her 62-year-old mother on the journey. She said, "Many of

our neighbours who filled the form were not selected this time. We told them that when we come back, we will tell them everything about the journey... The arrangements are great so far, the train is clean and air-conditioned and we look forward to the trip."

Waiting for the train to leave, Ram Prasad said, "The CM will gain a lot of support through this, and proper coordination with the Central government can help him go even further."

KAZAKH NATIONAL SAID HE WAS HIT BY CAR 'Victim' fails to show up, court acquits man in accident case

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

WHEN A former second secretary of the Embassy of Kazakhstan did not turn up for his court hearing in a 2015 case, related to him being allegedly hit by a Honda City in Vasant Vihar, a Delhi court acquitted the accused by noting that "the FIR is not a substantive piece of evidence. It is a corroborative piece of evidence and the same can be corroborated only by its maker".

Pronouncing the judgment, Metropolitan Magistrate Sumeet Anand said, "Except for the complainant, there are no other eyewitnesses to the incident. Hence, crucial facts, such as whether the accused was driving the offending vehicle in a rash or negligent manner, is not established in the case... these are crucial foundations to make out a case under IPC sections 279 (rash driving) and 337 (causing hurt) for which the accused has faced trial."

The incident from May 12, 2015, took place at 11.30 am near Vasant Vihar. As per court records, the accused, who was allegedly driving a Honda City in a rash manner, hit the car of Serikbossynuly Azat, a Kazakh national. "Thereafter, in order to escape from the spot, he hit the complainant with his car while retreating," the court document read.

The judge noted: "It is the fundamental right of accused as well, as enumerated in Hussainra Khatoon's judgment, that criminal trial should be completed at the earliest."

Following the incident, the complainant gave a written statement to police and the accused was arrested. He was later released on bail. After the chargesheet was filed, the complainant was summoned to appear before the court on July 12, 2018, and September 17, 2018, through the DCP.

The DCP concerned was asked to prepare a report stating

whether the complainant was still working in the Kazakhstan Embassy in India. The summons were later issued through the Ministry of External Affairs, and on May 1, 2019, the embassy informed that the summons will be issued to Azat. However, when Azat did not turn up for the court hearing, he was dropped from an array of witnesses.

The police then had to rely on police witnesses, who only dealt with the investigation but had not witnessed the alleged incident. "All other witnesses who have been dropped from the array of witnesses, such as the doctor who prepared the MLC of the victim, the mechanical inspector, who... examined the vehicles involved in the alleged accident, and the super-dar do not in any manner go on to prove, or even remotely suggest, that at the time of the accident the accused was driving the offending vehicle either in a rash or in negligent manner," the judgment read.

HC asks if people still being hired as manual scavengers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

TAKING A serious view on the death of manual scavengers, the Delhi High Court Friday asked the AAP government and other authorities to submit affidavits on whether they were, directly or indirectly, hiring people to manually clean septic tanks and sewers.

The court said the affidavits should also highlight compliance with the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 and rehabilitation of manual scavengers.

A bench of Justice GS Sistani and Justice Jyoti Singh said the affidavits should be filed within two weeks and listed the matter for further hearing on August 28.

The court observed that the death of people shows that authorities are not complying with the Act, and if deaths have taken place, it warrants imprisonment.

The court was hearing a PIL, filed in 2007, for the rehabilitation of manual scavengers. It had earlier termed the existence of manual scavenging in the city as "disgraceful," despite a law prohibiting such a practice.

It was also hearing the plea by advocate and social activist Amit Sahni, who sought directions to the Delhi government to ensure strict compliance of the 2013 law.

Court acquits 3 men in 'attack' on woman

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

"THE PROPOSITION that a lady would not put her character at stake may not be wrong, but cannot be applied universally," a Delhi court said while acquitting three men accused of assaulting a woman and tearing her clothes.

The men were acquitted by Metropolitan Magistrate Neetu Nagar, who said, "In the present case, the testimony of the complainant could not inspire much confidence. Hence, taking into consideration the difference in the date of the MLC (medico-legal case), as well as other contradictions and improvement of

prosecution witnesses as discussed, a doubt has crept in the story of the prosecution and the benefit of the same should be given to the accused persons."

As per court records, the complainant had alleged she was assaulted, her hair pulled and her clothes torn by the accused persons inside a temple on July 5, 2015.

In their statement to the court, the accused said the "allegations made by the complainant were false".

One of the accused deposed before the court that a complaint had already been filed before the Commissioner of Police against the woman on March 30, 2015, for allegedly creating nuisance.

MLAs Gupta, Sirsa summoned in defamation case by Hussain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

A DELHI court Friday summoned BJP MLAs Vijender Gupta and Manjinder Singh Sirsa and rebel AAP MLA Kapil Mishra in a defamation case filed by Delhi environment minister Imran Hussain.

Hussain, who is an MLA from Ballimaran, alleged the respondents were behind banners and posters, "displaying slanderous and false allegations that 'Kejriwal Sarkar ke mantri Imran Hussain ne 23 crore rupaye lekar ped katne ki anumati di' (Kejriwal government's minister Imran Hussain took Rs 23 crores to allow felling of trees)" during a protest on June



Hussain alleged the MLAs were behind banners accusing him of taking money for felling trees

27. The posters were telecast on the same date by a television channel and published in various national newspapers, he alleged.

Hussain claimed he was confronted by people from his constituency, who asked him "how he could play with the health of

the people".

The complainant also claimed his wife was told about the allegations after returning from a wedding function. "His wife told him he had done a wrong thing. People were saying that her husband has played with the health of Delhi and he is not fit to be a minister. He should be put in jail. He pacified his wife saying that it is a political conspiracy by opposite political party," the court document read.

In his order, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal said, "There exists sufficient grounds to proceed against the respondents Vijender Gupta, Kapil Mishra and Manjinder Singh Sirsa under IPC section 500 (defamation)."

Delhi Cong appoints observers to shortlist block committee leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

MOVING CLOSER to the preparation for Assembly elections, the Delhi Congress has appointed observers for 14 district committees and 280 block Congress committees. The observers will shortlist names of probable candidates for the posts of presidents of the 280 block Congress committees, which were dissolved by Delhi unit chief Sheila Dixit.

The Indian Express had, on July 8, reported how the party was working towards appointing observers at district and

block committee levels.

"The observers will interact with former MPs, MLAs, former and current municipal councillors, senior leaders and grassroots level workers before suggesting probable names for posts of block Congress committees within 10 days," said Delhi Congress spokesperson Jitender Kochhar.

CP Mittal and Jitender Kumar have been appointed for Adarsh Nager and Chandni Chowk district committees, while Karawal Nagar and Babarpur districts, which fall under North East Delhi constituency, will be looked after by Rajender Sharma and Ramakant Goswami.

Boy stabbed to death at home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was stabbed to death at his residence in Rohini in the early hours of Friday. Police said three masked men entered the victim's house. One man stabbed the boy while the other two held his father. The boy was

rushed to a nearby hospital, where the doctors declared him dead on arrival. The boy's father, a vegetable vendor, alleged that the three masked men entered his house after midnight and stabbed the son on his abdomen.

A case has been registered against the accused and the police are questioning witnesses for leads into the murder.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: unknown residence and family is unknown about 45 years of age was found dead at Nigam Bodh Ghat Main Gate, Ring Road, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 24-A, dated 04.07.2019 has been registered at Police Station

Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: 45 years, Height: 5'7" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Blue Jeans Pant.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23967889 Mob. No. - 8750870123

DP/218/N/19

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISON PRISON HEAD QUARTER: NEAR LAJWANTI GARDEN CHOWK JANAK PURI: NEW DELHI

F21(13)/ND(657)/Tender for AMC of R.O., Dessert Coolers etc./2019-20/CDN/000350621/522 Date 10.07.2019 Tender ID No. 2019_CJT_175621_1

e-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India. Open e-tender (online procurement website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>) are invited for Repair Work and Replacement of Parts of Dessert Coolers, Drinking Water Coolers, Refrigerator and R.O. Systems installed at various locations of Prisons Deptt., GNCTD for the period of one year from the date of issue of rate contract (Extendable upto three months). The NIT has been uploaded and available alongwith terms and conditions and detailed specifications. All the tenderers participating in e-tendering and should have a Digital Signature and should apply online before the Last Date and Time.

Estimated Cost of Work : Rs. 5.26 Lakh
Date of release of tender through e-procurement website : 15.07.2019
Last date / Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 06.08.2019 at 11:30 A.M.
Date of on line opening of Pre-qualification bids : 06.08.2019 at 12:00 Noon
Date of on line opening of Price bids (Tentative) : 06.08.2019 at 03:00 PM

Sd/- Superintendent-II PHQ Tihar, New Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/0373/19-20

Oriental Bank of Commerce
(A Government of India Undertaking)

E-Auction Sale Notice

RRL Cluster Office - C-18/B, Deen Dayal Puram, Bareilly-243122 TEL: 0581-2310672 E-mail: rrl_7608@obc.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF PROPERTIES
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD (Earnest Money) AND DOCUMENTS 30.07.2019 UPTO 4.00P.M.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Oriental Bank of Commerce, the constructive possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Oriental Bank of Commerce Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.07.2019. The amount due for recovery, name of borrower (s) & guarantor (s) the reserve price, earnest money deposit etc is as per table given below:

| DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor. | Description of Immovable Property | Date of Demand Notice (Possession Notice) | EMD REMITTANCE ACCOUNT DETAILS | Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount | Date/ Time of e-Auction |
| M/S Wuds N Bricks, Sh. Akash Bariana & Sh. Gur Dayal Singh Deshwal (Partner) E.R. Complex, Dadril Road, Barolia, Sector, 48, NOIDA Gautam Budh Nagar | Industrial Land & Building in the name of Sh. Gur Dayal Singh Deshwal measuring 3706 Sq.yds situated at Industrial Area Bearing No. 579 Chhapra Road Distt. Gautam Budh Ngr(UP) N-Agr. Land. S-Remaining property. E-Road 40 ft wide, W-Others Property. | 13.02.2017 / 29.07.2017 Rs. 8,94,86,944/- plus interest thereon from 28.03.2018 with costs and other charges | Oriental Bank of Commerce Account No. 07121181000047 IFSC Code No. ORBC0100712 Izzat Nagar, Bareilly | Rs. 3,58,70,000/- EMD Rs. 35,87,000/- Bid Increase Amount Rs. 10,000/- | 31.07.2019 1:00 PM to 2:00PM With unlimited extensions of 5 minutes. |

TERMS & CONDITIONS : 1. The auction sale will be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://www.banksauctionwizard.com> on 31.07.2019 between 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (IST) with unlimited Extensions of 5 minutes each. 2. The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the EMD by NEFT/RTGS/Demand Draft on or before the last date mentioned in the Sale notice released in the newspaper in this regard and register their name at <https://www.banksauctionwizard.com> and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from our service provider M/s. Antares Systems Ltd. on above number. After their Registration in the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of uploaded of concern documents (1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan; 2. Copy of PAN card and (3. Copy of proof of address, on the website before last date of submission of the tender(s) as mentioned in the advertisement released in the newspaper. 3. The interested bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s. Antares Systems Ltd., Help Line No. +91-9453308405 Mrs. Rekha Yadav e-mail id: rekha.y@antaresystems.com and for property related query, detailed terms and conditions and inspection of property interested bidders may contact the authorized officer Sh. Mukesh Chaturvedi, Chief Manager, Mobile No. 8077397469 E-mail id: rrl_7608@obc.co.in within office hours. 4. Bids shall be submitted through online only in the prescribed format with relevant details. 5. Last date for submission of online bids on 30.07.2019 upto 4.00 P.M. 6. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to the Authorised Officer Oriental Bank of Commerce, Circle Office, Bareilly. Soft copies of the same by E-mail to: rrl_7608@obc.co.in. For any further clarifications, the intending bidders may contact the Sh. Mukesh Chaturvedi, Chief Manager RRL&L Cluster Bareilly, Mobile No. 8077397469. 7. The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price and Bidders shall improve their further offers in multiples of Rupees as mentioned in the table hereinabove. Please note that first bid price that come system during the online forward auction can be equal to Reserve price or higher than the Reserve price by one increment or higher than the Reserve price by multiples of increment. While Auction the subsequent bid to outbid the H1 rate will have to be higher than H1 rate by one increment value or in multiples of increment value. 8. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the Bid amount (including earnest money) already paid, immediately on closure of the E-Auction Sale proceedings and receiving confirmation from the secured creditor latest by next working day. The balance 75% of the Bid Amount shall have to be paid within 15 days of acceptance/confirmation of sale conveyed to them, failing which the bank shall forfeit the amount already paid/ deposited by the successful bidder. The property shall be re-sold and defaulting purchaser shall not have any claim whatsoever. 9. The EMD of unsuccessful bidder will be returned on the closure of the e-auction sale proceedings. No interest is payable on the EMD of the intending bidders. 10. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor and handing over physical possession shall be subject to CMM/ DM or any other competent court's order. 11. The property/ies is/ are sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis and to the best knowledge and information of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards to the property of any authority besides the banks charges and should be satisfied themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges encumbrances over the property on any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid. 12. The undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reasons. 13. The purchaser shall bear the stamp duties charges including those of sale certificate registration charges, all statutory dues payable to Government taxes and rates and outgoing both existing and future relating to the property. The sale certificate will be issued only in the name of successful bidder. 14. As per Income Tax Rules, TDS @ 1% of auction price is payable by the auction purchaser if the purchase price is more than Rs. 50,00 lacs. The successful purchaser will have to deposit 1% of the bid amount with the IT Department, Government of India and proof thereof to be submitted to the bank. 15. The intending purchaser for inspecting the property may contact Mr. Mukesh Chaturvedi, Chief Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce, RRL&L Cluster Bareilly, on any working day between 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. 16. The sale is subject to conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the conditions mentioned above. 17. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website i.e. www.obcindia.co.in.
Date: 13.07.2019
Place: Bareilly
Authorized Officer
ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Government of Jharkhand Road Construction Department

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(National Competitive Bidding)
Ref. No. - SE/RCD/ Hazaribagh/641/2019-20 (1st Retender) dated 12.07.2019

RCD, Jharkhand on behalf of Govt. of Jharkhand invites online bids from Safety Consultants empanelled vide NHAI/RSC/2012/Empanelment/102582 Dt. 10.07.2017 & NHAI/RSC/2012/Empanelment/4460 Dt. 17.05.2019 to carry out Road Safety Audits of selected stretch (es) of State Highway(s)/Major District Roads /ODRs. The Details of the stretches are as below:

| Sl. No. | Zone/Package/Name of Road | Length of the Roads (In K.M.) | Earnest Money (Rs. In Lacs) | Stage(s) of road to be carried out | Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.) | Period of Completion (In Month) | Validity of Tender (In days) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Hazaribagh Zone: (Package No.-01) | | 2% of Quoted amount | Safety Audit of existing road as per Road Safety manual i.e. IRC SP 88-2010 or any latest revision of this document. | 2500/- + 18% GST | 2.5 Month | 21 days |
| 1 | Govindpur-Sahebganj Road | 311.000 | | | | | |
| 2 | Govindpur-Baliapur-Sindri Road | 22.157 | | | | | |
| Total Length: | | 333.157 | | | | | |

RFP document is available on website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> online from date 16.07.2019 (10:30hrs) to 31.07.2019 (12:00hrs IST). The RFP must be accompanied with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500 + GST 18% (Rupees Two thousand five hundred only + Eighteen Percent GST), as RFP document fee, in the form of a demand draft or banker's cheque drawn on any Nationalized / Scheduled Bank in India in favour of Executive Engineer, Road Division, Dhanbad payable at Dhanbad.

The Applicant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of Rs. 2% of Quoted Amount as specified in Clause 4.3 of LOI.

RFP must be submitted online only at web address, <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> on or before 02.08.2019 (up to 12:00 hours IST). RFP submitted through any other mode shall not be entertained.

Instructions to applicants regarding e-tendering process:

a) The interested Safety Consultants Empanelled vide NHAI letter no. NHAI/RSC/2012/Empanelment/102582 Dt. 10.07.2017 & NHAI / RSC / 2012 / Empanelment /4460 Dt. 17.05.2019 can download the RFP from website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

b) Such consultants have to submit their bids including scanned copy of Bid Security online in electronic format with Digital Signature.

c) No proposal will be accepted in physical form except RFP document fee and Bid Security. The applicants have to submit their RFP document fee and Bid Security in hard copy (original) also on or before 12:00 hours on 05.08.2019 at address given below. If the office happens to be closed on the last date of Submission of Bid Security in hard copy as specified, the Bid Security will be received on the next working day at the Office mentioned below. In case the RFP document fee and Bid Security is not received within specified time, the Bid shall be considered non-responsive and shall not be downloaded / evaluated. Bids shall be strictly treated as non-responsive if bid is not accompanied by an acceptable Bid Security as specified in Clause 4.3 of LOI.

d) Before submission of online bids, applicants must ensure that scanned copy of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.

e) RCD, Jharkhand shall not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason whatsoever.

f) All documents/papers uploaded/submitted by the bidder must be legible.

The following are the important dates for award of above consultancy work:

| Sl. No. | Event Description | Date |
|---------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | Date of online publication | 16.07.2019 (10:30 hrs) |
| 2 | Document download Start Date | 16.07.2019 (10:30 hrs) |
| 3 | Last date for receiving / Queries / Clarifications | 19.07.2019 (15:00 hrs) |
| 4 | Pre-Proposal Conference (Pre-bid meet) | 24.07.2019 (15:00 hrs) |
| 5 | Authority response to queries | 26.07.2019 (15:00 hrs) |
| 6 | Bid Submission Start Date | 16.07.2019 (10:30 hrs) |
| 7 | Document Download End Date | 31.07.2019 (12:00 hrs) |
| 8 | Bid submission end date | 02.08.2019 (12:00 hrs) |
| 9 | Opening of Proposals | 05.08.2019 (12:30 hrs) |

Communications: All Communications including the submission of Fee and Bid Security should be addressed to:
Superintending Engineer, RCD, Road Circle, Hazaribagh, E-mail - sercdhazari-jhr@nic.in.
Superintending Engineer, RCD, Road Circle, Hazaribagh

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7 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA
 “Members are developing a new habit and a bad habit of sitting and talking. Second one is, standing without the permission of the Chair and speaking, and the third one is making noise. My point is, if you want to raise your voice on any issue, you have an opportunity.”

M VENKAI AH NAIDU, Chairman, to members of the Opposition, who were raising a point while Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was delivering her speech on the Budget Discussion.

LOK SABHA

“Vidwan Sansad ji (learned member), would you let the minister reply?”

OM BIRLA, Speaker, to member P P Chaudhary when he prefaced his question on ‘Parameters of Pathological Tests’ with a long wordage during Question Hour.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A tea vendor selling tea in front of trains during his childhood (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) saw this country and understood the significance of the Railways.”

PIYUSH GOYAL, Railway Minister, while replying to a discussion on the Demands for Grants for his ministry.

ROLL CALL

PRIME MINISTER: Not Present
SONIA GANDHI: Present
RAHUL GANDHI: Not Present

5 QUESTIONS



JASBIR SINGH GILL ‘DIMP’, CONGRESS MEMBER FROM THE KHADOOR SAHIB CONSTITUENCY IN PUNJAB, FLAGGED THE LACK OF FACILITIES FOR HIGH EDUCATION IN TARN TARAN IN THE LOK SABHA, PLEADING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A DISCUSSION ON THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019. HE TALKS TO **PRADEEP KAUSHAL**.

Is there no college or university in the area?

We do have degree colleges, but there is no government or private university, nor do we have any medical college. We want a Central university at Tarn Taran.

Surely every district does not have a university. So why Tarn Taran?

We have seen the 1947 partition... Then came the India-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971. We lost 10,000 lives to terrorism. Education will turn young men towards more profound aspects of life...

Do you face a problem of drugs too?

We have a porous border... which enables people from across the border to smuggle drugs... It is vital to wean youth away from drugs and half the problem will be addressed if they acquire education and avail of job opportunities all over the country.

You were critical of some Indian corporate houses choosing foreign universities for donations. Can you illustrate this point?

It is disappointing to see them prosper by using resources in India and then promote research and high-quality education abroad.

What do you want the government to do?

Bring an ordinance requiring them to at least consider the options available in India first. It is ethically wrong on their part to ignore institutions in India and pass their resources to foreign universities.



THE VISITOR

US Ambassador to India Kenneth I Juster at Parliament on Friday. *Anil Sharma*

\$5 tn economy mid-course target for 10-year vision: FM

KRISHN KAUSHIK
 NEW DELHI, JULY 12

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said the Union government’s plan for a \$5 trillion Indian economy by 2025 is achievable and realistic. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha in response to the discussion on the Budget, Sitharaman said having a \$5 trillion economy is a mid-course target in the longer ten-year vision she had laid out while delivering her Budget speech.

The Budget discussion lasted for over 12 hours in the Upper House, with 63 members speaking on the subject. Taking her time to respond, Sitharaman spoke for more than 90 minutes, devoting a large part of her time to the points raised by former finance minister and Congress leader P Chidambaram.

Sitharaman said Chidambaram, who was not present in the House on Friday, had “slighted, mocked and ridiculed” the government and raised apprehensions about the targets set by it. She said that all the targets, whether about GST collections, Income Tax, or inflation were realistic and achievable.

Taking umbrage over Chidambaram’s comment that the economy doubles every few years, Sitharaman asked “If that is indeed the case, why are all of us here, why should there be a government?” She questioned if that was the reason why “during the UPA (regime), no attention was given to the economy, but scandals were going on, all attention was there, economy will anyway double, we will concentrate on doing what we need to, increase our personal incomes.”

She said that Chidambaram, in his speech



Nirmala Sitharaman said a \$5 trillion Indian economy by 2025 is ‘achievable’ and ‘realistic’. *Anil Sharma*

a day earlier, had quoted a lot of figures, which were “attractive” and “captivating”. She then countered several figures the former finance minister had mentioned in his speech.

Regarding Chidambaram’s grouse that the government had not brought structural reforms, Sitharaman quoted 16 steps taken by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in the last five years, including Aadhaar-based Direct Benefit Transfer, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, an amalgamation of public sector banks, and GST.

As members of the Opposition stated that GST was brought in with their support, Sitharaman took a jibe at Congress and said that had called it Gabbar Singh Tax and yet want to take credit for it.

Bumishing the government’s effective handling of the economy, Sitharaman pointed out that her government had not allowed inflation to “raise its dirty head to cause inconvenience

to the consumers” and said the “complete control over inflation is the achievement” of the government in the last five years and since being re-elected. The government, she said, has been prudent, adding, “I want to assure this House that my fiscal discipline does not mean that I have cut on social welfare projects at all.”

She said, “The projections made in the Budget are realistic and are adequately provided for, particularly for items of expenditure such as defence expenditure, pensions and salaries, internal security and other welfare programmes and establishment expenditures of the Government.”

Sitharaman said that apart from the government’s focus on agriculture in the Budget, there is a plan to increase investments by further liberalisation of FDI rules, lowering of corporate tax to 25 per cent for companies with a Rs 400 crore or lower turnover, exemptions in tax on electric, among other ideas.

Goyal: Rlys won’t be privatised, but investment needed for modernisation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JULY 12

BRUSHING ASIDE criticism from the Opposition, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said there was no question of privatising the public and goods carrier. Replying in the Lok Sabha to a debate on Demands for Grants for Railways, Goyal however said that private investment was necessary for the modernisation of Railways.

“There is no question of privatisation of Railways. Railways cannot be privatised. However, if we have to increase the facilities in Railways, then obviously we need investments for it... We should invite investment in national interest if there are new projects and lines... We have taken a decision to encourage public private partnerships and we will also corporatise some units,” Goyal said.

The minister also attacked Congress for its alleged lethargy in the development of the Railways and said that the track kilometre in the country grew from 77,609 km to 89,919 km between 1950 and 2014, but rose to 1,23,236 km over the past five years.

Goyal also defended the government move to do away with the Railway Budget. He said all such Budgets used to be political in nature and were aimed at winning elections. “Railway Budget was actually *rajnaitik* (political) Budget... It was strictly made for political reasons and was only aimed at misleading the entire country and MPs,” he said.

The minister also chose to directly address criticism from Congress Legislative Party chief Sonia Gandhi of the government’s plan to corporatise the Rae Bareilly coach factory — a few days ago, Sonia had said during Zero Hour, “...Corporatisation is actually beginning of privatization. This is the first step in selling priceless assets of the country on very cheap price to private hands...”

In response, Goyal said that during the Congress rule, not even one coach was manufactured in the Rae Bareilly Modern Coach Factory. He said it began production only in August 2014 — after the Modi government came to power. He said government aimed to increase its capacity to 50,000 coaches and planned to sell them overseas.

He claimed that the corporatisation of Railways was first started by the Congress, accusing the party of “shedding crocodile tears”. He said the government was in favour of corporatisation and that it would bring investments from abroad as well. “There is only one difference between winners and losers, losers see difficulties while winners look at goals,” Goyal said.

The minister also attacked the Congress



Railway Minister Piyush Goyal

over the Dedicated Freight Corridor project, accusing it of implementing the project at snail’s pace. “The work for Dedicated Freight Corridor started in 2007. From 2007 to 2014, they had not even managed one kilometre of track linking. We took on this work, fast paced it and in just five years, we have completed 1900 km of track linking,” Goyal said.

He accused the West Bengal government of failing to acquire land for railway projects. “The oldest project in West Bengal is running from 1974-75. The projects don’t get completed because the government doesn’t give us land. If they give us land, work will immediately start,” he said, adding that similar problems were also faced in Kerala.

Goyal also said that the Modi government has made security a priority. Reeling out accident figures, he said the government had reduced railway accidents from 206 per year between 2004 and 2009 to around 100 in its tenure.

Goyal also made a reference to 2006 Mumbai train blasts where he accused the UPA government of inaction and asserted that the Modi government would have taken much tougher action. His remarks elicited loud protests from the Congress which accused Goyal of misleading the House.

Earlier, the Congress had accused the government of making tall claims in Budgets but not fulfilling them. “What happened to the modernisation of 500 stations? What happened to tickets-on-demands by 2019, as promised by (former Railway Minister Suresh) Prabhu in his Budget speech? Now, you’re promising an investment of Rs 50 lakh crore in Railways in the next 10 years. Where will the money come from?” Congress Leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said.

Meanwhile, DMK member Kanimozhi criticised the government for employing manual scavengers. She said while the Railways maintained it had done away with the practice, contractors were still employing manual scavengers. “It’s a national shame amid claims of modernisation,” she said.

Cong MP seeks abolition of death penalty

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A CONGRESS member of the Rajya Sabha on Friday moved a private member’s Bill seeking the abolition of the death penalty.

Moving the bill, Pradeep Tamta said that countries around the world were moving away from awarding capital punishment and India should also follow suit. He said that in many cases, people are awarded capital punishment due to faulty investigations and later such sentences are revoked by the higher judiciary.

Harshvardhan Singh Durgapur (BJP) opposed the bill, saying that countries with large populations like China and the US have retained the provision of death penalty and noted that the demand for capital punishment has been going up in the country due to rise in heinous crimes like child rapes and acts of terrorism.

In Upper House, YSRCP MP calls for vote on private member’s Bill on OBCs

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THE RAJYA Sabha faced a peculiar situation on Friday, when YSRCP member V Vijaysai Reddy refused to withdraw his private member’s Bill seeking reservation for OBCs in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies, and demanded a vote on the Bill.

The government, which opposes the Bill, does not have a majority in the Upper House. But, on Friday, with opposition benches near empty, the Bill would have been stuck, but that would have meant that BJP would vote against a Bill which seeks reservation for OBCs, which would have been bad optics.

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, however, deftly handled the situation, arguing that since the Bill seeks to amend the Constitution, it requires a majority of two-third of the members present and voting. The argument triggered heated exchanges between Reddy, Congress members Jairam Ramesh and B K Hariprasad

on one side and Prasad and Leader of the House Thaaarchand Gehlot on the other.

Reddy did not withdraw the Bill, despite Prasad and Gehlot urging him to do so. The YSRCP leader said the population of OBCs is more than 50 per cent in all states, and justice still eludes them even after seven decades of independence. Prasad said the BJP government is committed to the welfare of the OBCs but a voting cannot take place as it is being sought on a Bill which seeks to amend the Constitution.

As the heated exchanges continued, Satyanarayan Jatiya, who was on the Chair, said the rules are clear — that an “amendment of this Constitution may be initiated only by introduction of a Bill for the purpose in either House of Parliament and when a Bill is passed in each House by a majority of the total membership of that House and by a majority not less than two-third of the Members of that House present and voting”.

Finally, Reddy relented. He said the objection that the Bill cannot be voted upon since it seeks to amend the Constitution was

not raised when it was tabled. “The Law Minister is raising the objection after the debate is over, which according to me is not justified,” he said, and then staged a walkout, ending the stalemate.

The Bill proposes to ensure a proportionate representation to OBCs in representative bodies, and all the Opposition members who participated in the debate supported it. In his reply, Prasad said the founders of the Constitution had laid down reservation provisions for SCs and STs after much deliberation. He added that the number of seats in Lok Sabha cannot be increased till the 2026 Census, and “if more reservation is given, you will deprive SC/ST reservation”.

Prasad said the BJP has always worked for empowering OBCs and argued Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself belonged to the OBC category. Prasad also named several leaders belonging to backward communities like Lalu Prasad, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Nitish Kumar, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Uma Bharti and Karpuri Thakur.

Private member’s Bill calls for two-child norm

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A NOMINATED MP aligned with the ruling BJP on Friday introduced a private member’s Bill in the Rajya Sabha, seeking to enforce a two-child norm by giving incentives for those adopting the small family practice and penalties for those contravening it.

The Population Regulation Bill, 2019, introduced by Rakesh Sinha in the Upper House, suggests that people with more than two living children should be “disqualified” from being chosen as an MP, MLA or a member of any body of the local self government after the commencement of the Act. Similarly, it suggests that government employees should give an undertaking that she or he will not procreate more than two children. It says those government employees who have more than two children on or before the com-



Rakesh Sinha (second from right) with RJD member Manoj Jha. *Anil Sharma*

mencement of the Act should be exempted.

Other penalties include reduction in subsidies on loans and interest rates on savings instruments, reduction in benefits under the public distribution system, and higher than

normal interest rates for availing loans from banks and financial institutions.

Talking to *The Indian Express*, Sinha said his private member’s Bill was not aimed at any religion, caste or community. He said according

to UN population projections, India is expected to become the most populated country by 2050. “(The Bill) is intended to create a balance between people and the resources, human resources as well as natural resources,” he said.

Sinha said that 72 districts in the country have a total fertility rate of more than four children per woman, and among them, “there are many districts which are dominated by minorities”. He added, “There is also a case of regional imbalance... while the southern and western states are better off, in the northern and eastern states of India, birth control is either not accepted or not applied. So it is a multi-dimensional problem. Regional, resources, religion - all three factors are there.”

The provisions of the Bill also list out several benefits for Central and public sector enterprise employees who adopt the two-child norm “by undergoing sterilization operation himself or of the spouse”.

4,800 seats reserved for EWS students: Harsh Vardhan

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AROUND 4,800 MBBS seats have been reserved for students belonging to economically weaker sections of general category in the current year, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said in Lok Sabha during Question Hour on Friday.

The minister, who was responding to supplementaries from Mohammad Javed of the Congress, Pinaki Misra of the Biju Janata Dal and Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy of the YSRCP, said there has been an increase of 24,698 seats in undergraduate and postgraduate courses in more than two years. There has been an increase of 15,815 UG seats and 2,153 PG seats during the 2017-18 and 2019-20 period. In 2019-20, 10,565 UG seats and 2,153 PG seats have increased, he said.

“The government has taken several steps to increase the number of seats in various medical educational institutes and medical colleges across the country,” the minister said.

Right now, there were around 75,000 MBBS seats for the students who qualified the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test.

The minister told the House that it had been made mandatory for all medical colleges to start PG courses within three years of the recognition of their MBBS course. New medical colleges were being established by upgrading district and referral hospitals, preferably in under-served districts.

Harsh Vardhan informed the members in the written response that 82 new medical colleges are being set up under a centrally-sponsored scheme. Under the scheme, the Centre would provide 60 per cent of the funding and the state concerned would provide the rest. “The total cost of establishment of one medical college is Rs 189 crore. Funds to the tune of Rs 7,507.70 crore have been released to the state and Union territory governments for the approved medical colleges under the scheme,” he said.

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LUNCH OR SPEECH?

AS IS his wont, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu took to humour to tackle an Opposition member who was interjecting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's response to the Budget discussion. As the speech had eaten well into lunch time, Naidu told the member, who was trying to make a point while Sitharaman was speaking, that nothing of what he was saying was going on record anyway, so why was he "wasting energy". He added that the member must be "already hungry", and if he keeps talking "spending more energy will be a problem". As Sitharaman had focused her response largely on Congress leader P Chidambaram's speech, an Opposition member asked whether she will address points raised by others too. Naidu immediately said that the minister has covered a wide range of issues, and if the member wants, "she will cover further." He then asked, "Are you ready?" None of the members, most of whom were impatient and hungry, interjected further, as Sitharaman had already spoken for nearly 90 minutes.

REACTION TO ACTION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION seems to have become a complex and complicated topic in BJP. After Uttarakhand MLA Kunwar Pranav Singh 'Champion' was seen in a video clip purportedly dancing with guns, BJP's state unit chief Ajay Bhatt, in a series of tweets, condemned Singh's action - he even announced that the MLA will be barred from all party meetings. In the last tweet, Bhatt said the party has sent Singh a show-cause notice and is resolved to take action. But what surprised everyone was a response to that tweet from another senior leader. A tweet from the official handle of Shivprakash, party national joint general secretary (organisation), stated, "Pl talk with me", leaving many wondering about coordination between the office-bearers.

