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ASTROGUIDE

Vikari; Uttarayana
Tithi: Ashada Shuddha Chaturdasi till 1.49 am (Tuesday)
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COUNTER POINT



Let go of me. No one is calling me... it's nature's call!

Djokovic beats Federer

London: Defending champion Novak Djokovic claimed his fifth Wimbledon title beating eight-time champion Roger Federer 7-6 (7/5), 1-6, 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 13-12 (7/3) in the longest-ever final and settled by an historic tie-break. The Serbian saved two match points as he took his Slam tally to 16, four off Federer's overall record.

New Dalai Lama 'within China'

Lhasa/Beijing: The successor of the Dalai Lama has to be decided within China and any interference by India on the issue will impact bilateral ties, Chinese authorities have said. In first clear assertion on the sensitive issue, senior Chinese officials and experts said the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama must be approved by the Chinese government.

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TS firm on new Secretariat, Assembly

MEDICAL REFORMS

MBBS final, new Exit Test enough for PG Centre to scrap Neet for PG

New Delhi, July 14: In a relief to medical students wanting to pursue postgraduate courses, the Union health ministry has proposed to do away with Neet-PG and instead the final MBBS examination would be enough for admission to MD and MS programmes.

BJP leader whisks away Cong hope

MLA flies to Mumbai, joins K'taka 'rebels'

DC CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU, JULY 14

The ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition's attempts to make some of the rebel MLAs withdraw their resignations and save the H.D. Kumaraswamy government when the Chief Minister seeks a trust vote in the state Assembly, suffered a big blow on Sunday with housing minister M.T.B. Nagaraj, who had given hints on Saturday that he would withdraw his resignation, flying off to Mumbai to join the other rebels.

Mr Nagaraj was seen off at the HAL airport by senior BJP leader R.



HDK TO QUIT IF NOT CONFIDENT OF WIN

Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is likely to make a graceful exit if he is not confident of winning the trust vote. His strategy: Try to save the government by convincing the rebels to withdraw their resignations. If not, he will give an emotional speech and quit.

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Ashok clearly exposing a BJP hand in the ongoing resignation episode. He later announced at a joint press conference addressed by the rebel MLAs camping in Mumbai that there was no question of withdrawing his resignation and that he was "firm" on the decision (to quit the Assembly).

Page 6: Rebels in Mumbai firm on resignations

ENGLAND NEW WORLD CUP CHAMPS



England World Cup hero Ben Stokes (right) celebrates with teammate James Vince after the fall of a New Zealand wicket during their Cricket World Cup final match at the Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Sunday. Stokes hit an unbeaten 84 to help England draw level with New Zealand at 241. In the Super Over, Stokes and Jos Buttler scored 15. New Zealand tied the score but England won because it had scored more boundaries in the nerve-shredding final. This is England's first victory in the 44-year history of the Cricket World Cup, 27 years after they last entered the final of the competition in 1992. — AFP

Pak assures India on Kartarpur trip

VINEETA PANDEY AND SHAFQAT ALI | DC NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD | JULY 14

Pakistan on Sunday agreed to year-long visa-free access to Indians of all faiths, including Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card-holders, to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur. On a daily basis, 5,000 pilgrims from India will be able to visit Kartarpur, and they can travel as individuals or in groups, on foot or in vehicles.

These decisions were taken during India and Pakistan's second round of talks on the Kartarpur Corridor at Wagah border, in Lahore, on Sunday.

The two countries discussed infrastructure development, security matters and a draft agreement for facilitation of pilgrims. During the talks India also expressed concerns regarding individuals and organisations based in Pakistan who may try to disrupt the pilgrimage and misuse the opportunity to play with the sentiments of the pilgrims.

SIDHU QUILTS AFTER FIGHT WITH CAPT.

TANVEER THAKUR | DC CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

Punjab minister Navjot Singh Sidhu publicly called it quits from the state Cabinet on Sunday after disagreements with Chief Minister Amarinder Singh that lasted for months.

Mr Singh had changed Mr Sidhu's portfolio from local bodies, tourism and culture, to ministry of power and renewable energy about a month ago. This did not go down well with Mr Sidhu and he stopped going to office.

Mr Sidhu made public his resignation letter dated June 10, on Twitter on Sunday. The letter, which is addressed to the All India Congress Committee (AICC) chief, was dated a day after he had met then Congress president Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary Priyanka Vadra and party veteran Ahmed Patel.

MBBS final, new Exit Test enough for PG

Centre to scrap Neet for PG

Except for Exit Test, no separate exam after MBBS for aspirants to join PG courses or for licence to practise.
Neet Super Speciality for admission into DM/MCh courses will continue, sources said.

However, for admission to PG at AIIMS, clearing a separate exam will remain mandatory. Also, the Neet Super Speciality, which is a national-level entrance exam for admission in DM/MCh courses, will continue, sources said. — PTI

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Unmet promises

Uttam Kumar Reddy asks if government has waived loans or provided ₹3,016 dole for jobless, dubs it an utter flop

Jeevandan changes 1,600 lives in TS

1,068 kidneys, 593 eyes donated under the health scheme launched by state govt

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

As many as 1,068 kidneys and 593 eyes have so far been transplanted as part of the Jeevandan scheme launched by the Telangana state government, making it the largest number of organ donations in the state. This gave a new lease of life to a total of 1,662 persons out of the 3,563 patients registered for organ transplants in the state.

While the number of eye tissue donations in Telangana state is the highest in the country, under the Jeevandan scheme only 593 cornea donations are registered. This is because the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute has a wider network and tabulates the data from different centres in the country. The data of organ donations under the Jeevandan scheme are collected only from the 28 hospitals empanelled with them.

Dr G. Swarnalatha, chief of Jeevandan, says, "The success in kidney transplant is because of the co-operation from the government and private hospitals. We are now looking at networking with other states so that if an organ is not required in Telangana, but is required in other states of South India, we can send it there. There is

ORGAN DONATION

■ The rate of organ donation increased from 3.01 per million population in 2016 to 4.01 per mn in 2018 in Telangana state.

■ In 2018, there were 160 donations under the Jeevandan scheme, the highest since the inception of the programme in 2013.

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■ This is because data of organ donations under the scheme are collected only from 28 hospitals empanelled with them.

a central pool data created for organs which will help within states in South India and also the rest of the country."

The rate of organ donation increased from 3.01 per million population in 2016 to 4.01 per million population in 2018 in Telangana state. In 2018, there were 160 donations under the Jeevandan scheme, the highest since the inception of the programme in 2013, when there were only 41 donations. In 2019, there has been a dip with only 73 donations till June.

The scheme has encountered two important problems this year — one is that relatives are unwilling to declare a patient as

brain dead, and are taking patients away in a chronic condition, and the other is the lack of intensive care units in government hospitals.

Dr T. Gangadhar, senior nephrologist at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, says that the lack of sufficient intensive care units in government set-ups "is not giving people the confidence that there is enough being done to save their patient. When that happens, they are not willing to donate the organs after the patient is declared brain dead."

Recent studies have found that there is 74 per cent awareness among people in the city for organ donation but the same can-

not be said for the rural areas.

The declaration of "brain dead" is looked upon with suspicion in rural areas. At the village level, families are labelled as sellers of dead organs and this is creating a major hurdle.

A senior doctor on condition of anonymity explained, "Donations in corporate hospitals are better when compared to government hospitals because infrastructure and facilities are better and doctors are continuously monitoring the patient's progress.

"This gives confidence to the relatives that there is sufficient being done to save the patient. Hence the system speaks about the efforts and that is a factor for organ donation," the senior doctor said.

Dr Sarbeswar Sahariah, renowned nephrologist, says quality is the key. "Access to quality and affordable transplantation gives patients the faith and the courage to opt for it. For a recipient, the question is also of quality," Dr Sahariah says.

With Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences and KIMS completing 1,000 kidney transplants, the endeavour is to have a strong cadaver donation programme rather than focus on transplants from live donors.

HIGH COST OF FUNDS PUTS OFF ROAD PROJECTS

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Market fluctuations after the Union Budget was presented to Parliament on July 5 and incessant rain in Mumbai have badly affected work on the Strategic Road Development Plan (SRDP).

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation which has raised ₹395 crore from the market at 8.9 per cent and 9.38 per cent interest plans to borrow another ₹300 crore. In the current prevailing scenario, the interest rate has been pegged at over 10 per cent which will cost the corporation at least ₹60 crore.

With bills of ₹50 crore piled up and another ₹50 crore worth of works in the pipeline, corporation officials are undecided on whether to raise the funds through bonds or any other source. They said that a meeting will be convened soon to take a final decision.

According to highly placed sources, the SRDP has been temporarily put on hold as the corporation has failed to clear bills worth ₹50 crore. The SRDP is a self-financed project being taken up by the GHMC relying on borrowings from external sources.

The GHMC had aimed to generate ₹1,000 crore through bond issue, based on the corporation's creditworthiness. The civic body has raised ₹395 crore in two terms, ₹200 crore in 2018 at 8.90 interest and ₹195 crore during the current year at 9.38 per cent interest.

Sources said that corporation officials were concealing the fact that a higher rate of interest was being demanded. Instead, they have put off visiting Mumbai for the present and blamed it on the bad weather there.

These officials said that the corporation was exploring the option to raising the amount through rupee term loan (RTL) as the interest rate could be lower than municipal bonds. As the officials plot and plan, the delay in the ₹24,000-crore project is irking commuters. Any further delay in securing funds will result in the deadlines being pushed back.

A senior GHMC official said they have been negotiating with SBI Capital Markets Ltd, which has demanded 9.7 per cent interest to raise ₹305 crore through municipal bonds. The official said the ₹90,000-crore repayment default and Union Budget had unsettled the market.

He said that the Centre's assurance to provide an incentive of ₹26 crore comes as a respite.

Most children face iron deficiency

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

With bioavailability and absorption issues, there are new estimated average requirements for dietary allowance of iron in children and adolescents in India, according to a study published in the journal, *Indian Paediatrics*.

The estimated average requirement of iron derived for children aged 1 to 9 years is 5.6 to 11.0 mg per day. For adolescents aged 10 to 17 years, it ranged from 10.8 to 18.4 mg per day and above 18 years it was derived as 15.4 to 18.5 mg per day.

These new estimates have been drawn from the bioavailability adjusted daily physiological iron requirement, keeping in mind the daily iron losses from the body. Iron is also required for the growth of tissues in children and adolescents. The new calculations of estimated average requirement (EAR) and recommended dietary allowances (RDA) are based on the adequacy or inadequacy of the diet

of Indian children.

Sirishiti Sinha, researcher of the project explained, "The EAR has been set as a yardstick for population studies because it is found that 50 per cent of the normal values are lost within one year due to wear and tear in the body. Hence the EAR gives a better calculation of requirement when compared to the RDA. The EAR can be used as a yardstick to inform about iron supplementation and food fortification process to deal with iron deficiencies in children."

The new methods are being researched to understand how iron deficiencies can be tackled with supplementation apart from the intake of iron-rich foods.

Nutritionist M. Sana said, "The bioavailability and absorption of the body is not sufficient if there is too much intake of beverages and tea along with iron rich foods. Poor combination of foods is found to be one of the reasons for lack of absorption."



SCs will become strong if classification is done. Mala people have recognised this

— Manda Krishna Madiga MRPS president

SPEAK OUT



MISSING MIRROR

Despite a board put up which says a conclave mirror has been sponsored by a contractor at the Basheerbagh X Roads right adjacent to the flyover, there's no mirror to be found.

— Bharathreddy, Basheerbagh

RISE IN POLLUTION

Air pollution is on rise in Hyderabad. The number of vehicles is multiplying every day. Smoke coming out of some industrial units are also a major cause of air pollution. Both traffic and health departments should take action to reduce air pollution in the city.

— Syed Shamsuddin Maghrabi, Red Hills

UNFAIR FARES

Autotrickshaw drivers treat the fare metres as mere accessories. It is rare to find an auto driver who charges the metre reading, eventually bargaining with them. The authorities concerned have failed to keep the drivers in check and implement auto fare as per metre. I, therefore, would like to request RTA to look into the matter.

— R.S. Murty, Hyderabad

CIVIC SENSE

People spilling water on roads once in a while due to some emergency is bearable. However, drainage leaking on almost all roads in the city, especially near Mettuguda, under the railway bridge throughout year is unacceptable. Besides this, people should also be penalised for digging up the roads for installing hoardings.

— K.P. Mohan Mathews, Secunderabad

NEW TEACHERS TO REPORT AT GOVT SCHOOLS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

After two years of waiting, government-run schools are all set to get new teachers. From Monday onwards, the candidates selected in the Teacher Recruitment Test (TRT) will start reporting to the allotted schools. The postings are limited to only 2,058 school assistant (SA) candidates, as the remaining candidates i.e. physical education teachers (PET) and secondary grade teachers (SGT) are stuck amid issues like court cases.

SAs are slotted in grade 1 and SGTs in grade 2. SAs can take only primary classes, as per the information provided by the school education department officials.

Of the total 8,792 posts, 5,415 recruitments as SGTs were withheld because of a court case. Additionally, the reorganisation of districts has caused confusion in the allotment of posts, and some candidates have taken that to the court, stressing on the change in the number of candidates allotted to the district which has created a disturbance in the category-wise list too, sources revealed.

DRUMS ROCK CITY AS THE FERVOUR BEGINS



(Above) People through Golconda Fort to offer bonam to Jagadamba Mahankali temple on Sunday. The Bonalu celebrations at Golconda Fort are followed by celebrations at Secunderabad and Hyderabad on the following Sundays. (Left) Pothurajus pose for a photograph at Golconda.



Jogini Shyamala carries a bonam on her head — the first bonam — on Sunday for the Mahakali temple in Secunderabad.

Child labour behind school dropout surge

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Telangana state has a 37.92 per cent dropout rate for the year 2016-17 in government run schools by the time the students reach the senior secondary level. This is the latest data, by the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE). Experts say that child labour is also one of the reasons for drop outs and pointed that there is a need to improve awareness among parents to send children to schools.

The drop rate gradually increases while students shift from elementary to secondary and secondary to senior secondary levels. The drop rate is minimal at the elementary level with 18.48 per cent and maximum at 37.92 percent in the senior secondary level, i.e., after completion of tenth class. Students enter the labour market after finishing their tenth standard because of the financial hardships their families face. In the case of families where there are more siblings, the dropout rate tends to be

high, said Mr Chava Ravi, a government teacher.

When the state education department was contacted regarding the measures to decrease the dropout rate, an official said, "Residential schools and colleges are one such initiative aimed at curbing dropouts. We provide mid-day meals to students of regular schools." Lack of awareness among parents is one of the main problems as parents from rural areas do not think that education beyond the tenth standard is important. They encourage their children to quit studies, they usually marry off their daughter and introduce their son to the labour market, said an official from the Education department.

A representative from the United Teacher Federation (UTF) said that there is also a need for better infrastructural development in schools, as lack of proper toilets affects girls' education and recruitment of sufficient teachers. Teachers also play a key role in motivating students to stick to school and continue their education, he said.

SECRET | SETTLEMENT ■ Consumer forum asks SBI, insurance firm to pay ₹3,3L compensation

Widow gets justice after 10 yrs of legal battle

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD JULY 14

An illiterate widow, who fought against an insurance company and a bank for 10 years to settle her husband's claim, has finally got justice.

The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum -III Hyderabad directed State Bank of India and the New India Assurance Company Ltd to pay ₹3.5 lakh to the complainant Muni Begum as compensation, including costs due to deficiency of service and mental agony suffered by the widow.

Muni Begum's husband Shaik Meera Saheb had taken a home loan from State Bank of India of ₹19.43 lakh after depositing his title deeds with the loan amount. In 2009, he met with an accident and died of his injuries. When he was alive, he had also taken a

CUSTOMER'S ORDEAL

■ Muni Begum's husband Shaik Meera Saheb had taken a home loan of ₹19.43 lakh from State Bank of India after depositing his title deeds with the bank. In 2009, he died in a road accident.

■ His widow submitted the insurance claim before State Bank of India, which forwarded it to the New India Assurance Company. The general insurance company settled the claim for ₹18,14,484 as against the claim of ₹19,43,000 raised by SBI.

■ Muni Bai was not informed about the settlement till she submitted an application, and a notice was issued under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002.

■ Subsequently, she filed a petition in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum asking for the return of the title deeds mortgaged by her husband and compensation after closing the account and to issue a No-Dues Certificate.

personal insurance policy from the New India Assurance Company Ltd.

The complainant, as the legal heir of her husband, put up the claim before State Bank of India, Ramanthapur branch, and it was forwarded to the New India Assurance Company.

After three years, in 2011, the New India Assurance Company Ltd settled the

claim for ₹18,14,484 as against the claim of ₹19,43,000 raised by the SBI.

