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Max: 34.8°C
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RH: 80%
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Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Rain, thundershowers likely. Max/Min 34/23°C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Uttarayana
Tithi: Ashada Shuddha
Trayodasi till 12.56 am
(Monday)
Star: Jyeshtha till 5.28 pm
Variyam: Nil
Durmuhurtam: 5.06 pm to
5.58 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm
to 6 pm
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Zohar: 12.31 pm
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MOONRISE TOMORROW 3.55 PM
MOONSET TODAY 2.40 AM

COUNTER POINT



RSS will wait for Ayodhya verdict

Vijayawada: The RSS said that it would not comment on the Ayodhya issue and would wait for the Supreme Court judgment and would go forward on its basis. This was stated by RSS sashar karyavaha Dr Manmohan Vidya. He was speaking at the conclusion of RSS meet held for the first time in Vijayawada after bifurcation. He said these meetings do not pass resolutions. **Report on Page 5**

Amarnath Yatra suspended

Jammu: Pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath was suspended for Saturday as a precautionary measure in view of a separatists-sponsored strike in the Kashmir valley on Martyrs' Day, officials said. As many as 12 batches of pilgrims have so far left for the twin base camps of Pahalgam and Baltal in Kashmir valley from Jammu since the beginning of the pilgrimage on June 30.

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TERROR FIGHT

NIA busts terror module in TN

Plan to carry out multiple attacks across India thwarted

SINDHIYA SAMUEL | DC CHENNAI, JULY 13

The National Investigation Agency on Saturday carried out raids at multiple locations in Chennai and Nagapattinam and busted a Tamil Nadu-based terror module whose members had collected funds and made preparations to carry out terrorist attacks with the intention of establishing Islamic rule in India. The raids were conducted in a case pertaining to Ansarulla terrorist gang, the NIA said. The premier probe agency on Saturday car-

Investigations revealed that the accused had planned to wage a war against India and could be in contact with some other terror groups.

ried out searches at the house and office of accused Syed Mohammed Bukhari in Chennai city and houses of Hassan Ali Yunusmaricar and Mohammed Yusufudeen Harish Mohamed in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu, the agency said in a statement. Three persons are being questioned in connection with the raids, sources said.

"It has also been learnt that the accused persons and their associates had collected funds and made preparations to carry out terrorist attacks in India, with the intention of establishing Islamic rule in India," a NIA release said.

A case had been registered against the three persons on July 9 under various Sections of the

Indian Penal Code (IPC) and UA (P) Act after NIA received credible information that the accused persons were conspiring and conducted consequent preparations to wage war against the government. "Based on some strong evidence as the three had contact with some other banned Islamic organisations, the NIA has executed the searching operation, sources said. Raids started at 6 am at the city office of Wahdath-e-Islami Hind on Lingi Chetty street in Mannady.

Page 7: Module was in touch with Islamic units: NIA

AVOID COWS FOR BAKRID, MUSLIMS TOLD

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 13

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Google passport sites cheat: Centre

COREENA SUARES | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The ministry of external affairs has raised a complaint with Google and the Union ministry of communications against fraudulent passport service websites that have been cheating citizens, some of whom happen to be senior bureaucrats from Telangana state.

While www.passportindia.gov.in is the official website for passport services in India, fake websites have been registered with domain extensions .org, .in, .com, for example, www.indiapassport.org, www.onlinepassportindia.com. Google said in its response that these registered websites come with a disclaimer.

Besides the fake websites charging more than the original cost per application, a bigger threat is

Several professors and senior bureaucrats from Telangana have fallen prey to such fake websites.

the exposure of citizens' personal details like their addresses, date of birth and contact details among others.

Dr Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Regional Passport Officer, Hyderabad, said, "Such fraudulent websites are misleading applicants on two fronts. Firstly, the disclaimer is small and, in most cases, tucked in a corner. Secondly, these websites — including their URLs — are almost identical to the government website."

Page 3: Sites pay Google for optimisation

TS TO BACK CITIZEN CHARTERS

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The state government has decided to give statutory backup to citizen charters in the Municipal Act which will be introduced in the special two-day Assembly session starting on July 18.

The Act also aims at punishing citizens in case of violation of rules and indulging in illegal constructions. Urban local bodies release citizen charters just as a formality but fail to mandatorily extend the services to citizens.

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VIP BREAK DARSHANS TO CHANGE

AVINASH P. SUBRAMANYAM | DC TIRUPATI, JULY 13

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy said the temple administration would soon suspend the categorisation of VIP break darshan under List-1, List-2 and general categories, in the first meeting of the TTD trust board, which will be constituted within ten days from now.

Underlining the need to impose curbs, Mr Reddy felt that the VIPs should consider visiting Tirumala only once in a year.

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FIRST WIMBLEDON FOR ROMANIA



Romania's Simona Halep holds the Wimbledon Tennis Championships trophy after defeating Serena Williams of the United States in the women's singles final match in London, Saturday.

Romanian Simona Halep, 27, captured her second career major with a 6-2, 6-2 victory adding a maiden Wimbledon to her 2018 Roland Garros triumph. The Wimbledon win is a first for her country in both men's and women's singles.

AFP

Kamal Nath also rushed to Bengaluru 5 K'taka MLAs move SC against Speaker

DC CORRESPONDENTS BENGALURU, JULY 13

Posing a fresh challenge to the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition government, five Congress MLAs on Saturday moved the Supreme Court on the case over their resignations from the Assembly membership. The five legislators — Mr Anand Singh, Dr K. Sudhakar, M.T.B. Nagaraj, Mr N. Muniaratna and Mr Roshan Baig — contended in their application that they had submitted their resignations in accordance with Article 190, read with Rule 202 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Karnataka Assembly.

"Despite submitting the applications in person, Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar has not accepted them. The act of submitting the resignations in person itself shows that the resignation letters were submitted voluntarily and were genuine," they stated.

Meanwhile, with the crisis in Karnataka set to mark its eighth day, the Congress went into overdrive with CLP leader Siddaramaiah dispatching his top trouble-shooters D.K. Shivakumar and state Deputy Chief Minister Dr G. Parameshwar who were later joined by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy as they stepped up efforts to pacify Hoskote MLA, M.T.B. Nagaraj. Concurrently, the Congress bigwigs pulled out their big guns, sending MP Chief Minister Kamal Nath, who arrived in Bengaluru late on Saturday alongside senior leader Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Page 7: BSY wants trust vote on Monday



Fourteen rebel MLAs of the Congress and JD(S), who have been camping in Mumbai, pay obeisance to Saibaba at the temple in Shirdi on Saturday.

NCP, CONG MLAS SET TO JOIN BJP

PANAJI, July 13: Ahead of a reshuffle of the state Cabinet, Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant dropped four ministers — three of the Goa Forward Party (GFP) and one Independent — from his Cabinet on Saturday.

The four ministers — deputy chief minister Vijai Sardesai, water resources minister Vinod Palyekar, rural development minister Jayesh Salgaonkar (all GFP MLAs) and revenue minister Rohan Khaunte (Ind) — were dropped from the Cabinet. They would be replaced by Michael Lobo, who resigned as Deputy Speaker of Assembly earlier in the day, and three of the 10 MLAs, who switched over to the BJP from the Congress on Wednesday.

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MAHA MLAS LINE UP TO JOIN BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, JULY 13

Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnis' visit to Pandharpur to seek blessings of Lord Vitthal turned into a political event as several Opposition MLAs made a beeline to meet him. The visit assumed significance as reports suggest that several legislators from the Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) are willing to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the Vidhan Sabha election.

Interestingly, it was Siddharam Mhetre and Bharat Bhalke, both Congress MLAs, who welcomed Mr Fadnis in Solapur before he reached Pandharpur.

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No intrusion at Ladakh, Army ever ready: Rawat

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 13

Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat on Saturday said there has been no intrusion by the Chinese in Ladakh's Demchok sector. "The Indian armed forces stand resolute and ready to defend our territorial integrity. Let there be no doubt that misadventures will be repelled with a punitive response," he said at an event on "20 Years after Kargil Conflict".

On China's alleged attempt to intimidate people celebrating Dalai Lama's birthday in



Gen. Bipin Rawat

Ladakh last week by waving banners, he said that there was no intrusion.

"At times, there are celebrations that take place. Celebrations were going on our side by our Tibetans in the Demchok sector. Based on that,

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some Chinese also came to see what was happening," Gen. Rawat said.

When asked whether the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers were present during the July 6 incident, he said, security officials from both sides accompany civilians.

"...When the civilians go forward, obviously there will be PLA and when our civilians go to LAC, the ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) or the Army will accompany them," he said.

Page 7: Misadventure by Pak will be repelled

US fines FB \$5bn for privacy lapses

Washington, July 13: US regulators have approved a \$5 billion penalty to be levied on Facebook to settle a probe into the social network's privacy and data protection lapses, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday.

The newspaper said the Federal Trade Commission approved the settlement in a 3-2 vote, with the two Democratic members of the consumer protection agency dissenting.

The deal, which would be the largest penalty ever imposed by the FTC for privacy violations, still needs

approval from the Justice Department before it is finalised. Although details have not yet been released, the deal will likely include restrictions on how Facebook is able to use personal data.

Charlotte Slaiman of the consumer group Public Knowledge thinks it is unlikely the restrictions will be overly harsh. "We don't yet know key aspects of the settlement: whether Facebook must make any changes to its business model or practices as a result." **PTI**

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MOON | SO CLOSE

Countdown begins, weather will not be a hindrance for rain-proof rocket

Chandrayaan-2 for pre-dawn launch

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC NELLORE, JULY 13

'Bahubali', India's most powerful rocket, is primed to launch Chandrayaan-2, India's return to the moon, early on Monday. Chandrayaan-2 carries a lander that will soft-land on the moon's south pole on September 6 to mark a historic step in the country's space programme.

The GSLV-Mk III M1 rocket, which can hurl 4,000-kg satellites into space, is scheduled to take off from the spaceport at Sriharikota, Nellore, with

Chandrayaan-2 at 2.51 am on Monday. Chandrayaan-2, together with the lunar orbiter, Vikram lander and Pragyan rover and fuel, weighs 3,877 kg at launch. The orbiter will work for a year, Vikram and Pragyan for less than a fortnight after they land about 54 days later.

The ₹1,000-crore Chandrayaan-2 is carrying eight payloads, seven of them from India and one from Nasa. Chandrayaan-1 had discovered water on the moon and new rock types. The Mission Readiness Review Commit-



tee on Saturday gave the green signal to commence the 20-hour countdown at 6.51 am on Sunday. Isro chief Dr K. Sivan came to SHAR, the Satish Dhawan Space Centre,

after seeking the blessings of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala and Changala Parameswari shrine at Sullurpeta for the success of the launch. He conducted a review with mission

engineers after going around the launch pad on Saturday. President Ram Nath Kovind will view the launch along with his family.

Dr Sivan quelled any

doubts about even the weather being a hindrance. "There will be no effect since the launch vehicle is rain protected," he told reporters amid a downpour at Tirupati.

Chandrayaan-2 will help in the better understanding of the origin and evolution of the moon by conducting detailed topographical studies, comprehensive mineralogical analyses, and a host of other experiments on the lunar surface.

Page 2: 3-D mapping of bedrock to be carried out



Natural cure

Dr Mohammed A. Waheed, vitiligo expert, nominated vice-president (technical) of Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine



Airport Express, elevated BRTS would further boost to Hyderabad's growth

— N.V.S. Reddy
MD, Hyderabad Metro Rail

Babu who is architect of many education policies

■ Dr Vaidyanatha Ayyar designed courses for IAS aspirants



LALITA IYER | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Dr R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, a former IAS officer, has left a mark on the country's education system as well on training his successor babus. His books have been taken as policy documents.

He has often said, "I began my career as a teacher in 1966 and ended it as a teacher at IIM-Bangalore in 2009. In between I was in the University of Public Life." "There are three types of IAS careers," he says, speaking to Deccan Chronicle. "One type is the rolling moss, moving from job to job, doing short tenures. The second does long tenures, as Nietzsche would say, 'eternal recurrence'. I belonged to the third category and did not stay permanently in any particular department, but I did long spells in a few departments like taxation, education and culture."

"I was there long enough so that by the middle of the term I would become a specialist or at least as good as one. While others learnt theory, I had the opportunity to see how the theory works in practice, how they could be made into policies and how they were implemented."

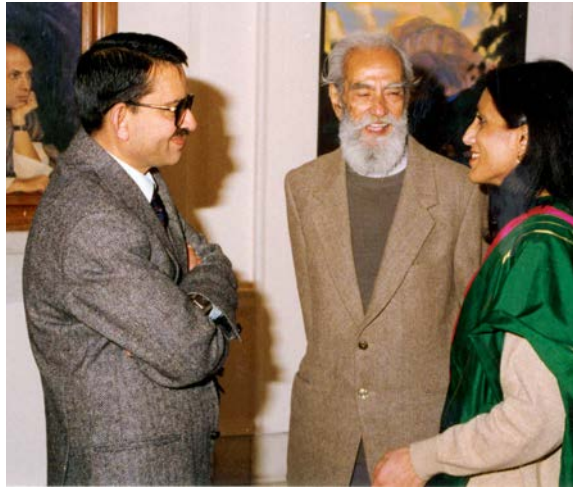
After retirement, Mr Ayyar began teaching mid-career government officers at the IIM. "I found that there was no point in teaching someone who has been in the government for 10-15 years, at least in theory. What they needed was some practical examples, which meant that I had to develop cases based on real life and with reference to real world things, put it in a theoretical frame and then teach," Mr Ayyar says.

He found that nobody wrote about the actual process, the actual politics. "It was easier for me to write about something which I had already gone through."

He wrote a book on what he was teaching, 'Public Policy Making in India' was published in 2009.

"Apart from theory, I also had six to eight cases, for example, how Sunita Narain surprised the

MR AYYAR'S FAMILY LIVED IN AP FOR MORE THAN 90 YEARS. THEY WERE IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS IN VISAKHAPATNAM AND HE DID HIS HIGH SCHOOL AT TUNI. HE BECAME A CHEMISTRY LECTURER AT THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY AND ALSO COMPLETED HIS PHD.



File photo of Dr R.V. Vaidyanatha at Roerich Exhibition.

health ministry saying that Coca-Cola has pesticide residue and forcing the government to make a regulation on soda. I wrote a number of cases like that."

When Mr Ayyar designed a mid-career programme for officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, the government made him chairman of the syllabus review committee for entry-level IAS training as well as entry-level foundation course for all All India Services and Central Services.

Soon, he says, he was getting bored and thought that instead of teaching he should devote himself to writing and returned to Hyderabad. "Life happened and he was now in the Indian Ayah Service (IAS)," he recalls with a laugh.

Then he documented the policy making process in education. This was later called the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), which he drew up, and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have transformed the system of education. In 1994 one-third of all children out of school at the elementary stage were from India, but by 2006 this came down to 3 per cent.

According to Mr Ayyar the problem today is not getting children to school but seeing that they stay in school and that they are taught. "There has always been an intellectual tradition of addressing elementary education in the country," he adds.

The book starts with Maharani Sethubai, the Travancore maharani who gave an imperial order on education. "I wrote a part autobiographical, part anthropological-cum-theoretical study. That book was published in 2016 and was called 'The Holy Grail: India's Quest For Elementary Education'."

Next he took up the process and politics of education policy making. J.P. Naik, the founder of the Indian Institute of Education, fell out of

favour during the Emergency and he retired to Pune where he died. "He was the man who really wrote about modern Indian education. But he did not focus on politics and process and I thought I must carry on the work," says Mr Ayyar.

"I took up the history of the making of education policy, History of

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Education Policy Making from 1947 to 2016," he said. This was published in 2017.

He is now working on a three-volume book on cultural policy and administration. He says nobody has attempted to write on culture because of the various angles. "It is not only culture as performing arts, but culture as a way of life, like secularism, what you are as a nation, where you are headed," Mr Ayyar said.

As a senior IAS officer, Mr Ayyar has had his set of interactions with top Union ministers and Prime Ministers.

"Arjun Singh did not like to deal with officers directly," he says. "He trusted a small coterie from Madhya Pradesh and he worked through them. You could never guess what he was thinking and he kept a distance from all others, but he was a brilliant man."

In 1991 because of the fiscal crisis, there was no budgetary support even for the District Primary Education Programme, but Mr Ayyar mobilised

close to \$2 million from the World Bank and European Commission. Though Singh lent his ears to his buddies, he supported Mr Ayyar.

"Madhavrao Scindia was different. He too had his cronies, but he was close to his officers. I was one of those lucky officers who handled every international agency. I prepared drafts for him for the World Social Summit at Copenhagen and when he returned he was very happy because his interventions were much appreciated."

"When Uma Bharati accused me of being political, I told her there were only two people who knew whether I was political or not and one was Lord Krishna (a statue of which I kept in my office) and the other my conscience," Mr Ayyar recalls.

Mr Ayyar, then a junior joint secretary, went to meet Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi about the drug policy along with N.D. Tiwari.

"I did most of the speaking. Tiwari was a bright chap and capable and a people's man, but Rajiv Gandhi directly asked me what the position was in the United States, regarding the drug policy. As my luck would have it, one year before that I was studying at Harvard for a year and one of the papers I wrote in MIT was on pharmaceutical industry economics."

On a lighter note, he talks of one of his episodes with Atal Behari Vajpayee. Though an eloquent speaker, in private Vajpayee was very reserved and did not speak much, says Mr Ayyar.

"The cultural minister of Myanmar had come and I briefed Vajpayeeji saying that he should refer to our long ties, not that he needed any briefing. The cultural minister came and he was so deferential that he thought Vajpayeeji would speak first, whereas Vajpayeeji thought the cultural minister would speak first. In two minutes it was all over and the minister went away. Then Vajpayeeji wondered why he went away so soon," he says.

Mr Ayyar's family has been in Andhra for more than 90 years and were in the hotel business in Visakhapatnam. He did his high school at Tuni in East Godavari district, became a chemistry lecturer at the Andhra University and completed his PhD.

His doctoral dissertation was done under the supervision of eminent Andhra University teacher, Prof G. Gopala Rao, and evaluated by a panel comprising three eminent chemists — Nobel Laureate R.G.W. Norrish, Sir Harry Melville and Prof. E.J. Bowen of Oxford University. He brushes it away saying, "I was lucky."

Avoid sacrificing cows this Bakrid, elders tell Muslims

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Several Muslims have started a campaign to avoid sacrificing cows and calves on the eve of Bakrid. No unpleasant incident occurred last year, but what is different this time is that organisations engaged in cow protection have become active a month before the festival. Muslims apprehend that there are possibilities of untoward incidents this year.

A delegation of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad had submitted a memorandum to Director-General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy and appealed to him to check slaughter of cows and calves on Bakrid. They urged him to take precautionary steps to check transport of cattle.

Fearing illegal seizure of cattle by 'gau rakshaks' and unnecessary clashes, many traders have decided not to trade in calves this year for Bakrid. Mr Mohammed Muneer Qureshi, secretary, All Jamiat ul Quraish, said vehicles carrying bulls and buffaloes were being stopped illegally by gau rakshaks on the outskirts.

The 'gau rakshaks' involve law-enforcing agencies to seize the cattle. The authorities do not shift seized cattle to government-run cattle shelters but to gaushalas run by private organisations. Mr Qureshi alleged that in a few places these groups were involved in the business and they shifted the cattle on their own on payment.

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Muslim youths have been campaigning to avoid sacrificing cows and calves to avoid any untoward incident. Muslim traders have been advised not to take the risk of transporting cows and calves.

Mr Ilyas Shamsi, president, Reformers Front of India, urged the government to provide cattle legally for Bakrid sacrifice. He asked the government to sell the cattle through the animal husbandry department to avoid harassment from vigilante groups, which seemed more active this time. This would prevent problematic incidents that might affect communal harmony, he argued.

Moulana Abdur Raheem Khurram said sacrificing cows and calves was not obligatory in Islam. He said in India, Muslims had voluntarily been avoiding slaughtering of cows for decades. A few people still preferred calves as they were inexpensive compared to goats or sheep.

Moulana Zubair Ahmed

Qasmi, general secretary, Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, Telangana state chapter, said they were receiving phone calls from districts about the situation. "We are considering submitting a memorandum to the government requesting it to ensure peace and tranquillity before Id," he said.

The moulana said Islamic scholars had advised the community to sacrifice goats or sheep to avoid unpleasant incidents. He said there was not much of a difference in the price as one share of calf cost about ₹3,500, against ₹5,000 for a goat or sheep.

Udhiyah or animal sacrifice reminds Muslims of the great act of sacrifice that Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) and Prophet Isma'il (Ishmael) were willing to do for the sake of the Almighty.

The sacrifice is a form of showing thanks and gratitude to the Almighty. Offering Udhiyah during Bakrid is regarded as mandatory in a few schools of thought while it is Sunnah according to a few jurists. A Muslim who is financially able to afford it, is encouraged strongly to offer it to feed the poor, his family and relatives and his own self.

Only camels, cattle, sheep or goats may be slaughtered. At the youngest, camels must be over five full years of age, cattle and goats over two years and sheep over one year. A single camel or cow fulfills the Sunnah for seven persons, though a goat or sheep only fulfills it for one.

Lung disease second biggest killer in India

ANURAG | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

A report published by the Indian Council of Medical Research has revealed that COPD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the second biggest killer in India after ischaemic heart disease.

Over the past 26 years, pulmonary diseases have surpassed six other major causes of death in India, claiming more lives than diabetes, malaria, tuberculosis and breast cancer combined. Health experts consider air pollution as the most significant reason for COPD, attributing around 54 per cent deaths to it, followed by tobacco smoking.

Environmental agencies classify air pollution that is responsible for COPD as the mixture of solid and liquid particles in the air. These particles are released in the form of dirt, dust, and smoke and produced by cars, burning of fossil fuels and natural gases, construction work, etc.

The construction boom across the country

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increasing the use of concrete has contributed to the deterioration of air quality. As per statistics, 51,000 new vehicles are rolled out to the roads every day, thereby releasing more harmful gases in the environment.

Dr Sai Praveen, a pulmonologist, said, "The main reason for COPD is the tobacco exposure from smoking. Hookah use is prevalent in our city, and even that affects the lungs to a large extent. Additionally, an increasing number of women have been reporting suf-

fering from COPD, mostly due to the gases emitted by cooking fuels and also passive smoking."

"It takes a while before lung ailments become evident. I believe that India is going to see many more cases of COPD in the coming years," he added.

Disability-adjusted life years is an indicator of disease burden for those suffering from COPD across the world. According to the Public Health Foundation of India, India is third on the list of countries most affected by COPD — there has been a 54 per cent rise in India's share of COPD over the past 26 years.

Experts suggest that the most effective way to curb COPD is by checking the continuous contamination of air. This can be implemented by capturing pollutants at the source. "Different industries emit different types of pollutants. This emission can be minimised by using devices like fume extractors, dust collectors, wet and dry scrubbers, etc," said Mr Parth Pandey, a pollution engineer.

PRESIDENT KOVIND ON 2-DAY VISIT TO TIRUMALA TEMPLES

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JULY 13

President Ram Nath Kovind, who is on a two-day pilgrimage to Tirumala, has offered prayers at the local temples of Goddess Padmavathi Devi in Tiruchanoor and Lord Kapileswara Swamy in Tirupati on Saturday.

The President was received at Renigunta airport by Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan, AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy and several other officials.

The Governor accompanied the President during his visit to the two temples.

At Tiruchanoor, TTD chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy, EO Anil Kumar Singhal and JEO P. Basanth Kumar received the President. He was welcomed with the traditional Poorna Kumbam Swagatham amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns by temple priests.

SHIA BODY SLAMS WAKF FOR DELAY IN PAYMENTS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The Wakf Board did not release funds for the 'Jashn Kohe Imam Zamin' at the shrine situated at Ammuguda, which is scheduled to be held on July 16 and 17 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Imam Ali bin Musa Alraza, the eighth Shia Imam.

The shrine is a registered Wakf institution and the celebrations of the Imam are observed every year on behalf of the Wakf Board. The board releases a special fund for conducting various programmes. This year, the Wakf Board did not release funds on time and asked the celebration committees to spend money on their own which would be paid to them later.

All India Shia Organisation president Mir Hadi Ali said that only two days were left for the celebration, but the arrangements for it has started so far. He said Wakf Board officials were not clearing the file pertaining to the celebrations. He alleged that the board did not clear the bills submitted by the organisers for the Jashn Babul Hawayej even after three months.

The organisers had spent the amount for the celebrations on the instance of the Wakf Board chief executive officer.

Mr Ali alleged that Wakf Board officials were diverting the funds of Kohe Imam e Zamin.

He said ₹1 crore belonging to the institution was spent on the construction of the complex adjacent to the Haj House.

TS GOVT FAILS TO APPOINT HEADS OF MINORITY BODIES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The state government once again failed to appoint regular heads to the minorities institutions. It has entrusted additional responsibilities to minorities welfare director Shah Nawaz Qasim and chief executive officer Wakf Board Abdul Hameed.

The state government issued a government order in this regard on Friday which said that Mr Qasim would be in-charge director and secretary of the Urdu Academy and director, Telangana State Study Circle, Mr Hameed was made in-charge of the Haj Committee.

Earlier, Mr B. Shafiqullah, secretary, Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society, was holding additional charge of these three posts.

Chiefs of the space agency offered prayers at Tirumala before the launch of every mission

Isro seeks divine help for success of Chandrayaan-2

AVINASH P. SUBRAMANYAM | DC
TIRUPATI, JULY 13

Ahead of the launch of Chandrayaan 2, Indian Space Research Organisation chairman Kailasavidoo Sivan prayed to Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala on Saturday for the successful launch of the crucial mission in the early hours of Monday.

It has been a practice for the Isro chiefs to offer pray at the Tirumala temple and the Chengalamma temple in Nellore district before every launch.

