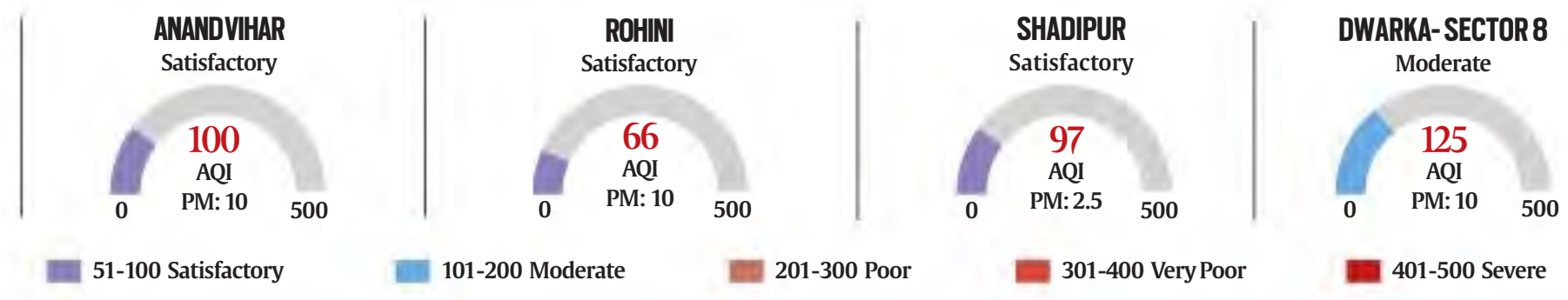




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ENGLISH, HISTORY DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE FINAL CALL

Modify syllabus over portrayal of gods, riots: DU academic council

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

AFTER OBJECTIONS were raised by a section of teachers over the undergraduate syllabus of English, History, Science, Political Science and Sociology, Delhi University's Academic Council (AC) Tuesday referred the syllabus of English and History back to the respective departments for reconsideration, thereby refusing to pass it as is, AC members said.

sent back for modification, while others claimed they were passed with "minor modifications".

Student outfit ABVP also protested against the proposed syllabus. The National Democratic Teachers' Front (NDTF) claimed the story 'Maniben alias Bibijan' introduced in the English syllabus, based on the Gujarat riots, has shown characters from the Bajrang Dal and RSS in a "bad light" and as "murderers".

NDTF member Rasal Singh, also an AC member, objected to inclusion of Muzaffarnagar riots and lynchings in the syllabus. He claimed the new syllabus por-

trayed some Indian gods as being part of the LGBT community.

Singh said that instead of papers like 'Indian Writing in English', 'objectionable' papers like 'Literature and Caste' and 'Interrogating Queerness' were being introduced.

With respect to the History syllabus, the NDTF said Naxalism and Communism was sought to be taught in papers such as 'Democracy on work'.

In Political Science, their objection was to the teaching of Maoism in the 'Social Movements' course, and in Sociology, it was the absence of

the Vedic period and joint family.

Singh told *The Indian Express* that "all four courses had been referred back". However, Saikat Ghosh, another AC member, claimed, "There was pandemonium because of sloganeering by ABVP outside and NDTF inside. In this commotion, English and History were told their syllabus would require major modifications and were referred back, whereas Political Science and Sociology were passed with minor modifications."

Some AC members claimed that later in the day, ABVP members tried to barge into the Vice-

Chancellor's office. They allegedly surrounded the V-C lodge and demanded that the heads of departments of History and English be handed over to them. However, ABVP denied the charge and said they only protested peacefully outside. DU's Academic Council comprises 166 members, with the Registrar as the Chair.

The body consists of heads of departments as well as elected teacher representatives. While AC has sent the syllabus back for reconsideration, the department committee will be the final authority on the matter.

RFID rolled out but some speed bumps on Day 1



RFID tag cabins being constructed at Ghazipur (main) toll plaza, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

ABHINAV RAJPUT & ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

ON MONDAY, Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal inaugurated the radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology at 13 toll booths in the capital, which will deduct toll automatically from commercial vehicles. A visit to six places by *The Indian Express* Tuesday, however, suggested that the system is yet to become fully operational.

At several places, toll was being collected manually in RFID lanes; private vehicles were seen entering the RFID lane meant for commercial vehicles; and vehicles were seen trying to pass without paying the toll, leading to jams. At some places, system glitches led to first-day hiccups.

The South Corporation has said the RFID system will be in place at Kundli, Rajokri, Tikri, Aya Nagar, Kalindi Kunj, Kapashera, Shahdara (main), Shahdara (flyover), Ghazipur (main), Ghazipur (old), DND Flyway, Badarpur-Faridabad (main) and Badarpur-Faridabad (flyover) toll plazas. At eight of these loca-

tions, though, the system has been running on a trial basis for the last six months, said officials.

At Ghazipur (main) toll plaza, civil and electrical work was underway, with officials saying it will take a day or two for the system to be up and running as they are yet to install cameras, barricades, computers and other equipment. "We are hoping to finish the work by tomorrow. There are some finishing touches left," he said.

At Ghazipur (old) toll plaza, while barricades and cameras had been installed, the RFID lane earmarked for commercial vehicles had private vehicles and two-wheelers entering them.

Additional Commissioner, South MCD, Randhir Sahay attributed the chaos to commercial car owners, most of whom, according to him, had not installed RFID tags on their windshield.

"Once car owners get RFID tags installed, the problem will be fixed," Sahay said, adding that there is also a lack of discipline among commuters with private vehicles entering lanes meant for commercial vehicles.

Officials at the site echoed Sahay's version, saying that most

people either did not have RFID tags installed, or had not got it recharged.

The corporation claims to have sold over 40,000 RFID tags till now.

Officials at Kalindi Kunj and Badarpur toll plazas in South East Delhi said it may take over a week to get the system operational. "The systems at Kalindi Kunj and Badarpur are not working yet, and we are working to fix the problem. In 8-10 days, the RFID sensors will start working," said Binayak Dhal, assistant project manager of MEP Infrastructure Developers Ltd. The infrastructure company, which began operations Saturday, is developing Delhi's toll plazas under an agreement with SDCM.

"Sensors are working but some of them are not reading the tag properly. For now, we are letting vehicles pass. The sensors will start running properly in a couple of days. We are working on the issue," said Sudhir Deshpande, director general manager, MEP Infra.

"Meanwhile, we are advertising the technology as most people don't know about it yet," he said.

2 weeks of happiness: Govt plans fest to highlight flagship project

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

A TWO-WEEK-LONG festival to commemorate one year of the Delhi government's flagship happiness curriculum began Tuesday with activities across all Delhi government schools.

The happiness curriculum was launched in 1,000-plus schools on July 2 last year. It has since become one of the government's most publicised education initiatives, with governments of different states and regions — Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Ladakh, and countries like Afghanistan — expressing interest in it.

Education Minister Manish Sisodia said the aim of the 'Happiness Utsav' is to help artic-



AAP govt had launched happiness curriculum in July last year. Archive

ulate benefits of the programme better. "Many people feel good things are happening through these classes, but they are unable to articulate them. During this festival, students can share their experiences in assemblies and through art and debates. The most articulate ones will share their thoughts at the zonal and

district levels. On July 31, there will be a finale at Talkatora Stadium, in which these thoughts will be shared," he said.

Till July 31, 'happiness assemblies' will be held every morning across all Delhi government schools for students up to Class VIII, and activities have been allotted for each day. These include panel discussions on themes like "What ensures my happiness?" and "Having compassion for others"; discussions among students on changes they have observed in themselves through the classes; presentation of skits on "What makes you happy?"

Sisodia said invitations to the festival have been sent out to education ministers of every state: "We have already received confirmation that a Japanese delegation will be attending the event..."

AAP govt picks Atishi, Raghav for Metro board

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

THE DMRC board is likely to have political appointees for the first time, with the Delhi government recommending four names associated with the AAP to be nominated to the highest decision making body of the Delhi Metro, sources said.

A Transport Department official said names recommended by the Delhi government are Atishi, Raghav Chadha, Jasmine Shah and Rajya Sabha MP N D Gupta's son Naveen Gupta, who is a former president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot did not respond to calls seeking a comment.

Atishi and Chadha contested the Lok Sabha polls, while Shah is currently vice-chairman of a Delhi government advisory body, the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi.

DMRC board can have 17 members. Currently, it has 13.

The Delhi government can nominate five members to the DMRC board, including the DMRC managing director.

The Centre can nominate five members, including the chairman.

"The norm has been to nominate the Chief Secretary, Finance Secretary and the Transport Commissioner. This time the government has sent political names," an official said.

The DMRC board, however, has to approve names of the nominees.

Returning from party, Big Chill chef beaten with plank by 3 men

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

A 27-YEAR-OLD employee of Khan Market's The Big Chill Cafe was Tuesday assaulted by three men, who confronted him in South Delhi's Kotla Mubarakpur over right of way in a narrow lane.

Police said the man, Pranay Pradhan, who hails from Darjeeling and works as a chef, was hit on the head with a wooden plank and is in a critical condition.

Police said Pradhan and four of his friends were returning from a birthday party when they came across the three accused. While two men have been arrested, the third is at large.

"We received a call at 2:32 am about a dispute near Subhash Gali. A man had suf-

fered head injuries and was rushed to Safdarjung Hospital by his friends, who also suffered minor injuries. The man is critical," said an officer.

The man's friend, Nitesh Shankar, told police that he and his friends were passing a congested lane when they got into an altercation with the accused over who would go first.

"They were drinking liquor and one of them pushed our friend. The second guy picked up a wooden plank and hit Pradhan on the head," Shankar, who works as a cashier at The Big Chill Cafe, said.

An officer said: "We deployed a team near the area and the accused were identified. They live nearby, and were also returning from a birthday party. Two of them have been arrested and efforts are on to trace the third."

JNU guard will now study Russian on same campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

RAMJAL MEENA, who until now worked as a security guard at Jawaharlal Nehru University, will now be studying in the very same buildings he guarded — the 33-year-old has cracked the entrance for BA Russian in the recently announced results.

A fan of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Meena has dreams of visiting the country and learning about its culture. While he could not be contacted, Meena told ANI, "I will study the Russian language here in the university for the next five years... I want to visit Russia one day. I want to see its culture and lifestyle. Russia is a good country, India also purchases a lot of defence equipment from there."

Hailing from Karauli in Rajasthan, Meena had to quit studies during college to help his family financially. His father was a daily wage labourer.

He used to earn Rs 50-60 per day while working with his father, but after getting married and having children, he started working as a security guard. The decision was also taken to pay off his father's loans.

He joined JNU in 2014 as a G4S security guard while completing his graduation and post-graduation through open learning. He wanted to continue studying and found 5-6 hours in a day to prepare for the JNU Entrance.

Now enrolled as a regular student, Meena faces the problem of funds and the fact that class timings could clash with his working hours. Some of his peers have said they will try to help him the best they can.

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QUICK DECISION

THE STALEMATE in Karnataka Assembly, with Speaker Ramesh Kumar taking his time to decide on the resignations, is in sharp contrast to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu's quick decision on Neeraj Shekhar, who joined the BJP a day after his resignation as a member of the Upper House. Since deciding on Sharad Yadav's resignation, Naidu has been insisting that Presiding Officers should decide on such matters in the quickest possible time, and decide within three months whether it's a case of defection.

READYING FOR POLLS

VELLORE LOK Sabha seat goes to the polls on August 5. This is the only seat where Lok Sabha elections weren't held with the rest of the country, as the Election Commission was convinced that money power was used to vitiate the election process, and the elections were thus countermanded. The EC's decision was based primarily on Rs 11 crore cash seized during a search and seizure operation carried out under DGIT (Investigation) B Murali Kumar. The poll panel has now appointed Kumar as its special expenditure observer in Vellore to oversee expenditure-related matters in the run-up to August 5.

SETTING STANDARDS

FORMER INDIAN envoy to Japan Sujan Chinoy, who now heads the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), is setting new benchmarks for physical regime. A fitness freak from his college days, Chinoy was recently seen doing push-ups in his office in his formals. "Someone said there is no time for exercise in our daily routine! I disagreed and showed him how! #kheoloindia," he tweeted. Chinoy, who has been India's ambassador to Mexico, had also worked at the National Security Secretariat.

Gehlot: Will bring law against mob lynching, honour killing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JULY 16

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday announced his government will bring a law against mob lynching, along the lines of Uttar Pradesh, as well as a law against "honour killing".

He made this announcement while replying to a debate on the Budget in the state Assembly. Expressing concern over these "disturbing" incidents, Gehlot said his government is "serious" about them, and referred to UP, where the state Law Commission recently framed a draft legislation to combat mob lynching.

In UP, the Combating of Mob

Lynching Bill (2019) proposes imprisonment (upto 10 years for serious injuries and upto life imprisonment in case of death) and stringent fines for perpetrators, as well as those involved in planning and abetting lynchings. In Madhya Pradesh, existing law is being amended to include provision for punishment for indulging in cow vigilantism.

Similarly, Gehlot said his government will bring in a law against "honour killing", and referred to a case in Sirohi, where a couple was killed and burnt last month. Gehlot said family members may not accept the inter-faith or inter-caste marriages of their children, but "what right do they have to kill?"

—WITHPTIINPUTS

Hunt for Law Secy: 3 from outside ILS also in shortlist

KAUNAIN SHERIFFM
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

MOVING TO appoint a new Law Secretary, the government, besides shortlisting three senior officers of the Indian Legal Service, has interviewed three others from outside the ILS cadre, including a former Delhi Principal Secretary (Law) who had locked horns with the Delhi government and cleared the sanction to prosecute JNU students in an alleged sedition case.

The Department of Legal Affairs, under the Union Law Ministry, which advises ministries on legal matters including interpretation of the Constitution and the laws, has been functioning without a full-time Law Secretary for more than six months now.

Currently, Justice Secretary and senior IAS officer Dr Alok Srivastava is holding additional charge of Law Secretary. He was entrusted the charge after Law Secretary Suresh Chandra, an ILS officer, retired last December. Over 60 applicants applied for the post after the government advertised, calling for nominations with April 12 as the deadline for receiving applications.

Sources said this the second

time that the Centre has invited applications for the post of Law Secretary. In 2016, when Law Secretary P K Malhotra retired, the government had called for applications. But eventually an ILS officer, Suresh Chandra, was appointed Law Secretary. Prior to Malhotra, Law Secretaries DR Meena and Dr T K Viswanathan were also ILS officers.

Allowing non-ILS officers to apply for the post of Law Secretary, the government said that a "person of ability and having special knowledge of law and professional experience of not less than 25 years in the areas of law, legal affairs, or any other field which in the opinion of central government would be useful for the post" is the "essential qualification" for an applicant.

It is learnt that a committee headed by the Union Cabinet Secretary had shortlisted at least eight applicants who were interviewed on June 26. One of them, sources said, was former Delhi Principal Secretary (Law) A K Mendiratta who belongs to the Delhi Higher Judicial Service. He is currently District & Sessions Judge (North-East), Karkardooma Courts.

Mendiratta had earlier been repatriated to his parent judicial service cadre by the Delhi gov-

KARNATAKA CM SEES POACHING BID, BJP COUNTERS

Questioned in Ponzi case: Baig detained at airport, later freed

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BENGALURU, JULY 16

FORMER KARNATAKA minister and senior Congress leader R Roshan Baig, among 16 MLAs of the ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition who have resigned since July 6, sending the coalition into turmoil, was detained at Bengaluru airport on Monday night by a special investigation team (SIT) probing the alleged multi-crore IMA Group Ponzi scam.

