

COURT SAYS PAK BREACHED VIENNA CONVENTION, REJECTS INDIA'S CALL TO ANNUL MILITARY VERDICT

Justice in International Court

Jadhav death sentence suspended, Pak told to review, grant access

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

AFTER MORE than two years of battle at the global court, New Delhi won a legal and diplomatic victory over Islamabad Wednesday after the International Court of Justice ruled that Pakistan must review the death sentence for Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav. He was sentenced by a Pakistani military court on charges of "espionage and terrorism".

The court affirmed the former Indian Navy officer's right to consular access and slammed Pakistan for denying this. And made it clear that Jadhav's death sentence should remain suspended until Pakistan effectively reviews and reconsiders the conviction and sentence in the light of its breach of Article 36 — that is denial of consular access and notification.

The court, however, rejected India's call to annul the military court decision and ensure his release and safe passage home. This means that Jadhav will not be free in the immediate term and the ball is in Pakistan's court to decide his fate.

In reality, this judgment underlines that Jadhav must get access to consular and legal assistance but does not rule that he can be tried under the civilian court of law.

The only thing, it says, is that the review and reconsideration

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should be "effective". It has even suggested to Pakistan's government that it can take legislative action to make the process of review and reconsideration "effective" — this is right now in the military court's domain.

The judgment comes in the wake of strained ties between India and Pakistan over the last few years as Delhi isolates Islamabad on the global stage. Much will depend on how Islamabad acts on this judgment.

The 42-page verdict, read out by Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, President of the Court, at the Peace Palace at The Hague on Wednesday was decided with 15 judges, including China's judge, in favour while only Pakistan's ad-hoc

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The International Court of Justice ruled 15-1 in India's favour at The Hague, Wednesday. PTI

What next for Pak: how ICJ raises bar for Jadhav's due process

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE VERDICT of the International Court of Justice Wednesday puts pressure on Pakistan by raising the bar for the next steps in Kulbhushan Jadhav's due process.

For one, ruling in India's favour in a 15-1 vote, the ICJ said Pakistan has breached international law by denying Jadhav consular access and legal representation. The court verdict, in paragraphs 99-119, indicts Pakistan's military court that does not allow for legal representation.

So the ICJ by allowing legal representation for Jadhav has, essentially, forced Pakistan to follow a more rigorous process to ensure an effective review as per the court's ruling. In fact, the court went to the extent of saying that Pakistan must ensure this "(even) if necessary, by enacting appropriate legislation." Senior advocate Harish Salve, addressing the media in London, said that if Pakistan conducts the trial in its military court, it would have to amend its laws to allow legal representation. India had argued that trial in the military courts in Pakistan does not satisfy the minimum standards of

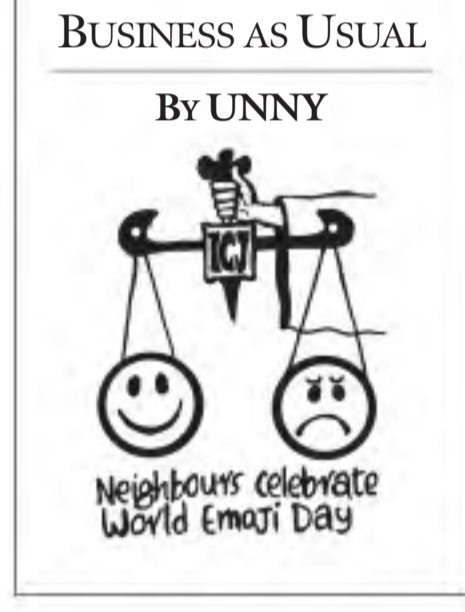
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In Mumbai, his family: Till he does not return from Pak, fear remains

MOHAMED THAYER
MUMBAI, JULY 17

KULBHUSHAN JADHAV'S uncle struck a cautionary note even as his friends began celebrations in the NM Joshi area in central Mumbai where he spent his childhood. Speaking over phone to *The Indian Express*, retired ACP Subhash Jadhav said, "While we are happy with the efforts put in by the Indian government, we want to see Kulbhushan come out alive from Pakistan. Till that does not happen, the fear will remain."

The mood at the Pruthvi Chandan building, where Kulbhushan stayed earlier, was,



however, celebratory. Balloons were being released in the air.
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Ball in its court, pressure on Pak

GRANTING CONSULAR access and legal help to Kulbhushan Jadhav is low-hanging fruit which Delhi can pluck from the verdict. The court steered clear of adjudicating on charges against Jadhav and didn't set him free. It has called for a review but has left it to Pak to decide how. It's upon Pak to show if it follows a process that's fair — and seen to be fair in tune with the verdict.

Hafiz Saeed held, prompts Trump tweet: US pressure

M ZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, JULY 17

MUMBAI TERROR attack mastermind and Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed was arrested Wednesday on terror financing charges by the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Pakistan's Punjab province, days ahead of Prime Minister Imran Khan's maiden visit to the US.

US President Donald Trump hailed Saeed's detention and said it was a result of "great pressure" exerted by his administration on



26/11 mastermind is now in judicial custody. TV grab

Pakistan in the last two years. "After a ten year search, the so-called 'mastermind' of the

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On state plea, Ranchi court drops Quran donation as bail condition

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JULY 17

ADAY after it asked a 19-year-old B.Com student to distribute copies of the Quran as a condition for her bail, a Ranchi district court Wednesday recalled its order after the police officer investigating the case submitted that there will be difficulties in "implementing the order" and the Jharkhand government, too, asked for a modification.

The court of Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Manish Kumar Singh in granting bail to Richa Bharti, who was arrested earlier for sharing an offensive social media post targeting Muslims, asked her to hand over a Quran to the local Anjuman Committee in the presence of police, and four more to different libraries.

But in its reviewed order Wednesday, the court said: "The IO (investigating officer) has prayed that the condition of donating Holy Quran by petitioner may be done away with because of difficulties in implementation. The state has prayed for modification of the said bail order and modifying the condition

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3 women among 9 killed as land dispute leads to firing in UP village

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JULY 17

NINE PERSONS, including three women, were shot dead and 24 others injured Wednesday in UP's Sonbhadra district in a clash between two groups in Umbha village following a dispute over land that previously belonged to a trust linked to an IAS officer, police said.

Police said the clash broke out between Umbha residents, who claimed possession of the land, and another group led by the pradhan of a neighbouring village, who had bought the property from the trust two years ago.



One of the injured being taken to hospital. Vijay Vinit

"The pradhan, Yaghya Dutt, and his associates reached Umbha on a tractor-trolley and started farming activity on the land. The local farmers, who were on the land, protested. They were soon joined by other resi-

dents of the village. Heated arguments led to both groups throwing bricks at each other. Then, the firing took place," said Braj Bhushan, ADG (Varanasi Zone).

Bhushan said 12 persons, including relatives of the pradhan, have been arrested. The dispute over the 90 bighas of land, about 3 km away from the village, was already pending in the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) court, he said.

"Local residents have been farming on the land over several years and were paying rent to a 12-member trust, which owned it. Around two years ago, two of the trustees, who are family members of an IAS officer, sold

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KARNATAKA TRUST VOTE TODAY

Speaker's call on resignations, says SC, but gives rebel MLAs a shield

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

IN AN interim order on the eve of the crucial trust vote in the Karnataka Assembly Thursday, the Supreme Court Wednesday left it open to the Speaker to decide on the resignations of 15 rebel Congress and JD(S) MLAs but also ordered that the MLAs should not be "compelled" to attend the ongoing session of the House.

Hearing a plea by the rebels against Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar who has not accepted their resignations, a bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said it was passing the order keeping in view the fact that Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy's government faces a trust motion Thursday.

Thirteen Congress and three JD(S) MLAs have resigned since July 6, technically reducing the numbers of the coalition from 117 to 101 compared to the BJP's 105 in the 224-member House where the halfway mark is 113. However, the numbers will reduce only when the resignations

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Chief Minister Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru, Wednesday. PTI

SC verdict not in our way, says Cong, will issue whip

JOHNSON TA, LIZ MATHEW & MANOJ C G
BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, JULY 17

HOURS AFTER the Supreme Court left it to the discretion of Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar to decide on the resignations of 15 rebel coalition MLAs in Karnataka, the Congress and JD(S) Wednesday decided to issue a whip to all its legislators, including 16 MLAs who have

resigned, to attend the trust vote scheduled Thursday as well as a separate whip to vote for the coalition.

But the rebel MLAs, holed up in Mumbai since they quit, hailed the SC's directions and said there was no question of taking back their resignations from the Assembly or attending the trust vote. "We are happy with the decision of the Honourable Supreme Court, we honour it," said rebel Congress

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Cabinet asks finance panel to consider securing funds for defence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

IN WHAT could be a major change in how government allocates funds for national security, the Union Cabinet Wednesday asked the Finance Commission to consider if "adequate, secure and non-lapsable" funds could be provided for defence and internal security. It also extended the term of the Fifteenth Finance Commission by a month to November.

The decision buttresses the Union Government's emphasis on national security which, both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have stated, is one of their primary areas of focus. The Finance Commission has been asked to examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up, and if so, how could it be operationalised.

If the recommendations made by the Finance Commission — which is constituted under Article 280 of the

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Kohli won't have a say in choosing new coach

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UNLIKE LAST time, captain Virat Kohli will have no say in the selection of the Indian team's new head coach, a senior BCCI official told *The Indian Express*.

The final decision will be taken by a steering committee, headed by former India skipper Kapil Dev, and approved by the



Shastri is on extension

Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA), the official said.

"Last time, the captain (Kohli) had expressed his difficulty, or the team's difficulty, with former coach Anil Kumble. In the new selection process, he will have absolutely no say with regards to who becomes the coach. This time, we have Kapil Dev in the coach selection committee, and he will not listen to him (Kohli),"

the official, who did not wish to be named, said.

In another departure from the process followed last time, the BCCI has decided that the senior selection committee will pick the support staff to assist the coach.

"Support staff will be picked by the selection committee. Normally, we allow the head coach to do that (pick the support staff) for team building. This

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Newsroom to Govt, reporter to father, how Kargil tipoff travelled

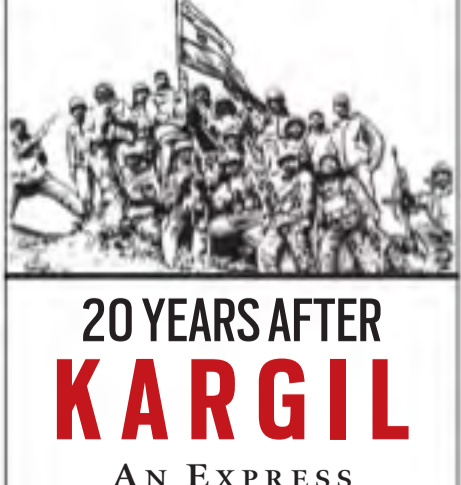
SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

WHILE MUCH of what happened during the war on the icy heights of Kargil in 1999 has been extensively debated and analysed, little known are the details of how senior ministers of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet first learnt of the intrusions in the area. They got to know of it rather fortuitously, after a senior Army officer approached the son of then Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh.

Manvendra Singh, son of Jaswant Singh, and a Territorial

Army officer, said, "I was then covering defence for *The Indian Express*, with well-established contacts and friends in the Defence ministry and the Services headquarters. At the beginning of the second week of May, I got a call from a senior officer in Army Headquarters that I should positively see him that evening." This was in May 1999.

"I met him for dinner at his residence where he told me that something was happening in Drass-Kargil sector which seems to be serious because a Special Forces unit had been heli-lifted urgently that day and taken to



the heights in that sector," said Singh, who later became an MP and a MLA in Rajasthan.



Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee with troops in Kargil in June 1999. Express archive

"When I enquired more, he said that it was some problem with the Line of Control (LoC) management and there are intruders suspected to be in that sector. As a military man, he asked me to convey the same to the political leadership through my father as the matter was serious," added Singh.

Singh met his father very early next morning and asked if he was aware of any reports of a major problem in the Drass-Kargil sector. Jaswant Singh replied in the negative and reached for his RAX phone.

"He called his colleague George Fernandes, who was the

Raksha Mantri, and asked if he was aware of some unusual happenings in the Drass-Kargil sector, to which Fernandes said no. He told my father that he was due to leave abroad on a reciprocal visit that day. My father suggested that before he leaves, he should ask for a briefing in the Operations Room of the Military Operations directorate for both of them," said Singh.

Both the ministers were briefed by the Director General Military Operations (DGMO) and informed about the intrusions, but not the full extent or the nature of intrusions or the presence of regular Pakistan

Army soldiers. It later came to light that the local Army formations had kept the Army Headquarters in the dark even as they were discovering the truth about the intrusions in the Drass-Kargil-Batalik sectors.

As per the Kargil Review Committee report, there were around 140 posts and pickets established by regulars of Pakistan Army, over a frontage of 100 km up to a depth of 8 km inside Indian territory over months in 1999. The Indian Army had first detected the intrusions on May 6, 1999, and the then Corps Commander Lt Gen Kishan Pal

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THIS COMEDIAN HAS A MESSAGE ABOUT THE ASSAM FLOODS — BUT IT'S NO JOKE

According to the latest reports, more than 52 lakh have been affected in almost all 33 districts of the state. "But you guys don't know about it, right? The media has better things to do," says Mishra, in the eight-minute long clip

VIDEO OF THE DAY



JUD CHIEF HAFIZ SAEED ARRESTED

The arrest was made when he was going to Gujranwala from Lahore

FULL COVERAGE



KARNATAKA CRISIS IN SUPREME COURT

'Rebel Karnataka MLAs can't be compelled to participate in trust vote'

EXPRESS AUDIO

The Kulbhushan Jadhav Verdict and what it means for India

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In this episode of the 3 Things podcast, we take a look back at the case, talk about the verdict and understand what it means for India

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due process in its application to civilians and an appeal against the military court decision would be insufficient.

India had also requested the court to declare the decision of Pakistan's military court to convict Jadhav and award him the death penalty as violative of international law. While the ICJ stopped short of doing so, it directed continuous stay of the execution until Pakistan effectively reviews and reconsiders the case. The court, however, indicated that Pakistan must review and reconsider the case by a means of "its own choosing" and "must be performed unconditionally."

Even as India's request for the acquittal, release and return of Jadhav was denied by the International Court of Justice, the court refused every claim — including questions on Jadhav's nationality — made by Pakistan.

While Pakistan claimed that Jadhav was not entitled to consular access since he was arrested in an alleged case of espionage, the ICJ said that such an exception cannot be justified in international law. The verdict clarified that the Vienna Convention on Consular Access is applicable even for spies and Indian consular officers must be given access to Jadhav to arrange for his legal representation.

Pakistan had also argued that a 2008 bilateral agreement between India and Pakistan on consular access modifies the 1963 Vienna Convention to exclude consular access in cases of "political or security grounds." However, the ICJ ruled that bilateral agreements must be read as "supplementing, not replacing" multilateral treaties.

The court concluded that Pakistan had violated international law by "not informing India, without delay, of the detention." Pakistan had also raised questions on Jadhav's nationality and had argued that India had failed to prove his nationality since it did not provide a copy of his "actual passport in his real name."

India had argued that it was not bound to cooperate with Pakistan in a criminal investigation. The ICJ said that there is "no room for doubt" that Jadhav is of Indian nationality. In fact, the court noted that on various occasions Pakistan itself has referred to Jadhav as an Indian in its communication to India including in its "Letter of Assistance for Criminal Investigation against Indian National Kulbhushan Jadhav."

His family

sweets being distributed and chants of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' echoed. "I strongly believe that prayers of the countrymen helped swing the decision in our favour. We know people across the country had been praying in temples and mosques for his release," said Arvind Singh, a childhood friend of Kulbhushan. Singh said, "Pakistan has been exposed and they have a chance to redeem themselves. They should release him at the earliest." Another friend Sunil Singh said, "See, we knew we were speaking the truth and hence we were prepared to celebrate. We had called for balloons, sweets and also wanted to release pigeons. However, we could not arrange for the latter. It is an international court and there was no chance they would give a wrong judgement."

Vandana Pawar, another friend, however, said while the decision was good, she feared if Pakistan would actually accept the decision. "Till the time we don't see him, there will be some fear."

Earlier, the friends wearing white t-shirts with 'Justice for Kulbhushan' emblazoned across it, performed Aarti twice during the day. They had arranged for a

TV set so that they could watch the judgment together.

Hafiz Saeed held

Mumbai terror attacks has been arrested in Pakistan. Great pressure has been exerted over the last two years to find him!" said Trump, who is scheduled to meet Khan at the Oval Office on July 22.

Saeed, a UN-designated terrorist on whom the US has placed a \$10 million bounty, was travelling to Gujranwala from Lahore to get pre-arrest bail in terror financing cases registered against him when he was arrested, a CTD official told PTI.

"The JuD chief was going to Gujranwala from Lahore on Wednesday morning when a CTD team intercepted him near Gujranwala city (80 km from Lahore) and arrested him on terror financing charges," the official said.

Saeed was presented before an Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Gujranwala, which sent him on judicial remand for seven days. He was subsequently shifted to Lahore's high-security Kot Lakhpat jail where former prime minister Nawaz Sharif is serving seven years' imprisonment in a corruption case, the official said.

On July 3, the CTD had registered 23 FIRs against 13 top leaders of JuD, including Saeed, on charges of "terror financing" in different cities of Punjab province. Saeed-led JuD is the front organisation for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), which is responsible for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. He was listed under UN Security Council Resolution 1267 in December 2008.

On January 31, 2017, Saeed and his four aides were put under house arrest by Pakistan's Punjab government under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997. Saeed was released in November 2017 after Pakistan decided against detaining him further in any other case. He was earlier put under house arrest after the Mumbai attack but freed by a court in 2009. PTI

Cong whip

MLA B C Patil said in a video released to the media.

The decision to issue the whip to all 116 MLAs of the coalition (minus the Speaker) was taken by the Congress and the JD(S) shortly after the SC issued an interim order on the pleas of 15 rebel MLAs who approached the court for directions to the Speaker to accept their resignations.

Though the SC order also stated that the rebel MLAs must not be compelled to attend the state Assembly, the Congress, after discussions with experts and lawyers, concluded that a whip, asking legislators to attend an Assembly session, is the prerogative of a political party under the anti-defection law.

"Since the MLAs in their petitions did not name the Congress or the JD(S) as respondents, the Supreme Court has not curbed the rights of parties to issue a whip - though the SC order says legislators must not be compelled to be in the Assembly," said a Congress leader.

Karnataka Law Minister Krishna Byregowda met the Speaker after the SC order, who asked him to report violations of the whip, if any, during the trust vote proceedings. "Any MLA who wants to stay away from the trust vote session will need to inform the Speaker," he said.

Sixteen MLAs have resigned since July 6, reducing the coalition's numbers to 101 compared to the BJP's 105 plus two Independents. Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy sought the trust vote last week to prove his majority even as the resignations are yet to be processed by the Speaker.

A whip will make it mandatory for all MLAs to attend the session and vote for the coalition in the trust vote or face the possibility of being disqualified for the

Jadhav death sentence suspended

judge Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani was the lone dissenter. India's delegation was led by Joint Secretary (Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Deepak Mittal, and his team of officials and lawyers.

The court ruled that it "finds that the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is under an obligation to inform Mr. Kulbhushan Sudhir Jadhav without further delay of his rights and to provide Indian consular officers access to him in accordance with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations".

It said that the court finds that the "appropriate reparation in this case consists in the obligation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to provide, by the means of its own choosing, effective review and reconsideration of the conviction and sentence of Jadhav so as to ensure that full weight is given to the effect of the violation of the rights set forth in Article 36 of the Convention."

It added that a "continued stay of execution constitutes an indispensable condition for the effective review and reconsideration of the conviction and sentence" of Jadhav.

The court also found that, "by not informing Jadhav without delay of his rights under Article 36, paragraph 1 (b), of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations", Pakistan "breached the obligations" incumbent upon it under that provision. It also said that by "not notifying the appropriate consular post of the Republic of India in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan without delay of the detention of Mr. Kulbhushan Sudhir

Jadhav and thereby depriving the Republic of India of the right to render the assistance provided for by the Vienna Convention to the individual concerned, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan breached the obligations incumbent upon it under Article 36, paragraph 1 (b), of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations."

It said that Pakistan deprived India of "the right to communicate with and have access to Jadhav, to visit him in detention and to arrange for his legal representation, and thereby breached the obligations incumbent upon it under Article 36, paragraph 1 (a) and (c), of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations".

While all these clauses were ruled 15-1, there was unanimity on the jurisdiction issue. It said that the court "unanimously, finds that it has jurisdiction, on the basis of Article I of the Optional Protocol concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963, to entertain the Application filed by the Republic of India on 8 May 2017".

Welcoming the ICJ verdict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that "truth and justice have prevailed". "Congratulations to the ICJ for a verdict based on extensive study of facts. I am sure Kulbhushan Jadhav will get justice," he tweeted.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that he spoke to Jadhav's family. "Applaud their courage. Satyameva Jayate," he tweeted.

While India's Ministry of External Affairs called it a "landmark judgment" and said that

"we expect Pakistan to implement the directive immediately," Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said that "as a responsible member of the international community, (it) upheld its commitment from the very beginning of the case by appearing before the honourable court for the provisional measures hearing despite a very short notice. Having heard the judgment, Pakistan will now proceed as per law."

However, Islamabad maintained that Jadhav entered Pakistan without a visa on an authentic Indian passport with a fake alias Hussain Mubarak Patel, and alleged "Commander Kulbhushan Jadhav is responsible for acts of sabotage, espionage and multiple terrorist incidents...this is a clear case of Indian state terrorism."

Jadhav, a retired Navy officer, was arrested allegedly on March 3, 2016, and India was informed of this on March 25, 2016, when the Pakistan Foreign Secretary raised the matter with the Indian High Commissioner in Islamabad. On that day, India sought consular access to Jadhav at the earliest. New Delhi then moved the ICJ in May in 2017 against the "farical trial" by the military court of Pakistan against 48-year-old Jadhav. He was sentenced to death on charges of espionage and terrorism in April 2017.

India had first approached the ICJ on May 8, 2017, for the "violation" of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963 by Pakistan by repeatedly denying it consular access to Jadhav.

On May 9, 2017, the ICJ asked the two countries to present their arguments and till such

time, asked Pakistan from not doing anything. On May 15, the two sides presented their arguments at a public hearing and, on May 18, the 10-member-bench of the international court restrained Pakistan from executing Jadhav — until a final verdict.

After written submissions by both sides mid 2018, the court fixed oral arguments to be made by representatives from both countries from February 18 to 21, 2019.

These hearings took place in the backdrop of the Pulwama terrorist attack on February 14, 2019, which was the single bloodiest terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir in the last three decades of militancy.

While India argued on February 18 and 20, Pakistan responded on February 19 and 21. India was represented by former Solicitor General Harish Salve and Joint Secretary Mittal. Pakistan was represented by Anwar Mansoor Khan, Attorney General for Pakistan, and the legal counsel was Khawar Qureshi.

Interestingly, since there was a former Supreme Court of India's judge Justice Dalveer Bhandari on the 10-member bench of the ICJ, Pakistan was given an opportunity to have an ad-hoc judge on the bench, Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, a former Chief Justice of Pakistan.

Pakistan claims that its security forces arrested Jadhav from restive Balochistan province on March 3, 2016 after he reportedly entered from Iran. But India maintains that Jadhav was kidnapped from Iran where he had business interests after retiring from the Navy.

term of the current assembly. The whip is issued to each MLA by posting it at their homes and offices or handing it personally.

The BJP is banking on defeating the trust vote, staking a claim to form the government, replacing the Speaker after giving 14 days notice and then annulling the disqualification process initiated against the truant MLAs named by the Congress and JD(S).

The coalition hopes to see at least six of the 16 rebels return to the coalition fold and consider two of the Bengaluru MLAs Ramalinga Reddy and Roshan Baig to be in the bag. The return of at least six will tilt the numbers narrowly back the coalition's favour and more MLAs will follow suit, said JD(S) sources.

After the SC order, the BJP banks on the suggestion that the order has restrained the ruling coalition to issue a whip to compel the rebel MPs on their presence in the house while the Congress cites the threat of disqualification could act as a deterrence for the MLAs to switch over.

"The verdict is best for the BJP in the given scenario. The SC has given an order without damaging any institution, but it has enhanced the potential of 15 MLAs whose resignation is pending," BJP General Secretary P Muralidhar Rao, in charge of Karnataka, told The Indian Express.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who appeared in court for the Speaker, said, "... the Supreme Court has said the Speaker can do what he likes, when he likes and how he likes. The Speaker will decide. He may accept the resignations tomorrow, he may reject the disqualification, he may accept the disqualification petition and reject the resignations. He may do vice versa. The court has specifically said no fetter on that," he said.

While Singhvi claimed victory, AICC communication department head Randeep Surjewala said the judgement has set a "terrible judicial precedent."

SC verdict

are accepted by the Speaker or if the rebels are disqualified.

"The imperative necessity, at this stage, is to maintain the constitutional balance and the conflicting and competing rights that have been canvassed before us. Such an interim exercise has become prudent in view of certain time frame exercise that is in the offing in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, particularly, the no-trust motion against the present Government, which we are told is due for being taken up on 18th July 2019," said the bench.

"In these circumstances, the competing claims have to be balanced by an appropriate interim order, which according to us, should be to permit the Hon'ble Speaker of the House to decide on the request for resignations by the 15 Members of the House within such time frame as the Hon'ble Speaker may consider appropriate."

The court also said that it was of the view that "in the present case the discretion of the Hon'ble Speaker while deciding the above issue should not be fettered by any direction or observation of this Court and the Hon'ble Speaker should be left free to decide the issue in accordance with Article 190 read with Rule 202 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Karnataka Legislative Assembly framed in exercise of the powers under Article 208 of the Constitution".

However, the bench made it clear that "until further orders, the 15 Members of the Assembly, ought not to be compelled to participate in the proceedings of the ongoing session of the House and an option should be given to them

that they can take part in the said proceedings or to opt to remain out of the same".

The order noted that the hearing of the plea had raised the issue of whether resignations submitted by MLAs at a point of time earlier than petitions for their disqualification under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution should be decided first or whether both should be taken up simultaneously or the disqualification proceedings should have precedence over the requests for resignation.

The bench said that this question "in the present case, having regard to the stage at which the above issues are poised in the light of the facts and circumstances surrounding the same...should receive an answer only at a later stage of the proceedings".

Speaker Kumar welcomed the SC decision and said he would conduct himself responsibly in accordance with the principles of the Constitution. "With utmost humility, I welcome and respect the Supreme Court decision," he said. "The Supreme Court has put extra burden on me, I will conduct myself responsibly in accordance with constitutional principles," he told reporters in Kolar, his home town.

Ranchi court

to that extent. In view of the aforesaid submissions, the court modifies its earlier order by dropping the additional condition of distribution of copies of the Holy Quran by petitioner."

The court also allowed her regular bail by furnishing bail bond of Rs 7,000 and two sureties of like amount each.

Incidentally, the order had triggered protests and the Ranchi Bar Association had even called for a boycott of the concerned court.

According to court documents, a complaint was lodged at

the Pithoria police station on July 12 stating that Richa Bharti had posted messages on social media against "Islam". "It has adversely affected the feeling of the community which could lead to a communal controversy," said the police complaint which was signed by 57 people.

Subsequently, an FIR was registered under Section 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion) and the disqualification proceedings should have precedence over the requests for resignation.

The bench said that this question "in the present case, having regard to the stage at which the above issues are poised in the light of the facts and circumstances surrounding the same...should receive an answer only at a later stage of the proceedings".

Speaker Kumar welcomed the SC decision and said he would conduct himself responsibly in accordance with the principles of the Constitution. "With utmost humility, I welcome and respect the Supreme Court decision," he said. "The Supreme Court has put extra burden on me, I will conduct myself responsibly in accordance with constitutional principles," he told reporters in Kolar, his home town.

The court also allowed her regular bail by furnishing bail bond of Rs 7,000 and two sureties of like amount each.

Incidentally, the order had triggered protests and the Ranchi Bar Association had even called for a boycott of the concerned court.

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Terms of Reference will enable the Finance Commission to "address serious concerns regarding the allocation of adequate, secure and non-lapsable funds for defence and internal security of India", a government statement said.

The extension of the term will allow the Commission to "examine various comparable estimates for financial projections in view of reforms and the new realities to finalise its recommendations for the period 2020-2025. It has been given in the "backdrop of various major fiscal/ budgetary reforms" brought in by the Government, replacement of the Planning Commission with NITI Aayog, removal of distinction between Non-Plan and Plan expenditure, advancing the budget calendar by one month, introduction of GST, and a new Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management architecture.

The step gives the Finance Commission the mandate to give recommendations on security funding. The Commission has so far focused exclusively on arriving at the optimum formula for the distribution of funds between the Centre and the states. Besides this, it also reviews the status of government finances, fiscal deficit, debt levels and recommends a fiscal consolidation roadmap at both the Central government and state levels.

The 15th Finance Commission, headed by NK Singh was constituted on November 27, 2017 and was to submit its recommendations on October 30 this year for a five-year period starting April 1, 2020.

Kargil intrusions

had said a week later that "the situation was local and would be dealt with locally".

In his book, *A Call to Honour*, Jaswant Singh notes that "there was however, a clear contradiction between assertions of 'early intercepts,' of them being Pakistan Army etc. and then simultaneously (Vice Chief of Army Staff saying that intruders were) 'irregulars and terrorists', all this I just could not reconcile to."

After being briefed by the DGMo that morning, the two ministers informed Prime Minister Vajpayee and then the political leadership swung into action taking direct control of the conflict between two nuclear-armed neighbours. In the first briefing by the DGMo for PM Vajpayee on May 18, Jaswant Singh notes he was given an assessment by the Army that it would take about "two or three weeks or so" to "clear the area". The war, was to eventually culminate many weeks later, on July 26, the day now celebrated as Kargil Vijay Diwas.

9 killed

the land to the pradhan. Since the land was their only source of income, the local farmers said they were ready to pay rent to the pradhan. But he refused and wanted possession of the land," Bhushan said.

ADG (Law and Order) P V Ramasastry said investigations have revealed that the firing was done by the pradhan and his associates. Among the 24 injured, five of them critical, are seven associates of the pradhan.

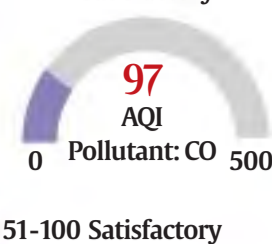
Umbha village is located near the Bihar border, around 370 km east of Lucknow, with the nearest police station at Ghorawal, 25 km away.

The UP government has directed ADG Bhushan and Divisional Commissioner (Mirzapur) to conduct an inquiry into the incident and submit its report within 24 hours.

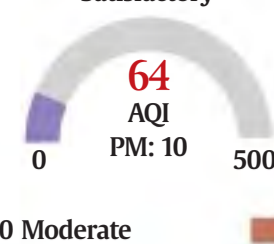
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the families of each of those killed and directed the District Magistrate to submit a report on why land deeds were not given to residents.



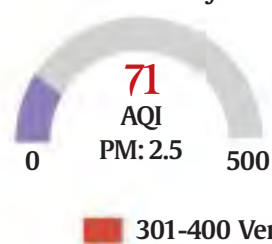
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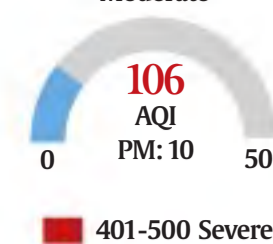
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201-300 Poor

301-400 Very Poor

401-500 Severe

BRIEFLY

Two held for misbehaving with cop

New Delhi: Two persons, including a woman, have been arrested for allegedly misbehaving with a traffic policeman after they were stopped for not wearing a helmet in West Delhi's Mayapuri. Police said the two were under the influence of alcohol. According to police, the woman was caught on camera pushing and shouting at the traffic policeman while the man tried to drive away.

HC dismisses plea over St Stephen's

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Wednesday dismissed a plea alleging large-scale discrepancies in cut-off marks for "Christian Scheduled Tribes, Christian Others (COTH) and Christian specially-abled" applicants for admission to undergraduate courses in St Stephen's College.

Rs 109 cr to tackle diseases

New Delhi: The Delhi government and three civic bodies have intensified measures against vector borne diseases, with the urban development department releasing Rs 109 crore to the three MCDs on the directions of CM Arvind Kejriwal. At least 66 cases of malaria have been reported in the capital this year so far. **ENS**

PCR staff foil bid to end life

New Delhi: A man who was allegedly trying to commit suicide by setting himself ablaze in a closed room at Adarsh Colony was rescued, police said Wednesday.

Man held for supplying illicit liquor

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly supplying illicit liquor in West Delhi's Punjabi Bagh, police said Wednesday. **PTI**

Inside Delhi govt school with 210 CCTVs, principal hopes project will help, some students not so sure

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

FOUR SPLIT screens on a television at the principal's office at Shaheed Hemu Kalani Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya in Lajpat Nagar flash four different images. One shows an empty music room with a tabla at its centre. Another shows a deserted corridor, boys occasionally sauntering up and down. The third image is of a computer laboratory, where teenage boys crouch over keyboards. The fourth is of a classroom — a teacher reading out from a book and turning to the board to write as some boys look intently. A few seconds later, the four images change — four other parts of the school and another set of children are on display.

Every classroom in this school is fitted with two CCTV cameras, the images from which are not just fed to the principal's office but can also be viewed by parents of children through an app on their phones. The school has been fitted with 210 cameras — apart from the classrooms, all common areas are also covered. It is the first pilot school where the Aam Aadmi Party government has attempted the project, with an eventual aim to replicate it in all 1,100 schools under it.

The app was introduced a little over a week ago but has not really caught on among parents so far. According to records,



of the over 1,200 students, parents of only around 400 have downloaded the app and 50 have been logging in to check the feed. Parents only have access to footage from their ward's classroom and can log in a maximum of three times a day for five minutes each.

"Abhi tak toh theek hai, our parents are not being able to check because of some technical glitches with the username and password. Once they do, we'll have to sit and behave as if we're in jail... you can forget about privacy," said a class XI student. In

the meantime, his classmates create a small pandemonium in their third-floor classroom. Their teacher is absent for the day.

The school itself is expansive — with a three-storey main block, a separate two-storey primary wing, a multipurpose hall and playground. The first camera greets visitors at the main gate where two security guards vet entry to the school. Inside each classroom, one camera is placed near the front door by the blackboard, facing students. Another is fixed at the rear end of the room, towards the backs of the

students and facing the teacher. Parents *The Indian Express* spoke to said they were also keen to use the app to keep tabs on whether teachers are present in class.

On the live stream, while children could be seen checking themselves inside classrooms, they were more unrestrained during the mid-day break.

A group of class IX boys pause on their way to the playground during the mid-day break. "It is good they've put cameras in classrooms. Children will study better, fewer will fail, fights will reduce. *Shaitani kam ho gayi*



At a classroom (left) and the principal's office at Shaheed Hemu Kalani Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya in Lajpat Nagar. It is the first school where the AAP govt has implemented its CCTV project. **Amit Mehra**

hai," said one of them as his friends nodded.

A class XII student said: "Everyone is far more conscious, quiet and disciplined. We are at an age when we aren't afraid of our parents; still there is a sense that someone might be watching what we're doing at any time." Many of them said they have been caught using mobile phones during class.

At the inauguration, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had told parents: "Children don't come to schools to do private things, but

to study, learn discipline, become good citizens and good people. Which privacy will be compromised?" However, a class XI student said they also view school as a space away from their parents, but giving them access to live feed defeats the purpose.

Principal Bijesh Sharma said he is aware of the debate around the project. "It is the duty of the head of the school to convince students and teachers that the initiative is not to trouble them or spy on them but to help them. It is true that some can use this to scare children

and create an atmosphere of terror. But I have found that it's of great help to everyone. Feedback from parents show their greatest concern is to be able to see that their children have reached school safely — in case of older children, to make sure they are not bunking, and in case of small children, to calm anxieties about how they are being handled. Children do not have to worry about bullying and small things like their lunch, books and pens getting stolen, and can concentrate better. The burden of monitoring is lessened for teachers," he said.

He is also conscious of not using the footage to intimidate children by saying that it will be shown to their parents. "Here, children have been entrusted to us and matters which come to light through the footage — like fights or any other misdemeanor — will be resolved internally," he said.

While the feed from different cameras flashes on his television screen all day, Sharma said he usually keeps his eyes on sensitive areas.

"Our school has 40 visually impaired students, and a Special Training Centre where school dropouts are taught. We also have 30 Afghan refugee students and the cultural differences lead to fights sometimes. I keep an eye on sensitive classrooms, the playground during break-time, and the main gate during entry and exit time," he said.