Muni Bai was not informed about the settlement till she submitted an application, and a notice was issued under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002.

After coming to know about this, she made a representation to the officials concerned, but in vain. Subsequently she filed a petition in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum asking for the return of the title deeds mortgaged by her husband and compensation after closing the account and to issue a No Due Certificate.

The assistant general manager of State Bank of India contended that the title deeds deposited by her husband could not be returned as he had defaulted in making certain payments.

The New India Assurance Company Ltd argued that the claim under the policy in question could be reduced to the extent of defaulted amount. Taking

into consideration the defaults committed by the complainant's husband, the claim was settled at ₹18,14,484.

The consumer forum opined that there was a clear deficiency of service on the part of the State Bank of India, Ramanthapur, and its officials as well as the New India Assurance Company as they did not inform the complainant about the settlement of the claim and about her liability to pay the outstanding amount.

The forum further stated that in view of the mental agony and harassment suffered by the complainant, she is entitled to a compensation of ₹3,00,000 and another ₹50,000 towards legal expenses.

The time given for compliance is 30 days only. Failure to comply with the orders within the stipulated time would entitle the complainant to interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum till the date of realisation.



Thanksgiving walk

Kishan Reddy undertakes padayatra in Amberpet Assembly segment, says heartening to meet people who supported him for two decades



TD is all set to become irrelevant with no one willing to stay back

— Shivraj Singh Chouhan MP former chief minister

POWER | SHUTDOWN

10 am to 1 pm: Harshitha Residency, Bholak Puri, Mekala Mandi, Mallikarjuna Temple, Mantrala Balaiah. 10 am to 1 pm: Krishnanagar Garden, ESI Kalpana Timber depot, MIGH Bhoiguda, Rajeev Gandhi statue, IDH Colony Church, Uppalamma area. 2 pm to 3 pm: Garonda Triveni, Vasavi Majestic Seven Hills Estate, Gandhi Medical College and Boys Hostel, Giridhar Homes, Sunnatal Jannat. 2 pm to 5 pm: Manasa Nursing Home, Telephone Bhavan, Janardhan and Others DTR and Classic Builders.

SHORT TAKES

EXPRESSWAY TO AIRPORT YET TO BE REPAIRED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Commuters travelling to Shamshabad Airport from Mehdiapatnam will not be able to use the PVNR Expressway for a couple of months more. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority has stated that repairs to the road would be completed only after the monsoon ends. Motorists travelling back from the airport to the city will not have any issues since repair on the elevated corridor are almost completed. The HMDA closed the expressway on April 22 and assured that repairs would be completed by June 21. Work got delayed and officials pushed back the deadline till the end of the monsoon. Official said that despite few minor road repairs works pending on the elevated corridor, the HMDA has been allowing vehicular traffic since two weeks from the airport to the city. They said that traffic will be diverted under the flyover. The route under the expressway is always clogged as traffic from densely populated areas merges here. On the expressway it takes about 25 minutes to travel from Upparally to Rethibowli. Due to the traffic diversion, the travel time has increased to 40 minutes. Under the 11.6-km stretch, five bottlenecks are observed during peak hours near pillar no 273, pillar no RP 56, pillar number 124, Attapur bridge, pillar no 42, 10, and a few other areas. A senior HMDA official said that if road repairs are taken up currently, the bitumen will not gel with the surface and commuters will have a bumpy ride. He said that at a few spots the municipal authorities have already milled the road and hence vehicles cannot be allowed on the expressway travelling towards the airport. Against this backdrop, the official said that repairs will be taken up only after monsoon and vehicles will be probably allowed in September.

Hit by elections, night safari still a far dream

Project involves clearances from both Centre and state governments

MADHY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

NOCTURNAL PARK

Night safari will have more than 2,000 animals from about 150 species ranging from the Indian rhinoceros and pangolin to tarsiers and Asian elephants.



Safari will offer traditional tribal dances and other performances to highlight the culture of Telangana state.

The nocturnal park at the safari will have moats where fishing cats and servals can move about at night, just like tigers and lions during the day.

The nocturnal park will have trams and boats where visitors can dine.

and Research Institute (EPTRI) officials to conduct a baseline survey for impact assessment, check groundwater levels and air quality, forest department officials, urban biodiversity officials, engineering officials, tourism officials and others.

He said that one group will co-ordinate with the Singapore team and assist them by providing the required infrastructure and another would focus on budget preparing to knock at the doors of financial institution to fund the project and co-ordinate with the Centre for clearances.

The HMDA official said that preliminary cost estimates prepared during August was on par with the Hyderabad Metro Rail project. He hinted that it could be in the public-private partnership mode. Government would constitute a special purpose vehicle to fund the project. The official stressed that the HMDA had not called for any fresh tender to conduct the study and same agency will provide the designs for the project.

PROTEST AT TISS ENTERS 7TH DAY, STUDENTS SUFFER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

The hunger strike by students of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, continued into the seventh day. One student was administered drips as her condition deteriorated. Ms A. Lakshmi, a student, said, "On Saturday, around 11 pm, one student had to be rushed to the hospital after she began to experience recurrent palpitations. Doctors said her calcium level and blood pressure had dropped. Additionally, contrary to institutional norms, there was no ambulance on site."

When a student representative contacted a faculty about the crisis, he said no faculty would be able to make it at the hour and advised that the students who were falling sick should get some rest. Owing to the scarcity of cabs in the area, the ailing student was eventually shifted to a hospital in a police car that was patrolling in the vicinity. Finally, on Sunday, TISS, Hyderabad's acting deputy director met the student representatives. However, the meeting yielded no results and the administration is still not willing to reduce the hostel tariff, students said.

■ DUE TO scarcity of cabs in the area, and no ambulance available, the ailing student was shifted to a hospital in a police car that was patrolling.

MOON, HERE WE COME



A close-up view of the moon on Sunday, a day before the launch of Chandrayaan-2 in the early hours of Monday. The picture shows craters and mountains on the lunar surface. — P. ANIL KUMAR

Residents name RuB after KTR for attention

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Owing to the delay in the Anandbagh road under-bridge (RuB) works, irked residents renamed it 'KTR/Commissioner RuB, Malkajgiri' in an effort to draw the attention of the officials. Residents took out a rally in the area demanding a firm date for its completion from the government. Residents alleged that the RuB has been left unfinished for the past six years. The rally commenced around 9 am on Sunday. About 300 residents including senior citizens, colony representa-

tives and residents participated in it. The rally started at East Anandbagh RuB side, passed through Talabasti, Ashbuja Devi Temple, SBI, and culminated at Anandbagh X roads. Malkajgiri resident Bakka Nagaraj said, "We have renamed the Anandbagh RuB as KTR/Commissioner RuB to urge the government to take action towards its rapid completion. All we've heard so far is excuses, no concrete work is being carried out." Another resident on condition of anonymity said, "We have been struggling for years now

as the road was dug up for the project and then left untouched. We demand the authorities complete it as soon as possible." Residents demanded a firm date for completion of the project and warned that otherwise, they will not allow any official to visit the site. According to Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation officials, the RuB construction is managed by the roads and buildings department, and its railway portion has been completed. The pending work is held up due to the delay in land acquisition owing to the court cases.

ACTIVIST REQUESTS SHRC FOR ACTION TO CURB VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Days after a man stabbed his girlfriend and attempted to commit suicide, a social activist has approached the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) on the matter. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Mr Ch Rahul, who filed the petition, said the Oyo franchise and associated lodges provide rooms to unmar-

ried couples. "There is no law against allowing unmarried couple in hotels. However, in the long run it is going to affect us," he said. "Every day we can see the increase in violence against women. I feel that by allowing unmarried couple into hotel rooms without restriction the cases of violence against women might increase." He requested the commission to take actions.

Prez offers prayers at Balaji Temple

Tirupati: President Ram Nath Kovind, along with his family and entourage, offered prayers at the hill temple of Lord Venkateswara in Tirumala on Sunday. He first offered prayers in Lord Bhu Varaha Swamy Temple and later reached the Tirumala temple.

BRIGHT | FUTURE

■ 37% of regular students, 51.2% of vocational students passed

56,431 students pass Inter advanced exams

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

The Board of Intermediate Education on Sunday released the results of candidates who appeared for the second year Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary Examinations (IPASE) for both general and vocational courses. A total of 37 per cent of regular students and 51.2 per cent of vocational students have passed the examination. A total of 1,52,359 students have taken the supplementary examination for general courses, of which 56,431 have passed the test. All these students are eligible for various professional courses. With the results of the supplementary examinations, the

Student commits suicide

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Depressed over not securing pass marks in the Board of Intermediate Examinations advanced supplementary, a student from Balanagar committed suicide by hanging at his house on Sunday. Balanagar sub-inspector Khaleel Pasha said the student, Deepak Jangid, 19, was a resident of APHB Colony. He pursued the MPC stream in Intermediate at the Sri Chaitanya Junior College in the IDPL area



near Balanagar. During the intermediate examinations in March, Deepak could not secure pass marks in the two mathematics papers. Deepak applied for the advanced supplementary examinations for which the results were announced by the BIE on Sunday. The boy found that he could not secure pass marks in both

the mathematics papers. He was at home when he learned about the results. At about 4 pm, Deepak reportedly went inside the bathroom and hanged himself from the ceiling using a cloth. His parents, who were at home brought him down but he had died by then. A case of suspicious death was registered following a complaint from the boy's father Kamal Kishore. The body was shifted to the Gandhi Hospital mortuary for autopsy, the sub-inspector said.

slightly decreased this time. In 2017 and 2018 the overall pass percentage was 77.64 and 78.65 percent respectively for general courses. The marks registered of all colleges will be dispatched to the district intermediate officers and nodal officers concerned within seven days. Meanwhile, the online memorandum of marks can also be downloaded on the official website <http://bie.telangana.gov.in>. For second year students, there is also a provision of re-counting and supply of scanned copy cum re-verification of valued answer scripts upon the payment of prescribed fee in online mode, which is ₹100 for re-counting and ₹600 for re-verification of answer script, for which the last date is July 20.

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Another plaint against Big Boss 3 organisers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

In yet another complaint against Big Boss 3, film actress Gayathri Gupta lodged a complaint at Raidurgam police station limits on Sunday. She told the police that the show's organisers had conducted an interview during which she was asked a problematic question which hurt her self-respect. The incident happened long ago but she

■ GAYATHRI was asked a problematic question which hurt her self-respect. ■ EARLIER, organisers were booked over 'casting couch'.

investigation is underway. On Saturday, a city-based woman journalist had approached the Banjara Hills police to complain against the show organisers for allegedly misbehaving with her. She alleged that producer Shyam made comments and asked questions related to the 'casting couch' which made her depressed. The Banjara Hills police booked a case against Abhishek, Ravikanth, Raghu and Shyam.

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Owaisi says Lord Ram would be ashamed His unvirtuous followers demanded Tabrez Ansari chant 'Jai Shri Ram', stoned him to death



Police made arrangements for peaceful Golconda Bonalu - A.R. Srinivas DCP, West, Hyderabad

IN BRIEF

18-month-old run over

Hyderabad: An 18-month-old baby whose family had come to visit relatives, was run over by a cab at Hasadabanagar, a Bahadurpura police officer said on Sunday.

4 INJURED AS CAR RUNS INTO TANKER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

A speeding car in which a family of four was travelling rammied into a tanker on the Outer Ring Road at Keerasa on Sunday.

Keerasa inspector J. Narendar Goud said Shyamsunder, a resident of Nalgonda, his wife Jyothi and daughters Meghana, a BPharma student, and Gayatri, doing her MBBS at Kyrgyzstan, were going to Basara in the car (AP09 AJ 8815), when the accident took place.

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Mom jumps to death, 2-year-old survives

Woman gets up late at night, picks up baby, jumps

JAYENDRA T. CHAITANYA | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

A 33-year-old woman clucked her two-year-old daughter and jumped off the fourth floor of a building in Balajinagar, Kukatpally on Saturday night.

Police said the woman, Padmaja, 33, had married T. Rama Murthy 12 years ago. Natives of Jagtial district, they were in the event management business. The couple has two daughters and the family stays in a rented apartment on the fourth floor in a building in Balajinagar, Kukatpally.

At about 11.30 pm on Saturday, Murthy woke up but couldn't find Padmaja and their younger daughter Akshaya. His search led him downstairs, where he found the two lying on the ground floor on the road.

Murthy then alerted his neighbours and rushed his wife and daughter to a nearby private hospital, where the doctors declared Padmaja as dead on arrival, while Akshaya,

Woman poisons disabled children, ends her life

N.S. CHOWDARY | DC VISAKHAPATNAM, JULY 14

A woman gave poison to her two disabled children and then killed herself at a temple in Prahaladapuram on Sunday. Police is trying to establish why she committed suicide.

The victims were identified as B. Anitha, 42, and her children Ramya Sri, nine and Uma Mahesh, six. They were residents of Bharatnagar Colony in Prahaladapuram.

Her husband B. Satyanarayana works in a pharma company

who sustained minor injuries, was admitted to a hospital in Kukatpally for better treatment.

Kukatpally sub-inspector Y. Ramesh said, "Rama Murthy and the elder daughter were asleep when Padmaja with the

POLICE SAID the woman might have taken the step out of frustration as her children were speech and hearing challenged and due to poverty.

at Pydi Bheemavaram of Srikakulam district. He told the police that he found them dead in Nukalamma temple when he came on Sunday.

According to a Pendurthi police official, the woman might

have taken the extreme step out of frustration as her two children were speech and hearing challenged. Their financial condition was bad. The police has not come to conclusion in the case. They would decide on further investigation based on the post-mortem report.

Locals said that there were no major issues in the family. They said Anitha mostly spent her time at the Nukalamma temple praying for her children. Police suspects that poverty may have driven her to take the drastic step.

Married woman elopes, dad tries to murder her

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Enraged after his newly-wed daughter eloped with her boyfriend, a man from Choutuppal attempted to throttle her to death. According to the police, the woman, identified as C. Snehanjali, 22, of Pantangi, married a man from Balijegudem, Abdullapurmet, on June 14. Six days later, on June 20, she eloped with her boyfriend B. Shekar, her neighbour in Pantangi.

A panchayat was held in the presence of the elders of the family and Shekar was warned against pursuing his relationship with Snehanjali considering that she was married. Snehanjali

was asked to live with her husband. On July 10, Snehanjali's father Yadaiah decided to visit her at her in-laws' house. The same day, she went missing. Subsequently, even Shekar's house was found locked.

Based on a complaint filed by Yadaiah, a case was registered against Shekar under Sections 494 and 498 of the IPC. On Friday, it was found that Snehanjali and Shekar had been hiding in Shekar's house all along and that Shekar had got his friends to lock the house from outside to mislead anybody who might attempt to search from them.

"In the evening on July 12, Yadaiah took his daughter to visit a relative and on their

way back home, dragged her into some bushes and attempted to strangle her to death. Snehanjali lost consciousness," said Choutuppal inspector P. Venkateswarlu.

"Yadaiah though she was dead and called his nephew to tell him. The nephew alerted the police. Soon after, a team rushed to the spot and shifted Snehanjali to a private hospital and then to Osmania General Hospital for treatment," the inspector said.

The police took Yadaiah into custody for questioning, and a case has been registered against him under Section 307 of the IPC. Snehanjali is now stable. A search is underway to nab Shekar, the inspector said.

Pensioner commits suicide

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

A retired Singareni employee was found dead at his residence in Medipally. The police suspects financial issues to have caused the sexagenarian to end his life.

According to Medipally police, C. Malleshan, 65, a Singareni Collieries pensioner, had been living in Suprabath township, Kachavani Singaram village, with his wife and son C. Vamshi, manager at a petrol pump in Aushapur.

On Saturday, Malleshan and family went attending a wedding after which Vamshi dropped his parents home and headed to his friend's house in Amberpet to stay overnight.

At about 6 am on Sunday, Vamshi's mother called him and said his father wasn't opening his bedroom door.

Vamshi rushed home, peeped through his father's bedroom window and found him hanging from the ceiling, the police said.

Vamshi in his complaint stated they were facing financial issues which had caused his father to feel depressed. Based on the complaint, a case was registered under IPC Section 174.

Burglar caught, beaten up

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

A Bihar native who was burgling the houses was caught by the Shamshabad police. The police recovered mobile phones from accused, Amar Singh, a native of Bihar, and

booked a case.

RGI Airport inspector Y. Rama Krishna said residents of a house at Indrareddy Colony woke up when they heard some noise and found a man escaping. They raised an alarm and with the help of neighbours

caught the suspect. They beat him up and handed him over to the police.

Amar Singh allegedly stole a mobile phone from the house which was recovered from him. A case was booked against Amar Singh, police said.