Baig was released by the SIT on Tuesday after questioning and has been asked to appear before the agency on July 19.

"I wanted to fly to Pune but due to some confusion they thought that I am running away. Some people played mischief," Baig claimed.

Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy has linked the legislator's attempt to leave Bengaluru to the BJP's efforts to win a tight trust vote in the Assembly, scheduled for July 18. He alleged that Baig was on his way to Mumbai to join the 13 rebel MLAs there.

Denying the accusations, the BJP stated: "Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy is using state machinery to save his govern-



Baig says he wanted to go to Pune; CM Kumaraswamy says the Congress legislator wanted to go to Mumbai and join the rebel MLAs.

ment. Mr Roshan Baig was given time till 19th July to appear before SIT. This shows how the state is blackmailing and treating their own MLAs."

Baig, 65, was scheduled to fly on a chartered aircraft to Pune with an aide of Karnataka BJP chief and former CM B S Yeddyurappa, police sources said, quoting a passenger manifest for the chartered aircraft. The BJP has denied the presence of Yeddyurappa's secretary N L Santhosh on the Pinnacle Air four-seater aircraft that was chartered to fly to Pune.

According to officers, the SIT received a tip-off on Baig's plans to fly out around 8.30 pm on Monday and stalled the aircraft at the airport.

Late Monday night, Kumaraswamy tweeted, "Today SIT probing the IMA case detained Roshan Baig for questioning at BIAL airport while he was trying leave along with Yeddyurappa's PA Santhosh on a chartered flight to Mumbai. I was told that on seeing the SIT, Santhosh ran away while the team apprehended Mr. Baig.... BJP's Yogeshwar was present at the time. It's a shame that Karnataka BJP is helping a former minister who is facing a probe in the IMA case. This clearly shows BJP's direct involvement in destabilizing the govt through horse trading."

But the BJP stated, "It is false that Yeddyurappa's PA Santhosh was travelling along with Mr Baig. The CM is peddling fake news and misleading the state. It was only Mr Baig who was travelling and there was no second passenger. We demand a check of boarding passes and CCTV footage to put out the facts."

Baig, who has been linked to a move to BJP for several weeks,

was last month named by Mohammed Mansoor Khan, the founder of IMA Group, as one of recipients of funds from the firm, leading to eventual collapse of its Ponzi scheme. More than 40,000 investors have been affected as a result.

The SIT had earlier called Baig for questioning on July 11 and July 15 in connection with the alleged scam but had given him grace time on both occasions in what seemed part of a political strategy by the ruling combine to keep him with the coalition ahead of a trust vote in the Assembly on July 18.

The first SIT notice to Baig was served on July 9, shortly after he resigned from the Congress, adding to a growing number of rebels who reduced the coalition government to a minority through their resignations. According to sources, Baig subsequently met Chief Minister Kumaraswamy and assured support to the government in exchange for leniency in the IMA probe.

"We do not what prompted the MLA to decide to leave Bengaluru after having assured the CM of cooperation to protect the government," a source in JD(S) said.



Neeraj Shekhar with BJP working president J P Nadda at the party's head office in New Delhi on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

Neeraj Shekhar joins BJP, says country safe under Modi, Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

FORMER SAMAJWADI Party MP Neeraj Shekhar joined the BJP on Tuesday, a day after he quit his party and resigned from the Rajya Sabha. He said he joined the saffron party because he wanted to work in national interest as he is convinced that the country is safe under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Shekhar (50), the son of former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar, was a Lok Sabha MP from 2007 to 2014, representing Ballia — the constituency earlier held by his father. In 2014,

Shekhar lost the polls to his BJP rival Bharat Singh, and was nominated to the Rajya Sabha. He was not fielded by the SP in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

On Tuesday, Shekhar joined the BJP at a function attended by the party's general secretaries Bhupender Yadav and Anil Jain and its media head Anil Baluni.

Later speaking to the press, Shekhar said it was becoming difficult for him to continue working in the Samajwadi Party. "The support the Prime Minister received in the general election convinced me that if I have to work in the national interest, then I should work under him and Amit Shah. The country is convinced that it is safe under them," he said.

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'e' Procurement Tender Notice
Tender No.: 02/EE(IC&CM)/2019-20

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW) II DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
Near Dwarka, WTP, Dwarka, NEW DELHI-110043
NIT No. 12 (19-20) Item No. 01, 02.03 & 04
Table with columns: S. No., Name of work, Amount Put to Tender, EMD & Tender Fee, Completion Period, Date of release of tender in e-Procurement solution, Last date/time receipt of tender through e-procurement solution

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU AND KASHMIR, SRINAGAR
NIT No. 45 of 2019 Dated: 11.07.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders are hereby invited from Original Manufacturers or their authorized dealers having proper authorization of the manufacturer to quote against the tender for the supply of Bomb Basket...

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THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.
SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-13
NOTICE INVITING TENDER www.verka.coop
Table with columns: Sr No., Name of the item, Qty/ Contract Period, Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening, Tender Cost (Rs.), E.M.D (Rs.), Date & Time for Sale/ Downloading of e-tenders online, Last Date & Time of submission of online e-tenders, Date & Time of opening of e-tenders

पश्चिमोत्तर विद्युत् वितरण निगम लि. मेरठ
निविदा तिथि विस्तार सूचना
एतद्वारा अत्यन्तलीन निविदा संख्या- 15, 16 एवं 17 (कार्य)/2019-20, जोकि दिनांक 15.07.2019 को खोली जानी थी, को अपरिहार्य कारणों से तिथि विस्तार किया जाता है, जो कि 20.07.2019 को पूर्ववत् समयानुसार खोली जायेगी। शेष नियम व शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगीं। अधिशासी अभियंता, विद्युत् वितरण खण्ड-चतुर्थ, मेरठ। राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाव चोरी की सूचना:- 1800-180-3002 पत्र संख्या:- 2473/वि.वि.ख.-चतुर्थ/मेरठ/कैम्प/दिनांक: 16.07.2019

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. XI, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15 Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Percentage Rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works and the Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in:

FEROZEPUR CANTONMENT BOARD
For and on behalf of Cantonment Board, Ferozpur, application(s) is/are invited from the interested parties for participating in the e-auction, detail of which is as under:
Table with columns: Sl. No., E-auction of Site(s)/Shop/Stall, Last Date of Submitting Documents

Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Santal City: P.B. No. 5531, Bengaluru-Pune Highway, Bengaluru - 560 055. Ph: 23378715, 23371103 Fax: 23375102, 23370498 e-Mail: ksdl.dgmmts@gmail.com
Date: 16.07.2019

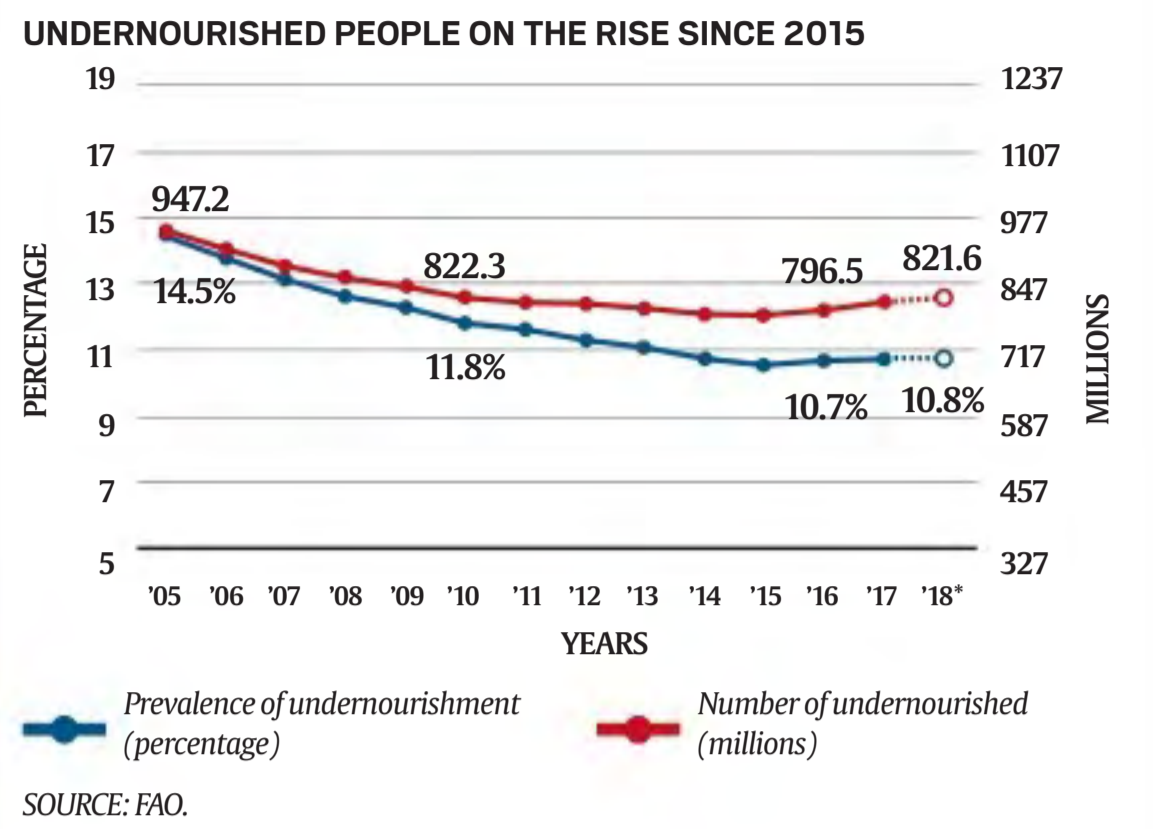
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tenders are invited by KS&DL in two cover system through e-procurement portal (Website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) with respect to supply of following Materials/ Services.
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AGRA SMART CITY LIMITED
AGRA NAGAR NIGAM AGRA
NIT No. 04/ASCL/ICCC Electrical/May-19 Date: 15.07.2019
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The tenders are invited for the following works as below-
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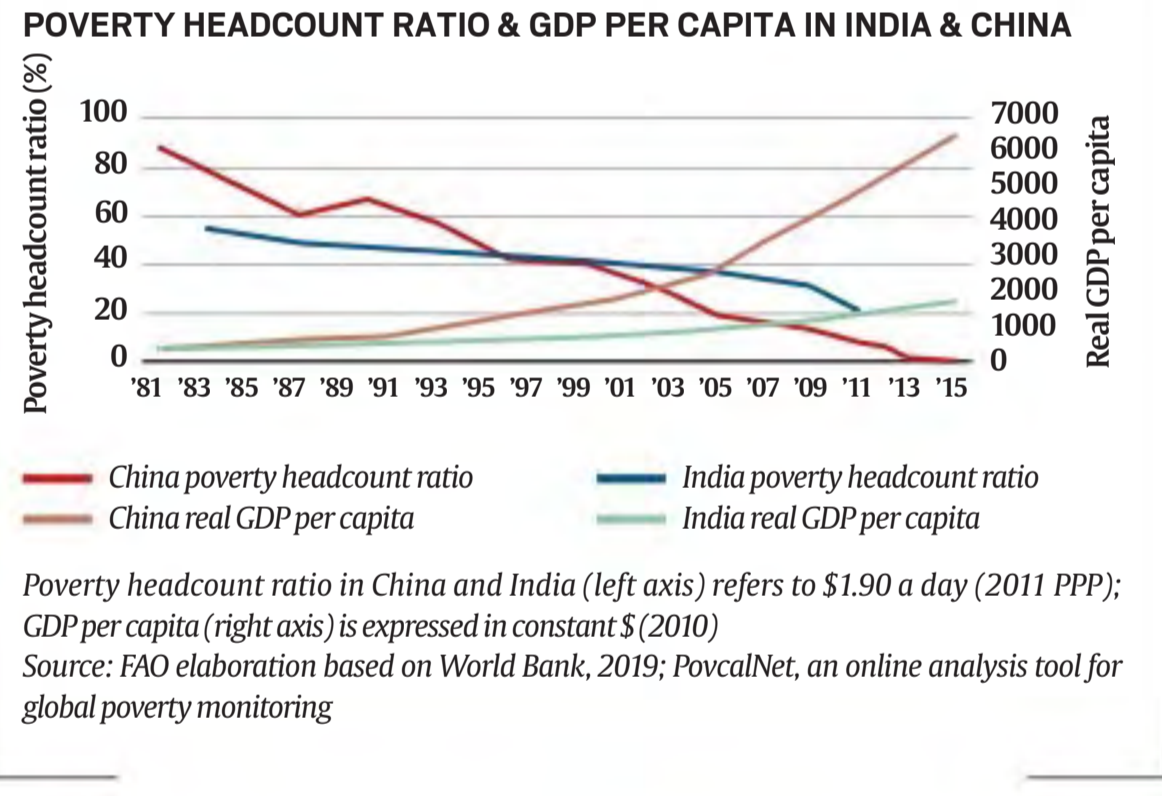
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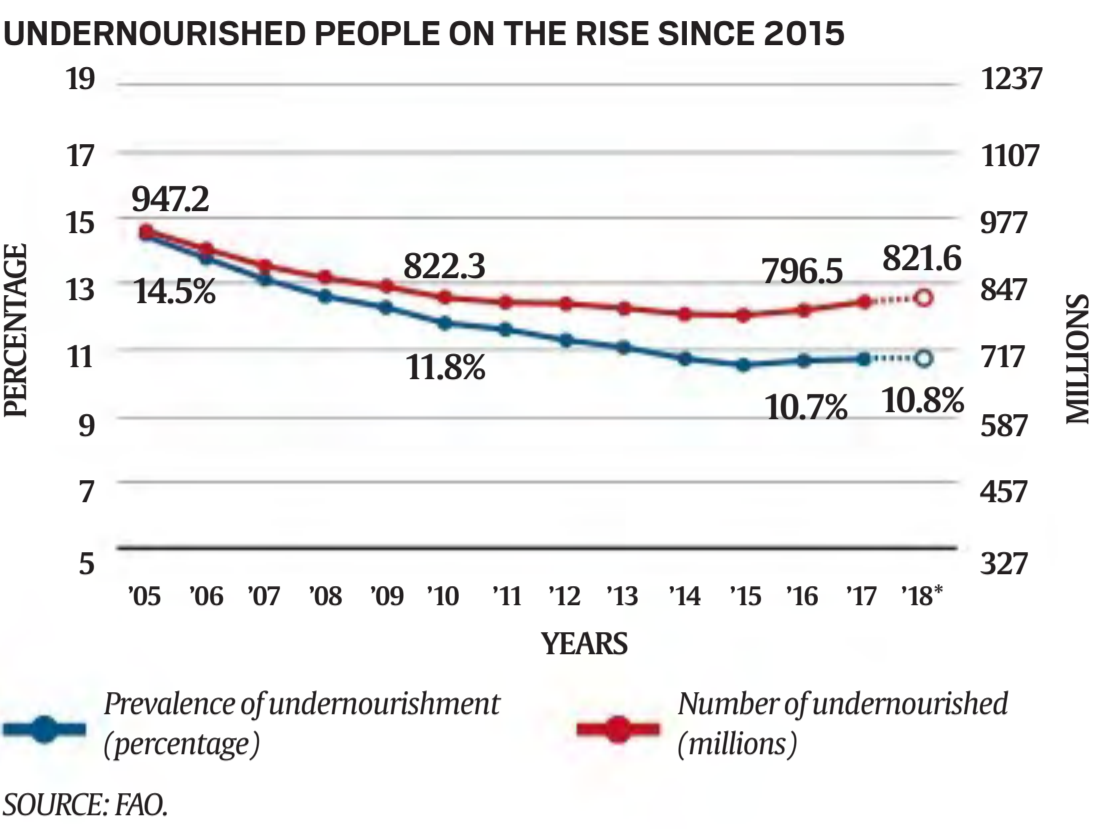
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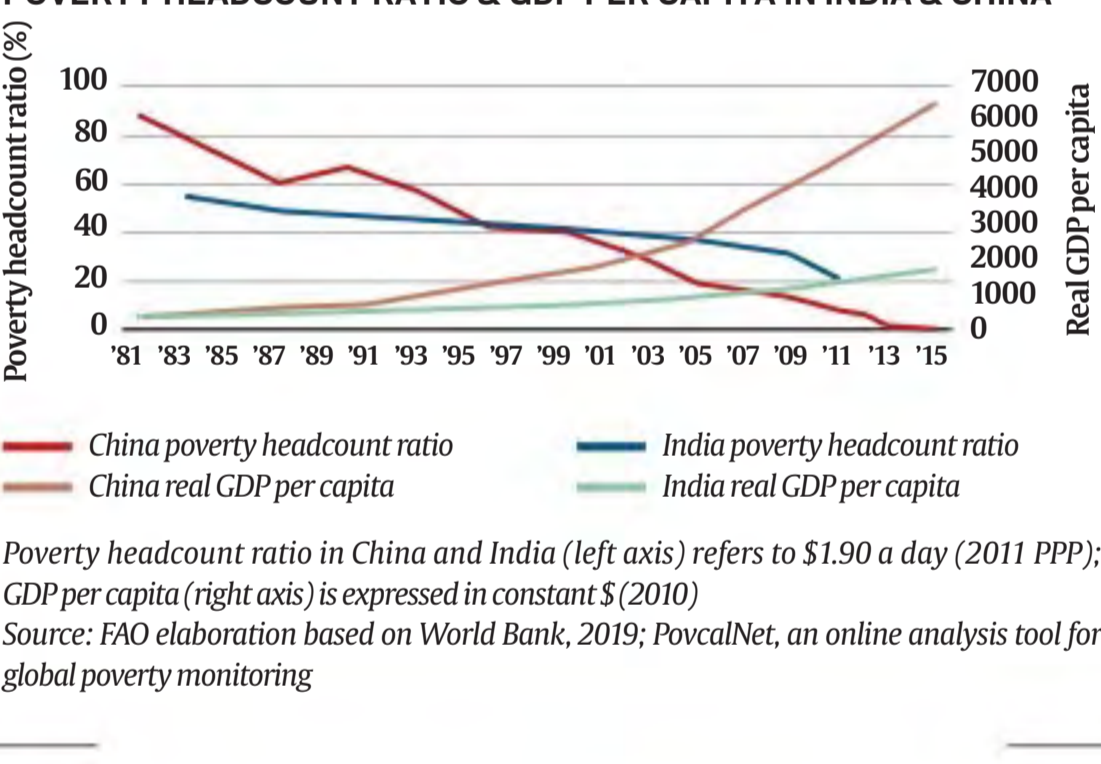
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Table comparing India and the world on undernourishment, wasting, stunting, overweight, and obese adults. Includes columns for India and World, and rows for various health indicators.