'WORKING OF THE UNIT NEEDS TO BE STREAMLINED'

Delhi Congress divide deepens as Chacko sends fresh letter to Sheila

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

INFIGHTING WITHIN the Delhi Congress escalated Wednesday as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Delhi, PC Chacko, directed working presidents of the state unit to act independently in their respective areas — in an apparent bid to dilute powers of former chief minister and current Delhi Congress chief Sheila Dikshit. In a letter to Dikshit, Chacko claimed that despite just a few months to go for Assembly elections in the capital, "no working arrangement is in place".

"As you are not keeping well and are hospitalised, and I did not receive any reply to any of my letters, in the interest of the party, I



Dikshit said she is yet to receive Chacko's letter



am authorising working presidents to hold a meeting of District Congress Committee and Block Presidents of their respective areas and take appropriate actions to activate the party and report to you the decisions taken. Assembly elections are only a few months ahead and the working of the unit is to be streamlined as

early as possible," wrote Chacko in a letter dated July 16.

This is the second letter he has written to Dikshit in the last five days.

The equation between the two top leaders had turned sour after Dikshit appointed a five-member committee to identify loopholes in the party's perform-

ance during Lok Sabha polls in Delhi, reportedly without keeping Chacko in the loop. Since then, a series of letters have been exchanged between the leaders on the party's administrative decisions.

The most recent altercation between the leaders was on Dikshit's decision to dissolve 280 block committees.

When contacted, Dikshit said, "I haven't received the letter yet. I wasn't keeping well." Similar letters have been sent by Chacko to the three working presidents, asking them to chalk out a plan at the ground level.

While Chacko directed the working presidents to hold meetings at the block level, a separate set of instructions have been issued by Dikshit to streamline the roles of the three

working presidents. In a letter dated July 15, Dikshit has allocated new responsibilities to the working presidents. Haroon Yusuf and Devender Yadav have been asked to monitor the party's campaign for the upcoming Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) polls while Rajesh Liloitha has been entrusted with the responsibility of the three civic bodies, Youth Congress and cells of Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC).

"There is no discussion of making a choice for us. The role of Chacko ji is to keep an eye on the work done by the state unit while it's Sheila ji's decision to reallocate the work between the working presidents. As an office bearer, I will continue to do what has been directed to me by the party chief," Liloitha told *The Indian Express*.

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday announced financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh to the family of a six-year-old rape victim. After visiting them at a city hospital, he also promised to provide "the best lawyers" to fight the case "to ensure death penalty" to the accused.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by DCW chairperson Swati Malavi, who reiterated the need for death penalty. Malavi said, "The family of the girl is still in shock but they are adamant about one thing — that the rapist be given capital punishment. I have been fighting for the same for a long time but the system is not efficient and the procedure is very slow. Ever since the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018, was passed, not a single rapist of a minor has been given death penalty in Delhi. Fast track courts need to be set up and justice should be served."

According to a DCW state-



Kejriwal promised Rs 10 lakh to victim's family

ment, the child was kidnapped and raped while the family was sleeping on the footpath in South West Delhi.

Police said the accused, a 26-year-old, later tried to kill her by hitting her with a stone. A local found the girl near a public wash-room.

"The girl is conscious now. She cannot eat yet but she had a few sips of water and milk today... Her condition was very critical when she was admitted. She had head, abdominal, perineal and vaginal injuries. She is undergoing a number of surgeries," said a doctor from the hospital.

The victim's family later found the accused and handed him over to the police. "He confessed to the crime during questioning," said a police officer.

Two undertrials claim beaten in police custody, constable's video nails lie

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

TERMINING THE conduct of two undertrials "deprecable", a Delhi court cancelled the bail of two men, who had falsely claimed that they were tortured in police custody while being brought for a court appearance. The reason: Officers didn't handcuff them the way they wanted.

Additional Sessions Judge Sonu Agnihotri cancelled the bail of the men, Vikas and Vikas Puri, who tried to harm themselves while being brought for a court appearance, and said that the accused "do not deserve to remain on bail in the present case on account of their conduct".

"The accused persons have tried to create evidence so that action may be taken against police officials bringing them to the court as police officials did not accede to their demand of handcuffing them in a particular manner, which is against law," the court said.

As per court records, the accused were produced before the court bare chested, with the vest worn by one of the accused torn. They submitted before the court that police officials had assaulted them.

The accused allegedly tried to frame police officers as they did not accept their demand of handcuffing them a certain way

Constable Ashok, the lock-up in-charge, who was accompanying the accused, however showed a video on his phone to the court, wherein Vikas Puri could be seen tearing his own vest.

"After seeing the video, accused Vikas and Vikas Puri were asked why they behaved in this fashion. They submitted that they had asked police officials to handcuff them with their hands in the front, but police instead handcuffed them in a way that their hands were behind them," the court said.

Constable Ashok told the court that the accused had been handcuffed in such a manner as they had assaulted an undertrial prisoner in June 2019. "Applications in this regard were moved before courts, and it was ordered that the accused be produced in handcuffs (with their hands in the front)," constable Ashok submitted before the court.

4 held after car chase and shootout in Gurgaon

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JULY 17

FOUR WANTED men, allegedly involved in multiple cases including murder in Delhi and Rajasthan, were arrested by Gurgaon Police early Wednesday morning after an exchange of fire which left three of the accused injured.

Police identified the accused as Lokesh alias Surya, Pradeep alias Sonu, Neeraj alias Sanju, and Jagbeer. While Lokesh hails from Delhi and Neeraj is a resident of Sonapat, both Pradeep and Jagbeer hail from Jhajjar.

Delhi Police had announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh for the arrest of Lokesh and Rs 50,000 each for the arrest of Pradeep and Neeraj. The three were injured in cross firing with the police.

Speaking to the media Wednesday, Commissioner of Police Muhammad Akil said the police action followed an anonymous tip about the accused roaming in DLF area.

"Two police teams spotted an XUV 500 car in Sector 40 area, which had no number plate. When they tried to stop the vehicle, however, the driver accelerated and managed to escape. The control room was informed and



(From left) Surya, Neeraj and Jagbeer

the car was again spotted near Sector 4/7, speeding towards Dwarka Expressway," said Akil.

Police teams followed the vehicle and once again tried to stop it. While trying to evade capture, the driver of the car suddenly turned towards Tekchand Nagar but the vehicle lost balance and got stuck in a ditch, said police.

"The men then opened fire at the police team. The driver of the vehicle was injured in the return fire, after which his three accomplices got off the car and tried to flee, firing shots at the police team. Two more were injured in the cross fire before they were finally taken into custody," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

The three injured were rushed to the government hospital in Gurgaon, from where

they were referred to Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi where, according to police, doctors say they are out of danger. The car they were travelling in has been seized, along with four pistols and 25 live cartridges.

Police claim that the men were allegedly involved in two cases of murder in Delhi's Kapashera and Vikaspuri areas, and one attempt to murder in Najafgarh. They are also accused in two cases of loot — Rs 23 lakh in stolen in Delhi, and Rs 25 lakh in Sonapat. They also stole a Ciaz car in Rajasthan. "Their arrest has come a month after we received a tip-off that a gang wanted to murder someone in Gurgaon. We know they were planning to target a person involved in arms dealing," said the commissioner.

Men snatch woman's gold chain, fire in the air

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

AS SOON as 30-year-old Shivani Kumari got off a cycle rickshaw along with her five-year-old daughter outside their house in East Delhi, a man snatched the gold chain the woman was wearing. The incident took place around 2 pm Tuesday in Shakarpur, police said.

An officer said, "The woman claimed that after she raised an alarm, her father and brother-in-law came out of the house and chased the man, who had in the meantime got on a bike with another man riding it. The family claimed that the two bike-borne men fired gunshots in air as they were being chased."

An FIR under section 382 (theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint) of the IPC has been filed.

A police officer said, "While we do not have CCTV footage of the snatching, we do have footage of the men leaving on bike. We are investigating the matter."

The incident took place in front of Kumari's daughter, who had been picked up from school by her mother minutes earlier.

'Massive' fire at SBI building, no casualty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

A 'MASSIVE-CATEGORY' fire broke out at the State Bank of India (SBI) building at Sansad Marg early Wednesday morning. At least seven fire tenders and 30 firefighters were rushed to the spot and the blaze was doused in under 30 minutes. No casualty was reported, said fire officials.

Delhi Fire Service (DFS) chief Atul Garg said, "We received a call at 8.10 am and within three minutes, fire tenders reached the spot. It was a 'massive-category' fire and could have been disastrous had employees been present in the building. Since it was around 8 am, only the guard was stationed outside the building."

The guard of the building saw smoke coming out of the sixth floor and called DFS, said an official.

Garg claimed that "the fire fighting systems of the building were not functional." He said that "both the water-based system such as sprinklers and water hose, as well as the detector system like fire alarms, were installed but not functional." Despite repeated messages and



The blaze broke out around 8 am

calls, SBI did not respond to claims made by the fire chief.

In a separate incident, a 40-year-old woman died when a gas cylinder burst inside a shanty near Kirti Nagar Metro station in West Delhi early Wednesday morning. Four people, including a five-year-old girl, were injured. DCP (West) Monika Bhardwaj said, "An FIR has been filed under sections 285 (negligent conduct with respect to fire), 336 and 337 (endangering life) of the IPC."

The DFS received a call around 8.20 am and six fire tenders were deployed to douse the flames at the house of one Mohd Sadiq. Garg said, "The victims suffered burn injuries and were rushed to Safdarjung Hospital."

Man who made extortion bid from inside jail wanted bail money for his wife: Police

MAHENDERSINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

HAVING FAILED to arrange money for procuring anticipatory bail for his wife in connection with a murder case, the accused in the 2015 shooting of an under-trial at Karkardooma Court made extortion calls from inside Tihar Jail to a Gujarat-based businessman, demanding Rs 25 lakh, po-

lice investigation has revealed. DCP (North East) Atul Thakur said, "We have arrested Mohammed Azeem Ahmed after taking him on production remand. He said that he made the extortion calls on July 3 to arrange money for anticipatory bail of his wife, who is wanted in a murder case from January this year." Ahmed, the alleged mastermind of the Karkardooma Court shooting case, in which a policeman died and three persons were

injured, has been in Tihar Jail since 2016. "On July 3, to threaten a businessman who runs a garment shop in Gandhi Nagar, two associates of Ahmed allegedly fired outside his home in Welcome area and left a letter along with two live cartridges," a senior officer said. "The duo dropped a letter along with two bullets, saying they are dropping two 'toffees' this time, but the next time they will make the businessman have

the two toffees," he said. Police have arrested the two men and filed an application before a Delhi court to seek production remand of Azeem. Police said Azeem's wife is wanted for the murder of a man with whom she had a rivalry. "Her brothers allegedly killed him on January 12 when he was offering prayers at his daughter's grave. While the woman's brothers were arrested, she remains absconding," an officer said.

Rs 250 crore to sort out mess at 3 dumping yards, NGT wants update in one year

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

TO RECLAIM three dumping yards at Bhalswa and Ghazipur, the National Green Tribunal Wednesday directed the North, East and South civic bodies to clear the sites through bio-mining at a cost of Rs 250 crore. A four-member bench led by NCT chairperson Adarsh Kumar

Goel asked the civic bodies to start clearing garbage from October 1. It said the progress will be reviewed after a year. "We are suggesting a biological, operational and affordable solution rather than an engineering one (such as capping of landfill)," the bench observed. The bench noted that some cities, which capped their dumping yards years ago, are facing the issue of leachate contaminating water bodies and groundwater.

Bio-mining model has successfully been adopted by Indore, Goa, Ahmedabad and other cities. "At least 40-50 cities in the country have adopted it. It is cost effective and ecologically safe," said Asad Warsi, consultant with Swachh Bharat mission. The NGT also decided to form a committee, comprising members from the Delhi government, DPCC, CPCB and three civic bodies, to oversee the project. The Delhi chief secretary will be the

nodal officer. The Delhi government and the municipal bodies were asked to deposit Rs 105 crore each towards the project cost. The New Delhi Municipal Corporation and Delhi Cantonment Board have to deposit Rs 20 crore each. The counsel for EDMC argued that it is cash strapped, seeking a reduced contribution. "We will stop the salary of all civic officials if money is not deposited into the escrow account," said Goel.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

MARTYRS OF 205 CoBRA



HC/GD K. OPENDRA SINGH, HC/GD ANIL KUMAR SINGH, CT/GD DIWAKAR KUMAR, CT/GD RAVI KUMAR, CT/GD PALASH MONDAL, CT/GD DIPAK GHOSH, CT/GD SINOD KUMAR, CT/GD HARWINDRA PANWAR, CT/GD RAMESH KUMAR, CT/GD MANOJ KUMAR

Martyrs of 205 COBRA, CRPF made supreme sacrifice during a search and destroy operation in the area of Dumri Nala, Vill- Langorahi, Under PS- Banke Bazar, Madanpur, Distt- Aurangabad, Gaya (Bihar) on 18th July 2016 in a true act of valour. The brave soldiers will always be remembered for their patriotism and courage. To these brave martyrs we pledge that we shall always be guided by their immortal spirit and do their name proud.

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(Single Stage One Packet System-e-bid)

Bid Notice No. MRVC/WEL/150/TNA-DIVA/Micro Tunneling 2019/01 Date: 15.07.2019

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD. (MRVC), invites e-Bids under single stage one packet system for the work of "Laying of 25kV Feeder Cable Through Micro Tunneling at Mumbra SSP". Approx. Estimated Cost of Project: ₹2,06,66,400/-, Bid Security: ₹2,66,000/-, Cost of Bidding Document: ₹10,000/-. The completed Bids shall be submitted electronically online on website www.irps.gov.in not later than 15:00 hrs. on 21/08/2019 and shall be opened at 15:30 hrs. on the same day. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only. Bidding Documents and relevant details about this e-bid and for online participation in e-Bid are available on website www.irps.gov.in. Address for communications : Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd., 2nd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020. Fax-(022)-22095972. Website: www.mrv.vic.in. Contact Persons: 1.Chief Electrical Engineer(Project)-H Tel. No. 022-226218275 email:ceepro2@mrv.vic.in 2. Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer Tel. No. 022-22626252 email: dycecemu@mrv.vic.in

SNP 68

No. D-31016/09/2018-GenI(Pt.1)
Government of India
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Sardar Patel Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi

Dated: 15th July, 2019

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR HIRING OF OFFICE PREMISES FOR THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, GOVT. OF INDIA AT NCT OF DELHI

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India, New Delhi invites online e-tender for hiring of office premises at NCT of Delhi for carpet area of minimum 1.20 lakh sqft (excluding covered/underground parking area, common facilities like lift, passage etc.). Only those parties having minimum 1.2 lakh sq. ft. carpet area in one building, approved for office space, need to apply. The premises will be hired for an initial period of 03 (three) years, which may be renewed from time to time, if required by MoSPI. Preference would be given to Premises belonging to Govt. Departments/Public Sector Units/Public Financial Institutions. The Tender document is available on CPP portal: www.eprocure.gov.in and departmental website www.mospi.gov.in from 15th July, 2019. The intending parties shall submit their proposal/bid online only at on CPP portal: <http://eprocure.gov.in/epruce/app>. The bid shall be submitted in two parts viz Technical Bid and Financial Bid. The critical dates for the tender submission and processing are as under-

Last date of submission of bid online	19.08.2019 (Monday) (Time 4.30 PM)
Pre-bid meeting	26.07.2019 (Friday) (Time 3.00 PM)
Technical Bid opening date	20.08.2019 (Tuesday) (Time 4.30 PM)

Financial Bid Opening date (Only for To be intimated after opening of Technical bids who have qualified in the bid and its evaluation. (Technical Bids)

In the event of any of the above mentioned date being subsequently declare as a holiday/closed day for the office, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time.

Note: Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on the CPP Portal and website of the Ministry i.e. www.mospi.gov.in.

Sd/- (Rajendra Singh)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tele No. 23345596
davp 39101/11/0005/1920

CHANDIGARH CITY BUS SERVICES SOCIETY

(PLOT NO. 701, INDUSTRIAL AREA, PHASE-I, CHANDIGARH)

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders (Online Tenders) are invited for "HIRING OF 40 NOS. MIDI (9.0 MTRS) HVAC FULLY BUILT PURE ELECTRIC BUSES INCLUDING BUS CHARGING STATIONS ON KILOMETER BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS" on the terms and conditions and Technical Specifications as set out in the Tender Documents which can be downloaded from the website: <http://etenders.chd.nic.in> or <http://chdetu.gov.in>. The important dates with regard to uploading the Tenders are as under:-

Bid Reference	DCI/F&A/CBSSS/2019/401
Date of Commencement of Downloading of Bid Document	18.07.2019
Last Date for seeking Clarification if any	26th July, 2019 upto 04.00 P.M.
Pre-Bid Meeting	26th July, 2019 at 11.30 A.M.
Last Date and Time for EMD and Bid Processing Fee in Physical Form and Uploading of Bid (Technical and Financial) in e-Procurement Platform	19th August, 2019 upto 02.00 P.M.
Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids	The Bids will be Opened Online by the Authorized Officers on 19th August, 2019 at 03.00 P.M.
Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bids	Will be intimated to Technically responsive Bidders
Place of Opening of Bids and Address for Communication	Chandigarh City Bus Services Society O/o CEO, CBSSS, Plot No. 701, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh
In case of any Query/Clarification	The Bidders can approach office of CEO, CBSSS, Chandigarh on any working day between 09.00 A.M. to 05.00 P.M. (Till the Date of Pre-Bid Meeting) in case of any Clarification/Query regarding e-Tender (Phone No. 2679002) or Mail at director-tuchd@gmail.com

No Tender except EMD and Bid Processing Fee shall be accepted in Physical Form. Chief Executive Officer, Chandigarh City Bus Services Society, Chandigarh shall have every right to Cancel/Withdraw/Amend the Advertisement or Extend the Due Date at his Sole Discretion or Accept or Reject any Tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Director Transport-cum-CEO
CCBSS, Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

S.N.: 1. Name of work with its location: Signalling work in connection with traffic facility & development of goods platform at DKZ & DBSI Railway station. App. Cost of the work: Rs. 29,87,488/- only. Tender Inviting Officer Address: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/II, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. Tender Document Fee: Rs. 3,540/- only. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 59,800/- only. Date & Time for Closed of tender: Tender uploaded date & time - 07.08.2019 upto 15:00 hrs. Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the N.Rly. website www.irps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. No.: 558-Sigr/16/M/Tender/1286 Dated: 17.07.2019. 2311/2019

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work: 1. Name of work and location: Construction of Road under Bridge with approaches under running; traffic conditions on Railway Level Crossing No. 567 at km 1482/345, 572 at km 1495/692 of size 5.0 m x 5.0 mtr. (Internal) on Balabharugh-Palwal Railway Section of Northern Railway by Box Pushing method under Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/Shakurbasti, 2. Completion period of the work: 12 months. 3. Approx. cost of work: Rs. 18.30 Crore 4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited online): Rs. 10,64,900/- 5. Sale/availability of tender document on Railway website: Tender documents will be available on IREPS site i.e. www.irps.gov.in, from 14.08.2019 upto 14.08.2019 upto 11.30 Hrs. 6. Last date/time of upload of tenders: 14.08.2019 upto 11.30 Hrs. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.a.131.07.2019 to 14.08.2019. 7. Date & Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender: 14.08.2019 at 11.30 hrs. (Immediately after closed of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bid of the eligible tenderer would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be notified later on No. 363-ACS-C-SSB Dated: 15.07.2019 2292/2019

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD

(IRRIGATION WING)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No. e-49/BSL/P&S/PR-1-1064
The tenders are invited online in the prescribed form for the supply of material as per detail below, upto 3.00 PM on 14/08/2019

Sl. No.	Brief Description of Material	Approx. Cost	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money
1	Dobeckit 505-C (210 Kg Packing)			
2	Hardener EH-411 (185 Kg Packing)	Rs. 12.20	Rs. 1000 +130 (GST @ 18%)	Rs. 12200/-
	OR	Lacs	=1,180/-	
1	Araldite GY-257 (in 220 Kg Packing)			
2	Hardener HY-140 (in 100 Kg Packing)			

Last date of Receipt of tender: 14-08-2019

The detailed NIT may be seen/downloaded from BBMB website <https://bbmbproc.abcprocure.com> or www.bbmb.gov.in. Superintendent/Sr. Xen Proc. Store & Disposal Dln., BBMB, Sundernagar (HP) (Fax No. 01907-262360, 262354, Ph: 262360) email: bbmbsuptsdrn@gmail.com

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Website: www.adanielectricity.com
CIN: U74999MH2008PLC1186877

e-bidding Tender Notice

Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited (AEML) is inviting Long Term Bids for Procurement of upto 350 MW Grid Connected Solar Photo Voltaic Power Projects with Green shoe option of Additional 350 MW through Tariff based bidding process on TCIL e-Bidding portal (Website: <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>) as per the guidelines issued by Government of India. The Schedule of bid process is as follows:-

Particulars	Date	Time
Availability of bid document on portal	21.1.2019	20.00 Hrs
Pre-bid meeting	31.1.2019	15.00 Hrs
Last date for submission of Technical & Financial bids	12.2.2019	16.00 Hrs
Opening of Technical Bids	12.2.2019	17.00 Hrs

For more details of Notice for Invitation of Tender (NIT), please visit <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> or www.adanielectricity.com

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VISHVATI KHAND, GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW-226 010
Phones - 0522-4911502, 4918510, Fax - 0522-4911506
Website : www.drmlims.ac.in

Ref. No. RMLIMS/MM(eq)/2019-20/1473 Date : 17.07.2019

RE-TENDER/E-TENDER NOTICE

On line offers are invited through e-tender from Manufacturer/Direct Importers/Authorized distributors for the supply of various items. The offers submitted earlier for the listed items by the bidders against tendered advertisement no. RMLIMS/MM(eq)/2019-20/1022 dated 10.06.2019 will be treated as cancelled. Therefore, those who have already submitted their offer against above advertisement are also required to submit again and they are required to deposit tender fee and EMD afresh and enclose its proof in technical bid as per tender terms & conditions, along with their complete offer. Earlier EMD deposited against the above mentioned cancelled tenders will be refunded to the bidder on their request.

For detailed information like Name of Equipments, Date of submission, tender fee and opening of tender etc., you may please visit the e-tender portal www.stender.up.nic.in. The offer will be accepted on line only on e-tender portal with terms and conditions as mentioned in tender document.

Start date of submitting of e-tender is 18.07.2019 and Last date of submission of e-tender is 01.08.2019 upto 4.00 P.M. e-bids will be opened on 02.08.2019 at 3:00 P.M. onwards. Any amendment will be uploaded only on the e-tender portal www.stender.up.nic.in. Details are also available in our website www.drmlims.ac.in for reference only.

Director

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (RCD),RANCHI

Corrigendum

"Corrigendum to Tender Notice-PR No. -211618(Road)19-20# D Consultancy services for Preparation of Detailed Land Acquisition Proposal, Detailed Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal & Detailed Forest Diversion Proposal for Widening and strengthening of Birsu Munda Airport-Namkum (at Kutuaatu More NH-75 Ext.) via Hethu, Tumbagutu Road under Road Division Ranchi in the State of Jharkhand. (Length-6.90 Km)"

Please refer to Page-1 of NIT documents. The first paragraph under Sub-heading "Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) invites proposal for the work mentioned in table through e-procurement from consultants empanelled in Category-II with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no 686(S)WE dated 29-01-2019 are allowed to bid only" will be read as "Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) invites proposal for the work mentioned in table through e-procurement from consultants empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no 686(S)WE dated 29-01-2019 are allowed to bid only". All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. For more information please visit the Site:- <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

जिसे अब तक वा समझे, वो कहानी है, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो वाली है।

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PLANNING & INVESTIGATION DIVISION
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT(RCD),
RANCHI-834002

PR 211912 (Road) 19-20 (D)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of female namely Suman, W/o Pawan, R/o Khasra No.594, Jain Colony, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi, Age: Approx 26-27 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, ID Mark: Cut Mark on Forehead, was wearing Pink Colour Suit & Black colour Pant, was found at Khasra No. 594, Jain Colony, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi at 05:36 PM. In this regard a DD No. 43-A, dated 09.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, New Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-27811933, 27811934

DP/446/ON/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age : 25 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Oval, Built : Thin Wearing: Grey colour underwear has been found in the area of PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi on 12.07.2019. In this regards a case vide FIR/DD No : 12A dated 12.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found dead body may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO :
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
North-West Distt., Delhi
Tel. No. 011-27631600

DP/9147/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

General public is here by informed that one man Namely: Rajender, S/o Gyan Singh, R/o H.No. 84, Gram Sabha Colony, Chander Vihar, Delhi Age: 23 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Red Shirt, Grey Pant and Hawai Chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 12.10.2017 from the area of PS Nihal Vihar.

In this regard a DD No. 43-A dated 16.01.2018 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this man but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this man kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph. 011-25946700, 25946710
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/2452/OD/19

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one male Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Height: 5'6", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Hospital Clothes & Bare Footed. Place of Recovery: Accidental admitted in Trauma Centre Civil Lines from U-Turn ISBT, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. During the treatment doctors declared him dead on 27.06.2019. In this regard FIR No. 166/19, dated 27.06.2019 has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
PS. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23968730, 23967889

DP/242/N/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: Approx 50-52 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'5", Built: Medium, Face: Round, was wearing Blue & Red Lining T-Shirt, Grey colour Pant and Bare feet, was found dead at Metro Station Gate No. 2 Park, Jama Masjid, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 93A, dated 15.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi. His Dead body has been preserved in AMMC mortuary for 72 Hours. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23261625, 23269777

DP/6445/CD/19

DELHI GOVT HITS BACK

Centre advises AAP against adding Atishi, Raghav to Metro panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

Citing accountability and domain knowledge, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has "advised" the Delhi government to withdraw the nomination of Aam Aadmi Party leaders Raghav Chadha, Atishi, Jasmine Shah, and Rajya Sabha MP N D Gupta's son Naveen Gupta to the DMRC board of directors.

In a letter to Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev, Additional Secretary in the ministry K Sanjay Murthy said: "It is pertinent to mention that government nominee directors bring not only domain knowledge and expertise but are also accountable to various tasks of the company for ensuring time-bound implementation of the project. It is easier to hold government officers on the board... accountable, which may not be possible from private institutions."

The Delhi minister of transport Kailash Gahlot had written to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Saturday, nominating the four new members to the



Raghav, Atishi fought Lok Sabha polls for AAP

board.

The Delhi government, however, hit back saying this is not the first time a politician has been nominated to the board.

Government spokesperson Nagendar Sharma tweeted: "Under which rule and guideline was late Mr Madan Lal Khurana appointed chairman of DMRC Board by then NDA govt in 2003? This ministry is working without checking any records and facts."

Khurana, former Delhi CM, was appointed DMRC chairperson in 2002, days before the first Metro route was inaugurated. He was Delhi BJP president at the time.

The ministry and Delhi government have been at logger-

heads for over a year now after the fare fixation committee increased Metro fares, a move that was objected to by the Delhi government.

The DMRC board is supposed to have 17 members, but four positions are vacant currently.

In his letter, Murthy also said that as per approvals of Metro projects issued by the Government of India, DMRC is required to adopt guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) to strengthen corporate governance.

"As per DPE guidelines on composition of Board of Directors issued... officers dealing with the enterprise concerned or handling the issues of the sector should be nominated as government nominee directors," he wrote.

The letter states that established conventions for all Metro Rail Companies say that nominees be closely involved with implementation of projects. "This is to ensure that individuals well conversant with functional, financial and managerial aspects are represented on the board and contribute to effective decision making," the letter states.

DU's English department agrees to drop sections on Gujarat and Muzaffarnagar riots

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

DELHI UNIVERSITY'S English department has decided to drop a story based on the Gujarat riots and remove mention of the Muzaffarnagar riots from its undergraduate course so as to "not hurt anyone's sentiments", the head of the department said Wednesday.

Drunk bus driver assaults passenger, held

New Delhi: A cluster bus driver was arrested after he allegedly beat up a 24-year-old passenger near Dyal Singh College on Lodi Road after an argument over the bus route, police said. The victim, Deepak Sharma, who works as a steward at a cafe in Khan Market, was on his way home to Ambedkar Nagar Monday night when the incident took place.

DCP (South) Vijay Kumar said, "The medical examination of the accused showed that he was drunk at the time of the incident. He has been arrested and a case under sections 325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt) and 341 (wrongful restraint) of the IPC has been registered at Lodi Colony police station." ENS

The decision comes a day after the university's Academic Council (AC) sent back syllabi to the English and History departments to take a final call, after a section of teachers raised objections. Besides this, we are revising a few other things," Head of English Department Raj Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

Asked why the material was being dropped despite the department being the final authority on the matter, he said, "Academic issues are being made

political, we don't want to unnecessarily bring any controversy and prolong this."

The National Democratic Teachers' Front (NDTF) had argued that the story 'Maniben alias Bibijan', based on the Gujarat riots, has shown characters from the Bajrang Dal and RSS in "bad light" and as "murderers". NDTF member Rasal Singh had also objected to papers such as 'Literature and Caste' and 'Interrogating

Queerness', in which he objected to portrayal of Hindu gods as belonging to LGBT community.

Kumar said both papers were being made optional, and that the latter was being "revised". History department HoD Sunil Kumar also said the department may "consider changes". Sociology HoD Roma Chatterji and Political Science HoD Veena Kukreja did not respond to calls and texts by *The Indian Express*.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Administrative Officer/Const./ Northern Railway, Kashmir Gate, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites a tender under Two Packet system for the under noted work.

Mode of Tender	E-Tender (Two Packet)
Tender Notice No.	74-W/11/508/WA/UMB Dated: 16.07.2019
Full name of work	Construction of limited height subway (by pushing method) in lieu of LC No. 85-A, 90, 92, 94, 95 & 98 on Delhi - Ambala section of Delhi Division and at Km. 43/589.960 near ROB (B-4D) at Maierkotta on LDM-DUI section of Ambala Division.
Approx. Cost	Rs. 2571.14 Lacs
Completion period	12 (Twelve) Months
Earnest Money amount	Rs. 14,35,600.00
Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 18.07.2019 to 08.08.2019 upto 11.30 hrs.
Last date/time of upload of tenders	08.08.2019 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 24.07.2019 to 08.08.2019
Date and time of opening of tender	08.08.2019 at 11.30 hours (Immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenderers would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on.

Tender Notice No. 74-W/11/508/WA/UMB Dated: 16.07.2019 **2296/19**

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AUCTION NOTICE MILITARY FARM MEERUT: LEASING OF LAND FOR CROPPING RIGHTS

सैन्य फार्म मेरठ केन्द्र की भूमि फसल बोनो के अधिकार हेतु नीलामी सूचना

सैन्य फार्म मेरठ के विभिन्न खेतों को एक वर्ष तक खेती हेतु मिट्टी फार्म मेरठ के प्रोग्राम में दिनांक 24 जुलाई 2019 को दिन के 12:30 बजे सार्वजनिक रूप से नीलामी की जायेगी। यदि किसी कारणवश किसी प्लॉट की नीलामी दिनांक 24 जुलाई 2019 को सफल नहीं हो पाती है तो क्रमशः दिनांक 31 जुलाई 2019 व 07 अगस्त 2019 को फिर होगी। जिन लीजर्स ने पहली लीज की बकाया राशि जमा नहीं की है अगर वे दिनांक 23 जुलाई 2019 तक राशि जमा नहीं करते हैं तो उनको व उनके किसी भी करीबी (रिश्तेदार) को बोली में बैठने नहीं दिया जायेगा और उनके प्लॉटों की नीलामी भी दिनांक 24 जुलाई 2019 को फिर से की जायेगी एवं तथाकथित लीजर्स द्वारा जो भी सुरक्षित धनराशि व लीज की धनराशि जमा की गई होगी उसे तत्काल प्रभाव से जम्ब कर लिया जायेगा। उपरोक्त दशरैं गये दिनांकों को इस कार्यालय में और भी निम्नलिखित नीलामी-की जायेगी:-

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Advt. No. CDFD/EMPC/1/July/19

CDFD, an autonomous institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, invites applications from Indian nationals for the following purely temporary vacancies in research projects funded by National / International agencies at CDFD like DST/DBT/ICMR/CSIR etc. The description of the positions and minimum qualifications for various vacancies are as follows:

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- OR
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- 2) **Project-Junior Research Fellow / Project Assistant / Research Assistant:**
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Interested candidates may register their names by applying in the prescribed application form online. Complete the application form online at http://www.cdfdi.org.in. Applications may also be made on plain paper as per the format displayed on our website.

The last date for receipt of the applications is 07.08.2019 and applications received after 07.08.2019 will be rejected.

Sd/-
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(RELOCATION DIVISION)

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It has been noticed that some allottees as well as ineligible applicants under the Relocation Scheme of Industries, whose names and applications numbers are reflected in the following three lists/Annexures available on the website of DSIDC, are not coming forward for taking necessary actions on their part:

- A. Allottees, who have made full & final payment (subject to reconciliation) towards the cost of plots/flatted factories but have not applied to DSIDC for taking the possession of respective plots/flatted factories so far. (Annexure 'A')
- B. Allottees, who have taken the physical possession of plots/flatted factories long back but have not paid the ground rent and the arrears outstanding against their names to DSIDC. (Annexure 'B')
- C. All those applicants, who have been declared ineligible by the Government for allotment of plots/flatted factories under the above scheme, but have not applied so far for refund of their Earnest Money Deposits (EMD). (Annexure 'C')

All the above allottees/ineligible applicants whose application nos. and names with other particulars are appearing in the above Annexure- 'A', 'B' & 'C', which are available on the website of DSIDC www.dsidc.org (under Relocation Head) are required to take the needed action immediately for:-

- a) Applying for possession of the plots/flatted factories;
- b) Payment of pending arrears of ground/lease rent;
- c) Applying for EMD refund;

within a period of 45 days from this notice failing which the Corporation shall proceed to take deemed action necessary.

Chief Manager (Relocation)

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Tender No. KPL/1/2016-PD.1 Date: 17/07/2019

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RFP may be downloaded from www.shipmin.gov.in and www.ipa.nic.in. Last date for submission of proposal is 09/08/2019 on or before 1500 hrs.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on Dates as mentioned below (date of the sale) for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder due to the Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s).