Drunk rider, pal manhandle cops

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD JULY 14

Saidabad police booked a duo on Sunday for scolding and assaulting officers who were conducting drunk driving checks under Charminar traffic police limits on Saturday afternoon. Reportedly, they were under the influence of alcohol.

The incident occurred at Champapet on Saturday afternoon when, according to the police, one Mohammed Raouf and his friend Mohammed Jahangir arrived on a two-wheeler (AP11 AU 3905). As a part of their protocol, the traffic officers stopped the duo to check the rider. Mohammed Raouf was found to be inebriated. Subsequently, they booked a drunk driving case against him.

Inspector B. Saieashwar Goud of the

TRAFFIC COPS stopped a man riding a bike and ran an alcohol test on jim. Mohammed Raouf's was inebriated and was booked. He and his pillion rider attacked the cops.

Charminar traffic police said, "The duo first scolded the officers and then manhandled them, so our staff lodged a complaint with the Saidabad police. The police has booked a case against the duo under Section 332 of the IPC. Further investigation is underway." The Charminar traffic police booked cases against 21 drunk drivers and detained their vehicles, including two-wheelers, four-wheelers and autorickshaws.

Minors crash bike into cop patrol car

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

Two minor boys on a scooter rammied a police car in Rajendranagar and sustained mild injuries. They were let go after first aid.

At about 9.30 pm on Saturday, the boys, aged 14 and 16, from Budwel were riding towards the Inner Ring Road via Rajendranagar police station.

They reportedly did not notice the police vehicle coming out of the police station and rammied into it. As a result, they fell and received mild injuries, and the scooter got damaged. The injured boys were shifted to a hospital, given first-aid and then let off.

Rajendranagar sub-inspector L. Samaram Reddy said, "The boys were speeding, which led to the accident.

Neither of them was wearing a helmet, and neither of them is authorised to ride. They sustained minor injuries and were charged after first-aid administration. A case has been registered under the MV Act against the minor who was riding. The owner of the vehicle will be booked."

The two-wheeler did not have a registration number, and the police will ascertain the owner by cross-checking the chassis number with the data available with the Road Transport Authority. The owner will be counselled at the Traffic Training Institute about the dangers of underage driving and the consequences of violating traffic rules, the sub-inspector said. "The minors were not drunk at the time of the accident, he said.

SULTAN SHAHI CHECK YIELDS 57 BIKES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD JULY 14

Moghalpura police conducted a cordon and search operation in Sultan Shahi late at

night on Saturday. A total of 110 police personnel participate in the operation ahead of the Bonalu festival. Moghalpura inspector A. Ravi Kumar said, "We have

checked 150 houses in the area, 15 rowdysheeters were counselled, and 57 two-wheelers were seized as the owners failed to show proper documents."

SAD DEMISE SREEBHASHYAM SRINIVAS Farewell our very dear Sreenu Best and beloved Husband, Father, Brother, Nephew, You will be missed by all of us every day. Vijaya Kumar Lakshmi Vinod, Malini, Ravi Kumar, Sandhya Shashi Kumar, Rajani, Rudra Sujana, Aniruda Radhika Ph: 984879732, 9989040189, 9550449451

OBITUARY "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." II TIM 4:7 MRS. S. PRAMEELA PARKER LEVI (Junior Manager Rtd. APDDCF, Lalapet) W/o Late Mr. S. Parker Levi Called to Glory on Sunday 14th July 2019 Funeral Service at Millennium Methodist Church, Secbad on Monday 15th July 2019 at 2.30 pm Committal Service at St. John's Cemetery behind Parade Ground, Secbad at 4 pm. Inserted by: Sons: S. Praneesh Levi, S. Pradeep Levi, Daughters-in-law and Grand Children Ph: 9849278902, 9849127545, 9849182268 (CA-2884)

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10th DAY CEREMONY NAGAMALLA KRISHNA D.O.D: 6.7.2019 Wife: Annapurna Son: Naresh Kumar Daughter-in-law: N. Lavanya Daughter: Navaneetha - Ramesh Vijay Kumar & Grand Childrens

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Big job

Dr K. Laxman says Karnataka party leader B.L. Santhosh, BJP's general secretary (organisation), is grassroots level leader



IMA must promote awareness on hazards of sedentary lifestyle, poor diet

— M. Venkaiah Naidu Vice-President

SHORT TAKES



Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan addresses a meeting in Guntur on Sunday.

CONGRESS' FATE AWAITS TD IN AP, SAYS CHAUHAN

S.N.V. SUDHIR | DC VIJAYAWADA, JULY 14

The Bharatiya Janata Party's senior leader and former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, said that the Telugu Desam will face the same fate as the Congress party in Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Mr Chauhan said the TD will remain an "empty house" in the state, like the Congress. TD chief N Chandrababu Naidu, who wanted to play an important role in politics at the Centre, has suffered an irreparable loss, Mr Chauhan crowed.

Mr Naidu, he said, could only criticise Narendra Modi and would not talk about his achievements in the last five years. It was Mr Naidu, he said, who had agreed for the special package in place of special category status for Andhra Pradesh and now was demanding the latter.

The Centre had released funds to Andhra Pradesh, but Mr Naidu's government had diverted and misused the funds, he alleged. The funds went into the pockets of TD leaders, he added.

Mr Chauhan said that Rahul Gandhi had "run away" from leading the Congress party when a captain "should lead even after facing adversaries."

The BJP had started at zero and had come to power, and in Andhra Pradesh, too, the party will be strengthened from the booth level. He said the BJP aims to enrol 25 lakh members from the state.

TD WILL BE LEFT WITH TANA, SAYS RAM MADHAV

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, JULY 14

Bharatiya Janata Party national general secretary Ram Madhav told state office bearers of his party that the Telugu Desam will remain to only organise TANA meetings and the BJP will emerge as the alternative force in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing the state office bearers' meeting held at Guntur on Sunday, Mr Madhav said that a good platform is being readied for BJP in the state. He urged party leaders to strengthen BJPs foundation in all villages across Andhra Pradesh. He declared that the TD will be erased from the state.

The previous government that had taken the responsibility of constructing the Polavaram project had achieved zero progress. He also said that people who are angry at TD had voted for the YSR Congress. He hinted that there are many more who are ready to join BJP in Andhra Pradesh.

Mr Madhav suggested that the YSRC provide corruption-free government, unlike the one it is replacing, which has been "neck-deep in corruption".

He accused Mr Naidu's government of misusing the funds sanctioned by the BJP to the state, while the BJP was committed to the development of Andhra Pradesh.

He urged party leaders to strive hard to bring the BJP to power in the state in 2024. He patted himself on the back when he said that the BJP was the only party which had achieved 23 cr votes in the 2019 polls.

TRS not to budge from move on new buildings

Govt prepares to justify decision before the judiciary

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

The state government which has taken the building of the new Secretariat and the Legislature complex as a prestige issue is preparing strong ground to put forth its case before the High Court to claim that the venture is essential for the new state to boost its prestige and image globally.

According to sources, the government has decided to place the reports submitted by engineering and fire safety experts before the judiciary to show that the old Secretariat and Assembly lack fire safety measures and are heavily congested. Many of them are separated by small passages and the interiors have poor ventilation.

Sources said that the authorities were trying to refute the claim of Opposition parties that some of the buildings

STANDING FIRM

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which were constructed about five to 10 years ago have modern facilities.

According to the roads and buildings department, the A block of the Secretariat was constructed in 1998 and the B and C blocks in 1978.

The D block was built in 2003 and the North (H) and South (H) blocks in 2012.

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Sources said that the main buildings of the proposed new complex will be built on less than 10 acres of the 25-acre site and the rest of the area will be used to develop greenery on the prem-

ises with lawns, fountains and ample parking space.

Several petitioners have alleged before the High Court that the Secretariat was built during the undivided AP years and was meant to cater to a much larger state. The undivided AP Assembly was more than twice the size of the TS House, they said.

Sources said that as far as Errum Manzil is concerned, government plans to build its case before the court that it is not a heritage building and most of the structure is in a dilapidated condition. Sources revealed that the government will inform the court that the existing Assembly premises have also become congested for parking and risky with regard to security of VVIPs during the sessions.

While this is so, the BJP is preparing to stall the move of state government.

BJP to add 4 lakh TS youths to party

AVINASH PUJARI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 14

LS VICTORY

A senior leader of the party said that across the country, first-time voters trusted the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Keeping this in mind, the party has decided to empower the youth politically, he said.

After an energetic performance in the Lok Sabha elections in Telangana state, the BJP wants to target young people to strengthen the party in Telangana state. To this end the party will launch an enrolment drive to enrol around 30 lakh members in the state.

The BJP's N. Ramachandra Rao told this newspaper, "The party is starting a special membership drive for youth. We have set a target to enrol four lakh youth in Hyderabad city and 30 lakh in the state."

Another BJP senior leader said that across the country, first-time voters trusted the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Keeping this in mind, the party has decided to empower the youth politically.

He claimed that most youngsters are interested in politics, but they can't get a proper platform and the BJP top leadership has decided to give them a platform and train them to be involved in politics "to build a young India".

While the BJP is straining every nerve to build a strong base, the Telangana Rashtra Samiti leadership was confident that its cadres will remain loyal to the

TRS and its supremo and Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu.

TRS senior leader and home minister Mohamud Mahmood Ali told Deccan Chronicle: "An online membership campaign won't get the BJP any mileage as the people of Telangana have trust in KCR and his initiatives for the development of the people and the region. Though we live in a democracy and everybody is free to make their own choices and decisions, the people of Telangana will always stand with KCR."

He said TRS membership is always open for people and the membership drive of the BJP will not be able to compete with it.

SCCL HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON MINING

Warangal: The officials of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) along with State Pollution Control Board (PCB) conducted a public hearing to gather the opinions of local residents, politicians and public representatives at Kondapur under Ghanpur mandal in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district to start the proposed Kakatiya Opencast-3 mine.

At the meeting, PCB officer Ramdas explained about the environmental implications.

SCCL area general manager Nireekshan Raj gave an account of the development that the area would witness and explained about the compensation for displaced.

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ON FAST TRACK

Sports minister V. Srinivas Goud sits on a bike as he flags off a rally from Chawmahalla Palace to Mayuri Eco Park in Mahbubnagar on the occasion of xBhp Bike Riders' 16th anniversary on Sunday.

— P. SURENDRA

TRS in hurry to hold municipal elections

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 14

To avoid giving time to Opposition parties to settle down before municipal polls, the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) wants to ensure the entire election process is concluded within 40 to 42 days.

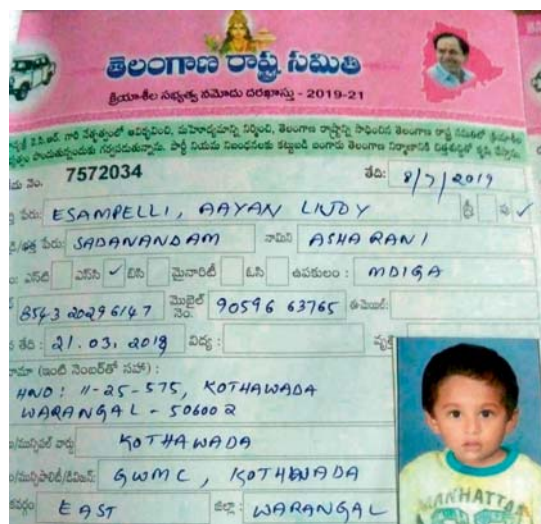
The state government on June 25 requested the High Court to grant 149 days — 119 for the pre-poll process and 30 for the State election commission (SEC) to conduct polls. Subsequently, the court allowed over 140 days to the government. Soon after, Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu said the government would conduct the elections by the end of July.

With the state government's fast track approach, the pre-poll process including the delimitation of wards and the reservation of wards for the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), women and Backward Classes (BC) is expected to complete within 22 days, although the government sought 119 days for it.

The state government on June 28 issued an ordinance notifying 138 out of 142 urban local bodies as well as the number of wards in each of them. On June 29, a notification was issued for the delimitation of wards, and the task was completed on July 7.

Sources in the government revealed that the process of reservation of wards has been completed, and the lists will be forwarded to the urban local bodies concerned by Monday. The government will most likely release a notification on July 17 or 18.

The SEC had announced that the final voters' list will be published on July 14, it has now extended the deadline to July 16. The deadline for the notification of the polling stations' list was extended from



Catch 'em young! TRS adds toddler to party

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA | DC WARANGAL, JULY 14

The pressure on TRS cadre for meeting membership targets took an awkward turn when a membership receipt with photo of a 15-month-old surfaced.

According to the receipt, Esampelli Aayan Lijoy, born on March 21, 2018 and a resident of Kothawada in

Warangal East constituency, took active membership of the TRS by paying the fee.

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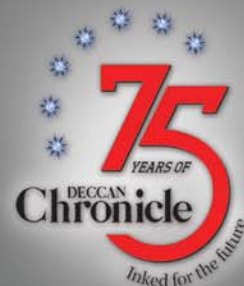
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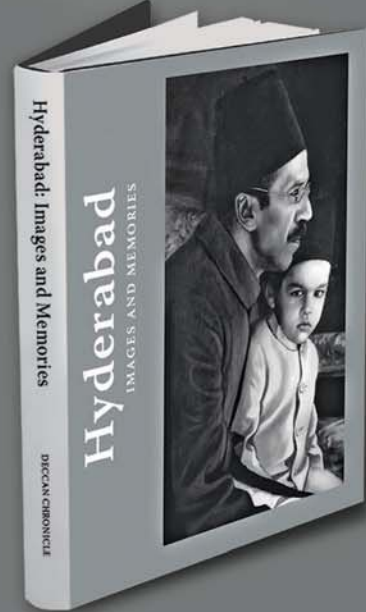
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India counts down as Isro reaches for Moon

It may be a tad hasty to claim that Indian space scientists will make history with their second probe to the Moon, Chandrayaan-2, just as they did a decade ago with Chandrayaan-1's discovery of water in the exosphere, surface and subsurface of the Earth's nearest astral neighbour. It will take more than rocket science to accomplish a delicate touchdown on lunar soil as "Vikram", the lander named after the doyen of Indian space programme, Dr Vikram Sarabhai will, and the rover "Pragyan" which will amble about for one lunar day (that's equivalent to 14 days on the Earth), scouting for new chemicals, minerals and water. Without doubt, it will be "15 terrifying minutes" as Isro (Indian Space research Organisation) chairman Dr K. Sivan admitted about the flight of the lander-rover from Chandrayaan-2 to the lunar surface, because the speed will be controlled merely through signals, at the highest level of precision, with even a second's delay spelling doom.

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A perfect touchdown, however, will catapult India into a super-exclusive club of the United States, Russia and China, and open avenues for participation in international programmes to turn the Moon into a stop-over station for future missions to Mars or other planets, as well as 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 this vital second expedition to the Moon.

Questions are often raised about the cost-benefit aspect of such scientific missions and gains to the common man, but Indian space scientists have accomplished much with modest budgets, and passed on cutting edge technologies to India Inc, thus creating more job opportunities. Besides international acclaim, Chandrayaan-2's (budget: ₹978 crores) success will also engender commercial opportunities in the form of more orders from countries for manufacture and launch of satellites of various classes.

It will also open up opportunities for Indian industry to compete for global projects or partner big-ticket companies in manufacture of advanced materials and machinery. The upshot: A boost to the country's economy.

There are other benefits as well from space technology which have reached sectors as varied as education, health, or fisheries and homeland security. For obvious reasons, none in Isro will talk of the transformation of the defence sector or how the armed forces are better equipped because they now have at their disposal tools of communication which were originally designed for the space programme. So a mission like Chandrayaan-2 will not only serve erudite scientists but also the common man.

Save children from abuse

The concern shown by the Chief Justice of India in taking up the alarming rise in child sexual assault cases is laudable. The fact that 24,212 FIRs were registered in the first six months this year is a pointer to how shockingly prevalent such assaults on the most innocent of people have become. The suggestion from the top court that special courts be set up to fast-track cases is most welcome. The slowness of the justice delivery system has certainly played a part in emboldening these abysmal copycat acts that have brought a bad name to the country. Unless the justice system looks sharp in disposing of the cases, the notoriety India has gained as the rape capital of the world will remain a national embarrassment.

The proposal for amendments to the Pocso (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act to include the death penalty for sexual assault of children was approved by the Cabinet last week. The argument against stringent penalty is not defeated by the fact that there is no gauging whether capital punishment is a successful enough deterrent. Seeing the trend in which rape of children has also been used to inflame enmity between communities in a couple of states, the need for an extreme measure becomes obvious. With fines and jail terms also envisaged for child pornography for the first time in India, the criminal justice system will be empowered to deal with obnoxious deviation from normal behaviour. Rape is an abhorrent crime against humanity and everything, including quick delivery of punishment for offenders, must be done to rid society of this evil.