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Now beyond borders

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This lacuna was a reason why the case against the Italian Marines who had shot dead an Indian fisherman off the coast of Kerala in 2012 hit an initial spot of rough weather. The accused argued that the offence had taken place in international waters, and thus India had no jurisdiction.

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Special courts, new offences

Earlier, setting up special courts in any state would take six to nine months since a proposal had to be made, High Courts' concurrence had to be obtained, a judge had to be nominated, and a court had to be set up.

The offences added to the NIA Act Schedule are human trafficking (Sections 370, 370A of IPC, 1860); manufacture or sale of prohibited arms (Section 25 [IAA] of Arms Act, 1959); cyber crimes (Section 66F of IT Act

2000); Explosive Substances Act, 2000. So far, the NIA can apply these sections to an accused only if the principal offence is part of its Schedule. Now, it can prosecute people in standalone cases under these Acts.

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The Ranbir CrPC varies slightly from the CrPC. A statement recorded under Section 161 of the CrPC is not signed. Under RCrPC, it is. Such procedural differences can impact a prosecution case in court.



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THE SHRINKING

With exports continuing to underperform, government must step up efforts to embed India in global supply chains

CONTINUING THE SUBDUED performance, India's merchandise exports shrank by 9.7 per cent in June, registering the first contraction since September last year. For the quarter ended June, exports contracted by 1.7 per cent, after growing by 14.2 per cent over the same period last year. This lacklustre export growth, coupled with weak domestic demand and subdued investment activity, indicates a continuing weakness of the primary drivers of growth. It increases the likelihood of further rate cuts by the monetary policy committee which is scheduled to meet in the first week of August.

Much of the decline in the headline export numbers can be traced to lower oil exports. Oil exports declined by 32.8 per cent in June, in part due to lower crude oil prices and the temporary shutdown of oil refineries for maintenance. But worryingly, non-oil exports also contracted by 5.7 per cent, suggesting weak global demand. A closer look at the data reveals that major labour intensive export segments such as gems and jewellery, leather and textiles, have continued to under-perform, contracting in June. The trade data also shows that imports contracted by 9.1 per cent in June. In part, the decline is due to lower crude prices. But it is cause for concern that imports, excluding oil and gold, which give a sense of domestic demand, continue to shrink. Moreover, the pace of contraction has accelerated in the past few months. These numbers should be read in conjunction with other economic indicators which suggest that both private demand, in rural and urban areas, as well as investment activity, remain subdued. For instance, domestic passenger car sales fell for the eighth consecutive month in June, falling by 17.5 per cent, with both car and two-wheeler sales witnessing a double digit decline. Investment activity also remains moribund with capital goods growing by a mere 1 per cent in the first two months of FY20.

The signals emanating from the US Federal Reserve as well as the European Central Bank indicate that growth is likely to be slower than expected, indicating less buoyancy for India's exports. The growth data of the Chinese economy isn't encouraging either. A slowdown in global trade and the ongoing trade wars will only complicate matters for India, making it harder to grab additional market share. At such a time, raising tariffs on imports, a move that signals protectionism, will only complicate India's much desired integration with global supply chains, which is critical for boosting exports. With exports being one of the primary drivers of growth — much of the growth spurt during the boom years of the mid 2000s was due to higher exports — the government must facilitate India's integration in global supply chains by lowering tariffs and rationalising the tariff structure.

EVEN THOUGH DELHI Government's decision to install CCTV cameras in school classrooms has generated an interesting debate, it is important to see beyond the classrooms, and reflect more intensely on the meaning of living in a society that normalises and sanctifies surveillance. As an ideology that seeks to become hegemonic, the practice of surveillance justifies itself through the discourse of "safety", "security" and "transparency". And, possibly, we have accepted it.

Hence, we no longer feel humiliated or insulted when at airports and railway stations we allow the security guards and cops to objectify us with a gaze of doubt, and touch every part of our body. In fact, we demand more and more surveillance. From shops to schools, from housing societies to office corridors, and from the living rooms to the elevators in high rise buildings — the all-pervading presence of CCTV cameras proves one thing: We love to be controlled, observed, normalised and disciplined. Even if the likes of George Orwell and Michel Foucault express their anxiety over these technologies of surveillance, most of us seem to be quite happy with it.

For me, this "escape from freedom", to use social psychologist Erich Fromm's vocabulary, is most dangerous. To begin with, let us see the way we have begun to define ourselves in an age that otherwise boasts of progress and development. Everyone, we are induced to think, is a potential suspect — a criminal, a terrorist, a suicide bomber, a rapist, a murderer. Trust is naive and idiotic. Doubt everybody. Scrutinise everybody. Not only that, we have also begun to believe that we are inherently irresponsible. That given an opportunity, we would escape from our responsibilities and hence we must allow ourselves to be perpetually monitored, observed and disciplined. In other words, we are incapable of living responsibly, peacefully and freely. And then, a terrorist attack somewhere, a young girl's suicide in the

washroom of a school, or a psychopath insulting the dignity of a woman in his office cubicle: The recurrence of ugliness shatters our confidence, and convinces us further that surveillance is good and desirable. Big Boss must control us for our own safety.

Well, it is always possible to say that the world we live in is not full of saints and noble souls. Instead, the darker side of the human condition — brute instincts, crude temptations, lust, greed, and naked will to power — haunts us. Hence, as is believed by many, social order means social control through a meticulously designed machinery of observation, documentation, classification and the cycles of discipline and punishment. Yes, modern technology has given yet another meaning to these disciplinary practices. From Jeremy Bentham's panopticon to the CCTV camera — the process of surveillance has become more refined and subtle.

However, this faith in surveillance, I would argue, is problematic for three reasons. First, there is no ground to believe that surveillance — the visual act of identifying the criminal — necessarily leads to the elimination of criminality. There is no empirical proof. Instead, we see more violence, more blasts, more destruction. The reason is that instead of working on the roots of our wounded consciousness — say, the gross inequality that an asymmetrical global order with aggressive techno-capitalism generates, the violence perpetuated by the rich and the privileged through the politico-economic power they hold, and the stimulant culture industry promoting a pornographic mindset — the establishment remains preoccupied with mere symptoms. Yes, the camera can capture the last moment of the suicide bomber; but it cannot comprehend why he chose to play with death in such a strange fashion.

Second, with techno-hallucination — a superstition prevailing in modern times — we begin to believe that technology can solve everything. Take, for instance, the engage-

ment between the teacher and the taught in a classroom. We need to recruit and sensitise teachers who love the vocation and make the culture of learning dialogic and participatory. We need a classroom of not more than 20 students for a meaningful interaction. Only then is it possible to have a truly life-affirming engagement between the teacher and the student; creative learning, responsible freedom and self-discipline would evolve automatically. But then, instead of working on these deeply cultural/psychic and pedagogic issues, techno-managers and bureaucrats would think that the eyes of the CCTV camera would invariably bring good teaching and good behaviour. This is nothing but a sort of false consciousness perpetuated through the arrogance of power.

And third, the normalisation of surveillance destroys what is needed for any civilisation to sustain itself — the possibility of human interaction filled with the spirit of trust and care, a pedagogy that reconciles freedom and inner discipline, and a higher ideal to strive for. The tragedy is that, today, we have the latest technologies of surveillance; but from inside we are deserted, empty and spiritually impoverished. "Love thy neighbour", spoke Jesus. Today the cops ask us to suspect everybody. Who knows, as my suspicious/cynical self begins to ask, my neighbour can prove to be a "Pakistani agent"?

Every child, Kahlil Gibran might have thought, is a possibility. No, school principals and parents do not think so; they trust the CCTV camera. Yes, as fear, doubt and suspicion become normal, and negate all higher ideals, we lose the possibility of a critically nuanced, aesthetically enriched and spiritually elevated human communication.

With obsessive doubt, we become lonely. We lose our sanity. Our spirit dies as the technologies of surveillance triumph.

The writer is professor of sociology at JNU

A HEALTHY BALANCE

Project to digitise Ayushman Bharat records should be alive to concerns of privacy and rights of patients

THE UNION MINISTRY of Health and Family Welfare has released a National Digital Health Blueprint (NDHB) to "manage and analyse" the big data generated by the Centre's flagship health programme, Ayushman Bharat. Released by the MoHFW Minister, Harsh Vardhan, on Monday, the document recommends the "setting up of a National Digital Health Mission" to create an "ecosystem" that would bring together the health records of people who have benefited from Ayushman Bharat. Given that doctors in both the public and private sectors regularly complain about the lack of comprehensive records of their patients, the digital registry envisaged by the NDHB could fulfill a longstanding requirement of the health sector. The proposed data compendium is also in keeping with global trends in healthcare where digital technology is used to make treatment options more personalised and precise. Big data can also be used to prevent epidemics and improve the efficiency of drugs.

Concerns about the large-scale creation, collection and sharing of health data are, however, pressing. The most serious of these pertain to the privacy of patients, and data breaches. Sections 43(a) and 72 of the Information Technology Act do provide the broad framework for the protection of personal information in India, including medical data. However, data breaches in the digital domain are not uncommon. In 2016, for example, the electronic medical records of over 35,000 patients held by a Maharashtra-based pathology lab were leaked. The NDHB does seem to be alive to such concerns. It states that the architecture of the digital systems will have in-built safeguards to ensure privacy. However, it must also be kept in mind that Ayushman Bharat targets the poorest section of the country's population with low levels of digital literacy. In such a context, a system that places the onus of control on the user, with an assumption that they can control the flow of information, can end up doing more harm than good.

Last year, the MoHFW framed a draft Digital Information Security in Healthcare Act (DISHA). The proposed legislation recognised that existing laws were inadequate to protect the privacy of patients in the digital domain. In contrast with the blueprint released on Monday, DISHA placed the onus of data protection on the service provider. The draft was criticised by industry bodies, which feared the stifling of medical research. DISHA never made it to Parliament. In view of its recent emphasis on digital medical data, the MoHFW would do well to revisit this draft legislation — and seek a balance between the concerns of industry and the rights of patients.

THEY'RE NOT AFRAID

Donald Trump's racist, xenophobic politics is being met head on by a group of women legislators

IT'S ALMOST IMPRESSIVE, the array of bigotries that US President Donald Trump usually manages to exhibit within a 280-character limit. On Monday, however, it took three tweets for Trump to ask elected legislators, four women of colour, to "go back to the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came". First, the facts: Congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ayanna Pressley and Rashida Tlaib were born in the US. Ilhan Omar was born in Somalia and is an American citizen. Second, for the kind of politics Trump seeks to engage in, the facts don't matter.

The four legislators, "the squad", are part of a new breed of Democrats that is unabashedly pro-diversity, and stands for a welfare state that guarantees healthcare and education. Within the Democratic Party, they have been taking on the embedded, centrist leadership. Trump has sought to reduce this internal dialogue, even battle, between Centre and Left, old and young to White and non-White, American and un-American. His aim: To pander to the insecurities of a class of voters that feels left behind by the march of globalisation and the decline of the industrial economy. But Trump's attack has not put "the squad" on the defensive. All four Congresswomen have taken on Trump, asserting their right to protest and be heard in the country they belong to.

The liberal consensus, shattered by the election of populist right-wing leaders across the globe, often relied on "capturing the middle ground", afraid of alienating either the Left or Right. It is this fear, perhaps, that allows calls of "go back to where you came from" — whether in Pakistan, Syria, Burma, Bangladesh, or even in India — to go unanswered. But it appears the new breed of politician in America has an appropriate response. Ocasio-Cortez tweeted: "But you know what's the rub of it all, Mr President? On top of not accepting an America that elected us, you cannot accept that we don't fear you, either."



BADRI NARAYAN

TOWARDS SOCIAL POLITICS

PM Modi is nudging electoral politics in a new direction

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi recently made a case for social politics or politics that is sensitive to social activism. Modi's intervention is timely since Indian democracy has been shifting towards the politics of power and state-led control and governance.