Speaking to mediapersons, Dr Sivan said all arrangements for launch of Chandrayaan-2 had been completed and GSLV MKIII would carry it into the space on schedule. "On Monday, at around 2.51 am, we are going to have the most important



ISRO chairman Kailasavidoo Sivan (centre) visits Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirumala on Saturday.

and prestigious mission — Chandrayaan 2. After the successful launch, it will take two months for the lander to land on the Moon's South Pole," he added.

Mr Sivan said all pre-launch tests have been completed. "The mission aims at discovering new lunar details and hopes to demonstrate new technological development in soft landing," he said.

Rover to do 3-D mapping of lunar bedrock

DC CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE, JULY 13

'Bahubali', India's most powerful rocket, is primed to launch Chandrayaan-2, India's return to the moon, early on Monday. Chandrayaan-2 carries a lander that will soft-land on the moon's south pole on September 6 to mark a historic step in the country's space programme.

For understanding of the lunar composition, it is planned to identify the elements and mapping its distribution on the lunar surface both at global and In-situ level.

In addition, detailed three-dimensional mapping of the lunar regolith will also be carried out. Water molecule distribu-

SOFT LANDING ATTEMPT A FIRST

■ On reaching the Moon, Chandrayaan-2 will circle the Moon at an altitude of 100 Km and release the lander 'Vikram' carrying rover 'Pragyan' for a soft touchdown on lunar soil.

■ Once safely down, 'Vikram' will release the six-wheeled rover to scout for water, minerals, chemicals, the cause for quakes on the Moon and critical evidence on the birth and expansion of the solar system.

■ This will be India's first attempt at a soft landing on the moon. If successful, it will make the country the fourth to achieve such a feat after Russia, the US and China. The chosen landing site near the lunar South Pole has not been explored by any space-faring nation.

tion will be studied using infra red spectroscopy, synthetic aperture radiometry and polarimetry as well as mass spectroscopy techniques.

A high-resolution camera

on the lander will provide images of the landing site to ensure that the Vikram lander touches down safely.

The images sent by the rover can also be used for

scientific study. The orbiter will be capable of communicating with the Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) at Byalalu as well as on the Vikram Lander.



Award time

Dr Ambedkar open varsity V-C Prof. K. Seetharama Rao says diplomas given to Army personnel at AOC Centre



Centre will bring tough legislations to prevent crimes against women, kids

— G. Kishan Reddy
Minister of State, home

30 mins rain and life comes to a standstill

■ However, people happy with traffic cops, GHMC team work

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

It was only a 30-minute spell of rain in different parts of the city but that was enough to cause waterlogging at several parts. Different areas in the city received between 6.5 mm and 18 mm on Saturday.

The Cyberabad traffic police put out an alert that there was waterlogging opposite Image Hospitals and that traffic police was regulating traffic. Road users at the Hitec City tweeted pictures of waterlogging at Peddamma temple but were happy that the GHMC disaster management team came to the site to clear the water.

Hydraulic pumps were put into service in the Hitec City area as soon as the rain began to prevent waterlogging. Ms Laxmi P., a resident of Hitec City, said, "We want rain but one small downpour is leading to waterlogging which means that the drains are choked."

The GHMC and traffic police were on the roads monitoring the situation and asking commuters to be alert and careful but the rains showed that the clogging of drains was a more severe problem.

A senior GHMC official explained, "We are cleaning outside the main drains on a daily basis. A lot of floating material like jute bags, plastics and tyres make their way into the drains, a prime reason for clogging."



A motorist tries to wade through a waterlogged road on Saturday.

Heavy rain by July end

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Farmers continue to seek respite as all districts in the state except Karimnagar and Kumarambheem continue to face a rain deficit even in mid-July.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said the monsoon has been weak over the state so far and the situation won't improve before the last week of July. Heavy rainfall is expected to commence only towards the end of July and pick up in August.

The IMD has forecast short spells of rain over isolated places over the next five days.

RAINFALL DEFICIT

Nalgonda:	69%
Suryapet:	64%
Bhuvanagiri:	54%
Nirmal:	51%
Gadwal:	49%

The state usually receives 218.6 mm rainfall by this time every year. This year, however, it has received only 146.3 mm so far. Among the districts, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Bhuvanagiri, and Nirmal have been hit the hardest with a

deficit of over 50 per cent in the cumulative rainfall for July. The state received light to moderate rainfall, up to 4 cm in some parts, on Saturday. The highest rainfall was recorded in Nizamabad at 4 cm, followed by Tandur at 3 cm.

TRAFFIC CURBS FOR GOLCONDA BONALU

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The traffic police has issued an advisory to motorists in view of the Golconda Bonalu celebrations on Sunday.

Additional commissioner, traffic, Anil Kumar said traffic restrictions will be in place from 6 am to 10 pm as heavy traffic and congestion is expected. Motorists not heading to the fort were advised to take alternative routes.

The following three routes leading to the Golconda Fort are expected to be heavily congested: From Ramdevguda via Makkai sarwaaza, from Langar Houz via Fateh darwaaza and from Seven Tombs via Banjara darwaaza.

The following parking arrangements have been made for those attending the festivities. From Ramdevguda side: Two-wheelers from Ashoorkhana to Military sentry point; four-wheelers at Ashoorkhana parking place and main road at Ramdevguda Junction.

From Langar Houz side: Two- and three-wheelers parking at Huda Park; four-wheelers to proceed through Banjara darwaaza via Nanalagar crossroad, Tolichowki, Shaikpet nala, Seven Tombs, parking at Salar Football Ground or Owaisi Grounds.

From Seven Tombs: Parking for two- and three-wheelers at Priyadarshini School, area hospital and bus stop near the Golconda Fort; four-wheelers to proceed from Banjara darwaaza via Seven Tombs, parking at Salar Football Grounds or Owaisi Grounds.

AFTER 12 YEARS, CBI TO RE-CHECK AYESHA'S BODY

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JULY 13

The CBI is all set to conduct a re-post-mortem of the body of Ayesha Meera, which was buried 12 years ago.

The CBI has obtained permission from the court to conduct DNA tests on Ayesha's parents and tally its results with the samples of her DNA available in the forensic lab.

The CBI suspects that Ayesha's DNA samples might have been swapped during the earlier investigation and wants to ascertain whether the samples in the forensic lab belong to her. For this, they have arranged for her parents' DNA tests after obtaining permission for the same from the High Court.

The question, however, is if doctors can at all conduct a post-mortem examination of a body that has been decomposing for 12 years. The CBI in this regard took opinion from experts, who explained that Ayesha's bones will still be available for examination and can be used for certain assessments.

Ayesha's mother Shamsad Begum said that the CBI was conducting the investigation well.

UGC NET results announced

Hyderabad: The National Testing Agency has announced the results of University Grants Commission's National Eligibility Test on Saturday on its official website. About 6.8 lakh students had appeared for the test for the posts of assistant professor and Junior Research Fellowship. The exams were conducted from June 20 to 26.

Due to heavy leakage in the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Scheme Phase-II at Gurrampguda 'X' Road, there will be no water supply on Monday and less supply on Tuesday. The affected areas: Vaishalinar, BN Reddy Nagar, Autonagar, Vanasthalipuram, Meerpet, Balapur, Maisaram, Barkas, Ellugutta, Ramanthapur, Uppal, Habsiguda, Nacharam, Chilkkanagar, Tarnaka, Lalapet, Boudhanagar, Marredpally, Control Room, Mekalamandi, Bholakpur, Hasmathpet, Railways, MES, Cantonment, Prakashnagar and Patigadda.

MANY AREAS NOT TO GET WATER TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Residents has been requested not to misuse water.

Residents has been requested not to misuse water.

BIG BOSS ORGANISERS BOOKED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

A city-based woman journalist approached the Banjara Hills police complaining against the Star Maa reality show Big Boss 3's organisers for allegedly misbehaving with her.

According to the Banjara Hills police, the victim said that she was approached by the organisers stating that she got selected for Big Boss 3 but would have to oblige them with sexual favours.

The Banjara Hills police booked a case against the organisers namely Abhishek, Ravikanth, Raghu and Shyam under Section 354 IPC, assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty, and further investigation is underway.

ROAD WIDENING FROM AMBERPET TO UPPAL OKAYED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

In order to ease traffic congestion, the GHMC has decided to widen the 30-foot road connecting Amberpet Ali Cafe and Nalla Cheruvu in Uppal via the Patelnagar sewerage treatment plant.

The road at the Nagole Metro rail station will be widened to 150 feet. This decision was taken as part of the junction improvement programme which was prepared two years ago.

A senior GHMC official said that with skyways coming up from the Che Nunnur crossroads to Ramanthapur, the existing road will become a nightmare for commuters. While the corporation has acquired over 200 properties for the elevated corridor, the road widening will require at least more 150 public properties.

6 more join TISS hunger strike over fee structure

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Six students on Saturday joined the mass hunger strike led by two students at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad against the change in its fee payment structure which has come as a financial burden for the students dependent on scholarships.

TISS on July 8 denied hostel accommodation to students, including students availing the Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship, without upfront payment of the whole semester's fee of ₹54,650. Subsequently, students called for a demonstration.

Students demand that TISS should reinstate the provision that allows paying ₹15,000 for



One of protesting students who has not been allowed inside hostel can be seen on saline drip.

hostel accommodation in three installments, as mentioned in the admission guidelines.

Students added that the hostel is in poor condition. "The hostel is in such poor condition that on July 10, 20 students suffered food poisoning of whom four had to be

admitted to the hospital." Even meetings with the administration have yielded no results.

"Since the administration refuses to take accountability and address the students' concern, the campus continues to be on lockdown," students said.

STRICT ACTION ■ Centre asks state to issue show cause notice, cancel passports

NRI men abandoning wives on rise

COREENA SUARES | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

As many as 78 cases have been registered so far this year against NRI husbands for abandoning their wives. For the whole of last year the number of such cases stood at 118. The ministry of external affairs has been acting tough in such cases and has cancelled passports of the erring husbands.

Regional Passport officer Dr Vishnu Vardhan Reddy said, "South India has reported fewer number of cases compared to the north. Punjab has registered 700-plus cases of honeymoon marriages. The ministry has directed the regional passport offices to issue showcause notices to the accused when such complaints are received from the police or when the courts issue non-bailable warrants or look-out circulars. The passport is suspended immediately once the notice is issued."

The MEA has set up a special cell to coordinate with the ministry of women and child welfare and other authorities in addressing cases of women abandoned by NRI husbands. Besides this, the cases of ille-

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Regional passport offices in TS and AP have been dispersing books within 3-4 days.
- In 2018, 5,20,800 passports were issued by RPO Hyderabad, and 2,69,541 in the first six months of 2019.
- The pendency at RPO Hyderabad is one of the fewest in the country, most of them are due to insufficient documentation.
- 14 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras have been opened across TS.

gal migrants from Myanmar, Bangladesh, Nepal who have settled in the city and applying for passports by producing Aadhaar cards, birth certificates and school certificates on the rise. In the last two years, 93 such passports have been revoked, Mr Reddy said.

Fake sites pay Google for preferential optimisation

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The ministry of external affairs has raised a complaint with Google and the Union ministry of communications against fraudulent passport service websites that have been cheating citizens, some of whom happen to be senior bureaucrats from Telangana state.

Dr Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Regional Passport Officer, Hyderabad, said, the creators of such websites are paying Google for preferential optimisation. "Such websites are charging ₹5,000 per Tatkal application against its original cost of ₹3,500, and between ₹4,000 and ₹5,000 for a regular application.

WHAT YOU MUST KNOW WHILE APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT:

- Fake websites carry .org, .in, .com.
- Non-original sites include www.indiapassport.org, www.onlinepassportindia.com, www.passportindiaportal.in, www.passport-india.in, www.passport-seva.in, and www.applypassport.org.
- Applicants may also use the official mobile application mPassportSeva, which can be downloaded from Android and iOS application stores.

Additionally, the applicants' personal information is exposed. "Certain websites have been found to collect information from applicants and then apply on the applicants' behalf to the official website to secure appointments at concerned Passport Seva Kendras. Subsequently, applicants receive their appointment details through SMS. In certain cases, however, applicants are issued fake appointments," he said.

APPEAL FOR LAND TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL

A Non-profit Education Society is operating a Public School for the past 25 years in the vicinity of Yousufguda, Hyderabad. The School has been functioning in rented buildings and imparting quality education to students from lower middle income families at a very affordable cost. The School has more than 1400 students on rolls during the current academic year and has been consistent in securing cent per cent results in Board Examinations for the last several years. The School enjoys very high reputation in the local community.

As per prevailing academic regulations, the School needs to have its own premises in a minimum of 2000 square meters of land and within the vicinity of the existing location. Hence the Society is looking for sponsors who are willing to donate the land. The Society will construct permanent buildings and transfer all the equipments and facilities to the new premises immediately.

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Big feat

Harish Rao congratulates Veerabathini Surrender, Isro scientist from Siddipet for his contribution to Chandrayan-2

FIREMAN SAVES GIRL WHO FELL INTO A WELL

DC CORRESPONDENT NELLORE, JULY 13

Fire personnel rescued a 16-year-old girl after she accidentally fell in a well at Kavali on Saturday. Family members rushed out of their home when they heard a loud sound from the well. To their shock, they noticed the girl, E. Saranya, struggling in the well. They immediately alerted the fire department seeking help. The fire brigade rushed to the spot and one of the personnel descended into the well with the help of ropes. Within minutes, he carried Saranya back to safety under the supervision of fire station officer K. Vinaykumar. Fire station staff Gouse Basha, Pradeep and Bhaskar took part in the operation.

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Ghost of DeepNude still haunts young women

Girl files complaint about stalker morphing her photo

ANURAG | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 13

A girl from Mumbai approached the police for help after she found a morphed nude picture of herself doing the rounds on the internet. A stalker took one of her pictures, morphed it using the banned DeepNude application, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to create fake nude pictures of the subject, and used it as a weapon to harass her. Created by Estonian developers, DeepNude was pulled down after it faced a global backlash. Its threat continues to persist as those who have the app are likely to misuse it. While fake pornography was previously dominated by Photoshop, with the advancement of technology and AI, it is becoming easi-

- DeepNude was pulled down after it faced a global backlash.
- Its threat persists as those who have the application are likely to misuse it. Besides its application interface is still available.

er to create nudes out of still pictures. A case was reported in Singapore after a 27-year-old woman found a false nude of herself featured in sex forums. A one-year-old selfie of hers was obtained from social media and used to generate the doctored image. She discovered that she was only one of the many such victims, a Singapore newspaper reported. Even its developers admitted that the application is a threat. "We created this project for user entertainment. Despite the safety measures we've adopted, the possibility that users will misuse it is still fairly high. The world is not ready for DeepNude," its developers said in a statement. Cyberlaw expert Dr Pavan Duggal said, "Such cases are dealt with under Sections 67 and 67(A) of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Section 67 has lost its potency now that the offences covered under it have been made bailable. Section 67(A), which is still non-bailable, has seen not a single conviction in the past 10 years. Society and government both consider complainants themselves to be participants in cyber crime cases. Online obscenity needs to be prioritised by the police department." "Although the app is no more available, its API (Application Programming Interface) is still widely available on the internet. Any output from this app comes under the ambit of Sections 67 and 67(A). While Indian law allows downloading such apps and watching pornographic videos, its distribution amounts to an offence." Mr P. Narendra Reddy of the Hyderabad cyber crime cell said, "Every year, we witness an increasing number of offences involving fake profiles, online harassment, and stalking. Offenders are prosecuted under the IT Act, 2000. However, the city has not yet witnessed any crime involving DeepNude."

54 boys rescued from child labour

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD JULY 13

In a massive rescue operation as a part of Muskaan operation, the Balapur police along with labour and revenue officials rescued 54 boys from child labour from different homes in the Shaheenagar slum area under Balapur police station limits. They were reportedly made to work in bangle factories in the surrounding areas. According to the police, all the boys were below 14 and were brought from Bihar to work in the bangle factories. The accused were said to be paying the children according to their age. A child below 10 years of age was paid ₹1,500 a month, ₹2,000 for a child in the 10-12 age group and ₹2,500 for those who were 12 to 14 years of age. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Mr V. Saidulu, Balapur, said, "Based on specific information, we raided six houses and rescued 54 children under the age of 14 and sent them to the juvenile home in Saidabad." The operation was supervised by LB Nagar deputy commissioner of police Sunpreet Singh. The Balapur police has booked a cases on Aslam, Feroz Alam, Anwarul, Munawar and Intiyaz from whose houses the children were rescued respectively. Police said 10 children were found in the house of Aslam, 11 were accommodated in Feroz Alam's house. Eight children were recovered from the house of Anwarul. Ten children were found in the house of Munawar and 15 at Intiyaz's house, according to the police. A labour department official from Dilsukhnagar, who was part of Operation Muskan, said, "We along with police raided six houses in Shaheenagar. In five houses we found children who were confined in the houses. All the children were boys who were brought from Bihar. Though they used to provide them with food, the children were made to live in congested rooms and in an unhygienic area."

ONE KILLED AS BIKE RAMS INTO PARKED LORRY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD JULY 13

A man riding a two-wheeler died on the spot in a road accident after ramming a parked lorry near an HP petrol bunk on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) under Abdullapurmet police limits. The accident took place during the wee hours on Saturday. According to the Abdullapurmet police, the rider S.K. Khadir Masthan, 49, and his wife Kasimbe were on their way to Guntur on a two-wheeler (TS08 FE 3692) when the accident took place. "As they approached the petrol bunk, Masthan rammed a lorry (TN05 AF 8181) which was parked beside the road, from the rear. He received severe bleeding injuries and died on the spot. His wife sustained bleeding injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital. Her condition is critical," Abdullapurmet inspector S. Devender said. The police first shifted the body of the deceased to the Osmania General Hospital mortuary for its postmortem examination and then handed it over to his family members. A case was registered and investigation is underway, the police official said.

LAND DISPUTE ESCALATES TO TD-YSRC CLASH

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA JULY 13

A land dispute escalated into a clash between activists of the YSR Congress and the Telugu Desam at Tubadu of Nadendla mandal in Guntur district on Saturday. According to one Jyothi Prasanna, the wife of TD activist V. Jeevan Babu, YSRC Congress supporter Devarapalli Koteswara Rao tried to plant a tree in front of their house. When they objected, it resulted in a group clash. Rao allegedly attacked them with an axe in which Mr Jeevan Babu was injured. Ms Prasanna alleged that she was slapped during the clashes. The locals lodged a complaint with the police who shifted the injured to the Chilakaluripet hospital for treatment. Doctors after giving first aid told the police to shift the injured to Guntur Government Hospital. According to Nadendla sub-inspector D. Chennakesavulu, the clash was the result of Koteswara Rao planting a tree on the site. He said the police had booked a case based on a report by Ms Prasanna and investigations were on.

Man arrested for bid to kill wife

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Rajendranagar police aborted a possible attack by a 23-year-old husband on his estranged 18-year-old wife. They had married two years ago and were separated. According to a Rajendranagar police official, the accused, Sai Kiran, 23, and Swarna, 18, were neighbours in Moimabad, fell in love and got married. The couple began quarrelling soon after, and they separated. Swarna booked a case against Sai Kiran in Jubilee Hills police station. The couple underwent a family counselling session and gave an undertaking letter on July 9 to discuss issues. Mr G. Suresh, Rajendranagar inspector said Sai Kiran, under the influence of alcohol, went to Swarna's residence in Bandlaguda with a sickle hidden in his shirt on Saturday morning. "He parked his bike in front of Swarna's residence and started hurling abuses at her, asking her to come back to him. If she did not, he threatened that he would kill her," the inspector said. The girl's family immediately called the police. A police patrol rushed to Swarna's residence in time and took Sai Kiran into custody. The police found a sickle while frisking him," the inspector said. Rajendranagar police has booked a case under Indian Penal Code Section 448 (punishment for house trespass) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) and Section 25 of the Arms Act for carrying the sickle. Further investigation is underway.

2 JUVENILES HELD FOR BID TO RAPE GIRL

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Two juveniles who kidnapped a 20-year-old girl and attempted to rape her were on Saturday arrested by the Malkajgiri police. The duo has been sent to judicial custody. According to the police, an hour after the victim Vadde Ashwini, 20, returned to her room on Friday evening, she received a call from the one of the accused, a friend, who asked her to accompany him for shopping and then sent his location to her. Malkajgiri inspector A. Manmohan said, "When the victim reached the location, the two juveniles abducted her and took her to Dammaiguda pond and tried to rape her. She escaped and approached the nearby people for help. The police was informed about the incident."

Gang held for hi-tech car theft

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Raidurgam police on Saturday arrested a businessman, a GPS expert and an engineering graduate who formed a gang to steal high-end cars by renting them through online platforms. The police recovered three cars with a total market value of around ₹37 lakh. Police said one of the accused, Sushant Suresh who was an engineering graduate with good communication skills, used to rent their cars. After reaching the outskirts of the city, his accomplice George Christopher Joseph who was a technical expert on GPS systems would locate and disable the device. Assistant commissioner of police, Madhapur, N. Shyam Prasad said, "Nidish used to create fake ID proofs and used to zero in on the car owners of who post advertisements on social media and approach them acting as employee of a software firm to rent the cars." Both Raidurgam police as well as Pune police have filed cases against the gang.

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4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20

Rev. J. R. VARAPRASAD RAO
DOB: 12.04.1952 DOD : 14.07.2015
Centenary Methodist Telugu Church (Hyd & DS, HRC, MCI)
Inserted by:
Family Members

OBITUARY

Mr. IGNATIUS D'SOUZA
Aged 63 years, Passed away on 12th July. Funeral Mass on Sunday 14th July at Our Lady of Health Church, Khairatabad at 3 pm, followed by Burial at Narayanga Cemetery Ph No: 985224933, 7842744778 (CA-2881)

UTHAVANA / CHAUTHA

Smt. KRISHNA SETHI
W/o. Late Shri R.L. Sethi Passed away on 12th July 2019
Chaucha on Monday, 15th July 2019 at R/La Liberty, Rd No. 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad from 12 PM to 1 PM, LUNCH FOLLOWS
Harish & Renu Sethi (Son & Daughter in law)
Ankit & Suchita Sethi (Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law)

5th DEATH ANNIVERSARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Smt. SARILLA LALITHA KUMARI (Lalitha Teacher)
W/o Sarilla Venkateswara Rao Passed away on 14-07-2014 "Your blessings will be cherished forever."
Inserted by: Family Members. (B/1920/D00065)

7th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." Psalm 112:6

Mr. SUPREME N. PHILLIPS
S/o. Late. K.A.J. Victor Phillips DOB: 16.10.1954 DOD: 14.07.2012 "WE MISS U DADA" Inserted by: Family Members

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Vattikuti Venkateswara Rao Garu
Dental Surgeon, Vijayawada, India
Passed on July 7th, 2019
We are going to miss our dear beloved patriarch and leader. He raised five generations of family and was a source of wisdom, care and guidance to the many communities he was able to touch. He was a passionate dental surgeon in Vijayawada. He was always determined and persistent in accomplishing his goals. He had an uncomplicated but disciplined philosophy on life and living. He taught everyone of his family members to pursue their dreams and business goals. We learned a lot from him, especially about mental and physical health and living life to its fullest. We will dearly miss his love, his smile and his attitude toward life. Let us remember and celebrate his lifelong accomplishments and may he rest in peace.
Deeply Mourned by his Dear Family and Friends.
CEREMONY Details: 17th July 2019 (Wednesday) at Veerapaneni Sivaji's House, Lalachervu, Near Sasi School, Rajahmundry. Cell: 939781812, 0883-2478568

10th DAY CEREMONY

K. SUNITHA DEVI
W/o. Late K. Rajalingam Goud DOD - 05-07-2019
Ceremony will be held on 14-7-2019 between 9.30am to 12.30pm at our Residence, Gopurapuram.
Inserted by: Sattur Vimala Devi & Sons Ph:9885559937

FOND REMEMBRANCE

Smt. KRISHNA SETHI
D.O.D: 12-07-2019
Your memories remain in our hearts forever.
Inserted by: Samakshi Kapur Madhu & Praveen Kapur (A/1920/D00037)

10th ANNIVERSARY
The memory of the just is blessed. Prov. 10:7

P. JOHN JAYANATH
S/o Pottipadu Yohan & Pottipadu Jayamma Asst Audit Officer, AG Office, Elder, Carmel Prayer House and a humble Servant of God. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15
Inserted by: All Gadeepaka Wilson Jacob Families, Sanathnagar, Hyd. Ph: 9866013866 (S/1920/D00548)

OBITUARY

SRI LAXMIDASJI JHAVERI
(S/o Late Gopaladas Jhaveri)
Expired on: 13th July 2019
YOUR SWEET MEMORIES WILL LIVE WITH US FOREVER
In memory: Sudhir M. Shah, Sunil M. Shah, Amit M. Shah & Jhaveri Family # Sy No. 229, Opp. Gayatri Mata Temple, Beside Bhaskar Medical College, Moimabad. Ph: 9100122822, 9963680000 LAXMIDAS JHAVERI STOCK BROKER

REMEMBRANCE

SRI P. SATHYANARAYANA (BABU)
Expired on 14.07.2009
Babu your memories and your soul will remain on earth for ever
Inserted by: Sister: VEENA KUMARI Sreeman Rao and Children

5th ANNIVERSARY

Late Smt Sarilla Lalitha Kumari (Lalitha Teacher)
W/o Sri Sarilla Venkateswara Rao "WE MISS YOU EVERY SINGLE DAY" With Love
S.Venkateswara Rao, Dr S. Subhash Kumar & Family, Dr K.Jyothi Kumari & Family, P.Bharathi & Family (USA), S.Ramesh Kumar & Family, K.Madhavi & Family, Bobby (S/1920/D00548)

SHRADHANJALI

CHEEKOTY VISHVESHWAR RAO
DOB: 12-05-1935 DOD: 02-07-2019
May his soul rest in peace.
Inserted by: Cheekoty Veeresh, Vanaja Cheekoty Srinivas, Anuradha, Anisha Belde Sushmita Family

FOND REMEMBRANCES

SUPREME NS PHILLIPS
DOB: 16.10.1954 DOD : 14.07.2012
FROM THE CLASS OF 1980 RAILWAY DEGREE COLLEGE SECUNDERABAD

10th ANNIVERSARY
He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name. Acts 9:15

P. JOHN JAYANATH
S/o: Pottipadu Yohan & Pottipadu Jayamma Born: 04-2-1950 Called to: Glory 14-7-2009
Asst Audit Officer, AG office, Elder, Carmel Prayer House and a humble Servant of God. Precious in the sight of the lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15
Inserted by: Beloved Wife, Son and Daughter. Son-in-Law and Grandson 985440003, 9853710006 (S/1920/D00521)



Quota demand

BCs leader R. Krishnaiah stages a protest against the refusal of private member's bill on BC quota in politics

HIGH COURT

Probe sought on sheep sop

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Alleging corrupt practices in the implementation of the government's flagship sheep rearing scheme, which aims to strengthen the rural economy of shepherd communities, a public interest litigation has been filed before the Telangana High Court seeking to order a CBI inquiry into the programme.