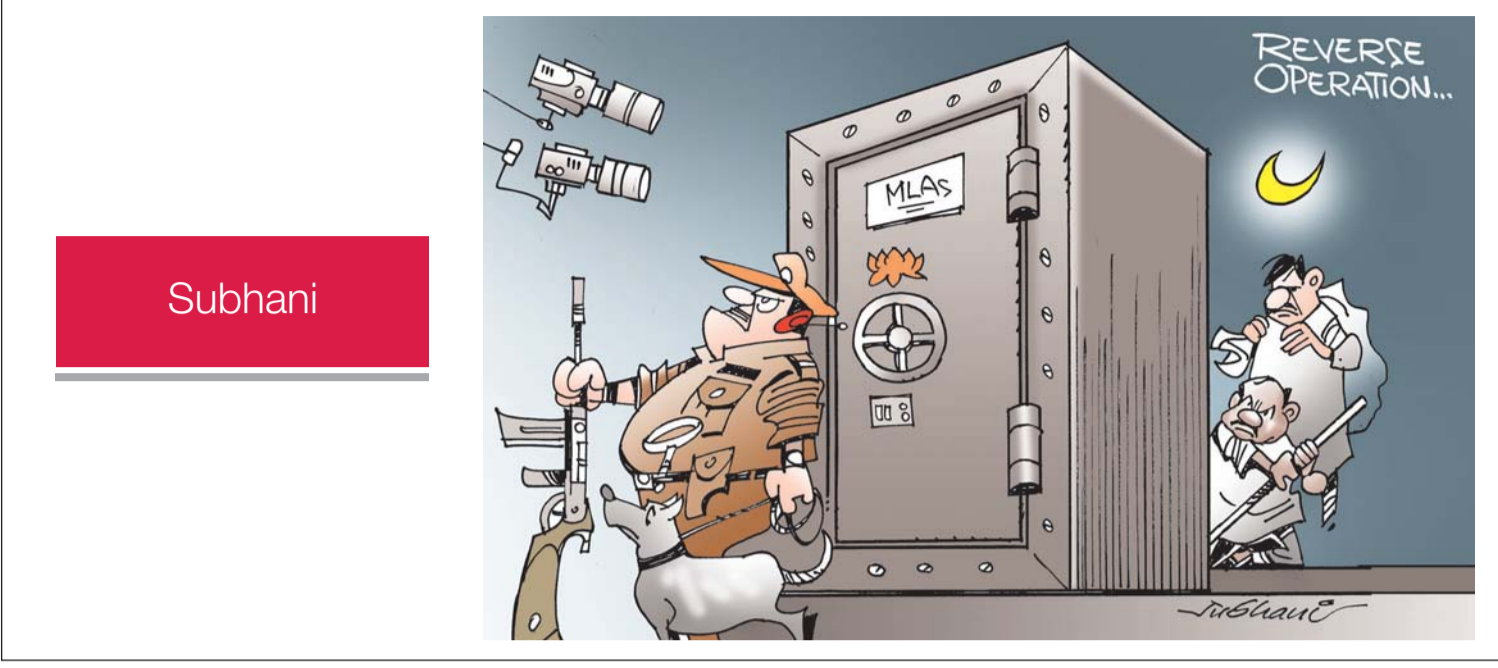
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Diplomatic challenges mount for Modi 2.0



K.C. Singh

Barely two months after Narendra Modi's historic re-election, salient diplomatic challenges are surfacing. Two immediately confronting the government involve relations with Pakistan and the United States. At the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit at Bishkek last month, Mr Modi gave Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan the cold shoulder, avoiding even an informal chat on the sidelines. Choosing not to overfly Pakistan, despite having to take a detour, solidified the impression that India was not yet prepared to engage Pakistan. This could be to avoid showing indecent haste in engaging a nation pilloried with deliberate vehemence for over a month as a part of BJP's electoral strategy. It may also be because the government has yet to devise a post-Balakot framework for conducting relations with a neighbour that has repeatedly betrayed the trust that three previous Prime Ministers placed in Pakistani leadership.

Be that as it may, three developments are likely to impact future engagement with Pakistan. One is its refusal to open its skies for normal civil aviation activity for west-bound flights from India. Pakistan is unrealistically demanding that India should first withdraw its fighter planes from advanced deployment. This is a case of a non-military issue being used for achieving a strategic military objective. It is devised to impose costs on India for its Balakot attack, which opened up space for retaliatory or punitive attacks to avenge any future terrorist attacks sponsored by Pakistani state. The Modi government is unlikely to accept this linkage in the

immediate future and thus Indian airlines are looking at continued revenue loss and the passengers additional and bothersome extra flying hours. India has, on the other hand, lifted restrictions on the use of its airspace by eastbound Pakistani flights. Thus a new irritant has crept into already blighted Indo-Pak relations. A meeting over the weekend has been held to discuss the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor to enable Indian pilgrims to visit the historic gurdwara during the celebration of the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh faith's founder Guru Nanak. The infrastructure aspect is important but should not be reduced to competitive progress assessment. It is not a race between India and Pakistan, although it is desirable that work proceeds unhindered and gets completed in time. Meanwhile, the Government of India has banned the Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) organisation last week. The immediate provocation was the display by some Sikh boys of T-shirts with #Referendum2020 logo at the India-New Zealand world cricket semifinal in UK. The Punjab government has been pleading for some time that there was growing nexus between Kashmiri and Sikh militants, encouraged by the Pakistani army. India will have to raise this matter with Pakistan as it does not want Kartarpur pilgrims from India to be used as guinea pigs for indoctrination. In the past Pakistan has done little to curb such activities of pro-Khalistan elements from western nations visiting Sikh holy sites in Pakistan. That in reality such ham-handed propaganda has little to no effect on pilgrims from India does not allay fears

stoked by intelligence agencies of the Union government. There is a danger of Sikhs again being pitted between New Delhi and Islamabad. An additional friction point will surface when the International Court of Justice at The Hague delivers its judgment on July 17 in India's case seeking access to Kulbhushan Jadhav, sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court for espionage. A positive order would tantamount to rendering the verdict null and void as due process obviously had not been followed. Pakistan should logically order a fresh trial, allowing the accused a proper defence counsel. The Pakistani military would like to avoid giving consular access to Jadhav as he may recount the truth about his capture and incarceration. India has alleged he was kidnapped from within Iran, where he was running a trawler business. The one weakness in Indian arguments is lack of explanation for Jadhav carrying another passport in a Muslim name. Having learnt this, India needed to either plead it was fake or that Jadhav had in fact converted to Islam and was thus known now by his new name. On the other hand, if India loses the case, Pakistan would have an option to either carry out the sentence or keep Jadhav on death row to periodically dangle before India. Thus how the outcome is dealt with would impact the future course of Indo-Pak relations.

Meanwhile, US-Pak relations are looking up. A \$6 billion International Monetary Fund financing package stands approved. PM Imran Khan has

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received an invite from US President Donald Trump. The two charismatic, former playboys might just hit it off. The Afghan peace deal is progressively becoming more a sell-out on Pakistan-Taliban terms than a genuine pullout deal that would stabilise Afghanistan. With the US stand-off with Iran balanced on a knife's edge, Pakistan's utility for the US's geostrategic game has increased. It would be shortsighted for New Delhi to consider Pakistan a pariah unworthy of engagement. Concomitantly, deputies of US Trade Representatives have visited India and returned after what appears to be an inconclusive outcome. President Trump is known to treat trade deals as critical to his diplomatic outreach, not the other way around. Meanwhile, Turkey has defied US, despite being a Nato ally, by receiving the first shipment of the S-400 air defence system. The US has threatened to exclude Turkey from its F-35 fighter programme if it persisted with the deal. Its reaction is awaited which would be instructive for India as it is buying the same weapons system. India-US relations are thus at an inflection point. The question arises whether a close partnership with the US leaves space for India's defence relationship with other powers like Russia. Stephen Cohen once warned after President George W. Bush declared Pakistan a non-Nato ally that Pakistan is an ally that shall never be a friend; and India is a friend that shall never be an ally. This hair-splitting may be alien to the Trumpian worldview but defence deals and calibrated lowering of tariffs by India may buy it peace. Meanwhile, the game of balancing relations with newly emergent poles, i.e. the US and China-Russia, with Pakistan playing the spoiler, has just quickened.

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LETTERS

ACCOUNTABILITY
I do think that we do not need to enact a law to back citizen charter (TS to back citizen charter, July 14). This will not be helpful to citizens because it means going to court for every unsolved grievances. The citizen charter in the GHMC was in vogue during united AP. The then GHMC commissioner Krishna Babu, had even listed the fines applicable for not completing tasks on time. To make the proposed policy effective, citizens must be empowered to deduct the fine amounts from their property tax for grievances not addressed. In this way, we can ensure that the officials deliver their duties.

Kumar Shastri
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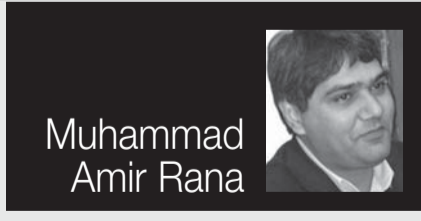
DECONGEST CITY
Columnist Mohan Guruswamy's article (Decongesting Delhi, one PSU at a time, July 9) must be read by all town planners in the country. He has offered sensible and workable solutions for traffic jams and air pollution. PSUs can be built on the outskirts of Hyderabad, which has vast empty area, with plenty of parking space and greenery all around them. Hats off to Mr Guruswamy.

Jalaluddin Jafar
Hyderabad

BUYING LEADERS
The BJP is creating havoc across India with its Operation Akarsha which is aimed at luring MLAs from other parties to its fold (BJP begins Operation Akarsha in Telangana, July 14). While it is not wrong for the party to invite political leaders who are willing to adopt the party's ideology, it is wrong on the part of leaders to win the trust of followers and switch sides for greener pastures. In the current scenario, it appears that the leaders have no political ideology. They seem to be driven by longing for money and opportunity. Governments change, but a true leader sticks to his principles and sets an example for his supporters.

Syed Nissar
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Muhammad Amir Rana

Lack of rehab for militants hobbles Pak counter-terror

Pakistan has stepped up its anti-militant campaign, apparently to steer clear of being blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force. Pakistan had already narrowly escaped that listing, with the support of China, Malaysia and Turkey, during the last FATF review meeting held in Orlando, Florida. Pakistan has been viewed as employing a selective approach towards different militant groups. The FATF meeting held in Paris last February had rejected Pakistan's assessment based on a classification of militant groups into different categories. Pakistan has considerably reviewed its action plan to check terror financing after these critical observations, among others, were made by the FATF. The Punjab Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has recently registered cases against the leadership of the banned Jamaat-e Dawa (JeD), including its founding members Hafiz Saeed, Abdul Rehman Makki and Zafar Iqbal. It is believed that Pakistan has taken this initiative in compliance with commitments it has made to the FATF. In practice, how-

ever, this renewed anti-militant campaign is hindered by several factors including capacity gaps among counterterrorism departments, which are also struggling to find some solid legal ground against the leadership of the militant groups. It would be an enormous challenge for the CTD to prove the cases of terror financing against the JeD leadership in local courts; though these cases could be used to restrict their movement. Interestingly, this is the second time that such cases have been registered against JeD head Hafiz Saeed. In 2009, a similar case was registered against him when he appealed for donations to his organisations while addressing a public gathering in Faisalabad. The case was dismissed by the Lahore High Court and, later, the interior ministry's appeal against the decision in Supreme Court was also rejected. However, the situation could be different this time, as the JeD, its affiliated charities and militant groups have been notified as proscribed by the ministry. The recently registered cases of terror financing against militant leaders may contribute towards easing the pressure being applied by

the FATF. But these measures alone will not suffice. These groups have thousands of workers in their ranks who remain uncertain about their future. They include both trained and untrained militants, administrative staff and affiliated charities. While the chains of schools and other educational institutions run by these militant groups have been put under the supervision of the provincial education departments, the Auqaf departments will apparently manage their affiliated madrassahs. The JeD alone was running more than 700 schools and over 200 madrassahs. The banned Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) also owned dozens of madrassahs and schools across the country. The staffs of these schools and madrassahs have been accommodated by the corresponding controlling government departments, without a proper scrutiny process and without a deradicalisation programme. However, workers of the charity wings and administrative staff have not been accommodated yet, with the exception of around 50 persons who have been recruited by the Punjab rescue operations. The rescue

department had taken more than 250 ambulances of the JeD into its custody. Frustration among these workers is increasing, including towards their own leaders. This is a dangerous development. A somewhat similar frustration was observed among the cadres of militant groups after the first crackdown against them in 2001. This had caused serious rifts among them and made many turn against the state and join international terrorist groups. Some among these frustrated members of the JeD and JeM can now also join the militant Islamic State group and Al Qaeda or form their own small terrorist cells. The JeM cadre is more critical because hundreds of its militants have a background of having worked along with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Al Qaeda and sectarian terrorist organisations. Pakistan will have to evolve a comprehensive rehabilitation programme for former members of these banned organisations. Such a programme could help boost the international community's confidence in Pakistan's efforts to counter extremism and terrorism. The world is receptive to such initiatives, which

are also endorsed by UNSC Resolutions 2178 (2014) and 2396 (2017). For one, the "Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism" presented by the UNSC to the UN General Assembly entailed more than 70 recommendations including a call to introduce disengagement and rehabilitation programmes. An absence of such a programme in Pakistan would not only continue to raise doubts about the future of these organisations' combatant and non-combatant members, but also about Pakistan's intentions. The National Counter Terrorism Authority has the mandate for suggesting and developing such rehabilitation programmes but, so far, it has proved an impotent body. Apparently, Nacta has no will — or perhaps power — to take initiative on its own, for it always looks towards the powerful security institutions and endorses what comes from them. The challenge of countering terrorism is huge, requiring not only broad-based consultation but also a visible and serious action plan being implemented on the ground.

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Improve bureaucracy at level closest to people



Mohan Guruswamy

Delhi is abuzz that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is planning to unveil a slew of administrative reforms to make India's creaking public administration apparatus more responsive to the citizenry, more effective in the delivery of services and more accountable. For this purpose, he has recently inducted over a dozen joint secretary level officers into the central bureaucracy. But the real problem with India's government is not at this tier of government. As a matter of fact, at this tier our bureaucracy is pretty good and is not lacking by much. Our need for government is at the tier closest to the people. It is this tier that needs buttressing and it is here that the government has to go down closer to the people.

The nerve ends of our public administration don't reach down to the millions of villages and also localities of urban India. Where is the government when plastic-choked drains are to be cleaned? Where is the government when a fused light bulb is to be changed? Who will empty the tens of thousands of new septic tanks as a consequence of Swachh Bharat? As a matter of fact, in most of our villages there is no government presence at all, save for the occasional schoolteacher in the village school. If Prime Minister Narendra Modi contemplates filling this vacuum, he must begin with the tier of bureaucracy that interacts with people the most. This is India's district administration. India, as one State, has never been larger. With 1.3 billion people under its flag, today's India, a fractious and youthful democracy with a billion unsatisfied aspirations, would easily be the toughest public administration challenge in the world.

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Its system of public administration evolved over the millennia as a system of exercising imperial authority, maintaining law and order and raising revenues. In return, the State offered security and stability, leaving the myriad communities to manage their everyday affairs in the traditional manner. It was a complex set of systems meeting the needs of a very complex society. The towns were generally directly governed by the imperial State. In the villages, the traditional system held sway. This ended with the 1857 Revolt. The abortive revolt had three great consequences. It marked not just the end of the Mughal and the Maratha power in central India, but also the end of the East India Company's rule. This "first great war of independence" actually further enslaved India on November 1, 1858, when Lord Canning, wearing court dress and riding a black horse, emerged out of the fort in Allahabad to read a long proclamation by Queen Victoria. The Queen, then still 38 years old and still somewhat happily married to Prince Albert, who was considered to be somewhat of a progressive, insisted that the "document should breathe feelings of generosity, benevolence and religious tolerance."

In 1861, the Indian Civil Service (ICS) came into being. Each one of the 400 district officers in British India was henceforth an ICS officer, as were all members of the higher bureaucracy. At no given time were there more than 1,200 ICS officers in India. Two other significant events took place in 1861. Thomas Babington Macaulay's codification of Indian law came into effect and the Indian Police Act introduced a uniform police service throughout India. In addition to the British district officer, each district in British India was henceforth to have a British superintendent of police.

The ICS was divided into separate departments: the executive, which administered the districts and collected the land revenues and taxes; the judicial, which provided judges for

was an eclectic combination of brilliance, personality and integrity. It was probably the finest civil service ever, drawing its men, usually, from Oxford or Cambridge and after a tough entrance examination that included "the ability to jump a five barred gate on horseback with arms folded and stirrups crossed."