At the time of the national movement and even during the early years after Independence, electoral politics overlapped with social politics. Many great leaders of the national movement, namely Mahatma Gandhi, Madan Mohan Malaviya, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Jawaharlal Nehru, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Sardar Patel and so on, extended their battles to win political freedom to social movements and vice versa. In fact, the leaders of social reform movements were much respected during the time of the national movement and the immediate years after India won freedom. Simply put, the politics of state and nation-building was closely linked to social politics. The boundaries between social politics and electoral politics were flexible and were often blurred.

Until the 1970s, leaders such as Ram Manohar Lohia, Indira Gandhi, Chaudhary Charan Singh, Chandrashekhar, Deendayal Upadhyaya and many leaders of regional parties were involved with various social movements. They recognised that political mobilisation that emerges from the womb of the society leads to social rejuvenation, which is needed for good politics. These leaders had acquired direct connect with the public through their involvement in social politics. Their charisma and public acceptance emerged from their engagement with social politics.

Since the 1970s, mafias, criminals and capitalists began to enter politics. However, they were not considered as the main force

in politics. Things began to change in the 1990s. After the launch of economic liberalisation, market forces began to influence politics. All politics became the politics of governance. The domain of politics began to be dominated by specialists like technocrats, financial managers and legal experts.

This politics of governance submerged in the politics of development. The politics of development was a complex affair that needed experts of various kinds. Many of these experts began to acquire key positions in government due to their proximity to politicians. These politicians had become dependent on these experts, since on their own they lacked the expertise to run the development machinery. However, these experts-turned-leaders were disconnected with the public and in the name of doing the politics of governance, emerged as arm-chair politicians. Thus, politics in the time of the neo-liberal state became a politics of power, governance and development and in the process, lost its social moorings. Many politicians stopped having a direct connect with the people. They became dependent on experts and white-collar political advisers. These political pundits of Lutyen's Delhi, the term used by PM Modi extensively during the election campaign, had no connect with the people. Social media, TV debates and big rallies at the time of elections were their only channel of communication to the public.

The task of working in the society was outsourced to a new institution, namely the NGO, and politicians stayed aloof from the society. The social responsibilities of corporates were outlined, but no attempt was made by anyone to ascribe social responsibilities for politicians. The politics of democracy turned into

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politics of state and power and thereby, lost its social connect. The fact is politics in its real sense is the politics of doing social work and strengthening values of democracy.

Modi was alluding to a lost tradition in Indian politics when he spoke about the need to do social politics. It was in remembrance of this tradition that the prime minister appreciated the work of Om Birla, the new Speaker of Lok Sabha, during the 2001 Gujarat earthquake and the 2013 Uttarakhand floods and for differently-abled children and women. In a way, Modi is arguing for transforming our politics of power and state to the politics of forging a new society. The politics of development, a term frequently used in our political discourse, ought to be extended to social politics since the former does not place enough emphasis on social ethics, responsibilities and morality.

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Prime Minister Modi's is evolving his vision of the Indian state from the intellectual resources of thinkers such as Vivekananda, popular Hindu traditions, Deendayal Upadhyaya and from the RSS's own intellectual sources. He is also trying to include radical thinkers like Ambedkar and Lohia in his statecraft to build what he calls, "New India".

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JULY 17, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

CHARAN STAKES CLAIM THE BREAKAWAY JANATA Party (Secular), which has staked its claim to form a government, was busy till late night mobilising the support of various parties and small groups to form a coalition with dominant role for itself. The party leader, Charan Singh, who met the President in the morning to lodge his claim, held several rounds of discussions with his trusted lieutenants and leaders of other parties including the Congress, and erstwhile socialists and other blocs. The possibilities of Congress collaboration with the Secular Janata coalition were discussed at a meeting between representatives of the two sides. According to a Secular Janata leader,

the talks were of exploratory nature and further meetings were expected before the coalition move concretised

UNCERTAINTY REMAINS DESPITE HECTIC ACTIVITY in the Capital, the political crisis gripping the nation continued to remain unresolved. President N Sanjiva Reddy began weighing the rival claims of contenders for power, but no clear candidate for the prime ministership has emerged. With Jagjivan Ram having been outmaneuvered by Morarji Desai, who is holding on to the leadership of the Janata Party in Parliament, Charan Singh claimed the right to be invited to form a coalition government with the help of

the Congress and an assortment of small political groups that have surprisingly gained in bargaining power at the Centre.

PRODIGAL RETURN? JAGJIVAN RAM REPORTEDLY sent word to Y B Chavan that he would like to join the Congress. A senior Congress leader said he would be welcome. Answering newsmen's questions, Swaran Singh, Congress president, said: "No contact has yet been established on behalf of Mr Jagjivan Ram with me. We will greatly welcome the return of all erstwhile Congressmen to the Congress fold." He said Jagjivan Ram might have contacted some other leaders but he had no details.

15 THE IDEAS PAGE

Her own space to pray

Unlike men, women in Islam do not have a religious obligation to offer the Friday or five daily prayers in mosques. But all mosques should have a designated place for women



FAIZAN MUSTAFA AND JAGTESHWAR SOHI

THE SUPREME COURT has dismissed a PIL filed by Swamy Dethathreya Sai Swaroop Nath, president of Akhil Bhartiya Hindu Mahasabha (Kerala), seeking entry of women into mosques. A division bench of the Kerala High Court on October 11, 2018, had also dismissed this petition as the petitioner failed to demonstrate the existence of a practice of denying entry to women. A bench led by Chief Justice of India said let a Muslim woman challenge the practice. But a Muslim woman is already in the apex court. As a matter of fact, the Supreme Court, in April, had issued a notice on a petition by a Muslim couple from Pune, which sought to quash what they termed as prohibition on the entry of Muslim women in the mosques of the Hanafi sect. No one raised the fundamental issue that mosques are not statutory authorities or "state" within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution and therefore, writ jurisdiction cannot be invoked against them.

We must make a distinction between theology and law. Dalit entry into temples, women's entry into the Sabarimala temple and mosques do involve legal issues because of the right to equality and non-discrimination. But as far as women entry in mosques is concerned, it is to be kept in mind that the Supreme Court held in *Ismail Farooqui* (1994) that mosque is not even an essential feature of Islam. The Supreme Court refused to reconsider this erroneous finding of the court in *M Siddiq* (2018). The issue will again indirectly come up when the court starts hearing the Babri masjid appeals. In any case, in Gurugram, Muslims were not permitted to pray even in open fields.

Freedom of religion in India is confined to only essential religious practices. Moreover, the validity of prayers is a purely theological question. No one will go to the temple if her/his prayer is not acceptable to her/his god or deity. That's why only a handful of women went to Sabarimala. No court has the power to pass judgment on the validity of prayers.

Islam, unlike Hinduism, at least in theory, does not consider anybody untouchable. Therefore, the concept of one person polluting another is unknown in Islam. Islam does not have anything like Dalit exclusion from temples. Surprisingly, the petitioners are not able to distinguish between a Hindu temple and a Muslim mosque. The sanctum sanctorum is all important in the former, whereas there is no such thing in the latter. It is not necessary for even men to have auditory access to *musalla* that has been wrongly called the main sanctuary in the petition. Even the men who stand in the last row or on the upper floors of the mosques can validly pray though they neither see the imam nor (in some cases) hear his recitations.

Article 26 of the Constitution gives the freedom of religion not only to religions but even to sects thereof. Most Indian Muslims belong to the Hanafi sect of Sunnis. While the Shafi'i sect does permit women to pray in mosques if they so desire, the Hanafi and Maliki sects are opposed to it. Going to the mosque five times a day is quite an ordeal even for men in today's hectic life. There is a consensus amongst schools that unlike men, women in Islam do not have a religious obligation to offer the Friday or the five daily prayers in mosques. They are permitted to offer prayers in their homes and get the same reward in life hereafter. Women are thus not



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in any religious disadvantage. Islam does make an exception even in obligations. Thus, while *zakat* (2.5 per cent mandatory annual charity) and *hajj* (pilgrimage) are obligations on the rich, poor people are exempt from these. Similarly, women, children and elderly are exempt from jihad (fight against injustices and oppression).

Interestingly, the Quran nowhere prohibits women from praying in the mosques. There is concrete evidence that during the Prophet's lifetime, women used to pray in mosques. Prophet had said that "do not bar God's handmaidens from God's places of worship". Abu Hanifa, on the authority of Ibn Umar, quoted a tradition wherein the Prophet permitted women to attend *fajr* (early morning) and *isha* (late evening) prayers. As far as Eid prayers were concerned, women were asked by the Prophet to join congregations outside the city called Eidgah, even if they were in their menstrual cycle. They could join the supplications before and after the prayer, but stay away from the Eid prayer. Abu Hanifa and Abu Yusuf acknowledged this position, though the former disapproved all women going out for prayers and tried to confine this permission only to the older women. Al Shaybani and Al Tahawi too restricted this permission to the older women as they were not comfortable with younger women going to mosques.

The moot question is when women and men pray together in mosques without any barrier, whose prayer gets invalidated. Hanafi jurist Al-Sarakhsi explicitly says that "if a woman prays behind an imam who has 'resolved' to lead mixed communal prayer and she stands in the middle of the row, then she invalidates the prayer of the one man to her right, the one to her left, and the one immediately behind her." Thus such a woman's own prayer remains valid, and the prayer of men praying in front of her remains valid. It is clear that even the Hanafi school does not forbid women from entering and praying in

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There can also be all women prayers led by a woman. It seems the Prophet himself had appointed one Umm Waraqa, who was a scholar of the Quran, as imam of her household and even asked someone to act as muezzin. Of course, some jurists doubt the authenticity of this tradition. Reportedly, the Prophet's wives, Aisha and Umma Salama, also led all women prayers in their homes. Ibn Hazm says that while Aisha led the sunset prayer, Umm Salama led the afternoon prayer. Many jurists permit women to lead supererogatory prayers, particularly, in Ramadan.

Hanafi jurists started opposing women going to mosques because of the possibility of men harassing them. Al Zalai says even Aisha, the Prophet's wife, had said "had the Messenger of God seen what we have seen, he would have barred women from the mosque as the children of Israel (Jews) had barred their women". Women had begun to adorn themselves and wear perfume and jewellery. For this reason, second caliph "Umar barred them".

In a number of Muslim countries, women are allowed to pray in a designated area. We live in a modern and liberal world and therefore, let all mosques have a designated space for women so that they can utilise the permission given to them by the Prophet. Due to the possibility that they may be harassed, they cannot be stopped from praying in mosques in designated spaces reserved for them. Let Muslim men learn to behave. Let mosques' management create facilities of washrooms and ablutions for them.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Donald Trump's Sunday tweets are among the most despicable comments from any president in recent memory - with the only competition coming from other comments by Mr. Trump." — THE WASHINGTON POST

The great dollar gamble

Union Budget's proposal to issue sovereign bonds is ill-thought out, will make Indian economy susceptible to global headwinds



M VEERAPPA MOILY

FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman's maiden budget attempts to kick-start growth. But what will happen if this is at the cost of fiscal discipline? The government's decision to opt for sovereign bonds or external borrowing is intended to one, lower the cost of interest and two, bring about fiscal discipline. The government expects to keep fiscal deficit at 3.3 per cent of the GDP. This is because of the Rs 90,000 crore of excess capital expected to be transferred from the RBI, along with the higher cesses on petrol and diesel.

There is a total disconnect between the FM's budget speech and ground realities. Sitharaman asserted that India is set to be a \$5 trillion economy by 2024. Does the budget spell out the trajectory to this goal? There is neither any mention in the budget of public investment nor any steps to stimulate private investment. Since 2014, the so-called "ease of doing business" has hardly garnered any private investment. In fact, private investment has declined between 2014-2019. Government finances have been over stretched. Despite interest rate cuts, there has not been any significant improvement in the investment rate. The budget sets a target of Rs 100 lakh crore investments in infrastructure through the PPP mode. To achieve this, savings must be augmented and the savings rate should be higher than the investment rate. Budget 2019 has no specific proposals to incentivise savings.

The Bimal Jalan Committee is yet to give its report on the question of the transfer of the RBI's excess capital to the Centre. This can, at best, be a window dressing in the name of fiscal management.

The economy grew at 5.8 per cent in the last quarter of 2018-19. Yet, Budget 2019 assumes that the economy will grow by 12 per cent this year in nominal terms and 7-8 per cent in real terms. To achieve the government's ambition of a \$5 trillion economy by 2024, means that the \$2.8 trillion economy will have to double in five years — this means the present trend of 5.8 to 6 per cent growth will have to grow by 10 to 11 per cent. Globally, there is a slump in trade, rising protectionism, sanctions against Iran and others and the US-China trade conflict. Will the policies and schemes announced in the budget withstand these pressures? External borrowings will amount to a gamble and open up the economy to volatility in the event of oil prices going up and a fall in the rupee. Further, we will fall into the trap of dollarising the Indian economy while the attempt should be to strengthen the rupee.

Many experts and former Indian central bank officials have opined against the government's plan to sell sovereign bonds overseas. Former RBI Governor C Rangarajan has said that "the plan to borrow in foreign currency, to supplement domestic borrowings is a bad idea. External

borrowing also means contending with exchange rate risks, i.e. the uncertainties associated with the value of dollar versus rupee." An analysis by Motilal Oswal had found that "India had the second worst debt-GDP ratio among emerging markets. India's debt-GDP ratio stands at 68.4 per cent, next only to Brazil. India's total debt has risen by almost 50 per cent under the Modi government since 2014".

The fundamentals of our economy have always been sound and external upheavals have had a subdued impact. India has shied away from raising sovereign debt in global money markets and has shielded itself from being impacted by global financial crises even during the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008. The current gamble may be one which the Indian economy cannot afford. Such a proposal can only be mooted by bureaucrats who intend to wash their hands of their responsibility to mobilise resources. The absence of economists and professional bankers like Raghuram Rajan and Urjit Patel is strongly felt when such ideas are coined to control the fiscal deficit.

Ideas like raising sovereign debt were mooted in 1997 and 2003 and also by the Planning Commission during UPA 1 and UPA 2 but were shot down. To raise funds, one of the first things the then RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan did was to launch a scheme for foreign currency non-resident (FCNR) deposits, which helped to raise \$33 billion.

The government's assumption that external borrowing will keep interest rates low may not be accurate. Despite lowering of interest rates by RBI, overall interest rates haven't come down much. At less than 5 per cent, India's sovereign external debt to GDP ratio is among the lowest globally.

This country has built its own capability in the private sector be it in power or infrastructure. Even 30 per cent of the installed capacity in the power sector has not been utilised. Many of the roads and infrastructure projects have been successfully built under PPP models by private entrepreneurs. But the collapse of term loan lenders like IL&FS has crippled them. We had institutions like IDBI and NABARD and other excellent banking institutions to lend term capital. The country now does not have a single lending institution to sustain the private or public sector. The banks have been lending to retailers and the term loans have not been disbursed for completion of projects. The external borrowings will only bring in more chaos. When we do not trust our own capital, how can we trust the capital from abroad? The entire concept will have to be appropriately calibrated.