● A PIL alleges corruption in the state government's distribution of sheep and fodder

AP and other neighboring states with help from agents, who then sold them back to the Telangana state government for distribution to the beneficiaries. This can be discerned from the number of tag holes in the ears of the sheep. It told the court that several sheep were found to have more than six tag holes, which means they were recycled up to six times for additional payments.

The petitioner urged the court to direct the CBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the entire sheep and fodder distribution scheme and submit a report to the High Court.

The government took up the implementation of the scheme to supply four lakh sheep units at an estimated cost of ₹5,000 crore to strengthen the economic standards of the shepherd community. Each family was to get 21 sheep on a 75 per cent subsidy.

Are you ready to deal with malaria?

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The Telangana High Court has asked the government to submit a report on its preparedness to tackle any outbreak of swine flu, malaria, and dengue fever in the coming season.

a PIL and appointed a senior advocate as amicus curiae to assist the court and to submit recommendations on controlling the diseases effectively.

As per the directions, the amicus curiae submitted his recommendations to the court on Friday. The court has asked the government to implement the suggestions. Having observed that only two diagnostic centres namely the Institute of Preventive Medicine and Fever Hospital have facilities to test patients for swine flu, the bench asked the government to set up seven to eight centres across all zones of the state.

The court directed the principal secretary, health, to submit a report covering its plans to tackle the issue and the steps it has taken to prevent the diseases by August 1. The case was adjourned to August 2.

Law to back citizen charter

Plans to incorporate it in the Municipal Act to provide it legal sanction

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The state government has decided to give statutory backup to citizen charters in the Municipal Act which will be introduced in the special two-day Assembly session starting on July 18. The Act also aims at punishing citizens in case of violation of rules and indulging in illegal constructions.

PENAL PROVISIONS

● Urban local bodies release citizen charters just as a formality but fail to mandatorily extend the services to citizens.

● Though there was a provision to impose a penalty on officers for failing to deliver within the time limit prescribed in the charter, it was largely ignored.

● The officers said that the new Act would have a penalty clause for officials and also for citizens and realtors, who violate rules.

regarding the abnormal delay and corruption in extending services by the ULBs.

He felt that there was dire need for rectifying the maladies in extending services to the citizens by the ULBs across the state.

During a recent review with senior officers with regard to functioning of the ULBs, the Chief Minister pointed out that the penalty provision on the officers hardly was being implemented and added that stringent punishment shall be incorporated in the new Act.

Mr Rao instructed the officials to ensure that both the elected representatives and officers of con-

cerned local bodies would be held responsible in case of dereliction of duties under the new Act.

The officers of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development disclosed that keeping in view the instructions of the chief minister, the Act would be drafted to extend painless services to the citizen. The officials said that the new Act would bring more transparency in the administration of ULBs and also people to get services through a single window system.

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time limit that was prescribed in the charter, especially with regard to building permission, trade licence, water connections, it was largely

ignored. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao himself admitted that there were a large number of complaints from the citizens



Minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy visits a Gurudwara at Ameerpet on Saturday as part of a visit to select areas in his constituency.

TOUGH LAW TO CURB ATTACKS, SAYS KISHAN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday said that the Centre will bring in tough legislation to check attacks on women and children. He also said that the Centre has a zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism.

While speaking to reporters during his tour of Ameerpet and Sanathnagar, a part of his Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency, Mr Reddy said the Centre would consult and convince state governments to implement the new laws. He alleged that the TRS government in the state has failed in preventing the attacks on children and women.

He said that the Narendra Modi government "would act with zero tolerance and function more effectively in the coming days to root out and check terrorism."

The minister lauded the BJP-led NDA government, claiming there had been no communal clashes or curfews during its first term. During his tour, Mr Reddy attended the Satya Sai Paduka Puja organised by the Sathya Sai Seva Organisation.

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RSS WILL WAIT FOR SC ORDER ON AYODHYA

K. KALYAN KRISHNA KUMAR | DC VIJAYAWADA JULY 13

RSS sahasarkaryavaha Manmohan Vaidya on Saturday made it clear that the organisation would not comment on the Ayodhya issue but would wait for the Supreme Court judgement and would go forward on its basis.

He was speaking to the media here at the conclusion of the three-day RSS national meet held for the first time in Vijayawada, the first meeting of the organisation in the state after bifurcation. He said these meetings do not pass resolutions.

Dr Vaidya stated that the 80,000 activists were trained in RSS camps. Summer training would be conducted for those interested. As many as 12,456 activists were trained in the first Sangh Sikhavargah held in April and June across 54 centres.

He said the third such camp would be held in Nagpur in which 821 activists would participate. Dr Vaidya there were 53,182 RSS branches in 33,247 places. Besides, 15,620 saptahiks were located in 10,577 apart from 7,152 sangh mandals. He said the Sangh Jagaran Manch Patrika was going to 50,900 villages.

Dr Vaidya stated that RSS sarsangchalak Mohan Bhagwat had wanted 100 per cent voting, and 11 lakh RSS activists had mobilised voters across the country.

BJP begins Operation Akarsha in Telangana

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

Statements of Telangana BJP leaders indicate that the party intends to start Operation Akarsha to invite leaders from other parties to strengthen itself. Among the first movers is expected to be TRS Rajya Sabha member D. Srinivas.

Mr Srinivas had met BJP chief and Union home minister Amit Shah in Delhi two days ago, giving scope to wide speculation in political circles that he was going to join the BJP.

BJP senior leader Bandaru Dattatreya on Saturday claimed that Mr Srinivas was prepared to

join the BJP and several MPs and MLAs of the TRS were also in touch with the BJP.

Mr Dharmapuri Arvind, Nizamabad MP, is said to have played a key role in negotiating with the BJP high command to open the path for Mr Srinivas, his father.

BJP leaders claim that Mr Srinivas will join the BJP along with former MLC Bhubathi Reddy and several leaders of the Congress and TRS from Nizamabad district.

BJP state president Dr K. Laxman endorsed the statement of Mr Dattatreya. He said at a function in Musheerabad that several leaders of the TRS, Congress and the Telugu

Desam were looking at the BJP and the party would welcome them at an appropriate time.

Mr Dattatreya said the party was going ahead with a planned strategy to unseat Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's family rule in the state and the people were prepared to rally behind the BJP to teach a lesson to the ruling party.

He said that the downfall of the TRS started with the defeat of TRS MPs B. Vinod Kumar in Karimnagar and K. Kavitha in Nizamabad during the LS elections. He said they were inviting leaders from other parties who were interested in joining the BJP.

CENTRE CAUTIONS JAGAN AGAINST SCRAPPING OLD POWER PACTS

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, JULY 13

The Centre has advised Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy that it would be against the law to cancel power purchase agreements signed by the Telugu Desam government and raised apprehensions that if the contracts were not honoured it might result in investments not going to the state.

Union minister of

state for power R.K. Singh wrote a letter to Mr Reddy stating that the renewable energy sector was one of the fastest growing in the country and cautioned that if any impression was created that the rule of law was not prevailing and the contracts were not going to be honoured, the investments would dry up.

Mr Singh opined that the PPA were contracts that were binding on all signatories.

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 13

The principal chief conservators of forests (PCCF) of seven states on Saturday unanimously felt the need for working together to protect wildlife and forests.

The chief foresters of Maharashtra, AP, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh and Karnataka participated in a two-day workshop organised by the TS forest department to discuss measures to protect forests and wildlife

and to remove encroachments.

Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi, inaugurating the workshop, said protecting the forests from encroachments had become a great challenge to the government.

"Instead of depending on forests for wood in constructions and manufacturing furniture, we have to explore alternative ways to ease the burden on forests," he said.

Mr Joshi said that to protect wildlife, it was essential to prevent encroach-

Encroachers threat to forest: Babus

ment by humans. While explaining the measures taken by the TS government to protect forests and encourage afforestation, he said the cooperation of neighbouring states was key in protecting wildlife.

Mr U.K. Agarwal, PCCF of Maharashtra, said the removal of encroachments from the forests had become a difficult task. He added that there were 35,000 illegal encroachers in Sanjay Gandhi National Park which was situated about 1 km from Borivali railway station, one of the

distant suburbs of Mumbai.

He said that they were using radio collar technology to track the movement of tigers in the Park.

Mr R.K. Upadhyay from Tamil Nadu said foot patrols of forest officers would yield better results instead of depending on technology. He suggested the deployment of more trained officers for the protection of forests.

Mr P Sridhar, PCCF of Karnataka, said protection of wildlife had become a difficult task

with the increase in the population of elephants and tigers in their forests.

Mr Mohd Ilyas Rizvi, PCCF of AP, said they had given priority to developing the Mada forests near Kakinada. Mr P.K. Jha from Telangana state, Mr K. Kesavan (Kerala) and Mr Ravindra Kumar (Arunachal Pradesh) participated in the workshop.

Mr Joshi released a coffee table book on Haritha Haram and a census report on the availability of water resources in the state's forests.

POWER LOBBY

Some fear Telangana IPS officer could be troublesome for them if he takes over as AP intel chief

IPS rivals try to scuttle Ravindra's AP stint

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD JULY 13

A small group of IPS officers in Andhra Pradesh is said to be using all its clout in New Delhi to prevent the Centre from giving approval for the inter-cadre deputation of senior IPS officer Stephen Ravindra so as to scuttle his chances of taking over as the Intelligence chief at Amaravati.

While the file concerning Mr Ravindra's inter cadre deputation is under consideration in the Union ministry of home affairs and AP government offi-

cials say that approval will come shortly, the intra-IPS rivalry that seems to be at play is reportedly causing the delay.

It has been close to 40 days since Mr Ravindra's file was sent to the MHA after Chief Ministers K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy gave their consent for the inter-cadre deputation of Mr Ravindra, a 1999 batch IPS officer of the Telangana state cadre.

Sources told Deccan Chronicle that some officers were silently pulling strings at the Centre to scuttle Mr Ravindra's

chances. A few of them had even visited Delhi a couple of times and were spotted in the offices of powerful politicians and bureaucrats, though they

had no official business there. While it is widely believed that Mr Ravindra taking over as Intelligence chief would be a shot in

the arm for the Jagan Mohan Reddy government, what with his impeccable track record of being a no-nonsense officer and a thorough professional, a set of officers believes that with his taking over could be troublesome for them as many of their "secrets" will be out.

"They feel that any other IPS officer in place of Mr Ravindra is better and he will go about his work in a professional manner without favouring anyone. No one is sure as to whether this set of officers will succeed in what they are doing," said one official

adding that Mr Reddy had immense trust in the IPS officer and had therefore picked him for the job.

As for Mr Ravindra, those who know the officer well, say that he has set his priorities. Once he takes over a massive revamp of the Intelligence wing is on the cards besides finetuning of the feedback mechanism. This is crucial for any state government which relies heavily on the intelligence wing for all sorts of information, particularly political feedback.

When contacted, a senior official in Delhi said that

approval for Mr Ravindra will come soon as both Chief Ministers had given consent. "It is purely an administrative delay," he said without going into detail.

Last month, when he had called on BJP president and Union home minister Amit Shah, the AP CM is understood to have taken up Mr Ravindra's case. Mr Shah reportedly responded positively. The approval for his inter-cadre deputation has to come from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

TJS plenary has resolved to work on ideology of Prof. Jayashankar

— Prof. M. Kodandaram Telangana Jana Samit president

BRIEF

Lok Adalats settle 29,000 cases in TS

Hyderabad: Over 29,000 cases have been settled at National Lok Adalats held on Saturday at all courts in Telangana State. The settled cases, includes 16,850 pre-litigation ones and 12,250 pending cases of civil and criminal nature. In the High Court, 54 pending cases have been settled and around ₹3 crore was awarded as compensation in cases relating to motor vehicles accident claims among others. Mr A. Santosh Reddy, the member secretary of Telangana Legal Services Authority, said that the National Lok Adalat would be conducted every alternate month to facilitate litigants to settle their cases expeditiously.

Etela helps 3 accident victims

Karimnagar: Health minister Etela Rajendar helped three accident victims during his visit to Jagtial district on Saturday. The three persons were found lying along the Gangadhar-Jagtial road, their bike had been rammed by a car. The people who reached the accident spot are watching the victims struggling in pool of blood without taking any steps to save them. At this time, Mr Rajendar who was heading towards Jagtial reached the spot and stopped his convoy. He shifted the victims in the Jagtial CI's vehicle to Karimnagar government hospital.

TTD MAY END VIP DARSHAN CATEGORIES

AVINASH P. SUBRAMANYAM | DC TIRUPATI, JULY 13

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy said on Saturday that the temple administration would soon suspend the categorisation of VIP break darshan under List-1, List-2 and general categories, in the first meeting of the TTD trust board, which will be constituted within ten days from now.

The Trust Board chief on Saturday inspected the Balaji Institute of Research Rehabilitation and Surgery for the Disabled (BIRRD) hospital in Tirupati.

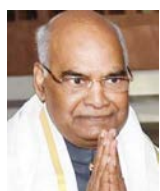
Speaking to media persons here, Mr Reddy said "The state government will constitute a full-fledged trust board within the next ten days. We will take a decision to suspend the categorisation of VIP break darshan into List-1 and List-2 and general categories in the very first trust board meeting, keeping in view the discontent among devotees created with the categorisation of break darshan."

Underlining the need to impose curbs on the repeated visits of VIPs to the Tirumala temple, Mr Reddy felt that the VIPs should consider visiting Tirumala only once in a year, in order to reduce the inconvenience caused to the common devotees with VIP break darshan.

Reiterating that the new trust board's top priority was to ensure hassle-free darshan to commoners, Mr Reddy assured that the new trust board would focus on improving facilities at Tirumala and enhance the duration of darshan timings for common devotees.

Meanwhile, the chairman also had lengthy discussions with BIRRD doctors who brought several issues to his notice to further improve patient care in the hospital.

"Our motto is to take BIRRD hospital to global standards. Once the board is formed, we will improve the facilities to provide better Medicare to the patients here. We will construct 40 more rooms for the patients here by spending Rs.4 crore and advanced medical equipment would also be procured," he maintained.



President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday said there was a need to enhance legal literacy and simplify legal rules.



Meghalaya's water policy will improve health and livelihood of the people

Modi to attend UN meet in September

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to attend the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) meeting in September this year, government sources said on Saturday.

MP faints during cleanup campaign

Patiala: Patiala MP Preet Kaur fainted at a plastic cleanup campaign in her constituency Saturday, police said.

Cong MLA kin held for thrashing man

Indore: One person has been arrested for allegedly beating up a rickshaw driver in a case of road rage at Marimata Chouraha area on Saturday.

CM's nephew calls him 'Chanakya made in China' 107 Bengal MLAs will join BJP: Mukul Roy

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, JULY 13



BJP leader Mukul Roy interacts with media people during a press conference, in Kolkata on Saturday.

Giving a prelude of further defection from West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee's party, senior BJP leader Mukul Roy on Saturday claimed that 107 MLAs, mostly from the Trinamul Congress, have been all set to join the saffron party in the state.

He also indicated that the list includes many legislators from the Congress and CPI(M). "107 more MLAs are ready to join the BJP. Majority of them are from the Trinamul. Other MLAs from the Congress and CPI(M) among others are also ready to join BJP," Mr Roy said showing a bunch of documents.

He however did not reveal the names of the MLAs. Six Trinamul MLAs have defected to the BJP following their party's poor performance in the Lok Sabha Election.

Mr Roy, who has been instrumental in leading the induction drive in the state, informed that

the BJP has prepared the list of 107 lawmakers. He underlined that those MLAs have been in touch with the state BJP leadership.

Lashing out at Ms Banerjee, the BJP national executive committee member alleged, "She is now saying that she can not continue to run the government anymore. So she brought Prashant Kishor."

The BJP leader continued, "But does Mr Kishor hold any post or is he an advisor? He has

claimed that he has received an amount from the Trinamul under the corporate social responsibility fund. How can a political party run CSR fund? Companies have CSR funds. So has the Trinamul become a company?"

Hitting back at Mr Roy within few hours, Ms Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee branded him as "Chanakya Made in China". Mukul Roy argued how

Mr Roy made the tall claim when he failed to protect his own bastion in North 24 Parganas where the Trinamul has reclaimed two municipalities: Kanchrapara and Halisahar. "I just saw him speaking about 107 MLAs' induction to the BJP. But the reality is that he can not even protect the councillors in his neighbourhood. He should be ashamed of himself," said the two-time Trinamul MP from Diamond Harbour.

Sonia ticks off Cong MPs over Talaq Bill

SREEPARNA CHAKRABARTY | DC NEW DELHI, JULY 13

The newly-elected Congress Members of Parliament in Lok Sabha who voted against the introduction of the controversial Triple Talaq Bill when a division vote was called for have been ticked off by none other than CPP leader Sonia Gandhi to not being aware of the correct stand of the Congress Party on the Bill.

The party had till now maintained that it was not against the Bill in principle and the Supreme Court has already invalidated Triple Talaq, but it was opposed to the criminalisation clause and this was a civil matter.

When the Bill was introduced in this session, AIMIM member Asaduddin Owaisi, while opposing the Bill, had pressed for a division vote which saw 186 members voting in favour and 76 against it.

Law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had told the media later that the Congress had joined Mr Owaisi in opposing the Bill and had not learnt any lessons from its Lok Sabha

defeat. He said that the Congress party had in the last term walked out when the Bill was passed and had not opposed the Bill. Following this incident, Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor had been asked to inform the MPs about the correct view of the party and he gave a presentation earlier this week on the Bill details as well as the party's stand, sources told this newspaper.

The move to educate MPs about the Triple Talaq Bill was part of Congress's efforts to finally get its act together in Parliament following the massive drubbing it got in the Lok Sabha polls where it had managed to improve its tally by a mere 9 seats from 44 to 53.

CPP leader Mrs Gandhi has asked the Lok Sabha MPs to meet every morning to discuss the day's agenda and the party's stand on various issues. Mrs Gandhi has also directed Party Leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Chief Whip K Suresh to appoint separate coordinators from each state to deal with their particular issues, the sources said.

Trouble brews for Tuki, ED to probe his assets

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 13



Nabam Tuki

Fresh trouble seems to be brewing for the former chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Nabam Tuki, as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) is now preparing to initiate money laundering probe against him on the basis of CBI's FIR.

Sources in the central probe agency said, "ED sleuths are scrutinising documents related to the FIR registered by the anti-corruption branch of the Guwahati zone of the CBI. The ED will soon start its own probe under the stringent provisions of the money laundering act".

The ED sources said, "We will probe whether the funds obtained through the alleged corrupt practices were laundered and if the 'proceeds of the crime were subsequently used by the accused to create illegal assets'. The ED will soon

The CBI booked Tuki for the alleged corruption in awarding contracts worth ₹3.20 crore for a government project in 2003. He has been named as accused in the CBI's FIR

register a case and start its own probe, they added. The CBI in its FIR alleged that Tuki, the 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 the state worth ₹61.43 lakh and ₹2.60 crore. Tuki was the chief minister of the state during 2011-16. Tuki's brother Nabam Tagam, NN Osik,

the then director civil supplies, and the then chief manager United Commercial Bank (Itanagar) Sohrab Ali Hazarika have also been booked by the CBI. The CBI in its FIR alleged that Osik paid illegal gratification of Rs 30 lakh, which were credited in his account in Itanagar branch of the United Commercial Bank. The cheque was issued in the name of Tuki and was later changed to "yourself", the agency alleged. It said Hazarika, as the branch manager, helped to get the amount credited in Tuki's account and did not obtain any authorisation for alterations made in the cheque beneficiary. The name of account holder in the bank records were also "obliterated" and were replaced with T Nabam in the specimen signature card. A picture of Tuki's brother Nabam Tagam was also put on the specimen signature card. However, CBI's investigation revealed that the account was indeed in the name of Tuki and his specimen signatures were on the account opening form. The CBI has booked all the accused for criminal conspiracy, forgery, and provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

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'Worst performance'

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury says that 2019 is worst electoral performance by CPI(M) since 2004



Will be the happiest person if Kharge is made Karnataka CM.

— Umesh Jadhav, BJP MP

MP CM made 'crisis manager' after surprise Delhi visit

Kamal Nath named to deal with K'taka crisis

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, JULY 13

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has been appointed "crisis manager" by the Congress high command to bail out the coalition government in Karnataka that landed in trouble following resignation of several ruling party MLAs from Assembly.

Mr Nath who made an "unprecedented" visit to Delhi on Friday following a reported call from Congress leadership on Saturday rushed to Bengaluru to "deal" with the Karnataka crisis. "He has been assigned the role of crisis manager to save the JD (S) Congress coalition government in Karnataka from collapsing in the wake of resignation of some Congress MLAs," sources close to Mr Nath told this newspaper.

Sources in Chief Minister's Office confirmed that Mr Nath's visit to Bengaluru was not official and "there is no official communication as to how long the chief minister will stay in Bengaluru".

Half-a-dozen Congress legislators have resigned from the House landing the Kumaraswamy government in a crisis.

Earlier on Friday, the Congress-JD(S) coalition had been pushing for a trust vote to be held on Monday in the state Assembly floor.

Meanwhile, the SC ordered the Speaker to not make a decision before July 16 when it will decide on larger Constitutional issues with regards to the plea filed by the rebel MLAs over Mr Kumar not accepting their resignations.

As per sources, the BJP wants to wait until Tuesday till the Supreme Court decides on the case before moving on the no-confidence motion.



Karnataka MLAs visit Shirdi Sai Baba for 'darshan' in Shirdi on Saturday. — PTI

BSY for early trust vote; MLA returns to Cong.

DC CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU, JULY 13

Posing a fresh challenge to the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition government, five Congress MLAs moved the Supreme Court on the case over their resignations from the Assembly membership.

The five legislators — Mr Anand Singh, Dr K. Sudhakar, M.T.B. Nagaraj, Mr N. Muniratna and Mr Roshan Baig — contended in their application that they had submitted their resignations in accordance with Article 190, read with Rule 202 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

Meanwhile, Mr Nagaraj, in a huge boost to the Congress' hopes, not only hinted that he might reconsider his resignation, also said he would try and persuade the other rebels to withdraw their objections too.

However, the BJP upped the ante, demanding that the Chief Minister seek a trust vote on Monday, a day prior to the Supreme Court hearing on a similar petition of 10 other rebel MLAs of Congress-JD(S) who have resigned. BJP sources revealed they are working on bringing in five to six more dissidents to topple the government as part of Mr B.S. Yeddyurappa's strategy to ensure that a total of 16 Congress and JD(S) MLAs abstain during the trust vote and the two independent MLAs vote against it, which gives it a total of 18 votes against the Kumaraswamy government. Another three MLAs are ready to resign in the middle of session, and maybe two more, a

die-hard supporter of Mr Yeddyurappa told this newspaper. "We will defeat the trust vote by more than 6-7 votes," he said confidently.

However the Congress which intensified efforts to bring rebel lawmakers back into the party fold, brushed aside the five MLAs' plaint, banking on private assurances from Mr Ramalinga Reddy and Mr Roshan Baig that they may not take their running battle with Mr Siddaramaiah to its logical conclusion by voting against the government.

Mr Siddaramaiah was much more sanguine than he has been for days. Apart from his fellow Kuruba clansmen M.T.B. Nagaraj, the Congress may have also persuaded strongman, R. Ramalinga Reddy to soften his earlier stand on resigning from his legislator's post.

Some MLAs said to be willing to join BJP

Opp. MLAs make beeline to meet Maharashtra CM

AGE CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, JULY 13

Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis' visit to Pandharpur to seek blessings of Lord Vitthal turned into a political event as several Opposition MLAs made a beeline to meet him. The visit assumed significance as reports suggest that several legislators from the Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) are willing to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the Vidhan Sabha election.

Interestingly, it was Siddharam Mhetre and Bharat Bhalke, both Congress MLAs, who welcomed Mr Fadnavis in Solapur before he reached Pandharpur. With the Assembly election just around the corner, the chief minister also made it a point to attend events organised by the BJP as well as Opposition parties. After performing the puja at the famous Vitthal temple, he attended an



Devendra Fadnavis

event organised by BJP legislator Prashant Paricharak, where the presence of NCP MLA Baban Shinde raised eyebrows.

Mr Fadnavis also visited Mr Bhalke's residence, where he met some MLAs who are planning to join the saffron party ahead of polls. These MLAs were accompanied by housing minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, who recently quit Congress and joined the BJP.

Mr Bhalke's name figures prominently in the list of Opposition MLAs expected to switch sides in

According to sources, Opposition MLAs including Jaykumar Gore and Abdul Sattar are likely to join the BJP

the coming days. However, Mr Bhalke denied such reports and dubbed the chief minister's visit as a personal visit. "The political discussions are made secretly, not so openly," he argued.