They were well paid and cared for, and usually incorruptible with a well deserved reputation for accepting no gifts other than flowers or fruit. They wore their three initials with pride and saw themselves "as the modern equivalent of Plato's Guardians, men bred, selected and trained to govern, selflessly and devotedly." But what helped them most to stay that way was that they were servants of a foreign empire and agents of an authoritarian system. In 1868, the first Indian, Satyendranath Tagore of that famous family, went to London to take and pass the ICS exam. Imperial and authoritarian government, racial arrogance coupled with superior education made the ICS a superb instrument to serve British interests. It was no surprise then that Jawaharlal Nehru wanted to dismantle this colonial system with a structure that would be more amenable to serving the people and leading modernisation rather than just governing. But it was Vallabhbhai Patel who prevailed upon him to retain the colonial structure that exists today, however less than meritorious, educated and socially superior it is. Today's district administrator is a far cry from

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Budget 2019 aims at inclusive growth



Rajeev Ahuja

The Budget 2019-20 presented by the finance minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman last week has received a mixed response. India Inc. itself is divided. Some industrialists have hailed it as "a blueprint to promote overall growth" while others have expressed disappointment over failing to address the challenge of job creation. Quite expectedly, members from the Opposition parties have termed the Budget as "visionless", "insipid", "routine", "full of rhetoric" and so forth. Reacting to the Budget in such broad negative terms clearly suggests that the Opposition is refusing to elevate their role. After all, a sophisticated Budget requires a sophisticated response!

Professional pessimists" is how Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the people who expressed doubts over his government's overarching goal of taking the Indian economy to \$5 trillion by 2025. The reaction of the middle class too has been mixed depending on whether one believes to be a net beneficiary or a net loser from the various provisions in the Budget. While it is reasonable to evaluate how a Budget impacts an individual's welfare or promotes an organisation's agenda, it is wrong to assess and comment on the overall Budget purely from a narrow perspective. The Budget is prepared with a comprehensive view of society and economy. Therefore, one needs to take a holistic and dispassionate view in commenting on it. And anybody who does so will recognise that it's a decent Budget both in terms of what it seeks to do and what it doesn't.

In my view, it's a decent Budget that seeks to address the twin challenges of economic growth and job creation by adopting a trajectory of inclusive growth. The Budget places emphasis on broad-based development through a slew of initiatives.

(national e-market platform for transparent trading in agricultural produce), Stand-Up India (easy finance for promotion of entrepreneurship among SCs/STs and women) and many more. As these ongoing initiatives deepen and the new initiatives begin to take root, these should boost growth. The key idea is to democratise economic growth by creating a billion entrepreneurs in the country over time. Providing easy access to credit to those who have ambitions but no means and providing means and igniting ambitions in those who have none. And this push to broad-based growth does not reduce the focus on the conventional sources of growth. The Budget is thinking big thereto. The Budget lays an emphasis on building infrastructure (rail, road, water and air), on affordable housing, on giving a push to electric mobility through its early adoption and so forth.

Investments, particularly foreign investments. Public expenditure/investments are sought to be financed through a higher tax growth rate, mostly by higher tax compliance, imposing additional taxes on the incomes of the ultra-rich, sale and disinvestment in public sector undertakings and so forth. Similarly, to attract private investments the Budget has indicated opening a few more sectors to higher Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), attracting private investments through public-private partnerships, deepening of long-term bond markets (including the corporate bond market) to attract capital for infrastructure financing, relaxing norms for foreign portfolio investors in India, and creating a social stock exchange to allow social enterprises and voluntary organisations raise funds by getting listed in these exchanges. Some commentators have been critical of the Budget in not doing enough to encourage investments in the economy. It is important to recognise that the Budget has also been an exercise in self-restraint by avoiding measures to reap shorter-term gains in exchange for longer-term pains. Undoubtedly, tabling of a Budget is an important occasion that sets the tone for growth and development during a fiscal year. Nevertheless, a Budget is not the be-all and end-all of what happens in any given fiscal year. A lot of reforms and important decisions get taken outside of the Budget. The Niti Aayog has already indicated that the government is coming out with a slew of reforms, including changes in labour laws, privatisation and the creation of land banks. The FM has already indicated that the Rent Control Act will be replaced by a model

tenancy law. Also, the government is considering announcing a new industrial policy as well as a policy on agro-processing. All this appears to be a lot to be achieved in the three quarters left in the current fiscal year. If only the government can implement what it has committed to doing in this fiscal year, it will have achieved a lot. Furthermore, the Centre's efforts at promoting economic growth need to be complemented by the states' efforts. To give one example of how states can complement the Centre's efforts, the Centre is developing 17 iconic tourism sites into world class tourist destinations. These sites are expected to serve as a model for other tourism sites. States are expected to take a lead in the development of those sites. Assam, for example, has recently decided to promote over 300 tourism spots in the country in order to give a boost to tourism in the state. Tourism is known to have higher growth and is an employment multiplier. Other states need to do likewise. After all, a target of being a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 cannot be achieved by the Centre alone. States have an important role in giving a fillip to promoting broad-based growth and development. Those skeptical of the target may have a reason. But they must also recognise that broad-based growth has certain distinct relative advantages — of being less capital intensive, of being more efficient in resource use and having a shorter turnaround period in boosting growth.

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I've been turned into a curiosity & Boris is to blame



Petronella Wyatt

Iam beginning to feel like a sort of fairground curiosity: one of those pickled things in jars that Victorians stared at. It is Boris' fault. Because I once had a close friendship — all right, all right, a tendresse — with Mr Johnson, I am pointed at, photographed, and harried in the aisles of shops. Soon members of the public will be tearing off bits of my clothes — something Russian peasants used to do with anyone who had met the Tsar, as if this would bestow some of Batushka's divine status. Tabloid journalists doormat me, believing I have the answers. I am a female Zoltan Kapathy — not so much an imposterologist as a Borisologist. My present policy is to pretend that I am insane. Just as no insane person could be executed under the law (until Henry VIII changed it), I operate on the premise that no journalist will bother with a person who isn't playing with a full deck. Earlier this week, a red-top reporter rang my doorbell. He asked me whether Boris would be a good Prime Minister. I stuck my head out of the window and tilted my head. He waited for the oracle. "Better than Pitt the Younger and Pitt the Elder." This engendered some confusion. "Erm, were they one person or two?" I laughed maniacally and rolled my eyes like Marty Feldman. The poor booby pressed on. "But what about Boris' faults?" "What faults?" He made a slow recovery from this, but then played what he thought would be a blinder. "But what about all the women?" "What women?" This time I had got him. "Sorry to have troubled you, Ms Wyatt."

Rod Liddle tells me I should do a documentary about Boris. I am. But the documentary I am making, of which I am co-producer, is about Boris Karloff. Karloff's real name was William Henry Pratt. Born in London, he came from an Anglo-Indian family and had unusually dark skin, which led to speculation about his ancestry, a subject he didn't care to talk about once he became a Hollywood star. This was not surprising. Merle Oberon, who was half-Indian, was forced to pretend her mother was her maid. But back to Boris. Orson Welles once said that in order to become a star, an actor must have a face that lends itself to caricature. Karloff looked like a lovesick Satan and had a voice to match. Yet his manner and clothes were not that of his garish trade. He preferred reading Joseph Conrad to parties, and even after his sensational performance as the monster in the 1931 film adaptation of *Frankenstein*, led a modest, if eccentric, life, pruning his roses attired in swimming shorts and a top hat. Unfailingly polite, he was, for want of a better word, a gentleman. A fine dramatic actor, Karloff brought a rare sensitivity to the horror genre, elevating his films to existential masterpieces. Guileverio del Toro calls him "my messiah". Of all the stars of Hollywood's Golden Age, only Karloff and Humphrey Bogart are of greater cultural significance now than when they were alive.

At a recent lunch in honour of my former employer and friend Conrad Black, I was asked if there was anyone whom I hated. I was unable to rise to the challenge. I remember Boris telling me that Max Hastings disliked me (incidentally, I suspect Max's well-publicised hatred of Boris is in part caused by sexual jealousy). This caused me no distress. The real reason for this does not lie in any acquired virtue. It lies in the fact that I am extremely conceited and, as a corollary, couldn't care less.

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The moon and the dark clouds: Light and darkness



Amrit Sadhana



The moon and clouds have always teased our imagination. Countless romantic poems and plays have been written on them, so much so that the moon has come to dwell in our hearts. It is no more an indifferent planet in the sky. But Indian mystics have added a spiritual flavour to the connection of the moon and the clouds. They have identified the moon as the spiritual master and the clouds as his disciples. This unique conclave of light and darkness can only happen at the beginning of the monsoon in India. No wonder, the poetically inclined sages picked up this event and started celebrating the full moon of the month Ashaadh as a thanksgiving

to the masters who guide their disciples to enlightenment. Osho enhances the spiritual significance of this celebration. He says the clouds are like disciples coming to the enlightened master. They come with their darkness of many lives and surround the radiance of the master, hoping to get a ray of his wisdom. And the master absorbs their darkness into his luminous being and transforms it into luminosity. The meditators around him bathe into the effulgence of his love and compassion. The master and the disciple are two levels of consciousness. One is unconscious, steeped in darkness like the rain clouds and the other is conscious and bright like the full moon. This metaphor

is a reminder of your own moon, which is shrouded in the dense layers of emotions, thoughts, and memories. Remove those layers with deep meditation and your inner moon can shine forth with brilliance. Paying respect to the guru once a year is not the purpose of this event — the purpose is to remind you of that inner space which is your birthright if you continuously grow and evolve. The master can guide you in many ways. There is a story of a monk in China who was observing the birthday of his master with great celebration. People asked him whose birthday he was celebrating, as he always said that he had no guru and that there was no need for a guru. The monk said, "Today, I remember the man who refused to be my guru, because if he had accepted me as a disciple, I would have gone astray. I would have been dependent on him. He helped me use my courage and resilience for the inner search." Osho says, "This looks contra-

dictory, but this is how the deeper dynamism of consciousness works. Masters are mysterious. You cannot judge them — you cannot be sure of what they are doing unless the whole thing happens. Be inspired (by the master), but don't become an imitator. Always remember that you are your own goal. No one else can be, and unless you achieve that point from where you can say, 'I have achieved my destiny and now I am fulfilled,' don't stop. Go on transcending, go on being in discontent, go on moving. And if you don't reach any ideal, then you can be enriched by everyone (all the masters)." The search for the unknown is the greatest adventure. It needs a lot of trust — in yourself and in existence. The shining moon keeps beckoning you, guiding you all along till one day you find that the moon is inside, not up there. For such a person, every day is a master's day.

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50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

SOVIET BID FOR UNMANNED MOON LANDING

MOSCOW, July 14.

The Soviet Union launched an automatic station Luna 15 towards the moon, in what observers here believe as a spectacular bid to achieve unmanned landing on the moon and the return of the vehicle to earth. This is an inevitable precursor to the Soviet attempt to land man on the moon. The Luna 15 was at present heading towards the moon, after having been placed in an intermediary earth orbit, Radio Moscow reported this morning.



Conversion issues

Israeli education minister Rafi Peretz says he has engaged in practice of gay therapy, faces calls for him to be sacked

ENTRY BARRIER

Migrants in fear as US agents ready for raids

■ 2,000 undocumented illegal entrants to feel the 'heat'

New York, July 14: Thousands of undocumented immigrants were waiting in fear and uncertainty ahead of nationwide raids on Sunday that US President Donald Trump said would lead to a wave of expulsions.

Demonstrators in several cities protested the planned raids, and local and state officials called for restraint, but to no effect. Before dawn on Sunday, agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are expected to hit the streets of at least 10 major American cities with plans to arrest some 2,000 undocumented migrants who entered the United States recently.

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— Agencies

Receiving reports of attempted but reportedly unsuccessful ICE enforcement actions in Sunset Park and Harlem. @NYCImmigrants and advocates are connecting with residents and distributing resources door to door. Remember: you have rights. Call 311 and say ActionNYC for help. — Bill de Blasio, Mayor, NY City

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ARMED MAN DEAD AFTER HE TARGETS US JAIL

Los Angeles, July 14: An armed man who attacked a US immigration detention facility with "incendiary devices" has been shot dead after a confrontation with police in Tacoma, authorities said.

Officers arrived at the Northwest Detention Centre early on Saturday after a report the man — armed with a rifle — had set a car on fire and had attempted to ignite a large propane tank, the city police department said in a statement.

The man, who was carrying flares and a satchel bag in addition to his weapon, died of gunshot wounds after officers arrived on the scene, police added. The assailant was identified by police as 69-year-old Willem Van Spronsen.

He had previously been convicted of obstructing a police officer after an altercation during a protest outside the facility last year, according to local media reports.

— AFP

FLYING HIGH



French inventor and entrepreneur Franky Zapata flies a jet-powered hoverboard or "Flyboard" prior to France's Bastille Day military parade in Paris on Sunday. The flyboard can also be used as an assault platform. French President Emmanuel Macron sought to showcase European military cooperation in the parade. — AFP

37 countries back China at UN over Xinjiang row

Beijing, July 14: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Russia along with 34 other countries came out in China's defence in the United Nations, after envoys from 22 nations sharply criticised Beijing for the mass detention of Uighur Muslims in camps in the restive Xinjiang province, a media report said on Sunday.

Envoys from across the European Union, along with Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Canada, last week jointly wrote a letter to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHRC) Michelle Bachelet, asking China to uphold its own laws and international obligations and stop arbitrary incar-

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■ THEY ALSO urged China to end mass detentions

ceration of the Uighurs and other Muslim and minorities, and permit freedom of religion.

They also urged Beijing to "end mass arbitrary detentions and related violations against Muslims in Xinjiang region."

China is facing severe criticism from western countries over persistent reports of mass detention of Uighurs in Xinjiang, bordering Afghanistan

and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), in bid to control violent attack by the separatist East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM).

UN's Geneva-based Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination last year said that it was alarmed by "numerous reports of mass detention of ethnic Uighurs and other Muslim minorities".

On July 11, China lodged a protest with the ambassadors of 22 countries for writing the letter to the UNHRC.

On Friday, China obtained the support of Muslim countries to refute the criticism demonstrating its growing global clout. — PTI

At least 50 die due to floods in Nepal

Kathmandu, July 14: Floods and landslides caused by torrential monsoon rains have killed at least 50 people across Nepal while dozens more are missing, officials said Sunday.

Northeast India has also been hit by floods with 11 deaths recorded as rivers burst their banks.

Heavy rains since Thursday have hit several districts in Nepal, especially in the country's eastern region and the southern plains, affecting thousands. Nepal police spokesman Bishwaraj Pokharel said 33 people are missing while over 1,100 people have been rescued.

"We have mobilised all resources in the country for search, rescue and relief and have been able

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to reach all affected areas," Pokharel said.

Authorities said river levels are expected to return to normal from Monday.

Monsoon rains from June to September cause widespread death and destruction across South Asia each year. — Agencies

UNBORN BABY DIES AS MOM WAITS FOR CHILEAN VISA

Santiago, July 14: Chilean officials said on Saturday that the unborn baby of a Venezuelan migrant had died while the woman waited for the appropriate visa to cross the border from Peru into Chile.

Peru, in June, clamped down on immigration, requiring migrants have passports and visas in order to stay in the country. The new rules have pushed some migrants south to Chile.

Chile's foreign ministry regretted the death of the unborn baby, but said "it was not possible to lend medical assistance to foreign citizens in a neighbouring country." Venezuela's economic collapse has unleashed the biggest migratory crisis in recent South American history. Chile, one of Latin America's strongest and most stable economies, has become a magnet for Venezuelans seeking a new home.

Immigration into Chile has increased sixfold in less than 30 years, from 1,14,500 in the 1992 census, to 7,46,465 last year. The majority of migrants recently came from Haiti and Venezuela. Chile's foreign ministry said it had beefed up staff in Tacna, Peru, to handle influx.

The consulate issued over thousand visas for Venezuelans. — Reuters

STORM BARRY IN LOUISIANA, PACKS A PUNCH INLAND

Intracoastal City, US, July 14: Authorities warned of heavy rain and possible tornadoes throughout Sunday as major storm Barry buffeted Louisiana, though there were few indications of widespread flooding.

After briefly becoming the first hurricane of the Atlantic season, Barry was downgraded to a

tropical storm after making landfall — but it nevertheless packed a punch as it moved inland.

All flights in and out of the airport in the state's biggest city New Orleans were cancelled, thousands evacuated their homes, tens of thousands lost power and first responders were poised for action. — AFP

\$20 BN TO POWER SINGAPORE WITH AUSSIE POWER

A group of Australian developers were working on a plan to build and transmit Singapore's future electricity supply from the desert outside Tennant Creek, a town located in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Known as Sun Cable, it is promised to be the world's largest solar farm. A 10-gigawatt-capacity array of panels will be spread across 15,000 hectares and be backed by battery storage to ensure it can supply power around the clock.