We have institutions like IMF, World Bank and others who have funded the state governments, like in Karnataka. While this author was the Finance Minister of Karnataka in the 1980s, we had to pay for escalating costs without spending even a single paisa on irrigation and power projects. We strongly feel that the present Finance Minister of India has not been apprised of the havoc of external borrowing. It will be more appropriate for the FM to bring out a white paper on the nuances of external borrowing in this country.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HIGH SEAS MATTER

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Maritime challenges and opportunities', (IE, July 16). The growing tension in the Persian Gulf and multiple foreign military bases near the Gulf of Aden signal that the Indian Ocean Region could be the theatre for global power rivalry in the near future. Sea lines of communication (SLOCs) that pass through the region are the collective responsibility of all the stakeholders engaged in maritime trade. A collective security model should be conceptualised to secure the SLOCs. India's geographical advantage in the Indian Ocean Region gives the country strategic leverage.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

MONETISE CAREFULLY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Public and private' (IE, July 16). It welcomes the policy of the monetisation of public goods to raise money for infrastructure and cites the case of the NHAI as a success in this respect. But the conversion of "free lane" to "toll lane" meant that the citizen has to bear the financial burden. It's regressive that owners of the Nano and BMW have to pay the same toll tax. There is also talk of the entry of private operators in the Indian railway. This could lead to an increase in fares. We need investment in infrastructure but the move to monetise public resources needs scrutiny.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian Express offers the Letter of the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to editpage@expressindia.com or sent to The Indian Express, B-1/B, Sector 10, Noida-UP 201301. Letter writers should mention their postal address and phone number.

THE WINNER RECEIVES SELECT EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS

ELUSIVE DALIT HERO

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'An upper caste gaze' (IE, July 16). The writer has depicted the varied dimensions of the Dalit struggle. Narratives have concentrated on helplessness and repression of Dalits, which means that mainstream cinema is still looking for its Dalit hero. There are hardly any Dalit artists in the Hindi film industry.

Naaila Nasir, Noida



VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

MINORITY BURDEN

ORGANISER THIS WEEK has put the issue of the country's ever-burgeoning population on its cover. The package has multiple pieces on the topic. The lead article titled 'Perform or perish' says that while talking about "Bharat being the nation of youth, the multifaceted problem of population explosion cannot be neglected". It argues for a National Population Policy to tackle the problem, which strains "natural resources, addressing claims and aspirations though democratic means, illegal migration, environmental concerns, imbalanced growth, etc.". The article discusses several population control methods, including access to contraceptives. It says that "enormous population is the biggest challenge" and the lack of "development implies high poverty, illiteracy, discrimination, lack of awareness, lack of medical facilities and this in turn increased population growth". It also says that "child labour, slave trading and human trafficking is highly prevalent". It adds that "people give birth to kids and sell

them to rich people who in turn employ these kids in various laborious and unethical tasks". If family planning and use of contraceptives is not made mandatory, the article says, "not much result can be achieved".

Another article blames a section of the minority community for the problem and states that "uncontrolled and unbalanced population growth, especially by a section of minority community actively supported by the unprecedented rise of fundamentalist Islamic ideology, is fueling the problem of exponential population growth". Titled 'Out of Proportion', the article says that across the world the highest rate of population growth between 2010 and 2018 was in "three Islamic countries" — Nigeria, Pakistan and Indonesia. "Conclusion can be easily drawn from the figures by the United Nations that the Islamic countries are making the least efforts to control population rise," it says. The "exponential rise of Muslims in Bharat too resembles with the world over the trend of the status of Muslims which is influenced by manipulated postulates of Quran and Wahhabi culture". The "political implications" of this "disproportionate population" increase of Muslims and "their communal agenda in Bharat are very long lasting and alarming since owing to unequivocal tolerance and soft, kind-hearted attitude of Hindus," the article says. It cautions that wherever the Muslims are over 20 per cent of the population "if they consolidated there in sup-

port of one Muslims candidate no Hindu candidate can win" and claims that there are 101 such seats in the Lok Sabha.

UN'S HYPOCRISY

THE EDITOR OF *Organiser* writes in a signed editorial in this week's issue about the recently released report by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the situation of human rights in "Indian-administered Kashmir and Pakistan-administered Kashmir". He says that the report "is a bunch of contradiction mocking human rights on every count". He calls into question the human rights record of some of the members of the organisation. The report, the editorial states mentions 19 recommendations to India and just 10 to Pakistan, none of those 10, it says, "talks about either dismantling the terror infrastructure or human rights violations that takes place because of Pakistan's terror promotion policy" and asks, "what can be bigger hypocrisy than this?" The editorial mentions that the Union Ministry of External Affairs "thrashed the report in the harshest possible words" and the response also "reiterated the rightful legal position of Bharat claiming" that all of Kashmir is an integral part of India. It ends by saying that "unless we explore this possibility of internationalising Bhartiya narrative, which is just, truthful and

legal, with all possible force and resources, the arsenal of 'human rights' will be used to target Bharat by perpetrators of terror".

IDEOLOGY OPPOSING RSS

THE OPPOSITION TO the RSS, starting from it being banned after the murder of Mahatma Gandhi to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi blaming its ideology for the Mahatma's killing, is what *Panchajanya* focuses on in its latest editorial. What has prompted the discussion, the editorial mentions, is that some people are "flustered" because a university in Nagpur has decided to introduce a course on the RSS for third-year BA students. Those opposing it, the magazine says, "are the same people who keep firing sorties at the RSS" and says that "it is important to try and find the essence behind this noise". It goes back to Jawaharlal Nehru and says that though the Supreme Court had given the RSS a clean chit in the case of Mahatma Gandhi's murder, yet the first prime minister of the country wanted to connect VD Savarkar to it and also wanted the RSS banned. This is because, says *Panchajanya*, Nehru view was through the lens of communism, which blocked the spirit of India.

It adds that the same thought process exists even today and mentions West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

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Since GST rollout in July 2017, ₹45,682.83 cr fraud detected

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 16

A TOTAL of 9385 cases of tax fraud involving amount of Rs 45,682.83 crore has been detected by the tax authorities under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime since its roll-out from July 1, 2017, government data showed. Out of this, 1,593 tax fraud cases involving an amount of Rs 6520.40 crore have been detected in April-June, the first three months of this financial year.

In a response to a question regarding tax frauds under GST, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur said tax fraud worth Rs 37,946.41 crore was detected in 7368 cases in 2018-19. Also, in 2018-19, Rs 11,251 crore worth of cases of tax credit availed by issue of fake invoices were detected by the tax authorities and Rs 2,805 crore in April-June of the current fiscal, Thakur said in his

'Need to tap foreign capital to accelerate growth to 8%'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 16

CHIEF ECONOMIC Advisor K V Subramanian Tuesday said there is a need to tap foreign capital to accelerate growth from current level of 7 per cent to 8 per cent. "Apart from sovereign bond issue, we also need to be tapping into foreign capital to trigger the virtuous cycle. Once this virtuous cycle is triggered then other parts start moving," he said.

the goal is slightly stretched, he said. "When we get investment that enhances productivity, exports, jobs which leads to demand and thereby again creates investment triggering that is actually important. Of course, we are growing close to 7 per cent. In order to grow at 8 per cent, we do need to trigger this and, therefore, foreign capital is something that has to be encouraged," he said. Indian economy reached to the level of \$1 trillion in 55 years and added \$1 million in the past 5 years to USD 2.75 trillion by March 2019, he said.

Data Analytics & Risk Management disseminates analytical reports and intelligence inputs to field formations of CBIC for the purpose of scrutiny, audit and enforcement, to check GST evasion in general and fraudulent credit availed in particular," Thakur said in his reply.

In 2018-19, 1,620 cases of fake invoicing were detected involving Rs 11,251.23 crore, and 154 persons were arrested. Between April-June of 2019-20, 666 cases of fake invoicing were detected and the amount involved stood at Rs 2,804.98 crore. A total of 41 persons were arrested.

To a query on tax fraud cases after the GST rollout, Thakur said 424 cases involving Rs 1,216 crore were detected between July-March period of 2017-18. Another 7,368 cases involving Rs 37,946.41 crore were detected in 2018-19 and 1,593 cases of Rs 6,520.40 crore were detected in April-June of 2019-20.

'Power distribution plan soon to ensure 24x7 supply'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 16

THE GOVERNMENT said Tuesday it is devising a consumer-centric electricity distribution plan to ensure round the clock power supply for all.

The Power Ministry in a release said that till now, the government has been preparing perspective plans for generation and transmission sectors under the aegis of the National Electricity Plan (NEP). The distribution plan keeps the needs of consumers at

ADDS 60,000 SQUARE KM TO INDIA'S EXPLORATION MAP Centre signs contracts for 32 hydrocarbon blocks under OALP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 16

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday signed revenue-sharing contracts for 32 hydrocarbon blocks offered under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) Rounds II and III, adding 60,000 square km to India's exploration map. State-run Oil India has won 12 blocks under the two rounds, followed by Vedanta (10), ONGC (8) and Indian Oil Corporation (1).

Bids came in for 32 blocks out of the 37, but none for the coal-bed methane blocks which were carved out by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons

gas in the country is the priority of the government. With these contracts, more than billions will come to India's exploration sector," said petroleum and steel minister Dharmendra Pradhan. There were eight onland, five shallow-water and one ultra-deepwater blocks under auction for OALP-II, a total of 14. Under OALP-III, out of the 23 blocks, 19 are on land (including five coal-bed methane), three in shallow water and one in deep water. No bids were received for five blocks under Round III.

hydrocarbon exploration two years after its launch.

In several cases, irrational bidding, quoting very high revenue share to the government, even above 90 per cent at the peak production level during contract period, had raised serious concerns of back-loading of production.

It was suspected that in case of Category 1 fields with proven reserves, companies were bidding aggressively on revenue share to get hold of the assets but were slow on development plans, frustrating the government's objective of stepping up domestic production of oil and gas. The revised revenue-sharing model will be applicable from the fourth round of OALP. India has 26 sedimentary basins divided into three categories: Seven in the first category where commercial productivity has been proven. FE

Vistara pilot who issued 'Mayday call' grounded

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 16

FLYING WITH low-fuel leading to a 'Mayday' distress call has caused de-rostering of a Vistara pilot by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. On Monday, the pilot operating Vistara's flight from Mumbai to Delhi issued a Mayday call after the flight couldn't land at Delhi airport and had to be diverted to Lucknow where it landed with barely any fuel. After deciding to divert to Lucknow, the pilot decided to further divert to Prayagraj due to prevalent conditions at Lucknow airport. Ultimately, however, the flight was landed with low-fuel at Lucknow.

SUGAR SUBSIDY CASE Brazil urges WTO to set up dispute panel against India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 16

BRAZIL HAS sought establishment of a dispute panel under the aegis of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in a case against India's sugar subsidies to farmers. In February, Brazil and several other countries have dragged India into the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism alleging that New Delhi's sugar sub-

sidies to farmers are inconsistent with global trade rules. Brazil is the largest producer and exporter of sugar in the world. "Brazil respectfully requests that the dispute settlement body establish a panel," according to a communication submitted by the South American country to the Geneva-based WTO. Brazil has alleged that in recent years, India has massively increased level of domestic support under its support regime for sugarcane and sugar.

No changes planned in multi-brand FDI policy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LONDON, JULY 16

INDIA'S FOREIGN direct investment (FDI) norms in the multi-brand retail sector are a very well thought out policy which are unlikely to change any time soon, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Tuesday.

UK marks India Day with new Fast-Track Startup Fund

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LONDON, JULY 16

BRITISH PRIME Minister Theresa May on Tuesday announced the creation of a new 40-million pound Fast-Track Startup Fund, focussed on India's emerging technology enterprises as part of wider UK-India Tech Partnership.

and spirit by all foreign brands. Britain's prime ministerial frontrunner Boris Johnson had recently expressed his disappointment at UK retailers like Sainsbury's and Waitrose not being able to set up base in India and had said he would "like to see India opening up to more of our great brands". "On multi-brand retail we are very clear as of now it's a 49 per cent restriction for foreign investment," Goyal said, when Johnson's recent intervention was put to him.

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BRIEFLY

Compliance report: Sebi's new format

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday came out with a new format for compliance report on corporate governance to be submitted by listed companies to stock exchanges.

No change in ITR forms, says CBDT

New Delhi: No change has been made in income-tax return forms, only the utility software has been updated, the CBDT said Tuesday.

RBI's not to appointments on Religare board

New Delhi: Religare Enterprises said Tuesday that the RBI has rejected proposed appointment of two persons, including a former interim CEO, to the company's board of directors.

PV retail sales dip 4.6% in June: FADA

New Delhi: FADA Tuesday said retail sales of passenger vehicles in June declined by 4.6 per cent to 2,24,755 units as compared to the same period last year, hit by liquidity issues and delayed monsoon. PTI

Tesla drops cheapest Model variants

Beijing: Tesla Inc has dropped standard-range variants of its Model X and Model S from its product lineup and adjusted prices across its range. REUTERS

Oyobuys shared office startup Innov8

Bengaluru: Hotel startup Oyo said on Tuesday it has bought co-working venture Innov8. REUTERS

For 4th time in 3 weeks, Cox & Kings defaults on repayments

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 16

TOURS AND TRAVEL company Cox & Kings Tuesday said it has defaulted on its repayment obligations on commercial papers worth Rs 45 crore, while interest of Rs 41 lakh could not be paid timely on bonds worth Rs 50 crore.

that the beleaguered firm has defaulted on meeting financial obligations. In a regulatory filing, the company said that it has defaulted on payment on unsecured commercial papers worth Rs 45 crore on July 16, 2019. "The company is working closely with its lenders to optimise its strong asset base globally and bring the situation back to normal as soon as possible," the firm said in the filing.

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ITALY'S PUBLIC FINANCES

The most dangerous man in Europe

How to defuse the threat that Matteo Salvini poses to the euro



Matteo Salvini has used the politics of grievance to make himself the most powerful man in Italy. He is not yet prime minister, but he surely intends to be. Reuters

ON JULY 8th euro-zone watchers breathed a sigh of relief. The zone's 19 finance ministers backed the European Commission's decision that Italy should not be penalised for allowing its public-debt burden to rise in 2018 in violation of the EU's fiscal rules. Thanks to savings of 0.4% of GDP for the current year, cobbled together by Italy's governing coalition, a damaging confrontation seems to have been resolved.

In truth, however, it has merely been postponed. The grim reality of Italy's public finances remains unchanged. Its deficit is on course to exceed the EU's threshold of 3% of GDP in 2020, its debt is sky high and, worst of all, it is plagued by a persistent absence of growth. If Italy is to dispel the ever-present air of crisis, a much more far-sighted deal will be needed.

Since the euro was introduced, over 20 years ago, Italy has steadily fallen behind the rest of Europe. The average citizen in Germany, France and Spain is a fifth better off, in real

terms, than in 1999; incomes in eastern Europe have more than doubled. But the average Italian is no richer.

Dissatisfaction at this record has been skillfully converted into votes by Italy's government, an unwieldy coalition between the Northern League and the Five Star Movement. The League's leader, Matteo Salvini, has been able to whip up anger against two main enemies: the EU, which he says is a "gulag" that imposes wretchedness, and the inflow of migrants from Libya, which he also blames in part on the EU. Six years ago the League managed only 4% at the ballot box; today it is the country's most popular party. Thus Mr Salvini has used the politics of grievance to make himself the most powerful man in Italy. He is not yet prime minister, but he surely intends to be.