According to sources, Opposition MLAs including Jaykumar Gore and Abdul Sattar are likely to join the BJP. Another Congress MLA, Kalidas Kolambkar, who openly campaigned for the Shiv Sena candidate in Lok Sabha election is also likely to join the BJP.

"Eight to 10 Congress MLAs are in touch with the BJP. We are disappointed with the Congress leadership in Maharashtra," Mr Sattar had earlier said.

WOMAN STRANGLES DAUGHTER TO DEATH

Woman strangles daughter to death

GORAKHPUR (UP): A woman allegedly strangled her four-year-old daughter to death at her house in Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur district on Saturday morning, police said. The incident occurred at Mahadeva Jungle village under Chauhi Chaura police station area. Prima facie, the woman, Pushpa Nishad, took the step after being annoyed with an ongoing quarrel with her husband and in-laws, the police said. According to a complaint, Jitendra Nishad, who works as a linesman in the power department in Gorakhpur, received a call from his neighbours that his wife was beating his daughter. — PTI

INMATE GETS 1-YR JAIL FOR BRAWL OVER HONEY

Inmate gets 1-yr jail for brawl over Honey

SAGAR (MP): A court in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh has sentenced a prisoner to one year in jail for attacking an inmate during an argument over Honey. The inmate, the adopted daughter of jailed Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, On September 27, 2017, Mukesh Raikwar (26) had attacked fellow prisoner Prapat Rajput in Sagar's Central Jail with a tin dustbin after the latter spoke ill of an inmate while watching television news about Rahim Singh's conviction for rape in Panchkula in Haryana, said District Prosecutor's Media In-charge Brajesh Dixit. — PTI

3 LABOURERS KILLED IN RAIL ACCIDENT

3 labourers killed in rail accident

SURAT: Three persons were killed after being hit by a speeding train near Surat railway station Saturday morning, railway police said. The victims got down from a train between Surat and Udhna stations and were crossing the tracks when they were hit by the Karnavati Express. They were part of a group of six labourers from Rajasthan who were heading for Valsad for a job. One of them died on the spot, while the other two succumbed to injuries at the civil hospital here. The deceased were identified as Kuldip Kulsingh (18), Pravin Narayan Singh (19) and Pravin Dheer Singh (19). — PTI

NIA: TN MODULE IN TOUCH WITH BANNED OUTFITS

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, JULY 13

The NIA on Saturday carried out raids at multiple locations in Chennai and Nagapattinam and busted a Tamil Nadu-based terror module whose members had collected funds and made preparations to carry out terrorist attacks with the intention of establishing Islamic rule in India.

TN state head of the organisation, Sayyed Mohammed Buhari was taken into custody. His office, which is in an apartment complex on Vepery-Poonamallee road, was raided as well, sources added.

At Nagapattinam, the team raided places in Sikkal and Manjakollai and took two persons for inquiry. They were identified as Hassan Ali Yunusmaricar and Mohamed Yusuffudeen Harish Mohamed. The NIA team is also probing if they were plotting to murder Hindu leaders.

NIA officers claimed that the group had contact with banned Islamic organisations. It is said this group communicated via social media. They are also inquiring if they were in touch with the perpetrators of Colombo's Easter Day blast which killed 259 people and left 1,000 injured.

Sources said during searches, 9 mobiles, 15 SIM cards, 7 memory cards, 3 laptops, 5 hard discs, 6 pen drives, 2 tablets and 3 CDs/ DVDs.



Security personnel stand guard during restrictions at Downtown in Srinagar on Saturday. — PTI

Martyr's Day: J&K faces more security curbs

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, JULY 13

On the second consecutive day, Saturday, the J&K police and Central armed forces enforced curfew-like restrictions in several parts of Srinagar considered as "sensitive" by the authorities to hold back pro-azadi rally planned by separatists at "Mazare-Shohda" or martyrs' cemetery here to mark the 88th anniversary of slaying of 22 local Muslims by autocratic Dogra Maharaja's army.

The officials said that the restrictions were "preventive in nature" and imposed to "maintain law and order." Earlier, the authorities had placed key separatist leaders under house arrest to prevent them from arranging or attending the rally.

Chief Muslim cleric and separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq had announced to lead a procession from Srinagar's Grand Mosque to the martyrs' cemetery in City's Khawaja Bazaar area to pay homage to the martyrs of July 13, 1931.

However, the leaders and representatives of mainstream political parties, including National Conference and Peoples' Democratic Party were allowed to visit the martyrs' cemetery to pay floral tributes and offer fete-ha prayers. J&K governor's advisor Khurshed Ahmed Ganai and divisional commissioner Baseer Ahmed Khan represented the state government at an official function held beside the cemetery during which a contingent of the local police performed guard of honour parade.

Elsewhere in the Valley, marketplaces remained shut and only skeleton transport services plied on the roads as vast majority of the people obeyed a call for shutdown issued by an alliance of key separatist leaders called 'Joint Resistance Leadership' (JRL). The authorities suspended rail services across the Valley and also reduced the mobile internet speed to 2G "as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order".

Death of the legacy of late Parrikar: Outgoing deputy CM Goa CM drops 4 ministers from Cabinet

PANAJI, July 13: Ahead of a reshuffle of the state Cabinet, Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant dropped four ministers — three of the Goa Forward Party (GFP) and one Independent — from his Cabinet on Saturday. A notification to this effect was issued in the afternoon.

According to the notification, the four ministers — deputy chief minister Vijai Sardesai, water resources minister Vinod Palyekar, rural development minister Jayesh Salgaonkar (all GFP MLAs) and revenue minister Rohan Khaunte (Independent) — were dropped from the Cabinet. They would be replaced with Michael Lobo, who resigned as Deputy Speaker of Assembly earlier



Goa Governor Mridula Sinha inducts four new ministers in Pramod Sawant-led Cabinet, Chandrakant Kavlekar, Jeniffer Monserratte, Philip Neri Rodrigues and Michael Lobo during their swearing-in ceremony in Panaji on Saturday. — PTI

in the day, and three of the 10 MLAs, who switched over to the BJP from the Congress on Wednesday. Lobo said apart from him, Chandrakant Kavlekar, Jeniffer Monserratte and Philip Nery Rodrigues would be a part of the new Cabinet. Taleigao MLA Jeniffer Monserratte is the wife of

Panaji MLA Atanasio Monserratte. Earlier there were speculations that he would be inducted into the Cabinet. Lobo said, "Atanasio Monserratte refused to take up the ministerial berth and instead requested the chief minister to make his wife a part of the Cabinet."

Meanwhile, outgoing deputy chief minister of Goa, Vijai Sardesai, on Saturday said that the induction of ten MLAs of the Congress into the BJP was the "death of the legacy" of late chief minister Manohar Parrikar — the tallest saffron leader in the coastal state credited for forming the coalition government in 2017 by bringing together regional parties. — PTI

Govt forms panel to draft law to check violence on doctors

NEW DELHI, July 13: The Union health ministry has entrusted an eight-member sub-committee with the task of drafting a central law to check violence against doctors and other medical professionals, a long-standing demand of the medical fraternity.

The sub-committee has been directed to draft the law by July 17, officials said. The panel comprises officials from the health ministry and representatives from the Medical Council of India, Indian Medical Association (IMA), AIIMS RDA among others. The sub-committee was constituted after a 10-member panel set up by the health ministry to examine the "pros and cons" of bringing such a central legislation held its meeting last week and mulled ways to strengthen security at medical establishments across the country. "The members of the sub-committee have been requested to carry out the drafting work over next one week. They will hold

a meeting on July 17 for submitting the draft legislation. The sub-committee shall submit the draft legislation to the (10-member) Committee, which shall hold its next meeting on July 22 to consider the draft legislation," the minutes of the meeting held on July 10 stated. The proposed central legislation will have uniform application and impact across the country and will be more effective in protecting the doctors, paramedics and clinical establishments, the minutes said.

The meeting held on July 10 was attended by officials of the home ministry, legal affairs department, health ministry, Medical Council of India, various doctors' associations, and medical superintendents of AIIMS and RML Hospital. — PTI

No act of terror will be spared: Gen Rawat

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 13

Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat on Saturday there has been no intrusion by the Chinese in Ladakh's Demchok sector. He also warned that any misadventure by Pakistan Army will be repelled with punitive response and no act of terror will go unpunished. He also said

Gen. Rawat also asserted that no act of terror will go unpunished. "Surgical strikes post Uri and Balakot (terror attacks) have amply demonstrated our political and military resolve against terror. Any act of terror will not go unpunished," he said.

The Army Chief pointed out that rise of non-state actors and the readiness to use terror and other irregular methods of fighting have become a new norm. He said that addition of



Gen. Bipin Rawat

cyber and space domain has changed the battlefield scenario and armed forces must be prepared for the future conflict with these changed character of the warfare.

He indicated that India is also planning a large-scale purchase of drones to boost surveillance capability along its volatile borders, with Pakistan and China.



Closing note

British Prime Minister Theresa May says she would leave her job this month with a mixture of pride and disappointment after failing to deliver on Brexit.



Trump warns migrant crackdown set to start

Operations to target several families living in 10 cities

Washington, July 13: A nationwide wave of arrests of immigrants facing deportation will commence over the weekend, US President Donald Trump said on Friday, confirming that the plan, intended to discourage a surge of Central American migrants, was on track after a delay.

The operation is expected to target hundreds of families in 10 cities that have recently been ordered deported by an immigration court but have not yet left the country. Trump revealed the operation on Twitter in June and then postponed it. It is unusual for the government to announce deportation operations ahead of time.

"People are coming into this country illegally, we are taking them out legally," Trump told reporters on Friday, calling it a "major operation" that will mainly focus on removing criminals.

In a typical week, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests thousands of immigrants who are staying in the country illegally, according to government data. Most of those arrests are made without any advance publicity.

The President, speaking to reporters at the White House on Friday, said he was not concerned that the advance notice could help targeted immigrants evade arrest.

"If the word gets out, it gets out," he said.

Since Trump first spoke of the plan, a number of city mayors, nearly all Democrats, have repeated



The video of President Trump "forcibly" kissing Alva Johnson on the mouth

DON'T KISS AND TELL

A 15-second video released on Wednesday by Charles Harder, an attorney for Trump, led to conflicting interpretations.

Johnson's attorneys say if nothing else, the footage proves her claims were truthful.

She alleged the president grabbed her hand and leaned in for a kiss before a Florida rally on August 24, 2016.

It showed Trump kissing ex-staffer Alva Johnson without her consent

She turned her head, which caused Trump to kiss the side of her mouth.

UK probes leaked cables on Trump

London, July 14: British police said on Friday they had opened a probe into a leak of confidential memos that led to the resignation of British ambassador to Washington.

Kim Darroch quit on Wednesday after Donald Trump called him "stupid" and "wacky" following the publication of the confidential memos by a

newspaper. In them, Darroch called Trump's administration inept. London's Metropolitan Police said its counter-terrorism command, which takes national responsibility for investigating allegations of criminal breaches of the Official Secrets Act, was leading the investigation.

their long-standing policies of not cooperating with ICE officials on deportations and have advertised helplines people can call to understand their rights.

Democratic lawmakers, among others, have also

sought to inform immigrants of their rights, telling them not to open their door for ICE unless agents present a court-issued warrant, and not to say or sign anything before speaking with a lawyer.

Washington, July 12: US House of Representatives approved a \$733 billion defence policy Bill on Friday, defying President Donald Trump's veto threat by including provisions like a clampdown on funding for his planned wall on the border with Mexico.

The House passed its version of the 2020 National Defence Authorization Act, or NDAA, by a 220 to 197 vote without a single Republican voting in favour of the Bill and after some of the most liberal Democrats opposed it as they pushed for a reduction in defence spending.

US HOUSE PASSES \$733 BN DEFENCE POLICY BILL

Washington, July 13: At \$5 billion, the fine the FTC is about to levy on Facebook is by far the largest it's given to a technology company, easily eclipsing the second largest, \$22 million for Google in 2012.

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Facebook and the FTC declined to comment. The 3-2 vote broke along party lines, with Republicans in support and Democrats in



FLOODED NEPAL

A man carries a child on his back as he wades across a flooded street following incessant rainfall, in Kathmandu on Saturday.

- PTI

Facebook fined \$5 bn for data protection lapses

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Opposition to the settlement, according to the reports. The case now moves to the Justice Department's civil division for review. It's unclear how long the process will take, though it is likely to be approved.

A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment on the Facebook matter. For many companies, a \$5 billion fine would be crippling. But Facebook is not most companies. It had nearly \$56 billion in revenue last year. This year, analysts expect around \$69 billion, according to Zacks. As a one-time expense, the company will also be able to exclude the amount

from its adjusted earnings results - the profit figure that investors and financial analysts pay attention to. "This closes a dark chapter and puts it in the rearview mirror with Cambridge Analytica," said Wedbush analyst Daniel Ives. "Investors still had lingering worries that the fine might not be approved. Now, the Street can breathe a little easier."

Facebook has earmarked \$3 billion for a potential fine and said in April it was anticipating having to pay up to \$5 billion. But while Wall Street - and likely Facebook executives - may be breathing a little easier, the fine alone has not appeased Facebook critics, including privacy advocates and lawmakers.

"The reported \$5 billion penalty is barely a tap on the wrist, not even a slap," said Senator Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat from Connecticut. - AP

IN BRIEF

11 civilians killed in Russia, Syria strikes

Belrut: Syrian rescuers and activists said 11 civilians, including two families of four, were killed in government and Russian airstrikes inside Syria's last rebel stronghold. White Helmets said airstrikes in Kfarya village on Saturday killed a mother, her baby and another man, leaving 11 injured, including one of their volunteers. The rescuers and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said other airstrikes in Khan Sheikhoun hit a farm, killing two families - four kids and four parents.

Pak HC to hear Sharif on Sept. 18

Islamabad: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Saturday set September 18 as the date for hearing the appeal of jailed former prime minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif against his conviction in the Al-Azizia case. The Court also set the same date to hear the National Accountability Bureau's appeal against Sharif's acquittal in the Flagship Investment case, the Express Tribune had reported.

Malaysians find lost German hiker

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian rescuers found the body of a German hiker a day after he was reported missing during sudden flash floods in a popular national park. District fire and rescue chief Law Poh Kiong says the body of Peter Hoverkamp was discovered at a river in Deer Cave at the Mulu National Park in Sarawak state on Saturday. He said the rescue team is still searching for local tour guide Roviezal Robin, who went missing with Hoverkamp on Friday.

HK AGITATORS TARGET CHINA TRADERS

Hong Kong, July 13: Several thousand people are marching in Hong Kong against traders from mainland China in what is fast becoming a summer of unrest in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory. Saturday's march passed by temporarily shuttered pharmacies and cosmetic shops that are popular with Chinese tourists and traders who bring goods back to sell in the mainland. Huge demonstrations in June against a proposal to change extradition laws are reawakening other movements in the city. The protests have a common refrain: Hong Kong's government is not addressing citizen concerns.

The city's leader, Carrie Lam, has pledged to listen to the people, but many protesters want her to resign.

China space lab to re-enter on July 19

Beijing, July 13: China's experimental space lab Tiangong-2 is expected to leave orbit and re-enter the atmosphere on July 19, China Manned Space Engineering Office (CMSEO) announced on Saturday.

Most of the spacecraft will be burnt up in the atmosphere, and a small amount of debris is expected to fall in the safe sea area in the South Pacific, CMSEO, which manages China's human spaceflight endeavours, said.

Tiangong-2, an improved version of Tiangong-1, is China's first space lab in real sense. It was launched on September 15, 2016 to test advanced life support and refuelling and resupply capabilities via the crewed Shenzhou-11 and uncrewed Tianzhou-1 cargo missions, in preparation for constructing a large, modular space station in low Earth orbit.

China plans to launch a permanent space station by 2022. The space lab has worked in orbit over 1,000 days, much longer than its two-year designed life.

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Tiangong-2 has a total length of 10.4 metre, a largest diameter of 3.35 metre and a take-off weight of 8.6 tonnes.

All the experiments in the space lab have been completed. The spacecraft and the instruments on it are functioning well, CMSEO said.

Preparations for the controlled re-entry into atmosphere of Tiangong-2 are proceeding steadily as planned, it said. - PTI

MAN SITS FOR 5 DAYS IN TOILET TO GET 'RECORD'

Ostend, July 13: A Belgian man sat on a toilet for nearly five days this week in a bid to set a world record.

Jimmy De Frenne, 48, learning to be a bus driver, challenged himself to sit for 165 hours on a toilet set up specially for the feat in the middle of a bar, but gave up on Friday after 116 hours.

"Self-mockery is the best humour there is. Why am I doing this? Why not? There is nothing I like more than people making fun of me, because then I can do the same with them," De Frenne said.

Filip's Place bar in Ostend was open throughout, allowing Frenne's friends and family to stop by for a chat.

De Frenne was allowed five minutes off every hour, which he could accumulate over several hours to allow him to sleep. Ironically, he needed toilet breaks as his bar toilet was not plumbed in. Sitting that long was not as easy as it might have seemed.

"I was very tired and my legs hurt but I believe in my success and try to make this record official," de Frenne said. - Reuters



A view of the Asasey Hotel that was attacked in Kismayo, Somalia on Saturday. - AP

26 killed in suicide/gun attack at Somali hotel

Mogadishu, July 13: At least 26 people, including several foreigners, were killed and 56 injured in a suicide bomb and gun attack claimed by Al-Shabaab militants on a popular hotel in southern Somalia, a top regional official said on Saturday.

A suicide bomber rammed a vehicle loaded with explosives into the Medina hotel in the port town of Kismayo on Friday before several heavily armed gunmen forced their way inside, shooting as they went, authorities said. The siege lasted for

almost 12 hours and only ended on Saturday morning after clashes with the forces. Three Kenyans, three Tanzanians, two Americans, one British and one Canadian were among the 26 people killed in the attack, president Ahmed Mohamed Islam of the semi-autonomous Jubaland region told a news conference. "There are also two wounded Chinese," he added.

"The security forces are in control now and the last terrorist was shot and killed," Mohamed Abdiweli, a security official, said. "There are dead

bodies and wounded people strewn inside the hotel," Abdiweli said. He said authorities believed four gunmen, who one witness described as wearing Somali police uniforms, were involved in the attack. Shabaab, the Al-Qaeda-linked group, claimed responsibility for the siege describing it as "a martyrdom attack."

"There is chaos inside. I saw several dead bodies carried from the scene and people are fleeing from nearby buildings," witness Hussein Mukhtar said during the assault. - AFP

COPS KILL TEEN WITH FAKE GUN, FEAR IT WAS REAL

Los Angeles, July 13: A 17-year-old girl killed by a California police officer last week appears to have been pointing a replica gun at the officer when she was shot, video footage released on Friday shows.

The graphic video, released by Fullerton police department following questions from the teen's family, shows Hannah Williams collapsing and pleading for help after she was shot on July 5. The replica gun can be seen lying next to her in the video.

Police on Friday also released audio of an emergency call the teen's father, Benson Williams, made about 90 minutes after the shooting to report his daughter missing.

The video footage shows the officer exiting his car and walking around the van Williams was driving. As he approaches the driver's side, he is confronted by Williams who is seen walking towards him with her arms outstretched in a "shooting stance." Shots are then fired and Williams is seen collapsing on the ground and pleading for help. - Agencies

GUN | AMNESTY ■ 200m dollars set aside for 'buybacks', compensation low, say owners

Kiwis return semi-automatic weapons

Wellington, July 13: Dozens of Christchurch gun owners on Saturday handed over their weapons in exchange for money, in the first of over 250 planned buyback events around New Zealand after the government outlawed many types of semi-automatics.

Police said they paid more than 4,30,000 New Zealand dollars (\$2,88,000) to 169 gun owners during the event. The money was paid directly into the bank accounts of gun owners.

New Zealand lawmakers in April rushed through new legislation to ban so-called military-style weapons after a lone gunman killed 51 people at two Christchurch mosques in March.

The government has set aside over New Zealand dollars 200 million to buy back weapons such as AR-15 style rifles, although many gun owners remain unhappy with the compensation offer.

Under an amnesty, gun owners have until December to turn over their now-banned weapons.

Police said at least 14,000 guns around the country are banned under the new legislation. There are around 1 million to 1.5 million guns in New Zealand and 2,50,000 licensed gun owners.

Under the buyback scheme, gun owners are compensated between 25 per cent and 95 per cent of the pre-tax price of a new gun,

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depending on the condition of their weapon.

People who own guns that are not banned under the new laws can also turn over their weapons during the amnesty, although they won't get any compensation. Police said a half-dozen such weapons were turned in during the Christchurch event.

Police are using hydraulic machines to crush the gun barrels and firing mechanisms of the weapons that are handed in, rendering them inoperable, before disposing of them.

Mike Johnson, an acting district police commander, said the Christchurch buyback had been a success and the attitude of gun owners "outstanding."

Police minister Stuart Nash said the results from the first collection were very encouraging.

"Many of those who handed over firearms commented how easy the process is, how the prices are fair, and how police made the whole event go smoothly," Nash said. But Nicole McKee, the sec-

retary of the Council of Licensed Firearms Owners, said the government was shortchanging gun owners by trying to complete the buyback on the cheap.

She said gun owners were forced to rely on police assessments of the condition of their guns and weren't getting paid anything for the thousands of dollars they had spent on tax as well as certain accessories and ammunition.

"They do want to abide by the new laws but they have no incentive and they're having fingers pointed at them and are being treated like criminals," McKee said. "They're angry at the way they're being treated." - AP

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There is a real danger that developing nations may adopt a space programme largely for glamour.
— Vikram Sarabhai

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INDIA'S BIG LEAP TO MOON

After finding evidence of water on the moon and launching a satellite in the Martian orbit, India is undertaking another difficult mission of sending its probe to the moon's southern polar region, which is the first-ever attempt by any country.



WE ARE not just set to join a small group of nations which have embarked on such ambitious exploration of space, but will foster a new age of discovery and increase our understanding of space.

K. KASTURIRANGAN,
Ex-chairman, Isro

Separation of Vikram Lander from the 'Orbiter'

Insertion into a lunar orbit of 88x18,000 km

Entry into the Moon's sphere of influence

Completion of five Liquid Engine Burns followed by a Trans Lunar injection

Separation of Chandrayaan 2 integrated Module from launch vehicle GSLV Mk-III

Take-off from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota — powered by GSLV Mk-III

July 15

Initiation of terminal landing phases

Commencement of the 'Powered descent phase'

Sept. 7: Completion of 'soft landing' by Vikram — the first attempt by any country to reach the Moon's south pole and exploration of Pragyan would begin

Orbiter

The Orbiter will observe the lunar surface and relay communication between Earth and Chandrayaan-2's lander — Vikram.

Dry Mass	682 KG
Propellant Mass	1.697 KG
Total Mass	2.379 KG
Power	1,000 W

Vikram Lander

The lander is designed to execute India's first 'soft landing' on the lunar surface

Dry Mass	626 KG
Propellant Mass	845 KG
Total Mass	1.471 KG
Power	650 W

Pragyan Rover

The rover is a six-wheeled AI-powered vehicle named Pragyan, which translates to 'wisdom' in Sanskrit.

NA	27 KG
NA	50 W

B.R. SRIKANTH | DC

For many Indian space scientists, the coincidence is a fairy tale! As students, they were glued to the radio for updates on Apollo 11, perched on Saturn V rocket at the Kennedy Space Centre on Merritt Island, Florida. Fifty years later (Saturn V blasted off with Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969), they gaze intently at their consoles, checking out scores of links and communications systems of Chandrayaan-2, India's second shot at the Moon, which will be transported into space by the country's most powerful rocket, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota Range, on July 15. And, if all goes well, this orbiter-lander-rover mission could provide leads on the ideal landing place for crews in future, and perhaps the setting up of a lunar station to help peer deep into the universe, or a refuelling stop for voyages to Mars and other planets. "Something new will be discovered, but we cannot prefigure the results," says Dr V. Adimurthy, chairman of Isro's study team on Solar System exploration, adding

that the spot for landing, the South Pole region or 'far side' of the Moon, was picked as none has ventured to explore this territory. Besides picking an uncharted territory, Indian space scientists will get up close with the Moon through a lander 'Vikram' and a rover 'Pragyan' though the man at the helm, Dr K. Sivan, feels the operation for landing on lunar surface will be "the most terrifying 15 minutes" as the space agency has never embarked on such a complex mission. The results at the end of the nerve-racking manoeuvre, when the lander and the rover separate from the orbiter and glide and touch down on the Moon in early September, will be manifold: clues to many mysteries of about birth and expansion of the universe, entry of India into a consortium of space-faring nations for future inter-planetary exploration and colonisation of Moon and Mars, promote new geo-political equations, and help secure more contracts for manufacture and launch of satellites owing to Isro's low-cost approach in exploration of space. In short, it will be a "fantastic mission" as it will

also inspire more young men and women to take up research in frontier areas of astronomy, says former Chairman of Isro, G. Madhavan Nair, who steered Chandrayaan-1, a probe which did not last a year, but helped discover water on the Moon in 2008. Like in the past, Indian space scientists are working with modest budget to accomplish a challenging task like landing on the Moon. In all, Isro will incur an expenditure of \$141 million (₹978 crore) for the orbiter-lander-rover mission's manufacture and a 3,84,400 km voyage before arriving at its destination. In comparison, China spent \$180 million on the Chang'e programme, and the US, a whopping \$25 billion on 15 Apollo missions on the Moon. And the expertise and experience gained through Chandrayaan-2 will be used for future exploratory projects: A second visit to Mars in a couple of years, and subsequent launch of a probe to Venus. "We are not just set to join a small group of nations which have embarked on such ambitious exploration of space, but will foster a new age of discovery and increase our under-

standing of space by expanding on data thrown up by Chandrayaan-1. This mission will also stimulate advancements in technology which are essential for human habitations on the Moon," says Dr K. Kasturirangan, former chairman, Isro. In addition to the likely flow of much interest to astronomers and planetary research groups, cutting edge technologies developed at Isro for Chandrayaan-2 will be passed on to India Inc. The spin-offs? "I guess we will discover them in due course just as our communication and remote sensing satellites are helping in distance education, medicine, and planning of urban areas," adds Dr Adimurthy. The second outing to the Moon will also benefit the defence sector in terms of new materials, technologies and networks developed for the mission, but none in Isro will venture to comment on strategic implications. For now, it's the challenge of visiting the Moon during the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's legendary "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

TIMELINE



US astronaut Neil Armstrong set his foot on the moon — the first by a human — 50 years ago on July 20, 1969.