ISSUES OUTSIDE HOUSE

IT WAS no secret that the Biju Janata Dal put all its efforts to ensure defeat former party MP-turned-BJP leader Baijayant Panda from Kendrapara seat in the Lok Sabha polls. The battle, it seems, is not over yet. Anubhav Mohanty, the BJD MP from Kendrapara, has unleashed another war on social media. On Thursday, Mohanty went to the bungalow allotted to Panda during his term as MP in the 16th Lok Sabha, took a photograph standing at the gate, and tweeted the image. Slamming Panda for having "no respect for law, ethics or political morality" by continuing to "forcibly occupy the government Bungalow", the actor-MP stated that Panda is not allowing "newly elected MPs who are entitled to allotment by House Committee of LS to enter and inspect the house". On Friday, Mohanty repeated his questions and wondered why Panda was silent. Mohanty said he has applied for that house, and that the BJD Parliamentary Party leader had recommended his name for the bungalow.

TRIPURA PANCHAYAT POLLS

86% seats won uncontested, CPM blames BJP 'armed gangs'

BJP rejects accusation; state EC chief says no official complaint lodged over violence

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NEW DELHI, JULY 12

WITH THE BJP winning more than 86 per cent in gram panchayat elections uncontested in Tripura, Opposition CPI(M) on Friday claimed that a large number of its candidates, and that of other opposition parties, were prevented from filing nomination papers by the BJP's "armed gangs".

The party alleged that 121 CPI(M) candidates were forced to withdraw their nominations due to threat from BJP workers.

Tripura BJP rejected the charge and claimed its workers have been at the receiving end.

State Election Commissioner G Kameshwar Rao said no party has lodged any official complaint with him over violence, and that CPI(M) leaders met once "but they did not have many complaints".

Tripura is scheduled to hold the three-tier panchayat polls on July 27; July 11 was the last date of withdrawing nominations.

CPI(M) and Congress candidates figure in barely 4 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, out of total 6,111 gram panchayat seats. The BJP fielded candidates in all 6,111 gram panchayat seats. So far, 5,278 seats have gone to BJP uncontested.

EXPLAINED What SC said when BJP, CPM cried foul in Bengal

ACCUSED OF allegedly unleashing a terror campaign in Tripura, BJP had leveled the same charge against TMC during West Bengal panchayat elections in May 2018. The TMC had won 34.2 per cent of the panchayat seats uncontested.

The Supreme Court, which expressed "shock" over seats won uncontested, rejected petitions by BJP and CPI(M) challenging Bengal panchayat polls, and seeking cancellation of polls in over 20,000 uncontested seats. While underlining that the charges of obstruction of polls is a serious matter, the court said the challenge must be pursued through poll petitions instead. The court exercised its extraordinary power under Article 142 of the Constitution and held that the limitation period of 30 days for filing petitions, which had expired by then, was to start from the date of notification of panchayat results.

"There are 306 candidates of the Left Front in the fray out of 6,111 seats; for the panchayat samiti, there are 56 candidates out of 419 seats; and in zilla parishad, there are 67 Left Front candidates for 116 seats," the CPI(M) Politburo said in a statement.

During the nomination period from July 1 to 8, CPI(M) said its candidates were "prevented from collecting and filing nomination papers by armed gangs" of BJP.

The party stated, "Bike-borne hoodlums of BJP were stationed before election offices so that no opposition candidate could collect or submit nomination papers. In most of the places, the police were just onlookers..."

BJP's Tripura spokesperson Ashok Sinha said there has been no political murder in the state since the BJP came to power. He dismissed CPI(M)'s allegations and said the party wants to re-

main relevant with such statements. "Tripura and Bengal have this culture where (political) contest is seen only during Assembly polls. Many seats are witnessing a contest. Only figures of uncontested seats are being shared with the media," Sinha said.

State Election Commissioner G Kameshwar Rao told *The Indian Express* that the CPI(M) had 369 valid nominations for gram panchayat seats, of which 64 were withdrawn. The Congress had 708 valid nominations, of which 97 were withdrawn.

At the panchayat samiti (block) level, 338 out of total 419 seats have gone uncontested, while 37 of 116 zilla parishad seats saw no contest, Rao said.

In Dhulai district, only three of 393 gram panchayat seats are set to see a contest, the rest having gone uncontested. All panchayat samiti and zilla parishad seats have gone uncontested in the district.

Rao said that historically the Opposition's participation in the electoral fray, including panchayat polls, was never this low in Tripura, a state known for its high voting percentages. Stating that there were fewer nominations this time, Rao said, "Except four to six blocks, the rest saw token nominations. I cannot comment on factors behind the numbers..."

Arunachal: CBI books ex-CM Tuki for graft

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DAYS AFTER booking his brother and his wife for alleged corruption, the CBI has booked former Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Nabam Tuki for alleged corruption in grant of a government project.

The agency has booked Tuki for alleged irregularities in awarding contracts worth Rs 3.20 crore for a government project in 2003, CBI sources said on Friday.

The agency has alleged that Tuki, then minister of consumer affairs and civil supplies in Arunachal Pradesh, had colluded with his brother Nabam Tagam to siphon off illegal gratification received for the contracts given to develop two parking places in Nirjulee and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh worth Rs 61.43 lakh and Rs 2.60 crore.

Tuki was the chief minister of the state during 2011-16. His brother Nabam Tagam, N N Osik, the then director civil supplies, and the then chief manager United Commercial Bank Sohrab Ali Hazarika have also been booked, they said.

The agency has booked all the accused for criminal conspiracy, forgery, and under provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act.

Last month, CBI booked Tuki's brother Nabam Hari, his wife and some PWD officers in the case.

The case pertained to contracts handed by Tuki as the PWD minister in the state to his kith and kin for "selfish gains without inviting tenders", CBI alleged in its FIR.

GOA

Cong MLA who defected to BJP to be new Dy CM

SMITA NAIR
PANAJI, JULY 12

GOA CHIEF Minister Pramod Sawant on Friday dropped four ministers from his cabinet, potentially opening up seven portfolios for the 10 Congress MLAs who recently defected to the ruling BJP. Former Leader of the Opposition in the House, Chandrakant Kavlekar, will be the new deputy CM, Sawant confirmed, replacing Vijai Sardesai of the Goa Forward Party, an NDA ally.

"I have asked Goa Forward ministers and independent Rohan Khaunte to resign. Newly inducted Chandrakant Kavlekar will be the new Deputy Chief Minister," Sawant told *The Indian Express*.

The portfolios likely to be given to the defecting Congress MLAs include Town and Country Planning — held by Sardesai — along with Revenue, and Information Technology, River Navigation and Water Resources, Housing, and Agriculture.

Panaji legislator Atanasio Monserrate, who is said to have brought five other MLAs along with his wife and former MLA Jennifer Monserrate into the BJP fold, is expected to get a plum portfolio. Speaking to the press after his arrival from Delhi, he said, "To be frank, I joined the Congress a couple of times... The last time when they asked me I said it was like the return of the prodigal son, then I guessed as much after month that I really didn't belong there... All the work in your constituency will be fulfilled. That kind of an assurance I never had in my 17 years (as a politician)... They (the BJP) say *sabka saath sabka vikas*, I really felt that there."

Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo said the CM has personally called



Chandrakant Kavlekar was Leader of Oppn before switching to the BJP

each of the minister over phone and asked them to resign. "For now I am happy that some old ministers are being taken out. There was a lot of threat they kept imposing that they will withdraw support if their work was not done... The BJP was under constant fear of their *dadagiri*. That has gone. The newly inducted members come with good understanding," he said.

Meanwhile, Sardesai said he has not received any communication officially. "We haven't received any official communication from BJP central leaders. Our party is part of NDA, joined the BJP-led state government after talks with the national leadership. The present state BJP leaders were not part of the discussion," he told *The Indian Express*. "We have not yet received any official communication from the BJP central leaders. On the contrary, we have received indications that the matter will be sorted out amicably."

Meanwhile, at Congress House, Axel Reginaldo — the MLA who refused to switch over to the BJP — said the party is yet to decide on a Leader of the Opposition. He said it took a long time for the party to agree on who would be the Leader of the Opposition when there were 17 MLAs in the party, "and now we can't decide this when we are five."

He added, "I got a call from one of the Congress MLAs who joined the BJP, saying if I am interested I could still join (them). I have asked them not to make such calls to me. I will now wait for the Assembly."



Rahul Gandhi outside the Ahmedabad court on Friday. Express

Defamation case: Rahul Gandhi pleads not guilty, granted bail

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CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi, who on Friday appeared for a hearing in a criminal defamation suit filed against him in Ahmedabad, was granted bail by the magisterial court.

Gandhi pleaded "not guilty" to the charges of defamation in the case that had been filed against him by Ahmedabad District Co-Operative (ADC) Bank and its chairman Ajay Patel for allegedly defaming BJP president Amit Shah, who is a director in ADC bank, with accusations of money laundering during the 2016 demonetisation.

The matter has been posted to September 7 for further hearing.

In a tweet dated June 22, 2018, Gandhi said, "Congratulations Amit Shah ji, Director of Ahmedabad District Co-operative Bank, on your bank winning first prize in the conversion of old notes to new race. Rs 750 crore in five days! Millions of Indians whose lives were destroyed by demonetisation salute your achievement! #ShahZyadaKhaGaya"

Along with the tweet was a picture of Shah captioned, "THE DIRECTOR of the bank that collected the highest number of demonetised notes. The PRESIDENT of the party that got 80% richer after demonetisation."

Appearing before the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate NB Munshi at Cheekanta in old Ahmedabad, Gandhi was asked if he knew what the charges against him were, to which he confirmed he did and pleaded not guilty. When asked, "Do you want to defend yourself?," he replied "Yes."

Asked if he had received the relevant case papers, Gandhi affirmed he had. He however pointed out a spelling mistake in the word 'Tughlak' in his address, following which the court rectified it.

Subsequently, arguments ensued regarding the appropriate provisions of law that would be applicable for Gandhi's bail.

'No longer about BJP vs Cong, this is about democracy'

SMITA NAIR
PANAJI, JULY 12

"POLITICAL PARTIES always look for winning candidates. That is how the mathematics of elections works and tickets are given. This has been a huge lesson. Now going forward, the people must show us the way. They must reject defectors. This no longer is about BJP versus Congress. This is not even about Goa anymore. This is about democracy," Congress secretary in-charge of Goa, A Chellakumar, said Friday.

Two days previously, 10 Congress MLAs resigned from the party and joined the ruling BJP, with three legislators promised Cabinet berths. Chandrakant Kavlekar, who till Wednesday was Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, is now being promised the seat of Deputy Chief Minister in place of Vijai Sardesai of the Goa Forward Party, an NDA ally.

The entire development believed to have been orchestrated by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo, with a senior BJP leader indicating that "the strings were pulled" by party veteran Satish Dhond.

The Congress has announced it will file a petition before the Speaker and also move court asking for the 10 MLAs to be disqualified.

"When the 10 met the Speaker (Rajesh Patnekar) and offered the (consent) letter, the Speaker himself used the word 'merge'. His order reads 'The Indian National Congress Legislature Party in the Goa Legislative Assembly has decided to merge into the Bhartiya Janata Party'. Who are the ten or the Speaker to use the word 'merge'?" The Congress party has not merged. We are going to fight this illegality," Chellakumar said.

The Congress leader admitted that the party has made blunders and said the party will introspect on the developments in the coming days. "The poaching has been in the talks for long. The MLAs



A Chellakumar

themselves walked to me a few months ago and indicated the behind the doors meet and how they were being offered money. There is no other reason here. Not much analysis is needed. This though puts a larger question to all of us. Congress will be criticised and we will accept all of it. We have made blunders... All the parties need to introspect on how does one choose candidates... These are going to difficult days ahead when we sit, introspect and repair. We have to now look at new models," he said.

He added, "Elections are a mandate. This poaching are not democratic. This also was over a period of time, which also shows how this was done against the interest of democracy. And it also questions how politics goes from here... These cannot be seen as isolation as concerns of Goa, or concerns of Congress alone."

Of the 10 MLAs who switched sides, eight who represent constituencies with Christians being a dominant demographic. This makes Goa the only state in the country with an RSS-groomed CM holding a party of 27 MLAs of which 15 belong to a minority community.

The Congress leader also took potshots at the BJP over its campaign against Panaji MLAs Atanasio Monserrate, one of the 10 who defected. "They called Atanasio Monserrate a rapist and also styled their entire campaign against Congress as a party fielding a rapist. Now, on Monday, the same man will be walking in as a BJP minister. Through the election campaign BJP asked women and children to remain indoors as a rapist was out campaigning. I would ask BJP to finish it in style. Make him the minister for Women and Child Welfare," Chellakumar said.

JUDGMENTS TO BE AVAILABLE IN LOCAL LANGUAGES

President to release translated copies of 100 SC verdicts

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

ON JULY 17, when President Ram Nath Kovind releases translated copies of 100 Supreme Court judgments in seven Indian languages — Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Marathi, Oriya and Telugu — he will see coming to fruition something he has repeatedly spoken about, not just in his public speeches but also in his interactions with Chief Justices of High Courts and at least two Chief Justices of India.

In his first meeting with current CJ Ranjan Gogoi, Kovind mentioned that from his own experience as a lawyer he found that use of English in courts leaves most people at a loss, and emphasised the need for them to

be translated in Indian languages, sources in Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

CJI Gogoi agreed and told the President that it is something he also had been thinking about, and promised to act on the suggestion.

On July 17, when Kovind inaugurates the new Supreme Court building where the Appu Ghar once stood, he will release these translations.

Addressing a function at the High Court of Kerala, in Kochi, on October 28, 2017, Kovind had said, "It is important to not only take justice to the people but also to make it understandable to litigating parties in a language they know. High Courts deliver judgments in English... Perhaps a system could be evolved whereby certified translated copies of



Ram Nath Kovind

judgments are made available... in local or regional languages."

Days later, speaking at the inauguration of the National Law Day Conference in Delhi, the President had raised the point again: "...enhancing legal literacy and simplifying legal rules; easier language while delivering judg-

ments, so that these are understood by a greater number of people; and as I have suggested earlier, quick availability of certified translated copies of High Court judgments in the local language..."

Referring to the July 17 event, a source said the plan is that eventually all Supreme Court orders will be available in all Indian languages.

"A start had to be made, which has been made with these 100 in seven languages," the source said. "The honourable judges themselves prioritised these 100 (verdicts) based on what is of relevance to the common people. These relate to labour laws, family laws, personal laws, consumer laws and rent laws, among others."

"They may not be very high-profile (cases), but they are judg-

ments that the common person should know about."

This is the first time that translations of judgments are being made available by the apex court.

In Chhattisgarh, the practice of translating High Court judgments has already started. When Kovind met the then Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court TV Nair Radhakrishnan — since then transferred to Calcutta High Court — in October 2017, the President had raised the issue. Within a few weeks, Justice Radhakrishnan said that translated copies of the High Court's orders have been made available in the state in Hindi.

A senior Rashtrapati Bhavan official said, "We are hoping that by the end of the year all high courts would have the facility of judgments being translated in lo-

cal languages."

Sources in the President's Office said that on July 13, when Kovind travels to Chennai for a function at the Dr Ambedkar Law University there, he is likely to make a public request to the Chief Justice of Madras High Court to make available translations of the court's judgments in Tamil.

Pointing out that Kovind discussed the issue of translating court orders into local languages each time met a Chief Justice of High Court or the CJ, the official said, "The President also told them that a lot of times litigants have to pay double the fees to lawyers only to have the judgment relayed to them in their languages. He had mentioned this also to former CJ Deepak Misra."



India, Pak meet tomorrow to discuss Kartarpur corridor

Body sent home, PoK boy's family thanks people on both sides

NORTH 35 cows killed as lightning strikes shelter in Prayagraj

Lucknow: A total of 35 cows were killed after lightning struck during heavy rains at a government-run temporary cow shelter in Bahadurpur area of Prayagraj Thursday, district officials said. The carcasses were buried after autopsy, they said. A team led by District Magistrate, Prayagraj, Bhanu Chand Goswami, visited the spot and veterinary doctors were also called to check on other affected animals. Chief Development Officer, Prayagraj, Arvind Singh, said there were 344 animals at the cow shelter. "We have shifted the remaining animals to other cow shelters nearby," said Singh. **ENS**



Children use a makeshift raft to cross floodwaters in Morigaon, Assam, on Friday. Incessant rain has killed six and affected 8.7 lakh people in the state so far. The Army was called in for relief work on Friday. PTI

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NEW DELHI, JULY 12

NEW DELHI will go in with "high expectations" and hope for a "positive response" from Islamabad when Indian and Pakistani officials meet on Sunday at Wagah to hold discussions on the Kartarpur corridor, sources have said.

The meeting comes amid differences between the two sides over a range of issues, including a bridge at Zero Line on the Indo-Pak border at Dera Baba Nanak. Sources said the meeting, which is proposed to be held at the Attari-Wagah border on Pakistan's side, would discuss the draft agreement on the modalities for movement of pilgrims along the Kartarpur corridor and resolve outstanding technical issues.

So far, three rounds of technical-level discussions have been held to try and finalise the alignment, crossing point and infrastructure along the corridor. Sources said that after the decision taken by the Cabinet on November 22, 2018, India is "expeditiously building the require-

EXPLAINED Some hope, differences many

AFTER CANCELLING the talks in April this year over differences between the two sides over the Kartarpur corridor, India has taken a step forward to schedule a meeting with Pakistan and bridge the gap and expand the convergences. But, as things stand, the divergences are far too many, and both sides will have to strike compromises along the way. As of now, it seems that it's a bridge too far.

site infrastructure", including a four-lane highway and a state-of-art passenger terminal. "More than 45 per cent of work on the Indian side is completed. The target is to complete the road by September end and the passenger terminal by the end of October this year, in time to operationalise the Kartarpur corridor on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November," the source said.

"The government's effort is to ensure that pilgrims can visit the holy Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib easily and smoothly in a safe and secure manner throughout the year," the source

said. Sources said India has also asked Pakistan to increase the number of pilgrims allowed, under the 1974 bilateral protocol, to visit shrines in Pakistan for Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti. New Delhi has asked for this number to be increased to 10,000 for this year on account of the 550th birth anniversary celebrations, the sources said. The two countries have had run-ins in the past over the corridor, including over pro-Khalistani faces in a committee set up by Pakistan and over Pakistan's refusal to allow at least 5,000 visitors a day from India. While India wants a bridge

over the Zero Line and has already started constructing one on its side, Pakistan is insisting on a causeway, sources said. India is of the view that not building a bridge would lead to flooding of Indian areas during monsoon when the Ravi river overflows, the sources said.

The issue was discussed at a technical meeting between officials of the two countries at the Attari-Wagah border on May 27. Sources said construction work at the site for the Passenger Terminal Complex at Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab is in full swing. The construction work is being carried out by M/S Shapoorji & Pallonji Pvt Ltd under the supervision of the Land Ports Authority of India.

The terminal is being built on nearly 15 acres to cater to approximately 5,000 passengers per day. It will have comprehensive facilities to ensure smooth movement of pilgrims, including facilities for immigration and customs clearance. The complex will also have CCTV surveillance and adequate parking space for 10 buses, 250 cars, and 250 two-wheelers. More than Rs 500 crore is estimated to be spent for development of this complex.

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JULY 12

THE FAMILY members of the seven-year-old from Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, whose body was recovered from a river in Gurez valley in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday, has thanked people on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) for helping them get the body back.

The child was identified as Aabid Sheikh, a resident of Minimarg in Astoor village of Gilgit-Baltistan. In a video message on Thursday, the boy's father said, "Today, we received the body. We are thankful to everyone that the body was sent to us with full security."

The body was handed over to Pakistan army on Thursday through Gurez valley, close to the LoC. Soon after the last rites were performed, the family unloaded the video thanking people the same afternoon.

A family member said in the video, "I am Aabid's Sheikh's uncle. We performed his last

rites today and we are thankful to everyone on both sides, especially Gurez locals and mothers and sisters and brothers on (the) other side, who took care of the body and in difficult conditions it (body) reached us. We are thankful to social media as well."

Another uncle said the family is "touched by the gesture". On Thursday, villagers and officials in Gurez said it was for the first time that such an exchange had taken place in the locality in the recent past.

Aabid's body was spotted on Tuesday morning in Kishenganga river in Achoora village, close to the LoC — it had floated down the river from Gilgit-Baltistan in PoK.

The local administration in Gurez along with the Army swung into action and informed the Pakistan army.

On Thursday, Army personnel and other members of the team carrying the child's body went through a maze of minefields to hand it over to Pakistan army.

On Wednesday evening, an attempt was also made by the Indian authorities in Gurez to hand over the body to Pakistan.

EAST Lalu Prasad granted bail in fodder scam case

Ranchi: The Jharkhand High Court on Friday granted bail to RJD chief Lalu Prasad in a fodder scam case, but the former Bihar chief minister will remain in jail as he is also serving sentence in two other related cases. Justice Aadesh Kumar Singh granted Lalu's bail plea in a case related to fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 89.27 lakh from the Deoghar Treasury on the grounds that he has served half of his prison term of three-and-a-half years. Lalu was convicted in four fodder scam cases pertaining to fraudulent withdrawal of money from Deoghar, Dumka and Chaibasa treasuries in Jharkhand. **PTI**

UP madrasa students: Forced to chant Jai Shri Ram, assaulted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 12

FOUR MADRASA students in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district have alleged that they were forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram', and were assaulted when they refused to do so.

According to the complaint filed by the principal of the Darul Uloom Faiz-e-Aam madrasa, Nisar Ahmed Miswahi, four men thrashed the four students on Thursday after they refused to chant 'Jai Shri Ram', and were also given life threats.

Miswahi told *The Indian Express*, "Students from the madrasa go to the GIC ground to play every Thursday because we have a half-working day. Around six-seven children had gone to play. Some of them ran away when some youths arrived there. These youths not only assaulted the boys, but also used objectionable language..."

In the evening, IG, law and order, Praveen Kumar said at a press conference that the incident occurred when two groups of children clash while playing cricket match. Later, few others from one group involved. "In the preliminary inquiry it has been found no slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram' were made and also some named in the FIR were found not present at the spot. The investigation is on."

An FIR was lodged against four people — Kranti Singh, his associates Aditya Shukla and Kamal and one unidentified person. Police have detained Shukla and Kamal, while Singh is yet to be caught. Kotwali police station SHO Dinesh Chandra Mishra said, "We have booked the accused

under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 352 (assault or criminal force otherwise than on grave provocation), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation)."

Singh was recently appointed the district secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) — the BJP's youth wing, the organisation's district chief Bhanu Mishra confirmed. "This is a conspiracy. There is no religious angle. The persons named in the FIR were not even present at the spot when the incident happened," he claimed.

Earlier in the day, Unnao Superintendent of Police M P Verma, in a statement on Twitter, said, "Yesterday (Thursday), 10-12 boys from the Darul Uloom madrasa had gone to play cricket at the GIC ground. There was a row over playing cricket there. The students were assaulted by four persons and sustained injuries. We got a complaint and lodged a case. Two persons have been taken into custody and are being questioned. The investigation continued till now has not been able to verify allegations regarding chanting of Jai Shri Ram." Circle Officer, City, Umesh Chandra Tyagi said police were interrogating Shukla and Kamal.

Their detention led to protests by pro-Hindu groups at the Kotwali police station. On Friday morning, BJYM, VHP and Bajrang Dal workers gheraoed the police station, demanded that the two be released, and called for a fair and impartial probe into the incident. The VHP later submitted a memorandum to the Verma, saying "no innocent should be punished".



The suspension bridge, across the Ganga, is 96 years old and connects the districts of Tehri Garhwal and Pauri Garhwal. *Virender Singh Negi*

Iconic Lakshman Jhula in distress, to be closed down

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, JULY 12

THE UTTARAKHAND government has ordered the immediate closure of the Lakshman Jhula in Rishikesh after a PWD report stated that the bridge is in a distressed state, which may lead to a mishap.

The iconic suspension bridge, across the Ganga, is 96 years old and connects the districts of Tehri Garhwal and Pauri Garhwal. One of the landmarks and chief attractions of Rishikesh, the 136-metre-long bridge is for pedestrians on paper but is frequently used by motorcyclists.

Following the fresh order, officials have started barricading both sides of the bridge.

According to an order by

Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, Om Prakash issued on Friday, the PWD had submitted a report to the government, stating that the Lakshman Jhula has become dilapidated due to an unprecedented rise in traffic. The report further said that the bridge's towers appear to be leaning to one side. "Due to a further increase in traffic load, there is a possibility of bridge getting damaged in future and possibilities of loss of lives then, cannot be ruled out," the order read.

The order also cited a technical study that says, "We observed that most of the bridge parts/components are in FAIL and COLLAPSE condition. This bridge should not be permitted for pedestrian movement..."

Citing the study report, the order directed that Lakshman Jhula be closed from July 12 on-

wards. Tehri Garhwal SSP Yogendra Singh Rawat told *The Indian Express*, "Pedestrian movement will be completely stopped as soon as barricading is completed." The closure of the bridge could make it difficult for the administration to manage the crowd during Kanwar Yatra, which begins on July 17.

"We are in communication with PWD to develop an alternate bridge. There is another bridge, Ram Jhula. But once Lakshman Jhula is closed, load on Ram Jhula will increase. We need at least two bridges," the SSP said.

Tehri Garhwal District Magistrate V Shanmugam said, "A new bridge cannot be built in a short time. SDM and officials of PWD and the police have been asked to inspect the area to find an alternate arrangement."

Called for probe, JD(U) man found hanging in police station

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, JULY 12

A LOCAL leader of the ruling JD(U), who was detained by the Nalanda police in connection with a kidnapping case, allegedly hanged himself inside the station late on Thursday night.

Three policemen were arrested in connection with the case, added the officer. The family of the leader, identified as Ganesh Ravidas, claim that the police tortured him in custody.

On Thursday night, Ganesh, who was the Mahadali cell president of the Nagamausa block, was detained in connection with the alleged kidnapping of a girl from his village. He was suspected to have helped the girl elope. During the course of the interrogation, Ganesh reportedly went to use the washroom outside the lock-up. He then allegedly hanged himself from the window in the washroom. As news of his death spread, villagers staged a protest.

Following the incident, the district police suspended Nagamausa police station's in-charge, an assistant sub-inspector and chowkidar. The three were later arrested based on a case filed against them by Ganesh's son Balram at the SC/ST police station in Biharsharif.

In the FIR, Balram alleged that his father was "killed by police station in-charge Balindra Rai and Chowkidar Jitendra Kumar. There are cut-throats on several places, suggesting it is a case of torture."

DI, Central Range, Rajesh Kumar, said: "The police station in-charge and two others have been arrested. We will investigate the case."

WEST Three dead as mud wall collapses on them in Nagpur

Nagpur: Three people died after a mud wall collapsed on them in Kanhan area near here on Friday, police said. The incident occurred between 9.30 am and 10 am, they said. "Four people were sitting near the mud wall when it collapsed. While three of them died on the spot, the fourth one suffered injuries and was rushed to a hospital," inspector of Kanhan police station Chandrakant Kale said. The mishap took place in Kanhan-Kandri area, which is located near the Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL), he said. "Locals come to the spot to dig out mud for domestic use. The victims, who also live nearby, had also carved out some mud from the wall, which collapsed on them," Kale said. **PTI**

SOUTH SC stays HC proceedings in case against 'Nakkheeran'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed further proceedings in the Madras High Court related to a plea by Tamil magazine *Nakkheeran* and its editor challenging a case against them for publishing articles allegedly denigrating Governor Banwarilal Purohit. The Tamil Nadu government told the apex court that the HC erred by staying the trial court proceedings in the case on a plea by the magazine and the editor. A bench headed by justices S A Nazeer and R Subhash Reddy agreed to examine the state government's plea against the stay order and issued notice to the magazine and its editor R Gopal. **PTI**

Bodies of 2 children found in Jharkhand: Kin claim human sacrifice, cops say sexual abuse

ABHISHEK ANGAD
LATEHAR, JULY 12

THE FEAR of 'human sacrifice' gripped a village in Latehar district on Friday when the beheaded bodies of two children — a girl aged 5 and a boy aged 10 — were found buried under sand. Police said one of the severed heads has been found so far.

A 40-year-old shopkeeper from the village has been arrested for the murders and a case has been filed against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, said police.

According to the mother to the girl victim, the 5-year-old visited the accused's shop on Wednesday morning. "She did not return and we thought that she had gone to a relative's

house. When she did not return the entire day, we started looking," said the mother.

The father of the 10-year-old boy said the accused was friendly. "He used to borrow my motorcycle. On Tuesday night, he borrowed my mobile phone as he wanted to speak to his in-laws. However, he did not return it and I asked my son to get it on Wednesday morning."

He added that when the son did not return, he assumed the boy was playing games on the phone. "In the afternoon (Wednesday), I asked the accused whether he gave my mobile to my son. He said yes and I left. The accused came to my house and took my motorcycle. Till then, I did not doubt him," the father said.

Latehar Superintendent of Police Prashant Anand said there

was no evidence to suggest a human sacrifice but it was a case of "sexual abuse followed by two murders".

"There is a belief among some of the villagers of the killings being a human sacrifice, but there are no signs of it. The accused told us that he pulled the girl in with an intent to abuse her and then the boy arrived. I took both of them to his house and then stripped and abused them," the officer said.

The parents of the both the children, however, refuse to believe their children were murdered after being abused. "There were blood spots everywhere, there were diyas (lamps) and rice scattered. The bodies were buried at one place and the one of the heads a few metres apart... Why do all this if it was not a sacrifice? He could have

easily buried the body somewhere else. Why did he bury it in his own backyard?" asked the mother of the girl.

Incidentally, it was the boy's father who raised the alarm after he visited the home of the accused. There, he saw a mound of sand in the backyard and blood. "When I inquired, he said that he had sacrificed two chickens... I think I saw a leg protruding out. At this moment, he tried to pull me into his house. Maybe he would have killed me," said the father.

According to sources familiar with the case, initial questioning "indicated" that the accused was mentally unstable. "He did not seem to be eating anything. The doctor has referred him to Ranchi Institute of Neuro-Psychiatry and Allied Sciences," said an official.

Alliances, defections play out as Kashmir Press Club goes to its first elections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 12

CIGARETTES HANGING loosely between their fingers, reporters at Srinagar's year-old Press Club are engaged in tense negotiations ahead of its first election. With its alliances and defections, planning and intrigue, the press club polls in Srinagar have all the makings of a presidential campaign lacking only the spectacle of a presidential debate.

Polling for 11 executive posts of the 270-member club, the Valley's first such body, is scheduled to take place on Monday. Apart from the president, vice-president, general secretary and a treasurer, at least seven executive members are to be elected to the panel of the 'Aiwan-e-Sahafat Kashmir' or the Kashmir



Polling for 11 executive posts of the club is scheduled on Monday. *Express*

Press Club. In a state where elections are largely marked by massive security crackdowns, the press club elections are generating unusual excitement.

Even though there are no reporters' associations formally associated with the club, the fight is based on alliances or under-

standings between various groups. These include the Kashmir Working Journalists Association, the Kashmir Editors Guild, the Kashmir Photojournalists Association, the Kashmir Video Journalists Association, the Kashmir Journalists Association, the Anjuman-e-Urdu Sahafat, J&K and others.

Manifestos promise a range of benefits for members — health insurance and legal aid to journalists to bullet-proof jackets and housing colonies.

Apart from the canvassing, there is also a social media campaign, with candidates and their supporters pushing their posters and agenda documents.

Slogans such as "Our team is less about I, more about we" and "think for all, vote for us" are also splashed across these mani-

festos. A rally is also scheduled by at least one group campaigning for gaining executive control of the club.

The first year of the establishment of the club saw the arrest of a magazine reporter, the questioning of members of the Editors Guild by the NIA and also the killing of Rising Kashmir editor Shujaat Bukhari.

In these circumstances, the Guild on Monday called for unity among all members.

The club's premises, at Polo View in Srinagar, were handed over by Mehbooba Mufti administration in January 2018 to an interim body overlooking its functioning.

Meanwhile, at the club, journalists work their phones as cups of tea are poured and plan for the hectic weekend of campaign that lies ahead.

Overqualification can be a ground for denying jobs, says Madras HC

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 12

THE MADRAS High Court has held that applications of "overqualified" candidates in recruitment of public posts can be rejected, if the appointing authority had prescribed the maximum educational qualification expected.

Justice S Vaidyanathan made the observation on Thursday while dismissing a writ petition filed by an engineering graduate, challenging the rejection of her candidature for the post of Train Operator/Station Controller in Chennai Metro Rail Ltd (CMRL). The CMRL had rejected her application citing that the qualification expected for the job was a diploma.

During the hearing, the CMRL argued that it had informed applicants that those holding a BE/B.Tech or higher qualifications are not eligible for the posts mentioned in the petition. Meanwhile, the petitioner argued the rejection is unacceptable as "there is an unemployment situation in this country — more particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu".

Admitting the "existence of an unemploy-

ment problem", Justice Vaidyanathan dismissed the petition, stating that "the Court has no other option, but to hold that the petitioner is not entitled to relief on account of overqualification".

A top source in CMRL, who was part of the recruiting process, said one of the reasons for insisting on such a rule against overqualification was that the apprehension that overqualified candidates taking up these roles would soon start studying further and try for promotions.

In 2014, the Allahabad High Court, while hearing a petition by a person denied the job of a peon in Punjab National Bank because he was overqualified, had observed that the employer can take disciplinary action against an employee if he fails to perform his/her duties. The court, however, stated that the employer cannot deny an opportunity to an eligible candidate "on the ground that if appointed, he would not perform his duties. Qualification prescribed is minimum. Higher qualification cannot become a disadvantage to the candidate." Directing the employer to allow the petitioner to take up the position, the HC bench had said "higher education, if not a magic wand, is surely a jewel in one's crown; if not a hero, it can never be a villain."

Retired judge of Madras High Court, K Chandru, derided the overqualification issue, saying there is only "qualification".

"Attitude of judges has completely undergone a change now. Originally, they used to say how can you punish people with merit. Now, it is happening the other way," Chandru said.

UTTARAKHAND

Cong opposes 2-child cap for rural polls: Why not extend it to state, LS elections?