This is a recipe for continual confrontation with Brussels. And that, in turn, is the EU's most alarming problem. Italy's public debt is a colos-

sal €2.3trn (\$2.6trn), or 132% of GDP. The country is too big to bail out. Its failure to grow makes its finances—and the banks exposed to them—fragile. A row over its budget last year unsettled markets before the coalition made hasty concessions. The latest uneasy truce is unlikely to last.

The Italian coalition says the EU's fiscal rules choke off demand-led growth. Mr Salvini has promised huge tax cuts. Luigi Di Maio, his coalition partner, wants more welfare. Brussels says the problem is structural; anyhow, it has already

granted Italy over €30bn of extra fiscal space since 2015, nearly 2% of annual GDP. This vexes northerners, who want the rules enforced.

Neither side is entirely in the right. Italy's economy, hit by slowing global trade, is unlikely to be as near its potential as the commission reckons. But the coalition's attempt at stimulus last year backfired when markets took fright. Though interest rates have since come down, Italy's borrowing costs, once near those of Spain, are now within spitting distance of Greek yields, which have fallen with the

prospect of a new centre-right government.

Many of the reasons for Italy's bleak growth prospects date back decades. Courts operate at a glacial pace; bureaucracy is labyrinthine. The services sector is sheltered from competition. Countrywide pay agreements keep wages too high in the south, discouraging formal employment there. Far from tackling these ingrained problems, the government has ignored them and instead undone unpopular but necessary reforms to the pensions system. In light of all this, last-minute concessions to the EU's fiscal rules solve nothing. Confrontation is merely deferred until the next time the commission reviews Italy's books. The threat of an accidental bond crisis never fully recedes.

Instead of haggling over tenths of a percentage point, the commission should enter negotiations over next year's budget aiming for a more ambitious agreement. It should be flexible over public spending, on the condition

that Italy enacts growth-enhancing reforms. Those reforms are more likely to work if their implementation is supported by fiscal easing. The public-debt ratio would then fall more quickly.

Such a deal offers something to both sides. Italy's populists may ignore reprimands from Eurocrats, but they do worry about the markets. If they were to accept some curbs on their spending, they would regain some of their credibility with investors, and bank the electoral benefits of higher economic growth to boot. For Brussels, a deal along these lines would defuse the long-term threat that Italy poses to European financial stability. Eurocrats should remember that, as Italy falls further behind, the resentment that has fuelled Mr Salvini's alarming rise will only grow.

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BMW

Tune-up time

BMW tries to turn a corner—and loses its boss

IN THE grand finale of #NEXTgen, an event held last month at BMW's headquarters in Munich to show off the German carmaker's vision for the future of mobility, Harald Krüger, its boss, unveiled the Vision DC Roadster. The staid 53-year-old mounted the futuristic, angular motorbike as if he were ready to ride off into the sunset. Shortly afterwards he was on his way. On July 5th Mr Krüger said that he would stand down with less than a year of his five-year term remaining.

Rumours had been rife that BMW's supervisory board was about to announce that, unlike his predecessor, Norbert Reithofer, Mr Krüger would not get a second term. On his watch the company's financial performance has sputtered. More troubling, it has lost the technological edge on which the pulling power of premium brands relies. His successor—widely tipped to be Oliver Zipse, BMW's head of production—will need to soup up both.

For years BMW's excellent cars and outstanding profits were the envy of carmakers. Its luxury saloons remain desirable and returns have been decent. But despite record sales of

around 2.5m vehicles last year, operating profits fell by 8% to €9.1bn (\$10.7bn). Operating margins have halved since 2011, to under 6% (see chart). A profit warning in March has weighed on BMW's share price, which is down by 45% since a peak in 2015, the year Mr Krüger took over.

It would be unfair to pin all the blame on the outgoing boss. All carmakers must con-



tend with slowing sales in China, trade tiffs and costly investments required to cope with tighter emissions rules and upheavals such as electric vehicles (EVs), self-driving cars, car-sharing and other mobility services. Daimler, the maker of Mercedes and BMW's arch-rival, has also seen its margins shrink and last month issued its third profit warning in a year. But Mr Krüger has been slow to adapt BMW to changing trends in technology and consumer taste. Blingier Mercedes have outshone conservative Beemers, and Daimler overtook BMW as the world's biggest premium carmaker in 2017. Early to the spot the craze for SUVs, BMW has failed to exploit it; for every ten cars it makes, six are saloons, the market for which is shrinking fast. For all Mr Krüger's talk of BMW as a "tech company" it has not produced a cutting-edge EV since the i3 and i8, two innovative vehicles introduced under Mr Reithofer. Daimler, Audi and Jaguar all have.

At least BMW no longer appears to be asleep at the wheel. It wants to launch 25 new electric and hybrid vehicles by 2023, two years earlier than previously planned. On July 9th it presented a battery-powered version of its popular Mini hatchback. A tie-up with Daimler to pool investments in mobility services, and with Jaguar Land Rover to develop EVs, has met with the approval of analysts. Such manoeuvres, combined with a focus on more lucrative models, could help BMW to cut a cumulative €12bn in costs over the next four years and restore margins to a healthy 8-10%, insists Nicolas Peter, its chief financial officer.

But rivals are not standing still. Many have more ambitious targets for EVs. BMW's plans for a world of ride-sharing and self-driving cars—where the ap-



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peal of luxury motors is less obvious—do not differ radically from those of competitors. Re-engineering the "ultimate driving machine", as BMW styles itself, for the new age will not be easy for whoever replaces Mr Krüger.

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BOLD STROKES

Singer Lady Gaga's debut into the world of beauty has been marked with the launch of her new brand, Haus Laboratories, on Amazon. The gender neutral make-up line comprises of the RIP Lip Liner, a shimmering liquid powder titled Glam Attack and the Le Riot lip gloss.

Take a Bow

The Sangeet Natak Akademi announces its winners for the year 2018

SUANSHU KHURANA

A LITTLE over a decade ago, Oscar-winner AR Rahman had said at an album launch, "After travelling extensively, when I come back to Chennai, I am often asked why I choose to live here? The reason is simple: because my house is here and Ganesh and Kumaresh are here." The year was 2007 and Rahman was talking about his Mylapore neighbours and violinists Ganesh and Kumaresh. This was when the world was just about getting acquainted with the violin duo, who stormed the north Indian music scene (Kanpur and Delhi) as child prodigies, followed by their name being thrown around at the Delhi Marghazi Season. Years later, they are known to be two of the finest violinists in the country.

On Monday, the brothers were named the joint winners of the Sangeet Natak Akademi award. "It is always special when the nation recognises you for the kind of work you have done with a prestigious award like that. Art unites people. In that journey, when there is recognition, it is a lot of encouragement to keep doing what we are doing," said Kumaresh over the phone from Chennai.

Born in Kanpur and raised in Delhi, Mumbai and later in Chennai, the duo began learning the techniques of Carnatic violin from their father, TS Rajagopalan. Despite their training in Carnatic classical, they have comfortably collaborated with Hindustani classical musicians including Ut Zakir Hussain and a slew of western classical musicians including saxophone player George Brooks. But their deep-rooted training and technique in Carnatic classical music has turned them into significant musicians for the connoisseurs and the uninitiated.

Among the 44 artistes announced on Monday as winners in the field of music, dance, theatre, folk music and overall contribution in the performing arts, were Gwalior gharana vocalist and principal of Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, Delhi, Madhup Mudgal, Pandit Mani Prasad of the Kirana gharana, Carnatic vocalist Alamelu Mani, who is playback singer Hariharan's mother, and Carnatic vocalist Malladi Suribabu. Instrumentalists who made it to the list include Tejendra Narayan Majumdar (sarod) and Tarun Bhattacharya (santoor).

An interesting name in the list is that of singer Suresh Wadkar, still remembered for his songs in the Kamal Haasan and Sridevi-starrer *Sadma*. It is not often that a name from Bollywood makes



(From top) Ut Zakir Hussain, Sonal Mansingh and violinist duo Ganesh-Kumaresh

it to the coveted list by the Akademi. But Wadkar's contribution goes beyond Bollywood. In the last two decades, he has done classical concerts and taught Indian classical music to a host of students at his academy in Mumbai.

This year's dance winners are Radha Sridhar (Bharatanatyam), duo Ishira and Maulik Shah (Kathak), Akham Lakshmi Devi (Manipuri), Pasumurthy Ramalinga Sastry (Kuchipudi) and Surupa Sen (Odissi), among others. In the theatre category, actors Teekam Joshi, Swapan Nandy (mime), playwright Rajiv Naik and director S Raghunandana won the award.

The prestigious fellowship of the Akademi (Akademi Ratna), known to be a rare honour, went to tabla maestro Ut Zakir Hussain, dance exponent Sonal Mansingh, Sattriya exponent Jatin Goswami and Bharatanatyam exponent and Director of Sri Rajarajeswari Bharatha Natya Kala Mandir, K Kalyanasundaram Pillai. The awards will be conferred by the President of India at a special ceremony.



(Clockwise from above) Tyler's graffiti at various locations in Mumbai including Jogeshwari, Andheri West and near Santa Cruz airport Photos: Nirmal Harindran

Making Streets Speak

Mumbai-based street artist Tyler on his quirky takes on contemporary issues, painting walls as a form of social commentary and being compared to Banksy

SHREYA DAS

AMIDST THE broken concrete chunks and rubble of an abandoned building near the Mumbai airport complex, Bart Simpson has a strong message for anyone caring to look that side: "I must say Jai Shri Ram to prove my nationality". This powerful graffiti has a sign at the bottom saying 'Tyler Street Art', a guerrilla artist famous for his quirky takes on contemporary issues.

"Bart is famous for his mischief and is known for his disregard for authority. This painting is about someone being punished to prove one's love and nationality over three words — Jai Shri Ram," says the artist from Mumbai, who has become a crusader of sorts for highlighting the rough edges of society.

The graffiti began in 2012 as a mission to use the walls to draw attention away from big corporate giants and political propaganda. With time, it evolved into a sharper narrative. From one-liners, like "Kindness is free. Offer valid while stocks last", to art with Shiva holding a paintbrush claiming, "God is an artist", Tyler's earlier works were mostly aimed at capitalism and religion. Gradually, he channelled his humour to take on global politics and address civic issues. With this year's general elections, the artist took a plunge into the more serious undercurrents worrying the country.

"I started painting walls as a form of social commentary. My idea was to test if this overnight obsession of painting walls could materialise into something meaningful and long-lasting," says Tyler, whose pseudonym is inspired by Brad Pitt's character in *Fight Club*. "After I understood a few things about people's reactions when they see street art (on a particular subject)... politics, for example, I figured a lot of them have a lot of things to say. It stirred different emotions in each one," he adds.

"During election, the bigger question wasn't 'who will win' but 'does your vote even count'. There are endless newspaper articles about allegations of rigging. I printed 3,000 tags of the words 'YOUR VOTE' and threw them around garbage collection points across Mumbai to let people know where their vote actually goes. After this campaign, I painted a couple of walls depicting the impact of election on the common man. Somebody asked me if I can paint a picture of India in the last 70 years, so I painted two politicians playing tug of war with the Indian map," says the young artist.

This particular graffiti broke the internet and was even published in international newspapers. However, it was covered in paint in the real world. "An artist can lead, follow, uplift or provoke with their work. The artist provides society with emotions, colour and texture. After this, he cannot control



whether his works are preserved or white-washed," he responds.

Often dubbed Mumbai's Banksy for his distinct stencilling technique, the artist doesn't deny the inspiration but says the comparison both irks and delights him. "Banksy has inspired many. There is one Banksy in every city in this world. When people compare me with Banksy, I feel honoured and agitated at

the same time. I am inspired by logic and common sense," he says.

And much like Banksy, he argues that his street art is not a beautification project, rather a commentary on the contemporary socio-political situation. "Murals are done after seeking permissions and eventually end up creating a great backdrop for your selfies. A muralist makes money by paint-

ing a wall. Graffiti and street art refer to a work of art that is in a public place, often executed without official permission. You undertake the expenses and risks of doing it while exercising absolute freedom at the same time," he underlines.

On why it is regarded as vandalism, Tyler quotes Banksy: "Some people become cops because they want to make the world a better place. Some people become vandals because they want to make the world a better-looking place."

With more than 200 works spread across the city, mostly in Versova, Jogeshwari and Andheri — some in deserted streets, others in crowded lanes — Tyler says, "Location plays an important role in street art. The juxtaposition of art and the wall is what creates a good composition eventually."

"Graffiti is not to achieve but to express," the artist says, adding when he started painting, his friends and family had said this would bring him no success.

"The problem with most people out there is that they are trying really hard to make sense of things all the time. The best thing in life, however, is to never give up. What lay ahead of me I was unprepared for, but I saw my idea through. Having said that, like I said in one of my pieces, 'Never forget the world is yours, terms and conditions apply,'" he adds.

SNAP SHOTS



Life at a Glance

OSCAR-WINNING director Oliver Stone is penning his memoir, scheduled for release in 2020. Publishing house Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has attained the rights to Stone's untitled book, which will focus on his early years, including his experiences as an infantry soldier while serving in the Vietnam War, and his foray into Hollywood.



Colour Matters

THE PERSONAL Life of David Copperfield, Scottish writer-director Armando Iannucci's adaptation of Charles Dickens' *David Copperfield*, will open the 63rd BFI London Film Festival. With Dev Patel of *Slumdog Millionaire* fame in the titular role, Patel's casting is said to put a diverse spin on the adaptation, conventionally portrayed by white actors.

Romeo's Caste Conundrum

Pankaj Rishi Kumar captures the clash between young love and old feudal order in *Janani's Juliet*

DIPANITA NATH

WHAT WOULD happen if Juliet belongs to the upper caste and Romeo does not? In 2017, a theatre group in Puducherry, called Indianostrum, decided to find an answer by adapting William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* to contemporary India. As the artistes processed social realities, felt the grip of caste in love, and shaped the play, *Chandala, Impure*, an award-winning filmmaker, Pankaj Rishi Kumar, kept the camera rolling. The film, *Janani's Juliet*, produced by Delhi-based PSBT, won the Best Long Documentary Award at the 12th Kerala Documentary and Short Film Festival in June. *Chandala, Impure*, too, has collected critical reviews, as well as a top honour at the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards 2019.

"I had got to know Valavane Koumarane (director of Indianostrum) during the making of my previous film, *Two Flags*, and started documenting a lot of his work. When I heard that he was starting a new production, based on *Romeo and Juliet*, I wanted to film the process. It is not a simple matter to replace a family rivalry with a caste feud. I was keen to see how Valavane would negotiate this," says Kumar. A graduate of FTII, Pune, Kumar was a well-known film editor in Bollywood, and has worked on Shekhar Kapur's *Bandit Queen*, among others, until he became disillusioned and turned to making documentaries.

His first film, *Kumar Talkies*, explores the role of a cinema hall started by his father in Kalpi, a small town in north India, in the lives of the local people. It won the National Award for Best Audiography in 1999. The next film was



Stills from *Janani's Juliet*; (right) Pankaj Rishi Kumar

influenced by theatre. Titled *Pather Chujaeri (The Plays On...)*, the 2001 documentary deals with the Bhand performers of Kashmir who are sustaining a centuries-old tradition despite upheavals. "I was born and brought up in Delhi, where I did plays from school. We never took a script but wrote every play as a group," he says. This devised method of working attracted

him to Indianostrum, where members participate equally in the creative processes.