JAN. 1959: A small Soviet sphere stacked with antennas — Luna-1 — was the first spacecraft to escape the Earth's gravity. Luna-1, however, did not reach the Moon's surface, but flew within about 4,000 miles of it. Its equipment revealed for the first time that the Moon had no magnetic field.



SEPT. 1959: LUNA-2 became the first spacecraft and the first man-made object to land on the Moon's surface. A third Luna mission

subsequently captured the first, blurry, images of the far side of the Moon. Subsequent Luna missions over 17 years released robot-rovers and also brought the samples of the Moon's soil to Earth.

AS THE RACE for supremacy in space gathered momentum, nine Ranger spacecraft of US-Nasa, launched between 1961 and 1965, gave scientists the first close-up look at the lunar surface. The Ranger missions were engineered to zoom straight towards the Moon and capture as many images as possible before crashing onto its surface. In 1962, Ranger-4 was the US spacecraft to hit the Moon, but it slammed into the far side before collecting any scientific data.



Vikram Lander

HOW DOES IT TRAVEL TO THE MOON? GSLV Mk III, India's most powerful launcher to date, would take Chandrayaan-2 out of the earth's gravitational space and set the payload on the course to the moon.

SOFT LANDING:

FEBRUARY 3, 1966: Luna 9 spacecraft, weighing less than 100 KG (Soviet Union's robotic space missions), also called Lunik or Lunnik by the western world, became the first spacecraft to accomplish a soft landing on lunar soil. It photographed a ground-level lunar panorama, beaming the first black and white close-up shots of the Moon's surface.

JUNE 2, 1966: The American 'Surveyor' spacecraft was successful in soft-landing on the Moon. All these crew-less, robotic probes set the stage for the gigantic leap forward in space exploration through the Apollo programme.

JULY 20, 1969: Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first people to reach the Moon when Apollo 11 lunar lander Eagle touched down in the Sea of Tranquility.

MORE RECENTLY, Israel and China joined the bandwagon of lunar exploration, with mixed success. After a 37-year gap, China joined the United States and erstwhile Soviet Union in becoming one of only three countries to land on the near side of the Moon. China's 'Yutu' rover touched down on December 14, 2013.

JANUARY 3, 2019: Chinese lander, Chang'e-4, touched down on the far side of the Moon — the first-ever spacecraft to arrive at this spot.

APRIL 11, 2019: The Israeli spacecraft, Beresheet, crashed while attempting to land on the Moon.

A LAUNCH PAD FOR FUTURE EXPLORATIONS



Mylswamy Annadurai

It's no exaggeration that Chandrayaan-1, which we launched in 2008, revived much interest in scientific exploration of the Moon across the world. Though it was our first shot at the Moon, the discovery of evidence of water in the exosphere, the surface and sub-surface of the Moon, was a path-breaking one as most of the previous missions suggested that the lunar surface was barren. And, how we got to the Moon is also unique: While western agencies launched their probes to the Moon directly using extremely powerful but prohibitively rockets, Isro employed the PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) to carry Chandra-

yaan-1 into space, and through orbit-raising manoeuvre, guided it to the designated orbit at a height of 100 km from the lunar surface. In terms of budget, we spent about \$56 million. But more than one-third of it was used to build infrastructure like the Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) station outside Bengaluru along with the Indian Space Science Data Centre (ISSDC). When one compares this with several billion dollars spent by other countries during their expeditions to the Moon, Chandrayaan-1 has yielded far superior results in terms of scientific discoveries. With a similar approach, we reached Mars in our first attempt in 2013-14, a feat which no other country has accomplished. Again, PSLV was the rocket which transported MOM (Mars Orbiter Mission) into space, but we had to overcome the challenge of designing and installing scientific instru-

ments weighing only 15 kg onboard within a compressed schedule. The orbit around Mars, which we selected, enables MOM to get a full view of the planet as well capture images from very close and very far distances. This particular aspect (the orbit), along with a handful of instruments, have helped extend the life of MOM beyond four years though it was originally felt that it will be active for only six months, and helped us gather critical inputs on sea-

sons on Mars and their after-effects. These inputs have inspired scientists to propose a hypothesis about rain on Mars, adding a new dimension to our understanding of the planet. Just as we tried to be unique with Chandrayaan-1 and MOM, we are going to do so with Chandrayaan-2 as well, with a mission which will land and explore a region like the South Pole which no space agency has delved into.

Just as we tried to be unique with Chandrayaan-1 and MOM, we are going to do so with Chandrayaan-2 as well, with a mission which will land and explore a region like the South Pole which no space agency has delved into. In addition to landing on the lunar soil and

studying the Moon from an altitude of about 100 km, a rover will be deployed to study the surface for one Moon day (14 Earth days). And though we are using a powerful rocket, GSLV Mk III, to launch Chandrayaan-2, it will be moved closer to the Moon through orbit-raising manoeuvres. And this entire mission will be accomplished with a budget of \$141 million (₹978 crore). We developed many technologies on our own for Chandrayaan-2 as we will be attempting a soft landing, which is very tricky and must be carried out with great amount of precision. The data provided by this combination of an orbiter, lander and rover could be useful in deciding the ideal landing spot for manned missions in future. At this point in time, it is difficult to envisage the kind of scientific discoveries likely by Chandrayaan-2. Isro, however, will have the

technological expertise to participate in international programmes to turn the Moon into a stopover post for future missions to Mars or other planets or for installing telescopes on the lunar soil to peer deep into the universe. Many experts feel that a lunar space station will be an ideal alternative to the International Space Station (ISS) which is nearing the end of its operational life. In case such a space station takes shape, Isro will be able to partner other space agencies with expertise gained during the second expedition to the Moon. And if space tourism grows popular, Isro will be able to offer its expertise to commercial enterprises as well.

(The writer was the project director of Chandrayaan-1, programme Director, Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), and retired as the director, UR Rao Satellite Centre, Isro, Bengaluru)



The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family

People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent.

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Give more time for switch to electric vehicles

India's first ethanol-powered motorcycle was unveiled last week, so too an electric car by an international manufacturer based in India while a new electric scooter also hit the market. Electric vehicles (EVs) are clearly gaining traction, but not at a rate that could possibly meet the overambitious conversion target set by Niti Aayog, which said most recently that 2023 and 2025 should be the cut-off dates for three-wheelers and two-wheelers under 150 cc to go electric. The sum total of all the initiatives towards switching to electric mobility solutions amount to less than one per cent of vehicles on Indian roads now. While the absolute transition cut-off date of 2030 sounds ambitious even for such a highly evolved industry as the Indian automobile industry, the deadline sought for the less powered three- and two-wheelers appears far too sharp. The proposed dates will be thrown open for discussion; even so, it is clear that automobiles are being targeted as major urban polluters.

The tax incentive proposals for EVs contained in the Budget were not that substantive as to see customers queue up. The country has a long way to go in setting up a nationwide recharging infrastructure, which will make electric mobility practical even as technology develops more compact batteries as well as quicker charging. The hurdles may appear overwhelming currently because we have hardly started towards true enabling of pollution-free transportation. Pilot initiatives look impressive enough in handling the minuscule numbers thus far. A total transition in India would take an enormous effort.

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The sharper deadline for the industry could prove counterproductive as India grapples with the larger issue of total transition possibly by 2030. While the operating cost savings for the user of EVs will be a distinct selling point, the salutary effect on urban pollution would be the most desirable outcome provided, of course,

that cities are able to do a lot more to tackle other major contributing factors like industrial pollution and thermal power generation. The drop in GST on EVs to five per cent from 12 per cent plus the tax break might go some way towards incentivising what is an ideal transition from the internal combustion engine to other forms of driving mobility. A lot more is needed to make it all happen in a decade.

Media gag an early warning

In a sign that the media may not take finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's arbitrary decision to restrict entry to journalists to North Block lightly, the members of the Press Council of India, the Press Association, the Foreign Correspondents Club and the Women's Press Corps have all signed a petition, registering their strong protest against the move.

The Editors Guild has suggested that if Ms Sitharaman has an issue with the entry of journalists whom she believes are causing trouble, she should initiate a discussion with them rather than restrict them to an awning outside the building, unless they have a prior appointment with officials.

The post-Budget dinner hosted by the finance minister was always marked by a healthy exchange of ideas between the sitting minister and journalists, where much of the Budget — and much else — would be discussed threadbare. In a sign of unease, Friday night's dinner did not have the numbers that Ms Sitharaman's highly respected predecessor Arun Jaitley, attracted.

While one understands the restrictions on access to the Prime Minister's Office — if not so much the blanket ban on press coverage of the Prime Minister's critical foreign policy initiatives — and the defence ministry, Ms Sitharaman's blocking of entry to even journalists accredited by the Press Information Bureau while claiming she was streamlining procedures is clearly a bid to monitor bureaucrat-journo interactions. And that is the real issue.

A healthy give-and-take is far better than acrimony. The ill feelings haven't taken on the proportions of a Kangana Ranaut-versus-the-press as of yet. But they could. What next? Taking a leaf out of Pakistan where three media channels were taken off air when running interviews with jailed Opposition leader Nawaz Sharif? Orwell, here we come!

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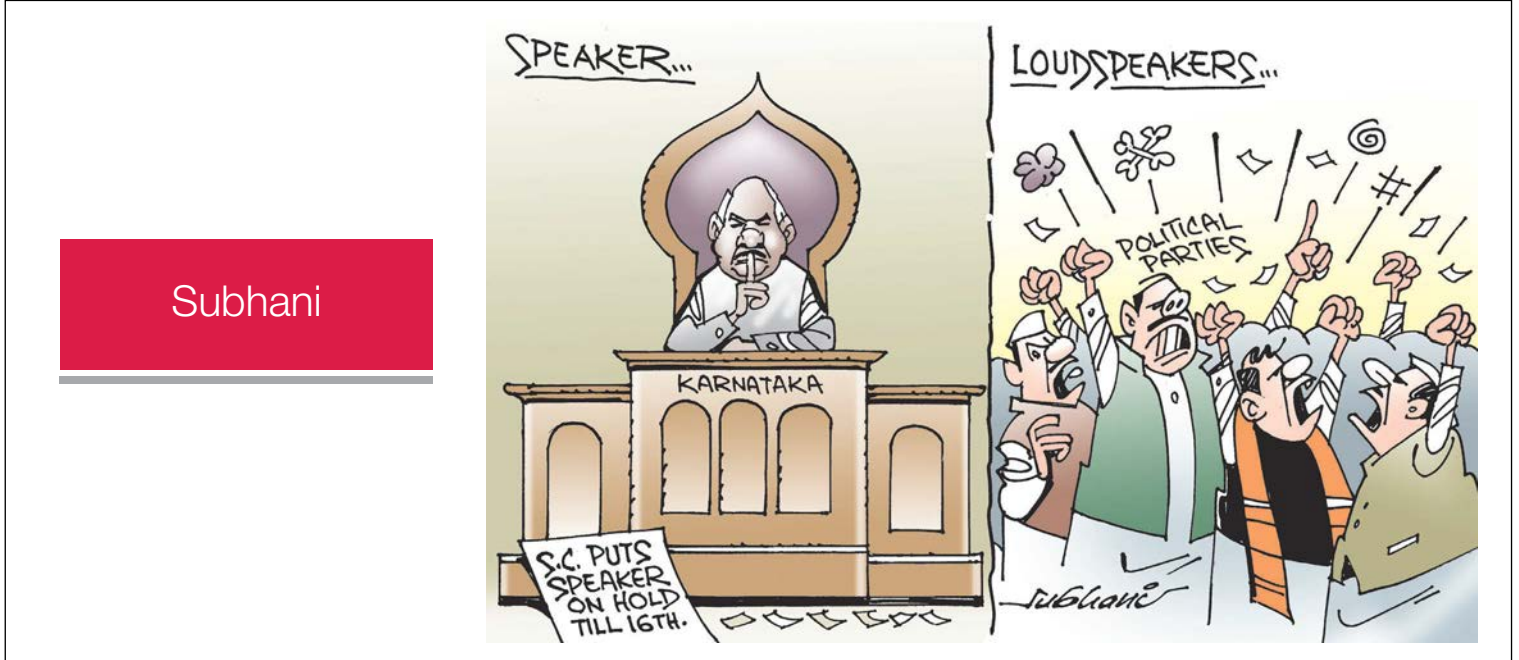
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Young India: Upwardly mobile, superficial



Pavan K. Varma
Chanakya's View

One of the more prominent clichés today is that India is among the youngest nations of the world. Statistics show that this is a valid claim. Some 65 per cent of our population is below the age of 35 years. As compared to other countries, such as China and Japan, which have a large percentage of ageing population, we have, indeed, a demographic dividend, which can be an asset. But, what does being a young nation actually entail? For all the hype that is regularly mouthed about "Young Bharat", there is a need to deconstruct this label, and try and understand what the youth in our country are really about.

Young India is certainly aspirational. Young people have their foot firmly on the escalator of upward mobility. They are impatient to get ahead, to get a job, move on to a better one, acquire the material goods that define the good life, earn more, spend more, and generally partake of a future that holds the hope of greater prosperity and opportunity. But what are the other qualities of this seething, burgeoning mass of aspirational energy?

For instance, are the young idealistic? Do they have a greater sensitivity to the importance of ethics in public and personal life, than the generation before them? Does morality play a bigger role in their outlook? I am afraid the answer to these questions is in the negative. If anything, the young are hard-boiled pragmatists who are hardly seduced by notions of rectitude that come in the way of their

aspirational surge. They have seen too much of hypocritical sermonising, too many false claims to morality by charlatans, too much of high-minded rhetoric by the tainted, to be swayed by the idealistic need for inflexible ethics in personal behaviour. Certainly, idealism — as a goal unto itself — does not appear to be one of the defining characteristics of our young.

If not idealistic, are the young culturally rooted? This too appears to be in doubt. Our education system has ensured that even the best among students know very little outside their academic expertise. Migration to large and anonymous metropolises, where they are far removed from their natural cultural milieu, and the — not welcome — breakdown of the close family network of the past, has created a curious specie that is seriously adrift from the nourishing knowledge of its own culture, tradition, folktales, proverbs, history and philosophy. This has reached a point where many of the young do not even know the basic symbolism and meanings behind the religious festivals that they otherwise celebrate enthusiastically, if superficially.

Are the young secular? Partly yes, and partly no. They are secular in their impatience to get on with their lives, and not be distracted by anything else that comes in the way of their aspirational desires. Such a secularism is based less on conviction and more on convenience. A large part of young India does want to escape from the clutches of *mullahs* and *mahants*, and move on to the dividends of the secular

mainstream. But a significant part is still cannon fodder for ultra-right rhetoric. This vulnerability is directly based on a lack of knowledge of our remarkable spiritual legacy, and the inherent eclecticism that animates it. When you are not aware of what the Upanishads talk about, and their proclamation that *ekam satya bipraha bahudha vadanti*, the truth is one but wise people call it by different names — to quote just one telling example — you are vulnerable to those who seduce you by their illiterate claims of speaking for your religion. One has only to see how many of the young — most of whom cannot write a single coherent paragraph on what the principal tenets of Hinduism are, or what Maryada Purushottam means — go about shouting aggressively "*Jai Shri Ram*".

Are the young altruistic? Some certainly are, but for the greater part it is each for himself. Partly, this is due to the cut-throat competition that alone can ensure success in the unending rat race in our country. Where is the time of thinking about what one can do for others — especially the millions who are deprived and impoverished — when the challenges are so great for one's own betterment? In the last days of the declining Mughal empire there used to be a saying: *yak anaar, sad bimaar*: one pomegranate, a hundred ill men. This is precisely what the landscape is for the young today. For every prize of success there are thousands, if

not lakhs, of claimants. What we have, therefore, is a remarkably insensitive society to notions of civic sense, altruism or *paropkar*, the imperative to give back to society what society has given to us, and care for the less fortunate.

Do the young have inspiring role models? Certainly very few from the political class. With some rare exceptions, the young think politics is a dirty game, devoid of ethics and consumed only by power play, something best left for others to do. They have role models in other spheres: successful sportspeople, filmstars, and corporates. Alas, more often than not, it is the success of these people — and the glitzy glamour that accompanies it — that the young envy, with very few focusing on the hard work, determination and grit that has mostly preceded that success. There is a proclivity towards the "get famous overnight" syndrome, and less inclination to appreciate that fame demands the right quantum of effort, and often extracts a heavy price.

Is this too negative an appraisal? Perhaps yes, but only to provoke debate. We are fortunate to be a young nation. There is a great deal of talent among our youth. They are focused, tech-savvy, bright, energetic, resourceful and willing to push the horizons even in great adversity. It is a pity that so many are still deprived of the right opportunity, especially where skills and jobs are concerned. The great challenge before us, therefore, must be to ensure that the great demographic dividend that we are so proud of does not become the great demographic liability.

The writer, an author and former diplomat, is a member of the JD(U). The views expressed are personal.

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LETTERS

RYTHU BANDHU

The Rythu Bandhu scheme has raised hopes of many farmers and brought back Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to power in the state. But in reality, the benefits of the scheme are not reaching the targeted people on time, leading to despair among farmers. The government should try to ensure that the money reaches farmers at least during the sowing time. I hope the officials concerned heed this request.

V. Vijayakumar
Warangal

NO AWARDS

It was surprising that a person who was recognised as a best tahsildar has turned out to be a corrupt person a year later (*Corrupt Lavanya was best tahsildar in 2017, July 12*). The government should therefore stop awarding or rewarding employees during their service. Instead, they should be recognised for their spotless service at the time of their retirement.

C.V.S. Rao
Hyderabad

INDIA'S EXIT

In sport, we must be prepared to accept victory or defeat. But some fans behave badly as they find it difficult to stomach the defeat. Once when captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Indian team lost to Bangladesh in the World Cup in 2007, a fan in his hometown Ranchi died of cardiac arrest. On the other hand, Sri Lanka's former captain Arjuna Ranatunga once said even after a defeat he can walk freely.

A. Shravan
Hyderabad

BUS FARE

TSRTC's decision to increase its bus fares is justified (*Fuel price rise to cascade into RTC fare hike, July 12*). When the Centre has increased fuel prices during the presentation of the Union Budget, how could it be possible for the RTC management to run the buses in huge losses? However, the government should keep an eye on the bus fare hikes as it may not become a heavy burden to the bus commuters.

Syed Amjad Ali
Secunderabad

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Anita Katyaj

Political Gup-Shup

Nirmala loses fans in media, WC frustrates ubernationalists

Nirmala Sitharaman's appointment as finance minister received wall-to-wall coverage in the media. This was to be expected as she is the second woman to hold this all-important portfolio, no mean achievement. However, this love fest between Ms Sitharaman and the press has turned sour after her latest directive restricting the entry of PIB accredited journalists to the finance ministry. The ministry has been at pains to explain that there is no ban and that PIB card holders can enter the ministry provided they have a prior appointment. But this has not cut any ice with the press corps which has protested the move on the ground that it prevents beat journalists from news gathering. Besides, there is a lurking fear that it is only a matter of time before other ministers also issue similar orders. According to the buzz in the capital, Ms Sitharaman's move has not gone down well even with her predecessor and mentor Arun Jaitley who was known for his easy accessibility to the media before he took ill.

It is learned that Mr Jaitley is also unhappy with the proposal to raise duties on newsprint and levy higher taxes on the super rich. Ms Sitharaman's diktat on the media is ironical as the BJP never fails to mention how its leaders suffered at the hands of the Congress during Emergency when Indira Gandhi cracked down on the press and her political opponents and how it is committed to the freedom of press. There is obviously a mismatch between words and action.

Like father, like daughter. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MP Supriya Sule is clearly following in her father, Sharad Pawar's footsteps. Taking a cue from the veteran leader, who is known to forge friendships across the political divide, Ms Sule is also doing the same but in her inimitable style. The young NCP leader has emerged as some kind of a ringmaster of the younger MPs irrespective of their political affiliation. As a senior, now that she has been in Parliament since 2006, Ms Sule loses no time in taking first-timers under her charge. They

are often spotted sitting together in a large group in the Central Hall of Parliament during the session, either enjoying a good gossip session or a serious discussion on the day's developments. Not just that, Ms Sule also plies them with special healthy *namkeen* and organises regular lunch meetings at the newest restaurant in Delhi. Former finance minister Mr Jaitley jocularly referred to them as the "Khan Market lunch gang" and would often enquire about the latest eating place they had visited. The composition of this group has obviously changed over the years as many Congress members have failed to return to Parliament but Ms Sule has gone from strength to strength.

Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Bhartruhari Mahtab is said to have upset his leader and Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik when he recently toed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) line in the Lok Sabha by calling upon the Modi government for an inquiry into the death of Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Conveying his displeasure to his parliamentary

party leaders, Mr Patnaik wondered why this matter had been raised when there were more pressing issues concerning the state which needed to be highlighted. Mr Mahtab's statement predictably delighted the BJP benches as Mookerjee's custody death in Srinagar is an emotive issue with the party which has always blamed Jawaharlal Nehru for refusing to inquire into this mysterious development. Mr Mahtab's support to the BJP cause led to considerable speculation in political circles about the BJD leader's reasons for this intervention. Mr Mahtab, who was leader of the BJD parliamentary party in Lok Sabha, has been replaced by his colleague Pinaki Mishra this time. Questions are being asked if this change prompted Mr Mahtab to make this unusual statement.

Given that ubernationalism is the flavour of the season, terms like *deshbhakti* and patriotism were constantly invoked during the cricket World Cup tournament. With the ruling political class stoking passions, over-zealous patriots were quick

to pounce and troll anyone who dared to critically analyse the Indian team's performance, immediately dubbing them "anti-national". Some went to the extent of crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's massive victory in the recent Lok Sabha election to the Indian team's initial winning spree. A television channel even ran a prime time programme before the Indian team lost to New Zealand in the semifinal, essentially declaring triumphantly that Mr Modi would ensure India's victory in the final. Going by the prevailing public mood, there was a serious suggestion in the government that Mr Modi should fly to London to watch the final at Lords so that he is at hand to personally congratulate the Indian team when it lifts the World Cup. Sadly, all these plans and proposals fell by the wayside when India failed to qualify for the final. In the process, the Prime Minister also lost a good photo-op.

The writer is a Delhi-based journalist

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'Having a long-term policy to deal with terrorism is a major issue'

PRAKASH SINGH, a highly decorated former IPS officer, is one of the leading voices in the country on issues of internal security, police modernisation and functioning. He has had the distinction of not only heading one of the biggest Central paramilitary forces, the Border Security Forces, but was also the director general of police of the country's biggest state, Uttar Pradesh. He spoke with **RAJNISH SHARMA** on issues ranging from security challenges and priorities for the new NDA government to some of the recent and important changes introduced in the National Investigation Agency Act and the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act.

Now that the Modi government has been voted back to power with an even bigger mandate, what do you think will remain the main security challenges for the new government?

I would like to differentiate between security challenges and what should be the main priorities for the government on the law and order front. Though there are security challenges related to terrorism in general in different parts of the country and crimes committed in the name of religion, community or caste and inter-state disputes — I would classify the main security challenges into three main categories — Kashmir, the Northeast and Naxal violence.

I am deliberately mentioning the Naxal problem in the end but the main area of focus for the government remains

Kashmir. I feel strong measures like the recent attachment of properties of separatist leaders like Asiya Andrabi should have been taken long back and don't know why the security agencies were dragging their feet. I welcome tough measures like separatist leaders being booked in terms of funding or other anti-national activities because such elements have already been given a very long rope. But the government needs to urgently address the issue of radicalisation in the Valley because if one is to analyse the recent trend in the Valley it reveals that more local Kashmiri militants are being killed when earlier it was more of the foreign subversive elements. However, the government and other agencies working in Kashmir need to be more imaginative in dealing with the overall issue rather than trying to steamroll it. So issues of radicalisation and overall development, growth and ensuring that the Kashmiri youth join the mainstream also should be looked into.

On the Maoist front, the government claims that the situation is far better and it needs to go in for a final push. However, I feel that one needs to be extremely cautious. Even in the past, whether it was during the 1980s or in 2004, there was a view that the Naxals were in a state of retreat, but they managed to resurrect themselves in a more dangerous manner. So if the government feels that the Naxal problem is going away, it should be very careful. Apart from the security aspect, one needs to urgently

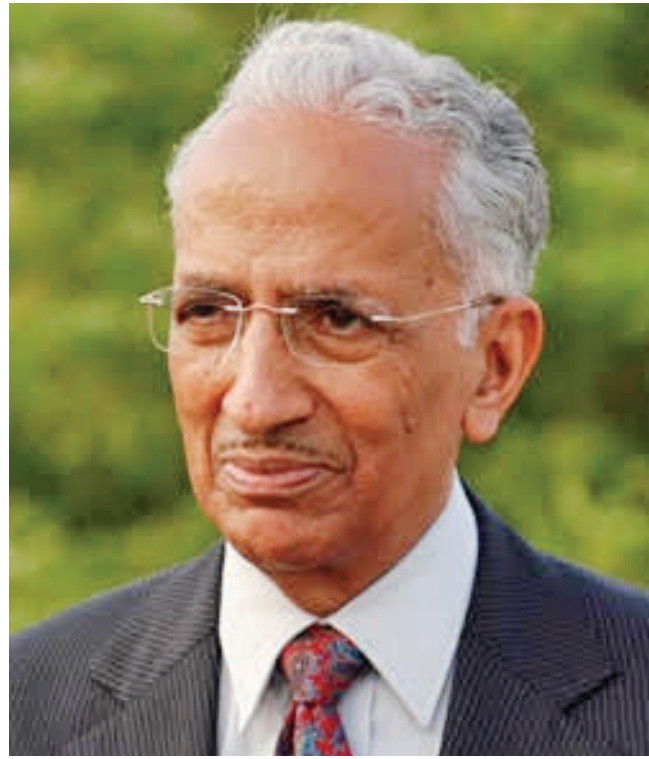
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address issues related to the tribal populations in Naxal-infested states — those dealing with their land issues and forest rights. Taking away land from tribals in the name of development should be handled immediately.