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, JULY 12

THE UTTARAKHAND Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which bars people with more than two children from contesting panchayat elections, and also stipulates minimum educational qualifications for candidates contesting these polls, is set to face protests from opposition Congress, even as there is some rumbling even within the ruling BJP in the state, as many aspiring candidates face declaration under the new rules.

Maintaining that the new rules could have been accepted if the same conditions were applicable even in Assembly and Parliament polls, Leader of Opposition Indira Hridayesh said prohibiting people from contesting only panchayat elections on these conditions is wrong.

The Bill was passed by the Assembly with a voice vote on the last day of the previous session on June 26.

Sources said the state government is willing to make these conditions applicable in the panchayat elections scheduled later this year. Explaining the two conditions

The Bill states that the objective of incorporating the condition of maximum two children is to encourage 'family planning'

incorporated through the Bill, minister and state government spokesperson Madan Kaushik said clearing Class XII examination is the minimum educational qualification proposed for a candidate from General caste category, while Class X is the qualification for women and candidates from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe communities.

"The second condition is that a person with more than two living children will not be able to contest," Kaushik said. He said these conditions will be applicable from the date this rule comes into effect.

The Bill states that the objective of incorporating the condition of maximum two children is to encourage "family planning".

These rules will be applicable for elections of village pradhans, kshetra panchayat chairpersons, zila

panchayat chairpersons and members. There are 13 zila panchayats and 7,950 village panchayats in the state.

Asked why no one from the Opposition protested when the Bill was brought in the House, Congress's Indira Hridayesh said: "The House was not in order, so no discussion could be conducted and the government got the Bill passed. But the Congress is opposing the Bill outside the House. From July 15, the party will launch an agitation across the state on several issues, including against the Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill."

Congress's Uttarakhand unit vice-president Jot Singh Bisht and state spokesperson Mathura Dutt Joshi have formed a "Panchayat Adhikar Manch" to run a campaign against the proposed law. They have given a memorandum to Chief Minister Triendra Singh Rawat to review the amendments.

The Congress leaders have also demanded that only people with a third child born 300 days after the date of application of the rules should be barred from contesting the polls, and that two years' time should be given to acquire the minimum qualification mandated.

SIMILAR NORMS STARTED IN RAJASTHAN, DILUTED

Jaipur: Under Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, people with more than two children were disqualified from contesting elections to become a panch or a member. But the previous Vasundhara Raje-led BJP government passed The Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2018, relaxing the two-child norm in case of a disabled child.

The Raje government also made it mandatory for people contesting zila parishad, panchayat samiti and municipal elections to have passed Class X, those contesting sarpanch elections to have cleared Class VII, and those in sarpanch elections in panchayats in scheduled areas to have cleared Class V. Construction of toilets in their homes was also made mandatory.

But the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government passed two Bills this February and scrapped the minimum education criterion.

DEEP MUKHERJEE

COAL MINE MISHAP

Top court allows Meghalaya govt to call off ops to retrieve bodies

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JULY 12

SEVEN MONTHS after 15 people were trapped in an illegal coal mine in Meghalaya, the Supreme Court on Friday allowed the state government's plea seeking its permission to call off the ongoing operation to retrieve the bodies.

The illegal mine is located at Ksan in East Jaintia Hills district, about 3.7 km deep inside a forest. It was flooded in December last year when water from the nearby Letein river gushed into it, trapping 15 miners inside.

A bench of Justices S A Bobde and B R Gavai passed the order while hearing a petition which had sought urgent steps for rescuing the miners trapped in the mine.

Senior advocate Anand Grover, appearing for the petitioner, told the court that the state has filed an application seeking permission to call off the operation. "We are not opposing it," he said, adding, "Now we are no longer on the issue of (rescue) operation."

Federick Doph, deputy commissioner of East Jaintia Hills, told the media that the operation had been called off after the developments in Supreme Court. Asked about the expenditure on the operation, he said it was "roughly" Rs 3.5 crore. WITHPTI



CJI Ranjan Gogoi at the APJ Abdul Kalam memorial lecture in Delhi. Anil Sharma

CJI calls for more CSR spending for social justice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

AT THE second annual Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on Friday, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi called for increased CSR spending to promote social justice in the country.

"It would be a narrow reading of the Constitution to say that only the state has to look into issues of social justice. It is a fundamental duty of all citizens," he said. He identified juvenile justice and education of girls as two key areas where CSR intervention would yield results.

The lecture was organised by Assocham India on the theme "Social Justice and Corporate Social Responsibility". The CJI also released a special publication on the life of the former president.

The first edition of the lecture was delivered in August last year by then CJI Dipak Misra.

MAINPURI 'GANGRAPE'

Main accused nabbed after shootout: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 12

IN ANOTHER breakthrough in the Mainpuri highway abduction and gangrape case, a police team on Friday arrested the main accused, Lalu alias Satendra, after a shootout in Kurawali police station area. Satendra suffered a gunshot injury in his leg in an exchange of fire and was admitted to a hospital. A police constable, Sardar Singh, was also injured, police said.

The police had declared a reward of Rs 50,000 for information on Satendra's whereabouts after his aides Anil Kumar alias Amit and Shilendra Yadav were arrested from Etah district on July 9.

Mainpuri Superintendent of Police (SP) Ajai Shankar Rai said, "We will seek police custody of all the three accused to collect more evidence against them."

Station House Officer of Kurawali police station, Shiv Singh Chauhan, said on a tip-off, a police team laid a trap at Jagan Lakhora village. Around 1.30 am, the police spotted two persons on a motorcycle. When police signalled them to stop, the assailants opened fire. The policemen fired back, he said.

"Satendra suffered a bullet injury on the left leg while constable Sardar Singh suffered a bullet injury on the right leg. Satendra's aide, however, managed to escape. Satendra and Sardar Singh are admitted to hospital and doctors said their condition is stable," said Shiv Singh Chauhan, adding that Satendra had confessed. Hailing from Mainpuri district, Satendra was also wanted in a robbery case lodged in Etah in May this year.

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JAMMU & KASHMIR

Former Lakshadweep administrator set to join as advisor to Governor Malik

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NEW DELHI, JULY 12

FORMER INSPECTOR General of J&K Police and BJP leader Farooq Khan, who resigned as administrator of Lakshadweep, is set to join Governor Satya Pal Malik as his new advisor.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Khan's appointment is expected soon. It isn't clear yet whether Khan will replace one of the four existing advisors of Governor Malik or be the fifth advisor, sources added.

Khan was instrumental in setting up J&K Police's counter-insurgency unit in the early 1990s. Subsequently, he was moved to Chenab valley to crush militancy in erstwhile Doda district (now split into Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts). Khan retired as Inspector General of Police in 2013. Subsequently, he joined the BJP in Jammu in March 2014 during a rally of the then prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi. He was made national secretary of the party and was in-charge of BJP's Minority Morcha and BJP's affairs in Nagaland. He was later appointed as administrator of Union territory Lakshadweep.

Khan was SSP Anantnag at the time of the Pathribal fake encounter in 2000 and was suspended for two years by the J&K government. He was, however, cleared of any involvement in the case by the CBI, which indicted the Army. In 1996, Khan played a major role in an operation in Hazratbal in which 18 militants were killed. He was also involved in the operation when militants had entered Raghunath temple in Jammu.

A Jammu Punjabi Muslim, Khan's family has had very close associations with the Sangh Parivar in the state even before 1947. His grandfather Colonel (retired) Peer Mohammad Khan, who was in Dogra army, was the first state president of the Jammu and Kashmir Jana Sangh.



A train with 50 wagons filled with water arrives at Chennai from Jolarpet on Friday. PTI

Parched Chennai finally gets water — on train from Vellore

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 12

THE FIRST train carrying water from Jolarpet near Vellore arrived in Chennai city on Friday afternoon with about 2.7 million litres of water in its 50 wagons. According to officials, this transportation of water to Chennai, which is reeling under a water crisis, will continue for the next six months. During this period, the train with water-carrying wagons, which has been brought from Rajasthan, is to ferry up to 11 million litres of water every-day from Jolarpet.

On reaching Villivakkam station in Chennai on Friday, the train stopped at a track exclusively used by Integral Coach Factory. A 700-m pipeline parallel to the track was used to trans-

fer water to processing and storage facilities.

A senior official said the pipeline has 100 flanges to connect with valves on the wagons. "It will take about two hours or a little more to empty all the 50 wagons before they can be sent back to Jolarpet to refill," he said.

From Villivakkam station, the pipelines will take the water to the water processing unit in Kilpauk before it is released for public consumption.

As per the original contract between the Southern Railways and the state government, the train was to transport 10 MLD (million litres per day) and the transportation cost was estimated at Rs 8.67 lakh for each trip. The government later said they would try to bring in 11 MLD of water. Two coaches with 50 wagons each have been com-

mitted for the project. The travel time between Chennai and Jolarpet is at least four hours and filling or emptying of the wagons takes a minimum of two or three hours. On Friday, the train reached Chennai at 11.30 am, but the emptying of the wagons started only at 2 pm after senior ministers and officials reached the spot.

The state government has allocated a sum of Rs 65 crore for this project to transfer water.

Water scarcity has forced the Chennai Metro Water authorities to reduce supply from the usual volume of 840 MLD to 525 MLD, especially after major water sources such as Cholavaram, Redhills reservoirs and Chembarambakkam lake fully dried up. The city is expected to get good rainfall only by October or November.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ALIGARH CIRCLE, P.W.D ALIGARH

Short Term Tender Notice (E-Tender)
Letter No. 3461 /Cashier-Tender(P.D.Hathras)-A.C./19 Dated. 08-07-19
1. The Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D, Agra on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP, PWD, Road work. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

| Sl. No | District | Name of Work | Estimated cost (Rs. in Lacs) | Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs) | Cost of Document (in Rs.) | Time of Completion | Address of Executive Engineer executing the work | Address of Superintending Engineer | Address of Chief Engineer | Category of Contractor |
|--------|----------|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Hathras | Reconstruction of Bridge in Km. 231 of P.B. Road on Karban River Under Naward Vojna. | 82.00 | 6.10 | Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC +54.00 GST = 2394.00 | 06 Months | Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Hathras | Superintending Engineer, Aligarh Circle, P.W.D., Aligarh | Chief Engineer, Aligarh Zone, P.W.D., Aligarh | Class - AB |

- Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.
- Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from 19-07-2019 to 25-07-2019 upto 12:00 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> on or before 12:00 Hours on 25-07-2019. Technical Bid received online will be opened on 26-07-2019 at 12:30 Hours
- The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
- Experience in Minor bridge construction in last five year is compulsory.
- Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Kumar Mishra)
Executive Engineer
Provincial Division, P.W.D.,
Hathras

Sd/-
(Yogesh Pawar)
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
ALIGARH CIRCLE, PWD,
ALIGARH

WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN Date - 10/07/2019
UPID- No. 142017

Directorate of SFURTI
Khadi and Village Industries Commission
Ministry of Micro, Small, & Medium Enterprises,
Government of India
"Gramodaya" 3 Irla Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai-400 056,
Tel: Fax: 022-26713696, e-mail: sfurti.kvic@gov.in Website: www.kvic.org.in

INVITING PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEME OF FUND FOR REGENERATION OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES (SFURTI)

Directorate of SFURTI, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), 3rd Irla Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai-400 056 invites proposals for Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) from the NGOs, Institutions of the Central & State Governments and Semi-Govt. Institutions, Field Functionaries of State and Central Government, Panchayatiraj Institutions etc. with suitable expertise to undertake cluster development.

The details of guidelines and application format may be downloaded from the website: www.kvic.org.in link in SFURTI and the filled in application complete in all respect along with supporting documents should reach to the office of respective State/Divisional Directors of KVIC on or before **23rd July, 2019**. The applications received after due date shall be considered only in phase-II.

DIRECTOR I/C (SFURTI)

रजिस्ट्री सं० डी० एल०-33004/98 REGD- NO- D-L-33004/99



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No- 2084] NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019 /ASHADHA 12, 1941

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION**
New Delhi, the 1st July, 2019

S.O. 2303(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH 334 B in the stretch of land from Km. 60.945 to Km. 80.25 (Mini Secretariat Jhajjar) in the district of JHAJJAR in the state of HARYANA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act. Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, District Revenue Officer Jhajjar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority

SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Km. 60.945 to Km. 80.25 in the stretch of land from Km. 60.945 to Km. 80.25 (Mini Secretariat Jhajjar) in the district of JHAJJAR in the state of HARYANA

State: HARYANA District: JHAJJAR

| Sl. No | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Local Unit) | Area (in Hectare) |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Taluk: Bahadurgarh

Village: Asanda (23)

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 104 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 16.000000 (Marla) | 0.0404695 |
| 2 | 20// 14/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 3 | 20// 14/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 4 | 20// 17/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 5 | 20// 4 Min | Private | Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 6 | 20// 7 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 7 | 24// 14 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 8 | 24// 17 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 9 | 24// 25/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 13.000000 (Marla) | 0.0328814 |
| 10 | 24// 4 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 11 | 24// 7 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 12 | 253 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 12.000000 (Marla) | 0.0303521 |
| 13 | 262 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 14 | 37// 15 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 15 | 37// 25 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 16 | 37// 5 Min | Private | Agricultural | 12.000000 (Marla) | 0.0303521 |
| 17 | 42// 15 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 18 | 42// 16 Min | Private | Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 19 | 42// 25/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 20 | 42// 5 Min | Private | Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 21 | 42// 6 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 22 | 53// 10 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 23 | 53// 11 Min | Private | Agricultural | 28.000000 (Marla) | 0.0708215 |
| 24 | 53// 20/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
| 25 | 53// 20/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
| 26 | 54// 14 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 27 | 54// 15 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 28 | 54// 5 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 29 | 54// 6 Min | Private | Agricultural | 10.000000 (Marla) | 0.0252934 |
| 30 | 75 Min | Government | Non Agricultural | 42.000000 (Marla) | 0.1062323 |
| 31 | 8// 14 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 32 | 8// 17 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 33 | 8// 24 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 34 | 8// 5 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 35 | 8// 6 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 36 | 8// 7 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |

Village: Bhaproda (22)

| | | | | | |
|----|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 115// 22 Min | Private | Agricultural | 22.000000 (Marla) | 0.0556455 |
| 2 | 109// 10 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
| 3 | 115// 11 Min | Private | Agricultural | 9.000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 4 | 115// 12 Min | Private | Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 5 | 115// 19 Min | Private | Agricultural | 57.000000 (Marla) | 0.1441724 |
| 6 | 115// 2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
| 7 | 115// 20/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 27.000000 (Marla) | 0.0682922 |
| 8 | 115// 20/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 27.000000 (Marla) | 0.0682922 |
| 9 | 115// 21 Min | Private | Agricultural | 20.000000 (Marla) | 0.0505868 |
| 10 | 115// 23 Min | Private | Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 11 | 115// 9 Min | Private | Agricultural | 15.000000 (Marla) | 0.0379401 |
| 12 | 133// 20 Min | Private | Agricultural | 0.3162880 (Marla) | 0.0008000 |
| 13 | 133// 22 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 14 | 133// 23 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 15 | 134// 15 Min | Private | Agricultural | 9.000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 16 | 135// 11 Min | Private | Agricultural | 13.000000 (Marla) | 0.0328814 |
| 17 | 135// 12 Min | Private | Agricultural | 14.000000 (Marla) | 0.0354108 |
| 18 | 135// 13 Min | Private | Agricultural | 10.000000 (Marla) | 0.0252934 |
| 19 | 135// 14 Min | Private | Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |

| Sl. No | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Local Unit) | Area (in Hectare) |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 20 | 135// 5 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 21 | 136// 1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 22 | 143// 23 Min | Private | Agricultural | 0.3162880 (Marla) | 0.0008000 |
| 23 | 143// 3 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 24 | 143// 4 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 25 | 143// 8 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 26 | 152// 15 Min | Private | Agricultural | 9.000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 27 | 152// 16/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 28 | 152// 17 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 29 | 152// 23 Min | Private | Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 30 | 163// 9 Min | Private | Agricultural | 0.3162880 (Marla) | 0.0008000 |
| 31 | 237 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 32 | 239 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 25.000000 (Marla) | 0.0632335 |
| 33 | 241 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 34 | 254 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 25.000000 (Marla) | 0.0632335 |
| 35 | 263 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 9.000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 36 | 264 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 15.000000 (Marla) | 0.0379401 |
| 37 | 268 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 38 | 28// 20 Min | Private | Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 39 | 50// 18 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
| 40 | 50// 8/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 16.000000 (Marla) | 0.0404694 |
| 41 | 50// 8/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 23.000000 (Marla) | 0.0581748 |
| 42 | 540 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 43 | 541 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 44 | 56// 1/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 45 | 56// 10/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 46 | 57// 16 Min | Private | Agricultural | 12.000000 (Marla) | 0.0303521 |
| 47 | 57// 24 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 48 | 77// 3 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
| 49 | 77// 4 Min | Private | Agricultural | 19.000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |
| 50 | 77// 7 Min | Private | Agricultural | 17.000000 (Marla) | 0.0429988 |
| 51 | 77// 8 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 52 | 77// 9/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 10.000000 (Marla) | 0.0252934 |

Village: Chhara (17)

| | | | | | |
|----|----------|---------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 1136 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 75.000000 (Marla) | 0.1897005 |
| 2 | 1112 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 3 | 1114 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 24.000000 (Marla) | 0.0607042 |
| 4 | 1006 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 5 | 1008 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 104.000000 (Marla) | 0.2630514 |
| 6 | 1095 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 15.000000 (Marla) | 0.0379401 |
| 7 | 1096 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 20.000000 (Marla) | 0.0505868 |
| 8 | 1099 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 18.000000 (Marla) | 0.0455281 |
| 9 | 1101 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 10 | 1102 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 42.000000 (Marla) | 0.1062323 |
| 11 | 1103 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 31.000000 (Marla) | 0.0784096 |
| 12 | 1104 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 19.000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |
| 13 | 1105 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 29.000000 (Marla) | 0.0733509 |
| 14 | 1106 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 68.000000 (Marla) | 0.1719951 |
| 15 | 1107 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 24.000000 (Marla) | 0.0607042 |
| 16 | 1108 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 19.000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |
| 17 | 1109 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 43.000000 (Marla) | 0.1078616 |
| 18 | 1110 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 11.000000 (Marla) | 0.0278227 |
| 19 | 1111 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 45.000000 (Marla) | 0.1138203 |
| 20 | 1113 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 35.000000 (Marla) | 0.0885269 |
| 21 | 1118 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 22 | 1119 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 34.000000 (Marla) | 0.0859976 |
| 23 | 1120 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 23.000000 (Marla) | 0.0581748 |
| 24 | 1121 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 6.000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 25 | 1132 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 149.000000 (Marla) | 0.3768717 |
| 26 | 1134 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 29.000000 (Marla) | 0.0733509 |
| 27 | 1137 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 28 | 1138 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 94.000000 (Marla) | 0.2377580 |
| 29 | 1144 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 134.000000 (Marla) | 0.3389316 |
| 30 | 1213 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 45.000000 (Marla) | 0.1138203 |
| 31 | 1221 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 45.000000 (Marla) | 0.1138203 |
| 32 | 1222 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 22.000000 (Marla) | 0.0556455 |
| 33 | 1226 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 132.000000 (Marla) | 0.3338729 |
| 34 | 1227 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 35 | 1229 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 15.000000 (Marla) | 0.0379401 |
| 36 | 1230 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 7.000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
| 37 | 1235 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 68.000000 (Marla) | 0.1719951 |
| 38 | 1236 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 21.000000 (Marla) | 0.0531161 |
| 39 | 1237 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 4.000000 (Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| 40 | 1238 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 72.000000 (Marla) | 0.1821125 |
| 41 | 1292 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 111.000000 (Marla) | 0.2807568 |
| 42 | 1318 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 43 | 1320 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 44 | 1321 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 11.000000 (Marla) | 0.0278227 |
| 45 | 1322 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 16.000000 (Marla) | 0.0404694 |
| 46 | 1323 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 9.000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 47 | 1325 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 20.000000 (Marla) | 0.0505868 |
| 48 | 1326 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 21.000000 (Marla) | 0.0531161 |
| 49 | 1327 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 15.000000 (Marla) | 0.0379401 |
| 50 | 1329 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 65.000000 (Marla) | 0.1644071 |
| 51 | 1330 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 14.000000 (Marla) | 0.0354108 |
| 52 | 1332 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 8.000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 53 | 1333 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 95.000000 (Marla) | 0.2402873 |
| 54 | 1334 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 156.000000 (Marla) | 0.3945771 |
| 55 | 1336 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 107.000000 (Marla) | 0.2706394 |
| 56 | 1421 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 9.000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 57 | 1423 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 24.000000 (Marla) | 0.0607042 |
| 58 | 1424 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 24.000000 (Marla) | 0.0607042 |
| 59 | 1469 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 1.000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 60 | 1470 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 91.000000 (Marla) | 0.2301700 |
| 61 | 1480 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 33.000000 (Marla) | 0.0834682 |
| 62 | 1481 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 69.000000 (Marla) | 0.1745245 |
| 63 | 1482 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 44.000000 (Marla) | 0.1112910 |
| 64 | 1483 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 19.000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |

| Sl. No | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Local Unit) | Area (in Hectare) |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 65 | 1484 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 17.000000 (Marla) | 0.0429988 |
| 66 | 1485 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 2.000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 67 | 1487 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 5.000000 (Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| 68 | 1488 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | | |

VISVESVARAYA JALANIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
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Corrigendum Tender Notification 2-1, 3-1, 4-1 & 5-1
Dated:- 11/07/2019 (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through E-procurement system)

The work called in Tender Notification No. 2, 3, 4, 5/2019-20 Dt:07-06-2019, Tender dates are postponed till further intimation due to Technical and administrative reasons.

| Sl. No | Calendar of Events | Date as per Notification on 98 | As per corrigendum |
|--------|---|---|--|
| 1 | The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document, i.e. the Tender Schedules, bid documents and other documents in the web site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non-refundable) from | 15.06.2019 to 15.07.2019 upto 16.30 Hrs | The tender and the calendar of events are postponed till further intimation. |
| 2 | The Last date of Submission of completed Tender Documents (Cover-1 & Cover-2) through e-portal. | 15.07.2019 upto 16.30 hrs | |
| 3 | Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) by Superintending Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Circle, No.1, Tumakuru. | 17.07.2019 at 16.30 Hrs | |

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

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय
उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
33/18 कपिल विहार, सहारनपुर- 247001

संदर्भ सं.: 618/पी-19/लोक सुनवाई/2019 दिनांक: 12.07.2019
पर्यावरणीय अनापत्ति हेतु लोक सुनवाई के लिये आम सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स स्टा र पेर मिल्स लि., बी.डी. बाजौरिया रोड, जनपद- सहारनपुर द्वारा कार्यरत इकाई में 36 मेगावाट (18 मेगावाट x 02) कैप्टिव पावर प्लांट की स्थापना संबंधी प्रस्ताव उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड को लोक सुनवाई कराये जाने हेतु प्रस्तुत किया गया है। राज्य बोर्ड द्वारा भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा अधिसूचना सं.- ए.स.ओ.-1533, दिनांक-14.09.2006 के अनुपालन में इस इकाई को अनापत्ति प्रमाण-पत्र जारी करने से पूर्व लोक सुनवाई की सूचना जारी किया जाना आवश्यक है एवं इस सूचना के अंतर्गत क्षेत्रीय आम जनता को किसी/आपत्ति/सुझाव हेतु 30 दिन का नोटिस दिया जाना आवश्यक है। लोक सुनवाई पैनल की संरचना पर्यावरणीय अधिसूचना सं.- ए.स.ओ.-1533 दिनांक-14.09.2006 के अनुरूप होगी एवं उक्त उद्योग के प्रस्ताव से संबंधित अभिलेख निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों में उपलब्ध है:-
(क) जिलाधिकारी कार्यालय, सहारनपुर।
(ख) उपजिलाधिकारी कार्यालय, सर, सहारनपुर।
(ग) उपायुक्त, जिला उद्योग एवं उद्यम प्रोत्साहन केन्द्र, सहारनपुर।
(घ) कार्यालय, जिला पंचायत, सहारनपुर।
(द) पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, सी.जी.ओ. कॉम्प्लेक्स, पुरनिया चौराहा, अलीगंज, लखनऊ।

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Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-04. The details are as under:

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| 1. Name of the work: | Disassembly and cleaning work of 300 Gear Box of WAP-5 three phase locomotive |
| 2. Approx. cost of work: | ₹ 6.72,800/- |
| 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: | ₹ 13,500/- |
| 4. Cost of Tender Document: | ₹ 2,360/- |
| 5. Date & Time of Submission of tender bid and opening of tender: | 13.08.2019 (15:00 Hrs.) |
| 6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: | www.ireps.gov.in |

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers are acceptable. (iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.
No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-04, Dt. 11.07.2019 2244/2019

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TENDER NOTICE NO. 01/2019-20 of this office is amendment due to indispensable reasons as below:

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| 1 | Date of online downloading of tender document | From dated 14.06.2019 at 9:30 am to dated 22.07.2019 till 9:30 am |
| 2 | Date of online uploading of tender documents | From 14.06.2019 at 6 pm to dated 22.07.2019 till 6:00 pm |
| 3 | Date of online Opening of technical bid | From 23.07.2019 at 3:00 pm |

Other terms and conditions are same as earlier.
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(Power Wing)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT NO.: BP-2751 dated 09.07.2019

Name of Office: Dy. Chief Engineer, Bhakra Power Houses Circle, BBMB (PW), Nangal

Name of Work: Providing additional signal of retained auxiliary equipments of Five hydro generating units of Bhakra Left Bank Power House.

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| Date & Time of Document sale Start: | 09-07-2019 from 10:00 AM |
| Document Sale end date & Time: | 24-07-2019 upto 4:00 PM |
| Date and Time of bid submission: | 31-07-2019 upto 2:30 PM |
| Date and Time of bid opening: | 31-07-2019 at 3:30 PM |

For detailed our NIT, Please visit BBMB website: www.bbmb.gov.in.
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Notice Inviting E-tender

N.I.T No: 544/SS-IIP-40/Vol. XII Dated: 10.07.2019

Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002, Tele Fax - 0172-2654468

Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Assembly Testing before dispatch, Supply, Delivery of 245/145 kV single phase / three phase HCB Type Isolators.

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| Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents | 14.08.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs. |
| Last Date & Time of submission of bids | 26.08.2019 upto 11:00 Hrs. |
| Date & Time of Opening of Bids | 26.08.2019 from 15:00 Hrs. onwards |

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| Sl. No | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Local Unit) | Area (in Hectare) |
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| 163 | 2539 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 9.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 164 | 2540 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 30.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0758802 |
| 165 | 2541 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 53.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1340550 |
| 166 | 2542 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 33.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0834682 |
| 167 | 2543 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 34.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0859976 |
| 168 | 2544 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 58.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1467017 |
| 169 | 3753 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 26.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0657628 |
| 170 | 3756 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 33.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0834682 |
| 171 | 3757 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 122.0000000 (Marla) | 0.3085795 |
| 172 | 3760 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 72.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1821125 |
| 173 | 3761 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 53.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1340550 |
| 174 | 3764 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 48.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1214083 |
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| 176 | 3768 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 45.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1138203 |
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| 178 | 3770 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 74.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1871712 |
| 179 | 3771 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 15.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0379401 |
| 180 | 3772 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 9.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 181 | 3774 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 140.0000000 (Marla) | 0.3541076 |
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| 184 | 3777 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 7.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0177054 |
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| 193 | 3788 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 44.0000000 (Marla) | 0.1112910 |
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| 196 | 3792 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 9.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
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| 234 | 807 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 24.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0607042 |
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| Village: Girawar (106) | | | | | |
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| 3 | 119 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 6.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| 4 | 12// 20/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 5 | 12// 3 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| 6 | 120 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 2.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 7 | 214 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 2.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
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| 12 | 27// 18/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 19.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |
| 13 | 27// 18/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 19.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |
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| 16 | 27// 9 Min | Private | Agricultural | 6.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0151760 |
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| 18 | 309 Min | Private | Non Agricultural | 2.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 19 | 4// 19 Min | Private | Agricultural | 3.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0075880 |
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| 30 | 49// 21/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 11.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0278227 |
| 31 | 49// 21/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 22.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0556455 |
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| 33 | 49// 23 Min | Private | Agricultural | 9.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 34 | 49// 4/2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 9.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| 35 | 49// 7 Min | Private | Agricultural | 8.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| 36 | 67// 1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 2.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| 37 | 67// 10 Min | Private | Agricultural | 1.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0025293 |
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| 39 | 67// 2 Min | Private | Agricultural | 11.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0278227 |
| 40 | 67// 3/1 Min | Private | Agricultural | 19.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0480575 |
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| 49 | 73// 7 Min | Private | Agricultural | 11.0000000 (Marla) | 0.0278227 |



IT MAY BE TRUE THAT THE LAW CANNOT MAKE A MAN LOVE ME, BUT IT CAN STOP HIM FROM LYNCHING ME. — MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

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Boys like Kabir Singh

As the #MeToo wave ebbs, the blockbuster is not a film as much as a balm for bruised male entitlement



AMRITA DUTTA

LAW AND BEYOND

Draft UP law against lynching is a welcome acknowledgement by the state of the gravity of the crime. It is only a first step

IN JULY 2018, a Chief Justice of India-led bench of the Supreme Court delivered a stinging indictment of what it called “horrendous acts of mobocracy”, and warned against violent vigilantism propelled by prejudice and hatred — “lynching” — becoming “the new normal”. The Court directed the Centre to frame a law that dealt specifically with these crimes, and suggested the setting up of fast-track courts, lodging of FIRs without delay and framing of compensation schemes for victims and their families. The draft law submitted to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath by the UP State Law Commission would appear to take cognisance of the Court’s directive. The Uttar Pradesh Combating of Mob Lynching Bill (2019) proposes imprisonment (upto 10 years for serious injuries and upto life imprisonment in case of death) and stringent fines for perpetrators, as well as those involved in planning and abetting lynchings. Significantly, it also criminalises the “dereliction of duty” by police officers and the district administration.

The draft law is welcome for the much-needed signal it sends out — there must be accountability for hate crime. Far too often, the mob lynching phenomenon, disturbingly ubiquitous since 2014, has been met by the ruling political formation by denial or, at times, with what could be described as tacit and symbolic support. A report by IndiaSpend found that of all “bovine-related deaths” between 2011-2017, 97 per cent occurred after the BJP came to power in 2014. Take the murder of Mohammad Akhlaq in UP in 2015. The case, despite being before a fast-track court, has seen little progress. As on date, the court is yet to take cognisance of the charges framed against the accused. The accused in the case, out on bail, have been celebrated — one of them was even draped in the national flag after dying of natural causes. In fact, in January 2016, then BJP MP Yogi Adityanath said that Akhlaq should be charged (posthumously) for cow slaughter and the compensation his family received should be rescinded. There are incidents, across states, of the victims being charged by the police in cases of lynching, even as the will to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators seems weak. In this context, a state government-appointed commission in BJP-ruled UP does well to propose a law that recognises, first, that mob lynchings require urgent legislative and administrative intervention and, second, that police and administration must also share the blame for the climate that permits such violence.

But a new law can only be a first step. The state must follow it through. Then, in 2018, the apex court had also said “grandstanding of the incident by the perpetrators of the crimes including in the social media aggravates the entire problem”. The political and social sanction for violence, in the name of the cow or accompanied by chants of “Jai Shri Ram”, is integral to the sense of impunity that encourages the lynch mob. These can only be addressed with the active support of the political class and civil society.

THE MIYA VOICE

FIR filed against poets voicing their fears about NRC process in Assam is an outrageous attempt to suppress a debate

THE SCARS OF the ongoing process of updating of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam are now becoming visible in cultural expressions, in poetry and music. Miya poetry is one such genre, which seeks to voice the concerns of Muslims of Bengali origin, who live in the *chars* (river islands) of the Brahmaputra in Assam. Now Assam police has filed an FIR against 10 persons whose works feature in a video of Miya poetry, *I am Miya: Reclaiming Identity Through Protest Poetry*, on the basis of a complaint filed in Guwahati. The complaint alleges that the intent of the accused is to “hinder the process of the NRC”, “create communal disturbances in the state” and “defame the Assamese people as xenophobic”. The complaint, and the FIR, are a crude attempt to suppress a community from even expressing fears about being singled out on grounds of ethnic identity.

The NRC is a process mandated by the Supreme Court to identify “foreigners” in Assam. It is a legacy of Partition-era politics that saw nationalism through the prism of religious, linguistic and ethnic faultlines. The Assam Movement in the 1970s gave it fresh impetus and it has since found backing from the judiciary. The advent of the BJP, which wants the “foreigner” tag attached only to Bengali Muslims, to office in Assam has given the NRC process a religious twist. The people left out of the NRC — 40 lakh so far — face the threat of being deported to detention camps that have been set up in Assam. Miya poetry is a defiant response to a tragedy unfolding under state supervision. It also signals assertion and resistance by a besieged community that is finally owning up an identity: Miya has been used as a slur to mean a Bangladeshi or an illegal immigrant. The Miya poem that has touched a raw nerve now is a powerful rap at a process that dehumanises people, reduces them to their mere ethnic identity and, thereafter, strips them of their rights. It is no call to arms.

The Miya poetry video is a call to understand the NRC outside a legalistic framework. It should not be suppressed, but actively seen and heard, to understand the human tragedy that underlies the NRC process.

PAUSE, PLEASE

An AI-powered prompt to reconsider offensive language offers online abusers a shot at redemption

A PICTURE MIGHT be worth a thousand words in so far as those words don’t involve abuse or intimidation. In the face of mounting criticism for its lack of intervention in countering cyber-bullying, social-media platform Instagram — home to idyllic photographs of envy-inducing lives of perfection — has now introduced features designed to iron away crinkles in the user experience. One of them — an AI-powered prompt to reconsider offensive language — has been rolled out, to what company head Adam Mosseri mentioned in a blog post has been a satisfactory start. Early runs have apparently shown a change of heart in some users. Instagram, and its parent company Facebook Inc., have promised more anti-bullying features, including one called Restrict, which allows users a degree of control over their terms of engagement with their abusers.