Overhead transmission lines will send electricity to Darwin and plug into the NT grid. But the bulk would be exported via a high-voltage direct-current submarine cable snaking through the Indonesian archipelago to Singapore. The developers say it will be able to provide one-fifth of the island city-state's power needs, replacing its increasingly expensive gas power. — Agencies



People sit on the sidewalk during a major power outage, caused by a manhole fire, affecting parts of New York City on Sunday, sending Broadway theaters plunging into darkness, subways grinding to a halt and flicking off billboards in Times Square off as New York's Manhattan was hit by a power outage. About 42,000 customers lost electricity according to the Con Edison utility. Firefighters said they were responding to numerous requests for help, particularly from people trapped in elevators. New Yorkers took Saturday's outage in stride, with passersby standing in intersections to direct traffic and a disrupted Carnegie Hall concert continuing in the street. It took place on the anniversary of the 1977 "Blackout" power cut that affected virtually the entirety of New York in the midst of an economic crisis. — AFP



Global court fines Pak \$5.97 bn

Islamabad, July 14: In a jolt to cash-strapped Pakistan, an international arbitration court has imposed a whopping \$5.97 billion penalty — one of the biggest in its history — on Islamabad for the unlawful denial of a mining lease to a company for the Reko Diq project in 2011.

The Tethyan Copper

Company — a joint venture between Chilean mining Antofagasta and Canada's Barrick Gold Corporation — had filed claims for international arbitration before the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes in 2012 after the Balochistan government rejected a leasing request

from the company. In its 700-page ruling against Pakistan, the tribunal on Friday awarded a \$4.08 billion penalty and \$1.87 billion in interests, Dawn reported. The company had claimed \$11.43 billion in damages. The case between the Pakistan government and the company continued for seven years. — PTI

WINNING | WAYS ■ Researchers analyse social relationships, reward allocation in peer settings

Juror's friends less likely to get Oscar, Nobel

London, July 14: Being friends with an award juror can increase a person's chance of being nominated but decrease their chances of being selected as the victor according to a study. The Oscars, the Grammys, and even the Nobel Prize, all peer-judged competitions, are often criticised for the decisions of their jurors.

Some people go as far as making accusations of bias, partisanship and even cronyism. Researchers, including

those from City University London in UK, analysed how social relationships affect reward allocation choices in peer-based evaluative settings.

Combining statistical analysis of eight years' of decision making data from the most prestigious Norwegian advertising industry competition with industry member interviews, researchers sought to understand how relationships between jurors and entrants affect competition results. The study,

RECIPROCITY BOOSTS CHANCE

■ THE STUDY was published in the *Academy of Management Journal*

■ LINKS TO juror may help candidates get shortlisted or nominated, but stops their win

■ AS AWARDS drive value, understanding how it is allocated is particularly important

published in the *Academy of Management Journal*, found that while all three dynamics can improve a

candidate's chance of receiving an honourable mention, only reciprocity boosts their chances of

being the victor. "Having a direct tie to, or being a part of the same clique as, an award juror can help candidates be shortlisted or nominated but then actually prevent them winning," said Simone Ferriani from Cass Business School, UK. "This, we believe, is because people in charge of granting honours may be driven by self-serving interests, as much as the genuine desire to signal their moral integrity and deflect potential inauthen-

ticity concerns away," Ferriani said. "Because awards are tremendous drivers of value — film festival awards may increase box office sales, literary prizes can open doors to exclusive publishers and academic awards may secure more research grants — understanding how relationships influence the way they are allocated is particularly important, especially amidst calls for transparency in public life. — PTI

Spain rescues 141 migrants from sea

Madrid: A total of 141 migrants from the sub-Saharan region were rescued at sea on Saturday between Spain and Morocco, from a variety of makeshift vessels, the Spanish maritime rescue service said. Two boats carrying 86 people, one of which was already beginning to sink, were recovered in the Alboran Sea, the stretch of Mediterranean between the two countries, a spokesman for the service said. Some of the people were already in the water by the time the rescuers arrived, but everyone was rescued, he said.

Afghan Radio scribe murdered in Pakta

Kabul: Afghan police said a radio journalist was killed in the Paktia province. Nader Shah, a newsreader for *Radio Gardes*, was killed late on Saturday. Police chief Mohammad Hosman Jahnabaz said it is not immediately clear if the killing was linked to his work or a personal dispute. Paktia is a stronghold of the Haqqani network, one of the main factions of the Taliban. The Taliban and IS have both attacked reporters earlier.

Puerto Rico officers quit on profane chat

San Juan: Puerto Rico's Governor Ricardo Rossell announced on Saturday that his chief financial officer and secretary of state will step down following their participation in a private chat that used profanities to describe an ex-New York City government official and a federal control board overseeing the island's finances.

Another Canadian citizen detained

Montreal: China detained another Canadian citizen amid sour relations between the two, Canada's foreign ministry said on Saturday, though the reason for the jailing remains unclear. "Global Affairs Canada is aware of the detention of a Canadian citizen in Yantai, China," a spokesman said. He added that "Canadian officials are providing consular assistance" but no details can be disclosed due to privacy laws. China sentenced two other Canadians to death for drug trafficking.

HOLY WATER TO CURB CRIME, SAYS BISHOP

Buenaventura, Colombia: A Catholic bishop in Colombia hopes holy water will curb violence in a city struggling with crime and corruption.

Rubén Darío Jaramillo Montoya travelled on a fire truck to some of Buenaventura's most crime-ridden neighbourhoods on Saturday, sprinkling water that he had blessed in an attempt to thwart drug trafficking gangs and other illegal groups. "Blood has run through the streets," said Jaramillo, who wore religious robes and a crucifix around his neck on his tour of the city. The occasion was sometimes festive despite the solemnity of the message. Jaramillo stopped to bless children in one neighbourhood, and the fire truck on which he rode was festooned with green and yellow balloons. He said the ceremony aimed to show solidarity with afflicted communities and tell illegal groups that "you can't destroy the life of a community, we're united."

Rival gangs have been fighting for control of the illegal drug trade in Buenaventura, that saw a rise in crimes.



Hussain Muhammad Ershad

FORMER BANGLA DICTATOR ERSHAD DIES AT 89

Dhaka, July 14: Former Bangladesh military dictator Hussain Muhammad Ershad died on Sunday aged 89, after weeks in a Dhaka hospital, officials said.

General Ershad ruled Bangladesh for nearly a decade before being ousted from power in a pro-democracy upsurge in 1990 and was jailed for years on corruption charges.

He passed away due to complications from old age, Kazi Firoz Rashid, a longtime colleague and lawmaker from his Jatiya Party, said.

Armed forces spokesman Abdullah bin Zaid confirmed the death. — AFP

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Nifty 50	11,498.90 -0.49
S&P 500	3,013.77 +0.46
Dollar (₹)	68.68 +0.35
Pound Sterling (₹)	86.03 +0.47
Euro (₹)	77.13 +0.21
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	35,400*400 -1.12
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	66.72 +0.30
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.488 -0.005
US 10-Yr T-bill yield	2.124 +0.004

* As of Saturday

DHFL fears it may
not continue as a
going concern

DHFL on Saturday said it doubts its ability to continue as a going concern and posted a quarterly loss of Rs 2,224 crore for the Q4 of FY19 due to additional provisioning of Rs 3,280 crore. Its net loss for FY19 was Rs 1,036 crore. It said rating downgrades have "substantially impaired" its "ability to raise funds... the business has been brought to a standstill... these developments may raise a significant doubt to continue as a going concern."

Govt wants ONGC
to sell golf course
that has oil wells

The government wants ONGC to sell its golf courses in Ahmedabad and Vadodra, sending the company into a tizzy as one of them has two producing oil wells, sources said. The DIPAM has deemed golf courses and sports clubs owned by CPSEs as 'non-core' assets and wants to monetise them.

FPIs pull out
over ₹4,950 cr
from equities

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) withdrew a net sum of Rs 4,953.77 crore from equities during July 1-12, but poured in a net Rs 8,504.78 crore into the debt market, translating into a cumulative net investment of Rs 3,551.01 crore. Overseas investors pulled out money from the equity markets for five of the six sessions following the Budget, which was presented on July 5.

Guidelines on
picking pooled
assets soon

In a bid to deal with stress in NBFC sector, guidelines will be issued soon for state-owned banks to take over pooled assets of NBFCs, a finance ministry official said. "Both Department of Economic Affairs, and Financial Services are in consultation. The eligibility norms for takeover should be out this week or latest by next week," the official said.

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Traditional brokers find going tough even after cutting fee
Discount brokers race
ahead of other playersRAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, JULY 14

Discount equity brokers are overtaking the traditional equity brokers, as competition has intensified in the broking industry. Bengaluru-based Zerodha has become the top equity broker in the country in terms of the number of active clients, dethroning ICICI Securities.

HDFC Securities, Sharekhan and Kotak Securities are ranked as the third, fourth and fifth largest brokerages, according to NSE client data.

"Three out of top ten brokers by active customers have started offering broking at discounted charges and with Zerodha occupying the first slot it seems that the industry is moving the discount broking way," Madhukar Latha and Keshav Binani, Analysts at HDFC Securities, said.

The financial performance of the sector is expected to remain under stress as traditional brokers like Axis Securities and Angel Broking have moved to fixed/subscription based business models. We

Top brokerages by number of active clients

Brokerage house	Clients FY18-19	Clients Q1FY20	Brokerage house	Clients FY18-19	Clients Q1FY20
Zerodha	909,008	979,241	SBI Cap Securities	209,301	210,892
ICICI Securities	843,975	878,884	NFL Securities	214,149	203,702
HDFC Securities	672,044	650,114	RKSV Securities	99,546	186,456
Sharekhan	509,787	504,796	Geojit Fin Services	162,789	160,984
Kotak Securities	437,822	443,461	SPaisa Capital	106,280	147,499
Angel Broking	412,809	426,716	Edelweiss Broking	120,152	122,784
Axis Securities	419,455	389,512	Reliance Securities	120,227	119,904
Motilal Oswal	319,138	326,011	SMC Global Securities	105,981	106,354
Karvy Stock Broking	266,287	265,798			

believe this can lead to further decline in yields, HDFC Securities said.

Also, the rising share of derivatives volume in the mix and a fall in the share of delivery-based volumes have contributed to a decline in blended yields for most brokerages, HDFC Securities said.

"Competitive environment continues to remain tough for brokers with many leading names — Axis Securities, Angel Broking and Sharekhan — moving to the fixed/subscription pricing model while discount brokers continue to charge ahead," analysts from HDFC

Securities said. Zerodha added 70,000 clients in the April-June 2019 quarter, taking the discount broking firm to the number one position with a client base of 9,79,241, moving ahead of ICICI Securities, the active client base of which now stands at 8,78,884 clients.

"Another discount broker Upstox, earlier RKSV, has been growing at the fastest pace. The company has added 86,000 customers in the last quarter. Even in FY19 it more than doubled its customer base from 44,000 customers in FY18 to 1,00,000 customers in FY19," HDFC Securities said.

Traditional brokers are finding it tough to compete with the discount brokers even after reducing the brokerage rates.

Despite the launch of discount broking schemes Axis Securities' active customer base dropped by 30,000 quarter-on-quarter to 3,89,000 as on June 30, 2019. ICICI Securities added 35,000 customers while Angel Broking added 14,000 customers in the April-June quarter.

Jobs hit as diamond
industry cuts outputSANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, JULY 14

MSME-dominated diamond cutting and polishing industry is facing a crisis. Several units have reduced their production days and thousands of labourers have gone out of job. Working capital crunch, sluggish demand from China and falling polished diamond prices have been affecting the industry. Jewellery makers too are worried about the increase in the customs duty of gold and silver.

"At least 30 per cent of the MSMEs, which are into polishing works, have reduced their capacity utilization. Instead of six days, now they are working five days. These are units that procure raw materials from larger companies and return them after polishing. Further, several units in Saurashtra and north Gujarat are affected to the extent that thousands have gone out of job. These units employ 10 to 15 workers. Around 10,000 to 15,000 are out of work and have returned to agricultural jobs," said Dinesh Navadiya, Member of Surat Diamond Association.

According to him, multi issues are affecting the

MSME CRISIS

Companies have been facing working capital crunch due to shortage of bank finance

There is destocking by retailers in major consuming countries such as the US and China

Crisis might spread to jewellery making industry as well due to increase in import duty of gold and silver

industry. Companies have been facing working capital crunch due to shortage of bank finance. While domestic banks have cut their borrowing limits to the gems and jewellery sector, the PNB scam has also made it difficult for exporters to credit from international agencies for buying roughs. Delayed GST refunds too are blocking the working capital.

"Liquidity crunch and lack of adequate finance to the sector have added to the woes. This has resulted in factories limiting their production," said GJEPCC Chairman

Pramod Kumar Agrawal. The off-take of polished diamonds by China either directly or through Hong Kong has come down considerably with the trade war. Weaker Yuan has made imports costly for the jewellery sector.

"The US and China consume 60 per cent of the world's production of diamonds. Recently consumer demand in these key markets is either depressed or subdued due to various reasons. There is a recessionary trend in China. Retail sales are down. The US-China trade war is adding to the volatility and uncertainty. There is destocking by retailers in major consuming countries such as the US and China and they are not reordering," said Agrawal.

While the demand is slow, the polished diamond prices too have been coming down. Diamonds of one carat and more have been seeing continuous erosion of prices. This has forced the companies to limit their rough purchases. In caratage terms, import of rough diamonds and export of polished diamonds are down by around 23 per cent in the first two months of this fiscal. It was down 13 per cent in last fiscal.

As rift deepens, IndiGo
faces scrutiny of pacts

New Delhi, July 14: With the spat between IndiGo co-promoters Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal intensifying, markets watchdog Sebi and the Corporate Affairs Ministry have started digging deep into allegations of governance lapses and rule violations that could force the government to override existing arrangements and pacts at InterGlobe Aviation, officials said.

Gangwal has sought Sebi's intervention into corporate governance lapses at the company.

InterGlobe Aviation has come under intense regulatory scanner and there are indications of multiple violations of Sebi norms. The role of each entity associated with all board members and entities linked to the promoters are being probed amid signs of lapses in complying with governance requirements, fair market trade and insider trading norms, the officials said.

An official said the min-



istry would be seeking a "para-wise comments" from the firm on Gangwal's complaint and would also be looking at the related party transactions. The ministry would examine if memorandum, articles, agreements and resolutions are in consonance with the Companies Act provisions. The company could face strict regulatory action, including overriding of existing pacts, in case there are violations of the Act.

The official said the ministry can even invoke powers under Section 6 of the Companies Act, 2013. Section 6 provides powers to override any memorandum, articles, agreements or resolutions passed at

general meeting or by the board of directors in case they violate norms.

The officials said Sebi is likely to summon a number of executives and board members of InterGlobe. Meanwhile, the Bhatia side on Sunday claimed that Gangwal always limited his financial risks and was making insidious efforts to create an unseemly controversy about corporate governance.

In a reflection of the rift between the promoter groups, InterGlobe Enterprises (IGE) Group has issued three statements in less than a week seeking to clarify issues and reject the allegations by Gangwal.

"Even more significantly, during the turbulent period of a fledgling airline, it was left to the IGE Group, as a responsible founder, to fend for IndiGo. Gangwal was missing in action at that time and there were stages where he wanted to de-risk and pushed for the business to be sold," the group said. —PTI

Q1 earnings to drive market

ASHWIN J. PUNNEN
MUMBAI, JULY 14

The market is likely to remain choppy, as stocks will react to quarterly earnings even as trends in global markets, macroeconomic numbers and foreign funds will drive the market during the week.

According to experts, the market has entered a consolidation mode after the disappointing Budget that failed to meet expectations. Investors will now focus on the upcoming quarter result, where expectation remains to be muted cautioning investors.

"The government's weak fiscal position and likelihood of muted government spending in FY20 will slowdown the domestic economy in the near term. Trade disputes, muted expectation from quarterly results and premium valuation will lead to underperformance in the near term. For the week ahead, market will start to react on the actual performance of Q1FY20 result which seems subdued," said Vinod Nair, Head

OPENING
BELL
PROJECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Sentiments were hit by sharp rise in crude prices and geopolitical tensions as well as trade war worries. Profit booking is expected as stocks rise given the overall subdued expectation on Q1FY20 results which is increasing risk of downgrade in future earnings.