On the Northeastern front, I feel that the framework agreed on with the NSCN(IM) is not working on the ground as the group is actively involved in extortion, collecting funds and other subversive activities. NSCN is also helping other terror outfits in the region. Though we have a good interlocutor like N. Ravi on the NSCN issue but the activities of this group need to be checked.

And you talked about priorities for the government.

Yes, as a priority, having a long-term policy on dealing with terrorism is a major issue. Now, even outfits like the Al Qaeda have issued a statement over targeting Kashmir. So one needs to closely monitor what would be its impact and spread among the minorities. For instance, if you see how effective the Indian Mujahideen



Prakash Singh

was in carrying out serial blasts between 2006-09, we need to ensure that such external factors do not lead to a repeat of this.

Though the focus is on Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, we cannot ignore the involvement of China as well. There are now confirmed reports that China has been funding and even providing weapons to some militant groups in the Northeast.

Like I mentioned earlier, another priority area for the government should be on

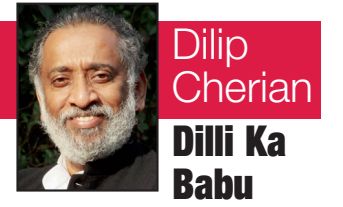
the police and security forces.

The government has recently amended the National Investigation Agency Act and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act to give more powers to the NIA and even designate individuals as terrorists. What do you think of this move?

I feel that this is a very good development as investigating agencies, specially like the NIA, need to be given more powers to deal with terror-related offences. Those subversive elements who are working against the interests of the country need to be dealt with very firmly. Now, with threats from outfits like the Al Qaeda and ISIS we need to have a stronger legal framework in place. Though the Al Qaeda does not have much of a presence, but terror groups like ISIS are able to attract followers due to the use of the social media and radicalise them — so this is a big challenge for the country as a whole. Maybe we can have tougher laws to deal with it.

So are you suggesting that we need to have more stringent laws despite amendments to the NIA and UAPA Acts?

Yes, I am in favour of more stringent laws to deal with subversive or terrorist elements. Stringent laws will work as a big deterrent for those working against the country and I feel that some of these elements, particularly the separatists in Kashmir, have already been given a very long rope.



Dilip Cheria
Dilli Ka Babu

RESERVATION IN LATERAL ENTRY?

The Centre's policy to induct talent in the bureaucracy from the private sector has been hailed as a major much needed administrative reform. But the lateral entry move has been criticised by several dalit IAS officers as legally untenable as it does not extend the reservation law on such recruitments. Earlier, in April, the government had hired nine individuals at the joint secretary level and none of them belongs to any of the reserved categories.

However, the government has clearly pushed for lateral entry after a lot of calculation. It now appears that the Centre smartly got around the reservation law during the lateral recruitment by using a procedure that does not mandate the provision of reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates. The government argues that the reservation policy did not apply to the lateral entry policy since domain experts were recruited for individual positions, and reservation did not apply to single posts.

Bringing in domain experts in the government from outside has been one of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pet administrative reforms. Lateral entry has been resisted by the babus, for the obvious reason — protecting their turf — but the government is going ahead with its implementation while taking care not to fall foul of the extant laws.

BABU CHALLENGES KERALA GOVT

The Kerala government, which terminated additional chief secretary Raju Narayana Swamy recently, may have a legal battle on its hands. Mr Swamy, known for his anti-corruption crusade, has decided to challenge his termination by the government. He has 10 years to retire. He has claimed that the government did not give prior notice to him.

The reported move by the government also comes at a time when Mr Swamy was engaged in a legal battle against the Central government's decision to repatriate him from the post of chairman of the coconut development board to his parent cadre, the government of Kerala. The state high court has stayed the order to repatriate Mr Swamy from the post of chairman of the board. Sources say that the government gave the recommendation to the Central government on the ground that Mr Swamy has not come back to the parent cadre three months after he was repatriated from the service. The reports said the government recommended action against Mr Swamy for his unauthorised absence from office and failure in intimating the government about his whereabouts after completing his tenure as the chairman of the coconut development board. Mr Swamy has rejected the charges.

With new chief, can Congress redefine itself?



Aakar Patel

Congress president Rahul Gandhi has stepped down and the party will pick its new leader next week. This has created a leadership vacuum and what we are seeing in states like Goa and Karnataka is a result of this vacuum. Some of it will settle down after the new leader takes charge, though other problems will remain and the task before the next president of the party will be challenging for many years.

It is currently unclear how the new leader will be chosen. Reports quoting party sources say that senior party figures and Congress chief ministers have asked colleagues to give names in closed envelopes. The "most popular names" would be shortlisted after consulting other senior leaders and then forwarded to the Congress Working Committee (CWC). It seems this body will then pick its president. The CWC has 24 members, including four women (Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Selja Kumari and Ambika Soni). The 20 men include former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh,

Ahmed Patel, and former chief ministers Siddaramaiah, Oomen Chandy and Tarun Gogoi.

In one way, picking a new leader is good news for the party, because it can move on from its 2019 defeat and it can defend itself against the charge that it is a family-owned party. In another way, the Congress also has the opportunity to redefine the way that political parties are run in India. To understand this, let us examine the systems in other democracies that our system is based on.

The ruling party of the United Kingdom is the Conservative Party. Its Prime Minister has stepped down because she was unable to deliver a way for the country to exit the European Union. The Conservative government will, however, remain and the party will choose its leader, who will automatically become the next Prime Minister. This is being done through a series of local votes where party members cast a ballot. Several candidates decided to contest, including the ministers for home and foreign affairs, the former mayor of London and the minister for environment and rural affairs. This list of about 10 people was narrowed down to two final candidates by parliamentarians voting for the first and second preference.

The final two candidates, Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, are now canvassing across the country to appeal to around 1.2 lakh Conservative Party members, who

will ultimately decide the next Prime Minister of the UK.

In the United States of America, the Democrats are in the Opposition. Donald Trump's first term will end next year and the Democrats must decide which of them will contest against him. So far, 25 Democrats have put their hand up to fight. These include the former vice-president Joe Biden, two women with Indian links — Tulsi Gabbard and Kamala Harris, the mayor of a small town, the mayor of New York and some sitting senators.

They must each independently raise money to fund a team, travel and buy advertising and appeal to the party members who will vote for them in a party election. Registered Democratic Party members in each state will get a chance to have a say in who they prefer to run against President Trump.

This process will begin early next year with Democrats in the first state (Iowa) voting on February 3 and the voting in other states will continue till June. This will give the candidates the opportunity to travel the country and explain their policies and their positions on various issues. The US has about 12 crore voters of whom 4.5 crore are registered Democrats and 3.2 crore are registered Republicans, the others being independents. So there is much higher participation in the US elections and the choosing of candidates than there is in the UK, but we have to accept that in both nations the process is open and democratic.

India does not have as democratic a

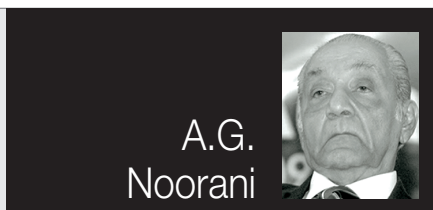
political system inside its parties as the UK and the US. One of the issues is that of the family-run parties, which are there in all of our states. There is no party which does not have nepotism, but that is only one of the issues, and in my opinion it is not a major one. The larger issue is that of no internal democracy of the sort there is in the UK and in American parties. It is not that there is no family connection in those nations — the Kennedys and the Clintons are evidence of that. But they operate in a system where they must be chosen by the party through a vote.

In India, tickets to Lok Sabha elections are given out without a voting process like the American primaries or the UK hustings. The same is the case for Assembly and corporation elections. There is no transparency in how tickets to Rajya Sabha are given in any party. Certainly, there is no democratic process involved and the party leader can give it to whoever they want without explaining to the party or to the public why an individual has been favoured.

There is no meritocracy or at least there is none that is visible and transparent. The Congress has two opportunities to change this. First, in the way it goes about choosing its leader, and then how the new leader goes about reforming the party.

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A.G. Noorani

Kashmir's press and India: The disconnect

Democracy and laws stop at the Pir Panjal Range. They cover Jammu but the Kashmir Valley, which is predominantly Muslim, is left out. Outrages in the Valley do not move the Indian public or India's institutions. India's intellectuals ignore the ones New Delhi commits in Kashmir.

Only recently, a bench of the Supreme Court of India said, "But what we are bothered about is why he was arrested. Proceed against him in accordance with law... But can he be put behind bars for that?" the bench wondered while ordering the release of journalist Prashant Kanojia. But it provides no comfort to journalists in Kashmir. The editor of the *Daily Afaq*, Ghulam Jeelani Qadri, is 62 years old and a known hypertensive who has spent more than 35 years in public life. On the night of June 24, his house was raided by the police in connection with a case filed in the 1990s. He was arrested. Cases were filed also against eight journalists including two veterans, Sofi Ghulam Mohammad of *Srinagar Times* and Ghulam Mohammad Arif of *Daily Hamdard*, who have already passed away.

Ghulam Jeelani Qadri was grant-

ed bail the next day. He was not given any cause for the arrest or the raid. He had been issued a passport twice in the previous 30 years, which testified to the fact that the police had nothing against him. The Kashmir Editors' Guild (KEG) immediately denounced the action. "How can a person be a proclaimed offender if he is available in his office in the heart of Srinagar for more than 15 hours daily?"

Obviously, the action was designed to intimidate the media. The press in India took no notice of this outrageous behaviour. One exception stands out. The fearless *Kolkata daily the Telegraph* reported that the National Investigation Agency had been questioning Fayaz Ahmad Kaloo, KEG president and editor of *Greater Kashmir*, the largest circulated English newspaper in Kashmir.

Also questioned was the daily's highly respected and popular general manager, Rashid Makhdoomi. Both were interrogated for a week. The *Telegraph* reported, "In February, governor Satya Pal Malik's administration stopped sending government advertisements to *Greater Kashmir* and *Kashmir Reader*, apparently for providing coverage to pro-independ-

dence groups as well as allegations of rights abuses by security forces."

Newspapers that report excesses committed by the Army, the Central or the local police are intimidated if they perform their professional duty. Journalists are part of civil society, and naturally share its outlook. For the National Investigation Agency to summon Fayaz Ahmad Kaloo and Rashid Makhdoomi, all the way from Srinagar to Delhi, is itself wrong. The agency has its men all over the place. Obviously, the object was to intimidate and silence an independent newspaper.

The Press Council of India has a disgraceful record on Kashmir. It set up a committee to look into charges of rape and much else at the instance of the Indian Army. No written complaint was filed. It said that there was no rape by Army personnel in the Kunan Poshpura incident of February 1991. This was proved false.

Now comes the report of the press council's subcommittee "examining the Report of Interlocutors on Media and Media Scenario of Jammu and Kashmir". The three interlocutors constituted a bogus body. Its "report" was also a bogus document. So is the council's

endorsement of the subcommittee's findings:

"The media industry, thus, has become a huge job provider to young journalists. But since private business has been shrinking, there is little scope for private advertising and this is making the media heavily dependent on government advertisements. The Union and state governments reportedly at times use this situation to their advantage by arm-twisting the media without any legitimate reasons." Did the press council ever censure that?

The conclusion? "The gap between Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the national media should be bridged. Inter-regional media exchange will promote a better understanding among Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh journalists. Similarly, J&K journalists should be encouraged to visit other parts of the nation and interact with their counterparts there." But not a word about the repression.

This is the reality — the deep disconnect between the people of Kashmir and India. Hence the repression. Why bar foreign correspondents from visiting Kashmir?

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50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Giri decides to contest Presidency

NEW DELHI, July 13.

THE acting President, Mr. V.V. Giri, announced today his decision to contest the election of President.

He made the announcement in a statement issued today shortly after the Congress President, Mr. Nijalingappa, announced at Bangalore the Parliamentary Board's decision to nominate the Lok Sabha Speaker, Mr. N. Sanjiv Reddy as the party candidate for the Presidency.

Mr. Giri said that he did not wish to question the motives of the Parliamentary Board. "But I sincerely feel that they have neither done justice to the country nor they have been fair to the organisation to which they belong."

Mr. Giri said that he was "deeply pained" by the recent events which had "tended to lower the dignity of this august office."



Stephen King didn't like the casting of Jack Nicholson in Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*

OUR CRITIC'S RATING Outstanding ★★★★★ | Great ★★★★ | Good ★★★ | Okay ★★ | Poor ★ | Truly Terrible TT

The Dronacharya who embraced Eklavya

Super 30 (U) 154 min
CAST: Hrithik Roshan, Mrunal Thakur, Virendra Saxena, Sadhana Singh, Nandish Singh, Pankaj Tripathi, Aditya Shrivastava, Amit Sath, Manav Gohil
RATING: ★★★

And when this *bhagwan* sheds his royal, glitzy robes and role, walks out of a for-rich-kids-only institute and grabs the hands of the labourer's daughter and a cleaner's son — it's a moment of such righteous piety that tears flow incessantly.

Super 30 is an emotional journey that is energised by the performance of Hrithik Roshan, who, despite the oodles of bronzer, gives a sublime performance.



drance in his pursuit of further studies.

Soon a tragedy and poverty force him to abandon that dream and instead sell papad on his father's bicycle.

A chance meeting with Lallan Singh (Aditya Shrivastava), who runs the big local Excellence Coaching Centre and has a special place in his house for a painting of IIT that his centre feeds off and feeds into, changes that.

I want to make you the "master blaster of IIT-JEE", Lallan says and hands Anand a wad of notes.

Overnight there's a hardening of Anand's eyes and smile and his self-effacing demeanour transforms. He now struts into the world, chest first.

As his mother moves from a chulha to a cylinder, and he begins to ride a bike to the institute, he also casually dismisses a boy who can't afford the fee, but points at and asks another who can, "What do you want to do?" "Computer engineering."

"*Ho jayega.*" Making others' dreams come true makes Anand smug, superior, powerful till a meeting with a boy studying under a street lamp, in between his chores in a kitchen, take him back to his father's words...

Anand quits his job and, with the help of his brother, sets up a

coaching centre coaxed out of tin sheets, brick and sheer will to teach the Bholus of the world, free of cost, so that they can compete with the Rikkis of the world.

The introduction to his 30 students — scared but desperate to catch the coat tails of a promise of a future that till now they knew would remain a dream — is very filmy but moving because of the kids themselves. But, brilliance that's indifferent to fame or fortune irritates and gnaws at others, and they must try to either control or own it.

The confrontation and competition between Anand's and Lallan's students becomes the centrepiece of the rest of the film where death threats, attacks abound. Raghunath Bhatt (Amid Sath), a strange character who appears drunk and slightly unhinged, amounts to just one plot twist, but a silly staging of a scene from *Sholay*, involving Basanti and Gabbar, transforms into an enraged, determined scream of kids determined to break the wall meant to keep them down and out.

Though the real Anand Kumar's life is a ready-made script, the fact that *Super 30*'s writers decided to bookend that story with Phugga's speech is a mark of lazy writing and creative constipation.

Thankfully, they make up for that in the film's dialogue, which are cool, funny, crackling.

Super 30 takes some creative inspiration from *A Beautiful Mind* and angry rappers, especially for some of its slick montages and songs. But it also has its own sweet, pulsing moments with Anand's mother, dad and girlfriend.

Mrunal Thakur is nice and has the film's cutest dialogue. Sadhana Singh creates a warm home around a chullah while dispensing warm rotis. Pankaj Tripathi, Aditya Shrivastava are very good, and Virendra Saxena is the good daddy that he always is.

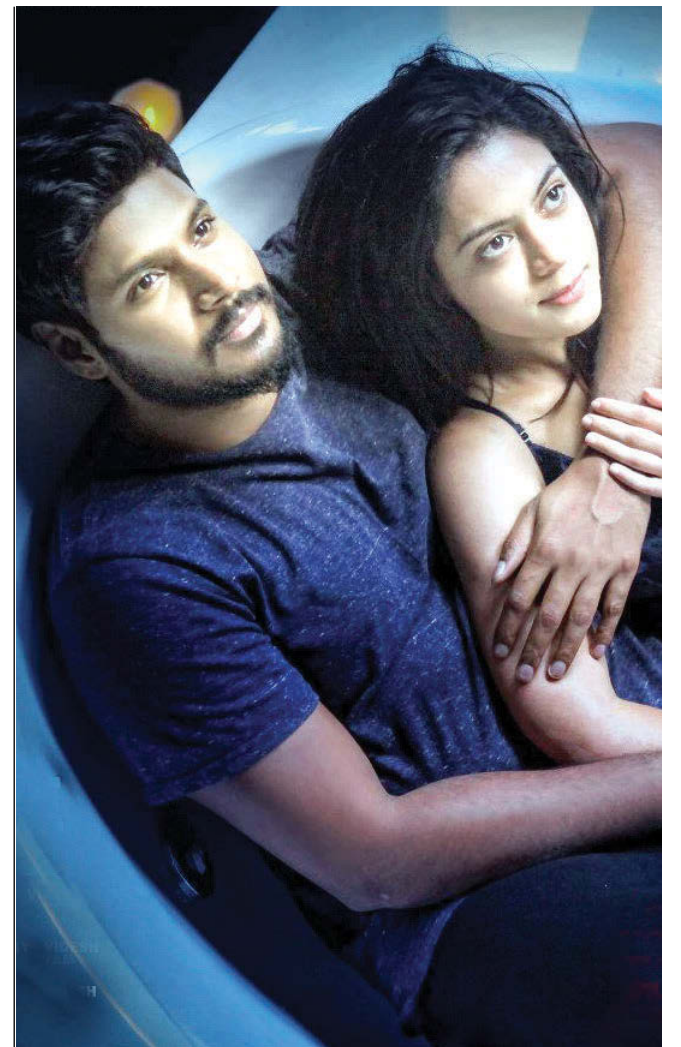
Despite the film's title, we are barely introduced to the kids, and yet *Super 30* really belongs to the kids, and Hrithik Roshan.

Roshan's demeanour changes thrice in the film and in each one he is excellent. He creates a new kind of guru, another Dronacharya sometimes with a fleeting glimpse of frustration, sometimes eyes bright with hope, sometimes frozen into a dead, determined stare, sometimes welled up with joy. Roshan carries *Super 30* with a powerful and nuanced performance that'll win him more than just all the popular awards.

Super 30 credits Vikas Bahl as the director, but it's not quite clear who directed the film since Bahl was taken off the project after he was accused of sexual harassment by a former, junior colleague at Phantom Films and two actresses.

Hrithik Roshan wrote about it being "impossible" for him to work with Bahl after sexual harassment allegations, and there were reports that others, including, Kabir Khan were asked to step in to complete the film.

After Phantom Films shut shop, and the film's new producers, Reliance, took charge, an in-house inquiry, set up at the behest of Bahl, recently "absolved" him of all charges. The inquiry into the charge of sexual harassment, conducted in the absence of the complainant and against her wishes, has since been questioned on several counts, including the proximity and connections of some panel members to Bahl.



'A timepass flick'

Ninu Veedani Needanu Nenele
CAST: Sundeep Kishan, Anya Singh, Murali Sharma, Posani, Vennela Kishore and others
DIRECTOR: Caarthik Raju
RATING: ★★★

SURESH KAVIRAYANI

Young actor Sundeep Kishan has turned producer with his latest film *Ninu Veedani Needanu Nenele*. Directed by Caarthik Raju, the film features Anya Singh in the female lead role.

The film's central characters Arjun (Sundeep Kishan) and her college sweetheart Madhavi (Anya Singh) marry each other against their parents' wishes. All is warm and sunny until one day, during a road trip, they meet with an accident near a cemetery. They return home safely, however, they're taken aback when they notice not their own but someone else's reflection when they look in the mirror. These reflections happen to be of Rishi (Vennela Kishore) and Diya. Baffled by this horrific anomaly, they decide to consult a psychiatrist (Murali Sharma), with whom they discuss the incident.

The psychiatrist with some assistance from a police officer (Posani) commences her research to decipher the mystery. How Rishi and Diya come into the picture — the mystery behind the reflections — is essentially what the film is about. Director Raju has narrated the story through the lens of the psychiatrist, who discusses this unusual case with his students.

Albeit horrifying, the film cannot particularly be classified as horror so much as it fits the bill to be classified as a mystery. The plot gets

interesting in the first half after Arjun and Madhavi see not their own but Rishi and Diya's reflections in the mirror. As the narration progresses, it becomes evident that the director is trying to convey something beyond the spectrum of your regular horror movie. The film's momentum continues to snowball until the interval, however, after the mystery is revealed, it dulls down. Consequently, the second half seems like no more than a forced extension to the story — no mystery, no surprises, only some comedy and sentimental fillers. Yet the concept is without a doubt impressively novel, and the scene just before the interval certainly stands out.

Performance wise, Sundeep Kishan has delivered impeccably in the horror and emotional scenes. Anya Singh, too, just done justice to her role in the film, which happens to be her Telugu debut. Murali Sharma has done a neat job as the psychiatrist in the plot. Further, both Posani Krishna Murali as a police officer who is afraid of ghosts and Vennela Kishore who, in fact, has played a key role in the film have done a decent job — especially with making the audience laugh.

The others, including Purnima Bhagyaraj and Pragathi, have all done well in their respective supporting roles. The film's most prized asset, however, is the background score by S.S. Thaman. Coupled with its commendable cinematography, Thaman's score certainly elevates the film's mood.

In a nutshell, albeit gripping in the first half, the film is overall no more than a "timepass" flick.

The second half could certainly have used some suspense or drama, but we cannot discount director Raju's courage for taking the plunge and attempting something that had never been attempted before this.

A realistic love story

Dorasani undoubtedly created a fair amount of buzz leading up to its release. The film features Vijay Deverakonda's brother Anand Deverakonda and Jeevitha and Rajasekhar's daughter Shivatmika, both of whom have made their debut in it. The movie also happens to be K.V.R. Mahendra's debut directorial.

Dorasani
CAST: Anand Deverakonda, Shivatmika Rajasekhar, Vinay Varma, Sarnya Pradeep, Kishore, and others
DIRECTOR: K.V.R. Mahendra
RATING: ★★★



of the world outside. Thereafter, she begins frequenting the outdoors with Raju. Alas, one blessed day, the landlord notices them and — plot twist — loses it. His reaction, their reaction, and their fate are what the film's plot revolves around.

Director K.V.R. Mahendra seems to have handpicked the subject for his first film judiciously. Inspired by a true story, *Dorasani* is a period drama and expounds issues like the feudal system in Telangana, the Naxalism, and how the police favour landlords over innocent individuals. While the film's concept isn't particularly novel, the director has done a commendable job with writing the film, and his portrayal of the feudal system is a lot more realistic than anything else one might have seen so far. With stark atten-

tion to everything from the rural setting to its characters' accent and the way they carry themselves, the movie transports the audience to the '80s from its very beginning.

While it is evident from *Dorasani* that the director possesses good command over poetic filmmaking, the film would have been a lot better had he pre-

sented Naxalism and the feudal system in greater detail. Further, if a landlord's daughter is to fall for a poor boy, then ought to be depicted well — perhaps with exaggerated moments to augment its magic? Besides, the story is quite predictable — except for its climax, which comes to the audience as a breath of fresh air.

Cinematographer Sunny Kurapati has done a remarkable job with capturing the essence of some of the most picturesque locations of rural Telangana. Prashant Vihari's background score and soothing numbers further add to the film's value. And needless to say, the artwork deserves a worthy mention here.

Performance wise, Shivatmika has without a doubt done a splendid job with her expressions — she does not have as many dialogues in the film. Anand Deverakonda, too, has delivered an impressive performance — he certainly seems to have put his best foot forward in his debut feature. Vinay Varma, who plays the landlord, has literally brought his character to life in the film. Sharanya Pradeep has done justice to her role as a domestic maid. Supporting actors Kishore, Chowdhary, and others have done well in their respective roles. All characters in the film are seen communicating in the pure Telangana accent. In a nutshell, *Dorasani* is an honest attempt by Mahendra to put together a film inspired by true stories from Telangana. We can't say for sure if the film will attract commercial success, however, it surely does deserve a few accolades. — SK

Yesterday (U/A) 116 min
CAST: Himesh Patel, Lily James, Sophia Di Martino
DIRECTOR: Danny Boyle
RATING: ★★★

SHEILA O'MALLEY

When I was a kid, the guy who taught music classes in my school was an aging hippie with a long beard. He'd hand out tambourines and triangles and teach us simple songs. At the end of each class, he would regale us, unprompted, with first-hand stories of Beatlemania. He basically lived out the real-life version of Robert Zemeckis' *I Wanna Hold Your Hand*, travelling to New York City with his

friends to try to score tickets to "The Ed Sullivan Show" for the Beatles' historic first appearance. We were eight years old and had no idea what he was talking about. His enthusiasm was catching, though. I learned how to harmonise by singing along to my parents' Beatles albums. The Beatles were just there, absorbed by osmosis. If nothing else, Danny Boyle's *Yesterday*, which imagines a world where the Beatles never happened, made me think about what would it be like to hear *Yesterday* for the first time, what life would be like if the Beatles didn't exist. The film, scripted by Richard Curtis, explores some of the implications of its premise, but, frustratingly, skips over others.