As the rise and rise of trolls in the last decade has established, anonymity is a powerful and pliant tool in the hands of cyber bullies. It affords them a virile audacity to wound or maim, disinform or disrupt, without running the risk of detection. In short, it offers them an unchecked playing field for their vitriol. By introducing the prompt, what Instagram has done is to offer a moment of pause to malicious intent, giving both potential abusers and their recipients a redemptive shot at a fuller, less confrontational online experience.

Will this be enough, though, to establish equity in an unequal power dynamics? It seems rather unlikely. Technology has reshaped our social consciousness in ways more startling than any other communication upgrades — including from the oral to the written — have effected. Communication in this age of social media has become manipulative, vying as much for the limelight as for authoritarianism. It’s unlikely that a mere cautionary prompt will be deterrent enough to ebb the flow of toxicity that often passes for social exchange on the web.

IF YOU HAVE grown up on good, bad and awful Hindi films, you would be familiar with some basic rules of engagement. Girl meets boy. He woos, she shrinks. He sings, she stomps. He lands up at her door, follows her in college corridors, stalks her on streets with his gang of sidekicks — and finally wins her heart.

But *Kabir Singh*, a tale of intense heterosexual love well on its way to becoming a cult, struck me not just for its angry, chain-smoking self-destructive hero. It’s the pristine woman Sandeep Reddy Vanga’s film worships that is an equally troubling fantasy. Kiara Advani’s Preeti Sikka, fresh-faced to the point of being anaemic, made me nostalgic for the way Madhuri Dixit, Raveena Tandon or Juhi Chawla founced, fumed and rolled their eyes at the serial harassment they suffered in the guise of courtship in films from the 1990s — even if the script did eventually nudge them into love.

As *Kabir Singh*, a final-year medical student with a violent streak, goes about “picking” Preeti from a line of freshers walking by, and then publicly owning her by declaring to the boys in her class that she “belongs” to him, choosing where she sits in class, and who she is friends with (fat chicks are best for pretty girls, says this upper-caste meritorious topper), Vanga allows not even a twinge of fear, alarm, discomfort on Preeti’s face (since she remains as silent as alabaster in most of the early scenes, it’s hard to know what she’s thinking). Not even when he kisses her in public, without so much as a prelude, a conversation, or permission, does she flinch.

This is a film which seems to say: Alpha males in true, intense, mad love never have to ask, will she mind? Is she saying yes? In 2019, when a tidal wave of conversations about consent has washed over us, this is not a film as much as a balm for bruised male entitlement.

The #MeToo wave has ebbed, leaving behind several damaged reputations and disturbing questions about how various aspects of our culture conspire to give men enormous sexual entitlement and power over women. Some of these questions have been

This is, of course, a time when all kinds of boorishness ripples with a new cultural pride. The director tore into critics who had problems with his film (they were ‘parasites, pseudos, worse than pirates’). While once filmmakers made regressive films with cynicism, and shrugged off critics as they laughed their way to the bank, Vanga insisted he has made a film about a strong woman, that his intentions were honourable because he worked with rape victims. His is the indignation of the ‘good man’, who cannot imagine why women’s experience would not square with his view of their place in the world.

brushed aside with impunity, silence and indifference of institutions. Indeed, the highest court in the land has come off poorly in appearing to do justice when one of its own was accused. From Tanushree Dutta to Sruthi Hariharan to Chinmayi Sripada, women in Indian cinema have had to pay huge costs for speaking up about sexual violence, while those accused of grievous abuse (Alok Nath, Nana Patekar, Arjun Sarja) have been reinstated. But that is not to say that Indian masculinity hasn’t been challenged by this clamour. That it doesn’t long for a time of innocence, when boys could be boys, and not be held up to scrutiny.

A film like *Kabir Singh* (or its earlier Telugu variant, *Arjun Reddy*) — a slickly-made psychologically realistic portrait of a successful man in free fall, who can threaten a woman with a knife into opening her clothes, who chases his domestic help down the road — is the fantasy that consoles, that showcases the sheer seductive power of male anger and privilege. Or, as Vanga pronounced, in his now-famous interview with film critic Anupama Chopra, “intimidation has its own charm”. He followed it with a dubious theory of attachment — “when you’re deeply in love, deeply connected with a woman and vice versa... if you don’t have the liberty of slapping each other, then I don’t see anything there.”

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which gives freedom to women,” he says, while stopping his wife’s sister from marrying the man of her choice. But while Faasil’s Shabby is a caricature, such doublespeak is too real to be comic.

A man’s ardour is often a fatal burden for the woman — you only have to refer to the stories of men stalking, sometimes killing, women who say no. The NFHS-4 survey revealed that “33 per cent of ever-married women have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional spousal violence” and only 14 per cent sought help. “Of the acts of physical violence committed by the current or most recent husbands, the most common type is slapping, reported by 27 per cent of ever-married women,” the survey said.

Would domestic violence cease if films such as *Kabir Singh* or *Dabangg* or *Tere Naam* were not made? Of course not. But popular cinema is a powerful way in which a society negotiates its rights and wrongs. The question to ask is this: Do films like these make it easier to disregard, to belittle violence in interpersonal relationships as the natural friction between men and women? Going by the many women who felt compelled to counter Vanga’s sophisticated patriarchal spin by baring their personal trauma on social media, the answer is yes.

Cinema reinforces and is reinforced by “real” life, including the inequalities of societies. But, like all art, it is a way to imagine and contest the possibilities of humanity. And to cinema — two recent Malayalam films in particular — we could turn to find new ways of thinking about how to be a man. *Maheshinte Prathikaaram* (Mahesh’s Revenge) beautifully upends ideas of male honour, with a reluctant avenger for a hero. To reimagine new ways in which Indian men can love and heal each other, build and rebuild their homes, turn to the stellar cast of *Kumbalangi Nights* — a story of four unsuccessful oddballs and the women in their life, who create a nurturing community of love. Not all heroes need to raise a hand in love. Some pick up a ladle and enter the kitchen.

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HAZARDS OF IDENTITY

Modern societies are rejecting globalism for exclusionary categories



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THE 21ST CENTURY has hardly begun and the great promise of globalisation and “liberal inclusion” of the last century is fading. The world’s powerful states, heretofore wedded to internationalism, are turning inward and seeking their primeval identities. Nations are seeking identities away from multiculturalism and wish to protect themselves by banning immigration. Borders are being closed, and those who had crossed them decades earlier as welcome guests are being treated with intolerance.

Anthropologist Akbar Ahmed has found the rise of identity politics in Europe interesting enough for him to undertake a journey to Europe to experimentally see if his earlier theses on the subject jibe with what is happening now. His *Journey into Europe: Islam, Immigration and Identity* is a kind of culmination to his three earlier examinations of “tribal” identity. As Ahmed surveys the identity-seeking Europe, he is reminded of the “inclusive” state of Abdur Rahman in al-Andalus (Iberia), in the 8th century AD. It was remembered for its “Convivencia”, or the idea of the living together of different identities, which Islam has forsaken today. Rahman was an Umayyad prince from a Berber mother in Syria. He was a descendant of the founder of the dynasty who had married a Christian woman — thus indicating the source of his “Convivencia” in al-Andalus between Muslims, Christians and Jews tolerant of multiple identities.

But, this Convivencia that one puts today in

front of a Europe forsaking the Enlightenment and seeking “identity”, did not last: Ahmed compares it to what is happening today among nations. One is reminded of Jamaludin Afghani too, who opposed Syed Ahmad Khan — an ancestor of Akbar Ahmed — in India, but proposed acceptance of Islam in Europe. Afghani possessed a lot of traditional learning that eased his entry into the Muslim societies of Turkey, India, Iran and Egypt. But he got his comeuppance in France, where orientalist Ernest Renan told him, prophetically, that his claim — that Muslims would ultimately turn to reason and modernity — will never be proved right as the Muslims will defeat his thinking just as they had rejected Ibn Rushd (Averroes) in the 12th century for having learned too much of Aristotle.

Today’s European intolerance of the Muslim minorities reminds one of an early warning by a European genius in a different context. Hannah Arendt (1906-1975) in her ‘The Origins of Totalitarianism’ traced the modern state’s internal cleansing to its second project, that of conquering other territories and killing off the population there through genocide. It is the imperialism of the modern state which gets internalised when it purges its own population to eliminate those who are ‘different’.

Reading Akbar Ahmed one is reminded of the motto the founding fathers fashioned for Pakistan: Unity, Faith and Discipline — putting unity first to obfuscate the clashing identities of the various communities living

in Pakistan. As the state moved away from Raj-enforced Enlightenment to an Islamist military dominance, the motto, at times, came to be rewritten as Faith, Unity, Discipline — putting faith first, and thus clearly embracing identity that divides in place of the intended “assimilation” of all identities in Pakistan. Similarly, the Urdu “grammatical rule” of writing “marhoom” (blessed) only after the name of the Muslim dead and disallowing it after the name of a non-Muslim Pakistani citizen, sought exclusion rather than inclusion. In India, a constitution put together by an untouchable leader, BR Ambedkar, charted the assimilation of all identities in secular integration. But today, the new consensus reflected in the electoral victory of the BJP seeks to follow the path traced by the state of Pakistan.

Outside Hindutva, all identities are “impure”, just as the non-Muslims of Pakistan have to live under laws that victimise them. Ahmed writes about “tribal” Europe: “Yet the aggressive promotion of German tribalism is far from finished. The emergence of Far Right political movements such as Pegida (Patriotic Europeans against the Islamisation of the West) and Alternative for Germany (AfD), the attacks on foreigners and Muslims, refugee shelters, and mosques, and the disturbing re-emergence of anti-Semitism reflect a deep-seated hostility to all that is ‘impure’.”

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JULY 13, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

CAPITAL MINUS WATER THE CAPITAL TODAY went without water as 10,000 workers of the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking, owing allegiance to Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, went on strike on a call given by their unions. They are demanding a pay hike and better working conditions. Despite the police alert on the impending strike following the failure of talks in the evening, the workers managed to paralyse the water supply network a little after midnight by causing considerable damage to supply lines. Additional Chief Engineer (Water), J D’cruz, said: “if there is no sabotage to my lines the supply would be fully restored by 9:30 p.m.” Municipal officials, how-

ever, said they apprehended large-scale acts of sabotage by “desperate” striking workers.

JANATA CRISIS WITH THE EXIT of one cabinet minister, two ministers of state, and four more Lok Sabha members, the Janata crisis remains unabated. The party’s strength has come down to 249 in the 539-member Lok Sabha. More resignations, including Charan Singh’s, are expected in a day or so. However, there was optimism in Morarji Desai’s camp. The Jana Sangh members seemed confident and the Socialists appeared certain after George Fernandes’ speech in the Lok Sabha that not more than a handful would go to the other side.

COW BLINDED A BURNING OBJECT, suspected to be part of the American spacecraft Skylab which met with a fiery end on its return to earth, fell at Elapakkam village in Chengalpattu district last night, according to multiple reports received in Madras. The black, lemon-sized object fell in an orchard around the same time Skylab reportedly re-entered the earth’s atmosphere. The reports quoted villagers as saying a cow which was nearby when the object fell was blinded. Official sources, however, said a veterinary doctor who examined the cow said there was no connection between the fall of the object and the blinding of the cow.



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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The West's old political and economic tools can no longer solve current problems. There are disagreements on security risks and national interests. The Cold War mentality remains, but globalization demands different considerations."
— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Maximise revenue, minimise tax

India has just one policy option to advance private investment and become a \$5 trillion economy — reduce corporate tax rate for all firms to 22 per cent, reduce misguided rates of personal income tax



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BY SURJIT S BHALLA AND KARAN BHASIN

BUDGET 2019-20 CONTAINED major tax changes to direct taxes, both personal and corporate. It may have been the last time that we witnessed such changes. Very likely, when Budget 2020-21 is presented, the government would have accepted the direct tax code report, and direct taxes will go the way of excise taxes — out of the budget.

The budget reduced the corporate tax rate (CTR) from 30 per cent to 25 per cent for all firms with a turnover of Rs 400 crore. Earlier, the 25 per cent slab was applicable for firms with a turnover of Rs 250 crore. The FM stated that this move would cover 99.3 per cent of all firms in India. However, it is unclear as to how much of the total corporate taxes is accounted for by these 99.3 per cent of firms. Speculation abounds — is it as low as 10 per cent? We do not know.

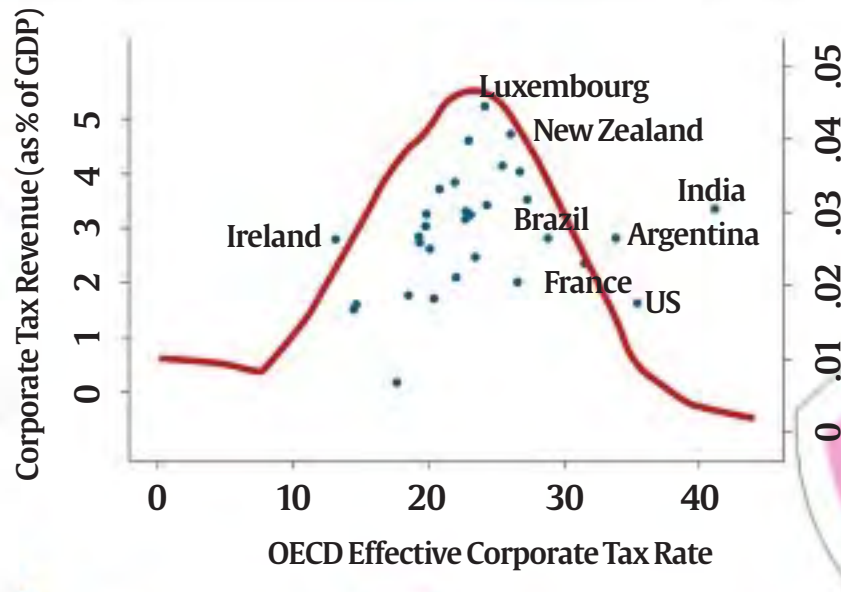
Tax rates are always an item of discussion and debate, and now more so than ever. President Donald Trump lowered the CTR for the US from 35 per cent to 21 per cent in 2018. As shown below, the lower tax rate was well chosen by Trump because that is close to the optimal tax rate. But that is getting ahead of the story.

OECD has recently released a comprehensive set of data on corporate taxes, for close to a 100 economies. [https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=RS_GBL]. The data reveals what has been feared (and argued) for a long time — India has one of the highest (actually the highest) corporate tax rate in the world. And, according to OECD, it also has the highest effective corporate tax rate (ECTR) — and that to by a huge margin. India's ECTR is estimated by OECD at 44 per cent. Their definition includes all taxes paid by corporates in different countries — for example, corporate tax, dividend tax, capital gains tax. Incidentally, the second-highest ETR is for Argentina and it is 9 ppt (percentage points) lower than India, and third is France, 11 ppt lower. China's ECTR is 20 ppt lower than India at 23.6 per cent! One reason why China has got all the investments, and growth, at least relative to India?

In this age of globalisation, no country is an island. Competitiveness is affected by tax rates, interest rates, exchange rates, and labour costs. However, gone are the days when countries could devalue their way to prosperity. China accomplished this via massive undervaluation for about 20 years, from 1990-2010. Their success ensured that such undervaluation (read currency manipulation) would never again be allowed by the Western powers. It is likely that Trump's trade war would not have occurred if China had been more responsible with the setting of its exchange rate.

What can countries do to improve their competitiveness, given that the mercantilist route is no longer an option? They can reduce its cost of capital, make labour more competitive, make industry more competitive, and rekindle animal spirits. On the first three counts, the budget has moved in the right direction. Sovereign bond borrowing is an idea whose time has definitely come, notwithstanding the perennial naysayers and those

THE LAFFER CURVE: INDIA IS OFF THE CHART



● Corporate Tax Revenue — OECD Effective Corp Tax Rate

not comprehending the fundamental nature of change in the world. Inflation nowhere (including India) is the bogey it once was. Also naysayers should note, and answer the following question — between fiscal years 2004 and 2011 (the so-called Golden Age of Indian growth) the real repo rate averaged minus 1 per cent. For the fiscal years 2016-2018 real repo rates averaged 2.3 per cent. Go figure the growth implications.

Since Shaktikanta Das assumed governorship of the RBI, there has been considerable improvement in communication and a gradual lowering of policy rates, but this has also been accompanied by a more than equal lowering of inflation, that is, the real repo rate has yet to move below 2.3 per cent. The sovereign bond issue will help, but don't look for a quick acceleration in GDP growth.

Exchange rate change is no longer operational, labour codes are too slow to change, and monetary policy is sluggish in its operation, and impact. The only real growth option for Indian policymakers — cut tax rates to internationally competitive levels. And what might that be? Around 22 per cent for all firms, and we obtain that result from a comparative study (see below — and chart).

But first, a comment on the personal income tax (PIT) rate increase in the budget. The move to increase PIT rates to developed country levels is not in the right direction. It seems that there was more old-fashioned morality (tax the rich) than revenue maximisation at play. At best, the government plans to raise Rs 5,000 crore more by socking it to the rich. (Total personal income tax collection is budgeted at Rs 5,00,000 crore). And even that may not happen as tax arbitrage between the much lower corporate tax rate and the near highest individual income tax rate (only 10 per cent of countries have a higher than 43 per cent top PIT rate) will move animal spirits towards payment of corporate tax. And if not tax arbitrage, tax evasion may lower gain in PIT collection.

Obviously, tax rates are set to maximise tax revenue — and tax revenue depends on both income and tax compliance. Tax compliance can either be considered as more firms filing taxes or more firms revealing a closer approximation to true income. Improving compliance alone can ensure greater resource mobilisation through taxation — and without increasing the tax rate (and may indeed occur if the tax rate is reduced).



Suvajit Dey

The non-linear relationship between tax rate and tax revenue (as per cent of GDP) is revealed by the famous Laffer curve - with zero tax rates, you get zero tax revenue and with 100 per cent tax rate, you get zero tax revenue. In-between, logically, the share of tax revenue increases, before peaking and declining toward zero. Several "truths" become evident from even a cursory glance at the chart. First, that OECD cross-country data for 2017 conforms (fits) the inverted U-shaped curve rather well — and the inverted U is a close approximation to a normal distribution (red line in chart). Second, that the lowest bang for the tax buck is obtained in India, possibly because tax rates are set on the basis of morality rather than revenue maximisation. In India, we tax at 44 per cent to get 3.5 per cent of tax revenue (as percentage of GDP). Both Korea and Israel (and other countries) obtain this same amount of revenue with half of India's taxation levels. As the chart shows, the tax rate level at which revenue is maximised is around 23 per cent — half India's tax level.

Why is the effective tax rate in India so high? In India, firms must pay a corporate tax, which is followed by a surcharge and an additional 15 per cent dividend distribution tax (DDT). The revenue mobilisation from DDT is marginal compared to the overall tax revenue from corporate taxes. Estimates suggest that the resource mobilisation from DDT is just around 8 per cent of the total corporate tax revenue. A steep 15 per cent DDT only dissuades firms from issuing dividends to their shareholders. Forget about double taxation as there's another moral Indian tax icing — if an individual earns more than Rs 10 lakh of dividend income, she must pay an additional 10 per cent tax. So the same income is taxed thrice in India — and only in India.

Both the budget and the Economic Survey focused on revival of private investment to ensure sustained long-term growth. Thus, there is strong case for further and aggressive reduction in tax rates on the grounds of revival of investment, and helping India become a \$5 trillion economy. With another budget just six months down the line, there is hope that the government will realise its mistake and depart from misguided taxation policies.

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No road to the \$5 trillion economy

The entire contractual structure and regulatory framework in India needs to be revamped



PARTHA MUKHOPADHYAY

THE NDA GOVERNMENT has announced its intention to invest Rs 100 lakh crore in infrastructure over the next five years. If we grow at 12 per cent in current prices, as has been assumed in the Union Budget, the cumulative GDP over the five-year period would be about Rs 1,350 lakh crore. So, we are talking about investing 7.5 per cent of GDP in infrastructure — about the same as in the last five-year plan. And, they did not have a nine, maybe 10-rupee infrastructure cess on fuel. One can thus expect this target to be easily met.

Finance is not always the problem, as in power, where the budget promises to "work with state governments to remove barriers, for industrial and other bulk power consumers". It recognises "considerable reforms are needed in tariff policy". It's music to hear about "retirement of old and inefficient plants, addressing low utilisation of gas plant capacity". If tariff reform is addressed — reducing industrial and commercial tariffs, and raising agricultural and residential tariffs, while redirecting the subsidy savings from discoms to directly target consumers through cash transfers to insulate them from the tariff increase — it will revive the cash generating end of the sector.

Other actions, for example addressing the carbon-intensity of our electricity, can be taken subsequently, enabling a true transformation. Despite a seven-fold growth in renewable capacity in the last 10 years, the share of thermal sources, primarily coal, remains at nearly 80 per cent — now operating at inefficient plant load factors. Renewables have stepped in to compensate for the stagnant supply from large hydro sources. Finally, can a gas plant perhaps buy spot cargo, land LNG at a convenient terminal, transport it to its plant by paying an access charge to a network operator, and sell it to an industrial consumer? Hopefully.

The good part of the story ends here. Elsewhere, finance obscures problems — such as the large commitments for Indian railways, which is organisationally and financially unprepared and unwilling to be a competitive logistics company. To add to its woes, as if highways weren't bad enough, this budget is promising (sensibly) to invest in another competing mode for bulk cargo — inland waterways. Soon, like BSNL and Air India, Indian railways, without reform, will become another black hole for investment. Instead of megabucks, it is better to begin with smaller high-return investments in signaling to enhance capacity and to make the network high-speed ready, while simultaneously re-organising it to compete in the logistics market.

This institutional story is missing in other sectors too; critically in rural roads, where the budget still seeks to invest, but where the real need is for maintenance, executed

through appropriate state-level institutions. Similarly, "har ghar jal" is unachievable if state institutions, including parastatal agencies and local government, are absent. Will institutions such as NHAI, which has delivered an extensive, if flawed, national highway system, be established in other sectors?

Perhaps the BJP, as a party, expects to exercise more oversight and discipline over its state units and governments to align them with Narendra Modi's vision, much like the Communist Party of China — a country extolled in the Economic Survey — marches to Xi Jinping's thought.

There are other critical omissions too. Waste-water finds mention only in the context of "management of household waste-water for reuse in agriculture". It is not that the capacity for sewers and sewerage treatment plants anyway lies unused in the absence of institutional reform. It is that it obviates the damage caused by the run-off of overused chemicals in agriculture (here, zero-budget farming may help) and industrial injury that continues unchecked by incapacitated pollution control boards. Some of our industrial corridors, for instance from Vatva to Vapi, rival China's worst polluted areas. This is not how we will ensure water security.

Telecom and 5G were missing too, in a two-hour long budget speech which mentioned "digital" 19 times. Emulating Sisyphus, Bharat-Net is still targeting internet connectivity in local bodies. Frankly, our telecom sector is broke, a result of "mispricing" by operators, and spectrum pricing by the government. Without serious attention to spectrum management, including making licenced service areas much smaller, and preventing anti-competitive behaviour, our digital future will not be bright, but bleak.

Port connectivity is mentioned once, but the speech is silent on the regulatory reforms needed to enable public and private ports to compete fairly. Even as Adani's Mundra remains the only serious port SEZ, talk of port-linked industrialisation sits uneasily with plans to turn Mumbai port into a real estate project. Agriculture, instead of cold chains, gets a cold shoulder, rural roads aside.

And, where is the finance that will underpin this effort? A headless IIFCL aside, other infrastructure financiers like IDBI and IDFC have long morphed into banks. Apart from the odd transaction, the bond market is moribund. Public-private partnerships are anathema to banks, and investors have been burnt many times over for reasons described in the Kelkar Committee report. Is there a solution?

The entire contractual structure and regulatory framework needs revamping. We need a wholesale change in approach — from maximising revenue extraction to minimising the cost of provision. Compared to our promise of \$1.5 trillion over five years, China invested about \$2.5 trillion on infrastructure in 2017 alone (and they are growing slower than we are). Some of their investments may be temporarily underutilised, but infrastructure is not allowed to constrain growth. We could do that cheaper and better. But that will require government to sit up and take notice. Will it?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON SHAKY GROUND

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A poor show' (IE, July 12). The political drama in Karnataka is unfolding along expected lines. Although the 2018 mandate was a fractured one, the BJP was the single-largest party with 104 seats. Congress with just 80 seats, in order to keep the BJP from assuming power, scrambled to forge a post-election alliance with its political rival JD(S). This ploy did succeed, but it also led to heartburn among a section of the Congress. The current situation has not been engineered. It was destined to happen from the time the government was formed by cobbling together numbers dubiously.

Ravi Mathur, Ghaziabad

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A poor show' (IE, July 12). All along, this marriage between the Congress and JD(S) was one more of convenience than conviction. The tussle between Congress and JD(S) leaders continued even during the recently concluded general elections. But the recent turn of events have shown all three parties — Congress, JD(S) and BJP — in poor light. There is more than mere suspicion that the BJP is behind all this drama. The kind of swiftness the Gandhis showed while forming the government in the state last year, they should have shown the same zeal to not let this crisis happen.

Bal Govind, Noida

PRICE OF FREEDOM

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Rescued from bonded labour, Kancheepuram's

LETTER OF THE WEEK

FM'S DIKTAT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'May we come in?' (IE, July 11). The finance ministry's decision to bar journalists from entering North Block is autocratic. In a democracy like India, where people get to know about their elected representatives actions through journalists, the Ministry cannot and should not prevent journalists from entering North Block. The Press too has the freedom to access government officials to extract relevant information from them. Moreover, finance minister's action contradicts the prime minister's slogan of "sabka vishwas".

Sanjay Chawla, Amritsar

Kasi still in fear' (IE, July 12). The report made me question the kind of world I am living in. A rich man takes crores from a bank and flees from the country freely, while this man borrowed just Rs 20,000 and, to repay it, he works for five years as labour in a place he doesn't want to work — yet, he has to beg to be free as if he has committed the world's biggest crime. One wonders how many such people are waiting for a miracle like this so that they can be free.

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A statistical misadventure

New GDP series is not comparable with earlier series, shows improvements

AN ARTICLE ON the overestimation of GDP in India by Arvind Subramanian ('New evidence for fresh beginnings', IE, June 12) has received widespread criticism. Subramanian is a former CEA, an insider. He is not just any individual or economist. He should have been more careful before bringing out a working paper with a questionable methodology. By doing so, he has done great injustice to the Indian statistical system. He has gone to the extent of saying that he is using only statistics produced outside the central statistics office (CSO) in his analysis, though he has used the index of industrial production (IIP), which is produced by the CSO.

The compilation of GDP is a completely apolitical and complex exercise, much beyond the correlation and regression analysis undertaken by Subramanian. Further, a lot of the analysis carried out by him is based on the CSO's quarterly estimates, data for which is limited and hence no serious scientific study can be based on these estimates. These estimates are good for giving the direction of economic growth in the short term and a broad idea of the quantum of growth.

Subramanian has claimed that "GDP is overestimated by 2 percentage points post 2011-12 with base revision and new methodology". But, he was consulted when the new methodology was finalised in a meeting con-

ducted by the then National Statistical Commission chairman, where he gave no suggestion. Before releasing the new GDP series, a presentation of the new methodology and estimates was made to select officers in the finance ministry, where he was present.

The former CEA has admitted that there was a need to use the corporate sector data for GDP compilation. He may have some reservations in the way shell companies have been accounted for. But the estimates arrived at after blowing up subscribed capital using MCA data are far superior to what was being done in the earlier series, when the estimates were obtained by blowing up the results from the RBI's study of a much smaller sample of companies. How can a series based on data pertaining to a fewer number of companies be considered to be more reliable than that based on a much larger set of companies? This data was adopted in the new GDP series after proper examination and analysis.

Subramanian has argued that the growth rate (2000-2010) in the manufacturing sector was closer to the IIP growth rate. People familiar with the compilation of GDP in India should be aware that the manufacturing sector estimates in the old series were being compiled using IIP. Prior to the base year 2005-06, data from the annual survey of industries (ASI) was being used for the computation of growth

estimates of the organised manufacturing sector. Later, as it was observed that the estimates from ASI were diverging from the IIP, and it was becoming difficult to defend the revisions of these estimates during the first revised estimates of GDP, it was consciously decided to continue to use the IIP. Thus, the estimates continued to be based on the IIP and were not revised using ASI estimates, which was the practice in the 2000 base series.

Another issue which keeps coming up: IIP is highly volatile, and does not properly capture the growth rate of the manufacturing sector. Both the IIP and ASI were not found to be useful for estimating manufacturing sector growth during 2000 to 2010. Since there was no other source of data available for estimating gross value added by the manufacturing sector, these estimates/growth rates continued to be used.

It has also been argued that high GDP growth is impossible in the absence of a rise in exports and imports. To establish such a causality, one should look at the share of exports and imports in the overall output and input of the Indian economy, especially in the manufacturing sector. If they do not have any major share, it is difficult to establish any causal relationship.

Electricity generation, airline passenger growth, commercial vehicle production, and

petroleum products consumption are closely associated with GDP growth. Any relationship using the quantum of growth in any of these indicators does not have any significant implication. Each of these indicators should be further bifurcated for further understanding their contribution to economic activity.

Subramanian's paper has assumed that the estimates from 2000 to 2011 were correct, and hence the estimates in the 2011 series are overstated. But, a number of improvements were made at the time the 2011 series was introduced. So, any evaluation of this series with not so well estimated past series is invalid.

In the 2011 series, there was a significant shift in the GDP compilation process — from establishment approach to institutional approach. So, the estimates of the manufacturing sector (or any sector) in the 2011 series were not strictly comparable with the previous series.

In conclusion, researchers must have knowledge of the GDP compilation process before undertaking any econometric exercise which only leads to more confusion. There is a serious gap in the availability of the right kind of data. Concerted efforts should be made to fill this gap.

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R KELLY ARRESTED AGAIN IN CHICAGO

Singer R Kelly, already facing sexual abuse charges brought by Illinois prosecutors, was arrested in Chicago Thursday on a federal grand jury indictment listing 13 counts including sex crimes and obstruction of justice. The arrest was the second time this year that Kelly has been taken into custody in Chicago on sex charges.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Police say 6,600 people have been killed in President Duterte's 'war on drugs'

PHILIPPINES
UN to probe drug war deaths

Geneva: The UN Human Rights Council voted on Thursday to set up an investigation into mass killings during Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's so-called 'war on drugs', a step that activists said was long overdue. Duterte's government says police have killed about 6,600 people in shootouts with suspected drug dealers since he was elected in 2016 on a platform of crushing crime. Activists say the toll is at least 27,000. The first-ever resolution on the Philippines, led by Iceland, was adopted by a vote of 18 countries in favour and 14 against, including China, with 15 abstentions, including Japan.

Despite US warnings, Russian S-400 systems land in Turkey

NATO member's move to buy the missile defence system could lead to sanctions from Washington

SUZAN FRASER
ANKARA, JULY 12

THE FIRST shipment of a Russian missile defence system has arrived in Turkey, the Turkish Defence Ministry said Friday, moving the country closer to possible US sanctions and a new standoff with Washington.

A Defence Ministry statement said "the first group of equipment" of the S-400 air defence systems has reached the Muried Air Base near the capital, Ankara. Defence Minister Hulusi Akar said three planes carrying the equipment landed at the airfield on Friday, adding that the delivery would continue in the coming days.

The US has urged NATO member Turkey to pull back from the deal — reportedly costing more than \$2 billion — warning the country that it will face economic sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act if it goes ahead with the purchase. It has also said Turkey won't be allowed to participate in the programme to produce high-tech F-35 fighter jets.



A Russian aircraft carrying parts of the S-400 systems at a military airport in Ankara. AP

Although US President Donald Trump expressed sympathy toward Turkey's decision to purchase the Russian system during a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of a G-20 meeting in Japan, Washington has repeatedly said that the Russian system is incompatible with NATO systems. Sanctions would mark a new

low in the already-tense relations between Turkey and the US. Last year, the United States imposed sanctions on Turkey over its detention of an American pastor, triggering a Turkish currency crisis.

The deal with Russia — the first such deal between Russia and a NATO member — has also raised concerns that Turkey is drifting closer to Moscow's

sphere of influence.

Turkey has refused to bow to US pressure, insisting that choosing which defence equipment to purchase is a matter of national sovereignty. "We've always said regarding the S-400s that it's an agreement that has been finalised and the process continues to progress," Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said. AP

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Why US opposes S-400 purchase

THE US has repeatedly tried to stop Turkey from buying Russia's S-400 air defence system, which NATO says is not compatible with its own defence network and could provide the Russians with information about the F-35 fighter jets that Turkey is helping to build. The S-400 purchase could also force the US to impose sanctions on Turkey, which is a NATO member. A 2017 US legislation requires Washington to impose sanctions on countries that buy military equipment from Russia. This has led the US to warn countries, including India, not to purchase the advanced S-400 system.

Trump's Labour Secy Acosta resigns amid Epstein case

NANDITA BOSE
WASHINGTON, JULY 12

US LABOUR Secretary Alexander Acosta resigned on Friday amid fresh scrutiny of his handling of the sex abuse case against financier Jeffrey Epstein, becoming President Donald Trump's latest adviser to leave the administration in controversy.

Acosta, joining Trump at the White House before the President left for a trip to Wisconsin, said he did not want to be a distraction to the administration's work because of his leadership of the Epstein case more than a decade ago.

"As I look forward, I do not think it is right and fair for this administration's Labour Department to have Epstein as a focus rather than the incredible economy we have today," Acosta said.

Trump, who has fired numerous Cabinet and other administration officials during his tenure in the White House, said it was Acosta's idea to step down. Acosta was the US attorney for



Alexander Acosta has faced criticism for his handling of cases against Epstein

the Southern District of Florida from 2005 through 2009. It was there that he handled Epstein's first case involving sex with girls, which resulted in a punishment that critics say was far too lenient.