"The current corrective decline has helped the weekly stochastic oscillator to cool off the overbought situation (currently at 29). Going ahead, we expect the ongoing corrective decline to get anchored around 11400-11300 being the lower band of positive gap (11592-11407) recorded on exit poll session and 80 per cent retracement of last major up move (11108-12103), at 11307, said Dharmesh Shah, Head

Technical, ICICI direct

According to technical analysts, the Nifty50 after a steep fall is consolidating, readying itself for the next leg of fall. However, the current consolidation can continue for a longer period given that the result season is under progress. "The current support is very crucial, the break which may signal the beginning of a larger downfall. Levels of 11400 seem to be very crucial, a decisive penetration below would lead the market much lower. Traders may initiate short on rallies or short if market breaks below 11400, said Jimeet Modi, Founder & CEO, SAMCO Securities.

Fed Chief Jerome Powell is implying a rate cut at the next Fed meet at the end of this month over concerns of softer business investments due to trade wars and weak inflation. On the home ground, result season is quickly unfolding and company specifics could be key triggers for the next week, analysts said.

Selling G-secs
overseas not
wise: Montek

Mumbai, July 14: Close on the heels of former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan advising the government against issuing sovereign bonds in foreign currency, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, who headed the Planning Commission, has advised the Modi regime against its plans to tap the overseas debt market, saying such an idea was contemplated earlier, but abandoned as the negatives far outweighed the positives.

The comments from the UPA-era technocrat come amid a proposal from the Narendra Modi government to borrow at least Rs 70,000 crore of its planned market borrowings from a sovereign bonds sale overseas, in a departure from the earlier practice of raising the money domestically alone.

"We thought it will do us more damages than gains," Ahluwalia said. "If all you want is to bring in more foreign money, why do you want to borrow in foreign currency? Let them bring in more money and buy the debt over here. Our capital market will benefit from that," he explained.

Ahluwalia said by selling public debt to foreign investors merchant bankers based overseas will benefit through huge commissions for arranging the money.

He, however, said there can be a small limit which the government can set for itself to explore it as an alternative route for funds.

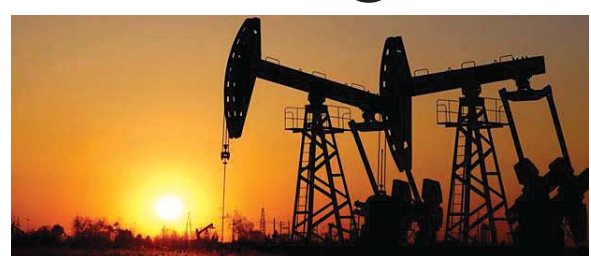
"In my view, you should always have government debt which is as far as possible rupee-denominated," he said. However, Ahluwalia supported the government plans to pare its holding in state-run banks below management control levels, saying their 70 per cent market share needs to come down.

Crude oil demand growth to remain stable

RITWIK MUKHERJEE
KOLKATA, JULY 14

Facts first. Crude oil prices rose 0.61 per cent to Rs 4,157 per barrel in futures trade on July 12 as speculators raised their exposure, tracking a rebound in global markets. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude for July delivery went up by Rs 25, or 0.61 per cent, to Rs 4,157 per barrel in a business turnover of 23,863 lots. Analysts were not surprised at this at all. They said that the rise in crude oil futures was largely in tandem with a firming trend in global trade. Significantly, West Texas Intermediate crude rose 0.75 per cent to \$60.65, while international benchmark Brent was up 0.83 per cent to \$67.07 per barrel at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

This has to be seen in light of the fact that crude oil production in India increased to 687 BBL/D/1K in March from 683 BBL/D/1K in February of 2019. Crude oil production in India averaged 697.81 BBL/D/1K from 1994 until 2019, reach-



ing an all-time high of 813 BBL/D/1K in November of 2010 and a record low of 526 BBL/D/1K each in May of 1994. India's crude oil production in May this year fell 7 per cent to 2,800 Thousand Metric Tonne (TMT) due to fall in production from fields operated by ONGC, Oil India and private operators. Interestingly, the drop in domestic crude oil production pushed India's crude oil import dependence to 85 per cent in the month as compared to 83.8 per cent recorded sssu year ago.

Giving a global perspective, Abhishek Bansal, Chairman of ABans Group of Companies, said that oil prices rallied to a six week high after Gulf of Mexico

Commodity
Compass

faced a tropical storm, added with rising tensions in Middle East and US inventory drop for a fourth week consecutively. Oil supplies had been cut in Gulf of Mexico by more than 1 million barrels per day which is nearly 53 per cent of the regions oil production.

"Going forward OPEC expects global demand for its crude oil to decline next year as their rivals continue to pump more crude oil. It is also concerned about the fact that the market is likely to return to surplus even though OPEC led partners persist with production cu-

ts till March 2020. Statistically speaking OPEC expects the global oil requirement of OPEC's crude to decrease by 1.34 million bpd (barrels per day) to 29.27 million bpd from the current calendar year. In June OPEC's production fell by 68,000 bpd to 29.83 million bpd which is 500,000 bpd above the 2020 demand estimates," said Bansal.

He said that OPEC's production cut is also helping US shale production to blossom as it eats in OPEC's market share; this further gives room to US president Donald Trump to continue with sanctions on OPEC members Iran and Venezuela. US's supply could remain at elevated levels and the flow could increase further as new pipelines would mean more US crude can flow to the US Gulf coast for exports.

OPEC also estimates that the global crude oil demand is likely to grow at the same pace in 2020 as in the current calendar year, it also assesses that the world economy could continue to grow at same pace in 2020

as in the current year. However they make this projection hoping that the trade issue between the US and China does not escalate further. They also note the fact that manufacturing activity along with Brexit poses a threat to the global economy which could in-turn impact demand negatively.

"Brent oil futures may face immediate resistance around \$67.90-69.20 per barrel while the key support level is seen around \$65.70 to \$61.90 per barrel," he said.

The growing crude oil price volatility has been a cause of concern for India. And the Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan has already taken up the issue with Alexander Novak, Minister of Energy, Russian Federation. Pradhan urged his Russian counterpart to take into account the interests of consuming countries while engaging with OPEC. He has also taken up the issue with Khalid Al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry & Mineral Resources, Saudi Arabia.

Brokers BYTES

TCS posts good growth in Q1 digital revenue

Tata Consultancy Services has reported softer-than-expected revenue in Q1FY20, with revenue in US dollar terms rising 1.6 per cent QoQ to \$5,485 million as against the broking house's estimate of \$5,532 million. Constant currency revenue rose by 10.6 per cent on year-on-year basis — the fourth successive quarter of double digit growth. EBIT margin came in marginally above the broking house's estimate at 24.1 per cent (23.9 per cent) owing mainly to wage hikes and the rupee appreciation. Revenue from the key BFSI vertical grew by a subdued 0.4 per cent QoQ in US dollar terms and declined 0.8 per cent QoQ in Indian rupee terms; The broking house awaits greater clarity on IT spending trends in this vertical. TCS reported a mixed bag in 1QFY20, with revenue coming in below expectations led by a subdued BFSI performance, while margins were largely in-line. Digital revenue continues to grow at a healthy pace, and attrition remains under control. The company has got a buy rating but one needs to watch the poor performance of BFSI.

Broking firm: Reliance Securities
Rating: Buy
Closing price: ₹2,107.95

ICICI Bank likely to witness growth in profits

For Q4FY2019, ICICI Bank reported net profit of ₹969 crore, which came in lower than estimates owing to higher provisions of ₹5,451 crore. Higher provisions were due to aging of bad assets and increased slippages, which led to PCR increasing by 2.17 per cent quarter-on-quarter basis to 70.62 per cent (considering technical/prudential write-offs, it stood at 76 per cent). During Q4FY2019, the bank's advances grew by 14.5 per cent yoy (four per cent QoQ) aided by healthy retail loan book growth of 21.2 per cent YoY. The main drivers leading to the growth in the retail loan book were personal loans and business banking, which grew by 48.6 per cent and 39.3 per cent respectively on YoY basis. Deposits growth was healthy at 16.4 per cent yoy; CASA deposits also saw a growth of 11.7 per cent yoy. The broking house believes the strength of liability franchise (CASA 50%), shift in loan mix towards retail assets & better rated companies, strong capitalisation, steady improvement in stressed loan and quick resolution would be the key triggers for expansion. The broking house recommended a buy rating on the stock.

Broking firm: Angel Broking
Rating: Buy
Closing price: ₹427.05

Marico to see sales of new products rise

Marico has evolved into one of the leading Indian FMCG companies from a coconut oil manufacturer over the past few years. It has positioned itself on the beauty and wellness platform and caters to hair care, health care, and skin care. Its brands include Parachute, Parachute Advanced, Nihar, Hair & Care, and True Roots in hair care and Set Wet, Hair Code, X-Men, etc. in Male Grooming. The company is focusing on innovation in different segments which will drive volume growth of 8-10 per cent in the medium term. This innovation is across all segments of hair oil, healthy foods and personal care. It has launched first-of-its-kind products like Nihar Naturals Extra Care Hairfall Control Oil and true roots, soups, protein shakes, healthy beverages and localised variants of Saffola masala oats, etc. The share of new products division will double in the next two years from current high single digit. Q4 was more or less in line with estimates. Rural was sluggish in March. In Parachute, it expects more tactical intervention than pricing changes. The stock gets a buy rating.

Broking firm: Edelweiss
Rating: Buy
Closing price: ₹371.20

How to save if you are terrible at saving

Saving isn't rocket science. Here's how you can ace it.



■ Money talk
Adhil Shetty

AUTOMATE YOUR SAVINGS

The world's greatest investor Warren Buffet says, "Do not save what is left after spending; instead spend what is left after saving." There can be no better one-line money advice. If you're trying to save something at the end of the month, you're doing it wrong. Instead, start off the month by saving and investing at least 10 per cent of your take-home income. Use a bank recurring deposit or a mutual fund SIP to do this. You can start these online. This way, in the first week of every month, the money automatically gets funnelled from your savings account to your deposit or mutual fund account. Gradually scale up to 20 per cent, and keep improving from there.

YOLO, BUT KNOW YOUR LIMITS

You only live once, and you must enjoy your money, but the key is to balance your finances. This would allow you to live the life you want to, but also help you save. Therefore, set a monthly and yearly budget for your discretionary spends on lifestyle and entertainment. Let's say your fixed expenses are 50 per cent and you need to save 20 per cent, so your discretionary spends should not be more than 30 per cent. Shopping, clothing, eating out, taking vacations, and buying new gadgets should fall into the 30 per cent bracket. This way, you get what you want, but you also limit yourself meaningfully.

GIVE YOURSELF SOME GOALS

When you don't have financial goals and priorities, your whole income becomes disposable. Therefore, to pre-

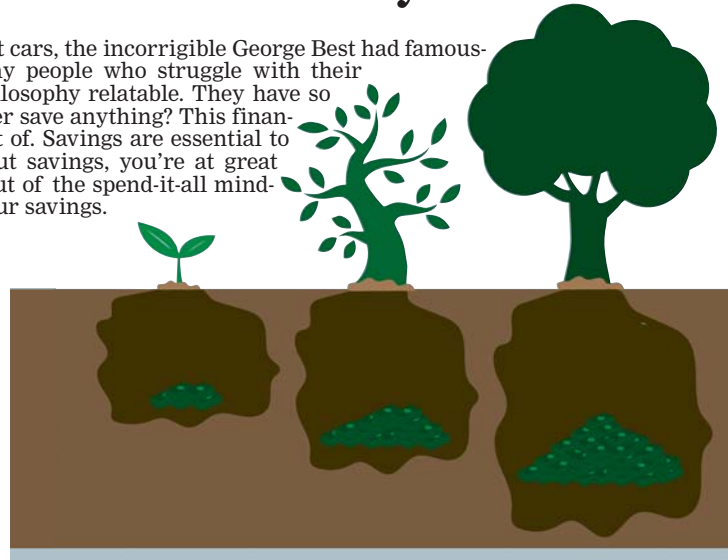
vent your income from being allocated towards avoidable or frivolous pursuits, you must get your priorities straight by setting money goals. You may have already envisioned some life outcomes such as owning a home, high-quality education for your kids, or a comfortable retirement. So, go ahead, set those goals. Flesh out details such as how much money you need to achieve a goal, time left, monthly contributions required, and the investment instrument best suited to the goal. With clear priorities, you'll learn to divert your money to what's truly important.

HAVE A SIDE INCOME FOR SAVINGS

If saving any part of your existing income is a challenge, how about developing an additional income stream? Monetise a hobby, pick up a freelance assignment, or start a part-time gig. However, the sole purpose of this additional income is to help you save. Therefore, ensure that this income — as well as any periodic windfalls you have — go straight into savings or investments.

LEARN TO BE THRIFTY

You have an urge to splurge that can't be suppressed. So, as you satisfy your



CONTINUE EMIS ON CLOSED LOANS

urge, the least you can do is to be thrifty. Look for deals and discounts, and explore ways to maximise your cashbacks, credit card reward points, and freebies. Lifestyle, entertainment and consumption spends don't provide any return on investments. But you can at least make meaningful reductions in those spends which will improve your savings. If you've just finished paying off a loan, don't stop allocating for an EMI. You don't need to pay the lender, but you can continue paying the EMIs — to yourself. You could direct the payments to a mutual fund via a SIP or to a recurring deposit. Developing a savings habit may be tough for you. But taking small steps towards creating the habit will go a long way in ensuring financial security and creating wealth. (The writer is CEO of BankBazaar.com)



INTEREST RATES ON NEW CAR LOAN

EMI RANGE BASED ON LOAN AMOUNT ₹1 LAKH FOR TENURE OF 5 YEARS

Lender's Name	Floating Rate (%)	EMI (In ₹)
Allahabad Bank	8.8- 11.05	2,066 - 2,177
Axis Bank	9.05-11.3	2,078 - 2,189
Bank of India	9.45	2,098
Bank of Maharashtra	9.1- 10.35	2,081 - 2,142
Central Bank	8.9	2,071
Corporation Bank	8.85- 10	2,069 - 2,125
Dena Bank	NA	NA
HDFC Bank	9.65- 10.6	2,108 - 2,154
ICICI Bank	9.3-12.85	2,090 - 2,268
J&K Bank	9.6	2,105
Karnataka Bank	9.6- 10.65	2,105 - 2,157
Punjab National Bank	9- 9.45	2,076 - 2,098
State Bank of India	9.2- 9.9	2,086 - 2,120
UCO Bank	9.05	2,078
United Bank of India	9- 9.05	2,076 - 2,078

The EMI range is indicative and calculated on the basis of interest rate range as provided in the table. In actual situation, it may include other fees and charges as per bank's t&c. Actual applicable interest rate may vary based on the credit profile, loan amount, tenure and as per bank's discretion

— Data taken from respective bank's website as on July 10, 2019



■ Tax matters
Kamal Rathi

Resident has to pay tax in India

I am a person of Indian origin having foreign citizenship. But I am a resident of India now. I receive monthly old age pension from the country of my citizenship. Kindly let me know if I have to declare this as income and pay income-tax on it. Whether also foreign assets need to be disclosed in the return of income?

ANU GOEL
Via email

A) Your residential status being that of a "resident", your entire global income needs to be included in computing income tax for filing your income tax return. You can, however, claim the credit for any tax deducted on your income received from any other country depending on the Double Taxation Treaty with that country. Further, according to the recent ITR forms released by the IT department, every assessee required to furnish a return to disclose the following:

- a) if he holds, as beneficial owner, beneficiary or otherwise, any asset (including financial interest in any entity) located outside India; or
 - b) have signing authority in any account located outside India;
 - c) have income from any source outside India
- He will also have to furnish, on or before the due date, a return in respect of his income or loss for the previous year. The particulars of all the assets i.e. immovable as well as movable assets needs to be furnished in "Schedule FA - Details of Foreign Assets" in the return of income. Movable assets shall include bonds, shares, bank accounts, signing authority in any account located outside India, etc.

I have retired from a PSU bank after 24 years of service in December 2018. I received ₹5,41,000 as unutilised earned leave at the time of retirement and the break-up of my monthly salary drawn for the last one year being: Basic ₹33,580, Dearness Allowance ₹8,920, Special Allowance ₹5,880, other allowances ₹3,820. What are the provisions for unutilised earned leave and the exemption available to me on the above receipt?

SUBHASH
Via email

A) As per the provisions of Section 10(10AA), cash equivalent of leave salary received only at the time of retirement whether on superannuation or otherwise is wholly exempt in the case of Central or State government employees. For others, it shall be exempt from tax to the extent of the least of the following:

- a) Salary per day X Unutilised leave (considering maximum 30 days leave per year) for every year of completed service
- b) Average salary* of last 10 months.
- c) Actual leave encashment amount.
- d) The amount is subject to a maximum ceiling of ₹3,00,000.

* Salary for this purpose includes basic salary, DA and commission based on fixed percentage of turnover secured by employee.