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor & Branch	Description of the Immovable Property	EMD of the Property	Amount mentioned in the notice (Plus future interest & expenses to be calculated further)	E-auction Date
Borrower: Sh. Ram Babu Ray S/o Sh. Shakalidip Ray, Village-Mohiuddinpur, Anchal-Bidupur, Dist.-Vaishali, Bihar- 844101 and Guarantor & Mortgagor: Smt. Bindu Devi W/o Sh. Ram Babu Ray, Village-Mohiuddinpur, Anchal-Bidupur, Dist.-Vaishali, Bihar-844101 B/o: Hajipur (BIHAR)	All part and parcel of land and building in the name of Smt. Bindu Devi situated at:- 1). Rev.-Thana No.290, Khata No.6, Khesra No.703 & 705, Village-Mohiuddinpur, Anchal-Bidupur, Sub registry-Hajipur, Dist.-Vaishali, Area-15 dhur. Bounded: North-Canal, South-Sakaldeep Ray & Mishri Lal Ray, East-Sakaldeep Ray, West-Niz (Purchaser), 2). Rev.-Thana No.290, Khata No.6, Khesra No.703, Village-Mohiuddinpur, Anchal-Bidupur, Sub registry-Hajipur, Dist.-Vaishali, Area-03 dhur. Bounded: North-Canal, South-Niz purchaser, East-Niz purchaser, West-Sakaldeep Ray.	₹9,55,000/-	₹7,37,789/-* and interest thereon	19.08.2019
		₹95,500/-		2 PM to 3 PM
Borrower: Sh Ravindra Kumar Yadav S/o Sh Nagdeo Ray, Village-Maudah Buzurg, Patepur, Dist.-Vaishali, Bihar-843114. B/o: Hajipur (BIHAR)	Vacant plot with demarcation pillars having poultry farm in part area situated at Rev.-Thana No.-457, Khata No.-290, Khesra No.-1841, Village-Lakhnipur, Anchal-Patepur, Sub registry-Mahua, Dist.-Vaishali, Area-6 Khatha 8 dhur i.e. 12160 Sq.Ft. Bounded: North-Shiv Deo Ray, South-Brajkishore Ray, East-Saburi Ray, West-Road. Property is in the name of Sh Ravindra Kumar Yadav.	₹15,81,000/-	₹15,17,361/-* and interest thereon	19.08.2019
		₹1,58,100/-		2 PM to 3 PM
Borrower: M/s Yadein Traders Prop.: Sri Suresh Prasad, 18/605, Andl Gola, Sudhakar Lane, Jawahar Lal Road, Saryaganj, Muzaffarpur-842002. Guarantor: Sri Ram Naresh Prasad S/o Sri Gayan Chand Prasad of Balu Ghat, Muzaffarpur-842001. B/o: Muzaffarpur (BIHAR)	All part and parcel of the Building spread into 7.0 decimal, situated at 18/605, AndlGola, Sudhakar Lane, JL Road, Saryaganj, Muzaffarpur having Khata No-48, Khesra No-315, Thana No-406, Ward No-23, Holding No-605 standing in the name of Suresh Prasad (Proprietor) partition deed No-466/02 dated 07.03.2003. Bounded By: North- Road, South- House of PawanChakarwati, East-House of Basudeo Prasad, West- House of Badrinarayan Sah.	₹1,06,95,000/-	₹57,30,086/-* and interest thereon	19.08.2019
		₹10,69,500/-		10 AM to 11 AM
Borrower: M/s R S Enterprises Prop.: Sambhu Kumar Mehta S/o Late Ram Narayan Singh, Rambang Road, Infront of Janhit Press, Near Kalazar Hospital, P.O.- Ramna, P.S.-Mithanpura, Muzaffarpur- 842002. B/o: Muzaffarpur (BIHAR)	All part and parcel of property measuring 7 Dhur, Situated at Khata No-452, New Khesra No-669, Thana No-411, Jamabandi No-4899, Mohalla-Rambag Road lane, infront of Janhit Press, Ward No-36, Muzaffarpur, Bihar-842002 in the name of Mr. Sambhu Kumar Mehta, Registered Mortgage Deed No-27997 dated 09.10.2013. Bounded by: North-Smt. Urmila Nandey, South-Niranjan Kumar, East-Sudhir Kumar, West-Gali.	₹10,70,000/-	₹12,87,752/-* and interest thereon	19.08.2019
		₹1,07,000/-		10 AM to 11 AM
Borrower: M/s Nath Consumer Products Pvt Ltd, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101. Managing Director: Mr. Yogesh Kumar, S/o- Late Baij Nath Singh, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101 Director: Mr. Indrajeet Kumar Singh, S/o- Sri Haridwar Prasad Singh, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101, Director: Mr. Kulbhushan Singh, S/o- Shiv Pujan Singh, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101, Director: Mr. Ram Sewak Ray, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101 and Guarantors: Mrs. Sanju Singh, w/o- Mr. Kulbhushan Singh, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101 and Mr. Ram Niranjan Singh (Guarantors), S/o- Ram Chandra Singh, Ganga Pool Road, Hajipur, Dist.-Vaishali. B/o: Shastri Nagar, Patna (Bihar).	All that part and parcel of the land with factory premises measuring an area 0.50 Acre situated at C-15,16, Industrial Area, Hajipur, Mauza- Usufpur Dighi, Dist.- Vaishali, Pin code- 844101 bearing Thana No.-156, Khata No.-171,268,251,46&7, Khesra No.- 726(p), 729(p), 730(p), 732(p) & 733(p). Bounded by: North-Survey Plot No. 730 (Part), 729 (Part) (Road), South-Survey Plot Hajipur-844101, Director: Mr. Kulbhushan Singh, S/o- Shiv Pujan Singh, C-15,16, Industrial Area, Dist.-Vaishali, Hajipur-844101, (Part). (Alongwith Plant and Machineries)	₹2,18,12,000/-	₹1,61,02,169.10/-* and interest thereon	20.08.2019
		₹21,81,200/-		2 PM to 3 PM

Note:- Previous Sale Notice dtd 11.07.2019 stand cancelled with issuance of this sale notice dtd 16.07.2019.

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Date : 16.07.2019
Place : Patna

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Cittari Venkatesh C Sankala Venkatesh	8701	1536	478449	4279758813-4279758348
Pawan Kumar	73151	10	525856	4292772789-292772798
			985789	8557408130-557408134

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New Delhi: 16.07.2019
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03	Administrative Officer	01	-	-	-	01	PB-2: ₹ 9,300-34,800 + ₹ 4,600 Grade Pay	Level-07
04	Senior Personal Assistant	01	-	-	-	01	PB-2: ₹ 9,300-34,800 + ₹ 4,600 Grade Pay	Level-07
05	Junior Hindi Translator	01	-	-	-	01	PB-2: ₹ 9,300-34,800 + ₹ 4,200 Grade Pay	Level-06
06	Upper Division Clerk	03	-	-	-	03	PB-1: ₹ 5,200-20,200 + ₹ 2,400 Grade Pay	Level-04
07	Lower Division Clerk	02	-	-	01	03	PB-1: ₹ 5,200-20,200 + ₹ 1,900 Grade Pay	Level-02
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09	Driver	02	-	-	01	03	PB-1: ₹ 5,200-20,200 + ₹ 1,900 Grade Pay	Level-02
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6 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

LOK SABHA

“Either the minister must answer the question or the minister of state. You decide between yourselves.”

OM BIRLA, Speaker said when Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and MoS Suresh Angadi took turns to answer during the Question Hour

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Sixty-five per cent farmers in this country are below poverty line. Have you forgotten them? You are saying farmers have become rich. Please calculate the man hours put in by each member of a small farmer family and you will learn that it is running into losses.”

MULAYAM SINGH YADAV, Samajwadi Party leader

ROLL CALL

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

5 QUESTIONS



CONGRESS MP FROM KISHANGANJ MOHAMMAD JAWED RAISED THE ISSUE OF BIHAR FLOODS IN LOK SABHA. HE ALLEGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING ENOUGH. HE SPOKE TO DEEPTIMAN TIWARY.

You raised the issue of Bihar floods. What is the situation? As many as 30 lakh people have been affected by severe floods which have hit 13-14 districts... The situation has worsened because of paucity of resources for relief. People do not have enough to eat. They are forced to eat rats to survive.

You said the government was not doing enough. The scale at which relief operations need to be carried out is not there. While 30 lakh people have been affected, only one lakh people have got shelter because there are not enough flood relief camps. The NDRF teams deployed are inadequate because of which lakhs of people are still stranded. The rescue teams do not even have enough boats...

But the government contested your claim saying Rs 261 crore had been given to Bihar.

This is the tragedy of this government. It never accepts its mistakes. I am not saying relief work is not happening. But it is inadequate... Floods in Bihar are an annual ritual and the government is always found wanting... They should be ready with boats and food. We are talking about 30 lakh people. What do you think will be the share of one person in Rs 260 crore? People have lost houses, crops and cattle. This government believes in just lip service. This is exactly what they did when children were dying due to encephalitis... Centre does not have a positive attitude towards Bihar.

What is the reason for frequent floods in Bihar? Eastern Bihar gets flooded by overflowing rivers from Nepal and water released from the Teesta barrage. While West Bengal gets irrigation from Teesta, we get floods in monsoons... government has done nothing over the years...

What should be done for immediate relief and what is the long-term remedy? Centre needs to handhold the state government... More relief camps are needed and rescue teams need to be increased. They must get more boats. Government must come up with some formula to minimise damage in the long run. River linking is among the permanent solutions but the government has not moved on it...

Govt will identify and deport each illegal immigrant: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE GOVERNMENT will identify illegal immigrants staying on every inch of the country's soil and deport them as per international law, Union Home Minister Amit Shah told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

He was replying to a query by Samajwadi Party (SP) member Javed Ali Khan on whether the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be implemented in other states as well.

“The member has asked a very good question. The NRC is now being implemented in Assam. It is a part of the Assam Accord. But everyone in the House must have heard the President's Address...and the manifesto on the basis of which this government has come to power...it had stated that illegal immigrants and infiltrators who are living on every inch of the country's soil will be identified and they will be deported as per international law,” Shah said.

The BJP's Sabha election manifesto had promised that it would complete the process of NRC in areas where illegal migration has affected people's livelihood and employment. “In future, we will implement NRC in a phased manner in other parts of the country,” it had said.

Replying to queries, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said the Central government has received many representations for extending the NRC deadline in



Home Minister Amit Shah at the Parliament complex. *Renuka Puri*

Assam. He said a petition signed by about 25 lakh applicants was submitted to the Centre and the President, demanding extension of the deadline to correct anomalies. Since many genuine names have been left

out and many bogus names registered, the government has requested the Supreme Court to extend the time, he said. “There will be some delay but the NRC will be implemented properly without any faults,” he said, asserting that the government's intention is to ensure no genuine citizen is left out of the NRC.

To another question, Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy said the Central government will soon come up with two Bills, one to set up fast-track courts to clear the 1.6 lakh pending cases related to crimes against children and another to further strengthen the POCSO act with stringent penal provisions. A proposal will be moved for seeking cabinet approval to amend the two key laws, he said.

Reddy said, “The modification of law will address the need for stringent measures against rising trend of child sex abuse in the country and combat the menace of relatively new kind of crimes.” The government feels that the strong penal provisions will act as a deterrent, he said. “It intends to protect the interest of the vulnerable children in times of distress and ensure their safety and dignity,” the minister said.

When a member pointed out that an NCRB report has shown a rise in crime rate, the minister said reporting of crimes has increased with the launch of online portal after the 2012 gangrape incident. The number of cases registered has also gone up after it was made compulsory for police to register such crimes and investigate them within four months, the minister added.

Bill to give NIA more powers gets RS nod

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE RAJYA Sabha on Wednesday unanimously passed the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill 2019, even as Left members staged a walkout demanding that the legislation be sent to a Parliamentary panel for scrutiny.

The Bill grants NIA powers to conduct investigations outside India and widens its mandate to probe human trafficking, counterfeit currency, manufacture or sale of prohibited arms, cyber terrorism and offences under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.

Barring a minor exchange between Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress MP Abhishek Singhvi over lack of prosecution in the 2007 Samjhauta Express blasts case, the Bill was cleared without any opposition in Rajya Sabha — it had faced six no's in the Lok Sabha. In the last five years, Bills have tended to sail through Lok Sabha but stumbled in the Upper House.

Opposition sources said that a decision was taken to let the Bill through to deny the government a chance to target the Opposition by accusing it of lack of commitment on issues of national security. “We have given them what they wanted. Now after two years we will ask them how many countries has the NIA caught criminals from,” an Opposition MP said.

In his brief reply, Shah refuted Singhvi's charge that the NIA is an inefficient organisation and asked him not to present incorrect data that would denigrate the country's premiere investigation agency. “You would have done better by not raising the Samjhauta issue. The chargesheet was filed during your time. The prosecution did not happen because the very foundation was weak. The chargesheet was weak because you changed the direction of investigations overnight to implicate a certain community even after our own and US agencies made six arrests. We did not appeal because these decisions are taken based on the opinion of law officers. This government goes by the opinion of law officers, not political expediency.”

Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien said, “The first terrorist of independent India was the man who picked up a gun and shot



Abhishek Singhvi targeted the government over the NIA probe into the Samjhauta Express blasts case. *PTI*

the Father of the Nation. And today, in these very corridors, that man is hailed as a patriot...I do not want to talk about left-wing extremism because then I would also need to talk about right-wing extremism...but what I want to know from the minister is that will Pakistan sign this treaty? Will Pakistan give us access?”

Replying to the TMC member's barbs about “visits to Pakistan to have veg Biryani”, Shah said, “Derek O'Brien has left after speaking, as is his wont... but I want to tell him... do you remember what happened after the Uri terror attack. We carried out surgical strikes, we hit them in their homes.”

Singhvi and his party colleague Vivek Tankha pointed out that the courts are already overburdened and their vacancies mounting. The practicality of setting up special courts is questionable, Singhvi said, as nearly a third of the 1,000 posts approved for judges in high courts are vacant.

SP's Ramgopal Yadav advised caution, saying the Bill is at cross-purposes with the laws of natural justice and that an innocent should not be punished even if several hundred criminals walk free. “It is about human rights... the person wrongfully accused of terror even after he walks free has not only lost years of his life but has already been tagged as a terrorist by society,” Yadav said.



Samajwadi Party leaders Mulayam Singh Yadav, Azam Khan and Akhilesh Yadav at Parliament House on Wednesday. *Anil Sharma*

Centre will set up India House for athletes at Tokyo Olympics: Rijiju

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE MINISTRY of Youth Affairs And Sports will set up an “India House” during the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 to cater to the needs of participating Indian athletes, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju told the Lok Sabha Wednesday.

“I am confident that Indian athletes will perform better than in the previous games in 2020,” Rijiju said, while replying to the debate on Demands for Grants to his ministry. Rijiju said the government had also de-

cidated to do away with distinction between athletes based on seniority. The minister said that during a visit to a sports centre, he had come across cases where there were monetary slabs for food for junior and senior athletes. “We will set up an India House in Tokyo that will take care of the food needs of the Indian athletes. Indian food will be made available to them. The preparations are on,” the minister said.

There will be regular inspections every six months to ensure that sports facilities managed by the government are up to the mark and officials found responsible for any shortcomings will be pulled up, he said.



Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in the Rajya Sabha. *PTI*

Puri: Air India suffered Rs 430 cr loss when Pak closed airspace

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

AIR INDIA suffered losses amounting to Rs 430 crore in the over four-month period when the airspace over Pakistan was closed following the airstrike at a terror camp in Balakot, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri told the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Puri was replying to supplementary questions on the government's plans to privatise the national carrier. He said the government was committed to privatisation of Air India, but is working on a turnaround plan to make it profitable before taking a decision. He said 40 per cent of the airline's operating expenses are on fuel, and that geo-political developments also come into play at times.

“In order to privatise it, there is a turnaround plan in order to give it operational efficiency and also to make it profitable in the immediate term. We will be ending the financial year 2018-19 on March 31 with an operating loss of something like Rs 7,000 crore. But in the financial year 2019-20... the airline is expected to make a profit,” he said.

The government, he said, “proposed to establish an alternate mechanism and that alternate mechanism will take the decisions for privatisation...Some of these factors are beyond the government's control. Forty per cent of the operating expense of an airline goes in what is called aviation turbine fuel. Then you have geopolitical developments. We were very happy yesterday when the airspace was reopened by neighbouring country. Air India had already incurred a loss of something like Rs 430 crore in the four months or so...” he said.

Congress raises China transgression, Rajnath says borders secure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

IN THE wake of Chinese troops making a transgression in Demchok area of Ladakh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday assured Parliament that the integrity of India's borders was being fully protected even as he accepted that some unpleasant incidents have taken place due to difference in perception of Sino-Indian border in the two countries.

“In general, peace has prevailed on India-China border. However, on Line of Actual Control (LAC), due to difference in perception, there have been some unpleasant incidents at local level temporarily. This fact cannot be denied,” he said.

That has been the situation since 1962, he said, referring to the year of India-China war, and added that the root cause is the lack of commonly delineated LAC between the two countries. “I assure the House regarding security of not only the India-China border but also other borders,” Singh added.

Making a statement on the situation along the Sino-India border, Singh said there is complete restraint by armed forces of India and China at Doklam following a stand-off between them in 2017.

“India and China are respecting bilateral pacts to ensure peace and tranquillity along border. Both countries are respecting the agreed mechanisms,” he said, adding that both the countries have put a mechanism in place to control incidents of incursions and transgressions.

Singh's statement came after Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary raised the issue of Chinese troops entering over 6 km in Demchok in Ladakh. Chowdhary said China has often



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrives at Parliament House. *PTI*

been transgressing into India and follows it up with aggressive diplomacy.

Singh said there are many mechanisms between India and China to deal with these kinds of situations, such as meetings between commanders of both the armies on border, flag meetings and a hotline to avoid incursions and transgressions.

The Defence Minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met during an informal summit at Wuhan in 2018 where it was decided that peace and tranquillity will be maintained at the border.

Following the Wuhan meeting, both the governments issued strategic guidance to their armies, he said. He wondered as to why the Congress leader raised the issue in the House and asserted that the Union government is very much attentive to the situation on India's border and periodically reviews it.

The government is aware of the security needs and has focused on building infrastructure like tunnels, roads, railway lines and airfields along the India-China border, he said.

Govt not in favour of MGNREGA forever: minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE GOVERNMENT is not in favour of running MGNREGA, the rural employment guarantee scheme, forever since it is meant for the poor and the government wants to eradicate poverty from the country, Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar told Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Tomar also said that the government is trying to make Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana — the Centre's crop insurance scheme — simpler and more useful for farmers.

“We have rejigged PM Fasal Bima Yojana. We are now trying to make it simpler and more useful. There are 8.95 lakh beneficiaries today. Before 2014, the figure



Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar

was 6 lakh,” he said.

Tomar was replying to queries raised by members during the discussion on Demand for Grants under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Rural Development Ministry.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Tomar said, more funds were allocated under Fasal Bima Yojana than before 2014 under the Congress-led UPA government. “It increased

from Rs 26 crore to Rs 74 crore,” he said.

Stating that the Modi government has vastly improved the MGNREGA scheme, making it transparent and effective, Tomar said, “I am not in favour of continuing with MGNREGA forever, because it is for the poor and the government wants to eradicate poverty from India. It is working in this direction.” He said overall budgetary allocation for MGNREGA has increased from Rs 55,000 crore in 2018-19 to Rs 60,000 crore in the ongoing fiscal.

Tomar was noncommittal on suggestions by some members on using MGNREGA for agricultural labour but said the scheme would be used for water conservation.

The minister took exception to the Opposition calling PM-KISAN scheme, under which Rs 6,000 is given to farmers annually, as inadequate. “Some people have called it

oont ke muh jeera (paltry allocation). But before Narendra Modi, did anyone try doing even that? At least the farmer is getting something,” he said.

On doubling of farmers' income, Tomar said a big target and a road map has to be made and the result cannot be visible in a day. Over 10 crore soil health cards have already been allotted, and work on allotting 9.82 crore cards in the second phase is underway, he said. The government, he said, is working on zero budget farming.

The Lok Sabha later approved the Demand for Grants under Control of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

N K Premachandran (RSP) withdrew the cut motion he had moved on the issue.

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7 JADHAV VERDICT



Friends of Kulbhushan Jadhav celebrate after the verdict in the case in Mumbai on Wednesday. Prashant Nadkar

EXCERPTS FROM ICJ'S RULING

Reading verdict: How The Hague rebutted Pak's key arguments

On Jadhav's nationality

Court observes that the evidence before it shows that both parties have considered Mr Jadhav to be an Indian national. Indeed, Pakistan has so described Mr Jadhav on various occasions, including in its "letter of assistance for criminal investigation against Indian national Kulbhushan Sudhair Jadhav". Consequently, the Court is satisfied that the evidence before it leaves no room for doubt that Mr Jadhav is of Indian nationality.

On Pakistan's failure to provide consular access

Pakistan responded to India's request for consular access for the first time in its note verbale dated 21 March, 2017, in which it stated that "the case for consular access to the Indian national, Kulbhushan Jadhav, shall be considered, in the light of Indian side's response to Pakistan's request for assistance in investigation process and early dispensation of justice".

The Court is of the view that the alleged failure by India to cooperate in the investigation process in Pakistan does not relieve Pakistan of its obligation to grant consular access under Article 36, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and does not justify Pakistan's denial of access to Mr Jadhav by consular officers of India.

On exception to granting consular access in cases of espionage

The object and purpose of the Vienna Convention as stated in its preamble is to "contribute to the development of friendly relations among nations". The Court thus concludes that, when interpreted in accordance with the ordinary meaning to be given to the terms of the Vienna Convention in their context and in the light of its object and purpose, the Convention does not exclude

from its scope certain categories of persons, such as those suspected of espionage.

On Pakistan not informing Jadhav of his rights

The Court observes that Pakistan has not contested India's contention that Mr Jadhav was not informed of his rights under the (Vienna) Convention. To the contrary, in the written and oral proceedings, Pakistan consistently maintained that the Convention does not apply to an individual suspected of espionage. The Court infers from this position of Pakistan that it did not inform Mr Jadhav of his rights under Article 36, paragraph 1 (b), of the Vienna Convention, and thus concludes that Pakistan breached its obligation to inform Mr Jadhav of his rights under that provision.

On delay by Pakistan in informing India about Jadhav's arrest and detention

Pakistan claims that at the time of his arrest on 3 March, 2016, Mr Jadhav was in possession of an Indian passport bearing the name "Hussein Mubarak Patel". In the circumstances of the present case, the Court considers that there were sufficient grounds at the time of the arrest on 3 March, 2016 or shortly thereafter for Pakistan to conclude that the person was, or was likely to be, an Indian national, thus triggering its obligation to inform India of his arrest.

There was a delay of some three weeks between Mr Jadhav's arrest on 3 March, 2016 and the notification made to India on 25 March, 2016. The Court recalls that "neither the terms of the (Vienna) Convention as normally understood, nor its object and purpose, suggest that 'without delay' is to be understood as 'immediately upon arrest and before interrogation'".

APURVA VISHWANATH

After Masood Azhar blacklisting, court verdict further isolates Pak

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE ICJ's verdict, granting consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav and directing Islamabad to review and reconsider his conviction and sentencing, is being perceived as a major diplomatic and legal success for India, which has consistently tried to isolate Pakistan on the global stage over the last few years.

In reality, Pakistan has to only grant consular access and can conduct "review and reconsideration" at its "choosing" — this, in effect, puts off Jadhav's execution for the time being. But the ICJ verdict needs to be seen in the context of a string of India's diplomatic successes in the last few years — a culmination of the painstaking diplomatic and legal groundwork to isolate Pakistan.

The most recent was the listing of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on May 1, after Beijing lifted its technical hold. China had consistently blocked India's bid to get Azhar designated by the UNSC Resolution 1267 sanctions committee. While Azhar has been accused of several terrorist attacks — from the Parliament attack in 2001 to the Pulwama attack in February 2019 — China repeatedly blocked the listing efforts over the last decade, at Pakistan's behest. It was only after India built international pressure, and made diplomatic manoeuvres with the US doing the heavy lifting and a series of quid pro quos, that it managed a win.

According to Indian officials, the pressure mounted against Pakistan on terrorism seems to have worked. On Wednesday, Pakistan arrested Jamaat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed on charges of terror financing.

India's attempt over the last two years to first "greylist" Pakistan, and then build pres-

sure to "blacklist" Pakistan at the Financial Action Task Force, also seems to have worked. This created pressure on Islamabad — including from Beijing, its all-weather ally — to take action against Saeed.

New Delhi also scored a major win after the Pulwama attack in February this year, when it got the UNSC to issue a statement condemning the attack. It was the first time that the UNSC condemned a terrorist attack on security personnel in Jammu and Kashmir, and named the Pakistan-based terrorist group JeM. What was equally important was that China also signed the statement, despite it being an "iron brother" of Pakistan.

India also got diplomatic support from the US after the Pulwama attack, as Washington supported New Delhi's right to defend itself. And after the Balakot airstrikes deep inside Pakistan, India got a chorus of support from the international community. The release of IAF fighter pilot Abhinandan Varthaman was a case in point, where Delhi's pressure seemed to have worked.

Much before Pulwama, India got global support after the surgical strikes following the Uri attack in 2016. The SAARC countries rallied around India to boycott the summit in Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the MEA said on Wednesday: "We welcome the judgement... The Court, by a vote of 15-1, has upheld India's claim that Pakistan is in egregious violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963 on several counts."

"We also appreciate the direction... that Pakistan should review and reconsider the conviction and sentence given... by the military court... We note that the Court has directed that Pakistan is under an obligation to inform Shri Jadhav without further delay of his rights and to provide Indian consular officers access to him... We expect Pakistan to implement the directive immediately," it said.

Team India: Sushma to Salve, diplomats to lawyers wrote script

SHUBHAJIT ROY
& APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

OVER THE last three years, a team of India's diplomatic and legal minds joined forces to make New Delhi's case at the ICJ. From then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to Senior Advocate Harish Salve, Joint Secretary Deepak Mittal, Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan J P Singh, Additional Secretary V D Sharma and Advocate Chetna Rai — the team behind India's efforts at the ICJ cut across age, gender and experience.

Leading the way was Swaraj, who was in touch with Kulbhushan Jadhav's family, bureaucrats, lawyers and the top Indian leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On Wednesday, she said, "I wholeheartedly welcome the verdict of ICJ... It is a great victory for India. I hope the verdict will provide the much needed solace to the family members of Kulbhushan Jadhav."

Salve made India's case at the hearings effectively, especially at the February 18-21 public hearings this year. A former Solicitor General of India, he crafted India's legal response and used his knowledge of international law.

Then Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar, who is now the External Affairs Minister and the



Sushma Swaraj, former minister of external affairs

current foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale maintained regular updates.

Deepak Mittal, MEA's Joint Secretary (Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran), followed the case from the beginning, going through the legal arguments and shaping India's diplomatic response. It was his idea to consistently push for consular access. This became India's main point of argument. Mittal, who was in the PMO before moving to the MEA, helped smoothen the intra-government conversations.

Vishnu Dutt Sharma, who heads the MEA's legal division, bridged the gap between the diplomats and lawyers. He liaised with Salve's team and worked on the petitions to the court.

Chetna Nayantara Rai and Arundhati Dattaraya Kelkar, junior counsel for India at the ICJ, are both Salve's juniors. J P Singh, Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan, was key to the strategy since he was the only diplomat to have seen Jadhav when his family members met him in December 2017. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Secretary, MEA, played a key role in drafting the petitions.

Relieved, gratified, says Salve

New Delhi: Senior advocate Harish Salve, India's lead counsel in the case, said he was "relieved and gratified" by the ICJ's ruling on Wednesday. Speaking to reporters in London, he said: "It is a good moment for us to help (Kulbhushan) Jadhav get justice and ensure he gets a fair trial."

"The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights must inform the interpretation of an effective review," he said, outlining the next steps for Pakistan. The ICCPR is a multilateral treaty that recognises due process and fair trial among other civil and political rights.

He stressed that Indian consular officers must immediately get access to Jadhav, and then ensure legal representation for him. He said Pakistan must ensure an effective review of its legal processes and amend its law if "the military courts cannot ensure due



Harish Salve was India's lead counsel in the case

process" and also ensure publication of the review. He also did not rule out the possibility of approaching the ICJ in future if Pakistan does not comply with the decision.

"Sanctions in the United Nations Security Council and other remedies could also come into play," he said. Salve admitted that while India's "ambitious" request for annulling Jadhav's conviction and death sentence by a military court were not met, the ICJ had categorically found Pakistan's actions violative of international law.

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Govt, Oppn hail ruling; PM says truth prevailed

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Wednesday welcomed the verdict in International Court of Justice in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case, saying "truth and justice have prevailed". "We welcome today's verdict in the @ICJ_JCJ. Truth and justice have prevailed. Congratulations to the ICJ for a verdict based on extensive study of facts. I am sure Kulbhushan Jadhav will get justice. Our government will always work for the safety and welfare of every Indian," Modi tweeted.

In a major diplomatic victory for India, the International Court of Justice on Wednesday ruled that Pakistan must review the death sen-

tence for Indian national Jadhav, who has been sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court. Jadhav had been sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of "espionage and terrorism".

Union Home Minister and BJP president Amit Shah tweeted, "A great day at the @ICJ_JCJ! The verdict is a victory of truth and protects human dignity. It is yet another manifestation of Modi government's diplomatic efforts and commitment to protect all Indians. I congratulate Harish Salve ji for his stupendous efforts through the case."

BJP spokesperson Shahnawaz Hussain said this was a big win for Indian diplomacy.

Main opposition Congress, too, welcomed the ruling. Party leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "I welcome the ICJ verdict. My thoughts tonight

are with #KulbhushanJadhav, alone in a prison cell in Pakistan & with his distraught family for whom this verdict brings a rare moment of relief, joy & renewed hope, that he will one day be free to return to his home in India."

"Heartened by the Kulbhushan verdict. At last, justice has prevailed. All of India joins his family in their joy," AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra tweeted.

Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram said ICJ has delivered justice in the "true sense of that word". "ICJ delivers 'justice' in the true sense of that word, upholding human rights, due procedure and the rule of law. A 15:1 verdict is actually a unanimous verdict," he said.

Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala tweeted, "We welcome and celebrate the decision of the ICJ in

MAY 9, 2017
ICJ President asked Pak "to act in such a way as will enable any order the Court may make... to have its appropriate effects".

MAY 18, 2017
Court directed Pak to not execute Jadhav till it takes a final view, and to keep it informed.

JUNE 13, 2017
September 13 and December 13 set as deadlines for India's memorial and Pak's counter-memorial.

JANUARY 17, 2018
April 17 and July 17 fixed as deadlines for

holding Pakistan to be in stark violation of Article 36 of the Vienna Convention and staying the illegally ordered execution of Kulbhushan Jadhav."

He, however, said "every Indian's concern for safety and well being of Kulbhushan Jadhav remains unaddressed". He said the ICJ has authorised Pakistan to review and reconsider Jadhav's case in a manner and forum of their choosing which leaves Jadhav vulnerable to another miscarriage of justice. "Refusal by ICJ to allow return of Jadhav to India is unnerving. Para 137 - 'it is not the conviction and sentence of Mr. Jadhav which are to be regarded as a violation of Article 36... these submissions made by India cannot be upheld'. Urge the Government to seek revision of this part," he tweeted.

INDIA'S REPLY AND PAK'S REJOINER, RESPECTIVELY.

FEBRUARY 18-21, 2019
Two rounds of oral arguments.

JULY 4, 2019
ICJ announced that President of the Court, Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, will read decision on July 17.

JULY 17, 2019
ICJ ruled that Pakistan must review the and reconsider Jadhav's conviction and sentence. The court granted India consular access and legal representation to Jadhav.



Jadhav with his wife and mother when they met across a glass partition at the Pakistan Foreign Office in Islamabad on December 25, 2017. PTI

How the case unfolded

2016-17
India told ICJ that Kulbhushan Jadhav was "kidnapped from Iran, where he was carrying on business after retiring from the Indian Navy, and was then shown to have been arrested in Baluchistan" on March 3, 2016. Pak informed India only on March 25, 2016. India sought consular access that same day, and repeatedly afterward. On March 21, 2017, Pakistan issued a note verbale saying consular access would be considered in the light of India's response to its request for assistance in the probe.

MAY 8, 2017
India began proceedings against Pak "for egregious violations of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963" in detaining Jadhav, and in his sentencing to death by a military court. India asked that the death sentence be declared violative of international law and suspended, and that Pak be restrained from giving effect to it and directed to annul the decision — failing which ICJ should declare the conviction and sentencing illegal, and direct Pak to release Jadhav immediately.



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NOW, OR LATER?

MORE VOICES in the Congress are coming out for, and some tacitly against, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as the next Congress president. Former CWC member Anil Shastri, son of late ex-Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, tweeted that if the Congress has to survive it has to have a president at the earliest, and that there is no better person to lead the party than Priyanka. Another Congress functionary Praveen Davar said while there is no doubt that Priyanka will make a very good President, she may take up the position later, not now. He believes the CWC should nominate an interim president now and in a couple of years the party will have no option but to have Rahul or Priyanka as president.

ROCKING INSPIRATION

THE UTTAR Pradesh Law Commission's report on dealing with mob lynching has drawn inspiration from an unlikely source. Besides the 2017 Manav Suraksha Kanoon (Masuka) Bill drafted by the civil society and the 2018 Supreme Court ruling, Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, chairperson of the law panel, seems to be inspired by iconic heavy metal band Black Sabbath. "Mob Rules", a song by the band in its 1981 album by the same name, features on the cover page of the report. The song is a caution against mob rule.

HEALTH FOOD ON DIET

IN HIS urgency to turn his ministry "healthy", the Health Minister seems to have forgotten that there is more to the ministry than only the meetings. After his much-publicised diktat that only healthy food such as nuts and chana-murmura should be served in meetings, many in the ministry were inclined to turn a healthy page and change their eating habits. Trouble is, the canteen from which all this food comes for meetings has told officers that the "special food" is only for the meetings. At other times they have to do with the usual fare — oily pakodas and sweetened drinks.

KATHUA GANGRAPE-MURDER CASE

HC to hear appeals by convicts, victim's kin today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, JULY 17

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court will begin hearing on Thursday appeals of six convicts against their conviction in the Kathua gangrape and murder case and also the appeal by the victim's family, seeking enhancement in the sentences of the convicts. One of the convicts has also prayed for suspension of his sentence and that application too will be heard on Thursday.

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday issued an order, asking Chandigarh-based Senior Advocate Rajinder Singh Cheema to represent the state

in the appeals. Gurdaspur-based criminal lawyer, Santokh Singh Basra, who was Special Public Prosecutor before the trial court, has been requested to assist Cheema.

On Wednesday, the division bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Harinder Singh Sidhu adjourned to Thursday the hearing on the appeal filed by the 8-year-old victim's father, seeking death penalty to three main convicts and life sentence for three others. The victim's family has also appealed against the acquittal of Vishal Jangotra, the lone accused to be freed in the case by the trial court last month. The Jammu & Kashmir government has not yet filed any appeal against the acquittal.

Cabinet nod to Bill to constitute new commission to replace MCI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved the National Medical Commission Bill which provides for the constitution of National Medical Commission that will replace the Medical Council of India as the apex medical education regulator. The Bill allows for just one medical entrance test across the country, a single exit exam (the final MBBS exam) that will work as a licentiate examination, a screening test for foreign medical graduates and entrance test for admission to postgraduate programmes. Under the Bill, the fees and charges of 50 per cent of the total seats in private medical colleges and deemed universities will be regulated.

The Bill proposes that NEET and common counselling will be applicable to all medical educational institutions, including AIIMS. The NMC Bill had been introduced in Lok Sabha some years ago when the provision of a standalone exit examination and the proposal for a bridge course that would allow Ayush doctors



Union ministers Prakash Javadekar and Piyush Goyal during a Cabinet briefing, in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

to practice allopathy had faced opposition. The Bill was sent to the standing committee after which the exit examination was changed to the final MBBS examination and the bridge course provision was dropped altogether.

The proposed National Medical Commission will replace the Medical Council of India, which has been mired in corruption charges for years. The Parliament recently passed a Bill to replace the ordinance for a Board of Governors to supersede the MCI. The NMC will have four autonomous boards for under-

graduate education, postgraduate education, medical assessment and rating, and ethics and registration.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has also approved construction of a 2880-MW Dibang Multipurpose Project in Arunachal Pradesh at the cost of Rs 1600 crore. Once completed, it will be the country's highest dam at 278 m and also the largest hydroelectric project.

The CCEA also approved construction of a new 81.7 km railway line between Sahjanwa and

Dohrihat in Uttar Pradesh at a cost of Rs 1319.75 crore; the doubling of the 142.97 km line New Bongaigaon to Agthori in Assam at a cost of Rs 2042.51 crore; and construction of a third line between Allahabad and Mughalsarai (150 km) for Rs 2649.44 crore. The work on these railway lines will produce 90 to 100 lakh mandays of work, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal said during the Cabinet briefing.

The other Bills to get the cabinet's nod on Wednesday include Dam Safety Bill to establish a National Dam Safety Authority as a regulator for 5600 dams in the country. The Bill has provisions for surveillance, inspection and repair of the dams and to set up standardised dam safety procedures across the country. A Companies (Amendment) Bill to replace an ordinance was also approved.

The cabinet also decided that the new National Institutes of Design set up in Kurukshetra, Jorhat, Bhopal and Amaravati will be given status of Institutes of National Importance after amending the NID Act. A Bill to repeal 58 obsolete laws also got the Cabinet's approval.

MUMBAI BUILDING COLLAPSE TOLL REACHES 13

No time to grieve: father struggles with paperwork, funeral expenses

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JULY 17

A DAY AFTER a portion of the Kesarbai Mansion in Dongri, Mumbai, collapsed, killing several people, 28-year-old Raseed Idrisy had no time to grieve for his two minor sons.

Grief-struck, sleep-deprived and hungry, Idrisy, a labourer, had to get the names of his sons — Arbaaz (7) and Shehzad (8) — recited on their death certificates, look after his injured wife, Alema Bano (28), at JJ Hospital, arrange for coffins, cooperate with the police investigation and raise Rs 50,000 to transport the bodies to their native village near Lucknow.

Alema and her sons were trapped under a crushed staircase of the building for 18 hours before they were extricated around 5 am on Wednesday. While the woman suffered multiple injuries, her sons succumbed to asphyxiation and trauma wounds, taking the toll to 13.

The family had shifted to Mumbai just two months ago to treat Alema's kidney stones. Arbaaz, a Class I student, and Shehzad in Class II, had left school to accompany their parents. "I didn't know the building was in poor shape or there were talks of redevelopment going on. The broker never told us," Idrisy told *The Indian Express*.



Rescue work in progress at the site of the building collapse in Dongri, on Wednesday. Prashant Nadkar

After the bodies of the boys were brought to JJ Hospital morgue on Wednesday morning, Idrisy first went to record his statement with the police. Then he began calling his friends for money to buy coffins and flight tickets. By noon, a private agent had pegged the charge for embalming the bodies to preserve them for the flight at Rs 18,000. An hour later, a government doctor assured Idrisy that the hospital will do it free of cost.