Epstein, a billionaire hedge fund manager, pleaded not guilty to new federal charges in New York this week. Epstein had a social circle that over the years has included Trump, former President Bill Clinton and Britain's Prince Andrew.

Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic Speaker of the House, had called on Tuesday for Acosta to resign. **REUTERS**



A Yeti Airlines passenger plane skidded off the runway at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu on Friday. AP

Nepal rain kills 14, paralyses normal life
Flight skids off runway in Kathmandu, all passengers safe

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, JULY 12

AT LEAST 14 people died and eight others were missing as heavy rain caused havoc across Nepal, officials said.

As collapsing houses, landslides and other rain-related incidents caused death and de-

struction, the government alerted people across the country, especially low lying areas, that more rain was likely and that caution should be exercised.

The compound wall of Singha Durbar, which houses government offices including the Prime Minister's office, also collapsed.

Meanwhile, a Yeti Airlines passenger aircraft skidded off

the runway at Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport.

This resulted in the airport being temporarily closed for all other flights, domestic and international.

Yeti Airlines said all of the 69 people on board, including three members of the crew, were safe after the plane landed at 11.05 am on Friday.

Contractors can listen to Google Assistant recordings

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 12

GOOGLE CONTRACTORS regularly listen to and review some recordings of what people say to artificial-intelligence system Google Assistant, via their phone or through smart speakers such as the Google Home.

The company acknowledged that humans can access those recordings after some of its Dutch language audio snippets

were leaked. Google product manager David Monsees acknowledged the leak in a blog post Thursday, and said the company is investigating the breach.

"We are conducting a full review of our safeguards in this space to prevent misconduct like this from happening again," he wrote.

More than 1,000 recordings were obtained by Belgian broadcaster VRT NWS, which noted in a story that some contained sensitive personal conversations — as

well as information that identified the person speaking. Google says no user account information is associated with the recordings, and reviewers are instructed not to transcribe background conversations.

But VRT reporters could hear spoken home addresses in some of the recordings, and were able to track down the speakers. Some of these conversations were not directed at Assistant and happened either as background noise or as a mistaken recording when

Assistant thought it was being spoken to, but wasn't.

Google says contractors listen to recordings to better understand language patterns and accents. Its user terms confirm recordings may be used by the company, stating Assistant "records your voice and audio on Google services to improve speech recognition."

Monsees wrote that Google works with contractors around the world to analyse the recordings. "These language experts re-

view and transcribe a small set of queries to help us better understand those languages," he wrote.

Google's terms don't explicitly say people review the recordings, but do state that data could be analysed as the company updates services or create new features.

The company acknowledged earlier this year that its reviewers listen to anonymous recordings in response to a report revealing that Amazon's Alexa also uses contractors to listen to recordings. Amazon confirmed the report.



The captain and chief officer — both Indians — of the Iranian tanker Grace 1 were arrested a day before the latest arrests

2 more Indians held in Iranian oil tanker probe in Gibraltar
UK sending another warship to Gulf

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, JULY 12

FOUR INDIAN nationals are in detention in Gibraltar in connection with an ongoing investigation into an Iranian oil super-tanker seized last week for breaching the EU sanctions against Syria, as Royal Gibraltar Police arrested two more Indian sailors on Friday.

The latest arrests, of the second mates aboard the vessel named Grace 1, follow the arrest of the captain and chief officer of the ship on Thursday on suspicion of breaching European Union (EU) sanctions.

"All four men are Indian nationals and they have been granted full legal assistance, telephone contact with their families and access to their consular authorities," Royal Gibraltar Police said in a statement.

"The arrest of the two officers, who are now held in custody at the RGP headquarters in New Mole House assisting police with their inquiries, follows the detention yesterday [Thursday] of the vessel's captain and chief officer," the statement said.

It is also in connection with the same investigation of the suspected export of crude oil to

the Banyas refinery in Syria, in contravention of an EU ban against the country, it said.

The Indian High Commission in London said it was in contact with the authorities and "consular access has been sought and all assistance will be provided to the Indian citizens".

The arrested men were aboard the Panama flagged super-tanker Grace 1 that was detained off Europa Point, said police in Gibraltar, a British Overseas Territory on the Spanish coast. Gibraltar authorities had detained the super-tanker and its cargo on July 4.

Meanwhile, Britain said Friday it was sending a second warship to the Gulf and raising the alert level in the region as tensions spike after Iranian gunboats threatened a UK super-tanker. British officials said the naval deployment was part of a pre-planned rotation and meant to ensure a continued British naval presence in one of the most important but volatile oil shipment routes in the world.

But a source said the switchover was brought forward by several days and should see two of Britain's most advanced warships jointly navigating the waters off Iran for a period that might last a number of weeks.

After video controversy, Pakistan sacks judge who convicted Sharif

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, JULY 12

A PAKISTANI anti-corruption court judge on Friday was directed to "stop working" after a top court asked the law ministry to remove him from the post following the surfacing of a video, which purportedly showed the judge saying that he convicted former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in a graft case due to pressure from "hidden hands".

The accountability court judge in Islamabad, Justice Arshad Malik, had sentenced Sharif to seven years of imprisonment in Al-Azizia steel mills case on December 24 last year.

In a video released last week by Sharif's daughter Maryam, Justice Malik was purportedly seen confessing in a chat with a Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader that he was under immense pressure from certain elements to convict the three-time premier in the graft case.

Addressing a press conference here, Pakistan Law Minister Farogh Nasim said Justice Malik

Hafiz Saeed challenges terror financing charges

Lahore: The 2008 Mumbai attack mastermind and chief of the banned JuD Hafiz Saeed and six senior aides on Friday challenged the charges of terror financing and money laundering against them in a top Pakistani court here. On July 3, police had registered 23 FIRs against 13 leaders of the JuD on the charges of terror financing.

has been asked to stop working on the recommendation of the Islamabad High Court.

"The law ministry has stopped Arshad sahib from working for now," he said, adding that in his affidavit, Justice Malik has said he issued the verdict against Sharif "without any pressure or intimidation".

The minister said the conviction of Sharif can only be overturned by a high court. **PTI**

TWO ENGRAVED BONES WITH OCHRE INCISIONS FOUND IN LAYERS DATING BACK BETWEEN 105,000 AND 125,000 YEARS AGO

In China, archeologists find earliest evidence of ochre on bone engravings

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, JULY 12

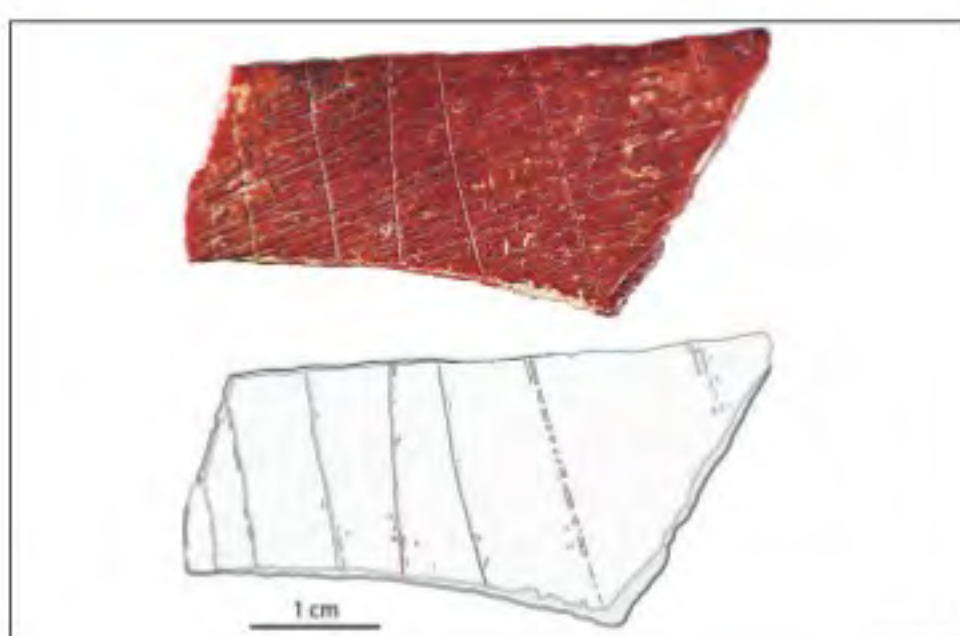
ARCHEOLOGISTS IN China have discovered two engraved bones with ochre incisions in a layer dating back between 105,000 and 125,000 years ago, which they say is the earliest evidence of human populations using ochre — an earthy pigment — for symbolic purposes. The discovery of abstract engravings is considered an indicator of modern human cognition which researchers say led to the development of symbols, drawings, art and language. "This discovery indicates

that the production of abstract motifs, possibly used for symbolic purposes, was an integral part of the cultures developed by human populations who lived in China contemporary to the emergence of our species, Homo sapiens, in Africa," co-author Luc Doyon, postdoctoral fellow at Shandong University's Institute of Cultural Heritage told *The Indian Express*.

The findings published this week in the peer-reviewed *Antiquity* journal is a result of a collaboration between researchers from China, France and Norway led by Li Zhanayang from Shandong University and Francesco d'Errico from

Universite de Bordeaux. The bones were discovered at the Lingjing site in Xuchang in central China's Henan province, which has been a site of excavation yearly from 2005 to 2018 by a team led by Li. Since 2005, the team has found 45 fragments of human cranial fossils at the site which has since been pieced together and named the 'Xuchang Man'.

In the state-run *China Daily*, Li said one of the bones discovered there had seven engraved lines with the presence of a red residue. "Based on experimental reproduction and subsequent microscopic analysis, the researchers found the sequen-



A photograph (top) and tracing of an engraved bone fragment found at Lingjing in China's Henan Province. Image courtesy Francesco d'Errico and Luc Doyon

tial marks were made with different tools and motions. But they have not been able to decipher the meaning of the marks," the report stated.

The paper 'Engraved bones from the archaic hominin site of Lingjing, Henan Province' points out that the population which inhabited the region saw bone as a medium on which they could permanently record sequential markings and used ochre as a way of highlighting them. Doyon told *The Indian Express* that amongst the key issues in research on cultural evolution is when, where and why prehistoric populations ceased to consider bone as a by-

product of butchery and carcass processing activities.

"Over the last two years, I had the opportunity to be part of a team that documented the discovery of the oldest known bone tools in China, which also were discovered at Lingjing. They consist of bone and antler fragments used to make and resharpen stone tools. The discovery of the engravings now indicates that the people living at this site ~115,000 years ago not only understood the utility of bone for the manufacture of stone tools but considered this raw material as a good medium to permanently record abstract pat-

terns," he said.

Further, he pointed out that modern human cognition refers to the capacity of making complex tools and producing different art forms such as painting, engraving and music. "It is clear that members of our species, Homo sapiens, possess these abilities. However, opinions still differ amongst archaeologists between those who think archaic hominin cognition is comparable to that of Homo sapiens and those who don't," he said. Archaic hominins refer to the now extinct human species that lived prior and during the evolution of Homo sapiens in Africa.

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International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR SCAN AVIATION

After special audit, DGCA sends notices to 4 IndiGo officials over safety lapses

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE DIRECTORATE General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked four top executives of India's largest airline IndiGo to show cause for safety lapses found at the organisation during an unplanned audit by the regulator.

According to a senior DGCA official, the notices dated July 12 have been sent to IndiGo's head of training Captain Sanjiv Bhalla, IndiGo's chief of flight safety Captain Hemant Kumar, senior vice president-operations Captain Ashim Mitra, and Captain Rakesh Srivastava, quality assurance and operations safety.

The audit that was conducted at IndiGo's premises in Gurgaon on July 8 and 9, was part of a special audit by DGCA of all airlines and airports that are located in monsoon-affected areas in light of multiple landing incidents across the country.

E-mail query sent to IndiGo did not elicit any response.

In the notice sent to IndiGo's head of training, a copy of which was seen by *The Indian Express*, the DGCA has pointed out that there is no safety action group within the training department to "discuss and resolve critical safety issues concerning training...".

The DGCA's audit of the airline was focused on the ar-

RAIN-AFFECTED AIRPORTS' AUDIT

■ The audit was a part of special audit by DGCA of all airlines and airports that are located in monsoon-affected areas

■ The notices have been sent to Captain Sanjiv Bhalla, Captain Ashim Mitra, and Captain Rakesh Srivastava

reas of occurrence reporting, flight operations quality assurance monitoring and analysis, implementation of safety management system, aircrew training, flight operations and airworthiness.

The aviation safety regulator also pointed out that IndiGo's flight safety department had not escalated the issue regarding non-availability of crew and there was delay in carrying out corrective training of the involved crew to the safety review board. Those executives who have been issued the show-cause notices have been asked to respond within 15 days, the official said.

The regulator had issued similar notices last week to senior executives of SpiceJet, which saw a spate of runway excursion incidents within days.

USTR, COMMERCE MINISTRY HOLD MEETING

India, US talks follow 'mandate given by Modi-Trump G20 meet'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 12

INDIA AND the US have agreed to work towards "mutually beneficial" outcomes aimed at addressing mutual trade concerns and growing economic relations between the two countries, the Commerce Ministry said in a release Friday. The statement follows bilateral talks between officials of the office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Commerce Ministry here earlier in the day.

A delegation led by Assistant USTR (AUSTR) Christopher Wilson visited India on July 11-12 to "explore potential for enhanced bilateral trade and economic engagement with India under the new government," stated the release. The US and India delegation, led by Department of Commerce Additional Secretary Sanjay Chadha, discussed "the broad contours of bilateral trade and commercial ties" between India and the US.

Wilson also "called on" Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan during this visit.

"Met the US Trade Representative team today to strengthen India-US trade ties. We deliberated on several issues to take our deep, historic and strong trade relationship to the next level," Goyal tweeted following the meeting.

"The meeting was cordial and aimed at providing a new impetus to bilateral trade and commercial ties, in line with the mandate given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald



Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal with Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia, Christopher Wilson (second from right), Deputy Assistant USTR Brendan Lynch (centre) and US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster (left), in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Trump during their meeting at Osaka, Japan on 28 June 2019," stated the Ministry.

The latest talks have come on the heels of remarks by Trump earlier this week reiterating that India's move to impose tariffs on products exported to the country from the US would not be tolerated. Trump, who had met Prime Minister Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Japan, tweeted Tuesday that India has "long had a field day putting tariffs on American products" and that this was "no longer acceptable!"

Talks between the two leaders in June had culminated in them instructing their trade teams to resume discussions and work towards addressing trade concerns.

Meanwhile, Deputy USTR Jeffrey D Gerrish said during a fire-

side chat at a summit held in Washington Friday that President Trump and USTR Robert Lighthizer are frustrated with the lack of balance and reciprocity from India when it comes to trade and tariffs, according to PTI. He had said that the new round of discussions between the two countries is not open ended and that the US wants things to move quickly, it added.

"I think, we are at a pivotal juncture here in our relationship and at a critical intersection between a frustrating last few years that we've had and a possible future relationship that at this point is not really defined and is still being tested," Gerrish was quoted by PTI as saying. The discussions in New Delhi were reportedly expected to be focussed

EXPLAINED Need to ensure no one-sided terms

THE TALKS have resumed on the heels of remarks by officials from the US side that their administration is "frustrated" with the lack of balance and reciprocity from India. India would have to make sure it engages in constructive discussions, but does not agree to one-sided terms despite the US' wish to finalise a resolution quickly.

on various trade-related concerns that have been raised by each side, including tariffs imposed on products traded between the two countries. It was also reportedly expected to restart discussions on a potential trade package that would identify products on which duties can be reduced for more favourable market access.

Such negotiations were earlier disrupted after the US decided to notify its withdrawal of duty-free benefits accorded to India under the country's Generalised System of Preferences Programme (GSP) early in June. India retaliated a few weeks later by increasing the tariffs on 28 products imported from the US, including high value products like almonds and fresh apples.

SBI's Anshula Kant appointed MD and CFO of World Bank

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, JULY 12

ANSHULA KANT, Managing director of the State Bank of India, has been appointed as managing director and chief financial officer of the World Bank, its president David Malpass announced Friday.

As Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Kant will be responsible for financial and risk management of the World Bank Group, reporting to the President. "I am very pleased to appoint Anshula Kant as World Bank Group Managing Director and CFO. Anshula brings more than 35 years of expertise in finance, banking, and innovative use of technology through her work as CFO of the State Bank of India," Malpass said.

"She's excelled at a diverse array of leadership challenges including risk, treasury, funding, regulatory compliance and operations. I look forward to welcoming her to our management team as we work to increase our effectiveness in supporting good development outcomes," Malpass said.

Among other key management duties, her work will include oversight of financial reporting, risk management, and working closely with the World Bank CEO on mobilisation of IDA and other financial resources.

"Anshula brings more than 35 years of expertise in finance, banking, and innovative use of technology through her work as CFO of the State Bank of India"

DAVID MALPASS PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK

As CFO of the SBI, Kant managed \$38 billion of revenues and total assets of \$500 billion. Stewarding the organisation, she greatly improved the capital base and focused on the long-term sustainability of SBI within her mandate. She has been a Managing Director and member of the Board since September 2018, the World Bank said.

With direct responsibility for the SBI's Risk, Compliance, and Stressed Asset Portfolio, Kant led the creation of investment opportunities while empowering risk management throughout the bank. She held several positions across the organisation and helped navigate a diverse array of leadership challenges, the bank said in a statement.

Kant is a graduate in economics honours from Lady Shri Ram College for Women and a post-graduate in economics from Delhi School of Economics. PTI

Will discuss with the revenue dept: Garg on grandfathering of new tax on buyback

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 12

THE AGOVERNMENT could look at excluding those listed companies who had started the process of buying back their shares before July 5 from paying the new tax on buyback income for these ongoing transactions.

"I am not in a position to say whether that (grandfathering) can work or not, but will discuss this with the revenue department," finance secretary SC Garg said at an event organised by industry body CII here.

In the regular Budget for FY20 presented in Parliament last week, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed a 20 per cent tax (plus cess and surcharge) on buyback of shares by listed companies effective July 5, the Budget day. The idea behind the move is to discourage the practice of using buyback option to circumvent the dividend distribution tax (DDT) and encourage investments by firms. Over the last few years, listed and cash-rich Indian firms ramped up buybacks in order to reward their shareholders. The hike in DDT rate in the 2016-17 Budget gave a leg-up to the trend.

As per section 115QA of the Act, buyback of unlisted shares attracts additional tax at 20 per cent (plus surcharge and cess) in the hands of the company distributing the income on such buyback. However, such income arising in the hands of shareholders is exempt under section 10(34A) of the Act. However, such provision has hitherto not been applicable on

"Buyback is mainly undertaken by those companies which have cash, but see no investment opportunities..."

SC GARG FINANCE SECRETARY

buyback of listed shares. It is now proposed that section 115QA of the Act will be amended to include such tax on buyback of listed shares. Further, section 10(34A) of the Act is consequentially proposed to exempt income received by the shareholders on buyback of listed shares.

Replying to reporters' queries earlier this week, however, the chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Pramod Chandra Mody had categorically denied any plan to give a waiver for transactions already underway. The government, he said, was clear that the cut-off date was July 5. Any share buyback post that date would come under the purview of new tax, he iterated.

Garg said buyback is mainly undertaken by those companies which have cash, but see no investment opportunities. "Our preference would be that they invest so that there is no need to do the buyback." FE

'India to become 3rd largest economy in 2025'

India will this year overtake the UK to become the world's fifth biggest economy, and is poised to surpass Japan to be the third largest in 2025, IHS Markit said in a report Friday

\$5.9 trillion economy: Forecast for Indian gross domestic product (GDP) in 2025, surpassing Japanese GDP to make India world's third-largest economy

\$3.6 tn Size of Indian consumer market forecast for 2025, rising from \$1.9 trillion in 2019

350 mn persons: Projected increase in India's total population between 2015 and 2050, creating significant fiscal challenges for government

7% per year: Average GDP growth forecast for India over 2019-2023 period



FACTORS FOR sustaining rapid economic growth over next 5 years: Investment Savings Exports

ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF STARTUPS: Accelerating development of new economy startups and growing new unicorns will be critical for skilled jobs growth

POPULATION GROWTH: India population growth rate is projected to slow rapidly over the next two decades

77 India's rank among 190 countries included on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index for 2019

163 India's rank in the world for contract enforcement, according to World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report

HIRING JUDGES: Hiring of additional judges will rapidly reduce the number of

unfilled vacancies and clear long backlogs in the court system

'Gangwal's allegations are much ado about nothing'

New Delhi: Terming co-founder Rakesh Gangwal's allegations of governance lapses at InterGlobe Aviation as much ado about nothing, Rahul Bhatia's group Friday said the company is well run, financially sound and managed by a competent set of managers.

Asserting that "pan ki dukaan" (betel shop) has apparently done well, InterGlobe Enterprises said there was no abuse of rights and Gangwal's proposal for convening an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was rejected on the basis of a legal opinion obtained by the board of InterGlobe Aviation.

Gangwal had said that events go "far beyond just poor gover-

Gangwal's proposal for convening EGM was rejected on basis of legal opinion, InterGlobe said

nance and even a "pan ki dukaan" would have handled these matters with more grace". InterGlobe Aviation is the parent of IndiGo.

"Corporate governance is not about levelling baseless charges. It is about ensuring that company's interests as also those of other stakeholders are protected and not harmed," InterGlobe Enterprises said in a statement. PTI

Long-term third party insurance only for new vehicles: IRDAI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 12

NOT FOR RENEWAL

■ It is clarified that such long term products will apply only to new private cars and new two wheelers and will not be offered for renewal of existing policies or for old vehicles

■ Owners of old vehicles can continue to renew their policies on an annual basis

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has clarified that long-term third party motor insurance policy will be applicable only for new private cars and two-wheelers. According to IRDAI clarification, existing vehicles will get only one year insurance cover on renewal while new private cars will have to compulsorily go for three-year policies. Similarly, new two-wheelers will have to get compulsory five-year policy.

"In compliance with a Supreme Court directive in 2018, IRDAI had issued a circular mandating the issuance of long term motor third party cover for two-wheelers and private cars. As per its circular issued on July 11, 2019, the authority has clarified that such long term products will apply only to new private cars and new two wheelers and will not be offered for renewal of existing policies or for old vehicles. Hence, owners of old vehicles can continue to renew their policies on an annual basis," Subramanyam Brahmajoyasa, head - underwriting & reinsurance, SBI General Insurance, said.

took up the matter of long-term policy for new vehicles last year, the General Insurance Council had argued that the industry needed more time as a lot of ground work needed to be completed apart from the fact that the state governments and Regional Transport Offices all over the country should be in position to supervise the issuance of long-term policies at the time of registrations of all new vehicles. Under a motor insurance policy, there are two major components: Third-party insurance and Own Damage Insurance. As per The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, it is mandatory to insure vehicles with at least third-party insurance cover. OD covers loss or damage

SBI waives off online transfer charges

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 12

INDIA'S LARGEST bank, State Bank of India has waived off charges on fund transfers made via Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions for its YONO, internet and mobile banking customers from July 1.

The bank has also decided to give free access to Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) from August 1 after the RBI decided to do away with the charges levied on online fund transfers.

Before July 1, SBI used to charge Rs 1-5 for transactions through NEFT, and Rs 5-50 for RTGS route

The RTGS system is meant for large-value instantaneous fund transfers, while NEFT system is used for fund transactions of up to Rs 2 lakh. "In order to provide an impetus to digital funds movement, SBI waived-off RTGS and NEFT charges for You Only Need One, internet banking and mobile

Infy net up 5.3%; revenue guidance raised for FY20

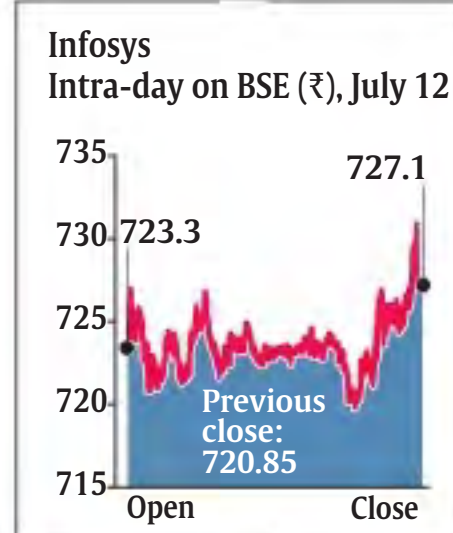
ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI/BENGALURU, JULY 12

INFOSYS ON Friday kicked off the new financial year on a strong note, even as rival Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) reported a soft quarter.

Not only has the company bumped up its revenue guidance for the full financial year, it has also decided to distribute 85 per cent of free cash-flows to shareholders through dividends and buybacks over a period of five years against 70 per cent earlier. Analysts believe that the June quarter's performance should drive up consen-

sus estimates for the full year.

The company bumped up its guidance for the fiscal to 8.5-10 per cent from 7.5-9.5 per cent, on the back of its strong performance. The company's net profit increased 5.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis, while it declined 6.8 per cent sequentially to Rs 3,802 crore. Revenues for the quarter ended June 2019 grew by 14 per cent year-on-year and 1.2 per cent sequentially to Rs 21,803 crore. In constant currency, revenues rose 12.4 per cent y-o-y and 2.8 per cent sequentially. The company has also signed large deals worth \$2.7 billion, which is the highest so far. The company had exited



FY19 with total contract value of \$6.28 billion. Operating profit declined 1.5 per cent y-o-y and 3.2 per cent q-

o-q to Rs 4,471 crore. Operating margin was 20.5 per cent. Digital revenues — which now account for 35.7 per cent of total sales — grew by 41.9 per cent y-o-y and 8.6 per cent sequentially.

While the firm exited June quarter with operating margins at 20.5 per cent, the management has maintained that for the full year the margin guidance at 21-23 per cent. Commenting on the company's performance during the quarter, Infosys CEO and MD Salil Parekh said, "We had a strong start to FY20 with constant currency growth accelerating to 12.4 per cent on year-on-year basis and digital revenue growth of 41.9 per

cent. This was achieved through our consistent client focus and investments, which have strengthened our client relationships. Consequently, we are raising our revenue guidance for the year".

Effective from FY20, the company expects to return approximately 85 per cent of free cash flows cumulatively over a five-year period through dividends, share buybacks or special dividends. Infosys CFO Nilanjan Roy said, "Continuing our objective of improving shareholder returns, we have revised our capital allocation policy upwards to distribute 85 per cent of free cash flows cumulatively over a 5-year period." FE

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5. आयु:- 18 वर्ष से अधिक
6. लिखाई:- हिंदी एवं अंग्रेजी में स्वच्छ एवं सुंदर हो तथा टाईप का कार्य जानता हो।
7. किसी न्यायालय द्वारा दण्डित ना हो, ना ही किसी न्यायालय में Criminal केस चल रहा हो, किसी वैक/संस्था विभाग का देनदार ना हो।
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इच्छुक व्यक्ति अपना आवेदन पत्र, दस्तावेज की सत्यापित प्रतियाँ सहित रजिस्टर्ड डाक से विज्ञापन की तिथि से 15 दिन के अंदर-2 कलेक्टर महेंद्रगढ़ स्थित नारनौल को भेजे अंतिम तिथि बाद प्राप्त होने वाले व इस प्रकाशन से पूर्व आवेदन पत्रों पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

हस्ता./- कृते: कलेक्टर, महेंद्रगढ़ स्थित नारनौल।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-Ill, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

Table with 2 columns: Sr. No., Description, Date, Time. Contains details for work items like removal of muck, approx cost, and submission dates.

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system.

No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/19/2019-20/W-3 Dated: 11.07.2019 2241/2019

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DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-21/2019-2020 E-Tender Notice Date: 10.07.2019

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the president of India for the supply of following items. Only e-tender will be accepted for which vendors must have their Digital Signature and Registration on IREPS.

PRO/DLW/S-36 Controller of Stores

Website: www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Table with 6 columns: S. No., Name of work with its location, App. Cost of the work, Tender Inviting Officer Address, Tender Document Fee, Earnest Money to be deposited, Date & Time for closing of tender, Website particular & notice board location.

Tender No. : 558-Sig/16M/Tender/1285 Dated : 11.07.2019 2240/19

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Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads

Chief Engineer (Kangra Zone) HPPWD Dharamshala H.P., 176215

BHARAT NIRMAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice

The Government of India has received a loan/credit number "P124639" under PMGSY (Rural Road Project) Rural Roads Financing towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

Table with 8 columns: Division, Package No., Name of the Work, Estimated Cost (Rs. Lacs), Total Cost (Rs. Lacs), Period of Completion (Months), Bid Security (Rs. Lacs). Lists various road construction projects.

Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder.

Last Date/Time and place for receipt of bids through e-procurement:- Bids can be submitted online from Date 19 Month 07 Year 2019 to Date 16 Month 08 Year 2019 upto 1700 Hours and will be opened on Date 19 Month 08 Year 2019 at 11:30 Hours in the office of Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, HPPWD, Dalhousie.

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ADMISSION COMMITTEE FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES

L. D. Collage of Engg. Campus, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380015

ADMISSION PROGRAM FOR MBA / MCA WARDS OF JAMMU & KASHMIR MIGRANTS YEAR-2019-20

Applications are invited from the wards of J & K migrants as per the provisions of the Government of Gujarat for admission to MBA/MCA courses in Govt./Grant-in-aid/Self-financed institutes, after Graduation in 10 + 2 + 3 / 10 + 2 + 4 pattern. Application forms and other details are available in MBA/MCA link on website: www.jacpnlde.ac.in. Last date for receiving form is 26/07/2019.

Date: 09-07-2019 - Member Secretary

Help Line No. : 079-26566000

No.INF/ABD/497/2019-20

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT, UT., CHANDIGARH e-TENDER NOTICE

The e-Tender is hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Suppliers of Press Material for the year 2019-2020. The schedule of Date and Time of e-Tender is as under:-

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No., Description, Date, Time. Lists items like Date of Publication, Document Downloads, Seek Clarification, Bid Submission, Opening of Technical Bid, Opening of Price Bid.

1. Bid documents can be downloaded from the website http://etenders.chd.nic.in/ 2. All other terms and conditions, instructions to Bidders regarding e-Tendering process etc. may kindly be seen from Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders (DNIT) available on the above noted website of Chandigarh Administration. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason(s).

Sd/- Controller, Printing and Stationery, U.T., Chandigarh.

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No.A.12032/1/2019-ZMC Dated Falkawn, the 5th July, 2019

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Candidates are invited for filling up of the posts mentioned below for Zoram Medical College (ZMC), Falkawn:

Table with 3 columns: SL No, Name of Post, Department/No of Posts. Lists Professor Paediatrics (1) and Associate Professor Physiology (1).

Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Nature of Appointment & Remuneration: a. Professor : Contract Basis with fixed remuneration of Rs.2,50,000/- without any extra allowances or pensionary benefits initially for one year which is extendable on the basis of satisfactory performances. b. Associate Professor: Contract Basis with fixed remuneration of Rs.2,20,000/- without any extra allowances or pensionary benefits initially for one year which is extendable on the basis of satisfactory performances. 2. Eligibility criteria as per MCI Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 (AMENDED UPTO 8th June, 2017) and all subsequent amendments. 3. All interested candidates need to send their CV and copies of relevant documents to recruitment@mimerfalkawn.edu.in on or before 19th July, 2019. 4. All candidates have to bring original documents at the time of interview and an application fee of Rs.300/-(Rs.150/- for SC/ST candidates).

For further details and application procedure contact : 9862391873 / 9366186258 (10 AM-4 PM on all working days). Email: recruitment@mimerfalkawn.edu.in

Sd/-H.LALENGMAWIA Chairman, Zoram Medical College & Secretary Health & Family Welfare Department

IPR No.120

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 197-S/191-A/Laundry-OP/D-H/19/MC-IV Dated: 11.07.2019

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Cord.) Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites sealed e-tender on "TWO PACKET SYSTEM" comprising of Technical & Financial Bid, for following work from experienced and capable tenderers:

Table with 2 columns: Sr. No., Description, Date, Time. Lists items like Operation of Departmental Laundry, Advertisment value, Earnest money to be deposited, Date & Time of Submission of Tender, Website particulars.

Note : The complete particulars of the tender may be found in website www.ireps.gov.in 2242/19

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (POWER WING)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No. : 545/P&D(TS)/SS&P-357 Dated : 11.07.2019

Name of Office : Chief Engineer/Transmission System, P&D (TS) Directorate, BBMB, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area, Ph-1 Chandigarh-160002. Scope of Work : Design, manufacture, testing before despatch, supply, dismantling of existing old 415 V AC LT Panel Board, Erection, Testing & Commissioning at site of Indoor metal enclosed 415 V AC LT Panel Boards having remote operation facility one each for 220kV Substation, BBMB, Bahabgarh, Charkhi Dadri and Hisar in view of Substation Automation.

The due dates against above NIT are as per the following schedule :

Table with 2 columns: Last date & time for receipt of Tender, Document fee along with PQ documents, Last date & time of online Bid Submission, Due date & time of online Bid opening.

For detailed NIT, Earnest Money deposit & Pre-qualifying criteria, please visit BBMB Website http://bbmbeproc.abprocure.com and www.bbmb.gov.in

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

Table with 4 columns: S. No., Job No., Name of Work, Amount. Lists 01/Manager System/AMC -Server/HP/19-20 with amount Rs. 28,95,720/-

which can be uploaded by date 19/07/2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 22.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

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शासकीय आयुर्वेद जिला चिकित्सालय रायगढ़ हेतु पेंशनर रोगियों के लिए वित्तीय वर्ष 2019-20 के लिए आयुर्वेद (शास्त्रोक्त एवं पेटेंट) औषधियों के क्रय हेतु मोहरबंद तृतीय निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाना है।

अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें कार्यालयीन समय में जिला आयुर्वेद कार्यालय से निविदा फार्म के साथ प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

निविदा प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि - 26.07.2019 दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि - 26.07.2019 दोपहर 3.00 बजे तक निविदा खोलने तिथि - 26.07.2019 सायं. 4.00 बजे

निविदा प्रपत्र एवं निविदा नियम शर्तें भारतीय स्टेट बैंक में रु. 500/- (पाँच सौ रुपये) का चालान विभागीय शीर्ष संख्या 0210 चिकित्सा लोक स्वास्थ्य मय में जमा कर चालान की मूलप्रति कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत कर उकावधि तक प्राप्त किया जा सकेगा।

हस्ता/- जिला आयुर्वेद अधिकारी रायगढ़ (छ.ग.)