To call Jack (Himesh Patel) a "struggling musician" is an understatement. He plays in coffee shops, populated

only by his friends. He sings on an empty boardwalk. His childhood friend Ellie (Lily James), who fell in love with him — and his music — when he played Oasis' *Wonderwall* at a talent show in grade school, acts as his manager, giving him pep talks, fired up by her belief in him. He lives with his parents in Suffolk, and is ready to throw in the towel when, one night, the earth experiences a 12-second blackout. During those 12 seconds, Jack is hit by a bus, and when he wakes up in the hospital realises something weird has happened when he says to Ellie "Will you still feed me when I'm 64?" and she doesn't recognise the lyrics. "Why 64?" she asks with curiosity. Jack races to Google, and no matter what the combination of search terms, no trace of the Beatles is to be found. Curtis has a lot of fun with how



absurd it would be if you mentioned "The Beatles" to people and they asked "What's that?" Jack makes the choice to start playing these "lost" songs, passing them off as his own.

He plays *Yesterday* for his friends, and the looks on

their listening faces is a potent — and welcome — reminder of the song's melancholy beauty. The entire film stops, allowing us the space to really listen. But when Jack plays the songs at gigs, he's just background noise. So this makes

him wonder: maybe it's me who is the problem? The songs are great, but I am not. There was an alchemical thing that happened with the Fab Four, and without that, maybe the rest wouldn't have followed. This is an interesting possibility, which the film for the most part does not explore. Eventually, Jack records a few of the songs, appearing on local television shows to promote "his" music. Ed Sheeran catches one of these television spots, and swoops in to take Jack on tour with him. When Jack decides to play *Back in the U.S.S.R.* to an all-Russian crowd in Moscow, mayhem erupts (it's a great scene), and the video of the performance goes viral.

Debra Hammer (Kate McKinnon), a shark-like record label exec sidles up to Jack after a show, talons out, and before he knows it,

he's in Los Angeles being offered "the poisoned chalice" of fame (as Debra calls it). McKinnon puts such a deadpan spin on lines like: "I have a question, Jack. Is this as good as you can look?" that she almost single-handedly indicts the entire PR machinery of show business. The music industry is lightly lampooned, when some ad exec nixes the album title *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* as having "too many words" and points out that calling an album *The White Album* has "serious diversity issues." There are some fun sequences, like Jack trying, with a sense of increasing urgency, to remember the lyrics to *Eleanor Rigby*, fearing if he doesn't the song will be lost forever.

Yesterday dodges many of its most interesting ideas. Jack is a worldwide phenomenon almost instantly.

But if the Beatles hadn't happened, there would have been a ripple effect. It's incorrect to say, "Well, if it hadn't been the Beatles, it would have been someone else."

The film gets caught up in the relationship between Jack and Ellie, which is not all that interesting, pieced together with cliches from other films. *Yesterday* wants to be a feel-good movie, and much of it did make me feel good. The looks on his friends' faces when they hear *Yesterday* for the first time was very moving. I am conflicted about a choice made late in the film. You'll know it when you see it. It felt cheap to me, and also strangely underdeveloped, although the line "It is so good to see you" got to me. Like I said: conflicted.

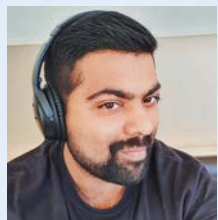
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Nationalism, unlike patriotism, is identifying with one's own nation and supporting its interests, especially to the exclusion or detriment of interests of other nations. The 'Us' versus 'them' binary is its hallmark. The world is witnessing a mainstreamed version

BEING PATRIOTS IN TIME OF NATIONALISM

NETWORKED LEGITIMACY

Electoral legitimacy of an observably racist leader legitimises and emboldens racist elements in public sphere. Prolonged exposure naturalises racist discourse and enables it to become accepted common sense in society



PRAVIN PRAKASH

Recent years have seen a global rise of self-proclaimed strongmen and Far Right movements to positions of political prominence. The election of Donald Trump (USA), Narendra Modi (India), Recep Tayyip Erdogan (Turkey), Rodrigo Duterte (Philippines) and Jair Bolsonaro (Brazil), the success of the Brexiters in 2016 as well as the increased success of Far-Right parties across Europe in recent years all herald this undeniable and seismic shift across the world.

Social Scientists, analysts and journalists have scrambled to understand this phenomenon and increasingly have turned to the concept 'new nationalism' or 'neo-nationalism' to frame this seemingly sudden turn of global politics. Beyond the fashioning of a new "ism", however, there is a critical need for us to deconstruct and analyse the various impulses that encompass and empower the recent rise to prominence of these movements across the world.

Let us first highlight some of the overt similarities shared by neo-nationalistic groups. Neo-nationalists tend to share a common focus on strengthening national sovereignty and a restoration of past national and cultural glory. As such, they often take up strong anti-immigrant positions, coupled with an acrid disdain for minority groups who are often cast as harmful 'others' who have taken away economic opportunities and weakened the socio-cultural fabric of a once glorious nation. Another key facet of these movements is a distinctly nativist suspicion of supra-national institutions and the cosmopolitan elite who are seen to have weakened the nation and grown prosperous by feeding off hard-working, working-class citizens.

Neo-nationalism = Nationalism + Populism
My assertion is that 'new nationalism' is neither new nor simply just nationalistic. Rather, what we are observing across the world, is the re-emergence of the far-right, enabled by an effective synthesis of populism and nationalism. Both concepts are compatible parallel concepts that are forged by emphasising social antagonisms.

Nationalisms of this variation are premised on the fashioned hostility between a favoured socio-cultural in-group and a caricatured, "dangerous" out-group. They are necessarily exclusivist and are predicated on the attainment and preservation of some variation of 'national sanctity'. Traditionally, these nationalisms are deeply embellished in notions of ethnic superiority and purity.

Populism focuses on the chasm that exists between the common "real" people and the invariably corrupt elite. Central to the populist claim, is the declaration to represent the "authentic



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silent majority" and the perception that only decisions made by, or in the name of this majority can be legitimate and morally superior. This then effectively casts all adversaries as illegitimate and inauthentic members of society, e.g. anti-nationals, un-American, Anti-Indian, and so on.

Understanding these two parallel streams of neo-nationalism is essential as it helps us make sense of the appeal and success of these movements. Donald Trump for example, a wealthy businessman, was able to position himself as the saviour of working-class Americans against the corrupt "Wall Street" class and ineffective political elites. He promised to "make America great again", and a key aspect of that pledge was to keep immigrants, with a distinct focus on Muslims and Mexicans, away from the US.

Narendra Modi, with a cultivated image of a political outsider, was able to rail against the Gandhis and the Congress as traditional elites who had through rampant corruption and ineptitude destroyed India and denied everyday Indians their rightful place in the sun. Essential to make India great again was a need to return it to its glorious, Hindu roots. A key collaborative compartment of his rise to power has been a decades-long campaign by the Hindu Right to denounce Indian secularism and reservation policies as appeasement and vote-bank politics that had favoured minority groups against the majority, the genuine, pure citizens of a Hindu Rashtra.

The message here is clear and effective: Traditional Elites (You) are to blame for the empowerment of minority and immigrant groups (them) and thus culpable for the disenchantment and disenfranchisement of "real citizens" (us). A strong leader, a political outsider, not involved with the traditional ruling class (I) is the only person who can save this great nation (us).

Networked Legitimacy

What has been truly remark-

able about neo-nationalism has been its networked nature. While many of these movements have decried globalisation and promoted exclusionary nationalistic policies, they have benefited from the hyper-connected nature of modern societies.

An essential aspect of this has been what I term networked legitimacy, where the success of one neo-nationalistic leader or movement has legitimised other nascent groups, often also offering a roadmap to success. Networked legitimacy also explains how success of these groups has enabled racist and discriminatory propaganda to come to the forefront of the public sphere, particularly in online spaces.

The presidency of Donald Trump in many ways, legitimised the rise of leaders like Duterte and Bolsonaro. In turn, as they increase in number, they legitimise other movement and leaders. Academic Jan-Werner Müller has noted that a "potent combination of nationalism and populism has spread in recent years". He has further contended that "a populist playbook... has emerged as politicians in disparate countries have studied and learned from one another's experiences", leaning on one another for lessons and legitimacy.

Hyper-connectivity via the internet and in particular social media has also enabled many Far Right groups to lean on one another for propaganda purposes, sharing hate propaganda and positioning success in different places as a global revolution against corrupt elites and poisonous cultures. This has been particularly observable with the palpable common thread of Islamophobia that connects these movements, with disinformation and hate propaganda shared between these groups on social media to highlight the insidious global threat posed by Islam. It has also enabled online echo chambers to have global resonations, which increase the sense of threat and panic that has been the driving force for these movements.

The electoral legitimacy of an observably racist leader legitimises and emboldens racist elements in the

public sphere. Prolonged exposure naturalises racist discourse and enables it to become accepted common sense in society. Networked societies enable this legitimised discourse in one country to spread swiftly into another, highlighting how networked legitimacy has been a primary functionality in the rise of neo-nationalism.

The Road Forward

There is little to suggest that the rise of neo-nationalism is likely to abate anytime soon. Initial optimism that this would be a nationalistic or populist blip in the history of global politics has been proven to be unfounded.

An effective response continues to confound liberals and traditional silos of power. As societies continue to debate and evaluate effective responses, there are definitive indications of what would not work. The politics of appeasement and quick fixes will not solve this new crisis. While these movements have often brandished hate, they are often also rooted in legitimate concerns over the economy, immigration and social inequality. At the core of the manifest anger is a deep resentment against the gestural and symbolic reform often undertaken by traditional politicians. A deeper reflection and structural solutions are absolute necessary to combat neo-nationalism. Equally, the response cannot seek to adopt neo-nationalistic frames and concepts, adopting stances that propound softer versions of neo-nationalisms. Such a position will be unsatisfactory to proponents of neo-nationalisms and will be seen as a betrayal of liberal ideals and principles by everyone else and will only lead to more disenchantment towards traditional politics.

The way forward must be substantive and must chart a new path forward, resisting the temptation to take roads already travelled.

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Procrustean nationalism and its discontents



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Procrustes, the cruel abductor in Greek mythology, is known for his punitive bed which adjusted his undesired victims to perfect size. Tall victims had their legs cut off with sharp metal tools and those who were short in size were stretched to the length of this bed. He abducted travellers and traders and tortured them on this bed for the simple reason that they did not fit in his imagination of the human body. Stories around Procrustean tailoring of people for fixed shapes and behavior have been echoed in the imaginations of nation and nationhood today. Popular discussions about minorities, race, fugitives, women, migrant labour and gender are increasingly becoming unfriendly and intolerant. Head of the states — from Donald Trump of the US to Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to Kim Jong-un of North Korea — express no reservations in using Procrustean logic of nationalism.

India is not different. A cursory look at the nation/nationhood narratives in India clearly shows how the Hindu far-right has been shaping their own Procrustean nation which restructures its citizens either by chopping off their social and cultural limbs or stretching them all according to their ethnic and religious identities. In their new imagination of the nation and nationhood, the far-right has begun to advance the methods of Procrustean punitive justice system against the people who are aware of their political voice and cultural choices.

Procrustean nationalists in India make beds in different shapes and sizes and they are expected to perform multiple functions according to victims who come by. The 'beds of axing' are aimed to take care of people with certain eating choices, intimate relations and religious sensibilities while the 'beds of stretching' are mostly used to adjust the digression within Hindu communities — like inter-caste marriages or conversion. Functions of these beds get overlapped quite frequently. Whatever the case may be, victims of this Procrustean nation have mostly been coming from socially marginalised classes and religious minorities, showing close similarities to such developments in Pakistan, probably the first modern Procrustean nation in South Asia.

In the contemporary practices of nationalism no longer function like extraconstitutional systems in India. They look like lateral and approved hands of the nation. With the emergence of a new coercive middle class in the region, Procrustean tactics of nationalism seem to be justified by the state through the narratives of Hindu 'victimhood' and Muslim 'appeasement'. New patrons of these narratives and tactics include disgruntled intellectuals, academics, journalists, media houses, elite bureaucrats, industrialists and white-collar professionals, stretching wide and far. The emergent Procrustean elites in India, thus, give legitimacy to a large number of Procrustean hate crowds. These crowds could be rapidly mobilised and assembled for spectacularising fear and physical atrocities against the 'undesirables' — that include religious minorities and micro-gender groups. Now, such paramilitarized Procrustean vigilante

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groups in North India function like the state and violence occupies a dominant role in their idea of nation and nationalism.

For strengthening the idea of a Procrustean nation, a major section of India's urban elites also wants to set the term for democratic institutions like judiciary and legislature by negating completely the idea of constitutional nationalism. In their eyes, constitutional guarantees and rights hinder the growth of a masculine nation and the majoritarian nationhood. For example, Amit Shah's recent statement about Sabarimala before the general elections — 'Supreme court should only pronounce judgments which could be implemented' — came from the validation of these coercive elites who do not believe in the idea of 'justice for all'. Now, 'justice by selection' has become the hallmark of new masculinised nationhood discourses in India.

Similarly, the recent violence at Buland Shah, a small town in Uttar Pradesh, gives testimony to the fearful establishment of the Procrustean populism in the garb of nationalism in India. Started off as 'cow'-related violence, it led to the murder of Subodh Singh, the police officer who successfully charged-sheeted the culprit of a brutal lynching two years before. It is now believed that the perpetrators of his murder staged this violence and had him shot dead before burning his office where he kept the investigation files and documents.

One would imagine that charge-sheeting against nation's 'desirable citizens' made him a culprit in the eyes of Procrustean populism and he deserved to be purged. Despite being a Hindu himself, the Procrustean justice prevailed in his case over constitutional assurances and bureaucratic privileges.

An interesting development has been the importance given to spectacularised violence. Perpetrators of violence use technology to live telecast their love for nation by circulating choreographed attacks such as dismembering, burning, shooting and axing. Faster in disseminating and deeper in intimidating, such live shows are now emerging as a major communication method among Procrustean nationalists across south Asia and India leads the pack. Such regressive national imagination thus enables a situation which creates hundreds of lynch mobs who are aware of zero punitive consequences.

However, such mobs from lower middle classes hardly recognise their peril in a Procrustean nation which will eventually adjust them in the same 'axing-cum-stretching' bed as it happened to Procrustes himself.

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OFF SIDE

OMENS POINT TO
KIWI WIN: COACH

Celebrated All Blacks mentor Steve Hansen believes New Zealand's loss to England in the group stages of the Cricket World Cup will be to their advantage in Sunday's final. The coaching maestro, who is bidding for a third Rugby World Cup with the All Blacks this year, said when teams play each other twice in a tournament it is a psychological disadvantage to win the first match.

"The advantage is held by the team that loses because I think mentally it's very hard not to subconsciously think, 'well, we've beaten these guys before', so you soften yourself a little bit, subconsciously, it's not a deliberate thing," he told Radio Sport on Saturday.

England beat New Zealand by 119 runs to make the semifinals and then downed Australia by eight wickets to make the final.

"England played Australia (in the group stages) and Australia thumped them. So, you start getting a little bit ahead of yourself and start thinking about stuff you shouldn't," Hansen said.

In the 2015 World Cup, New Zealand beat Australia in the pool stages then lost to their trans-Tasman neighbours in the final. Hansen, an assistant coach when the All Blacks struggled to an 8-7 win over France in the 2011 World Cup final in Auckland, added that hometown pressure was also a factor which could count against England.

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APPEAL TO INDIA
FANS FOR TICKETS

New Zealand allrounder Jimmy Neesham has urged the heartbroken Indian fans to resell their World Cup finals ticket on the ICC's official platform.

Hopeful Indian fans had booked the tickets to Sunday's World Cup final in a bid to witness Virat Kohli and his men lift the trophy. However, after India were knocked out of the tournament in the semifinals, the fans face a choice between watching the final between hosts England and New Zealand or skipping the match and selling their tickets.

In a heartfelt request, Neesham requested the Indian supporters to spare a thought for fans of England and New Zealand. "Dear Indian cricket fans. If you don't want to come to the final anymore then please be kind and resell your tickets via the official platform. I know it's tempting to try to make a large profit but please give all genuine cricket fans a chance to go, not just the wealthy," Neesham wrote on his Twitter handle.

Recently, the International Cricket Council came out with a 'return policy' wherein fans can get a full refund if they return their tickets.

— PTI

VETTORI AWAITS
A SPECIAL FINAL

Former captain Daniel Vettori said Sunday's World Cup final between New Zealand and England will be "extra special" considering there would be a first-time champion. "Both teams will be very excited about reaching the World Cup final, and the crowning of a first-time winner makes it extra special," Vettori wrote in his column for the ICC.

"...One of these teams getting across the line for the first time is going to be really exciting. Sri Lanka in 1996 were the last first-time winner — that win swept the country and I think it would be exactly the same for New Zealand," he added.

"It's a 50-50 game and that's how both teams will view it. Virat Kohli said earlier in the tournament that if a team plays well, they can beat anyone and if they don't, anyone can beat them. Both captains will view it that way, the two have immense respect for each other and there will be lots of camaraderie between the sides. They play in a similar spirit and, whatever the result, it will be a great showcase for the game of cricket," said Vettori.

"They both have the skill and the initiative to think on their feet and we've seen them at their best in the past couple of games," he wrote.

— PTI

ALL OR NOTHING!

England, New Zealand eye maiden World Cup



New Zealand captain Kane Williamson plays football as he takes part in a training session at Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Saturday, eve of the World Cup final against England.

— AFP



NEW ZEALAND

- BEAT SRI LANKA BY 10 WICKETS AT CARDIFF
- BEAT BANGLADESH BY 2 WICKETS AT THE OVAL
- BEAT AFGHANISTAN BY 7 WICKETS AT TAUNTON
- SHARED POINTS WITH INDIA IN ABANDONED TIE AT NOTTINGHAM
- BEAT SOUTH AFRICA BY 4 WICKETS AT BIRMINGHAM
- BEAT WEST INDIES BY 5 RUNS AT MANCHESTER
- LOST TO PAKISTAN BY 6 WICKETS AT BIRMINGHAM
- LOST TO AUSTRALIA BY 86 RUNS AT LORD'S
- LOST TO ENGLAND BY 119 RUNS AT CHESTER-LE-STREET
- BEAT INDIA BY 18 RUNS AT MANCHESTER



ENGLAND

- BEAT SOUTH AFRICA BY 104 RUNS AT THE OVAL
- LOST TO PAKISTAN BY 14 RUNS AT NOTTINGHAM
- BEAT BANGLADESH BY 106 RUNS AT CARDIFF
- BEAT WEST INDIES BY 8 WICKETS AT SOUTHAMPTON
- BEAT AFGHANISTAN BY 150 RUNS AT MANCHESTER
- LOST TO SRI LANKA BY 20 RUNS AT LEEDS
- LOST TO AUSTRALIA BY 64 RUNS AT LORD'S
- BEAT INDIA BY 31 RUNS AT BIRMINGHAM
- BEAT NEW ZEALAND BY 119 RUNS AT CHESTER-LE-STREET
- BEAT AUSTRALIA BY 8 WICKETS AT BIRMINGHAM

England captain Eoin Morgan leaves after batting in the nets during a training session on Saturday, eve of the World Cup final. — AP

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The eyes of the sporting world will be fixed on England. Speed merchant Lewis Hamilton will be gunning for his record sixth British Grand Prix in the middle of the countryside, while Novak Djokovic will be out to deny the SW19 darling, Roger Federer, his 21st Grand Slam with the Royal family in attendance at the posh London suburb. In the heart of the capital, the hallowed turf of Lord's will witness either England or New Zealand making history as first-time winners of the cricket World Cup amidst fears over the possibility of the hosts' stupendous feat getting little attention. Formula One and Wimbledon aside, women's netball World Cup being played at Liverpool is proving to be a tough competition for cricket when it comes to media coverage.

For England, who came agonisingly close to winning the crown on three occasions — 1979, 1987 and 1992, it could be the day they have been waiting for. For a country where the gentlemen's game originated and largely remains an elitist sport, England's barren run in the blue-ribbon tournament has been an agonising story.



With an exciting bunch of players in the current line-up, it's their best chance to pose with the coveted trophy in the Lord's balcony. England skipper Eoin Morgan knows the enormity of the occasion and the kind of impact it would have on the sport in the country. "I haven't allowed myself to think about lifting the trophy. Cricket, sport in particular, is very fickle. If you ever get ahead, it always seems to bite you in the backside, so for us to win it, it would be awesome and great for the game. I think it would remain

WORLD CUP WINNERS

1975	West Indies
1979	West Indies
1983	India
1987	Australia
1992	Pakistan
1996	Sri Lanka
1999	Australia
2003	Australia
2007	Australia
2011	India
2015	Australia

iconic young kids' memory if they are watching it at home," said Morgan.

Standing in England's way are the eternal underdogs, New Zealand. The Kiwis who sent the fancied India packing in the semifinal don't believe in making noise. They have evolved as the 'iceman', Kane Williamson, who takes success and failure with an equal measure of dignity.

New Zealand had missed out on the opportunity to lift their maiden title four years ago when they co-hosted the tour-

nament, but now they look primed for the big occasion. Cricket's profile may not change in a country where the All Blacks rugby team are revered as superheroes.

"I would still like to think it would have a really positive impact on the sport in our country," said Williamson.

The home team would be pinning their hopes on their openers Jonny Bairstow and Jason Roy who have been in red-hot form. Their top three, including run-machine Joe Root, having amassed 1,471 runs between them. New Zealand's new-ball bowlers Trent Boult and Matt Henry will have to give the team an early breakthrough to unsettle the England side.

The weather on Sunday is expected to be dry and captains would be eager to bat first. Apart from Chris Woakes and tearaway pacer Jofra Archer, Adil Rashid will have a key role to play. The leg-spinner had taken only eight wickets before the semifinals of this World Cup, but his three-wicket haul against Australia underlined his importance in the team line-up.

Lord's isn't ever a high-scoring ground and Morgan doesn't see it changing the trend on the morrow. It will be an enthralling battle.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Venue	Played	NZ won	Eng won	Tied	N/R
Total	90	43	41	2	4
In World Cup	9	5	4	—	—
Last five	5	1	4	—	—

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

England: 408-9 in 50 overs at Birmingham 09-06-2015
New Zealand: 398-5 in 50. overs at The Oval 12-06-2015

LOWEST INNINGS TOTAL

England: 89 in 37.2 overs at Wellington 16-02-2002
New Zealand: 134 in 42.1 at Christchurch 18-02-1984

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

England: 158 David Gower at Brisbane 15-01-1983
New Zealand: 189* Martin Guptill at Southampton 02-06-2013

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

England: 5-20 Vic Marks at Wellington 20-02-2015
New Zealand: 7-33 Tim Southee at Wellington 20-02-2015

► Jonny Bairstow who scored 496 runs at 49.60 in 10 innings of as many matches needs just four runs to become second England batsman after Joe Root (549 runs in 10 innings) and seventh overall to complete 500 runs in this World Cup.

► Lockie Ferguson who took 18 wickets at an average of 19.94 in eight innings of as many matches is the joint fourth highest wicket taker in this World Cup.

Stats: S. PERVEZ QAISER

Breed of dog doesn't matter: Biting Kane

DC CORRESPONDENT LONDON, JULY 13

New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson had no concerns over his side being considered as underdogs for Sunday's World Cup final against hosts England. "A lot of people say that on a number of occasions which is great and I think England, rightly so, deserve to be favourites," said Williamson.

"Coming into this tournament from the start, they were favourites and they've been playing really good cricket. But whatever dog we are, it's just important that we focus on cricket and we have seen over the years that anybody can beat anybody regardless of the breed of dog," he smiled.

Williamson said England's top-order batsmen, especially the openers Jason Roy and Bairstow, could take the game away. "Those two have been fantastic throughout this whole competition and prior as well.

But, there are a number of other parts to perhaps playing in a World Cup Final. But there is a huge amount of respect for the match-winners that they have within their side, obviously the top of the order," he said.

Williamson said he would make sure the outcome of Sunday's match doesn't affect the team. "Any experience that you have is an opportunity to learn and sometimes tough experiences, being on the wrong side of results, can sometimes slap you in the face and give you a glaring lesson. If you ignore that, I don't think that is a positive thing, so treating both of those, the outcomes with respect and trying to learn from them to be better as a group and as an individual, I think is the best part," he added.

Williamson said Lord's wicket which looked pretty green on Friday could encourage seam bowlers from both sides. "But we don't know what the wicket has in store," he said.



New Zealand pacer Trent Boult during a training session at Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Saturday. — AFP

Morgan sees huge occasion for hosts

DC CORRESPONDENT LONDON, JULY 13

The hard-fought win against India in their penultimate league game revived England's World Cup campaign. It was a remarkable comeback from the verge of elimination after suffering back-to-back defeats at the hands of Sri Lanka and Australia. Captain Eoin Morgan said England's knock-out stage had begun earlier than expected, but it helped them regroup.

"I think it has helped us because it lends itself to actuality being more positive, aggressive and a bit smarter about how we play. It's sort of been the last-chance saloon since Durham (against Sri Lanka), which has been nice in a way," said Morgan.

Morgan, a Dublin-born who represented Ireland in the 2007 World Cup, said England's resurgence started soon after their disastrous campaign in 2015. "It's a culmination of four

years of hard work, dedication, a lot of planning and it presents a huge opportunity to go on and try and win a World Cup," he added.

Morgan was at the helm when England were knocked out by Bangladesh four years ago at Adelaide. Since then, England have made a lot of changes in their approach and it yielded results. By his own admission, Morgan's captaincy is modelled after former New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum.

After scraping through to the semis, England stunned Australia and the margin of the defeat was the biggest surprise. "I think we will need to play like the way we did against the Aussies. New Zealand are an extremely tough side, with a lot of experience, a lot of skill. They were the best side in the group stage and they improved, very similar to us, from the group stage to the semifinal performance. So we are striving to improve on our performance," added Morgan.