A Mumbai-Lucknow direct flight at Rs 7.25 pm was finalised. However, around 3 pm, a travel agent pointed out that the middle names of both the children were spelled wrong on their death certificates and that the airlines may refuse to accommodate the bodies in the cargo if their identities were not confirmed — Idrisy's

name was spelt 'Rashid' on his sons' death certificates, but his Aadhaar card identifies him as 'Mohd Raseed'.

What followed was frantic calls to the police and the airlines. "I only have an Aadhaar card left. All other documents have gone missing after the building collapsed. There is no identity proof of my children left," said Idrisy.

Around 3.45 pm, a police official from Dongri visited the morgue to rectify the names. "Spelling mistakes are common" during a disaster, he said. Later, a forensic department doctor made necessary changes on the medical papers. Idrisy managed to hire an ambulance to travel to the airport around 4.30 pm. "The total cost of flight and to transport bodies in cargo is Rs 50,000," his friend Virendra Gupta said.

Bill to jail cow vigilantes tabled in MP Assembly

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JULY 17

CONGRESS-RULED MADHYA Pradesh on Wednesday became the first state in the country to table a Bill that seeks to curb cow vigilantism by providing stringent punishment, ranging from six months to five years in jail, to those who engage in violence against persons booked for violating Madhya Pradesh Prohibition of Slaughter of Cow Progeny Act.

Tabled by Animal Husbandry Minister Lakhna Yadav, the Bill seeks to amend the principal Act by introducing jail term and fine, or both, for vigilantes who attack those booked for offences like cow slaughter, possession of beef or transportation of cows for slaughter. According to the Bill, the minimum jail term will be six months and maximum of three years and a fine of Rs 25,000 may be levied in such cases. If the same offence is committed by a mob, the minimum jail term will increase to one year and the maximum to five years and a fine of Rs 50,000 may be levied.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, BJP MLA Yashpal Singh Sisodiya said, "Why is the government silent on violence against those booked for other crimes. Does the government want to give a clean chit to those involved in illegal transportation (of cattle)?"

Bihar police seek details on Sangh Parivar, angry BJP calls it spying

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JULY 17

A BIHAR Police Special Branch letter seeking information on addresses and professions of functionaries of the RSS and 18 allied organisations including the VHP, Bajrang Dal and ABVP has prompted an angry BJP reaction, bringing to fore the recent tension in ties with the JD(U) with which it shares power in the state.

In a letter dated May 28, Special Branch SP Rajiv Ranjan — he has since been promoted and sent outside Bihar for training — instructed all Dy SPs and district officers of the Special Branch to gather details on "addresses and profession of all office bearers such as presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers or any other such posts, their telephone numbers and professions or trade".

Seeking the details within a week and asking them to "consider it very urgent", the SP marked copies of the letter to the Additional DG, IG and DIG of Special Branch.

On Wednesday, after the letter went public, police swung into damage control. Additional DG (Special Branch) JS Gargwar told a press conference: "The SP who had issued it had got it wrong and had not taken his seniors into confidence."

The organisations about which details were sought included Durga Vahini, Hindu Jagran Samiti, Dharm Jagran Samanway Samiti, Hindu Rashtra Sena, Hindu Yuva Vahini, Hindu Putra Sangathan, Rashtriya Sevika Samiti, Shiksha Bharti, Swadeshi Jagran Manch, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Bharatiya Railway Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Shikshak Mahasangh.

BJP spokesperson Rajib Ranjan told *The Indian Express*: "Everyone knows RSS is a nationalist organisation working in the interest of the country and not just for Hindus. Its work is in the public domain. Bihar Police spying on RSS is uncalled for and illegal."

JD(U) minister Ashok Kumar Choudhary played it down, calling it a "routine matter".

The Opposition RJD and



Nitish Kumar, Sushil Modi

EXPLAINED Irritant now, can fuel mistrust

BIHAR POLICE'S action has the potential to cast a shadow on the BJP-JD(U) relations in the state, more so when the Home department in the state is under direct control of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. This new irritant in relations between the parties comes in the backdrop of JD(U)'s decision to stay away from joining the Narendra Modi government for the time being. Nitish Kumar's party has also sounded its disagreement with the BJP over the triple talaq Bill and the citizenship amendment Bill. In this backdrop, this action has the potential to fuel mistrust between the NDA partners.

Congress welcomed the Special Branch move with Congress leader Prem Chandra Mishra even praising the Nitish Kumar government for seeking information on the RSS and allied organisations. RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tewary said the government had every right to know about activities of any organisation and there was "nothing wrong in getting details on the RSS and allied organisations".

Israel inks deal with India to supply complementary Naval MRSAM systems

Jerusalem: State-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) on Wednesday said it has inked a follow-up deal worth USD 50 million to supply complementary Naval MRSAM (medium range surface-to-air missile) systems to the Indian Navy and the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders.

As per the agreement, signed this week, the IAI will provide complementary systems for the

air defence system (ADS). "The deal involves follow up order for a range of maintenance and other services for various sub-systems of IAI's advanced MR-SAM ADS," the company said in a statement.

Boaz Levi, the executive vice president and general manager of Systems, Missiles & Space Group at IAI, described the deal as a major "breakthrough". PTI

NEW GOVERNORS FOR CHHATTISGARH, ANDHRA PRADESH

'It's destiny; had party asked, I would have fought Lok Sabha elections'

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JULY 17



Anasuiya Uikey, Chhattisgarh Governor

ANASUIYA UIKEY, the new Chhattisgarh Governor, was a strong contender for the Chhindwara Lok Sabha seat to take on Nakul Nath, son of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, the senior Congress leader who brought her into politics nearly four decades ago.

The BJP was looking for a strong tribal face to challenge the Nath family in its pocket borough, and Nath senior was also contesting a by-election to validate his stay in office from the eponymous Assembly segment.

Nath junior eventually defeated the BJP's Nathansaha Kawretri by just over 37,000 votes.

"Sab mukaddar ki bat hoti hai. Maine ko jogaad nahi kiya thha ladne ke liye. Party ka aadesh hota toh ladhti (it's all destiny. I did not wangle for the ticket. Had the party directed, I would have contested)," Uikey, vice-chairman of the National Scheduled Tribes Commission (NSTC), told *The Indian Express* on Wednesday.

About her new post, Uikey, 62-year-old, who still had six months for her tenure at NSTC to end, said, "I had no idea — the Prime Minister decides it all. Only he knows how he weighs people. It depends on him — who to give what responsibility. Getting such a big responsibility was beyond my dreams."

Not willing to hazard a guess on what prompted the Prime Minister or party president Amit Shah to pick her for the Governor's role, Uikey said, "Maybe the efforts I put in to bring awareness among tribal women, or the work I did between 2000 and 2005 on problems faced by tribal women in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand... may be my overall experience..."

Uikey was a BJP Rajya Sabha member from Madhya Pradesh

between 2006 and 2012. In 1985, she was among the youngest MLAs elected to the then undivided MP Assembly. A couple of years later she was made a minister for Women and Child Welfare in the Arjun Singh government.

A graduate in Law and post-graduate in Economics, Uikey taught Economics at Tamia Government College Chhindwara for three years before entering politics.

"She was not given a ticket by the Congress in the 1990 elections, so she switched loyalty to the BJP the following year," recalls BJP leader Chaudhary Chandrabhan Singh.

Even though she lost the 1993 and 1998 elections on a BJP ticket, her political stature continued to grow.

Born in a modest family in Rohanakala village of Chhindwara district, she avoids talking about why she joined the BJP. A Gond tribal, she was active in student politics between 1971 and 1981 before joining the Congress. Her political activities were primarily in Mahakausal region of the state.

Old Jana Sangh hand, Harichandan opposed any truck with BJD

SAMPAD PATNAIK BHUBANESWAR, JULY 17



Harichandan, Andhra Pradesh Governor

THE SECOND person to be appointed Governor by the NDA government, the first being Draupadi Murmu in 2015, Biswabhusan Harichandan is one of the senior-most leaders of the BJP in Odisha, having joined the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, precursor to the BJP, back in 1971.

He soon became a national executive member and state general secretary of the Jana Sangh, where he built close ties with Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani.

Born in 1934, Harichandan is a trained lawyer.

He joined Janata Party in 1977, and subsequently the BJP — he was the party's Odisha (then Orissa) unit president from 1980 to 1988. He rejoined Janata Party in 1988, and went back to the saffron party in 1996.

Harichandan has been a

five-time MLA — elected thrice from Bhubaneswar and twice from Chilika — and was a minister under three chief ministers: Nilamani Routray, Biju Patnaik and Naveen Patnaik. He held important portfolios such as Food and Civil Supplies, Law, Labour, Revenue and Industries.

Harichandan was among the few BJP leaders in Odisha who openly expressed reservations against any tie up with the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in the run-up to this year's Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

After his appointment, Harichandan has said he will make efforts to see disputes between Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, such as Polavaram and Kotia, are resolved.

President lauds govt, collegium for filling apex court's vacancies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 17

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind on Wednesday lauded the government and the Supreme Court Collegium "for working together" to ensure that all the vacancies in the top court are filled.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Supreme Court's new Additional Building Complex, the President said, "While the quality of our judges and the independence of our judiciary are recognised around the world, the problem of numbers and vacancies has arisen from time to time. Even so, today we are in the happy position that all 31 vacancies in the Supreme Court have been filled by able judges. This has happened after a full decade, and for this achievement I too must congratulate the Collegium and the government for working together with such understanding and urgency."

Hundred judgments of the apex court translated into nine Indian languages were handed over to the President as part of the apex court's project to provide



Kovind was speaking at inauguration of SC's additional block

translated copies of judgments to litigants.

Welcoming this, Kovind said translations of judgments "is a subject very close to my heart". He recalled seeing litigants struggle with judgments because they did not understand English and had to engage a lawyer to explain it, incurring extra costs.

The President hoped that judgments would be translated into more Indian languages in the future.

Speaking at the event, Chief Justice of Ranjan Gogoi said, "History has witnessed how great institutions have been brought to the knees by the wicked and the vile. History has also seen how even great nations have been brought down in (an) utterly deceptive manner. The threat from such people has always been the greatest to institutions like the judiciary which do not pander to

any particular interest or bow to powerful coteries that breed in nooks and dark corners. It is, therefore, necessary for each stakeholder to remain on guard and introspect his her respective role in the growth and glory of this great institution."

Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad congratulated the Chief Justice of India for the interest he was taking in filling up the vacancies in the subordinate judiciary. Stating that appointments must go on, he said, "Perhaps today the time had come to seriously reflect on the need for an All India Judicial Service."

The additional building complex boasts of state-of-the-art facilities, including occupancy sensors that turn off the lights automatically if there is no one around, and parking facility for 1800 cars.

The foundation stone for the building, aimed at addressing space constraints in the Supreme Court building, was laid in September 2012. It has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 900 crore on a plot measuring 12.19 acres near Pragati Maidan.

3 undertrials escape after killing 2 police escorts

AMIT SHARMA MEERUT, JULY 17

THREE UNDERTRIALS escaped from police custody after gunning down two constables using their service rifles in a police van in Sambhal on Wednesday afternoon.

The incident took place near Dewakheda village, under Baniyather police station area, when five constables were returning to Moradabad jail in a police van with 24 undertrials

after a hearing at a court in Chandausi, police said. "The three prisoners were carrying spice powder and used it against fellow inmates and policemen. After they overpowered the two policemen, it appears that they shot them using their weapons. Further investigation is underway," Sambhal SP Yamuna Prasad said.

The three undertrials have been identified as Kamal Singh, Shakeel and Dharam Pal Singh, all residents of Behjoi village in Bijnor district. They were lodged

in Moradabad jail since 2014 and are facing murder charge.

According to one of the constables, Khoob Singh, who was in the prison van and survived the attack, the three undertrials suddenly snatched the service weapons from constables Harendra Singh and Brijpal and shot them, before escaping with the weapons.

Singh told the SP that the criminals were also carrying a country-made pistol and a knife which could have been provided by their relatives at the court.

Police said that the three had been planning the escape for the last three days.

Police have launched a combing operation in the area to track the fugitives.

"We have formed four police teams to trace the undertrials, and sent a separate police party to their village. We are hopeful of arresting the fugitives very soon," Prasad told *The Indian Express* over phone.

"All the entry and exit points of Sambhal have been sealed, and we have sought details of

those who have recently met the undertrials in Moradabad jail," the SP said.

The Uttar Pradesh government announced a compensation of Rs 50 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased constables, besides a government job for a dependent family member and "extraordinary pensions" to their wives, an official spokesman said.

Principal Secretary (Home) Arvind Kumar said that the state government has directed the Sambhal SP to take prompt action.

Uttarakhand legislator Pranav Singh expelled from BJP for six years over video with guns

LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, JULY 17

BJP EXPELLED Uttarakhand legislator Kunwar Pranav Singh 'Champion' from the party's primary membership for six years on charges of indiscipline on Wednesday. This comes as the party's response to a video where Pranav, the MLA from Khanpur, was seen brandishing four guns while dancing to a song.

Pranav was suspended from the party for indiscipline last month. Earlier this month, BJP had extended his suspension indefinitely and issued a show-cause notice to him after the video had surfaced.

BJP national general secretary Arun Singh issued the expulsion order which states that the party has expelled MLA Kunwar Pranav Singh 'Champion' from BJP's primary membership for six years taking serious cognizance of his 'indiscipline'.

BJP's Uttarakhand state media in-charge Devendra Bhasin said that Pranav had replied to the show-cause notice but the BJP was not satisfied with his response. "Party has taken his act as indiscipline and his expulsion has come into effect from Wednesday," he said.

BJP had earlier condemned



A video grab of the incident

the language that the MLA had allegedly used in the video.

Pranav had claimed that the video was shot several years ago when he was in the Congress. He had alleged that his political opponents had circulated the video as part of a conspiracy to malign his image.

Pranav was suspended from the BJP in June over a dispute with another party MLA and a complaint of alleged misbehaviour with a journalist.

A former weightlifter, Pranav had won his first Assembly election as an Independent in 2002. In 2007 and 2012, he won as a Congress nominee. In 2016, Pranav was among nine lawmakers who revolted against then chief minister Harish Rawat and switched from the Congress to BJP.

CBI searches former MP Ateeq Ahmad's premises in UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 17

THE CBI Wednesday conducted searches at the premises of former Samajwadi Party MP Ateeq Ahmad and his aides in six locations in Lucknow and Prayagraj in a case related to the alleged abduction of a Lucknow-based businessman, who was forcibly taken to Deoria district jail where Ahmad was lodged.

A CBI spokesperson said incriminating documents and material related to the case were recovered during the searches.

The CBI had last month registered a case against Ahmad, his son and aides for allegedly assaulting and abducting realtor Mohit Jaiswal last year. Jaiswal was allegedly tortured inside the jail barrack and forced to sign documents relating to transfer of his firms. The CBI filed a case under various charges, including ricketing, extortion, criminal intimidation, voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery and criminal conspiracy after the Supreme Court ordered the agency to probe the matter.

The case was filed on the allegation that Ahmad had demanded extortion money from Jaiswal, in December 2018, from Deoria jail where the former MP was lodged. It was further alleged that when the businessman opposed the same, Ateeq's associates abducted him from Lucknow in a car and took him to Deoria jail.



A flooded village, following incessant rainfall, in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district on Wednesday. PTI

Bihar flood toll rises to 67; 48 lakh affected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, JULY 17

THE TOLL in the Bihar floods rose to 67 on Wednesday with over 48 lakh people being affected in 12 districts across the state.

The highest number of casualties were reported from Sitamarhi with 17 deaths, followed by Araria (12), Madhubani (11), Sheohar (9), Purnea (7) Darbhanga (5), Kishanganj (4) and Supaul (2).

A total of 831 panchayats in 92 blocks were affected by flash floods caused by additional water discharge from Nepal.

Pratyaya Amrit, Principal Secretary of the Disaster Management Department, said, "About 1.15 lakh people have been living in relief camps. We are also running 1,116 community kitchens in flood-affected areas. Twenty-six teams of NDRF and SDRF have been in operation."

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish

Kumar had on Tuesday said that the government would compensate people for loss of crops and livestock. The CM had conducted aerial surveys of flood-affected areas on three days. He said while flash floods had inundated some parts of Bihar, several other districts might face drought because of inadequate rains.

The Opposition RJD, however, said that flood relief and rescue operations need to be scaled up. RJD spokesperson Bhai Birendra told *The Indian Express*, "What the government announced in the Assembly has not reached the ground. Twenty-six teams of NDRF and SDRF are grossly inadequate when over 48 lakh people are affected by floods. Thousands of people have not got basic food items like rice and jaggery. All the government's claims are on paper."

RJD leader and former CM Rabri Devi urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare the floods as a national disaster.

Kalburgi wife identifies man who shot him

Identity not disclosed to family; officers say it's Miskin, one of two involved in Gauri Lankesh murder case

JOHNSON T A BENGALURU, JULY 17

THE WIFE of Kannada scholar M M Kalburgi, 77, who was murdered at the doorstep of his home in Dharwad, Karnataka, has identified a man presented in a test identification parade as the person who shot her husband on August 30, 2015.

The man identified by Umadevi Kalburgi on Wednesday is Ganesh Miskin, 27, it is learnt.

A Karnataka Police Special Investigation Team (SIT) had earlier identified Miskin, linked to Hindutva group Sanatan Sanstha, as one of two people allegedly involved in killing journalist Gauri Lankesh in Bengaluru in September 2017.

The slain scholar's son, Shreevijay Kalburgi, said, "She identified the culprit in the identification parade today. The name of the person who was identified was not disclosed to us."

Sources in SIT said the individual identified by Umadevi was Miskin, who comes from the Hubli region of Karnataka and was arrested last year in connection with the Lankesh murder case.

Miskin was identified in a chargesheet filed by SIT in the Lankesh case on November 23, 2018, as alleged rider of the motorcycle that transported the alleged shooter, Parashuram



Kalburgi was killed at the doorstep of his Dharwad home on August 30, 2015.

Waghmore, 26, to the journalist's residence to execute the killing. He was arrested by Karnataka CID in the Kalburgi case in 2018 after links emerged from the Lankesh probe.

In March this year, the SIT probing the Lankesh case was handed over investigation of the Kalburgi murder case as well on a plea by Umadevi. Among other points, she had stated in her plea that investigations in the Lankesh case had shown that her husband was killed with the same gun.

The SIT took over the probe in May this year and identified Miskin and Praveen Prakash Chatur, 27, from Belagavi as the men who allegedly gunned down Kalburgi in 2015.

On the morning of August 30, 2015, a man had knocked on the door of the Kalburgis' home while a second man waited on a motorcycle at the gate. When

Umadevi opened the door, the man asked for Kalburgi, who was shot down at the doorstep as soon as he emerged.

Following Wednesday's test identification parade, Miskin has been positively identified as the man who shot Kalburgi, police sources said. Chatur was earlier identified by witnesses who had seen him that day as the rider waiting on a motorcycle.

The SIT probe in Karnataka has revealed that Lankesh, and Kalburgi were killed with the same gun that was used to kill Govind Pansare, 81, a Leftist thinker, in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, in February 2015. A second gun used in the Pansare shooting was earlier used to gun down rationalist Narendra Dabholkar, 69, in Pune in August 2013.

In all, three people charged for involvement in the Lankesh case — Amol Kale, 38, Vasudev Suryavanshi, 30, and Ganesh Miskin — have been found to be involved in the Kalburgi murder as well.

Lankesh was murdered by a group whose key members acted according to principles and guidelines outlined in a book called *Kshatra Dharma Sadhana*, published by the Hindutva outfit Sanatan Sanstha, the SIT has stated in its chargesheet in the case. "Members of this organisation targeted persons who they identified to be inimical to their belief and ideology," the SIT stated.

DEFAMATION CASE

Faced with list of other complainants, Akbar witnesses say don't know

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 17

TWO WITNESSES appearing in support of the criminal defamation case filed by former Union minister M J Akbar told a Delhi court on Wednesday that they were not aware of allegations of sexual misconduct leveled by other women and were aware only of those made by journalist Priya Ramani.

They also told the court that they were not deposing in the present case due to their personal, professional and financial relationship with Akbar.

Sunil Gujral, a businessman and Akbar's neighbour and family friend in Kolkata, and Tapan Chaki, a corporate communications consultant based in Kolkata, deposed before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal.

Akbar had resigned as a minister last year after journalist Priya Ramani leveled allegations of sexual misconduct against him. He subsequently filed a defamation lawsuit against her.

Ramani's counsel Rebecca John asked Gujral whether he was aware that Akbar, in his affidavit before his election to Rajya Sabha, had declared that he took a loan of Rs 5 lakh from Gujral.

The question was objected to by Akbar's counsel Geeta Luthra, who said, "The documents pertain to another person and have not been executed by the witness himself." ACMM Samar Vishal said the objection will be decided at the time of judgment.

Replying to John's question, Gujral replied, "I do not remember. I may have given it."

John also asked Gujral if it was correct that Akbar or his family members have a property in Eastern Avenue, Maharani Bagh, which is close to his home. Gujral replied in the affirmative.

Gujral also told the court that he knew Akbar in a personal capacity, and their professional relations started only in 2010.

John put forward names of 10 journalists who have tweeted and written articles on allegations about Akbar's sexual misconduct, to which Gujral said, "In my interaction with my friends, acquaintances and business associates, allegations other than those made by Ramani were not brought to my knowledge."

During his cross-examination, Chaki said he had not read any such tweet or article. "However, I am informed of the same," he said. "My friends and associates who spoke to me about Ramani's tweets/publications did not speak to me about the tweets/publications of other women."



MJ Akbar

Militant killed in J&K encounter

Srinagar: A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant was killed in an encounter between militants and security forces in Sopore area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday. The slain militant, identified as Adnan, was among those who had recently joined militant ranks in Baramulla. "Adnan joined militant ranks in April. Now we have three local militants active in the area," a police officer said. ENS

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN
Debt Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun
Notice under Section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts and Dues (DBDR) Act, 1993 read with Rule 3 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 2002 in the matter of S. No. 11/2019 dated 17.07.2019.

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12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001, E-mail : sbi.04109@sbi.co.in

Appendix IV (Rule-6(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India (acting for itself and as the consortium Leader under due authority of the consortium member Banks representing more than 60% in value of amount outstanding named hereunder) at its Stressed Assets Management Branch-1, Delhi, 12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 duly issued Demand Notices U/S 13(2) of the said Act on 06.09.2018. Further, Other Consortium Lenders, mentioned hereinafter, duly issued demand notices U/S 13(2) of said Act on the dates mentioned in the table calling upon M/s Metanere Limited (Borrower), Sh. Raman Gupta (Guarantor) and Smt. Kiran Gupta (Guarantor) (hereinafter the borrower and guarantors are collectively referred to as "the Borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned in the said Demand Notices, being payable as

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For General Insurance Corporation of India
Suchita Gupta
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Place : Mumbai
Date : 17.07.2019

INTEGRATED HEADQUARTERS MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY)

Tender Notice No.:SA/3125/TPT Dated: 09 Jul 19

GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE

1. Bid in sealed cover is invited for Sea Transportation of a Kilo class submarine from Naval Dockyard, Mumbai (India) to Severodvinsk (Russia) on a transport dock ship during the time period mid Oct 19 to early Dec 19. The tender shall be submitted in single stage single bid system. The details of tender are as follows:-

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2. The bidders are requested to access the tender document, using the above mentioned link. Further, the tender document cost & EMD be submitted along with the bid vide Demand Draft drawn in favor of "PCDA, New Delhi" payable at New Delhi. Downloaded Tender document submitted without Tender document cost & EMD, as mentioned above will be rejected out rightly. No tampering / alteration or changing of the content is permissible. No late or delayed tender will be accepted. Bids to be submitted in the manner as mentioned in the Tender document.
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PERSONAL

I, Gayris Devi W/o Mamraj Khanna H.No.C-251 Chanadan Vihar, Nihal Vihar Nangloi New Delhi-41, in my son's education document my name wrongly mentioned Sharda Khanna my correct name is gyarsi devi. 0040503597-6

I, Mohammad Zeeshan Azmat, Son Of Mohammad Azmat R/O H.No.24-A, Old Willingdon Camp, Race-Course, Air-Force Station, New Delhi-110003, Have Changed My Name From Mohammad Zeeshan Azmat To Mohammad Zeeshan Vide-Affidavit Dated-12.07.19, New Delhi. 0040503199-9

I, Vishal Garg R/o-73, Prem-Nagar, Near-Shakti-Nagar, Delhi-110077, have changed my minor son's name from Vihaan to Vihaan Garg (My son's wrong date-of-birth 21/03/2014 and correct is-21/04/2014). 0040503630-5

I, Vinod Kumar Bhati S/o. Sh. Hariram Bhati R/o-Mohan Mandir Marg, Surajpur Greater Noida, UP, declare that my name is written wrong as Vinod Kumar Bhati, in my son Shantanu Bhati school certificate where as my correct name is Vinod Kumar Bhati. 0040503597-3

I, Sajjad Husain Taqvi S/o Syed Manzoor Husain Taqvi R/o. H.No. A-801, IRWO Palm Court Rail Vihar, Alpha-1, Greater Noida U.P., have changed my name to Syed Sajjad Husain Taqvi for all future purposes. 0040503597-2

I, Prabhakar Kumar Rai S/o Shri Parmmata Rai R/O H.No. 229-A, Sarma Kunj, Sector-66, Noida District-Gautambudh Nagar U.P., inform that Prabhakar Kumar & Prabhakar Kumar Rai both are same person. In future I will known by Prabhakar Kumar Rai for all purpose. 0040503597-4

I, Atul Laxmandas Golani R/O-149/404, Sekhon-Vihar Delhi-Cantt New-Delhi-110010, Have Changed My Daughter's Name-From Ananya To Ananya Golani Vide-Affidavit Dated-16.07.19. At New-Delhi. 0040503630-10

I, Ashok Kumar Yadav, S/o B.P.Yadav R/o-111, Greater-Kailash-I, Zamrudpur, New Delhi-110048, my name and my son name and my wife name has been wrongly-mentioned as Ashok Yadav, Devender and Saraswati respectively in School-Record of my son Devender Kumar Yadav. Our Actual names are Ashok Kumar Yadav and Devender Kumar Yadav and Saraswati Yadav. 0040503630-9

I, Yogesh Kumar S/O Vilayai Ram R/O-189, Bharat-Apartment, Plot No.20, Sec-13, Rohini, Delhi-85. Changed My Name To Yogesh Bansal Permanently. 0040503610-7

I, Vinay Kapoor S/o Kewal Krishan Kapoor R/o-BP-49, Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-110088, have changed my Daughter name from Pensee Kapoor to Shivanki Kapoor, for all purposes. 0040503630-4

I, Thresiamma EA W/o Thomas Puthanpurakkal R/o B-10A, 29B, Sector-34, Noida G.B. Nagar, U.P., have been changed my name to Thresiamma Thomas for all future purposes. 0040503567-1

I, Thomas Varghese S/o Varghese Puthanpurakkal R/O B-10A, 29B, Sector-34, Noida G.B. Nagar, U.P., have been changed my name to Thomas Puthanpurakkal for all future purposes. 0040503569-1

I, Tersam Kaur W/O Manohar Singh R/O W-110/55, Guru Nankar Nagar Street No.15 Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Tersam Kaur. 0040503603-7

I, Tek Singh S/o Gulzar Singh R/o 4569, Gali Chaudhary Sunder Singh, Roshanara Road, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to TAKE SINGH. 0040503539-1

I, Sunil Kumar R/o H.No.560, Gali No.6, Govind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my minor son name from Akshath Kumar to Akshath Singh for all purposes. 0040503537-1

I, Sunayna Devi D/o Ishwar Singh R/O A-31, Mandir Mohalla, Samey Pur, Delhi-110042, have changed my name after marriage to Sunyana Chhillar W/O Sikander Chhillar for all purposes. 0040503577-1

I, Jyoti Rani W/O Sulabh Sahni R/O-F-25 Shubh Enclave, Pitampura, Saraswati Vihar, North West Delhi 110034 Have Changed my Name to Jyoti Sahni for all Future Purposes. 0040503663-3

I, Nishkarsh S/o Sh. Diwan Singh R/O-B-4/166, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my to Nishkarsh Singh for all purposes. 0040503586-2

I, Neha Bhaskar W/O Gurvir Singh Dhir R/O K-4, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name from Neha Bhaskar to Simar Dhir for all purposes. 0040503536-1

I, Nanak Jeet Singh Maggo S/O, Manjeet Singh R/O-840-P, Sector-21E, Industrial Complex, Dundaehra, Gurgaon, Haryana-122016 have changed my name to Nanak Jeet Singh.

I, Mohammad Khatibur Rahman S/O Md Shamimur Rahman R/O 17, Johri Farm, Noor Nagar Extn., Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Rahman Mohammad Khatibur to MOHAMMAD KHATIBUR RAHMAN for all future purposes. 0040503574-1

I, Md Shariq S/O Md Shakeel R/O-B-392, Gali No.-4/1, Chaman-Park, Indira-Vihar, Gokalpur Delhi-110094, Changed My Name To Shariq Malik. 0040503586-6

I, Lakshmi Chand S/O Late Lakh Ram Sharma R/O H.No.1354 Laxmi-Bai Nagar, New Delhi-110023, Have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Lakshmi Chand Sharma. 0040503610-2

I, Kiran W/O Yogesh Bansal R/O-189, Bharat-Apartment, Plot No.20, Sec-13, Rohini, Delhi-85. Changed My Name To Kiran Bansal Permanently. 0040503610-8

I, Kavita Yadav D/o Satya Pal Yadav R/O-385, Badli Village, Delhi-110042, that Kavita and Kavita Yadav both are one and same person. 0040503603-8

I, Kapil Sareen S/O, Parmajet Sareen R/O 4683, Street Balamal, Cherkha Walan, Chandani Chowk, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Kappil Sareen. 0040503601-1

I, Kamar Jahan W/o Mohd.Ahsan R/O A-41, Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025, is also known as Amrjahan. In future, I shall be known Kamar Jahan for all purposes. 0040503531-3

I, Jaya Awatramani W/O Mohinder Pardasani R/O-1/30, Lajpat-Nagar-2, New Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Radhika Pardasani for all future Purposes 0040503603-1

I, Hasibur Rahman S/o Maqbool Hussain R/O House No.1392, Rajapur Village, Barsoi, Rohini Sector-9, Delhi 110085, hereby informs that my name is wrongly mentioned in my minor son Salman's Bank and School records. My name is Hasibur Rahman in all my documents and records. 0040503579-1

I, CHANDER LATA Guleria W/O Baldev Singh Katoch R/O HouseNo-FH-2(1) Sultanpur, JP Associate Ltd, Sector-128 Noida, Gautambudhnagar Pin-201304,UP have changed my name to CHANDER LATA KATOCH permanently 0040503605-1

I, Ashvani Kumar S/O Anant Ram, R/O C-170, F.F, Lajpat-Nagar-1st, New-Delhi-110024 Changed My Name To Ashvani Kumar Bhardwaj. 0040503610-5

I, Ankush Sahai Patel S/O Suresh Chand Gupta R/O-AD-3, Tagore garden, New-Delhi-110027. Inform that Ankush Sahai Patel & Ankush Sahai both are one and same person. 0040503610-4

I, Anju W/O Vimal Chand R/O RZ-J-23/262/1, Weat Sagarpur New Delhi-110046, Have Changed My Name To Anju Ramola. 0040503603-5

I, Anis Ahmed S/O Nasim Ahmed R/O G-3/203, Sector-16, Rohini Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Mohd. Anis Ahmed for future. 0040503614-3

I, Ajay Sharma @ Ajay Kumar Sharma S/O Late Sh.Panna Lal Sharma R/O Pocket-A, 93-B, DDA Flats, Ashok Vihar-II, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Ajay Sharma for all purposes. 0040503531-2

I, ANMOL SETHI, D/o sh.Karan Jeet Singh R/O-146A1/9 Kishan-Garh Vasant-Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name and I shall hereinafter be Known as ANMOL Kaur SETHI. 0040503630-6

I, Nutan Kumari D/O Ashok Singh R/O Flat No.169, 2nd Floor, Radhika Apartment, Sector-14, Pocket-1, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Nutan Kumari Chanda 0040503578-3

I, Nikita Sureka R/O House No. 411, Sector 31, Gurgaon, 122001 have changed my name to Nikita Jain. 0070664930-2

I, Kamari Pratibha W/O Malind Vats R/O-H No B-75, Phase-1, Katarawaria-Sarai, South-West Delhi-110016, have Changed my name to Pratibha Vats., for all future purposes. 0040503586-4

I, Kausila G.C., W/O Dipender Gharti Chhetri R/O-A-13, Green-Park-Extn., N.Delhi-110016 Have Changed my Name to Kausila Gharti Chhetri. 0040503630-3

I, Jai Singh Vikram Rana S/O Vikram Rana R/O C 2B/78C Janakpuri New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Jay Rana 0040503578-2

I, Dinesh Aswal S/O Balam Singh Aswal R/O H.No.5, Class-IV, Police-Line, Sector-30, Faridabad-121003 declare that Dinesh Aswal & Dinesh both are same person & my correct name is Dinesh Aswal for all future purposes. 0040503630-7

I, Bijaya Raj W/O Ashish Kumar Srivastava R/O 5/ 1581 Vasundhara Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201012 Have Changed My Name To Vijaya Raj Srivastava For All Purposes. 0070665185-1

I, Anil Kumar Gupta S/O Late.Ved Prakash Gupta R/O 1897, Sec-16, Faridabad have change my name from Anil Kumar Gupta to Anil Gupta for all future Purposes. 0040503630-8

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Sh. Gauri Shanker Solanki S/o late Sh. Om Prakash Solanki R/O WZ-538, Palam Vihar, New Delhi-110045 has debarred and disowned his son namely Ankit Solanki and his wife Smt. Swati from his all movable and immovable properties due to their misconduct, disrespectful behaviour toward my client. My client has also severed all his relations with them. If anybody deals with them, he/she will do so at his/her own risk, costs and consequences. My client shall not be held responsible for their acts and deeds in any manner for the same. Sd/- **RAM BACHAN CHOUDHARY (ADVOCATE)** Seat No. 265, Gajanan Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE
Mrs. Poojita Sharma acquired the property at Plot No. 59/3 bearing No. 12, Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078, rights Property No. 149-50, Michan Garden, in Block-9 on Rama Park Road, New Delhi-110078, by way of a Sale Deed dt. 02.02.1998, Original Regd. CPA dt. 07.11.1997, Original Regd. CPA dt. 03.03.1998, Original Regd. CPA dt. 23.08.1998 and Original Regd. CPA dt. 17.09.2001 are lost and Mrs. Poojita Sharma is the undivided owner of said property dt. 02.02.1998. Any person (firm/individual/company) having any claim of right in respect of the said property by way of mortgage, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or endorsement whatsoever or otherwise is hereby required to furnish a writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim (if any) with all supporting documents at (below mentioned) address before expiration of notice period. The claims, if any of said person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client. **ADVOCATE CAJIBACHANDRA** P.No. 12, Basement, Vikram Vihar Extn., Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform public at large that my client, Shri Vijay Pal Singh, son of Shri Ram Singh Sehrawast, resident of Village Pochanagar, Sector 23, Dwarka, Post Office Chandra Sahib, New Delhi-110077 has disowned his son, Mr. Prince Sehrawast, who had married with Ms. Nadya Aslam, daughter of Mohd. Sultan against my client's wish, knowledge and consent. My client's entire family is disturbed by the misbehavior and irresponsible conduct of his son, Prince and is issuing the present public notice disowning his son, Prince Sehrawast, heretofore, Prince Sehrawast, his wife and their children are debarred from all the movable and immovable properties owned and possessed by my client now or in future. My client hereby severs all the relationship and ties with his son, his wife and his children, if any. Sd/- **(Arvind Chaudhary) Advocate (D91294) C481A, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram, Haryana-122009. Mob. No. 9811108654**

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby notified that my client Sh. Parvatham Lal aged about 55 years S/o late Ram R/o 10/W, State Railway Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin, South Delhi, Delhi-13, has disowned and severed all his relations with his son namely, Sh. Rajeev, S/o Sh. Parvatham Lal R/o House No. A-207, Gali No. 10, Subhash Nagar, Sector-18, Gauri Mendu, North East Delhi, Delhi-53, aged about 29 years as he is quite disobedient, incoherent and hostile behavior and are not under the control of my client. My present said client hereby permanently disown his disowned son and daughter in law from inhering my above said future movable and immovable properties. My client shall not be held responsible for any acts, deeds and dealings between them with any other person. If anybody deals with them in any manner whatsoever shall do so at their own risk, responsibility and consequences. Sd/- **Manish Kumar & Vikas Poonia (Advocates) (in) 9654723281**

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is issued to inform public at large that my client Sh. Anand Kumar S/O Late Sh. Laxmi Prasad & Smt. Rajni Devi W/o Sh. Anand Kumar R/O House No. 900, R.K. Puram, Sector-12, New Delhi has disowned and severed all his relations with his daughter-in-law Annu Priya Sinha W/o Joney Patel from all their movable and immovable properties due to their bad behavior. General public is hereby advised, informed against any dealing with any of the properties of our client or any other person with them. Our clients are not responsible for any dealings with respect to their properties in past or future by above named disowned persons. Sd/- **Prakash Kumar (Advocate) A-16, LGF, 8 Ex. Part-II, N. Delhi-110049**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all concerned that my client Mrs. Anil Suri W/o Mr. Manoj Kumar R/O 1-55 Janta Market, Rajpur Garden, New Delhi has strained relations with her husband Mr. Manoj Kumar who has developed bad habits and is not discharging his moral and legal duties to maintain my client and children born from the wedlock. Heretofore my client shall do so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibility and my clients shall not held responsible in any manner whatsoever for any of his acts. Sd/- **(RAJIV K. TEWARI) ADVOCATE Ch. No. 394-395 CIVIL WING TIS HAZARI COURTS DELHI-110054**

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Mangal Ram S/O Late Shri Chand And His Wife Krishna devi And All Family Member R/O 61/2 Street, No.1, Village Bakner Delhi have severed and discontinues their relation with their daughter-in-law Manju and debarred her from all their movable and immovable properties & my client shall not be responsible for their activities. Sd/- **ZUBAIR AHMED (Advocate) Ch. No. L-22, Near P.S. Rathi Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public in general that Sh. Aditya Shanker Vats has executed Sale Deed dated 19th December, 2018 in favour of Sh. Tarun Babbar whereby Sh. Tarun Babbar has become the sole and absolute owner of the property described in the Schedule hereunder. Arbitration proceedings are pending between the parties before the Learned Arbitrator Sh. Prashant Mathur. The Learned Arbitrator has passed Orders of 22.05.2019 of stay the property. The general public is warned against dealing with or carrying out any transaction in relation to the property. Any dealing or transaction would be null and void and would be at their own risk. **Schedule of Property** Vop No.10/1, West Laxmi Market, Khurji Khas, Delhi-110051, area measuring 1800 Sq. Mts. **Tarun Babbar (Advocate) 84 Manu Apartments, Mayapuri Vihar-I, Delhi-110091**

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform to public at large that our Client Mr. Harish Chand S/o Sh. Rupa and Mrs. Sushela Mehta W/o Sh. Harish Chand R/O H. No. 19/19, Kishangarh, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 have severed all their relations, whatsoever with their son Mr. Sonu Chandra and his wife Smt. Bhavana. We have hereby also disowned them from all our movable-immovable properties with immediate effect and any persons dealing with them will be responsible and accountable and will do at their own risks and costs and consequences, our client shall not be responsible for the same. **Naaven Kumar, Advocate Ch. No. 469, Lawyers Block, Saket Court, New Delhi, Mob: 9911900354**

PUBLIC NOTICE
IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT **SHRAWAN KUMAR JAIN** S/O **SH. SURESH KUMAR JAIN** R/O **12, SECTION 13, ROHINI, DELHI - 110085** AND HE HAS DISOWNED THE LEGAL RELATIONSHIP BEARING NO. 10/100, WHICH WAS ISSUED BY THE SOCIETY OF THE TIME OF APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN LIST OF BOOK NO. 102, SHARE NO. 31 & HAVE EXECUTED A FINANCIAL WRITING DT. 12/7/2018 DATED 17.07.2019, WITH CRIMINAL RECORD DELHI IN ANY BODY FINN IN THE ABOVE SAID DOCUMENT PLEASE INFORM HIM AT THE ABOVE SAID ADDRESS OR BY NO. 9811108654. IF ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHT IN ABOVE SAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD FILE AN FR A GIVE INTIMATION TO SOCIETIES FILE IN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE. Sd/- **RENU SAINI (Advocate) Enrol No. D-45320914**

Appeal For Identification
General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Subhash S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 25 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft., Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, has been found on 28.06.2019 Due Fall from Height at Park, Block No. 17, Dakshinpuri, Delhi and he was admitted in Batra Hospital and Dr. declared him dead. In this regard a FIR No. 290/19 u/s 288/304A IPC Dated 29.06.2019 has been registered at PS. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. **SHO DP/5592/SD/19. PS. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-29052304, 8750870934**

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General Public is hereby informed that one Male Namely: Ram Singh Yadav, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown was found dead in the area of P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi on 11.07.2019 at 05:58 pm. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 269/19** dated 11.07.2019 at P. S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under: **Age: 50 years, Sex: Male, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Height: 5' 3", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Sky Blue colour Shirt and Pant.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. **SHO DP/9145/NW/19 PS. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27654675, 8750870234**

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To be known to all that I, **Leena Devi Chauhan** (Wife of Shri Om Prakash Chaitanyam R/o Vihar, Gali No. 30 Ground Floor, Block H, Karam Vihar, New Delhi-110028, All India; possession of 1/4 Part No. H-30 Ground Floor, Block H, Karam Vihar, New Delhi-110028) has applied for the conversion of hereditary property from heretofore to be held in ODA the original possession letter, allotment letter, site possession slip etc. for water and electricity etc. Of the original property have been lost. An FR in this effect has been done at heretofore. My client hereby hereby any person claiming any right, interest having any claim or hold a possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and personally verified Deputy Director (AR) In-charge at District Office, Block 3rd floor, Vikas Sadak, New Delhi.