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

Large table with 7 columns: Sr. No., NAME OF DEPARTMENT, NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER, OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE, AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees, WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT, NODAL OFFICER. Lists various construction and maintenance projects.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Komal D/o Lalan Kumar R/o H.No.971, Street No.11, Nehru Nagar, Anand Parbat, Delhi Aged-15 Years has been reported missing since 03.07.2019 at about 06.30 AM from her residence vide FIR No.148/19 u/s 363 IPC Dated 04.07.2019 registered at Police Station Anand Parbat, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 4'2", Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: Red and Blue Coloured Suit, Blue Coloured Salwar and Black coloured School Shoes in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Anand Parbat, Delhi at E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/- SHO, Anand Parbat, Delhi DP/6429/CD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male, Age 55 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Wheatish, Wearing Grey colour pant only was found dead at Under Metro Bridge, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 05.07.19. In this regard a DD No. 23-A dated 05.07.19 has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned.

SHO PS: Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.: 23968730, 23967889

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Government of Tamil Nadu Tender Notice No. 01/DB/F.114/N/2019 LS FORM (RATE TENDER SYSTEM) (TWO COVER SYSTEM) For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed tenders are invited by the Chief Engineer, Fisheries Department, Integrated office Complex, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Nandanam, Chennai - 35, for the following work from the registered Civil contractors of Govt. Departments:

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Name of work, Value in Lakhs, EMD Amount (Rs.). Item 1: Providing low level wharf and development works in south side of Chennai Fishing Harbour at Royapuram in Chennai. Value: 1006.00, EMD: 5.13,00,00/-

Period for Availability of Tender Schedule : upto 05.45 p.m. on 13.08.2019 Last date of receipt of Tender : 14.08.2019 upto 03.00 p.m.

TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / DIVERSION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / REGULATION AND RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK AT TILAK BRIDGE STATION

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Non-interlocking work at Tilak Bridge station in connection with 5th & 6th line between New Delhi and Tilak Bridge stations. To execute this work, Railways will take appropriate traffic blocks from 14.07.2019 to 22.07.2019. Consequently the following trains will temporarily be affected on the dates shown against each:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Table with 3 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station). Lists various train cancellations from 12419/12420 Lucknow-New Delhi-Lucknow Gomati Express to 64567/64568 Bulandshahr-Tilak Bridge-Bulandshahr EMU.

DIVERSION OF TRAINS

Table with 4 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Diverted via, Date(s) from originating station. Lists train diversions from 12055 New Delhi-Dehradun Janshatabdi to 14003 Malda Town-New Delhi Express.

Table with 4 columns: Train No. & Train Name, From, To, Date(s). Lists train regulations and rescheduling from 14258 New Delhi-Varanasi Kashi Vishwanth Express to 64904 Ghaziabad-Mathura Jn. EMU.

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Table with 4 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Short Terminate at/ Originate from, Partially Cancelled Between Stations, Date(s) from originating station. Lists partial cancellations from 12523 New Jalpaiguri-New Delhi Exp. to 64905 Mathura Jn.-New Delhi EMU.

REGULATION / RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS

Table with 2 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Regulation/Rescheduling details. Lists regulations for 12627 Bangalore City-New Delhi Karnataka Express, 12716 Amritsar-H. Sahib Nanded Express, etc.

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, CD-XII, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital, Basai. Darapur Office Complex New Delhi-110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online item rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:-

- 1. NIT No.EE/CD XII/19-20/27-(ID No.2019_IFC_176014_1)-HOA-8443-PART-III-MLALAD-Providing & Fixing Steel Gate at RAO VIHAR in Nangloi Jat AC in Distt. West. E.C. Rs. 28,24,572/- Earnest money Rs.56,491/- period of completion 90 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 19-07-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M.respectively).AE-III. 2. NIT No. EE/CD XII/19-20/28-(ID No.2019_IFC_176015_1)-HOA-8443-PART-III-MLALAD - Providing & Fixing Steel Gate at SHIV RAM PARK in Nangloi Jat AC in Distt. West. E.C.Rs.52,43,504/- Earnest money Rs.1,04,870/- period of completion. 90 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 19-07-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively).AE-III.

Chief Engineer, Fisheries Department, Chennai - 35. DIPR / 2376 / TENDER / 2019

Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/ Works/SC/139/2019/OT Dt:09/07/2019

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 26/07/2019

e-Tender No.: 139_BRS_SC_19_OT

Name of the work : Secunderabad Division- Provision of escalators at following locations - SW1-Secunderabad- PF No 1 side circulating area connection new central FOB down direction.

SW2- Secunderabad- PF No 1 side circulating area connection new central FOB-Up direction. SW3- Warangal- PF No 4 (KZJ end F O B) - Up direction. SW4-Secunderabad- PF No 4/5 for new FOB (4th)-Up direction.

Approx. Tender Value: ₹. 1,58,29,324/- EMD: ₹.229200/- CTF: ₹. 5,000/- Completion period in Months : 06 Maintenance period in Months : 06

- 1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered. 2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only. 3. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos, and submit along with their offers.

SR/DEMO-coordination/ Secunderabad A1116/19

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at http://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/CD-XII DIP/Shabdhar/0376/19-20

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General public is here by informed that this boy (depicted in the photo) namely: Pankaj Swarnkar S/o Ratan R/o H. No. T-86/7, Sita Saran Colony, Near-Murli wala kuaa, Ghanta Ghar, Sabji Mandi, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi since 27.06.2019 in this regard a FIR No. 254/19 U/s 363 IPC dated 28.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:- Sex: Male, Age: 15 years, Height: 5'6" ft., Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, ID Mark: Injury Mark on Forehead, Wearing: Badami Colour Shirt & Gray Colour Pajama. Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:- SHO P.S. Narela, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-27280435

Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Narela, Delhi E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-27280435 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No: 7065036323 Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/416/ON/19

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PERSONAL

I, Rajendra Singh S/o. Mangal Singh R/O-4H-702, AWHO Township, Gurjinder Vihar Chh-1, Greater Noida (U.P.), have changed my name to Rajendra Prasad Yadav for all future purposes. 0040502968-1

I, Nitin Dev S/o. Late Hari Singh Thapa R/O-428, Block-8, Defence Officers Enclave, S.P. Marg, Chanakyaपुरी New Delhi-110021, have changed the name of my minor son from Vedant Dev to Vedant Dev Thapa for all purposes. 0040503031-6

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E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IV, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, L.M. Bund Office Complex, Shastrri Nagar, Delhi-31 invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00PM dated on 19.07.2019 for the works: H.O.A.: 2711 NON PLAN (REVENUE) MAINTANCE DRAINAGE

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DSTE/CO/Kota for and on behalf of President of Union of India invites e-tenders against Tender No. KOTA/S&T/Tele/2019/02, KOTA/S&T/Tele/2019/03. Due date to open mentioned below in table. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: CD-XIV IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF N.C.T. OF DELHI L.M. BUND OFFICE COMPLEX: SHASTRI NAGAR: DELHI-31.
Sh. S.M.A. Jafri, Junior Engineer, CD-XIV (I&FC) Department, while working in this division had proceeded on unauthorized leave w.e.f 30.12.2012 and thereafter remained absent in this office without any intimation. As per provision of Rule 25(2) of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972, willful absence from duty of Govt. of NCT of Delhi liable for disciplinary action and since he failed to join his duty, he is act in a manner which is unbecoming of Govt. Servant and thereby he has contravened the provision of Rule 3 (1) (ii) of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Sh. S.M.A. Jafri Junior Engineer has been issued several memorandum and reminders sent vide registered post which is delivered to the address available with this office (India post copy). But, he has not responded. This office has taken maximum effort to trace out the present address and whereabouts. Therefore, Sh. S.M.A. Jafri, Junior Engineer is hereby directed to appear in this office & submit reply within 15 days from the publication of this notice in this newspaper. In his defence, failing which the case will be decided on the basis of available document as per existing provisions of law. (SHV KUMAR) Executive Engineer, CD-XIV DIP/Shabdarth/0372/19-20



22 BODY & MIND

Busting the myth of laziness

Let's stop shaming our children about being lazy. They will grow and flourish at their own pace which cannot be dictated by us



IMAGINE
BY SHELJA SEN

"HE IS just so lazy; he does not want to do anything in life." Nikhil sat quietly listening to his father, shoulders stooped and looking utterly crestfallen. He had recently "failed" his exams, and his parents had dragged him to meet me in the hope of "fixing" their son. They had a long list of concerns for their 13-year-old son, including his disinterest in studies, constant complaints from school about his "lackadaisical attitude".

When I asked Nikhil about his views on the problem, he shrugged and repeated his father's words, "I am lazy." This young man had bought into the story of laziness without questioning it. After all, if everybody in the society had decided that with such vehemence, then who was he to challenge it. He described how he struggled to get up on time for school, the procrastination, how fed up his parents were with his low grades and accused him of wasting his time. He shared why he hated the words that every teacher put in his report card, "not living up to the

potential", as according to him, it was "just a polite way of saying you are lazy."

I am sure there is a part of you that might be thinking that all this criticism is justified. If he is not working hard and is lazy, then somebody has to prod him, otherwise he will end up wasting his life. I get where you are coming from, but I do not agree with it because there is a simple belief I have:

'Kids will do well if they can'

This statement was made by child psychologist, Ross Greene (author of Explosive Child), and I think he has given a slogan for all the misunderstood kids of our world.

Every child wants to do well. From the time they are little, they are wired to move forward, achieve and relish it. Have you seen the way a baby looks gleeful when you clap at every step she takes? As she grows older that glee comes from different skills she accomplishes — running, cycling, colouring, drawing, self dressing, feeding herself etc. After she joins school, she keeps getting a steady dose of it as she learns how to form letters, read, make friends. Every smiley and star from the teacher is like little fuel that keeps the motor of skill building moving forward.

If things work out well for her, then she would gradually become independent, take pride in her work, regulate herself to be an efficient human being. We all marvel at children like her as they tick all the boxes for a smart kid whose success in life is ensured.

Then we have kids like Nikhil who are just

not getting it right. We rail at them for having no sense of time, being disorganised, not listening, procrastinating, being messy, scattered and yes just plain "lazy". However, is this laziness or something else? If every child will do well if he can, then we need to know what is stopping him? Is there a learning or attention difficulty or a certain wiring of the child's brain that is coming in the way of his moving forward? Or what we see as laziness is actually depression due to which the child is refusing to get out of the room and go to school or college. Maybe he is struggling with feelings of worthlessness and hopelessness, and our condemnation is making him shut himself further.

Is there a possibility that perhaps our expectations are too high and he does not fit into our idea of a perfect child? Or is he just a late bloomer and will take time to find his niche and blossom?

It could be any of these reasons and some more, but it is definitely not laziness. And one thing is crystal clear — shaming is not going to work and will actually damage his sense of worthiness and your relationship with him.

So what can we do instead?

ACCEPTANCE: "He or she is so lazy" is the single most frequent complaint I hear from parents and teachers. It is like a convenient dumping bag of all problems. After my assessment, when I tried to explain to Nikhil's parents that he had an attention and learning difficulty due to which skills like focusing, managing time, organising his stuff,



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

self-regulation could become a challenge for him, his father dismissed my words with, "There is nothing wrong with him, he is just lazy!" He preferred to see his son as lazy rather than having a genuine difficulty for which he could not be blamed! The reason is that when a child is lazy then we have the permission to shame him and expect him to do something about it. However, when it is a real problem of wiring, emotional problem or our high expectations then we have to accept and do something about it and we are not ready to take that responsibility.

COMPASSIONATE CURIOSITY: No child wants to, on purpose, not do well, or be shamed for being lazy. When a child is not doing well, what they need is our compassion and curiosity so that we can empathise with his struggle, but we can also go one step ahead and understand what is holding him back. It took Nikhil's parents some time to

accept his learning difficulty, let go of their assumptions and judgement and listen to their child and understand his hardships.

MINDFUL OF OUR LANGUAGE: The way we talk to our children become their inner voices and the way we talk about them become their life stories. It is through the words we use for them that the children start constructing their sense of identity. If others describe Nikhil as a "slow learner", "lazy", "unmotivated", then that is what he will see himself as — that will become his main storyline and he will live his life according to that. If you are a parent or a teacher, ask yourself, honestly, what words do you use to talk to your children and about your children?

USE THEIR STRENGTHS AND SKILLS: Nikhil was passionate about football and a skilled player. When I asked him what skills were required to be a great football player,

he shared, "practice daily", "be a team player", "stay calm under pressure". After some discussion, we decided to try using the same skills for his school work with his mother, older sister and his tutor as his team players. We sent a letter to the class teacher who to everybody's surprise joined in enthusiastically. Once she understood that Nikhil had a learning difficulty, she went all out to support him.

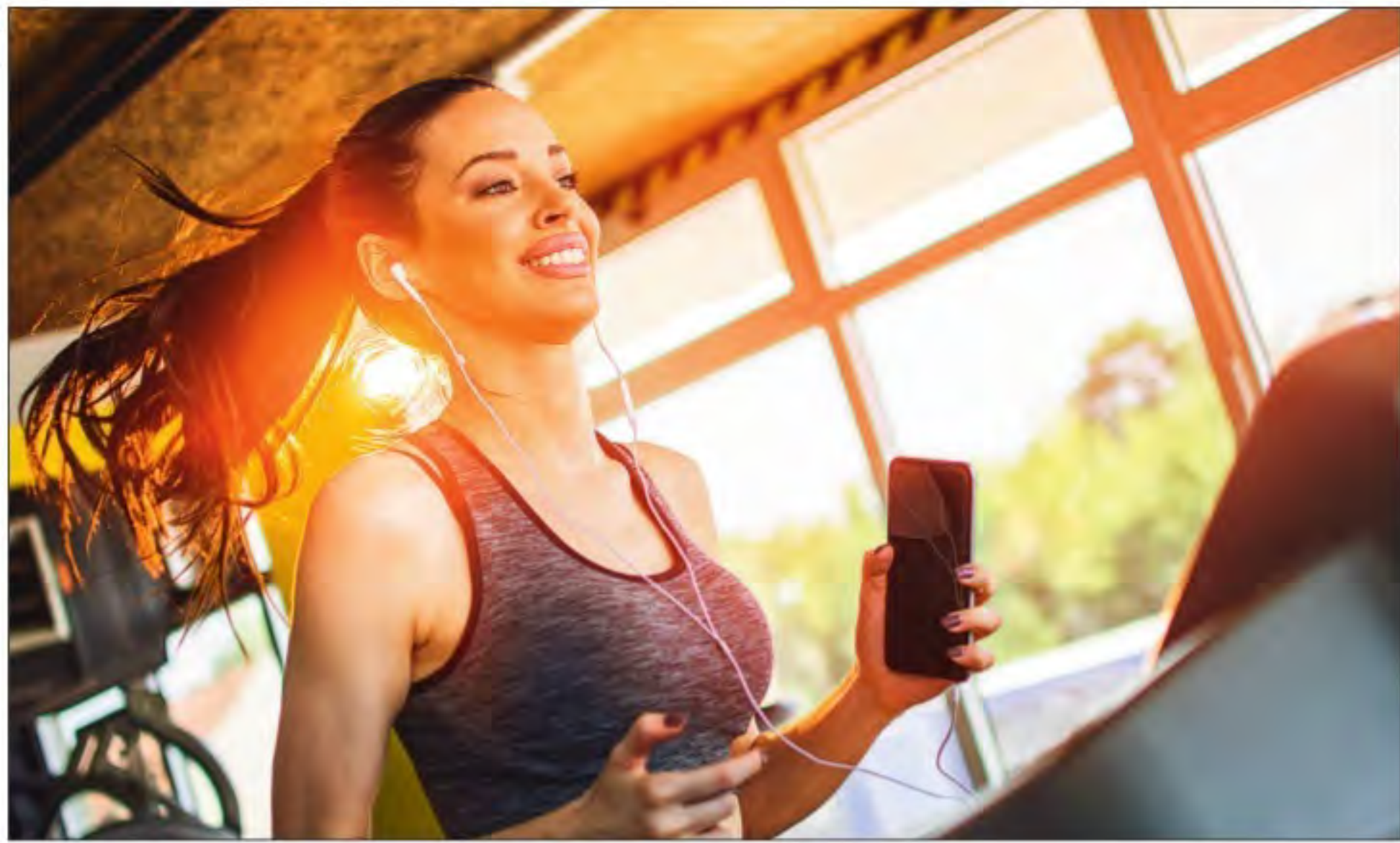
RECOGNITION: We try to correct children by criticising them even though we know it will not work. Our parents did this to us and we do it to our children without much thought. After shouting at them, "I am sick and tired of your laziness", do we really believe that children will turn around and say, "I am sorry Mum, but from now on I will always do everything on time", and all problems will be solved? Of course not!

Apart from instigating their rebellion, we will not achieve much. Instead, what works is watering their seeds of worthiness, recognition of every micro-step they take to rise to the challenge and put in the effort. "I noticed that you sat down and attempted to do Math homework even though you find it difficult", "High five for getting up on time this morning", "I see that you have put out your dirty clothes in the laundry for a wash." These might seem insignificant but through our words of recognition, we are watering the wholesome seeds of hard work and effort and changing their storyline.

Laziness is not an innate trait, so let's stop shaming our children about it. They will grow and flourish at their own pace which cannot be dictated by us. Remember, we cannot stopwatch our kids to success!

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A wealth of past science suggests that listening to music changes how we experience exercise of all types. Gettyimages

How music can rev up a high-intensity workout

GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

CUING UP some Calvin Harris or Macklemore during short, intense workouts might change how we feel about the exercise, according to a useful new study of how listening to jaunty music can encourage us to push ourselves harder. The study also found, though, that other types of distractions, such as podcasts, may not have the same effect.

High-intensity interval workouts are quite popular at the moment, touted by trainers, coaches, scientists and this column as a way to exercise effectively without investing much time. Consisting of brief bursts of taxing effort interspersed with rest, high-intensity interval training, or H.I.I.T., can often improve people's health and fitness to about the same extent as sustained jogging or similar training, studies show, but in a fraction of the time.

These workouts are intense, however, by definition, and some people find them intimidating or physically unpleasant. A few past studies suggest that people who are new to exercise are especially prone to dislike or avoid high-intensity training.

Understanding this hesitancy, some H.I.I.T. researchers have begun to wonder how intense workouts might be made more tolerable and appealing. Music is one obvious possibility. A wealth of past science suggests that listening to music changes how we experience exercise of all types, nudging us to feel less bored or tired and more motivated.

These studies have not focused on novice and perhaps reluctant exercisers trying their first H.I.I.T. sessions, though. So, for the new study, published last month in *Psychology of Sport & Exercise*, researchers from the University of British Columbia at Okanagan decided to focus on precisely that group.

They first recruited 24 adult men and

women who rarely exercised, invited them to a university exercise lab, fitted them with heart rate monitors, and introduced them to the one-minute workout. This approach to H.I.I.T. is among the briefest, involving three, 20-second spurts of all-out exertion — on stationary bicycles, in this experiment — with two minutes of recovery between each interval.

The volunteers were told the study would track their emotional and physiological responses to H.I.I.T. They were told nothing about music. But before one of their workouts, a researcher casually asked if the volunteers would mind if he turned on the lab's speakers. They could choose pop music, rock or hip-hop, the researcher told the volunteers; their pick.

The cyclists decided, the music began and so did the H.I.I.T. session. The up-tempo songs, including "Let's Go," by Calvin Harris, and "Can't Hold Us," by Macklemore, had been

winnowed earlier by other listeners from a set of popular tunes based on which songs the listeners thought were likeliest to get people through workouts.

After the session, the volunteers rated how hard the exercise had felt and how much — or little — they had enjoyed it.

The volunteers repeated these workouts two additional times, once without music and once while a podcast about the scintillating topic of consumerism played in the background. The researchers aired the podcast to test whether aural distractions besides music affected workouts. During and after each session, the scientists tracked heart rates, power outputs and people's feelings about the exercise, and then they compared numbers.

As a group, the volunteers almost all reported feeling relieved and happy after all three workouts, primarily because they were done. This response is likely to be familiar to anyone who does intervals. It's a pleasure to be finished.

But the volunteers also reported having enjoyed the exercise most when the music was playing, compared to when they heard the podcast or nothing. Surprisingly, they also turned out to have exerted themselves most then. Their heart rates and power outputs were significantly higher during the session with songs than without, even though their subjective rating of the difficulty of the exercise remained constant. In other words, they pedalled harder when music played, but did not feel as if they were doing so.

These findings suggest that up-tempo music may change not just our psychological but also our physical responses to H.I.I.T., says Matthew Stork, a postdoctoral researcher at UBC Okanagan who led the new study.

That the podcast did not affect exercisers in the same way is also interesting, he says, because it indicates that the music did not so much distract exercisers as engulf them.

"There's this idea called entrainment," he says, meaning that our bodies tend to sync with rhythms from the world around us, especially the rhythms of music.

Entraining to the songs, the volunteers would have upped their pedalling to pair it with the musical tempo, he says. They felt no such compulsion when hearing about consumerism.

Of course, this was a small, brief study. It does not show if music can keep people exercising intensely over the long term or if all types of music elicit the same response.

"The point is that high-intensity intervals can be a good option for people who do not think they have a lot of time for exercise," Dr Stork says, and entraining to Macklemore or your preferred musicians might just make these workouts more palatable. **NYT**

DIET DIARY

The many benefits of betel leaf



BY ISHI KHOSLA

MY CURIOSITY regarding the healing benefits of betel leaf (commonly called *paan ka patta*) arose when it miraculously subsided a deep painful injury almost overnight. The rapidity with which it reduced inflammation compelled me to further research on this green, heart-shaped leaf's health effects.

It appears that our forefathers were acutely aware of its wide-ranging health benefits, but sadly, modern urban people are not only unaware of its uses but also discourage eating paan citing alleged risk of oral cancer.

In India, the tradition of eating paan with soaked lime, areca nut (*supari*) with or without tobacco is age-old. Betel is also used in religious rituals and prayers as it is considered auspicious.

It appears that our paan ka patta actually contains many curative and healing benefits. The leaves are rich in vitamins like vitamin C, thiamine, niacin, riboflavin and carotene and are a great source of calcium. Since the amount of betel leaf one actually consumes is very small, it can hardly contribute as a rich source of these nutrients.

However, the real medicinal benefits arise from other non-nutrient components. These include its powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory compounds like phytochemicals, including phenolic compounds, flavonoids, tannins, alkaloids, steroids and quinones. Owing to these, betel leaf has anti-microbial, anti-cancer and anti-diabetic properties. Its role in prevention of cardio-vascular disease, high cholesterol and high blood pressure have been documented in Ayurvedic texts and in a few scientific studies. Its benefits in treating wounds,



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inflammation and asthma too have been reported in traditional medicine. Other known benefits in traditional medicine include treating oral cavity disorders, digestive disturbances and depression.

The concerns regarding oral cancer are real. Several studies support the increase cancer risk to lip, mouth, tongue and pharynx among consumers of betel products. However, it is more an effect of tobacco and other ingredients which cause this. Betel leaf independently has not been found to cause such detrimental effects.

Different recommendations exist for consuming betel leaf in Ayurvedic texts for specific conditions.

Till more scientific studies are conducted, it is surely a good idea to introduce this immensely beneficial leaf for your overall well-being — without the other harmful ingredients. Its heart shape may not be a coincidence and may symbolise its special role in heart health, diabetes and inflammation.

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SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

High-fibre diet may promote healthy pregnancy: Study



CONSUMING A healthy diet rich in fibre during pregnancy may promote the well-being of both the mother and child, and reduce the risk of preeclampsia, according to a study. Plant-based fibre is broken down in the gut by bacteria into factors that influence the immune system, said researchers from the University of Sydney. The researchers investigated the role of these metabolic products of gut bacteria during pregnancy. They noted the same recommendation to 'eat real food, mostly plants, and not too much' might be the most effective primary prevention strategy for some of the most serious conditions of our time. "The mother's gut bacteria and diet appear to be crucial to promoting a healthy pregnancy," said Professor Ralph Nanan. The study has been published in the journal *Nature Communications*. **PTI**

[20-40 YEARS]

Genes may play role in tooth decay, gum disease: Study



HEREDITARY TRAITS and factors such as obesity, education and personality may play a role in tooth decay and gum disease, according to a study. "The study makes it clear that teeth are part of the body. Among other things, we can see that there seems to be a causal link between risk factors for cardiovascular disease and tooth decay," said Ingegerd Johansson, from the Institute of Odontology at Umea University, Sweden. The study, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, combined data from nine international clinical studies with 62,000 participants together with data on self-reported dental health from the UK Biobank including 4,61,000 participants, making it the largest study of its kind. The researchers were able to identify 47 new genes with connections to tooth decay. **PTI**

[40-60 YEARS]

When 'bad' cholesterol gets too low, stroke risk may rise



MAINTAINING A low level of LDL, or "bad" cholesterol, is important for cardiovascular health, but extremely low LDL may also have risks, researchers report. The scientists studied 96,043 people for an average of nine years, recording their LDL level biennially and tracking cases of haemorrhagic stroke, caused by rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. About 13 per cent of strokes are of haemorrhagic type. They found that compared with people in the normal range for LDL — 70 to 99 mg per deciliter of blood — people who had LDL of 50 to 69 had a 65 per cent higher risk of haemorrhagic stroke. For people with LDL below 50, the risk nearly tripled. LDL concentrations above 100 were not significantly associated with haemorrhagic stroke, even at levels higher than 160. The study, in *Neurology*, controlled for age, sex, income and other variables. **NYT**

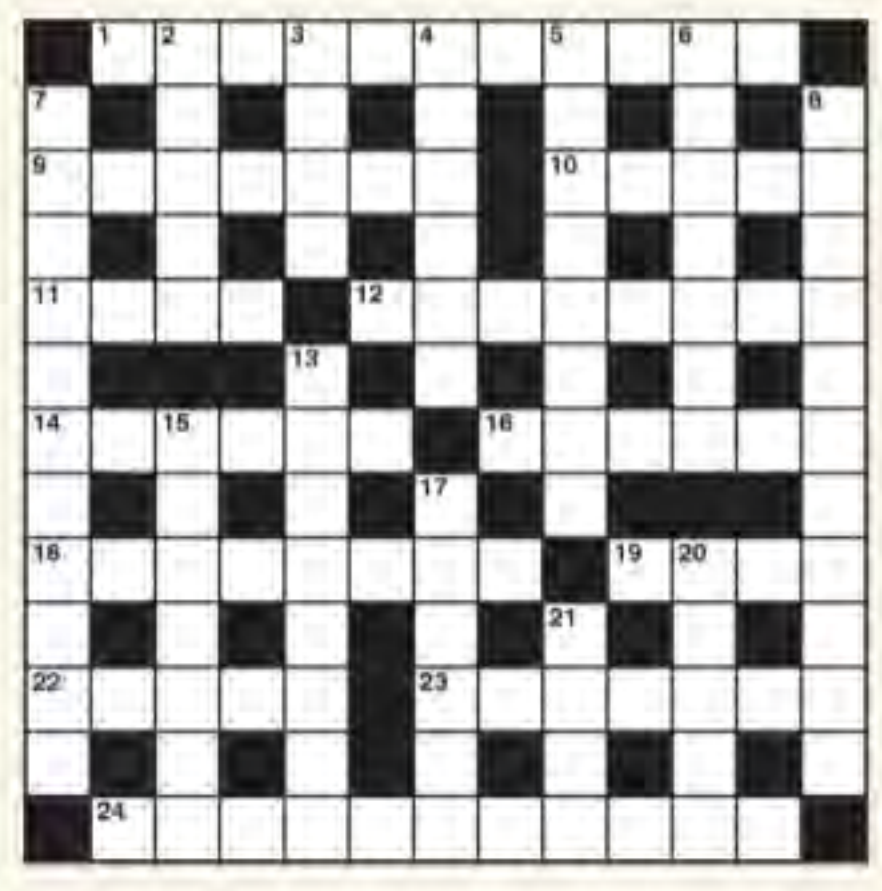
[60-80 YEARS]

Hormone therapy for prostate cancer tied to dementia



HORMONE THERAPY for prostate cancer is associated with an increased risk for dementia, a new study has found. Androgen deprivation therapy, or A.D.T., is used to treat prostate cancer. It can significantly reduce the risk for cancer progression and death. The study, in *JAMA Network Open*, included 1,54,089 men whose average age was 74 and who had diagnosed prostate cancer. Of these, 62,330 received A.D.T. In an average follow-up of eight years, scientists found that compared with men who had no hormone therapy, one to four doses of A.D.T. was associated with a 19 per cent increased risk for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and the risk increased with the number of doses. At five to eight doses the increased risk was 28 per cent for Alzheimer's and 24 per cent for other dementias. **NYT**

CROSSWORD 3857



ACROSS
1 Housing is renovated inside later (11)
9 Temporarily stopped working (4,3)
10 Cozy feature of a mountain glade (5)
11 Open and shut legal action (4)
12 Weight on one's conscience? (8)
14 Means a lot (6)
16 Examine closely for fallen arches (6)
18 He gets fed up with people (8)
19 Imprison the Italian after German agreement (4)
22 Perfume from far Oman (5)
23 Bill can sing well, it seems (7)
24 He gets priceless ideas (11)

DOWN
2 These doors are on the way out (5)
3 I study Russian art (4)
4 A result of some consequence (6)
5 Payments subject to approval (8)
6 'Bony' ran Gaul, perhaps (7)
7 He's called on to help with current problems (11)
8 His occupation is subject to contract (11)
13 Pause when the tea is set out (8)
15 Outline of a number travelling about (7)
17 Capital of France and capital of Holland in one district (6)
20 Capone and Eisenhower appear similar (5)
21 Quits the day before a new start is to be made (4)

Solutions Crossword 3856: Across: 1 Income, 4 Blockade, 9 Tender, 10 Impudent, 12 Rife, 13 Quits, 14 Star, 17 Strict orders, 20 Brother-in-law, 23 Unit, 24 Verne, 25 Syle, 28 Man-of-war, 29 Genius, 30 Reassure, 31 Entrap. Down: 1 Interest, 2 Confers, 3 Meet, 5 Limited means, 6 Coup, 7 Agents, 8 Extort, 11 Fun of the fair, 15 Score, 16 Orbit, 18 Clothier, 19 Sweeps up, 21 Fullmer, 22 Sierra, 26 Efts, 27 Hevn.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.
They're only truly ___ who are truly ___ - George Chapman (5..4)

DRAER **GOUJDT**

MRYOO **ITWYGG**

SOLUTION: DREA/R/DAER, ROON/R, DUC/OUT, TWIC/G
Answer: They're only truly great who are truly good.

Difficulty Level 5s

Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

SUDOKU 3906

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 3905

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Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
There's a strange feel about today's planetary positions which, as far as you are concerned, brings your best chance of a bit of peace and quiet, always important to restore your battered morale at the end of the week. Could some long-lost memory be emerging from your past? I think so.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
At last you're standing up for yourself, and an issue which has caused a certain amount of angst in family circles should be close to a solution. Do what you can to help the healing process on its way, and you'll earn the love and respect of your peers in the process.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Now that you've turned the corner, leaving a whole phase of life behind, you will soon have a better idea of what you're doing, why you're doing it and where it's all leading to. In general, today's mixture of passion and realism suits you, so why not stop struggling and accept that the world is on your side?

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You can be justly pleased with your progress, but don't expect other people to praise you unduly. There are those who disagree profoundly with what you have done as well as your way of doing it. You have probably learnt by now that gentle persuasion works much better than banging heads together.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
From a close examination of the stars, it appears that you're little to fear from threatened confrontations or crises and everything to look forward to in terms of rest, relaxation and a chance to re-charge your batteries. In spite of everything, I am sure you will return fitter than ever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Whether the future continues along positive lines is largely up to you. No two of you will have used your skills, opportunities and experience in exactly the same way. It won't be long before the tide really starts to turn in your direction, although I suspect that you're growing tired of waiting.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Sympathetic signs from the Moon for most of the day encourage you to treat friends more sensitively, although you may be too wrapped up in your own hopes and fears to take other people seriously. They also, by the way, encourage you to spend more money.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Venus is the traditional ruler of emotional relationships, and its position in your chart in recent weeks has indicated a tendency to be too secretive in this department. There may be something a partner should know. But should you tell them? You can, but you'll have to sugar the pill.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Mars, the most energetic of all the planets, continues to give a cutting edge to events around you which is stimulating but may be rather dangerous emotionally. With luck you should manage to get your own way, especially if you're dealing with family matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Important decisions lie ahead as far as your professional status is concerned, but there may be other ambitions about which choices will have to be made fairly soon. A partner may be moving too fast for your liking. On the other hand, you're not exactly sitting on your hands.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
After all you've been through, you're now looking forward to the time when life will at last be more restful. Part of the difficulty lies in your failure to organise your affairs properly. And that's a problem which dates back well into last year, to when conditions were different.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
This is a time to focus on your spiritual interests. You're not one to preach or proselytise, and you'll benefit most if you pursue your enquiries behind the scenes and without attracting attention. Enlightenment is really not so far away. And, in love, enjoy your fantasies.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Boy namely **Faijan S/o Kabil Khan, R/o H.No. A-127, Rajhans Vihar, Vikas Nagar, Ranhola, Delhi, Age : 20 yrs., Height : 5'8", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Round, Wearing : White Colour Half Sleeves Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Black Colour Chappal in Feet,** has been missing / kidnapped since 18.05.2019 from the area of PS. Ranhola. In this regard a case **DD No. 11-A dated 19.05.2019** has been lodged at PS. Ranhola, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped Boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped Boy please inform undersigned. Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO DP/2413/OD/19, PS. Ranhola, Delhi Ph.: 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Bank of Baroda, Corporate Office, Mumbai invites proposal for Appointment of Brand Design Agency. Details of RFP are available under Tender section on Bank's website: www.bankofbaroda.in

Place - Mumbai Date - 13.07.2019

General Manager-CC (Marketing, PR & WMS)

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M-SOUTH)-II GULMOHAR PARK, NEW DELHI-110049
No. EE-M-II/SZ/TC/2019-20/07 Dated : 11.07.2019
PRESS NOTICE FOR TENDER

Sealed percentage rate tender is invited for the execution of the following work from approved & eligible contractors registered with SDMC Tender as per time table will be opened at 3.30 P.M. on 01.08.2019. FOR ONLINE TENDERING TIME TABLE, PLEASE REFER <http://tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER>

Name of work : Road Restoration of cut made by Airtel for laying optical fiber cable in E,F,G,H,J,K,L, NIII, 80 (A&B) and 90 Block Malviya Nagar, word no. 63-S/South Zone, Estimated Cost : 75,33,400/-, Tender Amount: 63,49,256/-, Earnest Money: 1,50,700/-, Time of Completion: 03 Month, Tender Cost: 1000/-, Head of Account: G-110-1076.