"I landed on June 10, 2017, in Puducherry, and, by that time, Indianostrum had figured out what Romeo would be like but had no clue how Juliet would be," recalls Kumar. One scene in *Janani's Juliet* shows actors quizzing the director, Valvane. "We hardly see Romeo in the



play; it's all about Juliet. In the death scene, he realises the meaning of being a Chandala but what about her? When does she realise the significance of being upper caste and the difference between them?" asks one performer.

To understand Juliet, Valavane travelled 12 hours from Puducherry to meet a 23-year-old woman called Kaushalya. In 2016, armed

goons from Kaushalya's powerful family had hacked her Dalit husband to death and critically injured her. "They wanted to kill me also. If there was a baby in my womb, the purity of their caste would be lost," Kaushalya tells the actors, in one of the most powerful moments of the film. Once he met Kaushalya, the structure of Kumar's film fell into place: he would channel the story of *Romeo and Juliet* with a real-life tragedy of Kaushalya and Shankar.

Janani's Juliet is layered with concerns, from conflicts in society to those in a theatre group during the making of a play. "I believe in layering my projects, adding one coat of meaning after another. This style, I believe, comes from my theatre days. A straightforward process of landing up and interviewing a theatre group about a play doesn't interest me at all," he says.

Questions of identity run strongly through Kumar's films. *Janani's Juliet* is the second film in a trilogy about Puducherry. *Two Flags* (2019) shows how the town's legacy of being both French and Indian, comes across in regular events and mishaps, celebrations and sorrows.

Towards the end of *Janani's Juliet*, performers stare into the camera and define love. "Love is the basis of existence. For love, no one should die," says one. "I have never believed that people are blinded when they fall in love," adds another. How does Kumar define the greatest emotion? "It's a very bizarre, spiritual level of comfort between two people," he says.

What will be hard for Ben going forward is the levels of adulation he'll receive... That was a burden for Freddie Flintoff."

ANDREW STRAUSS
FORMER ENGLAND CAPTAIN

NEAR PORT ELIZABETH in South Africa, preparing for the 2007 World Cup, Eoin Morgan had been running on the sand dunes for hours. Ireland's South African coach Adrian Birrell had conceived this three-week-long torturous plan to get his cricketers fit for the World Cup. Eventually, utterly exhausted, the team reached the last dune. Morgan huffing away was just ahead of David Longford-Smith, the popular seamer who would become famous for his wicket-celebrating dance during Ireland's dream run in the Caribbean.

"These dunes were of all shapes and sizes, and to this day it was the hardest session I've ever endured. Our last dune was the biggest, get to the top, and the session is over. I followed Moggie up but he stopped half way to vomit. The spray hit me in the face, and it started a chain reaction of us throwing up our breakfast. Not funny at the time, but hilarious looking back at it," David says.

"Eoin isn't the stern faced guy people might think. He has a great sense of humour, but he is just very focused. On that pre-World Cup camp there were times the heat got to us. We couldn't wait till the session ended. He and Porty (William Porterfield) would always stay back and hit extra balls. From a very early age he knew what he wanted to do, who he wanted to be, and nothing was going to stop him."



Stephen Tonge, head of sport at a school, realised that trait when he was chatting with kids at his classroom in Dublin, Ireland. "What do you want to do when you grow up?" Most dreams are shared. But a 14-year old says he wants to play cricket for England. Something in that voice and the look in his eyes has stayed with Stephen. "Lot's of kids have dreams, but when I listened to Eoin, I thought, 'Huh, he might actually do it.' That moment has stayed. He was a very nice kid, very stubborn and focussed, mentally tough, used to keep his cards close to chest, poker faced — a trait of the region in North County Dublin he came from: Fingal. Out there in Fingal, they are friendly and nice, but reserved. Stubborn and single-minded, very comfortable with who and how they are. You never can tell what they're thinking!"

Morgan was the first boy to be given a scholarship at the Catholic University School, a private school where Stephen would see his ambitions grow. "It was clear that Eoin was going to be special, so when Kevin Jennings proposed the scholarship, no one I think murmured."

With Morgan, moments freeze in the minds of people he comes across. Like John Pryor, the coach at Malahide Cricket Club where a 13-year old Morgan came over to play from his old club Rush. It was an Under-15 England vs Ireland game. Paul Fabrice, who would later be part of England's national team coaching set up, was heading the young tourists. The game was a bit rough. Ireland vs England, no surprise passions flowed. "Morgan would stand at short-leg and chirp away at the English. It was a tense game but he held his own and I remember him telling the other kids to not back away. He has never backed away from a contest since he was a kid. He inspired the others. He also hit valuable runs but his attitude stood out."

Fabrice noticed and took the kid for a chat in a corner at the end of the game. "I knew it wasn't about Dublin's weather," Pryor laughs. "That was the moment when the dream firmed in Eoin's minds. When Fabrice told him as much that one day, if he played his cards rightly, he could be playing for England."

He hasn't forgotten his roots, though. A couple of years ago when England played Ireland in Dublin, Pryor was standing on a road corner, puffing away on his cigarette. "Eoin walked with his team-mates, he saw me and shouted, 'That's John Pryor, a true legend!' And he introduced his players to me and we had a bit of nostalgia."



Morgan was five when Kenny Carroll, who would go on to play cricket and hockey for Ireland, saw him first. "It was a Under-11's game and there he was, a five-year-old kid in big pads. I am not sure how much he scored — must have, he always does — but that image has stayed." Not long after that Kenny would hear a lot more about the kid. "He was a prodigy, and very soon everyone in Irish cricket had heard of him. 'Seen that prodigy from Dublin, the Fingal kid?' He already had an air of confidence even in the times when he wasn't scoring. He had that about him always: very confident and sure of himself."

Carroll's story offers a fascinating interlude and provides context to Ireland's cricket. He played a World Cup, tried to play as a hockey professional in the London Olympics, but Ireland lost to Korea in the qualifiers. Then, reality hit. What to do now? What do cricketers in Ireland do? Carroll became a postman, clutching grey-clothed postbag of dreams and regrets, of hopes and hurts, across Dublin. "It would have been foolish



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DUBLINER

A boy's dream, a teenager's sweat, and a man's stubborn ambition. SRIRAM VEERA traces the story of the Irishman who turned English cricket around and won them the World Cup

for someone as talented as Eoin to remain and become one of us." After a few years, Carroll became the developmental manager of cricket in Ireland, and for the last four years or so, he has does a similar role but for hockey. "Things are changing for sports in our country."

Back then, it was a different world. When Birrell, the man who came from South Africa to coach Ireland and changed its landscape for good, arrived in Dublin, he met John Wright, a key administrator in Ireland cricket who lifted cricket from the veil of anonymity. Wright handed a bag of balls and a bat and said, "Right, there you go. Do your thing." That was it. In the 2003 World Cup qualifiers, Ireland reached a state, hit by injuries and amateurism, they sent out journalists as substitutes to play in a game.

On his debut game for an Ireland club, Morgan went out to bat at No.3, got out, walked back to the dressing room to see Paul Mooney, another Ireland international, sleeping in the dressing room. Mooney woke up after a while, went out to join Morgan and asked him, "Which number are you going to

bat?" Laughter. "Eddie was fantastic for us," Carroll recalls. "He would go from ground to ground on weekends, spend 30 mins at each venue, see all the matches as possible, identify local talent and promote them. A young Eoin was one of them."

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Pryor, the coach at Malahide Cricket Club, remembers the first time he met Morgan.

Cricket in Ireland was big in the late 1800s, but after the conflict with the UK, it was banned. Cricket died in rural Ireland and even started to fade away from the cities. Except for one corner in County Dublin.

"Must have been 8 or thereabouts. I was an umpire in a game that he played with his sister. He was a pretty decent medium pacer who could swing the ball — and I remember he appealed a lot that match, every time it hit the pad, he would scream. I told him, 'Kid you are swinging it too much. From the middle, it's going to go down the leg side. Now, if it had started from outside off, a different story.' Of course, then, he started to bend them from outside off and I did give couple of lbw decisions! He was way better than anyone else in that match — shouldn't have been playing really, but that was Irish cricket then. Not so many competitive cricket on. After a couple of years or so, he came to join Malahide, his dad brought him."

One day, Pryor was sitting with Wright, the patron saint of Irish cricket who died in 2008, and Morgan's dad in a pub. "Eoin was drinking some orange juice, and so was his dad who didn't drink much. Suddenly, Eoin said he was feeling sick, and even as his dad got up to take him to the toilet, Eoin stumbled over Wright. Bit of a soup, can't tell you more! The dad was embarrassed, Eoin too

was — and Wright acted as if nothing had happened but the dad kept telling Eoin to apologise. Think he did it for days and months to come!" Pryor laughs.



At Fingal, a few footsteps away from a makeshift cricket ground, Morgan lived with his parents and five siblings in a three-bedroom house. A concrete pathway that ran against a pebble-tiled wall of their neighbour's garage became their pitch. For the left-hander Morgan, the offside was walled out and, unsurprisingly, his leg-side play became his dominant trait.

Fingal also gave him that stubborn mindset that allowed him to change the face of ODI cricket in England. That how-Morgan-flipped-English-cricket story has been well-documented, but to understand his single-mindedness, we have to retreat to Fingal. Cricket in Ireland was big in the late 1800s and cricket leagues flourished in the 1900s, but the conflict with the UK ran out cricket. It was banned from Northern Ireland.

Even when the country was raging against Britain and cricket was banned, Fingal never abandoned it. Unsurprisingly, then, Morgan's childhood would revolve around bat and ball.

Gaelic football was encouraged as nationalism and pride spread across Ireland. Cricket died in rural Ireland and even started to fade away from the cities. Except for one corner in County Dublin — Fingal. It's where a few English landowners had spread the game, encouraging their local staff members to play in teams and it's where cricket found its rebel home in times of conflict. "They kept playing it when rest of the country had given up on cricket, Fingal people, I tell you, you can't change their minds," laughs Carroll.

Fingal means Fine Gall (foreign tribe), a region where Scandinavians settled down. It's the Vikings territory. They had their own language, Fingallian, a hybrid of Old English and Old Norse with Gaelic influences — now extinct. Morgan is from Rush in Fingal, a small seaside town on the slightly hillier area of the Irish sea coast.

One of the leg-side heaves from Morgan, on that concrete pathway, would have landed on a building with a big pillared stone portico. That grandiose portico is all that remains of Kenure House, whose owners were the ones who introduced cricket to the area. Even when the country was raging against Britain and cricket was banned, Fingal never abandoned it. Unsurprisingly, then, Morgan's childhood would revolve around bat and ball. At the end of school summer, in his teens, he would head to Middlesex in England for more cricket.

The moment that made David Longford-Smith realise that Moggie's days with Ireland cricket are numbered came in Abu Dhabi.

"He had a lean World Cup in '07, no doubt he was disappointed. It didn't change anyone's mind about his ability though. In '08 we were in Abu Dhabi playing the UAE invitational side. Moggie went in at 3 in about the 4th over. After 50 overs he was 196 not out, using every inch of the park. The shots he played were breathtaking, and I knew we wouldn't have him much longer. I just wish he got a bit more Test cricket. I watched him score 214 not out in Abu Dhabi in our 4 day Intercontinental Cup match, only a few days after his 196 not out in white ball cricket. The concentration he showed was worthy of Test cricket."

"There will always be an argument as to who's better, Moggie or Ed Joyce. I can just say that we were blessed to have two such amazing cricketers in one generation, and I'll always be proud to have been there to witness it," David says.



By 2007, Joyce, who had left Ireland to play in England, had already paid his debts to Irish cricket. "He played for us in the 2005 qualifiers for the next World Cup, smashed big scores in every match, took us to the semis almost singlehandedly and then left back to England, saying 'I have done my job. Qualification is done now, let me return to county cricket,'" Carroll recalls.

In 2007, Joyce was sitting with Andrew Strauss, watching a 50-over game involving Middlesex at Lord's. "Andrew Caddick was pacy but Moggie (Eoin) was picking length balls off middle stump over midwicket into the stands. It was something to see this little ginger Irish guy take on a huge former England bowler with so much composure. Strauss and I knew we were watching a pretty unusual talent coming through," Joyce had told *The Times*.

Strauss would later be the director of English cricket and instrumental in making sweeping changes and allowing Morgan to enforce his vision. "Ask anyone who's played under him for England in the last few years," Joyce said. "They will tell you there is no doubting who is the boss."

The last four years have belonged to Captain Morgan. A boy who very early in his life knew what he wanted to be. Where he wanted to be. In the end, reality surpassed his dreams. An Irishman leading England to their first World Cup triumph, high-fiving with kids of different backgrounds at the Oval, a day after the thriller at Lord's.

He would say that Adil Rashid had told the team before the Super Over that "Allah was with us". Also, only one of the two captains out there has his home country associated with luck. But nothing, until that greatest moment of his life, has been because of any fortuitous turn. A boy's dream, a teenager's sweat, and a man's stubborn ambition. Sometimes, in sport as in life, events get out of control of mere mortals. Such has been his incredible dreamy journey from a hilly coastal region in north-western Dublin that of the two captains out there, perhaps, the cricketers felt that the Irishman deserved it more. Who can grudge him this triumphal moment of his life?



New Zealand coach Gary Stead said the rules will be invariably reviewed.

World Cup final rules are very very hollow: Stead

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NEW ZEALAND coach Gary Stead Tuesday called for the ICC World Cup rules to be reviewed, saying the feeling is "very, very hollow" after England beat them on a bizarre technicality in the showpiece final. Both finalists could not be separated at the end of regular play as well as the Super Over, but England were crowned champions because they had a superior boundary count. "It's a very, very hollow feeling that you can play 100 overs and score the same amount of runs and still lose the game, but that's the technicalities of sport," Stead told reporters.

Hailed by many as the greatest game in the history of one-day internationals, New Zealand were left to rue the boundary count rule a few minutes after a fortuitous, last-over overthrow came to England's rescue. "There's going to be many things they look at over the whole tournament—I'm sure when they were writing the rules they never expected a World Cup final to happen like that. I'm sure it'll be reviewed (and) there's many different ways that they'll probably explore."

The Black Caps coach shrugged off suggestions England had been mistakenly handed an extra run after a throw from the deep hit the bat of a diving Ben Stokes' and rolled past the boundary rope in the final over of regular play. England were awarded six runs but former umpire Simon Taufel said they should only have got five as the batsmen had not crossed for their second run when the throw was made.

"I didn't actually know that. But at the end of the day the umpires are there to rule. They're human as well, like players, and sometimes there's a mistake but that's just the human aspect of sport."

NZ will only get better

Spin great Daniel Vettori is optimistic of New Zealand competing for title in the 2023 World Cup, preferring to look ahead instead of brooding over the gut-wrenching defeat to England in Sunday's final. Heartbroken New Zealand fans expressed pride Monday in the Black Caps' fighting spirit after defeat to England in the World Cup final.

"Looking ahead to where New Zealand go, we certainly won't be seeing too much change from them. This is a settled team and the majority of this squad will be available for the next World Cup, so they've got the building blocks of something very special," Vettori wrote in his column for ICC. "They'll take a lot of experience from this heading forward and there's no reason why these 15 guys can't be competing for a title in India in four years' time."