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My client Mrs. Sunam Begum W/o Sh. Ashu Mehta & S. Abid Mehta S/o Late Sh. Ashu Mehta Azz 30/8 R/O H. No. B-33, Street No. 1, Ghandi Bagh, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110094, has severed their relations and disowned their son, Ashu Mehta, S/o Late Sh. Ashu Mehta & Smt. Begum & also his children (a) Ashu Mehta (b) Shubh (c) Shreya (d) Sneha (e) Urvi from all their movable-immovable properties due to their misbehavior and irresolute. My client and their family members shall not be responsible for their acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever. **Rakesh K. Gupta (Advocate) Ch. No. F-24 E-Block, Karol Bagh Court, Delhi**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that Sh. Suresh Chandra Ramesh D/o Sh. Shri Ram Ramesh Ramesh & Smt. Dipti Rani Bani S/o Shri Suresh Kumar Bani are the owners of property bearing FR No. C-24, 100 Feet, Brahmapur Apartment, Building No. 204/18, Plot No. 7, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi by virtue of sale deed registered on 11.01.2019 in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 38522 pages from 105 to 109, in State Bank of India, New Delhi and registration deed registered on 04.06.2019 in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 10022 pages from 103 to 105, in State Bank of India, New Delhi. Now we want to loan facility from State Bank of India, RABC, It is noted that it is done by them that they have not original Completion & Acknowledgement of Exchange Letter dated 22.11.2004 of the said flat. Hence All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, mortgage, exchange, mortgage, charge, trust, possession, easement, attachment, original Completion & Acknowledgement Letter dated 22.11.2004 and Acknowledgement of Exchange Letter dated 22.11.2004 or otherwise, whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office at 205, 2nd Floor, Anand Suresh Building, RDC Raj Nagar, Faridabad Ghaziabad within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, where the said flat is presently being held in claim, without any reference to us, claim and the same. If any claim is considered as waived.

Shirvesh Tripathi (Advocate) Office: 203, 2nd floor, Anand Suresh Building, RDC, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad/Mohali No. 999164081, 7838163043.

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My original certificate and mark sheet of senior secondary examination year 2017-18, having roll no. 9182914, pass out from CBSE has been lost. If found any body please contact me: **Shivam Chaudhary, R/O, G-759, Dheeraj Nagar Extension, Faridabad, Haryana 8800539519**

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Mutual funds move away from non-banking financial cos

ACCORDING TO an industry-wide analysis by CARE Ratings, a year since the crisis in the non-banking financial companies (NBFC) sector, the overall exposure of mutual funds (MFs) to NBFCs declined by 0.63 lakh crore. At the start of the crisis in July 2018, the total exposure of MFs stood at Rs 2.64 lakh crore. By June 2019 end, this had fallen to Rs 2.02 lakh crore. In percentage terms, the share of NBFC exposure fell from 19 per cent (of the total funds) in July 2018 to 14.8 per cent in June 2019.

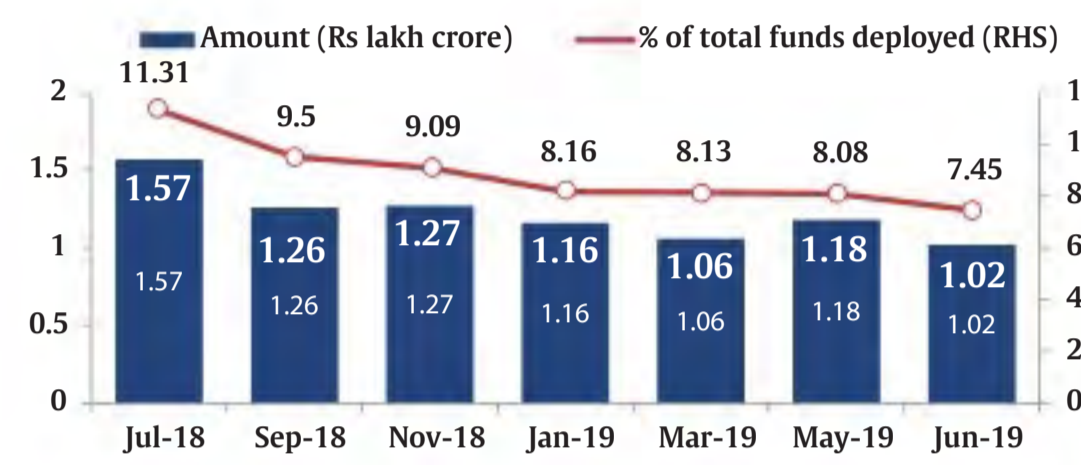
As the two graphs show, the fall is much steeper in the exposure of MFs to the commercial paper of NBFCs as against their exposure to the corporate debt of NBFCs. This is understandable since the commercial paper is unsecured, short-term debt instrument, typically used to cover working capi-

tal expenses.

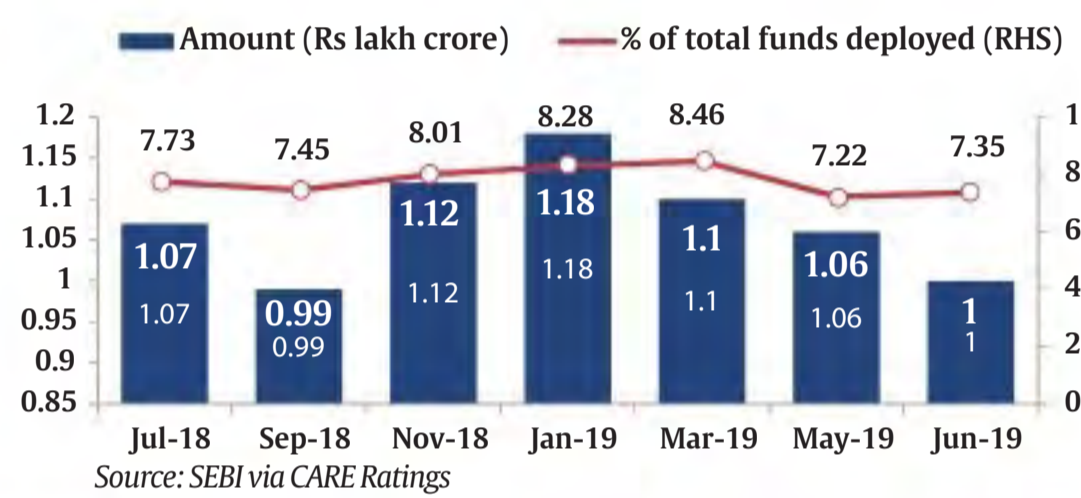
Exposure of MFs to the commercial paper of NBFCs has fallen from Rs 1.57 lakh crore to Rs 1.02 lakh crore; that's a decline from a share of 11.31 per cent (of the total funds) to just 7.45 per cent. MFs' exposure to the corporate debt of NBFC, on the other hand, has fallen only marginally - from Rs 1.07 lakh crore to Rs 1 lakh crore; a fall from 7.73 per cent share to 7.35 per cent.

On the whole, the Assets under Management of the Indian MF industry grew to Rs. 24.25 lakh crore in the first quarter of the current financial year. When compared with the last quarter of the previous financial year, which ended March 2019, the industry's size fell by Rs. 1.68 lakh crore. The main hit was sustained by debt MFs, which saw AUMs fall from Rs 13.26 lakh crore to Rs 11.55 lakh crore.

EXPOSURE OF MF TO CPs OF NBFCs



EXPOSURE OF MF TO CORPORATE DEBT PAPER OF NBFCs



Source: SEBI via CARE Ratings

THIS WORD MEANS

PLOONET

What if a moon went rogue and acted like a planet? It can happen, astronomers say, and give it a name

IMAGINE AN exoplanet, a gas giant orbiting its star while a moon orbits the planet itself. Now suppose the moon turns rogue as it moves nearer to its star, breaking away — or being forced out of its orbit by the planet — and going off on its own trip, in effect behaving like a planet in its own right. What is it now: a moon or a planet? Call it "ploonet", suggests an international team of astronomers.

They modelled the likely behaviour of giant exomoons predicted to form around massive planets — and found that they would be expelled and sent packing, they say in a statement released by Australia's Macquarie University. Roughly 50% of these ejected moons would survive the immediate expulsion and avoid any subsequent collision with the planet or the star, ending up in orbit around the star, but in eccentric orbits. If such a scenario does take place, these "plooneets", could potentially explain several puzzling phenomena. Why have astronomers not yet confirmed the existence of a single exomoon,



Earth's moon is tied to the planet, faithful in its orbit. NASA

when they found over 4,000 exoplanets? Have the exomoons turned into plooneets? In a paper to be published in the journal *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, the researchers explain that the angular momentum between the planet and its moon results in the moon escaping the gravitational pull of its parent. They concede, however, that plooneets remain hypothetical.

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AN EXPERT EXPLAINS

Taking stock of monsoon rain

How long will it take before it covers the entire country? Why is annual monsoon rainfall often below average? India's Earth Sciences Secretary weighs in on monsoon forecasts and climate technology



MADHAVAN NAIR RAJEEVAN

How is the monsoon progressing this year and when will the entire country be covered?

After remaining very active until recently, the southwest monsoon has shifted to the Himalayan foothills and has caused widespread rainfall over the North and Northeast regions of the country. Reports of good rainfall have emerged from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and even parts of Delhi. A fresh monsoon pulse is expected that will bring rainfall over Kerala, regions in the Southern Peninsula and along the West coast during this week. Though the monsoon will remain weak during the next few days, a low-pressure system that is likely to develop around July 25 will help in its revival. There is no need to worry as this fluctuation is part of the monsoon system.

However, the problem this season was due to a delayed start (onset) and its effects are still lingering. But our forecasts had indicated a delayed onset over Kerala and accordingly farmers, too, were intimated of take up sowing late. Overall, after the weakening of cyclone Vayu, which really slowed down the progress of the monsoon, the system picked up, and so far, the rainfall distribution has been good. The system is now picking up and monsoon is doing well so far. On Monday, the monsoon covered parts of Haryana and Punjab with a very small area of west Rajasthan now remaining. It will take another few days. The monsoon will cover the entire country before the end of July.

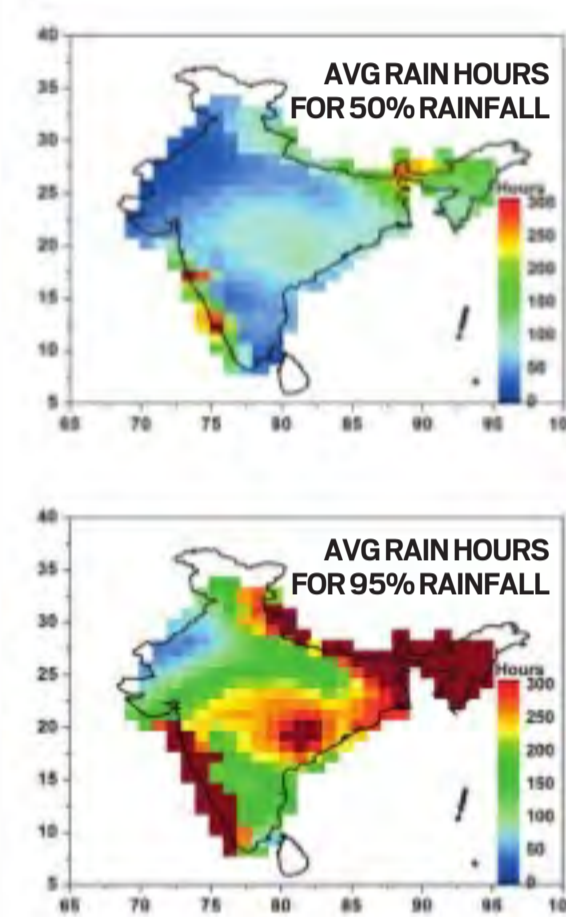
What are the notable variations observed in monsoons over the years?

As per the rainfall data available for the last 150 years, there is no large variation in the total rainfall (all India), though there may be some higher variations observed at sub-divisional levels. However, the southwest monsoon is a very robust phenomenon that undergoes largescale variabilities within the season. If one considers the annual all-India rainfall during the last 10 years, the realised rainfall over most of the years was less than 100 per cent of the LPA (long period average) and had varying negative departures. It was normal only for one or two years. This trend may continue for another few [years]. This



ALMOST ALL MONSOON RAIN FALLS WITHIN A FEW DAYS

New Delhi gets 95% of its monsoon rain in just 99 hours. Praveen Khanna



NUMBER OF AVERAGE RAIN HOURS

CITY	50%*	95%*
New Delhi	33	99
Mumbai	134	426
Kolkata	79	245
Bengaluru	37	131
Pune	63	222
Ahmedabad	46	143
Jaipur	28	90
Lucknow	42	124
Bhubaneswar	78	237
Thiruvananthapuram	83	238

*Rainfall

Source: IMD. Average annual southwest monsoon (June-Sept) rainfall during the period 1969 to 2011-15. Endpoint data available up to different years in different cities.

IMD to *The Indian Express* last year.

FOR INSTANCE, Delhi, on average, receives 95% of its monsoon rainfall in just 99 hours, and 50% in just 33 hours.

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL within a short duration results in flooding, especially in urban areas.

could be because we are currently passing through a low monsoon epoch (a period of 30 years). But we have remained in the same epoch for many years now. This happens due to the variations controlled mainly by the oceans, which are largescale variations and importantly for the monsoon, variations re-

alised from the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Ideally, we should have shifted from this low monsoon epoch to the positive epoch about 10 to 15 years ago but that has not happened yet. Scientists are still investigating the causes for this prolonged stay in this low phase. This means that we should expect total rainfall

How films are certified, why it causes dispute

DIPTI NAGPAUL D'SOUZA & MAYURA JANWALKAR
MUMBAI, JULY 17

EARLIER THIS month, the Bombay High Court pulled up the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for refusing to give a 'U' certificate to *Chidiakhana*, produced by the Children's Film Society of India under the I&B Ministry. The CBFC had given it a U/A certificate. "You (CBFC) are a certification board and not a censor board," the court said.

A look at how the CBFC's role is defined:

What is the CBFC organisational set-up?

The CBFC is headed by the Chairperson. The board comprises up to 25 members and 60 advisory panel members from across India, appointed by the I&B Ministry. While the board members are usually film and TV professionals, members of the advisory panel are often from outside the industry. The chairperson and board members serve for three years, and advisory panel members for two years. The CEO is chiefly in charge of the administrative functioning but the regional officers are part of Examining Committees that certify films. Once a filmmaker applies for certifica-

tion, an Examining Committee is appointed by the Regional Officer. In case of short films, it consists of a member of the advisory panel and an examining officer, one of whom has to be a woman. Else, it has four members from the advisory panel and an examining officer of who two persons are to be women.

How do they certify films?

Certification— unrestricted public exhibition (U), parental guidance for children below age 12 (U/A), adult (A), or viewing by specialised groups (S) — is decided by the Regional Officer based on reports by Examining Committee members in unanimity or majority. In case of a divided opinion, the case rests with the chairperson. In the recent case, the reasons cited for granting a U/A certificate to *Chidiakhana* were that it had scenes of murder and attempts to murder, goons and guns, abusive language, bullying in school, children watching an adult song video on a mobile, a mother slapping a child, a suicide attempt, teasing of a child about his father's name, winking at a woman, and discrimination faced by North Indians in Mumbai.

There have been precedents of other children's films being certified U/A. In 2016, the CBFC gave this certification to *The Jungle Book*,

the Hollywood film based on Rudyard Kipling's book, drawing widespread criticism.

What if the applicant is not satisfied?

In most such cases, the CBFC shares a list of "suggested changes". If the applicant is unhappy with the certification or the list of changes, he or she can apply to the Revising Committee, which is made of the Chairperson and up to nine committee members from both the board and the advisory panel. The committee cannot have a member from the advisory panel who may have already viewed the film. A similar process is followed at this stage, with the final word resting with the Chairperson.

The last point of appeal is the Appellate Tribunal, an independent body, members of which are appointed by the ministry for three-year terms. Any further dispute can be taken to a court.

What are 'suggested changes'?

Under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, the CBFC can "direct the applicant to carry out such excisions or modifications in the film as it thinks necessary before sanctioning the film for public exhibition... or refuse to sanction the film for public exhibition".

Mumbai-based lawyer Ameet Naik, founder of Naik & Naik and a specialist in intellectual property rights, said the era of censorship is gone. "This is the certification board and not the censorship board anymore. Their job is to certify films based on this and the guidelines are fairly wide." Naik said this is in consonance with Article 19 of the Constitution and Section 5(b) of the Cinematograph Act. "Cinema keeps changing over time. Today you may show homosexuality... because ultimately it reflects aspects of life," Naik said. He said courts have laid down the legal precedents with cases such as *Uda Punjab*, *Padmaavat* and Raj Kapoor's *Satyam Shivam Sundaram*.

What is Section 5(b)?

It states that "a film shall not be certified if any part of it is against the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or involves defamation or contempt of court or is likely to incite commission of any offence".

The reading of this guideline could vary from one CBFC member to the other. Certification is often decided on individual inclinations in the Examining Committee, whose members come from various walks of life.

Scientists create Ramanujan Machine: what's it for, why name it after him?

KABIR FIRAQUE
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

SCIENTISTS FROM Technion — Israel Institute of Technology have developed a concept they have named the Ramanujan Machine, after the Indian mathematician. It is not really a machine but an algorithm, and performs a very unconventional function.

What it does

With most computer programs, humans input a problem and expect the algorithm to work out a solution. With the Ramanujan Machine, it works the other way round. Feed in a constant, say the well-

known π , and the algorithm will come up with an equation involving an infinite series whose value, it will propose, is exactly π . Over to humans now: let someone prove that this proposed equation is correct.

Why Ramanujan

The algorithm reflects the way Srinivasa Ramanujan worked during his brief life (1887-1920). With very little formal training, he engaged with the most celebrated mathematicians of the time, particularly during his stay in England (1914-19), where he eventually became a Fellow of the Royal Society and earned a research degree from Cambridge. Throughout his life, Ramanujan came up with novel equations and identi-

ties —including equations leading to the value of π — and it was usually left to formally trained mathematicians to prove these. In 1987, two Canadian brothers proved all 17 of Ramanujan's series for $1/\pi$; two years earlier, an American mathematician and programmer had used one of these formulas to calculate π up to over 17 million digits, which was a world record at the time (Deka Baruah, Berndt & Chan; *American Mathematical Monthly*, 2009).

What's the point?

Conjectures are a major step in the process of making new discoveries in any branch of science, particularly mathematics. Equations defining the fundamental mathematical con-



Ramanujan's conjectures have been proved by others; can humans prove the conjectures from the 'machine'?

stants, including π , are invariably elegant. New conjectures in mathematics, however, have been scarce and sporadic, the researchers note in their paper, which is currently on a pre-print server. The idea is to enhance and accelerate the process of discovery.

How good is it?

The paper gives examples for previously unknown equations produced by the algorithm, including for values of the constants π and e . The Ramanujan Machine proposed these conjecture formulas by matching numerical values, without providing proofs. It has to be remembered, however, that these are infinite series, and a human can only enter a finite number of terms to test the value

of the series. The question is, therefore, whether the series will fail after a point. The researchers feel this is unlikely, because they tested hundreds of digits.

Until proven, it remains a conjecture. By the same token, until proven wrong, a conjecture remains one. It is quite possible that the algorithm will come up with conjectures that may take years to prove — a famous example of a human conjecture is Fermat's Last Theorem, proposed in 1637 and proved only in 1994.

Where to find it

The researchers have set up a website, ramanujanmachine.com. Users can suggest proofs for algorithms or propose new algorithms, which will be named after them.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

The aspiration trap

New Education Policy will ensure that our higher education system remains a client of global science



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COST OF BORROWING

Government and RBI must ensure transmission of lower interest rates to the broader economy

AFTER DROPPING BELOW 6.3 per cent in the opening hours of trading on Wednesday, the 10-year government bond yield closed the day at 6.35, falling to levels last seen in the aftermath of demonetisation. Since the Union budget was presented on July 5, G-Sec yields have fallen by more than 30 bps. This faster than expected decline in yields can be attributed to several factors. First, by sticking to the path of fiscal consolidation, despite doubts over its revenue projections, the government seems to have assuaged the concerns of the bond market. Second, despite the associated risks, the proposal to meet part of the Centre's borrowings through international markets, which would reduce the supply of government paper in the domestic market, has had a salutary effect. Third, with growth faltering, the case for greater monetary stimulus, especially with the monetary policy committee shifting its stance to accommodative, strengthens. A rate cut in August looks certain. Fourth, there has been a significant easing of liquidity conditions in recent months. Fifth, globally, central banks are increasingly adopting a dovish tone, making Indian G-Secs an attractive investment. But, notwithstanding the decline in government bond yields, the fundamental question of transmission remains. Will the fall in G-Sec yields lead to a commensurate fall in the cost of funds across the broader economy? And will this help stimulate investment and consumption?

The trends over the past few months indicate that transmission of lower rates has been faster in the corporate bond market than in bank lending rates. Corporate bond yields fell by 34 bps between April and June according to CARE ratings. There is scope for further decline. With the term premium falling, there is likely to be a gradual fall in credit risk in the coming quarters, as the risk perception of some segments, particularly that of NBFCs, reduces once the recent policy initiatives kick in. This would lower the spread between corporate bonds and G-Secs enticing corporates to raise more funds through the bond markets. Corporate bond issuances have in fact risen of late, averaging Rs 41,044 crore in May and June, up 67 per cent from April.

In the case of banks, the transmission of lower interest rates has been to a lesser extent, as banks' cost of funds continues to remain high. It is only when the cost of funds (deposits) comes down that banks will lower lending rates. To ensure greater transmission, in addition to greater clarity from the RBI on its liquidity management framework, the government would do well to closely align interest rates on small savings with G-Sec yields. Though it has recently cut the interest rate for small savings by 10 bps, a closer alignment in the coming quarters could lead to a gradual fall in bank deposit rates, translating to lower lending rates to the broader economy.

THE CRUMBLING CITY

Mumbai building collapse is the latest illustration of dismal urban governance

THE DEATH OF at least 10 people in a building collapse on Tuesday in Mumbai could have been prevented. The almost 100-year old building had, reportedly, been declared unsafe by the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority in 2017. The housing authority and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) claim that they had alerted the owners of the building two years ago. But disagreement between the trust which owned the building and the residents over sharing expenses had stalled the project to redevelop the premises. Worryingly, this is not the first time that a Mumbai building declared unsafe by the urban authorities has collapsed. In 2017, more than 30 people lost their lives when another 100-year old building crumbled in Maharashtra's capital. The city has nearly 500 old buildings that have been listed as unsafe by its municipality.

Dilapidated buildings caving in during monsoons is, however, just one part of the story. Urban India has been dogged by building mishaps of different kinds during the past 10 years. In 2016, 21 people died in Kolkata after a section of a flyover under construction toppled. In February, at least 17 people lost their lives when a blaze swept through a Delhi hotel. In Surat, in May, 20 students were killed when a coaching centre caught fire. And last month, 15 people were killed when the wall of a Pune building crashed into nearby shanties. Data from the National Crime Records Bureau shows that more than 38,000 people have lost their lives due to the collapse of various structures between 2001 and 2015.

The causes of such tragedies are varied. And some of them do make municipalities and housing boards throw up their hands in helplessness. In Mumbai, for example, an archaic law constrains the raising of rents in old buildings. As a result, owners allege that they have little money to invest in repairs and maintenance after the buildings have been categorised as unsafe by the BMC. But have the country's urban authorities shown the resolve to address such tricky situations? Why hasn't, for example, India's richest municipality, the BMC, drawn on expert opinion to resolve the vexed problem of Mumbai's old buildings? It is common knowledge, moreover, that closed fire escapes, use of improper construction materials and illegal extensions to buildings are hazards in most Indian towns and cities. The persistence of such unsafe practices despite a plethora of safety codes raises questions over the certification processes adopted by municipalities — a troubling prospect for a country where 50 per cent of the population is expected to live in urban centres in the next 10 years.

SABKA SAATH

By taking everyone along, BJP becomes more 'Congress yukt' than 'Congress mukt'

THE PROBLEM WITH an open house is that you never know who is coming to dinner. In fact, some of them might even eat beef. But, as good hosts, true to the ancient Indian principle of atithi devo bhava and the more recent "sabka saath", the BJP has embraced with open arms those who it otherwise exhorts Bharat to be "mukt" of. The boon and bane of 303 Lok Sabha seats is that everyone wants to come along for the ride. The moot question for the Sangh Parivar, though, is this: How many Congressmen does it take to make the BJP more like the Congress?

Take Goa, a state where politics has seen frequent defections and re-alignments. Currently, the only BJP MLA who has never been part of another party is Chief Minister Pramod Sawant. With the recent defection of 10 Congress MLAs, there is hardly any saffron left in the saffron party. The BJP and Sangh's unlimited openness to people of all political hues probably has swayamsewaks and committed party workers furrowing their brow and asking themselves, "apna time kab aayega?" After all, they have been waiting in the wings for "sattar saal".

There are, of course, many points in favour of the divide-and-absorb strategy for political growth. For one, messy and uncertain verdicts delivered in elections can be circumvented with a little deal-making. Then there's the cynical argument of "realpolitik" — what does it matter who is at the dinner table if everyone gets a slice of the pie? After all, the Congress managed to rule India for decades as an "umbrella party". And if Mahatma Gandhi could turn the Congress from an elite concern to a mass party with four-anna membership, why can't people join the New India project with an SMS? The only problem is, it might mean the abandoning of "Congress mukt Bharat" for a "Congress yukt BJP".

THE NATIONAL EDUCATION Policy (NEP) document is now up for discussion. The section on higher education starts with the agenda of a "revamp" of the sector to build a "world-class multi-disciplinary" system with a gross enrollment (GER) target of 50 per cent by 2035. Yet, it offers no guidance on what will happen to all these graduates or any analysis of employability. The absence of data is noted and the concerned national institute, NIEPA, is pulled up. However, the question of how we have produced millions of unemployed graduates is not addressed.

The NEP does offer the vision of India as a cultural, scientific and economic power. The task is of preparing well-rounded and creative individuals, who will also be ready for multi-disciplinary jobs. It says faculty and students will work with the community on real-world problems and also be aware of national issues and concerns of the day. It lists some of the hurdles in achieving this. They are the usual, except that the "lack of transparent and competitive peer-reviewed research funding" is noted. Missing in this list are the two elephants in the room: The hostile takeover of science and society by competitive exams and coaching classes, and the hijacking of curricula and research agenda by central agencies. A cursory analysis of the first elephant is offered and it is delegated to the National Testing Agency, another MHRD outfit.

The NEP has proposed a consolidation of the 40,000 odd colleges into effectively a three-tier system of 12,000 multi-disciplinary institutions. Colleges (or institutions) are to be classified as type I, which are primarily research institutions, type II, which do both teaching and research, and, type III, which will only do teaching. There is also an implied hierarchy based on "quality of research" — type I institutions will be role models for type II, and they in turn for type III. Finally, type I institutions must do "cutting edge research" and "become world-class universities" achieving global recognition. As it transpires, type I institutions are largely the existing "central institutions", the IITs, IISERs, IITR, etc., and type II are the state universities. Type III are obviously our local colleges, the dispensers of hand-me-down knowledge for the bottom 80 per cent. This is how types become

tiers and our higher education system remains a client of global science.

Then there is the National Research Foundation (NRF), tasked with "permeating a culture of research and innovation" and addressing societal challenges. However, its project-proposal based design is similar to say, the Department of Science and Technology (DST). There is no mechanism, such as innovative curricula or extension units, for tier II or tier III institutions to work on local problems. It has no access or accountability to people or their representatives. Given its "competitive" nature and the absence of state representation, as with DST, funds may largely go to tier I institutions to follow "world-class research". This will neither permeate to local colleges nor change state agencies or improve drinking water.

A full chapter is devoted to the liberal arts university, which is modelled after the Ivy League universities in the US or large monastic *gurukuls* such as Nalanda, or the modern JNU. This is a top-down approach to learning. There is no pedagogical vehicle provided, e.g., the case study, which is accessible to the common student. Thus the opportunity of making the lived reality of the public hospital or imported *ganapatis* worthy of liberal study is lost.

There are other parts — on regulation or governance, etc. — that reflect deep centralised thinking. For example, the pedagogy of social engagement is not interpreted as a systematic probing of the immediate vicinity, for instance, of documenting a *taluka* bus depot or preparing a watershed plan, but is dissipated and emasculated into volunteerism and "tutoring groups". For all the talk of autonomy, the education secretary of the state is not made any more accountable. It is also peppered with many references to 21st century themes of the "new knowledge society" and "the fourth industrial revolution", while the problems of 19th century shackles.

In short, the document fails to state clear and measurable strategic objectives of higher education and research, or a plan to achieve them. This will only consolidate an elite-*vaad* of global jobs and global science as the agenda for higher education. It will also perpetuate the aspirational trap that our youth are in. The

vikas agenda once more, will be relegated to social mobilisation, community service and volunteerism, rather than formal academic and professional work. This is precisely why problems such as drinking water or public transport, and sustainability in general, have become intractable.

Indeed, the demands of development are urgent and require the highest intellect and competence and the ability to work across disciplines and agencies. The necessary institutional and individual skills are simply not there. The NEP could have provided a road map to get there, of delicate decentralisation, innovative pedagogies and partnerships between central and state institutions and regional agencies. Moreover, many new challenges, such as climate change, require collaborative thinking and collective action right down to the community level. Rather than recognise the importance of state colleges as our primary agents of change, the report proposes to entangle them in a bureaucratic web of NTA, NAAC, NHERA and others.

Thankfully, the NEP is still a proposal. Parliament should request the committee to rework the three basic instruments along the above lines. Next, bring more accountability to type I institutions, and build more direct linkages between the three types of institutions, development agencies and funds. Lastly, consider a few models of decentralisation of MHRD, DST and other agencies.

Finally, a word to the student. Development is not only about the expectation of better public amenities, but is also acquiring skills, knowledge and agency to deliver them. The next wave of companies will not only have gadgets and equipment to offer, but also developmental services. They will want graduates who are not only competent in their disciplines, but who also understand the broader society, the importance of field work, measurements and documentation. So demand such a training from your college. For that is the future of jobs and the way out of the current aspirational trap.

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TESTING THE WATERS

Mention of Blue Economy in the budget must serve as an impetus for the sector



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EXPERTS DISSECTING BUDGET 2019 have been remiss in not discussing the inclusion of an agenda to develop the Blue Economy. The development of the Blue Economy can play a critical role in nation building by enhancing the GDP, not just by exploitation of under-water resources but by developing it as a platform for infrastructure expansion into the ocean, especially when there is a shortage of space on land. The idea is to expand port activities on the sea rather than on land.

Inclusion of the Blue Economy in the budget encourages me to talk of the possible re-calibration of its growth potential, first, by improving the measurement of its contribution to the economy and then through strategic policy interventions to enhance its contribution to manufacturing and services.

Using the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-tested) formula, we can set a time-bound action plan.

As noted in SMART, any good strategy must have elements which can be monitored. And to do this, they must be measurable. A strategy to develop blue manufacturing and blue services will have to focus on several sub-sectors. I suggest that for effective policy intervention, the entire spectrum of the Blue Economy will require a deep analysis of the underlying constituents of these sub-sectors. As a beginning, the strategy should spell out a well-accepted and tested methodology for such a statistical analysis. A dedicated national-level institution, skilled in such state-

of-the-art analytical approaches, will have to be given this responsibility. Based on this analysis, and a study of the trends of the underlying constituents of these subsectors in the GDP, a graded policy intervention will be the first part of implementation.