R.O. No. 23/DPI/S/2019-20 Executive Engineer (MS-II), SDMC

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one female Namely: **REENA, W/o: Pawan, R/o: A-58, Gali No. 01, Nebsarai, Harijan Basti, New Delhi, Age: 20 years, Height: 5', Built: Thin, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Colour Suit Salwar and Cream Color Sleeper in her Feet.** she has been missing since 08.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 064-A Dated 09.05.2019** has been lodged at Mehrauli, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this female please inform undersigned.

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SHO P.S. Mehrauli, Delhi DP/5455/SD/19

Bihar School Examination Board

NOTICE INVITING e-Tender
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>)
Tender Notice No.- PR 289/2019

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed Agency/ Sound Firms/Companies for "Selection of Agency for Conducting Pre Examination Activity of Bihar Secondary/ Senior Secondary Teacher Eligibility Test (BSITET) 2019 with biometric thumb impression and face capturing" as per Scope of Work section of this document.

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| Cost of Tender document (In Rupees) | Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit card) (In Rupees) | Earnest Money (In Rupees) |
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| 1000.00 (One Thousand Rupees only) | 1,180/- (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only) | 1,00,000.00 (One Lakh Rupees only) |

Tender Schedule/ Programme:

| Date and Time for Activity | Date/Time : Duration |
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| Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents | From : 13/07/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 03/08/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) |
| Pre-Bid Meeting | 19/07/2019 at 11:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017) |
| Last Date/Time for submission /uploading of offer/Bid | 03/08/2019 upto 13:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) |
| Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/ Original | 03/08/2019 upto 13:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017) |
| Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid | 03/08/2019 at 14:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017) |
| Financial Bid Opening Date and Time | Date to be announced later by competent authority |

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• Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> in itself.
• Contact Details : Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer - +91 6299923095, E-Mail ID - eproc.bseb@gmail.com
• Note: Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/reject /reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

EXTENSION NOTICE

The Critical Dates of e-Tender No. 30 of 2019 dated 22.05.2019 floated for Supply of Video Wall for PHQ J&K, Srinagar/ Jammu are hereby extended as under:

- 1) Last Date for Receiving of Online Tender Offers: 15.07.2019 upto 18.00 hrs.
- 2) Date for Online Opening of Technical Bids: 17.07.2019 at 1100 hours at PHQ J&K, Srinagar.

However, other contents of the Tender shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- Mubassir Latifi, JKPS
AIG (Provision & Transport) PHQ
For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar.

No.: Prov-II/WPR-10/2019-20-40539-50
Dated: 06.07.2019
DIPK-16B-1628/19

MAHARASHTRA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Joint Venture of Govt. of Maharashtra and Ministry of Railways)

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Tender No. MRIDC/e-TENDER/RUB-LHS/2019/43

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SUPER 30
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Director: Vikas Bahl; **Cast:** Hrithik Roshan, Mrunal Thakur, Virendra Saxena, Nandish Singh, Aditya Srivastava, Pankaj Tripathi

Almost Famous

SHUBHRA GUPTA

THE HUGE inspirational, much-storied saga of Anand Kumar, the genius who cracked the most difficult thing in the world—how to crack the Joint Entrance Examination, aka JEE—was always going to be a movie.

You can't get a better hook than this: a bunch of underprivileged youngsters fighting monumental odds to enter the IIT, the most prestigious engineering college in the world, bar none. Anand's amazing feat has everything: nature vs nurture, false entitlement vs earned merit, raja vs rank—to get into an IIT is the dream of millions, leading to an education that is literally life-changing. Done right, it should have been a rous-

ing, goose-bump inducing, cheer-athon. But *Super 30*, called thus because of the number of students in Anand's class, is way less than super. For several reasons: the calling out of caste is not brave enough, especially when it's clear Anand is lower-caste, the main tale is padded with unnecessary drama, and instead of sharp specifics, there's the usual broad brush-stroke Bollywoodised treatment that suffices the whole thing. And the throwaway moment in which a trumped-up sexual harassment charge is levelled (and dropped) against Anand is cringe-inducing, given that the film's director has been mired in something similar.

The brown-facing of the fair-skinned Hrithik Roshan is a clear and present problem. Clearly, the only way this film would

have got made was to have an A-list male star fronting it, and Roshan has had enough practice in being earnest in previous roles to carry off a part like this. But his earnestness comes off rehearsed. He's almost always Hrithik-playing-Anand, not managing to tamp down his starriness, not because he's not capable of it, but because of the film's insistence of making him a hero all the time. And that 'Bihari' accent? The less said,

I did get stirred a couple of times, and those were when the film puts Hrithik together with the young people who play his students, the ones who form the Super 30: glimpses of real gut-wrenching poverty flit past, leaving behind some of their grit. Their faces have animation, the kind a movie like this could have done much more with.

The supporting cast, specially Virendra

Saxena as Anand's supportive father, and Aditya Srivastava as the Patna-based businessman who understands just how to monetise his gold medal, is solid. As is Pankaj Tripathi as the canny neta who wants to keep his image squeaky clean. Mrunal Thakur, as Hrithik's romantic interest, is fresh-faced if underused. But even these worthies come off generic—The Good 'Baap', The Bad 'Mai-Baap', The Greedy Businessman—as the film winds its way to its predictable end, taking up far too much of our time.

Yes, the real-life story is inspiring. But the telling of it is a drag. The film has its moments, which belong mostly to its young people: the kids are all right.

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Dancing to the Same Tune

YESTERDAY

★★★

Director: Danny Boyle
Cast: Himesh Patel, Lily James, Kate McKinnon, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Joel Fry, Ed Sheeran

SHALINI LANGER

WHAT IF the Beatles were one of us? Really, a slob like one of us. Brown, mildly talented, living with endearing but irritating parents, and as McKinnon's exaggerated American agent puts it, someone who can be bafflingly "skinny but round at the same time".

Director Danny Boyle and co-scriptwriter Richard Curtis, with many a crowd-pleasing film between them, present an interesting subversion here. One night, as Jack (Patel) is returning from yet another failed singing gig, and has just told his amazingly supportive manager (James) that he is calling it quits, there is a solar flare, a global blackout, and an accident. When Jack comes to, it's with two teeth missing and to a world with no memory of the

Beatles. It's only he who remembers one of the world's greatest singing sensations and the songs that got them there.

As Jack strums those numbers, everyone believes it is he who is writing and setting music to them, rendering him an overnight sensation. So one of Britain's most famous contributions to the world now is a desi lad with curly hair, paunchy middle, Malik for surname and Meera Syal and Sanjeev Bhaskar of *The Kumars at No. 42* (as good as ever, answering a constantly ringing doorbell still) for parents.

Boyle, thankfully, doesn't take the *Slumdog Millionaire* route, neither is *Yesterday* about race etcetera. Jack is just another Paul, John, George or Ringo in this world, surrounded by normal friends and a normal life. Curtis and co-writer Jack Barth keep the film light, easy and fun, with of course great music to keep it all rolling.

However, they never make it to the next level. Beyond the Beatles and a loving ode to them, what is *Yesterday* about? It doesn't turn out, sadly, about whether music can indeed surmount all boundaries of looks, race, nationality, and colour. It hints but doesn't explore what would happen should the



Beatles debut now, with the millennials, their micro attention spans, and the marketing. It is not about Britain's wholehearted acceptance of its largest and fastest-rising immigrant population. And it's not about, finally, even life after fame.

What it turns out to be is an improbable love story, with a girl like James pining openly for a boy like Jack, and he barely responding. Till he even more improbably does. While both Patel, who does a good rendition of the Beatles hits, and James are convincing and likable individually, and even have a good friendly vibe, their romantic scenes are awkward, even cringey—

though even cringier is a surprise cameo right at the end.

Still, *Yesterday* does give us Ed Sheeran playing Ed Sheeran, who sportingly sings a number and lets Jack get all the applause. That, plus the Beatles, plus some appealing actors (bar McKinnon, tragically), plus the alluring thought of whether Jack can remember all the lyrics of all the Beatles hits (particularly and hilariously of *Eleanor Rigby*), given that all traces of the songs have been wiped clean, may make you say, let it be.

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On Borrowed Time

SEA OF SHADOWS (DOCUMENTARY)

Directors: Richard Ladkani, Sean Bogle, Matthew Podolsky

Cast: Romel Eduardo Ledezma Abaroa, Rafael Pacchiano Alamán, Hector Capetillo, Andrea Crosta, Marc Davis

BEN KENIGSBERG

IT'S BECOME a little easy to say that a documentary unfolds like a big-budget spectacle, but *Sea of Shadows*—a suspenseful, wide-screen drama filled with gunfire, cartels and corruption—is actually shot and edited like one. And that's a surprise, given that the film comes from National Geographic.

Directed by Richard Ladkani, *Sea of Shadows* is concerned with the plight of the vaquita, an endangered porpoise that lives in the Gulf of California, between Baja California and mainland Mexico. The illicit trade for the totoaba, a fish whose swim bladders have been called the "cocaine of the sea" for the high price they fetch in China, has taken a devastating toll on the vaquita, which get caught in nets intended for their more expensive aquatic neighbours.

Criminal syndicates are involved in the trafficking, and the fishermen are essentially caught in the economic crossfire. Conservationist measures that restrict fishing keep them at home and cash-poor. And given that there are said to be fewer than two

dozen vaquitas left in the wild as of earlier this year, many fishermen have never seen them. We're told they regard them as ghosts, not real creatures worth protecting.

Sea of Shadows unfolds on parallel tracks. The journalist Carlos Loret de Mola uses his television platform to pressure law enforcement into cracking down on the totoaba networks. In footage that Ladkani amazingly was able to film, Andrea Crosta, a conservationist and activist, covertly meets with snitches from the supply chain he's trying to break. (Their faces are obscured and their voices are tweaked.)

Dr Cynthia Smith is part of a team with the counterintuitive notion that saving vaquitas requires moving them from open waters; the goal is to capture them and keep them in captivity, if they'll tolerate it, until it's safe to bring them home. Jack Hutton belongs to an organisation that pulls up nets and by night, surveils poachers by drone—an operation that sometimes encounters violence.

The plot twists are so spot on that a screenwriter might have rejected them, whether it's Smith's attempt to resuscitate a vaquita who has not taken well to captivity or a man, apparently involved in the swim bladder trade, who tells an undercover operative that "it's a great money-laundering business, too." Given how publicly the totoaba trade looks to be conducted, maybe Ladkani's incredible access isn't so surprising after all.

NYT

Back to the Future

GENERAL MAGIC (DOCUMENTARY)

Directors: Sarah Kerruish, Matt Maude

Cast: Tony Fadell, Andy Hertzfeld, Marc Porat, John Sculley, Megan Smith

BILGE EBIRI

WHAT HAPPENS when you invent a future that remains, resolutely, in the future? Sarah Kerruish and Matt Maude's documentary *General Magic* looks at a Silicon Valley startup that in the early 1990s accurately imagined the world we'd be living in today. The developers, designers and engineers at General Magic worked on concepts like e-commerce, touch screens, animated emoticons and, most notably, a smartphone that would contain the world.

But the company, an Apple spinoff, eventually came undone because it couldn't take advantage of the present, as its visionaries overlooked things like the rise of the free internet. (One General Magic developer had a small side project that would become eBay—but was apparently laughed out of the room when he pitched the idea to his colleagues.)

Kerruish herself was hired in 1992 to produce a promotional video for General Magic,



which resulted in a bounty of valuable archival footage. The film vividly portrays the company's inventive spirit, and present-day interviews with key employees—many of whom went on to important roles at Google, Adobe and elsewhere—make it clear that their time at General Magic was instrumental in their later successes.

The film does romanticise this era quite a bit, and, particularly in later scenes, leans heavily on soaring drone shots and melancholy music to convey the heartbreak of the company's failure. While aesthetically pleasing, such moments can also feel like filler. *General Magic* is engaging, but there's a tougher, tighter film in here struggling to get out.

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Awkward Laughs

AZIZ ANSARI: RIGHT NOW

★★

Director: Spike Jonze

Cast: Aziz Ansari

EKTAA MALIK

HE WALKS in, with shoulders drooping, almost nonchalantly—wearing a grey Metallica t-shirt and an equally grey pair of stone-washed jeans, and sneakers with skeleton toes painted on them—and plumps himself awkwardly on a bar stool that's placed dead centre on the stage and faces a packed hall in Brooklyn. For Aziz Ansari, actor and stand-up comedian, New York is almost home. His show *Master of None* was set here and he attended school close by in Greenwich, and he couldn't have asked for a better place for his latest stand-up *Right Now* for Netflix. But no, the show in Brooklyn is the acid test for Ansari, who

in early 2018 was accused of sexual misconduct by a woman whom he went out on a date with. And yes, he did address that scandal head on in the first two minutes of the hour-long act.

"I felt so many things, in the last year or so. There's times I felt scared. There's times I felt humiliated. There's times I felt embarrassed. And ultimately, I just felt terrible that this person felt this way. And after a year or so, I just hope it was a step forward. And it moved things forward for me; it made me think about a lot. I hope I've become a better person." By the end of this line, Ansari, whose pitched, excitable voice is a kind of signature, had lowered his voice to a stage whisper—something which he does repeatedly in the stand-up act—and he leaned closer, shoulders hunched, as if beckoning the audience to come closer to him as he shared with them the tragedy that he suffered for the past year-and-a-half.

Ansari moved on to jokes that included *Crazy Rich Asians*, wokeness, him being

brown and dating a Danish white girl and male IUDs. Michael Jackson and R Kelly controversies too are mentioned. There was an interesting bit about how 'woke' white people have a grading system where they mark themselves for the good deed of the day—"Like a secret, progressive candy crush we don't know about. Like how I told one of my African-American friends that I thought *Black Panther* should have won best picture". None of the lines are laugh out funny, nor are they so on point with being politically incorrect. They are just there.

What's conspicuous by its absence is Ansari's energy, that makes the stand-up seem more drawn out than needed. The energy that made his character Tom Haverford in *Parks and Recreation* so endearing, complete with big eyes and an even wider smile. That energy alone made the confidence and excitement of Dev—his autobiographical character from the show *Master of None*—believable.

Ansari in *Right Now* engages a lot with



the audience, just like his 2015 Netflix special *Aziz Ansari: Live at Madison Square Garden*. Here, raising hands has been replaced by clapping, and the energy and the tone is more philosophical than cheeky. There is even a time when he asks the audience to close their eyes and remember their one happy memory from a recent weekend

spent with their family, and then to raise their hands. There's a heavy silence because everyone is trying hard to concentrate. "There's like five hands up right now. You know why? Because we all had the same shitty weekend, okay. I know what you did, because I did the same thing," he chuckles. *Right Now* is a slight departure from the

usual arrays of stand-up specials that are streaming on Netflix. For starters it's not at all glamorous and has a rugged feel to it. Spike Jonze, who was up on stage filming Ansari, was at times so close to him that one could see the four o'clock shadow on his face. There were awkward camera angles and some quirky framing. One could even see some people—the production crew presumably—who were watching the show from the wings.

Ansari circles back to sexual misconduct in the end as he thanked the audience for coming out to see him. He was ready to move on from the mishaps of last year, and was stating the same for the world at large. "I wasn't grateful enough. I didn't really think what it means that you all guys came... I saw the world where I don't get to do this anymore and it almost felt like I had died. In a way I did. That old Aziz who'd say 'treat yo self', whatever is dead."

Ansari seems to have risen from the ashes like a phoenix, but he is still flying with baby wings. Till then, it's a flap here and there.

Right Now streams on Netflix

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Articles of Faith

A significant, well-curated collection that frames Hindu nationalism but keeps the big picture elusive



A statue of Bharat Mata at Kanyakumari Courtesy: Krishna Kumar / Wikimedia Commons

RAVISH TIWARI

"THERE COULD be three reasons of why they (Muslims) start riots — one reason may be that our Muslim brethren have concluded that now there is no place for them in India, no guardian for them, so it is better to die fighting than to live... Another reason may be that some Muslims are connected with Pakistan and indulge in rioting at Pakistan's behest... The third and most important reason seems to be that some Muslim leaders do not want Muslims to merge with the national mainstream."

This extract, from a May 1970 discussion in Parliament on communal tension, is in one of the representative pieces selected by Swapan Dasgupta — Rajya Sabha MP nominated by the previous Narendra Modi government — which provide different strands of the "political beliefs" of the Indian right in *Awakening Bharat Mata*, through 24 articles, speeches and essays.

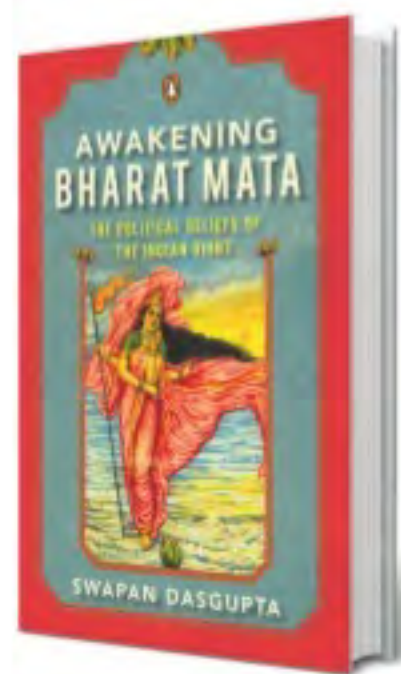
Now, when the political discourse is polarised between believers and non-believers, the fate of a leader making such a remark in Parliament would be bleak. However, the MP who made that remark in 1970 went on to become the first Indian Prime Minister with no Congress affiliation — Atal Bihari Vajpayee, considered the right man in the wrong party by the end of his political career.

Beliefs are flexible according to political expediency. As Prime Minister in the late '90s, Vajpayee had suspended the political belief of the 1970s. But beliefs have a survival instinct that sustains them in adversity. The Hindu cultural nationalist belief not only kept itself afloat during the Independence movement that projected a composite nation until Partition jolted the country, but has also survived the charge of being the motivational force behind the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. It now animates the ruling establishment of India.

In these polarised times when one side's believer is the other side's infidel, Dasgupta's book teases out the different strands of Hindu

cultural nationalist belief. Acknowledging that "the right has often been distinguished by its quasi-spiritual vagueness", the author has honestly declared that the book has a "sympathetic position" towards Hindu nationalism. It attempts to place Hindu cultural nationalist belief in two major arcs. First, this impulse is old and was shared by the early nationalists of late 19th century and early 20th century before the Congress began a hegemonic refashioning. Second, unlike Indian liberals heavily influenced by Western political thought, the beliefs of the Indian right are "largely indigenous".

For the believers, it can serve as a primer. For non-believers, it attempts to provide a benign picture of a courtyard that they had abandoned as unworthy of attention, for it was peopled by the untouchables of Indian politics. As constitutional secularists are criticised for missing the pulse of the public twice over, the book offers sanitised sen-



AWAKENING BHARAT MATA: THE POLITICAL BELIEFS OF THE INDIAN RIGHT
SWAPAN DASGUPTA
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iments of the supporters of the victors. In fact, the choice of articles, and particularly the omissions, suggests that the book deliberately aims for an audience beyond the believers.

As expected, there are articles by Veer Savarkar, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and LK Advani, but KB Hedgewar and MS Golwalkar of the RSS, SP Mookerjee and Deendayal Upadhyaya, who kept the flame alive since the 1920s despite the Congress belief of composite nationalism, are missing. They do find mention in Dasgupta's introduction, but the omission of their work is curious. Does the author want to lure non-believers by not exciting prejudice against these figures, or does their writing fall short of the standards he set to present the image of a responsible Indian right?

The articulation of Hindu nationalist belief is so responsible that the selection could suggest an attempt to disassociate it from the methods deployed by its toxic street champions — cow vigilantes and love jihad vigilantes — and their vitriolic calls for "Jai Shri Ram". And the attention to non-believers is drawn to the heartfelt sentiment of the loss of the cultural civilisational identity of the people of the subcontinent.

The selection of articles does not seek to provide a chronological evolution of belief, but a pattern emerges. As many as one third of the essays — by Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay, Sister Nivedita, Aurobindo, MG Ranade, RG Bhandarkar, Ananda K Coomaraswamy and Jadunath Sarkar — doesn't seem to be bothered about the Muslim question. They are reflections — mostly of Hindu society — against the backdrop of white supremacy under colonial rule, and express the angst of a vanquished people proud of their historical legacy. There is no antagonism towards Muslims. Interestingly, most of them were written before 1920, before the Khilafat movement, and before the proposal of separate electorates for Muslims.

Muslim issues begin to appear in articles from the later period of the Independence

struggle. The writing chafes at betrayal by our own, the displacement of the idea of the sacred in the national consciousness by mechanical frameworks, the supremacy of constitutional patriotism over cultural patriotism, and the idea of composite culture over that of two competing cultures under the Hindu masters of Independent India. Vajpayee's barb in Parliament in 1970 was just one way of articulating that frustration, at the peak of Congress hegemony.

Jadunath Sarkar invokes Shivaji's challenge to Bijapur and Delhi (that they are ruled by Muslims is incidental) to suggest that the "Hindu race" can produce more than jammers (non-commissioned officers) and chitnises (clerks). But the very next article by Savarkar, written much later, frames the Maratha conquests against unjust Muslim political domination. Only later work (by Savarkar, Ramananda Chatterjee, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel) from before the Indian Constitution was finalised invokes Muslims. "Proportionately, there are more Muslims than Hindus in the Army," Chatterjee observed in the March 1929 session of the Hindu Mahasabha, for instance. But later writing by Nirad C Chaudhuri, RC Majumdar, Sita Ram Goel, NC Chatterjee, Vajpayee, Advani, VS Naipaul, Girilal Jain and S Gurumurthy, mostly from after the Constitution was adopted, features distinct angst against Mughal rule.

Dasgupta's introductory chapters, framing the context of the book, benefit from his accessible journalistic style. But specific context is lacking — why were certain articles chosen, and what was their background? There is also a lack of social diversity. A Muslim voice is obviously missing, but the book does not show how the Northeast, or people speaking Telugu, Kannada, Punjabi or Malayalam, or victims of social injustice, historically envisaged their Bharat Mata. Most of the voices are drawn from the erstwhile Bombay or Calcutta presidencies. These are valid voices, nonetheless. One could argue with them, but that would be to miss the point. For they express beliefs, which are to be understood.



FUNNY WOMEN

The Rutshire Chronicles author Jilly Cooper, 82, received the lifetime achievement honour at the Comedy Women in Print (CWIP) award in the UK, for her "legacy and inspiration to comic women writers". The prize was launched last August by actor-author and stand-up Helen Lederer in response to the lack of exposure for female comedy writing.

There's No Home Here

A poignant tale of social orders where caste murders the meanings of home, identity

NIKITHA PHYLLIS

EVERYONE LONGS for a home to call their own. Home can mean a certain economic status for some, a sense of belonging for others. In *Pulayathara* (home or land of the Pulayars), Paul Chirakkaroode shows us how fragile this concept of a home is for the Pulayar and Paraiyar, the so-called lower castes of Kerala. Home, for them, is not rooted or fixed, it is wherever the landlord permitted them to build one — usually a small hut made of clay, bamboo and palm leaves.

We see this in the story of Thevan Pulayan, an old farm hand who has worked on his landlord's fields since he was a young boy. The book opens with Thevan reminiscing about the house he was allowed to build in a corner of the field. After Aayirampara, the fields he has lovingly nurtured all his life, his home is his pride and joy. It is all he needs to start a family. So he marries and the couple have a son, Kandankoran. Cut to the present and we see the old man being ousted from his home. With nowhere to go, father and his son seek shelter at the home of a Christian relative, Pathros.

A mild-mannered man and an ardent Christian, Pathros lives with his wife Maria and daughter Anna in a small hut built on Church land. He welcomes Thevan and Kandankoran with open arms — a gesture that doesn't sit well with Maria, as it involves two extra mouths to feed. The same night, at the preacher's house, the Church committee's Syrian Christian members congregate to pick a speaker for the 'Awakening', a spiritual event meant to bring the congregation closer to God.

When the preacher suggests Pathros, as he has "a voice that could make waves of repentance surge through the congregation," Custodian Thomas breaks out into a sweat and has visions of his ancestors reproaching him for this insult to their ancient lineage. So he gets the preacher to agree on inviting a speaker as good as Pathros.

On the day of the event, the Dalit community waits expectantly for Pathros to address them but are shocked when someone else takes the stage. This episode marks the first of many cracks in the seemingly idyllic life of the community, and the realisation that the caste discrimination they sought to escape has doggedly followed them from one religion to another.

Back at Pallithara, Thevan rues his fate, while a romance blossoms through stolen glances between Kandankoran and Anna. The Syrian Christians create problems for Pathros for harbouring his Hindu relatives, who eventually leave. Kandankoran, however, decides to convert to marry Anna, a decision he questions when he notices the unequal seating arrangement at the Church service — the Pulayars sit on mats, while the Syrian Christians lean comfortably on benches.

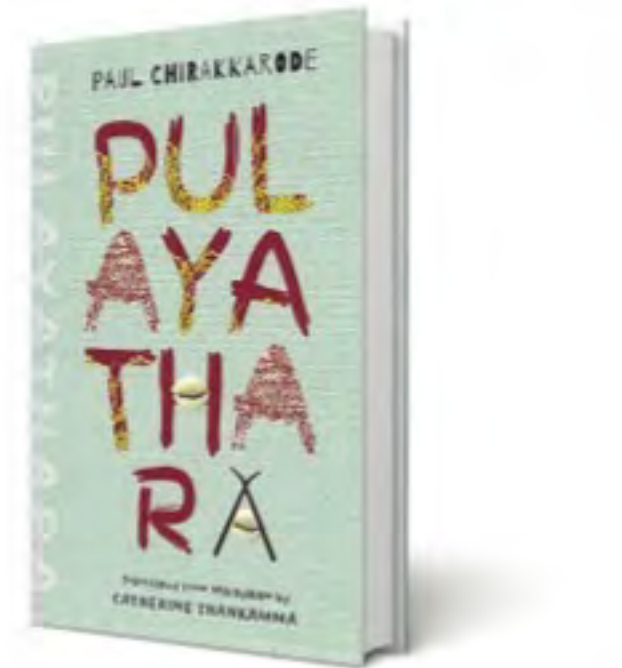
This realisation also dawns on Pathros and Paulos. "Like a caparisoned elephant", Pathros had felt a certain pride for having risen above his Hindu brethren. He realises that for people like Custodian Thomas, he is "just Pathros Pelen".

Paulos, on the other hand, decides to turn thought into action. He mobilises the community, leads them out of the Church during its yearly anniversary, and decides to hold a meeting by inviting a Dalit writer to address them on the oppression they face.

In all of Chirakkaroode's works, caste discrimination in Christianity is a central theme. He relentlessly questions the hypocrisy of Christianity, stripping off its



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vener of equality and tolerance. Like the Pulayars, we are left wondering what sort of a religion and god lets it's people be trampled upon and treated as less than human.

We feel for the characters — Pathros, because he is caught between the religion he has grown to love and inequality that exists within it; Thevan, who loses his home, his belongings and his sanity; and, mainly, Kandankoran, who feels his caste acutely following his conversion, almost as if it has physically dealt him blow after blow.

We also feel for the women, Maria and Anna. The relationship between mother and daughter takes a tumultuous turn when Kandankoran arrives on the scene. She cajoles and scolds Anna to forget about marrying him, who has no home or a job. Anna is steadfast in her love for the dark and handsome Kandankoran and vows to marry no one else but him.

In Anna and Kandankoran, Chirakkaroode also gives us a picture of domestic bliss, that "they may be dark skinned, but they, too, are human" and deserve happiness.

Pulayathara moves at a leisurely pace, mimicking the landscape, giving the reader enough time to absorb each character's experiences, and ruminate on caste atrocities. A name can be changed following conversion, but caste sticks like a stubborn stain. Yet, the book offers hope — hope that the people will rise up and protest.

'Musharraf used every occasion to grandstand and project himself'

From Agra to Islamabad

Musharraf, who had become the Chief Martial Law Administrator of Pakistan after his military coup, had been invited by us to India for bilateral talks in Agra in July 2001, albeit without much advance preparation. Vajpayee invited me to be present at Agra where talks with Musharraf were to be held...

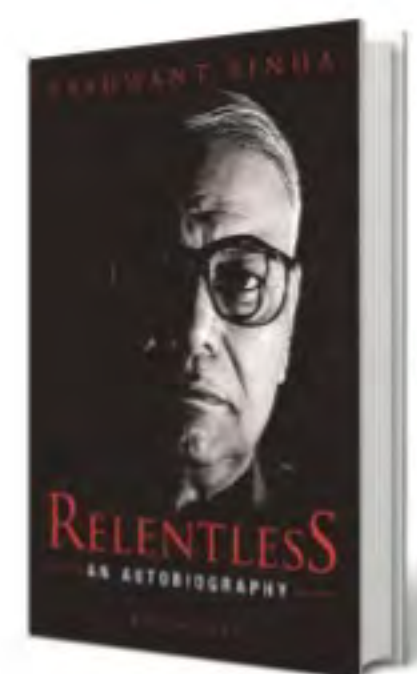
The talks started with a great deal of fanfare. Musharraf took full advantage of the invitation to legitimise himself in the eyes of the world and quickly appointed himself as the President of Pakistan. Thus, he made himself eligible for all the courtesies that a visiting head of state is entitled to in India. A big lunch was arranged for him in Delhi. The General used every occasion to grandstand and project himself to the hilt...

On the second day of the talks, the external affairs minister, Jaswant Singh, suggested that the foreign ministers of Pakistan, Abdul Sattar and he be allowed to join the talks. This was agreed to and, at the end of some further negotiations, a draft joint statement was also prepared by the two foreign ministers. Jaswant Singh had made some changes

in his own hand to the typed copy of the draft and had given a photocopy of the amended draft to Sattar. Another copy was brought by him to Vajpayee's room where the rest of us had assembled.

Advani and I looked closely at the draft and expressed our reservations on some of the formulations as well as on some of the glaring omissions. For instance, I pointed out that non-reference to the Simla Agreement of 1972 should not be acceptable to us as it had been a decisive turning point in our bilateral relationship with Pakistan. Advani also strongly objected to the absence of a reference to cross-border terrorism in the draft. All this was pointed out to Jaswant Singh as politely as possible, with a request to include these in the draft. Vajpayee also agreed with the points we had raised.

I do not know what kind of pressure he was working under, but Jaswant Singh suddenly lost his cool and angrily told us that he had finalised the draft at his level with his Pakistani counterpart; and its rejection amounted to a vote of no-confidence in him. He went on to add that he would not have anything further to do with the matter, and



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that the rest of us could finalise the draft as we wished. After making these remarks, he promptly stood up and left the room. Thus,

the meeting ended abruptly.

Deal or no deal

The Indo-US nuclear deal was inked during the visit of PM Manmohan Singh to Washington in July 2005. When news of the deal broke, a meeting was held at Vajpayee's residence to discuss its implications for India. Advani, Jaswant Singh, Rajnath Singh, Arun Shourie, Brajesh Mishra and I attended the meeting. It was decided that such a deal was not in India's interest and that we should oppose it. This continued to be the party line throughout the period we remained in the Opposition. But it changed dramatically when we came to power in 2014.

In the first debate on the nuclear deal, held in Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon Session of 2005 soon after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh returned to India, the party did not give me an opportunity to initiate the debate. Instead, Sushma Swaraj took the responsibility upon herself, noting that the deal was a 'great, big blunder', saying 'Duniya mandi zoran noon, lakh laanat hai kamzoran noon' (The world bows before the powerful, while nobody even listens to the weak. Shame be upon them.) At the end of her speech, she thundered, 'Sardar

Manmohan Singhji, I will [sic] to tell that if you wish to maintain your name in the world, maintain the power and capability that we maintained. Don't destroy that capability, otherwise the future generations will not only curse and make you but also us the target of their sarcastic flings.'

As for me, realising that the party was not going to give me the opportunity to air my views in Parliament, I decided to write articles on the deal in newspapers...

Within the party, I received strong support from Arun Shourie, along with Digvijay Singh of JD (U) in the NDA. During this time, Digvijay had invited Sher Bahadur Deuba of Nepal for lunch at his place, along with many other Indian leaders as well. Sitaram Yechury of the CPM was also present, and I availed of the opportunity to speak to him. I suggested that, like the US Congress, we should also adopt a 'Sense of the House' resolution, at least in the Rajya Sabha, where we could muster a majority by bringing together all the like-minded parties.

Natwar Singh, who had become a dissenter within the Congress party by then, and was opposing the deal, also joined in. As did Amar Singh of the Samajwadi Party. We got together to draft a 'Sense of the House' reso-

lution. Sitaram promised to get back to us after getting his party's approval for such a resolution. I also showed it to the leaders of my party and they were in favour of it as well.