FOR THE RECORD

SHORT SINGLES

ALLAN GOES GAGA OVER ENGLAND

London: Former Australia skipper Allan Border said he always feared that England would produce their best on the biggest stage and they did exactly that against the Aussies in the World Cup semifinal.

"I always had a fear in the back of my mind that England would produce their best on the biggest stage. They did just that and there wasn't much Australia could do," Border wrote in his column for the ICC.

"You have got to give credit where credit is due, England's performance was absolutely outstanding, and it was a performance that I have been anticipating for a while," he added.

The 63-year-old admitted that England put together a complete batting and bowling performance. "They were phenomenal in every aspect. The bowling in those first 10 overs is as good as we have seen from any team in this World Cup to put Australia under pressure. And from there they never really recovered. But England have been the favourites right from the start. Sure they have had their wobbles, but when it really mattered they came up trumps," Border, however, said Alex Carey got out playing an unnecessary shot. —PTI

ADIL HAS EOIN'S BACKING IN SIDE

Birmingham: England leg-spinner Adil Rashid said his skipper Eoin Morgan never lost faith in his abilities despite a modest performance in the league phase of the World Cup.

Before the semifinal, Rashid had taken just eight wickets for 54 run in the 50-over showpiece. However, Morgan never stopped believing in him and the spinner repaid the faith with a crucial three-wicket haul against Australia that helped England make the final. "He always has the faith in me from day one till now," Rashid was quoted as saying by the ICC website.

"There are going to be games where you don't go well, that's part and parcel of cricket but he always has the confidence that I can do a job. He's 100 per cent the best captain I've ever played under. He knows my game now inside out," he added.

Rashid has become one of England's mainstays in the last four years that saw the team climb to the ODI top. —PTI



Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar shares a light moment with former cricketer and sports administrator V. Chamundeswarnath at his home in London.

KOHLI LENDS HIS SUPPORT TO ABD

New Delhi: India skipper Virat Kohli has lent his support to Royal Challengers Bangalore teammate AB de Villiers after the retired South African great broke his silence on his recent controversy.

The Indian captain described de Villiers, who was criticised for picking and choosing international assignments after announcing his retirement last year, as the "most honest and committed" person.

"My brother you are the most honest and committed man I know. It's been unfortunate to see this happen to you. But know that we stand with you and believe in you.

"Seeing people enter your personal space has been sad to see and uncalled for. More love and power to you and your beautiful family. Me and Anushka are Always here for you guys," Kohli wrote on de Villiers Instagram.

In the middle of South Africa's disastrous World Cup campaign, a media report had claimed that the former Proteas captain had offered to go public with retirement a day before the squad was to be picked for the mega-event but the team management rejected it. However, de Villiers, in a detailed statement on Friday, finally broke his silence on the controversy surrounding his international comeback. —PTI

DIVERSITY IS THEIR STRENGTH

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The England World Cup squad is a true melting pot. Packed with a talented bunch of cricketers from different cultures, England stand out for their diversity. Captained by an Irishman, who was once an outsider before slowly winning the hearts of the cynical fans and media, the team have two players with Pakistani roots and those born in Barbados, New Zealand and South Africa, make them a rich multicultural outfit.

In a way, the team reflects the spirit of the UK which embraces different ethnicities and traditions. At the inauguration of the World Cup, Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex, took pride in saying that the travelling teams would feel at home because of the country's diversity.

Proud Muslims of Pakistani descends, leg-spinner Adil Rashid and all-rounder Moeen Ali are already cult figures in England. Hailing from a poor family in Birmingham, Ali escaped falling prey to drugs after he started playing cricket. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) came in support of Ali even when the international body censured him from wearing wrist bands with political messages.

Joe Root said the diversity is England's biggest strength. "When the World Cup began Moeen and Adil were finding days to fast around the games. Having that understanding within the team and making sure that everyone is aware of that, I think it does bond you tighter together. A really important part of the make-up of this group of players is that we are very open to that. We want everybody to be happy, to be able to feel like they can perform at their best and to succeed," said Root.

Barbados-born Jofra Archer has brought the X-factor in England's Cup team. He is the most successful England bowler having taken 19 wickets. The ECB's decision to fast-track the speedster, who played for the West Indies U-19 team, into the squad after changing the qualification rules has reaped rewards. Archer's father is English and has a British passport, but according to the earlier rules he would have had to wait until 2022 to qualify to play for England. But in November 2018, the ECB reduced the eligibility period to three years to accommodate Archer.

Durban-born Jason Roy whose family moved to the UK when he was 10 has redefined England's top-order with his power-packed batting. Roy has scored 426 runs and his strike-rate of 117 is the best among those who have scored 300-plus this World Cup. It was Roy's return to the playing XI that changed England's fortunes when they were facing an early exit.

EOIN MORGAN
Morgan debuted for Ireland when he was 16, but the 32-year-old — who has an English mother — switched allegiances to England in 2009. He became the ODI captain just before the last World Cup and is now England's most-capped one-day player.

JOFRA ARCHER
The tear-away pacer was born in Bridgetown, Barbados, to an English father and Barbadian mother and now plays for Sussex. He joined the squad after the ECB changed the qualification rules so three years of residency were enough, rather than seven.

MOEEN ALI
The all-rounder was born in Birmingham into a Muslim family of Pakistani heritage.

TOM CURRAN
The South-African-born player is the son of Kevin Curran who represented Zimbabwe in the 1983 World Cup.

BEN STOKES
The New-Zealand born cricketer moved to Cumbria when he was 12 after his father got a job coaching rugby there.

ADIL RASHID
Born in Bradford to a family from Pakistan.

JASON ROY
Born in Durban, South Africa, Roy came to the UK at 10.



Kane Williamson

KANE IS A CUT ABOVE CROWE, SAYS SMITH

London, July 13: Martin Crowe's batting was grace personified and had he been alive, he would have been the first one to acknowledge that Kane Williamson probably is the greatest batsman to have played for New Zealand, feels former wicketkeeper Ian Smith.

From Bert Sutcliffe in the 50's to Bevan Congdon and Glenn Turner through the 60's and 70's and Crowe in 80's, unarguably New Zealand's best player of reverse swing, Williamson with his stylish batting and able leadership has surpassed them all, according to 62-year-old Smith.

"Kane is so highly ranked in the world, so it's no surprise that he is seriously highly ranked in New Zealand 2003. Probably our best player and when you combine leadership with it, I think we can safely say so," Smith said.

According to the legendary Wasim Akram, no one read his reverse swing better than Crowe but Smith feels that Williamson's achievements would have made him proud.

"I was a great friend of Martin Crowe, who is no longer with us. I think even Martin would have acknowledged that Kane is pretty special, and it's hard to deny that," said Smith, who was a part of New Zealand team that reached semi-final in 1992.

New Zealand defended a modest 239-run total against India in an exciting semi-final and Smith knew that the bunch of committed individuals under Williamson would have never given up.

"I knew they could defend that total because that's the way they fight and scrap it out. Once they got to 239, it was all about bowling well in the first 5-10 overs." —PTI

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— IAN SMITH
Former NZ wicketkeeper

STEADY STEAD PUTS CUP CHANCES AT 50-50

London, July 13: A team need not always "play the perfect game" to win but can adapt to the conditions as New Zealand showed during their semifinal win against India, coach Gary Stead said ahead of their World Cup final against England on Sunday.

"We don't have to play the perfect game. What we have to do is to be able

to adapt to conditions in front of us. Working out that 240 (vs India) is a good score is the strength the guys have, especially the middle order. Guys like Kane, Ross, Tom Latham, they have a lot of experience," Stead said during a media conference.

Stead said that there are no underdogs in a final even if it means playing England at the

Lord's.

"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," he said. "There is pressure on both teams.

The exciting thing is that both teams have not won the World Cup and both have experience of finals. But since England

and India were looked at as winners, maybe there is more pressure on them," Stead said.

On the eve of the final, Stead said that the Kiwis who were a part of the 2015 final would be able to tell what not to repeat this time.

"What have we learnt from that experience ... there are a lot of similarities between the two occasions. We have seven

guys who had experience of being part of that squad playing then.

"But at the end of the day, it's a game of cricket — there will be one team which will be happy and one team which will be disappointed. We are trying to keep it as realistic as we can," the coach said. Not many know that Stead was a ground staff at the Lord's back in 1990. —PTI

Review of India's show, specially of semis, is warranted



Ayaz Memon
Over The Top

Reports have been swirling around that Vinod Rai, head of the Committee of Administrators, will ask for explanations from head coach Ravi Shastri and captain Virat Kohli, about India's debacle in the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand.

With only a fuzzy newswire report to go by, one is not sure exactly what this means. It is highly unusual for the administration to go public with such demand — if indeed Rai has been quoted cor-

rectly — and make it seem like an inquisition, rather than an analysis of how and why the team fared as it did.

A study of performances — individual and collective — and how a tour pans out is part of the protocol in Indian cricket. From the time I can remember, captains and managers/coaches have had to submit their confidential report to the administration on this, and unless this has changed in recent time, this should be with the BCCI/COA soon.

Disappointment at the semi-final result is palpable and understandable. India were hot favourites going into the game, and the adverse result has left everybody in shock. Not just Indian fans, but from across the cricket world — including sundry experts, were left shaking their heads in disbelief.

Yet, this result was not as disastrous as, say, the one in the 2007 World Cup, when India were ousted in the first phase itself. Reaching the semi-final by topping the league table, India had performed superbly this time, only to be upstaged by a no-frills, resolute New Zealand side that hardly boasted stars.

A review of India's campaign, with particular emphasis on the semi-final, however, is obviously warranted and should be asked for.

The review must also include assessment of players, their suitability for this format — in terms of talent, temperament and age — going ahead. But this should not be tainted with a hue of recrimination.

That would be an exercise in scapegoating, pick out a few 'villains' for immediate action, but hardly offer solutions for the future.

In a play-off, the team that plays better on the day will win. This is an infallible truism of the game. There is no cushion for a comeback, as in a league phase.

In my opinion, in a low scoring, keenly fought contest, the strong Indian team was found wanting as underdogs New Zealand produced moments of magic that won them the match. To give a frame of

reference, just as India had done in the 1983 final against mighty West Indies through Balwinder Sandhu's 'banana' inswinger that bowled Gordon Greenidge and Kapil Dev's brilliant catch to dismiss Viv Richards.

Jimmy Neesham's spectacular catch at gully to dismiss Karthik, Martin Guptill's rocket-like throw to run out Dhoni with only one stump to hit, and the opening spell of high quality swing and seam bowling by Matt Henry and Trent Boult which ripped out the top order highlight how well the Kiwis responded to acute pressure with brilliance in this semi-final.

This, however, does not preclude questions from the team management on decisions taken before and during the match. The playing XI chosen and the

batting order — particularly experienced M.S. Dhoni being held back till no.7 — though not bereft of cricket logic, were debatable nonetheless, particularly in the context of how the game panned out.

Yet, while reams of newsprint and hours and hours of prime time have been spent on discussing how the middle order couldn't come to the team's rescue, in my opinion, it was the failure of the top three — Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and K.L. Rahul — that spelt doom for India.

Between them — these three — who had scored heavily and freely in the preceding matches — were dismissed for a collective three runs! Though the target was modest, on a tricky pitch and against an excellent attack for the conditions backed by bril-

liant fielding, this put too much onus on the batsmen that followed.

Right through the World Cup, teams that lost wickets early, inevitably suffered. This is something that the Indian team should have been prepared for better, and indeed had the opportunity to do so when the semi-final spilled over into the second day, allowing time for introspection and revising strategy.

The World Cup campaign will be particularly galling for Kohli. Not because he failed to score a century (he was in excellent touch otherwise), but because for the third time in as many semis, his contribution was negligible. And his team, that looked the best till then, was shunted out.

That will hurt for a long time.



Record breaker

Mohammad Anas bettered his own national record in men's 400m race while winning gold with an effort of 45.21 seconds at the Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet at Kladno, Czech Republic



Rafael Nadal

Nadal regrets a missed chance

London, July 13: Rafael Nadal rued missing out on the Wimbledon final after losing to great rival Roger Federer and admitted his chances of adding a third title on the grass of the All England Club are receding.

I am sad for the loss because for me it was another opportunity... I'm sad because for me I know chances are not forever.

— RAFAEL NADAL Spaniard on his defeat to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon semis

The 33-year-old Spaniard, who remains two off Federer's Grand Slam record title haul of 20, has two Wimbledon crowns to his name.

But he said his game on Friday was never at the level required to repeat his epic win in his first championship victory over Federer 11 years ago.

Nadal, who won his 12th French Open trophy in June, ended up on the wrong end of a 7-6 (7/3), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 defeat.

"I am sad for the loss because for me it was another opportunity," he said.

"But at the same time I created another opportunity to be in another final of a Grand Slam.

"Just accept that was not my day. I played a great event. I take this in a positive way.

"At the same time, I'm sad because for me I know chances are not forever.

"Last year I had chances here (he lost in five sets to Djokovic in the semifinal), I had another one, and I was not able to convert to win it one more time here," Nadal added.

HAILEP!

Simona slams Serena for Wimbledon title

London, July 13: Simona Halep torpedooed Serena Williams's latest bid to capture a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam on Saturday when she stormed to a sensational victory in a 56-minute Wimbledon final.

The 27-year-old Romanian captured her second career major with a 6-2, 6-2 victory adding a maiden Wimbledon — the first for her country in both men's and women's singles — to her 2018 Roland Garros triumph.

Defeat for 37-year-old Serena, a seven-time Wimbledon champion who won the last of her 23 Slam titles at the 2017 Australian Open, meant her attempt to equal Margaret Court's all-time record for major wins was put back on ice until at least the US Open.

"My mom said when I was 10 that if I want to do something in tennis I have to play in the final at Wimbledon," said an excited Halep.

"I had lots of nerves, my stomach wasn't very well. I have never played a better match. I said at the start of the tournament that one of my motivations was to win and become a lifetime member of the club," she added.

Serena bluntly admitted she had not been at the races against a superior opponent. "She played out of her mind. I was like a deer in the headlights," she said.



Simona Halep poses with the Venus Rosewater Dish trophy after winning the Wimbledon final.

Serena was undone by 26 unforced errors to Halep's two. She may have kept Halep waiting to go on court but if she hoped that would upset her opponent

it did quite the opposite on Centre Court.

Indeed the Halep fan who burst into song — waving a Romanian scarf from the 2015 Rugby World Cup —

singing "We love you Simona, we do!" served to give her the boost to rattle Serena from the start.

A flashing forehead crosscourt set the tone and

THE RESULT

Women's singles final: Simona Halep (Romania, Seed No.7) bt Serena Williams (United States of America, Seed No. 11) 6-2, 6-2

she broke her in the first game. She broke again to lead 3-0 — things clearly not going Serena's way when a Halep shot clipped the net and went over but the American's shot also clipped the net but failed to go over.

Already 0-3 down after eight minutes, Serena was completely at sea and by the time Halep served to lead 4-0 Serena had won just six points.

She finally got on the board with her next service game but Halep had little trouble in sealing the set which included another remarkable point from the Romanian.

The 27-year-old raced to retrieve an incredible get which sneaked over the net and Serena was only able to put her shot into the net.

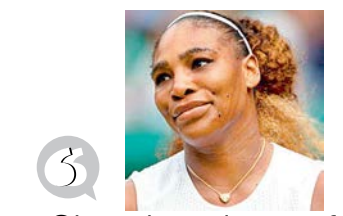
Serena — who has let slip opportunities to equal Court's record in last year's Wimbledon and US Open finals — appeared to at last get fired up in the first game of the second set.

She let out a long yell at the ground when she won a point on her serve and another on the subsequent point.

However, that was a rare show of her fiery side as Halep broke her again to lead 3-2.

Halep rubbed in her superiority to break her again for 5-2 — two powerful serves earlier in the game had Serena saying why was I not able to do this earlier — and took the match and the title with aplomb with the first of her three match points.

She sank to her knees a broad smile on her face before rising to hug Serena. — AFP



She played out of her mind. I was like a deer in the headlights.

— Serena Williams, after her defeat to Simona Halep in the Wimbledon women's singles final

SHORT TAKES

Udhayveer bags 2 golds in shooting

New Delhi: Udhayveer Sidhu collected a double gold as India took pole position on day one of competitions at the Combined World Cup for junior shooters in Suhl, Germany.

Udhayveer shot 575 in the junior men's 25m standard pistol event to lead a clean sweep for India as Adarsh Singh (568) and Anish Bhanwala (566) won silver and bronze respectively at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) tournament for rifle, pistol and shotgun shooters.

Udhayveer then combined with Adarsh and his twin Vijayveer Sidhu to also pick up the team gold in the event with a combined effort of 1707, a junior world record.

The team silver in the event also went to India as its second team comprising Anish, Rajkanwar Sandhu and Dilshaan Kelley shot a total of 1676 to finish behind the gold medal winners. — PTI

Indian wrestlers shine in Istanbul

New Delhi: Indian wrestlers bagged four medals, including three gold, on the second day of the Yasar Dogu 2019 Ranking Series tournament in Istanbul.

While Rahul Aware won gold in the 61kg freestyle category on Friday night, Utkarsh clinched the bronze in the same weight division. Aware, an Asian bronze medalist, clinched his first career Ranking Series title with a tactical 4-1 victory over Munir Aktas of Turkey.

Among Indian women wrestlers, Seema and Manju Kumari bagged a yellow metal each in the 50kg and 59kg divisions, respectively.

In the 50kg finals, Seema stopped Valeriya Chepsarakova of Russia from winning her second career Ranking Series title with a 3-2 win. — PTI

SHUBHANKAR STARS IN SCOTLAND

North Berwick, Scotland: Having worked hard to make the halfway cut, India's Shubhankar Sharma made it count with a fine four-under 67, which took him to nine-under 204 at the end of the third day of Scottish Open here Saturday.

He started bogey-bogey but made seven birdies before finishing with a bogey on 18th for a 67. He was placed tied 35th and almost half the field, including overnight leaders Bernd Wiesberger (61), Erik Van Rooyen of South Africa (64-64) and Lee Slattery (64-64), were tied for the lead at 14-under 128.

Even before the leaders teed off, Andrea Pavan took advantage of good scoring conditions to shoot 62 with two eagles on front nine to join them at 14-under.

Sharma is the only Indian to have qualified for The Open next week, and a cut this week will be an added boost for the young golfer, who will turn 23 on the Sunday of the year's last Major.

Last year he made the cut on his birthday and smiled when reminded of that.

"It was a nice feeling," he added. Sharma, after a first round even par 71, was three-under the front nine, in the second round. He birdied the third, sixth and the eighth on the front nine. He added one more on 11th with a good 10-footer birdie putt. He added a birdie on 18th with a 45-footer in pouring rain to make the cut on the line. Sharma started the day on a disappointing note. — PTI

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Behold! Screamer on Centre Court

Djokovic to meet Federer in Wimbledon men's final



Novak Djokovic

London, July 13: Eight-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer believes the "stars have aligned" as he attempts to become the oldest Grand Slam winner of modern times in Sunday's final against Novak Djokovic.

The 37-year-old Swiss can clinch a record-extending 21st major if he manages to break free of the world number one's

stranglehold. Four-time Wimbledon winner and defending champion Djokovic enjoys a 25-22 edge in career meetings, stretching back 13 years.

The Serb has won 14 of their last 20 meetings and eight of the last 10. Federer has lost all four of their most recent meetings at the Slams and it's now seven years since he triumphed over the 32-year-old at the majors.

That was 2012 in four sets in a Wimbledon semifinal. However, Federer, who will be 38 next month,

said Federer: "From that standpoint I can go into the match very confident," he added.

Federer, who passed the 100-win mark at Wimbledon in his quarterfinal victory over Kei Nishikori, is feeling especially confident after seeing off Rafael Nadal in four sets in the semifinal.

Djokovic, a 15-time Grand Slam champion, is respected by British fans but certainly not revered in the same saintly fashion reserved for Federer.

Too intense and too new age for modest British tastes, Djokovic did little

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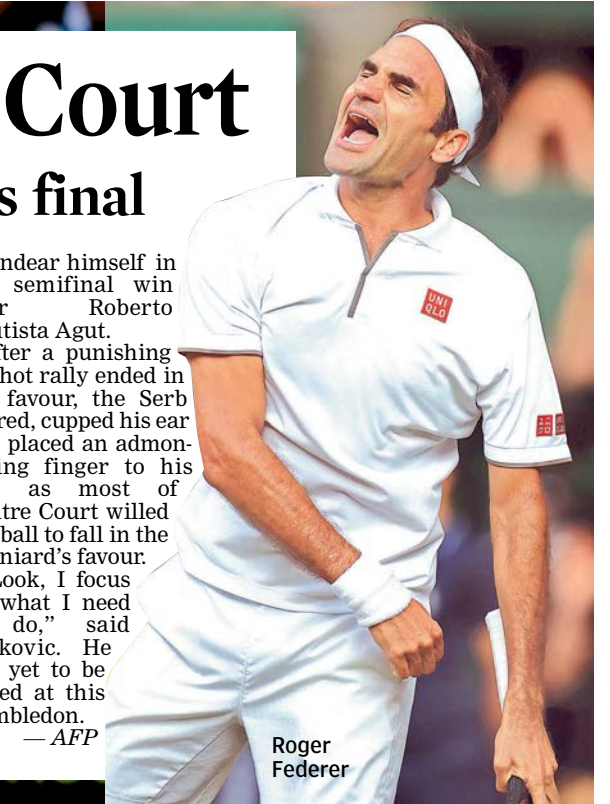
insists such statistics are meaningless as he attempts to succeed Ken Rosewall, at the 1972 Australian Open, as the oldest Slam champion of the Open era.

"It's been a rock solid year for me. I won in Halle (on grass on the eve of Wimbledon). The stars are aligned right now,"

to endear himself in his semifinal win over Roberto Bautista Agut.

After a punishing 45-shot rally ended in his favour, the Serb roared, cupped his ear and placed an admonishing finger to his lips as most of Centre Court willed the ball to fall in the Spaniard's favour.

"Look, I focus on what I need to do," said Djokovic. He has yet to be tested at this Wimbledon. — AFP



Roger Federer

Koreans hammer listless India side

Ahmedabad, July 13: Listless in the first half, India fought back in the second session with a spirited display but still lost 2-5 against North Korea to suffer their second consecutive defeat in the Intercontinental Cup football tournament here on Saturday.

Jong Il Gwan (8th and 29th minute), Sim Hyon Jin (16th), Ri Un Chol (63rd) and Ri Jin (90+2) scored for North Korea while Lallianzuala Chhangte (51st) and captain Sunil Chhetri (61st) reduced the margin for India.

The loss put the home side on the verge of being sent out of reckoning for a berth in the final as they occupy the bottom of the points table. Tajikistan are in the top of the table with six points from two wins while Syria and North Korea have three points each.

Defending champions India still have an outside chance to make it to the final if North Korea lose against Tajikistan on July

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15. In that situation, the home side will need to beat Syria by a huge margin in their final league match on July 16, which itself will be a tall task if their current form is to go by.

The top two teams will make it to the final of the four-team tournament. If two or more teams end at same point, the ranking will be decided through goal difference. India now have minus five goal difference while North Korea have zero and Syria plus one.

After their 2-4 defeat at the hands of Tajikistan in the opening match, India were expected to produce an improved show but they were listless against the Koreans. — PTI



Nabibaksh of World 7 raids during the Pro Kabaddi All-Star match at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad on Sunday.

World 7 win star thriller

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD JULY 13

World 7 edged out Indian 7 by just one point — 33-32 — in a thrilling All-Star game that showcased the difficulty level to be expected at the upcoming Pro Kabaddi Season.

Fans were treated to a high quality game at the Gachibowli Stadium that was rocking on Saturday night.

Lee set the tone. For India 7, 'Hi Flyer' Pawan Sehrawat hogged the spotlight and played true to his nickname.

As the second half started, a different World 7 came to the mat and displayed some good defensive and offensive performances by Fazel Atrachali and PKL debutant, Nabibaksh.

'Iceman' Ajay Thakur made sure that the World 7's score didn't sneak too close by scoring consistent raid points.

Jang Kun Lee got danger man Ajay Thakur and Girish Ernak in a 25th minute do-or-die raid for World 7 as they pulled ahead 23-19.

The game took a surprising turn during the final three minutes. The 39th minute all out by Mohammad Nabibaksh saw him take Girish Ernak and Nitesh Kumar out besides taking the lead at the dying moments of the match to make it 30-32 before it finally finished 33-32 for the World side.

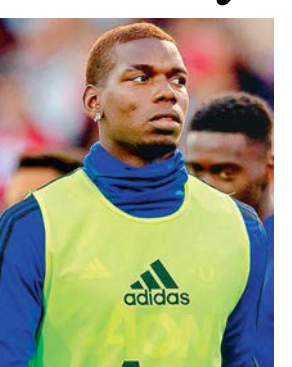
Pogba fires Man U to 2-0 victory

Perth, July 13: Wantaway star Paul Pogba overcame a turbulent week and helped a lacklustre Manchester United post a 2-0 friendly victory over Perth Glory on Saturday.

An under-pressure United struggled in their pre-season opener against a weakened Perth Glory, who won Australia's A-League Premiers Plate last season.

After a scoreless opening half, manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer changed his entire lineup and inserted several stars, including Pogba whose uncertain future at Old Trafford has overshadowed United's pre-season tour of Australia.

United finally cracked Perth's tenacious defence in the 60th minute when Pogba showcased his sublime touch with a deft back heel to forward Marcus Rashford, who struck it past goalkeeper Liam Reddy.



Paul Pogba

helped United find more fluency. James Garner, 18, sealed the result with a long-range strike in the dying stages.

Suffering from a lack of numbers for the friendly, Perth fielded a youthful team including two 15-year-olds. Solskjaer rested most of his guns in the first half, including Pogba, Rashford and regular goalkeeper David de Gea. United, in their new gold away strip, controlled a subdued first half with speedy winger Daniel James eye-catching on the left flank. — AFP