The sub-sectors where measurement is possible are: Blue trade in both goods and services, including the development of marine services (such as port services, ship repair, maritime finance and insurance, marine ICT and digitisation); blue investment (port and transloading in mid-seas, coastal-to-hinterland connectivity); blue SMEs — a sub-category of the SMEs as defined by the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and administered by a separate division in the MSME and blue manufacturing (development of dedicated industrial parks, as is being envisaged under the Sagarmala, protection risks of coastal natural calamities, etc.)

While the arithmetic of sectoral analysis is important for identifying the areas requiring graded intervention, an effective strategy to increase the value addition will need policy interventions in the areas of upscaling the available technology for manufacturing and delivery of blue services. These will be further underpinned by training and reskilling of the available manpower, for which a coordinated plan (across the organs of states and central governments) will be needed.

No strategy can be implemented without efforts to enhance resource availability, both

from the public and the private sectors. The strategy must make sure that there is no overlap and that the balance of resources is maintained. A path-breaking relook at the regulations to ease the flow of private investment will be needed. Some time-tested paradigms of PPPs (Public Private Partnerships) will be ideal. The strategy must realise the context of the federal structure within which it will have to operate. Therefore, a mechanism to coordinate the efforts of the coastal districts/municipalities/panchayats, coastal state governments, and the Union government will need to be established. Akin to the Tribal Sub-Plan in the budget exercise, a dedicated chapter on the Blue Economy in the state and Union budgets could be a beginning.

A reasonable time-frame and an institutional coordination machinery will make the plan realistic and achievable. A national coordination mechanism for monitoring is absolutely necessary for any strategy in a federal structure, such as ours. Commitment to the development of the Blue Economy has been expressed by a mention in the budget speech. This has laid the foundation and will provide the initial traction to create the space for implementation of the strategy.

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JULY 18, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



MORARJI VS JAGJIVAN

WHILE MORARJI DESAI has made it clear that he has no plans to step down from the leadership of the Janata Party in Parliament, a draft Jagjivan Ram campaign was taking shape on the eve of the crucial meeting of the parliamentary party. This will be the first meeting of the Janata Parliamentary Party since the party lost power because of desertions. The Janata continues to be the largest single party in the Lok Sabha and as such it wants to recapture the power it lost on Sunday by eliciting the support of smaller groups. The party is sharply divided over the question who should be its leader to stake claim for forming the new government.

SOCIALISTS FOR RAM

THE FORMER SOCIALISTS in the Janata Parliamentary Party would support a signature campaign likely to be launched to remove Prime Minister Morarji Desai from the leadership of the JPP and elect Jagjivan Ram in his place. In the view of the Socialists, the election of Jagjivan Ram as the new leader of the JPP was the only way of saving the party from disintegrating. It would also enable the party to make the claim to forming a new government because the party would still be the single-largest group in Parliament. The group of Socialists led by George Fernandes has changed their stand that they would not support any government supported by for-

mer members of the Jan Sangh or Congress-I.

ALOOF CONGRESS

IT LOOKS LIKE the Congress is not going to join any coalition government. But it may support such a government from outside if the party feels that the new government's policies conform to its ideals and stands. This is the picture which emerged from recent developments. Swaran Singh, Congress president, and YB Chavan, leader of the Congress Parliamentary Party, met about 60 Congress MPs to ascertain their views on the question. Most of them were opposed to the idea of the Congress joining any coalition.

13 THE IDEAS PAGE

Man and the movement

Raja Dhale's words and work stirred sleeping souls and gave expression to simmering Dalit anger



SURAJ YENGDE

RAJA DHALE DIED on July 16 in Mumbai due to a heart attack, his family reported. He was 78 years old.

Dhale was born in Tasgaon, in Sangli district of Maharashtra. He migrated to Mumbai. In times when atrocities upon Dalits surged, along with his contemporaries, Dhale decided to retaliate with equal rigour and without mercy.

Along with Namdeo Dhasal, J V Pawar and other literary figures, Dhale floated a revolutionary organisation that helped place the Dalit experience in the global framework of rights. The redrawing of traditional methods of politics gave birth to the Dalit Panthers, which drew upon the legacy of radical politics of the Black Panthers.

Dhale shot to fame after he published "Kaala Swantrata Divas" (Black Independence Day) in the then prominent Marathi magazine *Sadhana* on October 9, 1972. He wrote about how an insult to the national flag seemed to have more costs than disrespect to a Dalit woman.

As much as his words stirred sleeping souls and sparked burning Dalit anger, his speaking style did not hold back any punches. He hit right on the spot where opponents were knocked out immediately, giving little chance for meek conversations. This prompted street-thugs to join the right-wing Shiv Sena to physically fight back the verbal discourse of Dhale. For, no one, including the state, could prepare for Dhale's unsparring tongue. It was in countering the Dalit Panthers' popularity that then peripheral and fringe parties like the Shiv Sena and Jana Sangh shot to fame in the feudal landholding caste groups in villages and towns.

"Independence is the name of which ass," asked Dhale. His provocative thoughts sent alarming signals to the privileged class that was content to live in a democratic India that granted them all the benefits, even as Dalits continued to suffer bitterly.

Dalit landless labourers were mercilessly slaughtered by the landowning castes, Dalit women were stripped and paraded naked, Dalits were boycotted in the villages, socially ostracised, their wells poisoned, and their water sources infected with human faeces. These and other growing atrocities in Maharashtra brought the educated youth together to present an alternative that was unseen and unheard in the past. It was a storm the world had to face. Dhale gave a stern warning to the village strongmen that if any such incident was repeated, there would be swift and severe costs.

Dhale was no stranger to controversies. His style of politics and straight talk was in sharp contrast to the casteist genuflecting norm. He was also a firm believer in principled politics and a practitioner of Phule-Ambedkarite determinism. This led to him falling out with the Dalit Panthers, which was eventually shut down but reborn in many forms across India. This brought out several claims by the leaders of the Dalit Panthers movement who proclaimed themselves as its founders. This led to a series of articles published by Dhale refuting such claims. In a book published in 2002, *Dalit Pantherchi Sansthapana: Vastustithi Ani Viparyas*, Dhale attempted to put his view in perspective as



Suvajit Dey

opposed to others popularised in the academia and glamourised in the media. Dhale had hoped that J V Pawar, an authoritative historian of the Dalit Panthers and post-Ambedkar Dalit movement, would put a premium on fairness.

Dhale was a no-nonsense man. Due to his reserved style of politics, he was considered by some as arrogant. His arrogance was less of an attitude, more a mirror of his pragmatist nature. When I asked to meet with him two years ago and again last year, having known him since childhood, he refused. "Why do you want to meet? You are a busy man and so am I. I am devoting the rest of my time to writing. Let me write," he said.

He was writing since the age of 17. His poetry, short stories, research papers, commentaries, and analytic literature traced the emergence of civilisation on the banks of the Nile. He also translated African-American poets like Langston Hughes, Robert Hayden, Fenton Johnson, Frank Marshall Davis in Marathi. Dhale held no grudges against anyone.

In the post-Panthers days, he chose to adhere to Ambedkar's path of propagation of Buddhism in the land of Hinduised Brahminism. Dhale connected with everyone. His admirers ranged across age and caste groups. His devotion led to the revival of radical Buddhist politics in Maharashtra.

In the later days of his public life, Dhale gave up on Dalit politics and chose to work full-time in the Buddhist Ambedkarite canon. Although he went back and forth, playing with Dalit, Ambedkarite, Buddhist etymologies, Dhale remained firm on not mincing words while exposing the nakedness of Brahminical culture.

Dhale was part of a generation that expressed its raw experience in a language the Brahmins considered profane. He made two unsuccessful attempts to fight the parliamen-

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tary elections, in 1999 and 2004, from the North and East Mumbai constituency. He held the post of the president of the Bharatiya Republican Party.

Dhale chose to counter the sense of inferiority imposed upon Dalit literature through a radical Dalit programme but also by bringing the Buddha into the social revolutionary imaginary. As a literary maverick, he established a new genre of Dalit writing. It complemented the works of many of his contemporaries. Pawar observed: "Had Dhale not stood guard with a naked sword at the emergence of Dalit literature, it would have met the fate of infanticide."

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But their intellectual affinity strengthened the global struggles of the oppressed. Their next generation is yet to find its way. The literature of Dhale and other Panthers' litterateurs will continue to inspire the Dalit youth and imbue the hope of bringing down the structures that humiliate them. The movement for a new radicalism is waiting to be born. The time is ripe.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Iran believes it must up the ante if it is to gain any kind of relief from the crippling sanctions regime now imposed upon it." —THE GUARDIAN

On writing

The fountain-pen has survived time, trade and technology



BIBEK DEBROY

RECENTLY, AN author came to present me with a copy of her new book. As I always do in situations like this, I asked her to sign it for me and was pleasantly surprised when she produced a fountain-pen. I know a doctor who is in his eighties. Medical prescriptions are known for their illegibility. This doctor's prescription is a sight to behold and yes, he swears by a fountain-pen.

In old 19th century files, I chanced upon some correspondence and the calligraphy (there is no other word for it) is something to treasure. (This might not even have been a fountain-pen. The letters were probably written with a nib-pen, with the nib being dipped in an ink-pot, there being nothing to store ink inside the pen.) There are plenty of accounts of India's economic transition. Such accounts become more alive if one uses real-life examples and I think someone should write a piece on the decline and recent rise of the fountain-pen.

In initial years of school, we weren't allowed to use pens. It had to be pencils, also used in classes on cursive writing. At some point, we were allowed to graduate to fountain-pens, ball-point pens being nowhere in the picture. To emphasise what I said about real-life examples, I think Britain's war-time rationing is described phenomenally well in Richmal Crompton's "Just William" series, much better than any academic's laboured depiction.

When William was in school, it was the era of ink-pots and blotting paper. Our school-days were a little later. Blotting paper was still around, but you didn't need to carry ink-pots to school. The fountain-pens could store ink, but they didn't yet possess syringes or suction mechanisms that could suck the ink up. Instead, every morning, you used an eye-dropper to fill the pen with ink. Don't ask me for names of these fountain-pen brands. Obviously, they must have had names, but these names weren't brands in the sense we use the word "brand". There were certainly branded fountain-pens, Parker for one. But they weren't for us. Though fountain-pens weren't branded, the ink certainly was. It was, and had to be, Sulekha. Sulekha Works, started initially in 1934 in what is now Bangladesh, was identified with self-reliance and the Independence movement and had the implicit blessings of Mahatma Gandhi.

Therefore, every bottle of Sulekha ink arrived with the mandatory picture of Gandhi ji. Temporarily, Sulekha Works closed down, but has started again. When I looked at the types of Sulekha ink now available, I was surprised at the choice — Black, Blue Black, Crystal Violet, Emerald Green, Flaming Orange, Master Brown,

Moss Green, Royal Blue, Scarlet Red, Shocking Pink and Turquoise Blue. In our school-days, Royal Blue was the default option, though I think Black was around.

Lamenting the inferior quality consequent to self-reliance, I have heard the late Abid Hussain say, many years ago, "We produced fountain-pens that were more fountains than pens." For fountain-pens, this sounds a bit harsh. But yes, those fountain-pens didn't screw on properly. They leaked, smudged our fingers and stained our pockets, evidence we were studying hard. Nibs got clogged. They had to be taken out, cleaned and re-inserted, or replaced with new nibs. As we moved up in school, technology changed and was regarded as a great marvel. You no longer needed eye-droppers. A suction mechanism arrived on the side of the pen, eventually over-taken by a syringe at the bottom. No more smudged fingers, though occasional staining of pockets continued. For a reason I no longer recall, the default choice for ink became Quink, not Sulekha. I suspect it had to do with quality and choice. To appreciate the Abid Hussain comment, do realise trade and technology policy were involved. That's the reason I said fountain-pens are a good case study for tracking evolution of economic policy. For instance, import of ink was on the prohibited list, because domestic installed capacity was more than estimated demand. After all, there was a shortage of foreign exchange. Therefore, ink meant domestic brands (such as Sulekha or Camel), joint ventures (JVs) with foreign equity participation (Pilot, Quink) or completely foreign brands (Waterman). Ditto for fountain-pens and there were only two JVs with foreign participation (Pilot, Waterman). Trade policy, technology policy and licencing restrictions affected choice in the market.

While we were still in school, early ball-point pens arrived. Because of the reasons mentioned, they weren't as good as ones around now. But, in any event, they were prohibited in school. They were believed to ruin the handwriting, as those early ball-point pens no doubt did. Until we passed out of university, it was fountain-pens all the day. Our children grew up with whiffs of liberalisation and technology improved for both fountain-pens as well as ball-point pens. They weren't allowed to use ball-point pens in school, but the default ink now became Camel, though it was now available in cartridges. At some point, ball-point pens were recognised for legal purposes.

Many people will probably give up writing by hand and either type, or dictate to their favourite form of technology. However, for those limited few who still prefer to write by hand, I am happy the fountain-pen still survives. I don't mean the high-end pens alone, there are several brands that are relatively cheap. As for ball-point pens, those with liquid ink clearly shouldn't be damned as much as the earlier versions were.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOCIETY & POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Towards social politics' (IE, July 17). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's argument to make politics more oriented towards society and social problems highlights an attempt to reconnect social movements with politics at a time of majoritarian upsurge, hate crimes and a climate of uncertainty surrounding the secular fabric of the country. The prime minister has also said that civil society institutions as well as NGOs bear the moral and ethical responsibility to make politics inclusive in nature. This announcement is timely and welcome.

Pranay Kumar Shome, Kolkata

SLUMP IN MARKETS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The shrinking' (IE, July 17). India's economy continues to be sluggish because "demand", the main driver of economic growth, remains subdued. While exports do have an important role to play in boosting the economy, the domestic market is equally crucial to growth. Unfortunately, market sentiments are very low and business is witnessing a disturbing slump. The government needs to come up with policies which will increase production and focus on the manufacturing sector. The "demand" side too has to be tackled in an urgent manner.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

TRUST MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The escape from freedom' (IE, July 17). The writer has mentioned that the normalisation of surveillance destroys what sustains a civilisation — human inter-

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action filled with trust and care. Surveillance is, however, also as much a human characteristic. It may not date to the early days of human evolution but it has certainly developed along with human civilisation. It is true that as surveillance is becoming more common. But it is also important to acknowledge the fact that this technological development has helped us in many and myriad ways. Also, human interactions continue in spite of CCTV cameras being pervasive. They do not necessarily lead us to become less trustful of our colleagues and neighbours. The fact that CCTV cameras in schools would provide a sense of security cannot be ignored.

Divyadeep Mantri, Mumbai



ZEHRA NAQVI

Zaira's choice

By opting out of Bollywood, Wasim is finding herself, not becoming 'radicalised'

AN 18-YEAR-OLD'S decision to quit Bollywood and seek repose in a quieter, calmer way of life has been dissected and shredded to bits in every possible way.

She has been branded "radicalised" and questions have been raised about Islam being a religion that goes against the performing arts. Her declaration has been branded an indirect condemnation or shaming of other people in the industry. Let us, for a minute, back up a bit and redirect our vision to the six-pager that Zaira Wasim uploaded on her Instagram.

"For a very long time now," she writes, "It has felt like I have struggled to become someone else." That's one of the key lines that everyone seems to have missed, dwelling only on the "religious" part of it. Religion, contrary to popular understanding, isn't just a set of prescriptive, if one may call it that, rules and regulations. Religion can, perhaps, best be defined as the outer covering of spirituality, which lies at its very core. At its heart, so to speak.

Spiritualism is the anchor that a person seeks when they find themselves adrift. It is the stable ground beneath one's feet when one feels unsure of one's footing. A good life — in the most materialistic sense of the word — may not feel so good after all. One could get sucked into a vicious circle of living up to

other people's expectations, living up to artificial standards of success and becoming a cog in the wheel of self-doubt. Always chasing after the next glittering object, not pausing to consider what it was we truly wanted. "I kept trying to escape but somehow I always ended up hitting a dead end, in an endless loop with a missing element that kept torturing me with a longing I was neither able to make sense of nor satisfy," writes Wasim.

People leaving corporate careers at their peak to follow the passion of their lives isn't something new or unheard of. People distance themselves from a fat pay cheque and top designations to become stand-up comedians, authors, bakers, bikers. If it's alright to give up financial stability and social recognition to follow the pull of one's heart, why does it become a retrograde step if that pull happens to be spiritual? Is it not possible for someone to feel that their calling in life is of a more spiritual nature, that they would rather be someone who seeks divinity and a different purpose in life? Why do we assume that people who are religious are necessarily radicalised and pose a danger to society?

As for the question that she didn't have to post it on social media, I wonder, in a world where everything — from what we had for breakfast to selfies in the toilet — is out there

for everyone to see, why she would feel the need to share or explain such a major decision in her life seems perfectly understandable, if not justifiable.

I must emphasise though, that Zaira Wasim's declaration struck a particular chord in my heart. I'm no celebrity by any measure, but I was 17 when I turned towards spiritualism, and in a step that shocked everyone around me, decided to adopt the hijab. Nobody in my decidedly modern family had donned the hijab in the past three generations. And yet, there I was — sick of my party life, sick of a life where my face and body were always worth more than my intellect and my soul.

The emptiness I felt inside was real, emptiness that came from not knowing the deeper purpose of life, not being able to see the world beyond its surface. As Master Sheefu from *Kung Fu Panda* would say, I sought "inner peace".

The journey, however, became a nightmare.

I was shunned by people who had hitherto fawned around me, was scoffed at and told I had ruined my future career and would never achieve anything in life. This, interestingly, while my academic grades remained at the top, and I continued to be an ace debater in college — everything that I'd been,

with only a change in my appearance. With that single alteration, I had apparently "ruined my future". This is actually a very good example of how we are made to evaluate our selves by an artificial measure; how superficial are society's attitudes towards success and achievement.

The gist of the matter is that spirituality exists as a force to reckon with across our planet, for reasons that are universal. The path to self-actualisation is through self-exploration. It is a diseased society indeed which shames and condemns a young girl for trying to find her own self.

It may be that some years down the line, she might decide to return. But should she want to return, not only will those who are condemning her now scoff at her, but all those who hail her decision now will mock her for abandoning the "path". In truth, a person's path can only be found by herself, or himself — not by the sea of strange faces and noises posing as society.

We need to give our youth the space to explore who they really want to be. The important thing is that in an inclusive world the doors would never be shut upon you — whether you want to come in, or go out. Or come back in again.

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JOHNNY CLEGG DIES AT 66 SOUTH AFRICA MOURNS THE WHITE ZULU

Tributes poured in Wednesday for anti-apartheid singer Johnny Clegg, who died aged 66, with politicians, musicians and friends lauding the "White Zulu" for building bridges in a divided nation. British-born Clegg was a pioneer — blending Zulu rhythms from his adopted South Africa with Western styles, all while defying apartheid segregation laws.

TOP OF THE WORLD



PHILIPPINES

'You must be stupid': Duterte says won't face international trial

Manila: Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has declared he will never be tried by an international court for mass killings in his war on drugs, and vowed no let up in a crackdown that he said he was winning and would see through "to the very end". In a TV interview, the firebrand leader said the Philippine justice system was working fine, so it would be "stupid" to imagine he would let an international court put him on trial. "I will only face, be tried or face a trial, in a Philippine court. Presided by a Filipino judge. Prosecuted by a Filipino. I will not answer a Caucasian, asking questions, white man there. You must be stupid," he said late on Tuesday.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF APOLLO 11

The lights of an aircraft streak the sky as the image of a 363-foot Saturn V rocket is projected on the east face of the Washington Monument, in Washington DC, on Tuesday night, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. The Saturn V rocket was used to launch the Apollo 11 mission, which put the first humans on the Moon in 1969. AP

House votes to condemn Trump's 'racist' remarks on four progressive lawmakers

4 Republican Representatives join Democrats to formally reproach US President

ALAN FRAM & DARLENE SUPERVILLE WASHINGTON, JULY 17

IN A remarkable political repudiation, the Democratic-led US House voted to condemn President Donald Trump's "racist comments" against four congresswomen of colour, despite protestations by Trump's Republican congressional allies and his own insistence he hasn't "a racist bone in my body".

Two days after Trump tweeted that four Democratic freshmen should "go back" to their home countries — though all are citizens and three were born in the US — Democrats muscled the resolution through the chamber by 240-187 over near-solid GOP opposition. The rebuke Tuesday night was an embarrass-



Trump tweeted Tuesday that he didn't have a racist bone in his body, after earlier telling the 4 US lawmakers of colour to 'go back' to their countries

ing one for Trump even though it carries no legal repercussions, but if anything his latest harangues should help him with his die-hard conservative base.

Despite a lobbying effort by Trump and party leaders for a unified GOP front, four Republicans

voted to condemn his remarks: moderate Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, Fred Upton of Michigan, Will Hurd of Texas and Susan Brooks of Indiana, who is retiring. Also backing the measure was Michigan's independent Rep. Justin Amash, who left the GOP this month after becoming the party's sole Congressman to back a Trump impeachment probe.

Democrats saved one of the day's most passionate moments until near the end. "I know racism when I see it," said Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, whose skull was fractured at the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march in Selma. "At the highest level of government, there's no room for racism."

Before the showdown roll call, Trump characteristically plunged forward with time-tested insults. He accused his four outspoken critics of "spewing some of the

most vile, hateful and disgusting things ever said by a politician" and added, "If you hate our country, or if you are not happy here, you can leave!" — echoing taunts long unleashed against political dissidents rather than opposing parties' lawmakers.

The President was joined by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California and other top Republicans in trying to redirect the focus from Trump's original tweets, which for three days have consumed Washington and drawn widespread condemnation. Instead, they tried playing offence by accusing the four congresswomen — among the Democrats' most left-leaning members and ardent Trump critics — of socialism, an accusation that's already a central theme of the GOP's 2020 presidential and congressional campaigns. AP

US may hike merit-based immigration to 57 per cent

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, JULY 17

THE TRUMP administration is proposing increasing merit-based immigration to 57 per cent, and half of those would be based on family and humanitarian grounds, in an effort to overhaul the outdated system. Senior presidential adviser Jared Kushner, who is also the son-in-law of United States President Donald Trump, said having an immigration policy that would attract talented and meritorious people from across the world would create over \$500 billion in tax revenues over 10 years.

"It brings in a lot of people that are paying into the social safety nets. Not people who are coming in and then immediately taking from the social

safety nets, which right now have to support Americans who are currently citizens," Kushner told the Cabinet during a meeting at the White House.

At the direction of Trump, Kushner is leading the immigration reform project, which he said was now into its final stages and expects to make it public soon.

Kushner said just 12 per cent of people become legal immigrants through merit-based system right now.

"Compare that to some of our peer countries like Canada. They're at 53 per cent, New Zealand at 59 per cent, Australia 63 per cent, Japan at 52 per cent," he said. "Under President Trump's proposal, we'll go to 57 per cent, which puts right in the range and it will make us competitive." PTI

Taliban shut Afghan health centres run by non-profit

ASSOCIATED PRESS KABUL, JULY 17

THE TALIBAN forced a Swedish non-profit group to close 42 health facilities it runs in eastern Afghanistan, the organisation said Wednesday, the latest attempt by the insurgents to show strength amid negotiations to end the country's nearly 18-year war.

The Taliban currently control nearly half of Afghanistan.

In Sweden, Sonny Mansson, the country director of the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan, told *The Associated Press* that the Taliban threatened the NGO's staff by saying that if they do not close the facilities, "it would have consequences for themselves and their families."

Parwiz Ahmad Faizi, the group's communications manager, said the facilities were

The shutting down of the facilities run by the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan will affect 6,000 patients, says NGO

closed after Afghan forces last week raided a clinic run by the NGO in Daimirdad district. The Afghan troops were allegedly looking for suspected Taliban fighters hiding in the clinic.

Ahmad Khalid Fahim, program director for the Swedish group, said two staff members, a guard and a lab worker, and two others were killed in the attack, while a fifth person was missing. Insurgents contacted the staff and ordered the NGO to shut down, Fahim added. Faizi said the closures will affect health services for around 6,000 patients.

Rohingya abuses: US imposes sanctions on Myanmar army leaders

Commander-in-Chief banned from entering United States

DAVID BRUNNSTROM & LESLEY WROUGHTON WASHINGTON, JULY 17

THE UNITED STATES announced sanctions on Tuesday against the Myanmar military's Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing and other leaders it said were responsible for extrajudicial killings of Rohingya Muslims, barring them from entry to the United States.

The steps, which also covered Min Aung Hlaing's deputy, Soe Win, and two other senior commanders and their families, are the strongest the United States has taken in response to massacres of minority Rohingyas in Myanmar, also known as Burma.

It identified the two others as Than Oo and Aung Aung, both brigadier generals.

"We remain concerned that the Burmese government has taken no actions to hold accountable those responsible for human rights violations and abuses, and there are continued reports of the Burmese military committing human rights violations and abuses throughout the country," US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

Pompeo said a recent disclosure, first reported by *Reuters* in May, that Min Aung Hlaing ordered the release of soldiers convicted of extrajudicial killings at the village of Inn Din during the ethnic cleansing of Rohingya in 2017 was "one egregious example of the continued and severe lack of accountability for the military and its senior leadership."



Myanmar's Commander-in-Chief, General Min Aung Hlaing

"The Commander-in-Chief released these criminals after only months in prison, while the journalists who told the world about the killings in Inn Din were jailed for more than 500 days," Pompeo said.

The Inn Din massacre was uncovered by two *Reuters* reporters, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who spent more than 16 months behind bars on charges of obtaining state secrets. The two were released in an amnesty on May 6.

The US announcement came on the first day of an international ministerial conference on religious freedom hosted by Pompeo at the State Department that was attended by Rohingya representatives. "With this announcement, the United States is the first government to publicly take action with respect to the most senior leadership of the Burmese mili-

EXPLAINED

Rebuking Myanmar's all-powerful general

BANNING TOP Myanmar generals from travelling to the US is unlikely to have much of a practical impact as the reclusive military leaders are not known to travel much anyway. But, it is the first action by a country against the generals, especially the all-powerful commander-in-chief. According to the 2008 constitution, he is not answerable to any civilian authority and controls the armed forces, the police and a quarter of the members of Parliament. A US ban on him sends a strong message to Myanmar against abuses on Rohingyas.

tary," said Pompeo. "We designated these individuals based on credible information of these commanders' involvement in gross violations of human rights," he said.

Aspokesman for the Myanmar military, Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun, said by phone the military had not ignored the accusations, citing internal probes. One army-led investigation in 2017 exonerated security forces of all accusations of atrocities. Another is ongoing. **REUTERS**



Sudan's pro-democracy movement leader Ahmad al-Rabiah with General Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo after signing the power sharing document in Khartoum on Wednesday. AP

Sudanese military, protesters sign power-sharing agreement

SAMY MAGDY CAIRO, JULY 17

SUDAN'S PRO-DEMOCRACY movement and the ruling military council signed a document early Wednesday that outlines a power-sharing deal, but the two sides are still at work on a more contentious constitutional agreement that would specify the division of powers.

The signing ceremony held in the capital, Khartoum, after marathon overnight talks, marks an important step in the transition to civilian rule following the

military overthrow of long-ruling autocrat Omar al-Bashir amid mass protests in April.

But the military appears to have the upper hand, following weeks of negotiations and a deadly crackdown last month in which security forces violently dispersed the protesters' main sit-in.

The document would establish a joint civilian-military sovereign council that would rule Sudan for a little over three years while elections are organised. A military leader will head the 11-member council for the first 21 months, followed by a civilian leader for the next 18.

It marks a significant concession by the protesters, who had demanded an immediate transition to civilian rule. The pro-democracy movement would appoint a Cabinet, and the two sides would agree on a legislative body within three months.

But the two sides have yet to agree on a division of powers between the sovereign council, the Cabinet and the legislative body, which would be enshrined in the constitutional document. That document, which they hope to adopt Friday, would also set the terms of army leaders' potential immunity from prosecution. **AP**

US JUDGE DECRIES 'OVERWHELMING EVIL' OF THE MEXICAN DRUG LORD'S CRIMES

El Chapo sentenced to life in prison, ending notorious criminal career

ALAN FEUER NEW YORK, JULY 17

JOAQUÍN GUZMÁN Loera, the Mexican drug lord known as El Chapo, was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison, ending one of modern history's most brutal and notorious criminal careers.

The life sentence, mandated by law as a result of the severity of Guzmán's crimes, was handed down in the US District Court in Brooklyn, where the kingpin was convicted last winter of drug, murder and money laundering

charges after a sprawling three-month trial.

As some of the federal agents who had chased him for years looked on from the gallery, Judge Brian M Cogan issued the life term and Guzmán, 62, was hauled away to prepare himself — pending an appeal — for spending the rest of his life behind bars.

Cogan said the "overwhelming evil" of Guzmán's crimes were apparent. Besides giving him a life sentence plus 30 years, he ordered the drug lord to pay \$12.6 billion in restitution.

Speaking for several minutes before his sentencing, Guzmán

said he had not received a fair trial and complained about his imprisonment in a federal jail in Manhattan, calling it "psychological, emotional and mental torture 24 hours a day".

"Since the government of the United States is going to send me to a prison where my name will never be heard again, I take advantage of this opportunity to say there was no justice here," he said.

Guzmán almost certainly will be sent to the country's most forbidding federal prison, the US Penitentiary Administrative Maximum Facility, or ADX, in Florence, Colorado.



Guzmán, 62, was convicted on Feb 12 under drug, murder and money laundering charges after a 3-month trial in New York

Guzmán's career atop one of Mexico's most powerful cartels

came to a close only after Mexico agreed to extradite him to the

United States in January 2017.

His ability to escape from prison and evade capture for years underscored the deep corruption of Mexican authorities by his cartel, which employed bribery and intimidation to control not just local police departments but also the highest-ranking officials in the national government.

"It's justice not only for the Mexican government, but for all of Guzmán's victims in Mexico," said Raymond P Donovan, the agent in charge of the New York office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, which was instrumental in capturing the

kingpin twice.

The trial took place under intense media scrutiny and tight security that involved bomb-sniffing dogs, police snipers and federal marshals with radiation sensors.

Prosecutors levelled some of the most serious charges possible against him, presenting evidence that he sent hundreds of tons of drugs to the US from Mexico and caused the deaths of dozens of people to protect himself and his smuggling routes.

The case revealed in exacting detail the inner workings of the Sinaloa drug cartel — such as how it employed informa-

tion technology consultants and how it packaged its cocaine in rubber "condoms."

But given the defendant's fame and notoriety, the trial was also a boisterous legal circus, complete with a horde of international reporters, a steady trickle of curious "narcotourists" and a cameo appearance by an actor who plays the drug lord on a Netflix show.

The verdict on February 12 came after more than a week of deliberations by the jury. Ultimately, Guzmán was found guilty on all 10 counts of the indictment. **NYT**

SECTOR WATCH PHARMACEUTICAL

To offset supply shortages, NPPA may hike prices of some medicines

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE DRUG pricing regulator is mulling a proposal to increase prices of certain medicines under price control to offset potential shortages due to increasing prices of key ingredients used to make them, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

ANTIBIOTICS' MRPs MAY GO UP

- MRPs of formulations like antibiotics metronidazole and benzylpenicillin and BCG vaccine for tuberculosis could increase
- Minutes of a NPPA meeting mention an upward price revision is being considered for 19 formulations

This means maximum retail prices (MRPs) of formulations like antibiotics metronidazole and benzylpenicillin, BCG vaccine for tuberculosis, leprosy medication dapsone and malaria drug chloroquine could increase, according to senior government officials aware of the development.

The move comes in response to representations by pharmaceutical companies to relax price ceilings of several medicines, they added.

However, it is not clear at this stage how much the prices may go up and the proposal might also be sent to other government bodies like NITI Aayog for deliberation, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

While minutes of a meeting held by pricing regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in late June mention that an upward price revision is being considered for 19 formulations, a senior official said the regulator has since curbed its list to 12. NPPA's minutes do not expand on which formulations it is considering. Queries sent to NPPA chairperson Shubhra Singh about this development remained unanswered by press time Wednesday.

"Many of these are essential, life-saving drugs that already had low prices, but price caps may be causing some companies to stop production," the official cited above said.

Some of these molecules may be "disappearing" from the market as a result, said the official, adding that a move to increase their ceiling price is to make sure they remain in supply. If firms stop selling these drugs due to losses, it could also lead to stronger versions of such medicines being used, adding to a growing problem of drug resistance in the country, according to the official.

Formulations like metronidazole, BCG vaccine, dapsone and chloroquine have figured in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) since 2003, while benzylpenicillin, previously deleted from the NLEM in 2011, was re-added to the list in November 2015.

Once a drug is included in the NLEM, the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) notifies it for price control, after which NPPA caps its ceiling prices. These ceiling prices are increased or decreased to account for changes in annual wholesale price index (WPI).

NPPA wrote to some government departments, including DoP earlier this year, seeking amendments to India's drug pricing regulations — Drug Price Control Orders — to allow for upward price revisions, another senior official said.

"There were representations made from certain companies on the impact of increasing costs of APIs, and many formulations for which NPPA has received requests (for upward price revisions)," said the official. APIs, or active pharmaceutical ingredients, are key ingredients used to give a drug its therapeutic effect. NPPA can use extraordinary powers under paragraph 19 of the order to fix new prices, if it feels such upward revisions are required 'in public interest', the official added.

With India still dependent on China for over 60 per cent of its API requirements, higher API costs for price-controlled medicines eat into profits and sometimes make production of these drugs unviable here, according to an executive of a large drug maker.

"Suppliers of key ingredients do not want to negotiate the prices they charge companies, because they are not affected by price control," the executive told *The Indian Express* on condition of anonymity. In such an environment, firms will begin to exit market over a period of time, the executive said. In cases where a firm has to continue supplying the drug because it is the only manufacturer or it has majority market share, it could still lead to supply shortages, as per the executive. "The company will continue to suffer and the volumes will go down, which means patients might not get access to these drugs going forward," the person said.

"Despite tight control of NPPA norms to maintain supplies of such drugs, there have still been some instances of shortages," the executive said. For instance, costs of ingredients to make vitamin C went up as much as 250 per cent, leading to a 25-30 per cent shortage of this drug in India last year, the executive further said.

Investigator observed multiple bags of manufacturing documents awaiting shredding at the factory at Puducherry

The investigator observed multiple bags of manufacturing documents awaiting shredding and a blue binder including the records of batches of drugs produced for the US market in a 55-gallon drum in the scrap yard, Francis Godwin, director of the FDA's Office of Manufacturing Quality, said in the letter dated July 1. The potential importance of individual documents wasn't made

FRAMEWORK FOR TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FROM RBI TO GOVT

'Panel suggests phased transfer of surplus capital over 3-5 years'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 17

A COMMITTEE set up to recommend the appropriate economic capital framework for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recommended transfer of excess capital from the central bank to the government over a period of 3-5 years, a senior official said.

The committee, which finalised its report at a meeting held in the Capital on Wednesday, has also recommended the framework should be reviewed periodically. The report of the Committee, headed by former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan, will be submitted to the central bank "very soon". The report is expected to reflect differences among the panel members over treatment of the RBI's excess reserves.

There are differences among panel members on the issue of transferring past reserves including unrealised gains in gold and currency revaluation accounts. Sources said that most committee members favoured reduction in the RBI's excess reserves in phased manner over 3-5 years, without any substantial additional annual transfer to the government. It is not immediately clear how much excess capital has the committee identified that can be shared with the government.

EXPLAINED Recommendations of panel critical in resolving the issue

THE MUCH awaited report of the Committee on recommending the appropriate economic capital framework for the RBI was finalised Wednesday. It has recommended gradual transfer of any excess capital with the RBI to the government over a period of 3-5 years, along with the provision to review the framework periodically.

While RBI is yet to release the panel's report, its recommendations will be critical in resolving this issue which had led to a heated discussion between the government and the Reserve Bank of India last year.

There are differences between government nominee member on the committee, Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, and other panel members, it is learnt. Set up last December, the Committee was expected to submit its report by April, within 90 days of its first meeting.

The panel was set up following discussions between the finance ministry and the RBI last year over the manner in which the central bank's surplus can be shared with the government.

While the Committee is chaired by Jalan, former RBI Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan — who is against transferring a

higher surplus to the government — is its Vice Chairman. Alongside Garg, RBI Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan, RBI Central Board Members Bharat Doshi and Sudhir Mankad are other members of the panel.

The Committee was set up to "review status, need and justification of various provisions, reserves and buffers presently provided for by the RBI; and (to) review global best practices followed by the central banks in making assessment and provisions for risks which central bank balance sheets are subject to."

Prior to setting up of the Committee, the finance ministry

IBC amendments get Cabinet nod; 330-day deadline for resolution among key changes

SUNNY VERMA & SANDEEP SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE GOVERNMENT on Wednesday approved amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to ensure time-bound resolution of cases. Among the seven key changes is a new deadline to complete the resolution process of an insolvent company within 330 days, including the litigation period. At present, the IBC says corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) should be completed within a maximum of 270 days. But many cases involving large amounts are going on for more than 270 days due to litigation at appellate tribunal and in courts.