It is to be noted that the amount of ₹3 lakh is the aggregate amount allowed as exemption, irrespective of frequency of leave encashment received by employee by various employers. If an employee has utilised ₹2 lakh already at the time of first resignation, he is only entitled to use balance of ₹1 lakh for the exemption computation next time. Therefore an employee is allowed total exemption of only ₹3 lakh with respect to leave encashed from all employers.

(The writer is a Hyderabad-based chartered accountant. Please send your queries to info@rathiamdalmal.com)

TAX RETURNS DEADLINE

JULY 31: All individuals/assesseees whose accounts are not required to be audited (individuals, HUFs, Association of Persons, Body of Individuals etc.)

SEPT. 30: Persons or entities like a company, an individual or a working partner, whose accounts are required to be audited

NOV. 30: An assessee who is required to furnish report for undertaking international transactions.

Don't let your money become ad'venture' capital



■ Invest talk
R. Balakrishnan

For years, I have been screaming that Management Quality is the key to investing well. World over, research reports from the Sell Side (brokers) never mention this factor or cover even two lines about the promoter or management while advocating a buy on any company stock. The large brokers are afraid of promoters. They get or hope to make fee income from investment banking business with them. Equity Research is a 'cost' and buy reports help them in two ways. One is to get some brokerage revenue, since buy reports are what they call as "actionable". A "sell" does

no research report from big sell side firms carry even two lines on ownership or management quality, unless it is to praise them.

Over the last few months, we have been seeing 'surprises'. Of defaults, frauds and audit issues etc. In fact, I think it will get worse.

In every case, it is obvious that the management quality has been the issue. And it is not as if this is a surprise to anyone who follows business. One would expect that each and every 'sell' side broker or analyst would have told this to you if you ask him 'off the record'. And you can bet that not a single sell side analyst would have put his own money in those stocks, citing 'compliance' issues etc.

In the older established companies, it is easy to know about management quality. There is enough knowledge in the market

players. As regards new business startups, one has to dig deeper in to their backgrounds. And look for warning signs. There are many warning signs which can tell us about promoters.

History is important. Before you invest serious amounts, if you do not do a promoter check, you run the risk of being surprised at some point in future. Today, the net is a fantastic source of information. Plus, use whatever connects you have from vendors, employees, ex-employees etc to get some idea of the promoter. Do not watch the promoter on television and form a view. These persons are coached to present information and are engaged in talking up the share price. So if you are addicted to business television, the miniumu you have to do is to mute the channel. Ideally, it should be off. A rough and dirty

approach is to shortlist companies for investment based on whatever criteria you have and then put it to the management test.

Of course, often you are influenced to buy things without giving serious thoughts, simply because someone else is buying or pushing it. And you feel that the price will run away. I find that this route generally leads to losses. Be safe. At worst, it could be a lost opportunity. In investing, I believe safety of money is important.

When there is a gun pointed at your head and you have to decide, say "no". You can always change a no to a yes. But a yes under such circumstances could result in damage to your wallet more often than not.

What I also find is that good quality management also gets reflected in financials. Consistent ROE or ROCE, steadily declining debt are qualities I look

for: Even if I have no negative feedback, I can usually find some connect with management quality if financials are poor. A good promoter will ensure that he deals with other shareholders fairly, keep his holdings high.

Divide the universe in to three groups: Family owned, independently run and government owned.

In the independently owned ones, lay emphasis on financial analysis. In the family owned, keep probing. And even after you invest, keep tracking the promoter and keep searching. Presume that everyone is out there to get you. That way, you avoid disappointments. Do not put very large chunks of money behind one promoter. Keep a discipline of limiting your per company or per promoter exposure. Keep looking for signs that are red flags such as:

- Changing accounting

policies;

- Increasing total debt;
- If a long list of lenders does not have the well-known private banks;
- Interest capitalisation;
- Preferential allotments to promoters;
- Decline in promoter shareholding to below 30%;
- Too many subsidiaries and affiliates;
- Family shareholding in subsidiaries;
- Poor ROCE;
- Recurring capital expenditure and weak ROCE;
- Continuous acquisitions of unlisted companies.

There is no defined template. When you go in with unknown quality of entrepreneur, your money is like venture capital. Often, it becomes 'ad'venture capital if you do not do some basic checks.

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Unethical deed

Tesla requests iCloud data for engineer who allegedly stole Autopilot secrets right before leaving to work at XMotors.ai, the US research branch of China's Xpeng

SHORT TAKES



INVENTOR OF COMP PASSWORD CORBATO NO MORE

Washington, July 14: Computer security just lost one of its founders. Fernando "Corby" Corbato, credited with inventing the computer password, has died at the age of 93.

The MIT researcher devised the concept of password-protected user accounts when establishing his Compatible Time-Sharing System, which let multiple people use a computer at the same time. It was just a matter of establishing "compartmentalisation" and basic privacy, Corbato told the *Wall Street Journal* in a 2014 interview, but the move would help shape digital security going forward.

His Multics time-sharing system, meanwhile, paved the way for future operating systems like Linux with finer-grained privacy controls, a hierarchical file system and other features.



OURPACT IS BACK TO 'HAUNT' APP STORE

Mumbai, July 14: OurPact, an app that lets parents monitor and limit their children's use of technology, has returned to the App Store after being removed this spring.

Its creators posted a social message to followers informing them of the app's return to iOS earlier this week.

"A major thank you to our community for the outpouring of support throughout these removals," the OurPact announcement reads.

"Every tweet, share, and mention helped spread the word and restore the future of iOS digital parenting. We look forward to developing family screen time solutions for years to come!"

OurPact was one of 11 apps providing parental control over kids' smartphone usage to be restricted or completely removed from the App Store in April. Apple argued that the apps in question used mobile device management technology that could give a third party control and access over a device.



IPHONE INDIA PRICES SLASHED, UP TO ₹40K OFF

Mumbai, July 14: With the Amazon Prime Day just around the corner, it's that time of the year to indulge yourself and splurge on products that are heavily discounted. As a part of the Prime Day extravaganza, the prices of the highly-sought after iPhone XR, iPhone 6S and iPhone 7 have all seen their prices slashed up to ₹40,000 off.

If you have been holding out on purchasing these handsets and have been daunted by the huge price tag that's associated with Apple iPhones, then this is the perfect time for you to grab these highly-sought after smartphones.

The iPhone XR, which is the most recent handset from Apple, is a part of this Prime Day offer. Amazon has discounted the price up to ₹40,000 which makes it a complete steal. This handset is available in six colour options and is designed for anyone who wants Apple's current flagship at an unbeatable price.

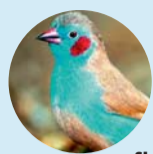
ENJOY THIS 'DIVORCED BIRDS' SUBREDDIT

Divorce is hilarious! That's why HBO made a whole show named after it. It's also why there's a funny subreddit called r/DivorcedBirds. It explores tropes you didn't even realise you had stored in the back of your mind about divorce, breakups, mid-life crises, and the struggle of starting over. It shows how we humans can see ourselves reflected in anything.

Every woman with a Facebook account has gotten a message like this one, posted with a photo of a secretary bird by redditor SlightlyControversial:



Hey girl! I just discovered THE most amazing vaccine-free non-gmo chemical-free mascara and now I own my own totally legit 100% real business. Let me know if you would like more info about this once in a life opportunity #bossbabe



And you can't help but feel for this red-cheeked cordon-bleu, captioned by redditor purkinjeforest: "Sylvia knew that it was finally time to put herself out there and date again. With a tasteful touch of blush and a berry lip gloss, she headed to the singles mixer."



Redditor FashiOnFashOff grabbed this screenshot from a nature video and wrote, "After spending so much time and money advocating for split custody, Charles was beginning to rethink his decisions."

ON R/DIVORCEDBIRDS YOU'LL SEE:

- Birds who regret nothing
- Birds battling lawyers
- Birds who cried off their mascara
- Birds in skinny jeans
- Birds who remind me of that TV Show Californication
- Birds taking one last look at the family home
- Birds who are tired of your lies
- Birds taking it out on the kids
- Birds who always relied on the wife to cook
- Birds who still shop for two
- Birds that almost made me cry, etc.

The subreddit was inspired by a one-off joke in 2018:

My new thing is finding birds that look like they are twice divorced pic.twitter.com/1YKmplUfV — Cheish (@TheCheish) January 21, 2018

WHAT'S NEW

13-inch MacBook Pro not 2 times powerful

■ It has 4,639 Geekbench 4 score in single-core performance

Washington, July 14: Repair guide site and parts vendor iFixit yet again tore down the latest Mac to see what's different inside and to assess its repairability.

Last week, this new entry-level 13-inch MacBook Pro with Touch Bar replaced the previous Touch Bar-less low-end MacBook Pro in Apple's store.

Combine that with now-public Geekbench benchmarks of the machine, and we have a clear picture of what the lowest-price MacBook Pro model is all about.

The refreshed low-end 13-inch MacBook Pro managed an average 4,639 Geekbench 4 score in single-core performance and 16,665 in multi-core. Compare that with 4,341 and 9,084, respectively, in the previous bottom-tier 13-inch MacBook Pro, and we are looking at up to 83 per cent faster performance in the new machine. But it doesn't quite meet Apple's marketing claim that the new machine is "two times more powerful" than its predecessor.

It was found that the low-end 13-inch MacBook Pro is still distinct from its higher-priced 13-inch sibling,

WHICH MACBOOK TO PICK

Variety of models with different capabilities, make it difficult to find the one that's best for you. However, we are here to help.



Apple MacBook Air (13-inch)

■ Apple has upgraded the MacBook Air adding the company's True Tone tech to the Retina display.



Apple MacBook Pro (15-inch with Touch Bar)

■ The only high-end laptop Apple makes is the 15-inch MacBook Pro. It has six-core, eighth-generation Intel Core i7 processor.



Apple MacBook Pro (13-inch)

■ The 13-inch MacBook Pro straddles the power and weight divide between the new Air and 15-inch MacBook Pro.

■ It offers powerful quad-core processors and all-day battery life in a reasonably portable 3-pound package.

primarily in terms of ports — it has two Thunderbolt 3 ports to the more expensive version's four. But in other ways, they're closer together than before, mainly with the inclusion of the Touch Bar and Touch ID and associated hardware changes to accommodate those.

Apple also reduced the size of a heat pipe in the cooling system and one speaker in order to accommodate hardware for Touch ID.

It has been confirmed that Apple has indeed used the latest version of the butterfly keyboard, which the company claims will not fail as often as previous versions — even though it's still covered by Apple's repair program for butterfly keyboards. — Agencies



NEURALINK TO SHOW HOW TO LINK BRAIN WITH COMPS

San Francisco, July 14: Neuralink, Elon Musk's fourth and least visible company, will become a bit less secretive on Tuesday with a livestreamed presentation about its technology to connect computers directly to human brains.

You can also apply to attend the San Francisco event in person to hear "a bit about what we've been working on the last two years," Neuralink tweeted.

Neuralink, founded in 2016, is working on a way to let human brains communicate directly with computers. Goals include fast transfer rates and quick responses, but just establishing a connection and figuring out how to exchange useful information presents immense challenges.

One possible approach involves an array of flexible probes inserted into the brain with a system resembling a sewing machine, an idea described by researchers reportedly associated with Neuralink. Musk founded the company in an effort to give humans a performance edge as we cope with the arrival of artificial intelligence — a technology he views as an existential threat to the race. — Agencies

Leaked assistant recordings violation of policies: Google

Washington, July 14: Earlier this week, a report revealed that Google employees had been "systematically listening" to audio files recorded by Google Home smart speakers and the Google Assistant smartphone app.

The report detailed how employees were listening to excerpts of recordings that are captured when a user activates the device by the usual "Okay Google" or "Hey Google" commands.

Google has responded to the report, publishing a blog titled "More information about our processes to safeguard speech data".

The search engine giant confirmed that it uses recordings in partnership with language experts from around the world who "understand the nuances and accents of a specific language", and



said the experts review and transcribe a small set of queries to help it better understand those languages.

It is stated in its terms and conditions that a user's conversation will be recorded, and Google's blog post said capturing the interaction is a critical part of the process of building speech technology, and is necessary to creating products like the Google Assistant.

Google, however, has said providing the recordings was a violation of its data security policies. — Agencies

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NEAR | FUTURE ■ It will not replace traditional systems; mostly to be applied in research, industries

Quantum computers launch will take 10 yrs

Lindau (Germany), July 14: The long sought-after quantum computers — a superfast technology touted as the next big revolution in computers — may not be in the market in at least 10 years, according to scientists, including German Nobel Laureate Klaus Von Klitzing.

Quantum computers leverage the characteristics of quantum mechanics to solve problems faster than regular computers. They have long been thought to spur the development of new breakthroughs in science, life-saving medications and, machine learning and diagnosing diseases faster.

Prize in Physics for the discovery of the integer quantum Hall effect, said that quantum computers, when available, will not replace the traditional systems in use and would mostly be applied in research and industries. "I don't see quantum computers launching in another 10 years, and even if they come I feel they won't be available for day-to-day calculations for common people, Klitzing said during the 69th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting here.

Elena Jordan from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the US agreed with Klitzing. "Quantum computers

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FinSpy swats again, targets iOS, Android

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Kaspersky experts have uncovered new versions of the advanced malicious surveillance tool FinSpy. The new implants work on both iOS and Android devices, can monitor activity on almost all popular messaging services, including encrypted ones, and hide their traces better than before.

The tools allow attackers to spy on all device activities and exfiltrate sensitive data such as GPS location, messages, calls and more.

FinSpy is an extremely effective software tool for targeted surveillance that has been observed stealing information from international NGOs, governments and law enforcement organisations all over the world.

FB NOW SHOWS WHERE AD FIRMS GET YOUR DATA

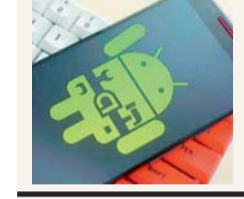
New York, July 14: The next time you see Facebook ads, you can check to see why you were targeted by those brands and where the companies got your data.

Facebook announced that it is updating its Ad Preferences and "Why am I seeing this ad?" tools, which were first introduced four years ago. The changes will help users find more information about why they are seeing the ads that the platform serves up to them.

To see why a brand wants you to see an ad, click the ellipses icon in the top-right of an ad, then click "Why am I seeing this ad?" to learn how you fit the profile the company is targeting.

It claims that now users can see more details, like the specific site they visited or Facebook page they liked. The tool will also guide users to a page where they can manage their ad preferences. — Agencies

MALWARE ALERT



Its operators can tailor the behaviour of each malicious FinSpy implant to a specific target or group of targets. The basic functionality of the malware includes almost unlimited monitoring of the device's activities: such as geolocation, all incoming and outgoing messages, contacts, media stored on the device, and data from popular messaging services like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger or Viber. All the exfiltrated data is transferred to the attacker

via SMS messages or the HTTP protocol. The latest known versions of the malware extend the surveillance functionality to additional messaging services, including those considered 'secure', such as Telegram, Signal or Threema. Based on the information available to Kaspersky, in order to successfully infect both Android and iOS-based devices, attackers need either physical access to the phone or an already jail broken/rooted device.

Phantom glasses at privacy rescue

Los Angeles, July 14: Designer and creator Scott Urban is set out to achieve "privacy as life's default setting" with his newest line of "privacy eyewear".

Dubbed Phantom, the glasses seek to, at least in part, stem the tide of facial-recognition technology chipping away at our ability to exist in society without being tracked.

The Phantoms are the latest iteration in privacy wear from Urban, whose 2016 Reflectacles Ghost frames — currently sold out — reflect both visible light and infrared light as a way to partially blind traditional flash photography and IR security cameras.

Unlike the Ghost model, the newer Phantoms (pictured above) reflect only IR light and also come with the option of IR-light blocking lenses. This means that your face won't be blurred out in photographs taken with a flash, or in standard security camera footage in a well-lit environment. But that doesn't mean the glasses aren't working.

The frames are specifically designed to defeat 3D dot matrix face-mapping systems, which is

CHINESE STARTUP CAN HELP YOU UNITE WITH PETS

Beijing, July 14: Expanding its technology beyond humans to recognise different faces of pets, this Chinese AI start-up's new program is trained to recognise dogs by their nose prints — much like how humans have unique fingerprints.

Megvii app can register your dog simply by scanning the snout through your phone's camera.

Just like how a phone registers your fingerprint for biometric unlocks, the app asks you to take photos of your dog's nose from multiple angles. Megvii says it has an accuracy rate of 95 per cent and has reunited 15,000 pets with their owners.

basically what makes Apple's Face ID work. They bounce infrared light back at its source, with the goal of preventing IR video cameras from getting a good image of your face — or potentially even registering your face as a face at all. — Agencies