The former skipper said the Kane Williamson-led New Zealand team "should be forever proud" of its performance. England were adjudged the winners on the basis of their superior boundary count — 22 fours and two sixes to New Zealand's 17 — after the tournament's greatest final.

Coach won't pick his support staff

Cricket advisory committee will appoint head coach of Team India post Caribbean tour, while the selectors will decide the support staff

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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IN A break from the past, the head coach of Indian cricket team can't pick his own support staff. According to a source from the Indian cricket board, while the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) will appoint a head coach, the selection committee headed by MSK Prasad and his colleagues Jatin Paranjpe, Gagan Khoda, Sarandeep Singh and Devang Gandhi will shortlist the support staff. It is learnt that the BCCI legal team informed the Committee of Administrators that as per the new constitution, the selection committee will have to appoint support staff and CAC only has to appoint a head coach.

The BCCI on Tuesday had invited application for head coach, batting, bowling, fielding coach, physiotherapist, strength and conditioning coach and administrative manager for the Indian team.

In the past, the board had given head coaches the liberty to pick their core support staff. From John Wright, India's first overseas coach to Ravi Shastri, the incumbent, they brought men of their choice. Shastri had emphasised in his first press conference that the coach needed to work with a familiar group for better output. "The understanding and familiarity between the coaches will obviously help in the collective cause of the team. It's one of the crucial aspects in team building," he had said.

So Shastri was allowed to pick bowling coach Bharat Arun, who hadn't featured under Anil Kumble's regime. Arun had been in the team since Duncan Fletcher's tenure but once Kumble took over he doubled up as the bowling coach. But as soon the latter left and Shastri took over, he returned to the team.

Batting coach Sanjay Bangar and fielding coach R Sridhar too were retained, their contract extended till the World Cup. All of them were given a 45-day extension, though trainer Shankar Basu and physio Patrick Farhaat refused the offer.

Interestingly, the BCCI constitution has invested the signatory powers in picking the support staff to CEO Rahul Johri. It's the selection committee that has the signatory powers in appointing the support staff of junior and women's teams.

But in the case of the support staff for the senior team, the selectors will convey the names to Johri, who will give the final approval. The current coach and support staff, though will be given automatic entry into the recruitment process, the BCCI said in a statement.

As for the CAC, the CoA has asked the general manager of cricket operations Saba Karim to look for a new committee after



Incumbent head coach Ravi Shastri, support staff Bharat Arun and Sanjay Bangar were given automatic entry into the recruitment process. AP

three former great Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman, and Sourav Ganguly were found under a conflict of interest charges during a meeting held in New Delhi a few days ago. Tendulkar had recused himself from CAC whereas Ganguly and Laxman had to choose between their roles in IPL franchise and CAC.

The order passed by BCCI's ethics officer DK Jain last month has yet to be implemented, though.

Former selector Rathour to be new NCA batting coach

Former India opener and selector Vikram Rathour will be new batting coach at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru whereas Kinjal Suratwala will be head of education in Rahul Dravid's new team at the NCA. Interestingly, the COA had stopped Rathour's appointment as NCA batting coach a few months ago citing him a conflict of interest. Rathour then was the director of coaching at Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association and coach of their Ranji Trophy team last year.

'Head coach should be below 60, should have two-year experience'

New Delhi: The Indian cricket board Tuesday invited applications for the men's team support staff including head coach who will need to be less than 60 years of age with a minimum international experience of two years. The BCCI has streamlined the process of hiring the support staff including head coach, batting coach, bowling coach, fielding coach, physiotherapist, strength and conditioning coach and administrative manager. The application deadline for all the roles is 5 PM, July 30.

Before Ravi Shastri was appointed as the head coach in July 2017, the BCCI had issued a nine-point eligibility criteria which lacked focus and clarity. This time, it is only a three-point criteria for all the coaching roles including head coach besides the positions in the batting, bowling and fielding department.

"The current coaching staff of Team India will get an automatic entry in the recruitment process," said the BCCI in a statement. The head coach should have coached a Test playing nation for a minimum of two years or three years with an associate member/A team/IPL side.

The applicant also should have played 30 Tests or 25 ODIs. The criteria remains the same for batting, bowling and fielding coach except the number of games played. The three personnel should have played at least 10 Tests or 25 ODIs and be less than 60 years of age.

The current support staff comprising Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun, batting coach Sanjay Bangar and fielding coach R Sridhar were given a 45-day extension following the World Cup, covering the West

The applicant also should have played 30 Tests or 50 ODIs. The criteria remains the same for batting, bowling and fielding coach except the number of games played.

Indies tour from August 3 to September 3. All of them can re-apply but the team is set to have a new trainer and physio after the departure of Shankar Basu and Patrick Farhart following India's semifinal exit in the World Cup. After the West Indies tour, India's home season kicks off with a series against South Africa, beginning September 15. PTI

PCB deliberates on splitting captaincy



Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur will have apply freshly for the coach's job.

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SPLITTING THE captaincy and inviting fresh applications for the national team coach and other support staff will be on the agenda when the PCB's Cricket Committee meets later this month to review Pakistan's debacle in the World Cup. Though the Pakistan Cricket Board is tight lipped on the dates for the Cricket Committee meeting, sources said it is expected to be held on July 29.

The source told PTI that the meeting was delayed since former captain Misbah-ul-Haq, one of the members of the panel, had plans to travel to the USA on personal work. "If he travels, then he will attend the meeting via video link and if he is in Lahore he will be present in person," the source said. He said pace-bowling legend Wasim Akram and Urooj Mumtaz, a former captain of the national women's team, who are the other members of the committee,

have already been sounded out for the meeting which will be chaired by PCB MD Wasim Khan. Pakistan finished fifth in the just-concluded World Cup and review of the poor performance of the team will be on the top of agenda of the meeting.

Arthur has to reapply

It is learnt that head coach Mickey Arthur has been told by PCB chief Ehsan Mani and Wasim Khan during a meeting in London that he would have to apply afresh for the post and he would not get any extension as his contract has expired. The source said that the PCB has also started making inquiries about potential candidates for the support staff and the name of ex-Zimbabwe captain and former England head coach Andy Flower was on the list. "The PCB is impressed with the work done by Flower as a coach and then at the England Cricket Board's academy behind the scenes to build a strong ODI squad which went on to win the World Cup," the source said.

Haryana to set up Sports University near Sonipat

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NEARLY THREE years after Haryana sports and youth affairs minister Anil Vij announced that the Sports School, Rai (Sonipat), will be upgraded to a Sports University, the State Cabinet on Tuesday approved the proposal. To be named the Sports University of Haryana, this will be the first full-fledged sports university in the state.

The Sports University of Haryana will be the third sports university established by a state government in India after Swarnim Gujarat Sports University (Gandhinagar) and Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (Chennai). In 2018, the union cabinet had given the go ahead to set up the country's first National Sports University in Imphal,

Manipur. After the Haryana cabinet meeting today, Vij said that the university will conduct academic and training programmes in physical education and sports sciences, including sports technology and sports medicine. Courses will include training for sports management, sports infrastructure engineering, sports psychology, sports nutrition, sports journalism and sports marketing.

According to Vij, the university's Vice-Chancellor will be either a sportsperson of international repute or a renowned sports administrator or a renowned sports academician. Vij added that sportspersons will be provided with world-class facilities. "The Haryana cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar approved the proposal of the Sports and Youth Affairs Department to enact Sports University of Haryana Bill."

[SPORTS BAR]



Arsenal tops Rapids 3-0 in friendly match

James Olayinka had a goal and an assist to lead Arsenal past the Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids 3-0 in a friendly on Monday night. Olayinka's sizzling right-footed strike in the 29th minute came from just outside the box as he scored into the upper-right corner of the net to give the team a 2-0 lead. Olayinka assisted on Arsenal's opening score. He pushed the ball into the box where Bukayo Saka found it and lifted it into the net in the 13th minute. The third score came just after halftime from Gabriel Martinelli in the 61st minute. It was Martinelli's debut after joining Arsenal from Ituano earlier in the month. "I'm really pleased with our effort," Colorado Rapids interim coach Conor Casey said. "We had chances but they're a great team at the end of the day it was just about the atmosphere."

Atletico to sign Trippier, says report

England defender Kieran Trippier is on the verge of moving from Tottenham Hotspur to Atletico Madrid, reports in the Spanish and British media said on Tuesday. The Daily Telegraph said Trippier, 28, has travelled to the Spanish capital ahead of a move worth £20 million. Spanish daily Marca said Atletico, who finished runners-up in La Liga last season, have turned to Trippier after failing to sign Portugal right back Nelson Semedo from Barcelona. Atletico did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the reports from Reuters. Speaking after the Champions League final, the right back admitted his future with Tottenham was unclear, saying: "I want to stay in England but what can you do? I'll see what happens and what the club wants, most importantly."

Delph joins Everton from Manchester City

Everton have signed England international midfielder Fabian Delph on a three-year deal from Premier League champions Manchester City. The 29-year-old, who has made 20 appearances for England, became surplus to requirements at City after they recently signed Spanish midfielder Rodri in a club record deal from Atletico Madrid. Delph had one year left on his City contract and played 22 times in the title-winning 2017/18 season.



Pacquiao is scheduled to fight Keith Thurman in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Khan says Pacquiao fight to take place in Saudi

Amir Khan said on Tuesday he had agreed a deal to fight Manny Pacquiao in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia later this year. Britain's Khan stopped Australia's Billy Dib in the fourth round in Jeddah on July 13 to win the WBC international welterweight title. Filipino Pacquiao, 40, is scheduled to fight American Keith Thurman in Las Vegas on Saturday. Khan told British media his fight against Pacquiao was scheduled for Nov. 8. "Signed off and done, to get Manny Pacquiao is amazing," Khan was quoted as saying by the BBC. "To have him sign that dotted line is brilliant. No matter how he does against Thurman I still think it's a big fight." Khan said he thinks the bout with Pacquiao, one of the sport's most decorated fighters, would happen even if the Filipino were to lose to Thurman. "If he gets injured or loses, what happens there? I still think, even if he loses, it is a very big fight in the Middle East, there has been so much talk about it for many years. I just feel that Manny is himself and doesn't get any injuries and the fight can happen," Khan was quoted as saying by The Guardian.

Two Russian boxers competed despite bans

Two Russian boxers serving doping suspensions have competed while banned, Reuters has found, highlighting inconsistencies in Russia's efforts to reform its anti-doping practices. Competition records show that Russian amateur boxers Islam Dashaev and Alena Tokarchuk fought in official tournaments last year despite bans announced by Russian anti-doping agency RUSADA, which is forbidden under international anti-doping rules. These lapses in the enforcement of their bans suggest that Russia, which says it has moved past its doping scandals, has yet to create an anti-doping culture in which all dopers are sidelined. RUSADA said it had been unaware of the cases and said, after Reuters asked about them, that it would investigate.

Commonwealth Table Tennis C'ships begin

Indian men's team, led by skipper Sharath Kamal, will start as favourites at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships which begin at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium here Wednesday. India are clubbed with Singapore and Scotland in group B, while England, the top-ranked team here and placed in group A, have Sri Lanka and Cyprus for company. With two teams from each group to qualify for the second stage, Sharath and Co. are confident of sweeping the gold medals.



'Another super over should decide winner'

Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday endorsed a second super over to decide the winner instead of considering the boundary count if such an extraordinary situation arises like it did in the World Cup final. In a gut-wrenching final at Lord's on Sunday, England were adjudged the World Cup winners on the basis of their superior boundary count — 22 fours and two sixes to New Zealand's 16 — after both the regulation match and the ensuing Super Over ended in a tie. "I feel there should be another super over to decide the winner, instead of considering the number of boundaries scored by both teams. Not just in a World Cup final. Every game is important. Like in football, when teams go into extra time, nothing else matters," Tendulkar told 100mb.

India show life in dead rubber

Pull off a 1-1 draw against Syria in an inconsequential Intercontinental Cup tie

MIHIR VASAVDA
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A BUNCH of Syrians – roughly two dozen of them – made a short trip from Rajkot to watch their national team play. The opponents were India – but it didn't really matter whom they were playing. For most, it was the first time they were watching their national team play since the war in Syria began in 2011. Who and where they were playing mattered little to them.

Since the unrest began in the Arab nation, the Syrian national team has been playing its 'home' matches in Oman, Malaysia, Qatar and even Turkey. Anywhere but home, really. "So when we got to know they are playing in Ahmedabad, we couldn't miss the opportunity to watch our heroes in flesh," says Latakia native Rifa'at N'deeb, who is studying computer engineering at a university in Rajkot.

N'deeb isn't a football fan. Yet, the disappointment of narrowly missing out on the 2018 World Cup – a rare moment that brought the country together – still lingers. This was the beginning of a new journey, with a completely new set of players – most travelling outside Syria for the first time. They were up against an equally young and inexperienced Indian side, who – at 101 – are ranked 17 places below them in the world rankings.

The last round-robin match of the Intercontinental Cup ended in a 1-1 draw. On the eve of the draw for the 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup joint qualifiers, the outcome pleased both sets of coaches. Not the result as much as the performances of the players.

From India's perspective, there are plenty of takeaways from this match. It's the best they have played under new coach Igor Stimac, who also seems to have found answers to a lot of

questions heading into the serious business of the qualifiers.

Stimac has tried 27 different players in his two months, and five matches, as India coach. On Tuesday, he seemed to have found the right combination; especially the midfield, which is young and quick and once of the most exciting line-ups India have had in quite some time.

In the centre are Anirudh Thapa (21) and Amarjit Singh Kiyam (18); on the wings are Udanta Singh (23) and Lallianzuala Chhangte (22); in front of them, and just behind Sunil Chhetri, is 22-year-old Sahal Abdul Samad, the UAE-born midfielder who has made a solid impression because of his playmaking abilities since making his international debut in May.

The five of them got a rare outing together on Tuesday and they caught a technically-superior Syria by surprise with their flamboyant style, showing thinking and awareness that has been lacking in the Indian team for major part of this decade. Of course, these are early days – whether these players can perform at this level consistently and in pressure matches like the qualifiers remains to be seen.

What would also come as a relief to Stimac is that finally someone else apart from Chhetri scored. India's only goal of the match came from 18-year-old Narender Gahlot. The centre-back, playing only his second international, leapt over the 6-foot tall Tamer Haj Mohamad to head home Thapa's ball from a corner in the 52nd minute.

A headache for Stimac throughout the tournament has been the defence. With Sandesh Jhingan injured and Anas Edathodika not match-fit yet after announcing his return from retirement, Stimac has been forced to play makeshift central defensive pairs. Against Syria, Gahlot and Rahul Bheke (origi-



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nally a full back) paired up in the centre while Pritam Kotal and Mandar Rao Desai (a winger) played as full backs.

It worked for sometime but the lack of options showed when he replaced Desai with Jerry Lalrinzuala. The 20-year-old Mizo wasn't able to cope up with the pace of Syrian forwards and conceded a penalty in the 78th minute with a needless shoulder push on Syrian legend Firas Al

Khatib, who went on to score from the spot.

Syria, who needed a win to qualify for the final, put India under considerable pressure in the closing stages of the match, but the hosts held on for a draw. The happiest faces in the stadium after the final whistle were of the North Koreans, who made the cut for the final and will face surprise qualifiers Tajikistan on Friday.

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