The Cabinet also approved amendments that aim towards smoother approval of resolution plans and removing bottlenecks. While earlier a decision of financial creditors could only be approved if 66 per cent of total creditors voted in favour of the decision, the Cabinet approved that now the decision will be approved if 50 per cent of those 'present and voting' vote in favour of the decision.

"Votes of all financial creditors covered under Section 21(6A) shall be cast in accordance with the decision approved by the highest voting share (more than 50 per cent) of financial creditors on present and voting basis," the government said. "This will lead to faster approval of resolution plan and will remove stalemate. On several occasions it is seen that around 20-30 per cent of the financial creditors are absent and in such a scenario it is very tough to get the decision approved as you needed 66 per cent of total financial creditors," a senior government official said.

The official added that the amendment gives more powers to other creditors such as homebuyers as their votes will be treated separately and if 50 per cent of homebuyers vote in favour of a resolution, it will be treated as an affirmation of the entire class of homebuyers. "The move empowers homebuyers," he said. The amendments to IBC are aimed at filling critical gap in the corporate insolvency resolution framework while at the same time maximising value from the resolution process, the government said. The amendments would

SMOOTHER APPROVAL OF RPs

- The Cabinet approved amendments that aim towards smoother approval of resolution plans (RPs)
- Further, decision of financial creditors will now be approved if 50 per cent of those 'present and voting' vote in favour of the decision

"enable the government to ensure maximisation of value of a corporate debtor as a going concern while simultaneously adhering to strict timelines," a release said.

One of the amendments allows for the votes of financial creditors to be as per the decision of the highest voting share of financial creditors. It also allows for dissenting creditors to get a minimum liquidation value retrospectively. An official said that it will go on to protect the small creditors.

The amendment further provides that an approved resolution plan will be binding on central and state governments as well as local authorities. An outer time limit on resolving resolution cases is expected to speed up the process which has been facing delays.

As on March 31, 2019, out of total 1,143 cases that were undergoing resolution under the IBC, a total of 548 exceeded the 180-day deadline. This reflects that in nearly 48 per cent of the cases (or 548 CIRPs), resolution could not be achieved within 180 days.

A total of 362 cases — or 31.67 per cent of the ongoing CIRPs — surpassed the outer limit of 270 days set out in the IBC. Lack of appropriate bids to take over companies, differences among the lenders, legal challenges posed by existing promoters and operational creditors are among the reasons resulting in delay.

Among the first 12 large NPA cases that banks referred to various National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) benches, the case of Essar Steel India Limited has been facing significant delay. While insolvency proceedings were initiated against Essar Steel India Ltd in June 2017 and admitted in August 2017, it has breached the mandated 270 days resolution norm by more than a year.



(Top) Route of Thai Airways London-Bangkok flight on July 16 (left), after Pakistan airspace was opened and on July 15 (right) prior to the relaxation; (Bottom) Air India Delhi-London flight's route on July 16 (left) and July 15 (right)

A day after opening up of Pakistan airspace

Images source: Flightradar24

- The Air India Delhi-London flight's time reduced by almost an hour due to opening up of the Pakistani airspace, while that of Thai Airways reduced by 30 minutes. Relaxation in overflying Pakistan has brought huge relief in terms of flight time and fuel burn to international airlines
- Normalcy in operations of many airlines is being restored, after nearly five months of airspace closure. United Airlines, which suspended flights to India, will resume daily non-stop service between New York/Newark and Delhi and Mumbai September 6 onwards
- Other affected routes like IndiGo's Delhi-Istanbul flight, which stopped at Doha for refuelling, are likely to be non-stop as planned starting this week. The opening up of airspace will also save operational costs. Indian carriers lost over Rs 550 crore in five months

EPFO recovers ₹459 crore PF dues

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 17

RETIREMENT FUND body EPFO has recovered Rs 459.81 crore out of Rs 1,251.44 crore pending provident fund dues during 2018-19, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

The total backlog or outstanding provident fund dues of the

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) during 2018-19 was Rs 791.63 crore, Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha. For realising the arrears under provident fund, various steps are taken by the EPFO under sections 8B to 8G of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF and MP) Act, 1952, the minister said.

JAYPEE INSOLVENCY NCLAT asks IDBI Bank for fresh terms to invite bids

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Wednesday directed IDBI Bank, the lead lender of debt-ridden Jaypee Infratech, to file an affidavit listing out new terms and conditions if a fresh round of bidding is conducted.

A two-member bench headed by chairman justice SJ Mukhopadhyaya has asked IDBI Bank to file an affidavit by Friday in this regard. The appellate tribunal has listed the matter for next hearing on Monday. "The counsel appearing for lenders is allowed to file new

terms and conditions in case fresh bidding takes place," the bench said. In the second round of bidding, the committee of creditors had first rejected the resolution plan of Suraksha Realty and then voted against state-owned NBCC's offer. The appellate tribunal also suggested some guidelines for new terms and conditions. "All allottees would be given flats according to their builder buyer agreement. If allottee not present then the CoC has to decide how it has to be adjusted," the bench said. "Land attached to the building and with common area amenities would remain with the allottees," FE

Lenders to Suzlon sign ICA for stress resolution

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 17

WIND POWER producer Suzlon Energy on Wednesday said its secured lenders have signed an inter-creditor agreement (ICA) under the RBI's June 7, 2019, circular for resolution of stressed assets.

The circular makes it mandatory for lenders, including financial institutions and small finance banks, to enter into an ICA within 30 days from a default, also referred to as the 'review period', during which lenders review an account and decide on a resolution strategy. On Tuesday, Suzlon defaulted on principal payments due on foreign currency convertible bonds worth \$172 million. The company owes banks Rs 9,624 crore as on March 31, 2019. In a notification to stock exchanges, Suzlon Energy said, "The company is working on holistic solution for its debt and continues to be in discussions with various stakeholders in relation to its outstanding debt, including the bonds. Actual impact can only be ascertained once any amicable solution is worked out with lenders, including bondholders." FE

IndiGo promoters' feud: Govt may check validity of shareholder pact with Cos Act

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE SLUGFEST between IndiGo's promoters, which started as a disagreement over business practices among the two co-founders Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal, has snowballed to the extent that the government is expected to intervene in the matters pertaining to the contractual agreement between the promoters and its adherence to the prevalent corporate laws. The shareholder agreement between Bhatia's entity InterGlobe Enterprises (IGE) and Rakesh Gangwal is set for renewal in October this year.

Gangwal has already sought intervention of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) into alleged lapses in corporate governance at IndiGo, and the markets regulator has asked India's largest airline to respond by Friday. Notably, IndiGo's board of directors is also expected to meet on Friday, where issues relevant to the spar between the promoters is likely to be discussed. Officially, though, the company has informed the exchanges that at the Friday meeting, its Board will consider and approve the airline's financial results for quarter-ended June 30. In the letter to Sebi, Gangwal noted he had entered into a shareholders' agreement that provides Bhatia unusual control-

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ling rights over IndiGo. The IGE Group's rights include those to appoint three out of six directors, nominate and appoint Chairman, CEO, President as well as a voting arrangement that requires Gangwal and his affiliates to vote alongside the Group on appointment of directors, as per the letter.

Bhatia's entity has refuted the allegations stating that the parties went in to the ventures "with their eyes open" and that the deal was struck between "seasoned business people who made their own assessment of risks, their rights and their obligations". However, according to government sources, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs is expected to look at the agreement between the two parties with the lens of Companies Act to determine whether the pact and its clauses are in adherence to the law. If any aspect of the agreement is found to be in contravention of the Companies Act, the ministry can override it.

Strides was shredding and dumping key documents, discovers US FDA

CHANDINI MONNAPPA BENGALURU, JULY 17

A US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator discovered that India's Strides Pharma Science Ltd, which exports to the US market, was shredding drug production, quality and laboratory documents and dumping others in a scrap yard.

The "uncontrolled destruction" of manufacturing records and the lack of adequate documentation handling at the drug-maker's factory in Puducherry, called into question the effectiveness of its quality unit and the integrity and accuracy of its records, the regulator said in a warning letter made public on Tuesday.

clear by the FDA. Strides, which also has factories in Italy, Kenya and Singapore, produces drugs that treat AIDS, malaria and hepatitis. Its revenue grew 6 per cent in the last fiscal year. In the letter to Strides, the FDA didn't explain whether its inspectors often check scrap yards or shredding rooms for documents, or whether it was acting on some kind of tipoff to do so at the Strides plant. In its initial response to the FDA's findings, Strides said the discarding of the binder was inadvertent. The FDA said Strides response was "inadequate" because it did not assess how poor documentation practices affected distributed drug product or how the manufacturer would strengthen its quality unit's oversight. REUTERS

SUGAR SUBSIDIES
Guatemala asks for dispute panel in case against India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

CENTRAL AMERICAN nation Guatemala 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, Guatemala and several other countries including Australia and Brazil dragged India into the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism alleging that New Delhi's sugar subsidies to farmers are inconsistent with global trade rules. Guatemala is a major agricultural exporter in the world and it exports 70 per cent of its total sugar production. It has sought to set up the panel as India and Guatemala have failed to resolve the dispute through the consultation process, which is the first steps towards resolution of a dispute under WTO norms.

Preferential trade status under GSP for India should continue: IACC

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 17

THE INDO-AMERICAN Chambers of Commerce (IACC) has said that preferential trade status under the Generalised System of Preference (GSP) conferred over the last three decades between India and US should continue for enhancing trade between the two countries. The termination of preferential trade status — which has significantly contributed to the growth of trade between the two countries — for India under GSP from June will negatively impact the Indian exports of goods to US which were earlier eligible for GSP benefit, members of the Western India Council of IACC said. The key products/industries that will be majorly impacted include dairy products, items of gold or silver, chemical products, engineering sector and textile goods, participants at a roundtable said here on Wednesday. Further, due to the rise in duty

rates for aluminium/steel, exporters in India have suffered a setback and the Indian government has raised a retaliation claim to recover the cost to the tune of \$241 million levied on steel/aluminium exports, they said. On the other hand, the impact on the US companies due to removal of GSP will cost American businesses over \$300 million additional tariffs every year. "New tax will result in job losses, cancelled investments and cost increases for consumers. US companies do not get access to the Indian market," they said. IACC proposed that new ventures may evaluate setting up of processing units in the United States, especially in areas like defence related textiles and clothing. "This shall be a win-win situation for both the countries in a way that the basic raw materials such as yarn and fibre can be exported from India to US markets leading to value addition and employment in the US," the industry body said.

LENDER SAYS PROVISIONS AMOUNTING TO ₹189.35 CR MADE

Punjab & Sind Bank alleges ₹238-crore fraud by BPSL

Third PSU bank that has reported misappropriation by Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 17

AFTER PUNJAB National Bank (PNB) and Allahabad Bank reported frauds, public sector lender Punjab & Sind Bank Wednesday reported a Rs 238.3-crore fund misappropriation by Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd (BPSL). "On the basis of forensic audit investigation findings and CBI filing FIR, on suo moto basis, against the company and its directors, alleging diversion of funds from banking system, a fraud of Rs 238.30 crore is being reported by the bank to the RBI," the bank stated in a stock exchange filing. "In the accounts of the company, the bank has already made provisions amounting to Rs

Allahabad Bank reports ₹688 cr fraud by SEL Manufacturing

New Delhi: Allahabad Bank Wednesday said the bank has been hit by a fraud of Rs 688.27 crore by SEL Manufacturing and the matter is before the NCLT. "We have to inform that a fully provided non-performing account, SEL Manufacturing Ltd (SELM)

with outstanding dues of Rs 688.27 crore for which NCLT proceedings are in progress," Allahabad Bank said in a regulatory filing. The account has also been declared as fraud and reported to the Reserve Bank of India as per regulatory requirement, it added. PTI

189.35 crore, as per prescribed prudential norms," it added. "It has been observed that the company has misappropriated bank funds, manipulated books of accounts to raise funds from consortium lender banks. At present, the case is at NCLT which is in

advance stage and the bank expects good recovery in the account," the PSU bank said. Recently, PNB alleged that BPSL misappropriated bank funds and manipulated its books of accounts to raise funds from its consortium of lenders. Around 85

BRIEFLY

Ebiz buys Yatra for \$338 mn

Mumbai: NRI-run Ebix group Wednesday announced acquisition of domestic travel portal Yatra for an enterprise valuation of \$337.8 million via merger.

KG-D6: BP, RIL to invest \$5 bn

New Delhi: BP plc and its partner Reliance Industries (RIL) will invest \$5 billion in bringing to production three sets of natural gas fields in the Krishna Godavari basin block (KGD6) by 2022.

Miranda Mills new Goair COO

Mumbai: Goair Wednesday said it has hired Miranda Mills, a former executive of Airbus and Rolls Royce, as its chief operating officer.

To attract FDI, ease norms: IMF

Washington: Easing business climate and Relaxing trade related norms will help India attract foreign investors and improve the current account deficit situation, IMF said.

Cox & Kings shares fall 5%

New Delhi: Cox & Kings stock fell by 5 per cent Wednesday after it said it has defaulted on its repayment obligations on commercial papers worth Rs 45 crore. PTI

Mindtree Q1 net falls 41.4% to ₹92.7 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

MID-SIZED IT firm Mindtree Wednesday posted a 41.4 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 92.7 crore for the June quarter, but exuded confidence in delivering "above-industry growth rates" in 2019-20.

The company, which has been in limelight over its hostile takeover by construction major Larsen and Toubro (L&T), had registered a net profit of Rs 158.2 crore in the corresponding period of the previous financial year. Mindtree's revenues, meanwhile, rose 11.9 per cent to Rs 1,834.2 crore in the June 2019 quarter as against with Rs 1,639.5 crore in the year-ago period. "We have delivered stable results in the face of many uncertainties, reflecting the unique strengths of Mindtree. This quarter saw us achieve an all-time high contract closure which sets the pace for the rest of the year," Mindtree CEO and Managing Director Rostow Ravanani said.

Meanwhile, Mindtree on Wednesday said L&T Group Chairman A M Naik has been appointed as non-executive chairman of the IT firm

In a separate development, Mindtree on Wednesday said L&T Group Chairman A M Naik has been appointed as non-executive chairman of the IT company. The move follows the construction major acquiring over 60 per cent stake in Mindtree. "...the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors of the company at their meeting held on July 17, 2019, have appointed Anilkumar Manibhai Naik as the Non-Executive Chairman of the company with effect from July 18, 2019," Mindtree said in a filing. Naik is chairman of the \$18-billion L&T Group, an organisation he has served for over 54 years.

Cabinet approves 43 amendments to Companies Act

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

THE GOVERNMENT Wednesday approved 43 amendments to the companies law as it seeks to further strengthen the regulatory framework and ensure stricter action for violations. From de-clogging of the National Company Law Tribunal to bolstering corporate governance standards and tweaking

provisions for unspent CSR funds, a slew of changes were cleared by the Union Cabinet on Wednesday. Sources said a bill would be introduced in Parliament to carry out the 43 amendments to the Companies Act, 2013 and the bill would replace an ordinance issued this year. A total of 12 additional amendments in 11 sections of the Act are proposed to be made, in addition to amendments in 29 sections and insertion of 2 new sections carried out through

the ordinance, they added. Procedural and technical defaults would be decriminalised while compliance would be incentivised. A key change pertains to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) norms, wherein companies would be allowed to keep unspent money in another account. For companies that are not able to spend their full amount for CSR activities in ongoing projects within a particular financial year, the money can be transferred to a

CSR account. The latter amount has to be spent within the next three financial years, sources said. Any amount remaining unutilised in such CSR account would be transferred to any fund specified in Schedule VII of the Act. Besides, Section 135 would be amended to provide for a specific penal provision in case of non-compliance and authorise the corporate affairs ministry to give directions to firms for ensuring compliance with CSR provisions.

In another decision, the Cabinet on Wednesday approved loans of Rs 330.35 crore to three state-owned pharma companies, namely Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (IDPL), Rajasthan Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd (RDPL) and Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd (HAL), to help them clear employees' liabilities, and announced setting up of a ministerial panel to decide on the closure or sale of four public sector undertakings (PSUs).

Wipro Q1 net profit up 12.5% to ₹2,387.6 cr

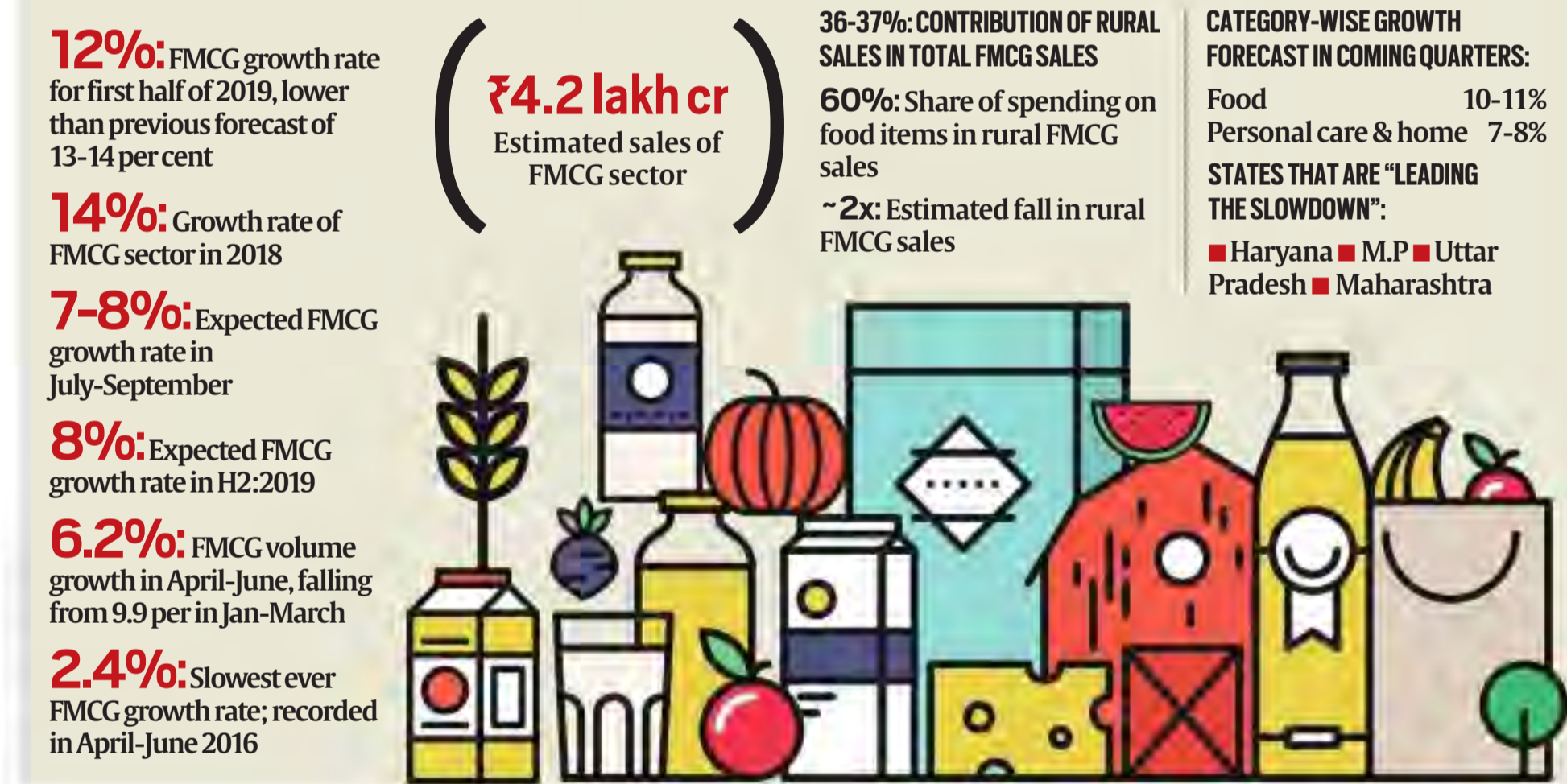
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

IT MAJOR Wipro Ltd Wednesday posted a 12.5 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 2,387.6 crore for the April-June quarter, and guided for up to 2 per cent sequential revenue growth for the July-September period. Its revenue increased by about 5.3 per cent to Rs 14,716.1 crore during the reported quarter, compared to Rs 13,977.7 crore in the year-ago period.

The Bengaluru-based company's consolidated income increased by about 5 per cent to Rs 15,566.6 crore during the reported quarter. Wipro's mainstay IT services revenue was \$2,038.8 million, up 4.3 per cent year-on-year. The company had earlier said its IT services revenues in June 2019 quarter are likely to be in the range of \$2,046 million to \$2,087 million, excluding the impact of the divestment of its Workday and Cornerstone On Demand business.

'Dip in rural demand to slow FMCG growth in 2019'

The growth rate of fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector in India will slow down in 2019, at nearly 9-10 per cent, impacted particularly by dip in rural demand, 'India FMCG Growth Snapshot' by Nielsen said



MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
through HLL INFRA TECH SERVICES LIMITED (HITES)
DOMESTIC TENDER ENQUIRY

- Procurement & Consultancy Services Division of HLL INFRA TECH SERVICES LIMITED (Subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Ltd., a Govt. of India Enterprise) for and on behalf of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, invites e-tenders from eligible and qualified tenderers for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of pre-clinical items to New AIIMS/ Institutions getting established under PMSSY Phase- IV & V.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Details	Pre-bid Meeting Date & time
1	HITES/PCD/AIIMS-IV/20/PRE-CLINICAL/19-20 dated 16.07.2019	Preclinical Items as per TED	Refer Tender Doc

- Pre Bid Meeting and Techno-commercial bid opening scheduled above will be at HLL INFRA TECH SERVICES LIMITED, Procurement & Consultancy Services Division, B-14A, Sector-62, Noida-201 307.
- A tenderer requiring any clarification on the TED may take up the same with the purchaser in writing on their letter head duly signed & send to pcd@hites.com and bmenoids@hites.com before the deadline provided in the NIT of the Tender Enquiry Document. Any queries/representations received later shall not be taken into cognizance.
- The interested tenderers shall register with the e-tendering portal of HLL and submit their bids online after logging in to their accounts at https://etender.lifecarehll.com/irj/portal.
- Interested bidders may please visit websites www.hlhites.com, www.lifecarehll.com and Public Procurement Portal (http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp) for further details. Prospective bidders are also requested to browse through these websites regularly before submission of their bids as any further amendments will be published in these websites only.
- Further corrigendum/amendments, if any, shall be published in the same websites only.

CEO (HITES)

KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
e-Tender Notice

E-Tender ID	Items	Bid submission end date
2019_KSRTC_287135_1	PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF PRE-PRICED BUS TICKETS	03.08.2019 06:30 PM

For more details visit: www.eenders.kerala.gov.in & www.keralatrans.com/tenders/source
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BRIEF NOTICE INVITING BID
Online Bids in English are invited by NLC India Limited, Neyveli for the following:

- Tender No. CO CONTS/0021H/MII/REVAMP/BWE1420/ELEC/RT/2019, Dt.: 15.07.2019 (e-Tender)**
Name of the work : MAJOR REVAMPING OF 1400 LITRE CRAWLER MOUNTED BRIDGE TYPE BWE 1420 AT MINE-II FOR ELECTRICAL PORTION.
B.G. Amount : ₹ 6,40,000/- Tender Fee : ₹ 10,000/-
Date of Tender Document available } 19.07.2019
to bidders to Download
Last date for Remitting tender fee : 19.08.2019 up to 17.00 Hrs.
Last Date & Time for receipt of Bid : 21.08.2019 up to 14.30 Hrs. (IST)
Date & Time of Bid opening (Part-I): 21.08.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. (IST)

Bids in English are invited by NLC India Limited, Neyveli for the following:

- Tender No. CO/HR/GROUP-C/0002/NHRI/PCMM/HRTRANSF/2019, Dt.: 17.07.2019**
Name of the work : ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANCY FOR PARTNERING AND HANDHOLDING NLCIL IN ACHIEVING MILESTONES AS PER HIGH LEVEL ROAD MAP PREPARED TO ACHIEVE MATURITY LEVEL 3 & 4 AS PER PEOPLE CMM V2.0 STANDARDS
Tender Fee : ₹ 5,000/-
Date of Tender Document available } 23.07.2019
to bidders to Download
Last Date & Time for receipt of Bid : 23.08.2019 up to 14.30 Hrs. (IST)
Date & Time of Bid opening (Part-I): 23.08.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. (IST)
Pre Bid Conference at 11.00 Hrs. at Conference Hall of Corporate Contracts Division, Corporate Office, } Sl. No.1 : On 02.08.2019
Sl. No.2 : On 03.08.2019
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES (e-Tender Notices Sl.No.1 to 6)

Sl.No.	Tender Ref./Scope of supplies & Qty. reqd.
1.	UNIT : M.M. COMPLEX : ENQ/19-20/000908/MM02 (07), Dt. 04.07.2019. BTR. CLAMP. Qty.: 150000 Nos. Due date of opening : 05.08.2019
2.	ENQ/19-20/000972/MM19 (01), Dt. 10.07.2019 : Procurement of refractory castable (single item) Due date of opening : 07.08.2019
3.	ENQ/19-20/000993/MM22 (01), Dt. 11.07.2019. Remote monitoring of real time status of Electrical data using GSM gate way & cloud based data acquisition system of Conveyor Drive head station. Qty.: 3 Nos. Due date of opening : 05.08.2019
4.	ENQ/19-20/000977/MM02 (07), Dt. 11.07.2019 : Pressure Rollers Qty.: 2000 Nos. Due date of opening : 12.08.2019
5.	ENQ/19-20/000998/MM05 (05) Dt. 12.07.2019 : Procurement of 29 items of Turbine spares. Due date of opening : 14.08.2019
6.	ENQ No. 19-20/001012/MM03 (06) Dt. 15.07.2019 : Undercarriage spares as Set for Russian Pipe Layers of Model TG-503. Due date of opening : 16.08.2019

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Nagar Parishad Anjangaon Surji, Dist.Amravati (Maharashtra) CORRIGENDUM
Nagar Parishad Anjangaon Surji Published tender notice on dated 27.06.2019 regarding Construction of pool under specific fund. But due to some administrative reason the said tender notice has been cancelled. Please take note for the same.
Chief Officer

Tender for supply of stone aggregates in A & N Islands
Following e-tenders are invited for procurement, supply and stacking of stone aggregates of various sizes in A & N Islands, India, from outside A & N Islands (including foreign Countries):

Sl. No.	Place of supply	Quantity (in cbm)
1.	Port Blair & Little Andaman	2,25,000
2.	Mayabunder, Middle Andaman	2,00,000
3.	Car Nicobar, Kamorta and Campbell Bay	1,25,000

Detailed terms & conditions may be downloaded from www.and.nic.in and https://eproc.andaman.gov.in
A pre bid meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on 26.07.2019 at conference hall, Megapode Resort, Port Blair. The last date for submission of tender is 3.00 pm on 19.08.2019.

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Irregularities: Whistleblower claims being probed, says Yes Bank

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 17

YES BANK is in the process of carrying out an enquiry into a whistleblower's allegations of irregularities in operations, potential conflicts of interest concerning a former chief and incorrect classification of non-performing assets, the bank said Wednesday. The bank became aware of an anonymous whistleblower complaint in September 2018, through communications from stock exchanges. The private lender's management then conducted an internal enquiry of these allegations under the supervision by the bank's board of directors. The enquiry resulted in a report that was reviewed by the board. Based on further inputs, the bank's audit committee engaged an external firm to independently examine the matter. FE

Discoms allowed to get power after giving one day purchase guarantee

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 17

ABOUT A month after the government approved the implementation of the payment security mechanism, the Union ministry on Wednesday, allowed distribution companies (discoms) to receive power even if they provide advance guarantee for "at least one day's purchases of electricity". Power Minister RK Singh, on June 28, had made it mandatory for discoms to open and maintain adequate letter of credit (LC) as payment security to private power plants. The relaxation comes after sector experts cautioned that the move could push financially weak discoms to report lower than actual power demand or resort to load-shedding. Discoms, which are not in their best health, would have to create LC for about Rs 30,000 crore before August 2019, if the circular has to be implemented, India

Ratings had estimated. The research firm had also said that discoms' erratic payment behaviour could subject LC issuance to even 100 per cent margin back-up. "The LC may be opened as per the power purchase agreement," a power ministry circular about the procedural guidelines of the payment security system said on Wednesday. "However, the discom may open an LC for a shorter duration say for supply corresponding to one week or fortnight," the order added. If the discoms finds it difficult to issue an LC, it may make advance payments for one day's power and receive electricity. Discoms' dues to power producers stood at Rs 35,845 crore at end of April, up 30 per cent from a year earlier, and 58 per cent of these were "over-dues" with payment default of 60 days or more. The June order also makes sure that discoms cannot arm-twist generators by threatening to buy power from alternative sources. FE

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E-tender notification on Mangaluru Smart City Limited Projects.
Advt. No.46/2019-20 Date:17/07/2019

Mangaluru Smart City limited invites the Tender for the below mentioned project. Interested bidders may obtain required details from the e-procurement website of Karnataka (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Indent No. UDD/2019-20/OW/WORK_INDENT 872
Name of Work: SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF (FIXED SYSTEM) BASED AMR/AMI ULTRASONIC SMART WATER METERS AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.
Approx. Tender amount: Rs. 827.00 Lakhs, EMD amount: Rs. 12.50 Lakhs, Execution period: 1 year (Including 3 Months DLP period), Last date for submission of tender: 20.08.2019.

Pre-bid meeting is scheduled on 31.07.2019 at 11:00am in MSCSL office, Lalbagh, Mangaluru. Technical bid opening date: 21.08.2019 at 5:30pm. The bidders have to participate through online procurement only. The website for "online bidding" is http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Any modification for above tender will be notified through e-procurement portal only. For Further details regarding the tender please contact Executive Engineer, MSCSL, Mangaluru during office hours or over phone 0824-2986321 and also from website www.mangalurusmartcity.net or https://smartnet.niu.a.org Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mangaluru Smart City Limited, Mangaluru

aaavin THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
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Telephone : 044-23464500. Fax: 044-23464505. E-mail: aaavind@aaavin.org
REF NO: 9976/PROJ.3/2019
TENDER NOTICE Dated: 12.07.2019

The TCMPP Ltd., invite **TWO PART TENDERS / RETENDERS** by way of **OFF LINE / E-SUBMISSION** from the reputed Manufacturers / suppliers for turnkey project for design, supply, installation, testing and Commissioning of following Items / Works for various District Unions.

Sl. No.	Name of the Items / Works	Document sale	Pre-bid Meeting	Tender Submission upto	Technical Bid Opening
1	6000LPD capacity New Ice Cream Plant at Salem	22.07.2019 to 26.08.2019 at 11.30 AM	27.08.2019 upto 02.00 PM	27.08.2019 at 2.15 PM	
2	50MTPD capacity New Cattle Feed Plant at Virudhunagar	22.07.2019 to 08.08.2019 at 11.30 AM	09.08.2019 upto 02.00 PM	09.08.2019 at 2.15 PM	
3	12MTPD capacity New Mineral Mixture Plant at Dharmapuri	22.07.2019 to 08.08.2019 at 11.30 AM	09.08.2019 upto 02.00 PM	09.08.2019 at 2.15 PM	

Document sale time 11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M., all Mentioned above date, cost - Rs. 2,000.00 + 18% GST and Rs 100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and other details, refer website www.tenders.in.gov.in and www.aaavinmilk.com for off line / www.tntenders.gov.in for E-submission
Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost.
DIPR/ 2469 /TENDER/ 2019 MANAGING DIRECTOR

'Consensus among G7 ministers to tackle Libra'

Paris: G7 ministers meeting in France on Wednesday agreed on the need to confront the emergence of digital currencies following Facebook's plans to launch its Libra digital coin, a French G7 presidency source said on Wednesday. Speaking after the first two days of discussions in Chantilly, north of Paris, the source said there was "a very large consensus on the need to act quickly". The source added that there was also unanimous agreement around the table on the need for minimum corporate taxation although it was still too early to agree on a specific rate. REUTERS

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TRACKING THE CHANGING INDIA IN ITS VILLAGES

SUGARCANE DUES

A Maha-Glut problem

The Devendra Fadnavis government has left no stone unturned to ensure payment by mills, but growers aren't too impressed

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, JULY 17

MAHARASHTRA'S ASSEMBLY elections are due in October, which is also when the next 2019-20 sugar season takes off. "The current unpaid dues to our cane growers will be cleared well before that," says Shekhar Gaikwad, the state's sugar commissioner, who has issued 74 recovery orders against 58 mills this year.

That threat — of auctioning the properties of the defaulting mills and recovering their cane dues as arrears of land revenue — has seemingly worked. As on July 15, Maharashtra's mills had paid Rs 22,367.53 crore out of the Rs 23,173.29 crore of dues to growers, based on the fair and remunerative price (FRP) of cane fixed by the Centre for the 2018-19 sugar year (October-September). It translates into arrears of Rs 805.76 crore or 3.5 per cent.

These figures are much better compared with the other big sugar state, Uttar Pradesh. Mills there had, until July 12, made payments of Rs 23,819.98 crore, as against the Rs 33,036.54 crore value of cane at the state government's "advised" price for 2018-19. The arrears, thus, worked out to a whopping Rs 9,216.56 crore or 27.9 per cent, with very little signs of their being discharged before the coming crushing season.

While the Devendra Fadnavis government in Maharashtra can claim satisfaction

for doing everything possible to ensure payment by mills — and before state polls, hardly three months away — that sentiment isn't really echoed on the ground.

"We were paid in three installments during 2017-18, which is also the case this season. But last year's FRP was Rs 2,922.52 per tonne (net of harvesting and transport expenses from the field charged by the factory) and we got Rs 200 on top of that. This time, we only got the FRP of Rs 2,978.19 per tonne and even that has come in three installments," points out Abhinandan Patil, who farms sugarcane on eight and vegetables in the rest of his 10-acre holding at Tambave village of Sangli district's Walva taluka. "There's little we can do because the mill has technically paid what is due to us. It's another thing that the price is lower than last year's, despite our cost of fertiliser, diesel, labour and other inputs rising," sighs the 26-year-old, who has supplied about 500 tonnes of cane to the Rajarambapu Patil cooperative sugar factory.

This mill, controlled by former Maharashtra minister and senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Jayantrao Patil, has a history of paying its farmers at least Rs 150-200 per tonne more than the government's statutory minimum rate. The normal practice by factories, especially the ones relatively well-managed, has been to give the FRP as first installment within 14 days of taking cane delivery, followed by another by around April (after the end of crushing op-



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erations) and a third one close to Diwali (just before the next season's start). These additional installments are dependent on profits, including from sale of byproducts such as molasses/alcohol and bagasse/co-generated power.

However, this time round, only 10 out of Maharashtra's 195 mills have paid marginally higher than the FRP, which varies across factories and is linked to their individual sugar recovery from cane. Most have made even the FRP payments in installments, in violation of the mandatory 14-day rule. Major FRP defaulters include the Tatyasaheb Kore Warana cooperative in Kolhapur, the Vaidyanath cooperative in Beed (linked to the current BJP state rural development minister Pankaja Munde) and the Lokmangal group's three mills in Solapur and Osmanabad (belonging to the minister for cooperation and textiles Subhash Deshmukh).

Mills attribute their faltering in cane payments to a supply glut in sugar and associated liquidity crunch. Maharashtra factories crushed 952.11 lakh tonnes (lt) of cane in 2018-19 and produced a record 107.21 lt sugar, over and above the previous year's 107.10 lt. "Last season, we paid Rs 200 more than our FRP. This year, we could give just the FRP, that too, in installments and after availing the Centre's soft loan scheme," admits Balasaheb Patil, NCP legislator and chairman of the Sahyadri cooperative sugar factory at Karad in Satara district.

The Narendra Modi government had, on February 28, approved a scheme of soft loans from banks of up to Rs 10,540 crore for mills to clear their FRP dues. The Centre would bear the interest cost to the extent of 10 per cent on these loans for one year. 172 mills in Maharashtra, which had discharged a minimum 25 per cent of their outstanding dues for

2018-19, were found eligible to borrow a total of Rs 3,382.06 crore. Banks have disbursed Rs 2,510.64 crore out of that to 119 mills.

But the soft loan has provided only temporary respite to Patil's mill that is now saddled with unsold sugar stocks of 2.5 lt, including from last year's production. "I am yet to sell anything from this season's output of 1.65 lt. Also, banks aren't extending working capital, as we have already exhausted our credit limits. There's no money to even carry out maintenance work of the plant or pre-book the harvesting labour for the coming season," he notes.