Somehow, the Congress party got wind of the move. They put pressure on the CPM not to team up with the BJP for any such resolution to be adopted in the Rajya Sabha. With the Left parties backing out, the chances of the resolution being adopted by the House also receded. However, we had a major debate in the Rajya Sabha in August 2006 that went on until late in the evening. This time, the party gave me the opportunity to initiate it. I would personally rate this speech as one of my best in Parliament...

Ironically, the entire credit for opposing the deal was cornered by the Left parties. The reason was simple. They supported the government and so their opposition was much more significant than the BJP's, which was in the actual Opposition in any case. As for me, I had to fight a battle against the deal not only outside but also within my own party.

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It is time for a new voice for the boys, to hopefully take them to another level."

TREVOR BAYLISS
ENGLAND COACH

Rolls Roy-ce

The England opener has managed to merge talent with discipline, and now stands on the verge of a World Cup win



Jason Roy celebrating a milestone; (bottom): A 13-year-old Roy. AP

ROY'S ROCK AND ROLL

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| 54 | off | 53 vs SA |
| 8 | off | 7 vs PAK |
| 153 | off | 121 vs BAN |
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| 60 | off | 61 vs NZ |
| 85 | off | 65 vs AUS |
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play into Roy's approach, tighten his technique and soon, Roy came into the ambit of former England batsman Graham Thorpe at Surrey.

Adams picks up the story. "Thorpe's philosophy is how well you can play pace bowling, particularly short bowling. And how well you can play extreme spin. If you can't play medium pace or finger-spin, then you are in the wrong business, he would say!" Adams says.

And so Roy went to work with Thorpe. Hours and hours of training, hitting the ball straight down the ground. A lot of work was spent on spin. One could see all of it paying off when he absolutely launched himself against the Australian spinners in the semifinal. Adams focused on Roy hitting straight, and Thorpe worked on his spin-pace technique and the "combination of those two aspects I think has produced a wonderful cricketer," Adams says.

All Thorpe wanted was, in Adam's telling, for Roy to have a technique to negate a good ball. "Hone your technique, not change it, but present enough options to have your basic game covered."

The talent wasn't ever in question, the fiery temperament was. Harmer remembers how the clubs would formulate a plan to handle young Roy. "We would have someone follow him into the dressing room when he gets out and looks angry; to calm him down. A few plant pots have been kicked away and other non-living things have borne the brunt. Bats have been thrown."

His coach at Kendrick, Whitgift school in Croydon, had one worry about Roy - on a cricket field. "I was a bit worried about whether he could bat long enough - and not just make good-looking 40s. "Mark Butcher, former England batsman, is a good friend of mine and so I took Jason to him. He was 17 then. Mark was somewhat similar in temperament to Jason, and I thought he would be great for the lad. Mark helped him soak up the atmosphere of professional cricket in Surrey."

It seems Roy was lucky to an extent to run into a series of men who liked what they saw in him, never tinkered with his technique, but tried their best to hone his skills and temperament. Adams reels out the names: Gareth Townsend, Alec Stewart, Alastair Brown, Butcher, Thorpe, Ian Salisbury. The English cricketing system had realised that they had someone special and tried to find ways to polish him.

The temperament was in question but his character never was. Though there have been moments like the one in Birmingham with umpire Kumar Dharmasena, Roy has been sort of keeping a lid on his emotions. "Way better than before for sure," Adams

"I could directly look into Jason's soul, so to say. Here was a young man who was going to make it. I could see he wanted it so desperately."

CHRIS ADAMS
FORMER CRICKET DIRECTOR OF SURREY

says. "Back then, his emotions could swing extreme. We at Surrey worked on helping him develop the ability to see himself rather than be himself."

"It doesn't mean we were trying to change him drastically - what I mean is for him to see what sort of person he can be, the type of sportsman he can be. If he could have an understanding of what that looked like, we felt, he could naturally gravitate towards that image," Adams says. "If you watch him these days, when he gets out, he would have been inside screaming, cursing but he had a calm look when he walked off." (This obviously doesn't count anger at umpiring errors). "Barring a stray occasion or two, it looks he has got it all together," Adams says.

"We would make a young Jason, probably 19-21, sit down and quietly go through the events from the match. What made him throw his wicket away. A methodical approach - and a lot of patience. Make him understand that a dazzling 40 wasn't going to affect the game. About the discipline around the off-stump. Stuff like that. He has matured a lot the way he bats now. For example, against spinners, he would go down the track and launch himself, hit couple of breathtaking shots and get out. These days, he seems to be so much more in control both sides of the pitch. That takes skill. He has come a long way in the last couple of years."

All the coaches and mentors who were spoken to seem to be happy with one crucial element: The atmosphere in the current England team with Eoin Morgan. They feel that he promotes an aggressive style of cricket, and Roy has flourished. J Roy, a fun free-spirited soul, who loved smashing the ball, has found his spiritual home in Morgan's team. Next stop, The Ashes, but first the small matter of a World Cup final.

embarrassingly short, there was surprise at how well the England team dominated in their semi-final win over defending champions Australia. Now was the time to gloat.

Veteran journalists Rob Smyth and Geoff Lemon who were in charge of The Guardian's live blog tried to make some sense of it moments after the win. "It's quite hard to make sense of what we watched today," their final entry read. "England have marginalised Australia in a World Cup semi-final. You have to feel for this Australian team, especially their admirable captain Aaron Finch. It's no consolation, not to a country of serial winners, but they have come so far in the last year. England have travelled even further in the last four years. They are one win away from immortality. Trouble is, so are New Zealand. It's all quite emotional - especially if you're a member of Generation FFS, that hardy, masochistic, downright odd group of England supporters who have followed every ODI their team has lost and played in the last 27 years."

It was a gracious celebration of a historic win. But the duo did quote, and commend, the plans of a certain Rachel Gray. "I have a date with an Australian this evening," said Gray. "It was of course going to be following our victory over India, then I saw it as an opportunity to appear gracious after a close defeat, but I am utterly unequipped to deal with this. How do I get through the evening without being totally insufferable?"

The Guardian's reaction: "You can't, so the next best thing is to get so pattered on Victory Juice that you won't remember being insufferable, which means you weren't." So the gloating did happen, eventually. **ENS**

BRIEFLY



I don't know who is the underdog here. That is for the media to say. We are going in with a 50-50 chance and we need to be a little bit better than England on Sunday."

GARY STEAD
NEW ZEALAND COACH,
ON THE FINAL

Rashid Khan named Afghanistan skipper across formats

Kabul: Star spinner Rashid Khan was on Friday appointed captain of the Afghanistan cricket team for all formats while Asghar Afghan, who was unceremoniously removed as skipper before the World Cup, will be his deputy. The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), thus, has put an end to the split captaincy before it even came to effect. Before the World Cup, Rahmat Shah was appointed Test captain while Gulbadin Naib emerged a surprise choice for ODI captaincy. Rashid himself was named the T20 captain. @rashidkhan_19 appointed as Team Afghanistan's new Captain across all three formats while Asghar Afghan appointed as Vice-Captain," the ACB tweeted. Twenty-year-old Rashid and seasoned Mohammad Nabi, the two IPL stars, had expressed displeasure at the removal of Asghar just ahead of the showpiece. **PTI**

De Villiers clears air on controversy

AB de Villiers said he did not expect to be included in South Africa's squad for the Cricket World Cup after telling captain Faf du Plessis that he was available, as he clarified his role in a selection drama that blew up in England. South Africa endured a miserable tournament, exiting with only three wins from their nine pool matches. Their cause was not helped when it was reported that De Villiers, who had retired from international cricket in May 2018, had spoken to Du Plessis about making himself available on the eve of the team's squad announcement. "Now the Proteas' World Cup campaign is over, and the team cannot be distracted, I would like to respond to unjustified criticism of me during the tournament," De Villiers said in a statement on Friday. "I announced my retirement from international cricket in May 2018 because I wanted to reduce my workload and spend more time with my wife and young sons. Some have insisted I was motivated purely by money. They are wrong. In truth, I have turned down many lucrative offers to play around the world." **PTI**

Looking to England, planning for India

It must have been painful, but Australian media has acknowledged that their team may have to read from the blueprint of the England turnaround to be a force at the next World Cup. Eoin Morgan's team was a laughing stock at the 2015 edition, but a complete makeover sees them one step away from the ultimate glory.

"Australia's eight-wicket loss to England in their semifinal at Edgbaston exposed the gap between a battle-hardened unit built over four years and an almost-patchwork Australian side that had been hit by injury, suspension and questionable long-term planning," John Pierik wrote in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. It will also have to be assessed whether skipper Aaron Finch and head coach Justin Langer were the right people to helm the 50-over side.

"Finch had been praised as the captain of the tournament by former England skipper Michael Vaughan but, turning 33 in December, he is unlikely to be the man who leads Australia at the next World Cup in India," according to Pierik.

Whether others such as David Warner, Steve Smith and Mitchell Starc will be on that plane to India is not certain either. "Langer is only one year into his four-year deal, so a decision will have to be made closer to the Indian tournament whether he and CA want to continue their partnership. That will be a crucial decision, for any new coach may want to introduce a different game plan... While there is much cricket to be played before the next World Cup in different conditions, an eye will have to be on finding players who can suc-

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JULY 12

CHRIS ADAMS, former England player and then the director of cricket at Surrey, was peering into the eyes of 19-year old Jason Roy. "I wanted to see if the boy had it before we gave him a professional contract. I remember it was a touch-and-go situation on the contract." A dream on the line and men in power looking for something that could turn a 50-50 call in his favour. Roy bared his soul.

It was at Adams' office at the Oval, with Jason's father Craig in attendance. Adams could have been a headmaster at a PTA meeting with an errant kid in tow. Adams knew Roy had the talent but he, and other coaches, were concerned about his emotional quotient - whether Roy could keep his emotions in control.

Just like what the world saw on Thursday in Birmingham: Awesome talent but also, the tantrum after a bad decision. Back when Roy was a teenager, his emotions were threatening to affect his cricket. He would hit a fiery 30-40 and throw his wicket away. More than Adams, Roy's father Craig was the one who was vocal with his son in that meeting. The chat was about his inability to control his emotions as that was affecting the decision-making in his batting.

"I could directly look into his soul, so to say. Here was a young man who was going to make it. I could see he wanted it so desperately," Adams tells *The Indian Express*.

But what did he see? "I can't explain it really. You actually look someone right down to the soul and all I saw was a burning desire. Based on that meeting, it was sealed. I like a fiery character but we wanted to be sure of certain things. I knew he wanted it more than anything else in his life. It was an easy decision for us after that meeting. He would be the first to admit all his coaches had frustrations with him - his inability to control his emotions," Adams says.

"At the end of that meeting, it was a bit of relief for all of us really, that he was getting a contract. This was it now and I got the feeling that he is going to knuckle down, work hard, and get ahead. He loves cricket too much to throw it away."

Roy is 9. At a little prep school. He sees a couple of ponies at the ground and jumps on their bare backs and rides them around. A free soul. "I can't confirm it but that's the story I heard. But I won't be surprised. He is a free soul," says a teacher.

He is 11. Now at Reigate Priory school, with cricket coach Jim Harmer who sees the boy walking with a bucket filled with balls and positioning himself in front of a building. "It was a tall building with a large roof - 25 feet, I would reckon." And young Roy would hit the ball over that building. Whack. Whack. "I had to go around the building to fetch the balls, if they weren't lost by then," Harmer laughs.

Roy is 22 and standing on the ledge of the pier at a beach in Durban. He was born in South Africa and his father Craig moved to England when Jason was about 9. Andrew Shedlock, a cricket coach and a friend of Craig's, is standing down and watching Roy up the pier. "He would dive into the sea."

This was a couple of seasons after he had his professional contract with Surrey and was with Shedlock for six weeks to amp up his fitness. "We did a lot of endurance work, running on the beach, with props, and I would devise special ways for him. It was very intense. Jumping into the

sea was part of it."

Shedders, as Roy calls him, would make him bat in the nets and during it, after a shot say, would make him run two laps. Then back to more batting. "I would get him to bat under fatigue. Those six weeks was more about fitness than batting but I wanted to make him cricket-fit." Unsurprisingly, Roy craved for more torture and returned two years later for a two-month intense boot camp of sorts.

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'Cause you were all yellow...I drew a line'

The unthinkable has happened as Australia, vanquished in the semis by England, seek inspiration from the latter to revamp their one-day team that looked distinctly pathworked. THE INDIAN EXPRESS catches up with the vibrant mood, banter and some schadenfreude...

ceed on what will likely be the flat and spinning pitches of the sub-continent," he added. Australian selectors, over the years, have not been afraid to take tough calls, and it could be more of the same over the next few years. "Glenn Maxwell, 31 in October, and Marcus Stoinis, 30 next month, are unlikely to feature," Pierik felt.

On the other hand, "vice-captain Alex Carey, who emerged as a force in this tournament, turns 28 in August and should be at the peak of his powers come 2023. Pat Cummins, 26, and Handscomb, 28, the latter an excellent player of spin, could also be key planks. If Handscomb can secure his spot in the side, he shapes as a captaincy candidate."

England endured a similar churning after the 2015 World Cup, and the result has been spectacular. If Australia go on the same path, who knows, there could be a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

"Sandpaper over cracks"

Gary Lineker was at his sarcastic best, England hammered Australia. He was a little cautious to start with and waited for Jason



Michael Vaughan believes Aaron Finch was the best captain in this World Cup, but might not be good enough to fetch him an Ashes berth. AP

Roy and Jonny Bairstow to get into the groove. "Desperately want to tweet again about how bloody brilliant @jbairstow21 and @JasonRoy20 are, but don't want to jinx them...like jinxing players is actually a thing. Just in case, though, I'll refrain." As the two England openers continued to

steamroll the Aussies, hetweeted again, this time with a touch of schadenfreude. "Thoughts are with our Australian friends at this difficult time." Victory came with 107 balls to spare and Lineker rubbed salt into the Australian wound after deepening it with 'sandpaper'. "You could see this defeat com-

ing for Australia: you can only sandpaper over the cracks for so long," he posted.

About 120 miles down the road at Westminster, which is now the grand theatre of a sitcom even better than Yes Minister - currently playing Brexit - finally there was unity. The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, who not many moons ago had trolled the outgoing Prime Minister, Theresa May, with an anti-Brexit fireworks show on the 2019 New Year's eve, put out a tweet congratulating England for reaching the World Cup final. "Congratulations to @EnglandCricket for their #CWC19 semi-final win against Australia. London is behind you all the way, and you've made us proud! Best of luck in the final on Sunday against New Zealand at Lord's." It almost coincided with May's tweet that said: "Great win for @EnglandCricket today - every England fan will have enjoyed that one! Good luck for Sunday." Cricket unites.

And then came the gloating

For a country whose media is so used to seeing star-studded team, be it football or cricket, hold so much promise and then fall

NO.4, NO.4, NO.4... TRIAL & 12 ERRORS

Two years, 12 No.4s. India's manic experimenting with the crucial spot in the batting order barely bore fruit. After constant changing, India's World Cup campaign ended with 9-match-old Rishabh Pant walking in at that position. VISHAL MENON and SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY chronicle a tragedy foretold.

Yuvraj, not the chosen one

YUVRAJ SINGH'S indifferent form was the talking point as India touched down in the Caribbean following their loss in the Champions Trophy final in England. Despite the string of low scores, the left-hander kept his spot at the No.4 slot in the first and third ODIs against the West Indies, even as clamour for the induction of 19-year-old Rishabh Pant grew louder. Rahul Dravid, India's U-19 coach, urged the team management to draw a clear plan for the 2019 World Cup. After scores of 4, 14 and 39 in the three ODIs, Yuvraj never made it back to the ODI squad.



the selectors. What they see as the road map for Indian cricket, and where they see the role for him going ahead for the next couple of years. Do you want to reassess it in a year's time, six months' time? Do you want to look at the available talent and see what they have to offer before going back to these two players?"

DRAVID ON YUVRAJ'S FUTURE:
"It is a call that has got to be taken by



INDIA vs WEST INDIES (June-July 2017)

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| 1st ODI | YUVRAJ SINGH | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 2nd ODI | HARDIK PANDYA | YUVRAJ SINGH | MS DHONI |
| 3rd ODI | YUVRAJ SINGH | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 4th ODI | DINESH KARTHIK | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 5th ODI | DINESH KARTHIK | | |

INDIA vs SRI LANKA (August-September 2017)

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| 2nd ODI | KEDAR JADHAV | VIRAT KOHLI | MS DHONI |
| 3rd ODI | KL RAHUL | KEDAR JADHAV | MS DHONI |
| 4th ODI | HARDIK PANDYA | KL RAHUL | MANISH PANDEY |
| 5th ODI | MANISH PANDEY | KEDAR JADHAV | MS DHONI |

INDIA vs AUSTRALIA (October 2017)

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| 1st ODI | MANISH PANDEY | KEDAR JADHAV | MS DHONI |
| 2nd ODI | MANISH PANDEY | KEDAR JADHAV | MS DHONI |
| 3rd ODI | HARDIK PANDYA | KEDAR JADHAV | MANISH PANDEY |
| 4th ODI | HARDIK PANDYA | KEDAR JADHAV | MANISH PANDEY |
| 5th ODI | KEDAR JADHAV | MANISH PANDEY | |

INDIA vs NEW ZEALAND (October-November 2017)

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| 1st ODI | KEDAR JADHAV | DINESH KARTHIK | MS DHONI |
| 2nd ODI | DINESH KARTHIK | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI |
| 3rd ODI | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |

INDIA vs SOUTH AFRICA (February 2018)

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| 1st ODI | AJINKYA RAHANE | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI |
| 3rd ODI | AJINKYA RAHANE | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI |
| 4th ODI | AJINKYA RAHANE | SHREYAS IYER | MS DHONI |
| 5th ODI | AJINKYA RAHANE | SHREYAS IYER | HARDIK PANDYA |
| 6th ODI | AJINKYA RAHANE | | |

INDIA vs ENGLAND (July 2018)

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| 1st ODI | KL RAHUL | SURESH RAINA | MS DHONI |
| 2nd ODI | KL RAHUL | SURESH RAINA | MS DHONI |
| 3rd ODI | DINESH KARTHIK | MS DHONI | SURESH RAINA |

ASIA CUP (September 2018)

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| VS HK* | KARTHIK | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| VS PAK* | KARTHIK | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| VS BAN* | MS DHONI | DINESH KARTHIK | KEDAR JADHAV |
| VS PAK** | DINESH KARTHIK | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| VS BAN | DINESH KARTHIK | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |

INDIA vs WEST INDIES (October-November 2018)

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| 1st ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | | |
| 2nd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | RISHABH PANT |
| 3rd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | RISHABH PANT | MS DHONI |
| 4th ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 5th ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | | |

INDIA vs AUSTRALIA (January 2019)

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| 1st ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | DINESH KARTHIK |
| 2nd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | DINESH KARTHIK |
| 3rd ODI | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV | DINESH KARTHIK |

INDIA vs NEW ZEALAND (January-February 2019)

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| 1st ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | KEDAR JADHAV | MS DHONI |
| 2nd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 3rd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | DINESH KARTHIK | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 4th ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | DINESH KARTHIK | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 5th ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | VIJAY SHANKAR |

INDIA vs AUSTRALIA (March 2019)

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| 1st ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 2nd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | VIJAY SHANKAR | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 3rd ODI | AMBATI RAYUDU | MS DHONI | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 4th ODI | VIRAT KOHLI | RISHABH PANT | KEDAR JADHAV |
| 5th ODI | RISHABH PANT | VIJAY SHANKAR | KEDAR JADHAV |

THE WORLD CUP (May-July 2019)

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| VS SA | KL RAHUL | MS DHONI | HARDIK PANDYA |
| VS AUS | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI | KL RAHUL |
| VS PAK | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI | VIJAY SHANKAR |
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| VS WI | VIJAY SHANKAR | KEDAR JADHAV | MS DHONI |
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| VS SL | RISHABH PANT | HARDIK PANDYA | MS DHONI |
| VS NZ | RISHABH PANT | DINESH KARTHIK | HARDIK PANDYA |

Merry-go-round continues

THE SRI LANKA tour was the first step towards chalking up the road map for the 2019 World Cup. It also marked Ravi Shastri's return as head coach. Before that series, chief selector MSK Prasad had said KL Rahul would bat at No. 4. That didn't happen, as there was a different batsman at No.4 in each of the five matches.



SHASTRI ON NO.4
"We will have to see who adjusts best to a particular position; whether it's four, five or six. We will only realise that probably in about six-eight months' time, once equal opportunities are given to a few players."

3 ODIs, 3 No.4s



INDIA USED 11 different players at No.4 position since the 2015 World Cup. Not surprisingly, the merry-go-round continued in the series against New Zealand as well. Chief selector MSK Prasad insisted that team management was looking to create a pool of batsmen in the middle order.

PRASAD ON THE MIDDLE ORDER
"Like how we have enough openers now... we are trying to strengthen our middle order. So we want to increase the bench strength of each and every department. That's the reason we started giving opportunities to youngsters."

Rahane's walk into ODI wilderness

RAHANE WAS in the ODI squad for the three-match home series against New Zealand but didn't get a game. He was considered the reserve opener. As India landed in South Africa, it dawned on the selectors and team management that the Mumbai batsman might not be a bad option at No. 4, given the conditions on offer. Rahane didn't fare too badly, finishing with 140 runs from six matches at an average of 35. Since then, the Mumbaier has been out of favour in the format. However, Kohli heaped praise on Rahane during that series.



is a top-class player. We understood fast bowling was going to be a big factor in this tour. He was superb; he took on the fast bowlers."

KOHLI ON RAHANE:
"Very happy for Jinks (Rahane), Jinks

Rayudu, Karthik come to the party

THE ASIA Cup provided another opportunity for India to continue experimenting in the middle order. Rahul, who was preferred two months ago was unceremoniously dumped after two matches on the trot, as the selectors decided to place their bets on two 33-year-olds — Ambati Rayudu, coming on the back of a series of stellar performances in the 2018 IPL for the CSK, and Dinesh Karthik. Throughout the tournament, Rayudu walked in at No.3, while Karthik followed him at No.4. Karthik held that spot in four of the five matches — the only exception being against Bangladesh when Dhoni was pushed to that spot. Karthik, with three 30s, and Rayudu, with a couple of

crucial half-centuries, made an impact, so much so that they were persisted in the subsequent series. Once Kohli returned, Rayudu was pushed to No.4, while Karthik, Dhoni, Jadhav and Pandya were earmarked as the floaters.

KOHLI ON RAYUDU:
"Apart from bowlers resting here or there in ODIs, we only changed the No. 4 slot because we wanted somebody to cement it. We believe that Rayudu is the right person to capitalise it because he's experienced and has won many games for his state and in IPL cricket. He has a great ODI record for India, so I think the batting order is sorted as far as we're concerned."

Rohit bats for Dhoni at No.4



while Rayudu was out for a second-ball duck. Vice-captain Rohit Sharma added fuel to fire when he suggested that Dhoni was ideally suited to the No.4 spot. Inexplicably, Rayudu was dropped for the third and final ODI in Melbourne. In that match, Dhoni walked in at No.4, followed by Jadhav and Karthik.

ROHIT ON DHONI
"Personally, I always feel him (Dhoni) batting at No. 4 will be ideal for the team... Rayudu has done really well at No. 4, so it totally depends what the captain and coach think about it. Personally asking, yes, I would be happy if he [Dhoni] bats at that position."

Rahul, Pant back in the reckoning

THE HOME series against Australia gave India another opportunity to take stock of their resources ahead of the big event. Instead of instilling stability, playing XIs were tinkered with. After three indifferent starts against Australia, Rayudu — hailed by Kohli as India's No.4 for the World Cup not too long ago — was shown the door.



rounders Vijay Shankar and Jadhav. This constant chopping and changing meant the middle order was in a constant state of flux. To add to the confusion, Shastri said he wanted Kohli to bat at No.4 in the World Cup.

SHASTRI FOR FLEXIBILITY
"Look, there has to be total flexibility (at No.4) depending on the opposition and the conditions on offer. It's horses for courses, we have got enough ammunition there, enough players who can bat at No.4."

Rahul walks in, then walks out

INDIA HAD zeroed in on KL Rahul as the No.4 batsman for the ODI series in England. He did his reputation no harm by slamming a century in the opening T20 fixture at Old Trafford. However, after registering scores of 9 not out and 0 in the first two ODIs at Trent Bridge and Lord's respectively, he was replaced by Karthik in the final ODI at Headingley. The move was counter-productive because the team management did not give Rahul enough opportunities to cement his place at the No.4 spot, dropping him on the back of just one failure.



GANGULY ON RAHUL'S AXING:
"KL Rahul is a must for Virat Kohli in

the middle order that needs a bit of strengthening. It's important that the management gives an extended run to the No.4 so that he can play with a bit of freedom and not worry about his place."

Pant vs Karthik conundrum

THE SERIES against West Indies reaffirmed the team management's unmitigated trust in Rayudu. For the first time in over 12 months, India had a stable No.4 batsman. Rayudu scored 217 runs in that series, which included a 81-ball 100 in the fourth ODI in Mumbai. With him holding fort, Dhoni, Pant and Jadhav were rotated depending on the match situation. Karthik was the casualty in the midst of this new-found stability in the batting order. It's not as if he was terribly out of form.

mestic circuit, peeling off runs in the Deodhar Trophy. However, the selectors asserted that Karthik was still in the reckoning for the World Cup and that he was replaced by Pant only because they needed to sort a few things out before finalising the 15-member World Cup squad.

PRASAD ON PANT VS KARTHIK:
"It is no-brainer who is our No. 1 wicketkeeper. In search of the second 'keeper, we have given opportunities to DK and right now we are giving opportunity to Rishabh Pant. At an appropriate time, we will take a call as to who is better among the two."

Rayudu skates on thin ice

EVEN THOUGH he managed to reclaim his preferred spot against New Zealand, Rayudu realised his position was by no means secure. The fact that there was a stream of candidates ready to stake claim in the middle order, only put more pressure on him. The selectors had initially picked Rahul for the New Zealand tour. When he was slapped with a ban for his comments on talk show 'Koffee with Karan', 19-year-old Shubman Gill was picked as his replacement. Despite these worthy contenders, it was not a lost cause for Rayudu. He finished the five-match series with 190 runs boasting of an impressive average of 63.34. His unbeaten 40-ball 42 in the third ODI at Mount Maunganui



made Kohli believe that Rayudu had done his bit to retain his spot at No.4.

KOHLI ON RAYUDU:
"When he (Rayudu) starts playing like that, you start feeling more confident about him as a batsman."

Shastri rues lack of solidity in the middle order

INDIA SURGED ahead in the showpiece event with the 'horses for courses' policy advocated by head coach Ravi Shastri. Rahul walked in at No.4 in the opener against South Africa, while Pandya batted in at that position against Australia and Pakistan. Everything was going according to Ravi Shastri's plans. However, injuries to Dhawan and Shankar upset Shastri's apperant. This meant Rahul was elevated as an opener to partner Rohit. Even then, it didn't hamper the team's momentum. India bruised and bullied opponents to saunter into the



World Cup semis, until they ran into a potent New Zealand attack that exposed the brittle Indian middle order under the grey skies at Old Trafford.

'NO.4 A PROBLEM'
"In hindsight, we needed a solid batsman in the middle order. But now, that's something for the future. That's a position that has always given us problems, but we couldn't just nail it. KL Rahul was there, then Shikhar Dhawan got injured. Then Vijay Shankar was there and he got injured. We just couldn't control it."

Federer wins final before final

Breaks Nadal's resilience with a 7-6(3), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 win to set up title clash with World No. 1 Djokovic

REUTERS
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A VINTAGE display by Roger Federer took him past Rafael Nadal into the Wimbledon final in an eagerly-anticipated first grasscourt duel between the great rivals for 11 years on Friday. The 40th career meeting between the golden duo with 38 Grand Slam titles between them, swung this way and that before Federer seized control to claim a 7-6(3) 1-6 6-3 6-4 victory.

World number one and defending champion Novak Djokovic now stands between the 37-year-old Federer, the oldest finalist here since Ken Rosewall in 1974, and a record-equalling ninth Wimbledon title in Sunday's showpiece.

After edging a tense first set by taking the last five points of the tiebreak, Federer was overpowered in a 36-minute second set as Nadal, reviving memories of his memorable 2008 final triumph over the Swiss, appeared to have wrestled control.

Federer's fans inside Centre Court and massed on 'Henman Hill' watching the drama on the giant screen, need not have worried though as the second seed had plenty left in the tank.

He broke early in the third set then held off a fierce Nadal counter-attack to restore his one-set lead.

The Swiss maestro turned the screws to break again early in the fourth and there was no way back for third seed Nadal as he lost a Grand Slam semi-final against Federer for the first time.

The 33-year-old Spaniard was never going to slink away without a fight though. He clung on at 3-5, saving two match points, then had a break point as Federer served for the match.

Federer saved that and then threw everything in his arsenal at Nadal on a third match point only for the indefatigable Spaniard to win a sensational baseline rally.

Nadal fended off a fourth match point with another sublime winner but Federer sealed it at the fifth time of asking -- holding his arms aloft as Nadal fired a backhand long.

Djokovic strong and steady

Top seed and defending champion Novak Djokovic held off a spirited challenge from Spanish outsider Roberto Bautista Agut on



37-year-old Roger Federer is the oldest Wimbledon finalist since Ken Rosewall in 1974. AP

Friday to triumph in four sets and advance to Sunday's Wimbledon final.

Remarkably the 6-2 4-6 6-3 6-2 success was the Serb's 12th victory in his last 13 Grand Slam semi-finals and he is now one win away from his fifth title at Wimbledon and 16th Grand Slam singles crown.

The match turned on an amazing 45-shot rally in the seventh game of the third set, which Djokovic won to hold serve and stay a break up -- and from then on he took total control as the Spaniard, who had looked calm and confident in his first Grand Slam semi-final, was eventually brushed aside. "I had to dig deep. It's the semi-finals and Roberto was not overwhelmed -- he's a very under-rated player," Djokovic, 32, said.

"He played really well. He was managing his nerves in the first set but later on he established himself and started to play better. I got a bit tight. It was a close opening four or five games of the third set -- that's where the match could have gone a different way."

Bautista Agut flashed a brilliant return past Djokovic from the first serve of the match but he barely threatened for the rest of the set as his high-risk approach produced too many errors and a provided a straight-forward set win for the favourite.

The second was a different story as Bautista Agut dialled back a little and found that he was able to out-duel the master. Djokovic was making uncharacteristic errors on seemingly simple shots and was frequently left staring skywards, questioning himself and taking issue with the crowd.

Bautista Agut snatched a break in the third game and served superbly to back it up, dropping only four points in five successful service games to level the match.

The Centre Court crowd realised they had a real match on their hands and they were treated to a superb third set. It, and probably the match, hinged on the seventh game as Djokovic, a break to the good, served at 30-40. The players then smashed out their 45-shot rally, much of it a mesmerizing exchange of identical crosscourt backhands that had the crowd gasping before Djokovic blinked first to switch the angle of attack and take the point with a devastating winner.

Chhetri on I-League vs ISL: Ego not good for football

MIHIR VASAVDA
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NEED FOR stability in the national team, squashing the egos to sort out the mess surrounding national league and the need to 'keep asking questions' to hold decision makers in Indian football accountable. India will take on North Korea in the Intercontinental Cup on Saturday. But that wasn't the only thing on Sunil Chhetri's mind on the eve of the match.

Earlier this week, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) took a big step towards making the Indian Super League (ISL) the country's premier domestic tournament while virtually relegating the decade-old I-League as second division championship. The move has been opposed by I-League clubs, who had last month threatened to drag the AIFF to court over this issue.

It's a decision that has split the country's football fraternity. Chhetri, who has played in -- and won -- both leagues refrained from naming any party involved in the saga but insisted that 'no one has succeeded the moment they bring put ego above everything else.' "Egos are never nice. I have experienced that a lot of times in my career. Whenever I've used egos over my sensibilities, I have failed. Ego is fine until it's working for your motivation and encouragement. Moment it brings it above (anyone else), no one has succeeded," Chhetri said.

The India captain added he 'hoped' AIFF and IMG-Reliance officials are taking right decisions but insisted that 'we have to keep asking questions, keep banging them on so they are answerable.' "I think people who are involved are doing their best. It's what I think, more importantly what I want to believe. We've to ask questions, criticize each other, hold collars but eventually, we have to trust each other," Chhetri said.

The country's leading goal-scorer was speaking ahead of India's Intercontinental Cup match against North Korea. It's a must-win match for India to keep their hopes of qualifying for the final alive after they lost 4-2 to Tajikistan in the tournament opener last Sunday. Although this is an inconsequential tournament in terms of FIFA ranking points, a winning run heading into the 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup joint qualifiers would leave Igor Stimac's team in good stead.

Since taking over from Stephen Constantine in May, Stimac has been in charge of three matches. He's won one (against Thailand) and lost two (vs Curacao and



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Tajikistan) but in all three games, he's tested various players and combinations. Trying out new players is something even Constantine did throughout his four-year stint as the chief coach. Chhetri said the competition for a place in the squad has had a positive impact on the players individually but called for stability as the team heads into a crucial qualifying phase.

"I would want stability. I'm sure that's what the coach wants as well. Every coach wants to have his first 14 (set) before a tournament or qualifiers. He wants the other 10 to push but in his head, he wants his 14," Chhetri said. "But Stimac has time, he has just come in. I hope before our first qualifier, he gets his 14, 18... whatever he wants because stability is important."

India, ranked 101, will know their opponents for the joint qualifiers on July 17 after the draw will be held in Kuala Lumpur. Chhetri said the team hasn't had better preparation in terms of the quality of opponents played. "I don't remember last time we played Curacao, Thailand, North Korea, Syria, Tajikistan in a row. That's four back-to-back matches against B+ teams of Asia while Curacao were different level," he said. "We'll lose some and win some but we'll improve after these matches. Tomorrow you'll know where North Korea stands, where India stands."



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