Patil's predicament is shared by Madhavrao Ghatge, chairman of Shri Gurudatt Sugars Ltd. His factory at Kolhapur's Shirol taluka, too, paid Rs 200 per tonne more than its FRP for 2017-18, but not in the current season. "We can only pay from sugar sales. How are we to do that today,

when the Centre has fixed maximum monthly sale quotas for each mill, along with a minimum ex-factory price of Rs 31,000 per tonne?," he asks. Ghatge claims many factories have defaulted on salary payments as well, while demanding that the government provide a Rs 500 per tonne subsidy for cane to be crushed in the 2019-20 season.

The only saving grace, ironically, is that Maharashtra's sugar production in 2019-20 is forecast to dip to 70 lt or so, thanks to drought-induced cane area and yield reductions. However, with the output in other states relatively unaffected, the Indian Sugar Mills Association sees the country's overall production touching 282 lt, against the current year's 329.5 lt. And with all-time-high opening stocks of 145 lt and domestic consumption of 260-270 lt, the industry's problems aren't going away even after the October state elections.

A new mandi tax

A 2% TDS on cash withdrawals beyond Rs 1 crore may hit the farm trade hard

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ONE OF the 2019-20 Union Budget's less-discussed proposals, having significant implications for agricultural trade, is the levy of a 2% TDS (tax deducted at source) on cash withdrawals exceeding Rs 1 crore in a year from any bank account.

The levy — aimed at promoting "digital payments" and a "less cash economy", to quote Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman — comes on top of two earlier measures in the 2017-18 budget.

The first one, via an amendment to section 40A (3) of the Income Tax Act, discouraged cash payment above Rs 10,000 to any person in a single day, by not allowing it as deduction in the computation of income from profits and gains of business. However, this provision was explicitly stated as not applicable to payments made to producers for purchase of farm, horticulture, livestock, fish and forest produce.

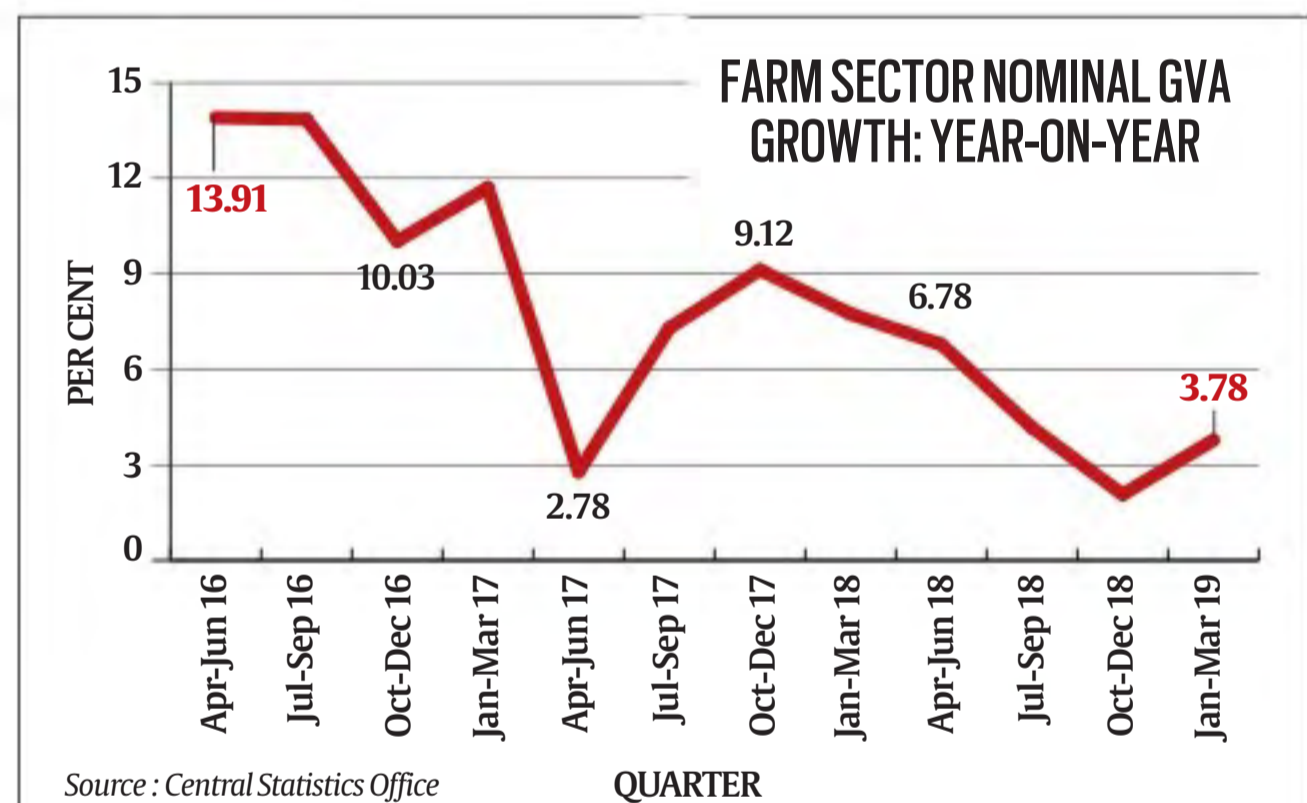
The second was the introduction of a new section 269ST, prohibiting any person from receiving Rs 2 lakh or more in cash in a single day. This section, read with the previously noted amendment, made it clear that nothing stopped farmers from being paid in cash for sale of produce valued at below Rs 2 lakh. Moreover, nor would the trader be disallowed any expenditure under section 40A (3) in respect of cash payment above Rs 10,000 made to farmers for purchase of their crop.

The relatively harmless 2017-18 budget measures — notwithstanding reports of traders wrongly denying cash payment above Rs 10,000 to farmers, when the daily limit was actually Rs 2 lakh — may well be neutralised, though, by the proposed 2% TDS levy through a newly inserted section 194N.

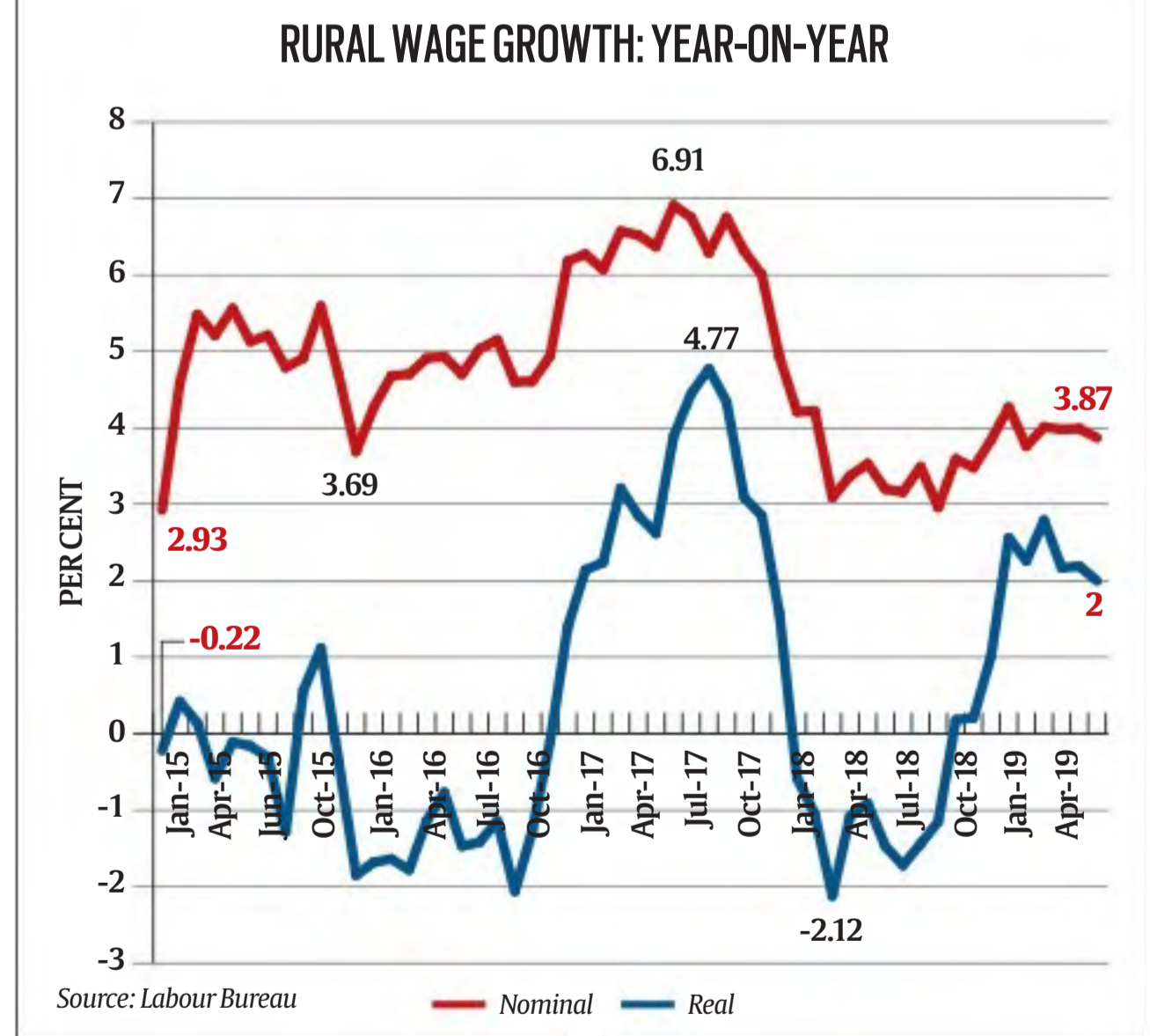
"An average trader here buys 1,000 bags of soyabean or *chana* daily from some 30 farmers during the peak marketing season, which is about 120 days of the year. At Rs 4,000/bag, his daily purchase is worth Rs 40 lakh. Some buy even 3,000 bags, working out to Rs 1.2 crore of cash payments to farmers in a single day. If TDS is paid on withdrawals exceeding Rs one crore in a year, when this amount covers only 2-3 days of the trader's purchases, that cost will obviously be passed on to the farmer," says Jitendra Agarwal, secretary of the Anaj Tilhan Vyapari Sangh at the Chimanganj wholesale market in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

But it is not just agricultural produce. Trade in livestock is also overwhelmingly cash-based. A typical buffalo meat abattoir-cum-processing plant handling 1,000-1,500 animals daily procures these from 10-15 registered suppliers. While payments to them may be through RTGS bank fund transfer, they, however, source their stock of 100-150 animals per day from primary village-level aggregators or *vyaparis*. The latter are, in turn, paid in cash. At Rs 20,000/buffalo, it translates into Rs 20-30 lakh of daily cash withdrawals by the registered supplier.

"A 2% tax, deducted from the supplier's bank account when his cash withdrawals cross Rs one crore, comes to Rs 400 per animal. He will recover this by paying Rs 400 less to the *vyapari*, who would, then, do the same to the farmer selling his spent buffalo," points



Source: Central Statistics Office



Source: Labour Bureau

out Fauzan Alavi, vice president, All India Meat & Livestock Exporters Association.

The ultimate impact of this would be on liquidity: Much of produce trading in India is cash-based and financed through a chain of *mandi* intermediaries, input dealers, retailers and primary processors. Anecdotal evidence suggests that this traditional agro-commercial capital was dealt a body blow, first by demonetisation in November 2016 and the assorted restrictions on cash transactions that followed. It has hit both liquidity and sentiment in the *mandis*, contributing to price crash/deflation in many farm commodities.

Chart 1 shows that the annual growth in 'nominal' gross value added from agriculture — which factors in both production and price increases — has fallen to low single digits since April-June 2017. This has had a knock-on effect on rural wages as well. After rising initially despite demonetisation — partly because of increased farm labour demand from

a good monsoon that followed two consecutive drought years — the all-India average growth in wages for rural male workers slumped from October 2017. They have since remained at below 4% in nominal and 2-2.5% in real terms (Chart 2).

"Moving towards a less-cash economy is desirable in the long run. But the 2% TDS levy will certainly create disruptions in the short term," adds Alavi. Interestingly, the Finance Bill has sought to exempt certain categories of individuals/organisations from the proposed levy on cash withdrawals in excess of Rs 1 crore. That includes government departments, banks, banking correspondents, white-label ATM operators and "such other person or class of persons" that the Centre may "specify in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India". Whether traders dealing in primary produce, and whose cash purchases are backed by appropriate *mandi bhugtan patra* (payment slips), would be added remains to be seen.

It pays to pay farmers to fix free power problem

Punjab's novel 'Save water, Earn money' solution for its Rs 6,000-crore annual subsidy bill

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KARAMJIT SINGH Rai is a rare Punjab farmer who has a digital electricity meter installed on his tubewell — and is unhappy his consumption didn't get billed during the last rabi wheat season from October 20 to June 19. "The meter developed some technical staff. I had made repeat complaints to the PSPCL (Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd) field staff. But they replaced it only 15 days back, when my current kharif paddy crop had been transplanted," says the 75-year-old from Khusrapur village in Jalandhar district.

During the 2018 kharif season, Rai earned Rs 12,904 from "saving" 3,226 units (kilowatt-hours) of electricity as per the meter reading on his 10-horsepower motor tubewell. Between June 20 to October 19 — the period from transplantation to harvesting of paddy — it consumed only 4,774 units, as against the 8,000 units that he was entitled to under the Punjab government's 'Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao' (Save water, earn money) or PBPK scheme.

"This is a great programme, where we get paid for saving electricity and water. Also, I could significantly reduce water use and still comfortably irrigate the paddy on my seven-acre holding", states Rai, who is disappointed for not being able to earn during the last wheat season as well.

PBPK was launched in kharif 2018 as a pilot project, covering six out of Punjab's 5,700-odd agricultural power feeders. Under it, farmers, instead of being supplied free power for their tubewells, were given the option of installing meters and not paying anything for up to 200 units of consumption per HP per month during kharif. While they had to pay for beyond 200 units — this limit was lower, at 50 units, for rabi, since the water requirement of wheat is roughly a fourth of paddy's — the scheme's uniqueness, though, was in their also being rewarded for consuming below the maximum free quota. Thus, for the 3,226 units less electricity that Rai's 10-HP tubewell consumed during the four-month kharif season, PSPCL made a direct benefit transfer of Rs 12,904 (@Rs 4/unit) to his bank account.

In all, 173 farmers participated in the PBPK scheme during kharif 2018 and saved 176,247 units of electricity worth Rs 704,988. In the rabi season, the number of farmers went up to 273 and they together earned Rs 868,932 from saving 217,233 units.

"I am now using water and electricity very carefully, as there is money to be made from it. Moreover, my paddy or wheat yields haven't fallen either," notes Ram Kishan from



Farmer Ram Kishan stands next to his metered electric tubewell in Muradpur Jattan village of Hoshiarpur, Punjab. Anju Agnihotri Chaba

Muradpur Jattan village in Hoshiarpur district's Mukerian tehsil. This two-acre farmer with a 5-HP motor tubewell consumed 1,734 units during last kharif, as against his entitlement of 3,200 units for the four months (the maximum monthly limit per HP was set at 160 units in the Mukerian feeder, due to the area's higher water table that requires less power to draw). He could, thus, earn Rs 5,864, apart from another Rs 4,500 or so during the rabi season.

Encouraged by the farmer response, the Punjab government has extended the programme to 250 feeders in the current kharif season. A Venu Prasad, principal secretary of Punjab's power department, expects at least a quarter of the 20,000-25,000 consumers connected to these feeders to sign up this year.

While there's no lack of prospective applicants, a major stumbling block that PSPCL has encountered in the course of implementation is tubewell ownership: In many cases, the connections are not the names of the actual users. Joginder Singh cultivates 10 acres that includes land belonging to his brother. "I am keen to apply. But the 10-HP tubewell I have is in his name and he wants an equal share of the payments under PBPK," complains this farmer from Dhanoya village of Mukerian.

The above problem is seemingly not unique to him. Punjab has over 14 lakh agricultural tubewells with electricity connections, many of them several years old. In quite a few cases, the owners aren't even alive or happen to be non-resident Indians who have given out their land, with the tubewells, on lease. Installing meters requires owners' permission or transfer of connection to the actual cultivators. The latter may be possible from one generation to another within the same family, but not many are willing if

the land has been leased out to outsiders. "We are working out a solution, based on certification of cultivation (of the particular holding with the tubewell) by the *patwari* (land record officer) and *nambardar* (village headman). In the meantime, our effort is to enlist as many farmers, especially those with clear connections in their name," a top PSPCL official tells *The Indian Express*.

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, in its latest tariff order passed on May 27, has estimated the state's agricultural power consumption at 11,849.96 million units in 2017-18, 11,110.63 million units in 2018-19 and 11,521 million units in 2019-20. The farm sector accounted for nearly 23 per cent of the total energy sales of 48,806 million units in Punjab last year. The Commission also worked out the total subsidy on farm power consumption payable by the state government at Rs 6,084.17 crore in 2017-18, Rs 5,733.28 crore in 2018-19 and Rs 6,060.27 crore for 2019-20.

In addition to fiscal costs, free farm power has had huge environmental implications. With the state's average subsoil water levels falling by more than 50 cm every year, a recent Central Ground Water Board report has warned about Punjab turning into a "desert" within the next 25 years. Besides seeking to address the problem through an incentivisation approach, PBPK is expected to provide a clearer picture of the actual power consumption by farmers. "Right now, what we have are estimates based on the energy pumped into feeders and not at the point of consumption. Nobody knows how much of this so-called free agricultural power is being diverted to other users, who are benefiting from subsidy given in the name of the farmer. That's why we need metering in the first place," concedes a PSPCL official. And that itself is a good beginning.

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SECURITY

Safe or sorry

Rethinking supply chains in an era of cyber-attacks and protectionism

MULTINATIONAL FIRMS have come a long way in the decades since the emergence of supply-chain management. A sclerotic and retrospective set of disjointed processes has formalised into a proper discipline. Decisions based on gut instincts and relationships are increasingly made using data. As a result, supply chains are getting shorter, faster and smarter.

Unfortunately, they are not yet getting much safer. This matters because the world economy is becoming more dangerous for MNCs. Global supply chains are facing three immediate threats today: the Huawei problem, cyber-security attacks and tariff wars. Tomorrow's threats, which include climate change, could be worse.

What should firms do in response to American hostility towards Huawei? MNC bosses must balance security concerns and the need to follow American law against cost pressures and a desire to retain access to Chinese innovations and consumer markets. Though President Donald Trump indicated on June 29th that he would loosen restrictions on sales of American technology to Huawei, the Chinese firm remains a legal pariah. Its activities in America have been curtailed by executive order, and Congress has curbed its sales to defence contractors. The Eurasia Group, a risk consultancy, reckons that the truce agreed by Mr Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, at the end of June does not provide "a sustainable solution for Huawei".

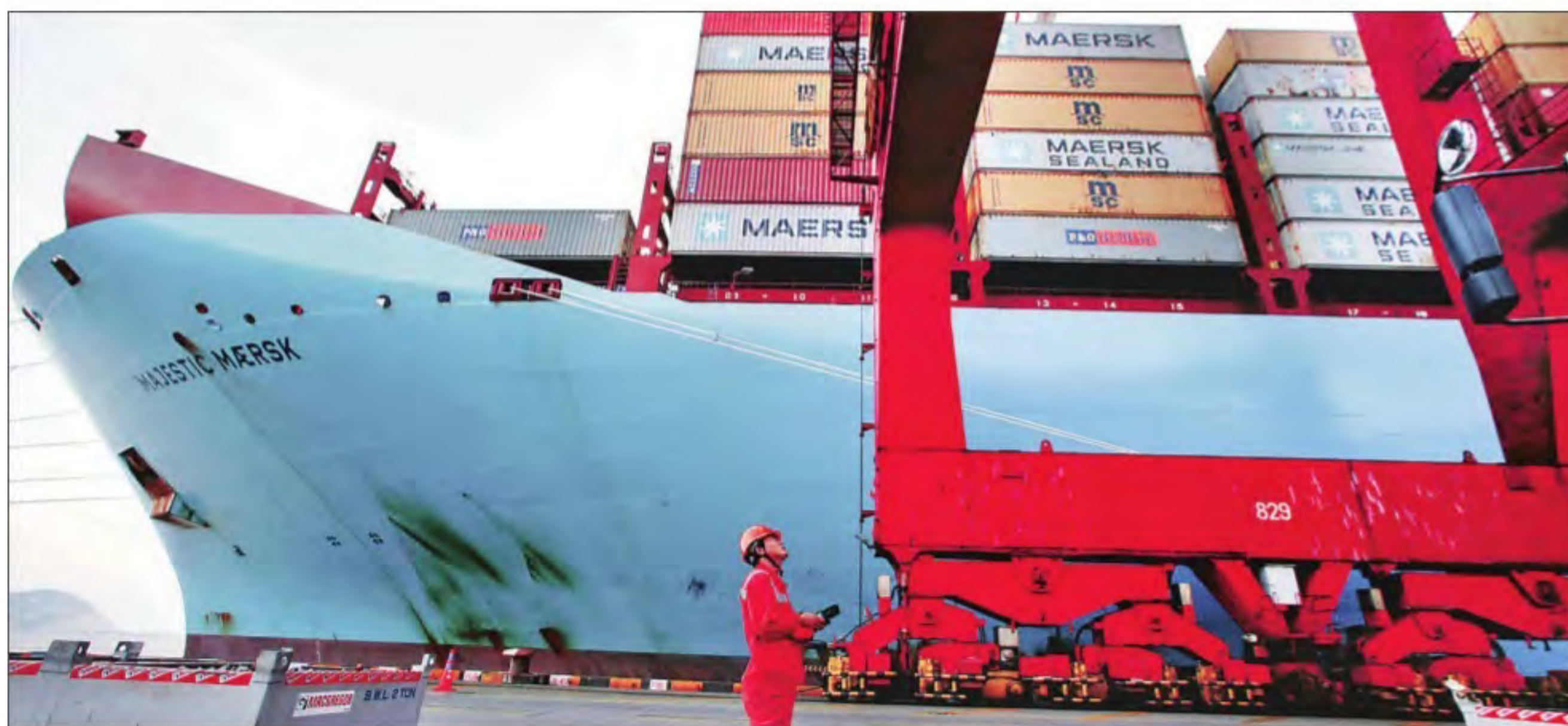
The Huawei blacklisting could be dropped completely as part of a final trade bargain. Last year Mr Trump decided to grant a last-minute reprieve to ZTE, another Chinese telecoms-equipment firm. But even if that happens in this case, Huawei is likely to have an enduring effect on global supply chains.

For one thing, it has served as China's Sputnik moment. The current generation of Communist Party leaders came to power in the age of China's economic symbiosis with America. To their shock, Mr Trump's economic nationalism and attacks on China have won over America's corporate elite.

Now that faith in interdependence is shattered, Chinese leaders will invest heavily to accelerate "indigenous innovation", just as American leaders did following Russia's launch of the Sputnik rocket in 1957. They will push home-grown operating systems and technical standards, and direct vast resources and the country's sharpest minds to developing advanced technologies. Many bets will flop but others will pay off, even if they take decades (as is likely in the case of advanced semiconductors).

That points to another likely effect of the Huawei troubles. There is bound to be an acceleration in the slow unravelling that is already under way of the complex supply chains that linked China to America. For example, Mr Trump issued an executive order in May that restricted sales of some foreign telecoms-networking kit. This is part of a broader policy review that may ultimately require future communications technologies sold in America to be manufactured domestically.

The cost of ripping apart efficient supply chains (especially in electronics) and replacing them with more expensive substitutes



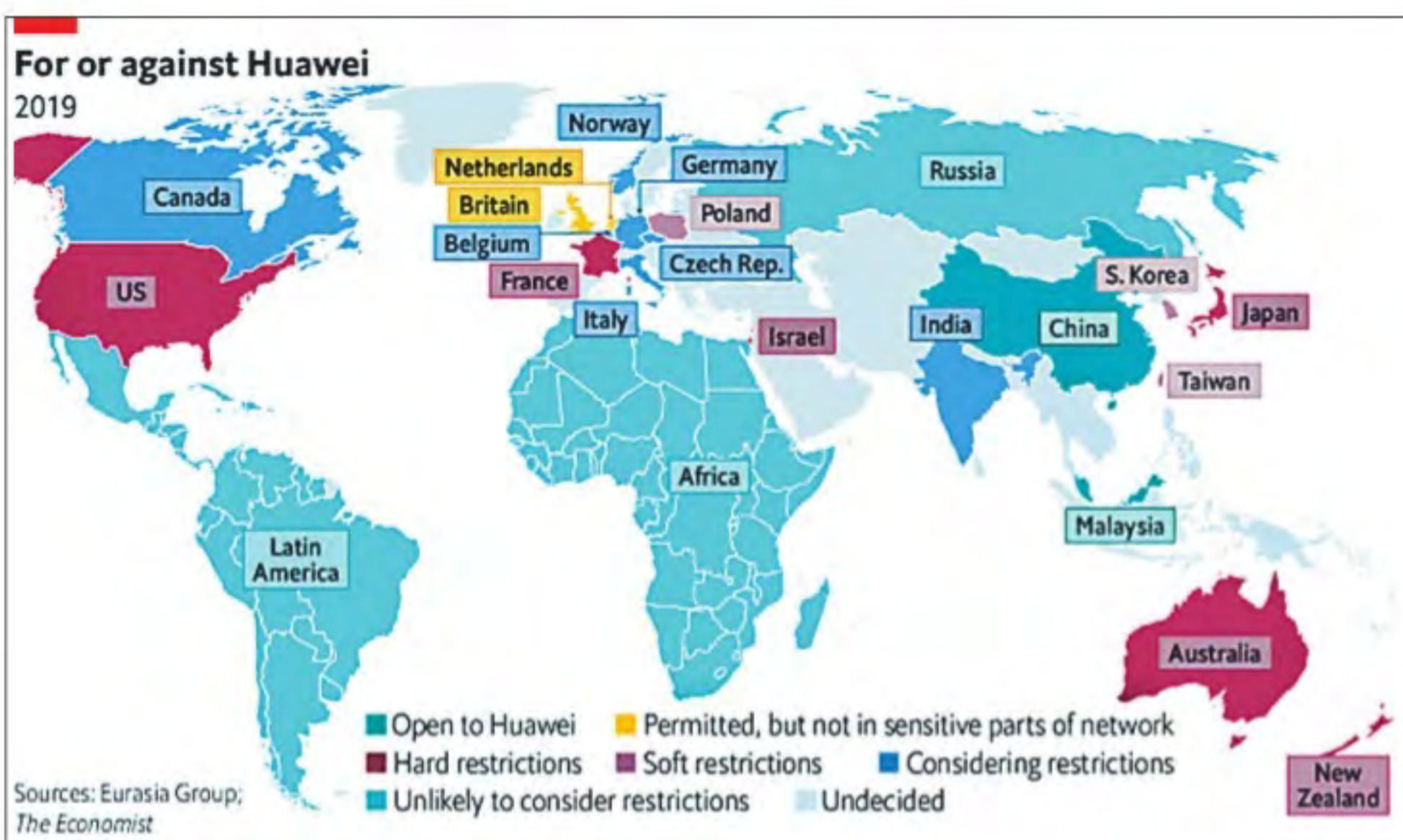
Maersk's giant container ship at the Yangshan Deep Water Port in Shanghai, China. A single bit of Russian malware, known as NotPetya, in a Ukrainian office led to the shutdown of Maersk's shipping operations at many ports in 2017, costing as much as \$300 million. Reuters

would inevitably be paid by consumers, through higher prices and lost innovation, but also by firms and shareholders, through lower profits and reduced capacity to invest in future. There may also be macroeconomic costs. By the OECD's reckoning, the rise of hyper-efficient global value chains kept producer-price inflation and real-wage growth in check, and boosted productivity levels across advanced economies by nearly 0.6% per year.

Yet another effect concerns the rollout of 5G networks. This technology is the essential enabler of the internet of things, smart factories and digital supply chains. The Huawei fallout could lead to the bifurcation of global markets into two incompatible 5G camps (see map). Paul Triolo of Eurasia Group thinks it will "force countries and companies to choose sides between America and China in the tech cold war".

In this scenario, Sweden's Ericsson, Finland's Nokia and South Korea's Samsung would supply a pricier network comprised of kit made outside China to serve customers allied with the United States. For example, Australia's government, which is close to American intelligence agencies, banned Chinese 5G kit last year. Huawei would build a cheaper network for those countries less worried about China. Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's prime minister, declared in May that his country plans to use Huawei "as much as possible" even if there "may be some spying".

As for cyber-security threats, they have gone from a distant danger to the enemy within. A single bit of Russian malware, known as NotPetya, in a Ukrainian office led to the shutdown of Maersk's shipping operations at many ports in 2017, costing as much



as \$300m. Research by Zac Rogers of Colorado State University and Thomas Choi of Arizona State University suggests that over 60% of the reported cyber-attacks on publicly traded American firms in 2017 were launched through the computer systems of suppliers or contractors, up from less than a quarter in 2010.

Stuart Madnick of MIT's Sloan Business School believes that the rollout of 5G networks and the arrival of the internet of things

could produce the next great cyber-crisis because firms are rushing suppliers to get whizzy devices onto the market without first incorporating proper cyber-security into the design. "The worst is yet to come," he warns.

The biggest question for company bosses today is how firms should rethink supply chains in an era of protectionism. The conventional wisdom is to invest in "resilience" by diversifying suppliers, building additional manufacturing plants, keeping bigger stocks

and so on. In practice, though, bosses need to weigh carefully the costs involved in complex hedging strategies against promised benefits. Flex's Tom Linton rejects the notion of resilience, which he considers a euphemism for expensive redundancy, in favour of speed: "I could drive to work in a tank if I wanted to be resilient, but it would take me for ever."

That is an extreme position. Others point to nuanced strategies that will require bosses

Oakeshott, has fed theories that this is all part of the battle over Brexit. Sir Kim was Britain's permanent representative to the European Union and national security adviser before he went to Washington in 2016, and is seen as a Europhile. Suspicions range from Russian mischief-making to the even more unsettling idea that a British leaker hoped to ensure a more Brexit-friendly person is appointed ambassador after Theresa May steps down as prime minister later this month.

If Mr Trump had his way, Britain would have long ago appointed Nigel Farage, the Brexit Party leader, as its man in Washington. After news of the leak broke on July 7th, the president made his views about Sir Kim plain. "The ambassador has not served the UK well, I can tell you that," he said. "We will no longer deal with him," he later tweeted. For good measure, the president rubbished Mrs May's handling of Brexit ("What a mess she and her representatives have created") and looked forward to her replacement. He described Sir Kim as "wacky" and "a pompous fool". In fact the ambassador had been seen in Washington as a capable figure who was well liked by members of the Trump administration.

Back home, Britain rallied behind its man, though the government distanced itself from his views. Mrs May insisted she had "full faith" in Sir Kim. In a televised debate on July 9th between the two rivals to succeed her, Jeremy Hunt, the foreign secretary, said that as prime minister he would keep Sir Kim in his job until he was due to retire at the end of the year. But Mr Johnson, supposedly the champion of taking back control, avoided any such commitment, instead saying meekly that the relationship with America was of "fantastic importance". This was enough to persuade Sir Kim he could not stay.

Mr Johnson "has basically thrown our top diplomat under the bus", said Sir Alan Duncan, a Foreign Office minister. Sir John Major, a former prime minister, warned Mr Johnson that loyalty to civil servants was a "two-way street". Meanwhile Sir Simon McDonald, the Foreign Office's top civil servant, told a committee of MPs that more leaks

to roll up their sleeves and learn by doing. Laurent Chevreux and colleagues at A.T. Kearney, a consultancy, argue that firms must be ready to pivot quickly, ensuring that modernisation of supply chains does not simply digitise old ways of thinking and hinder adaptability. Justin Rose and Martin Reeves of the Boston Consulting Group encourage firms to look at advanced manufacturing technologies, especially flexible robotics and automation, which might make supply chains safer by allowing firms to bring them closer to home.

For urgent action

In conclusion, the great convergence that produced a golden age for MNCs is now unravelling. This will force companies to ask hard questions about investment decisions taken in the past, and may undo some of the global supply chains developed over the past few decades. This reconsideration must be taken on as an urgent strategic task by the people occupying executive suites, rather than delegated to bean-counters in cubicles.

The traditional approach to building supply-chain resilience assumed that the threat would be a natural disaster that forced some capacity offline. So companies have mapped potential supply risks, run disaster scenarios and invested in "business continuity" solutions that generally involve duplicating capacity.

However, this mindset is inadequate for dealing with trade wars. Tariffs imposed today can be removed next month, but factories cannot be moved around so fast. The task now is to redesign supply chains so that they can respond to geopolitics more quickly. This will require many firms to speed up cycle times for inventory. They must also shift from a default bias for efficient global suppliers on the assumption of a low-tariff world towards more local (and possibly pricier) sourcing, which may provide a buffer during tariff battles. However, excessive concentration also brings risks, so managers must invest wisely.

Firms must also take steps to guard against cyber-risks, which are growing. Ryan Kalember of Proofpoint, an American cyber-security firm, notes that this will be exacerbated by 5G, where many of the vendors involved have a history of shipping code with bugs in it. Mr Madnick recommends big firms conduct security audits of supply-chain partners, vendors and takeover targets to sniff out cyber-vulnerabilities.

Many companies will struggle with the question of what to do with legacy manufacturing assets and opaque supplier networks developed in a bygone era. Others may adopt a wait-and-see attitude, hoping that the current storms will pass and that the heady globalisation of yesteryear will return. The most dynamic firms will find creative ways to chart a path through today's challenging terrain and seize competitive advantage.

After all, as this special report has made clear, supply chains are no longer merely cost centres. The best firms are already wielding shorter, faster and smarter supply chains as potent weapons. The next challenge will be to make them safer as well. It would be foolish to venture onto this battlefield unarmed.

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FOREIGN POLICY

A specially strained relationship

Britain humbled after Donald Trump pushes out its ambassador

"THE CURRENT situation is making it impossible for me to carry out my role as I would like." Thus did Sir Kim Darroch resign as Britain's ambassador to Washington, the country's top diplomatic post, on July 10th. His departure came days after the Mail on Sunday published a selection of his cables that were highly critical of President Donald Trump. In the end, Sir Kim was undone by a one-two from the West's leading populist duo, Mr Trump himself and his apprentice, Boris Johnson, Britain's probable next prime minister. The former froze him out of dealing with the American government, before the latter refused to back him.

The furore will test the "special relationship", on which Western defence is founded, as it has not been tested for many years. Few can remember a time when the ambassador of a close ally was so humiliated by an American president. It has also sparked a domestic political storm. Just when it should be preparing for a post-Brexit "Global Britain", the Foreign Office finds itself fighting fires both at home and in the countries it most needs to cultivate.

In truth Sir Kim's cables, covering a period from 2017 to 2019, revealed little that had not been said frequently in the press. Still, they made juicy reading. The ambassador called Mr Trump's administration "dysfunctional" and "diplomatically clumsy and inept". Reports of "vicious infighting and chaos" inside the White House were judged to be "mostly true". Mr Trump "radiates insecurity". And Sir Kim warned that, although the



Sir Kim Darroch (centre) at the Trump-May press conference at the White House in 2017. Reuters

president was dazzled on his state visit to Britain in June, America would continue to follow its own interest in post-Brexit trade talks: "This is still the land of America First."

Unsurprising as these views may be, their

leaking is damaging, and has set off a hunt for the mole and the motive. In April a leak from Britain's National Security Council over policy towards Huawei, a Chinese telecoms giant, led to the firing of the defence secretary, Gavin

Williamson. Now another episode has strengthened the impression that something is rotten in the heart of the government.

That the Darroch files emerged through a prominent Eurosceptic journalist, Isabel

might follow. "The basis on which we have worked all our careers suddenly feels challenged," he said.

The strain on Britain's relationship with one superpower comes as its supposed "golden era" in relations with another, China, is looking tarnished. Tensions over pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong are the latest in a series that includes policies towards Huawei and maritime rights in the South China Sea.

Britain is also at loggerheads with Iran. On July 4th it seized a tanker off Gibraltar that it suspected of smuggling Iranian oil to Syria, provoking threats of retaliation. Sure enough, a week later three Iranian vessels tried to impede a British tanker as it sailed out of the Gulf, before the Royal Navy's HMS Montrose drove them away.

The contrast with France is striking. As Britain waits by the EU's exit door and focuses on its leadership contest, President Emmanuel Macron has not been idle. He largely got his way in the recent share-out of top EU jobs. And on July 6th he agreed with Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, on conditions for talks to save the nuclear deal of 2015, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Britain's Foreign Office merely says it is "co-ordinating with other JCPOA participants regarding the next steps under the terms of the deal".

The trade secretary, Liam Fox, is meant to be paving the way for a future deal with America, but in Washington this week he had a front-seat view of how fraught handling this administration might be. Rolling out the red carpet for Mr Trump in London last month did not change that (just as Sir Kim predicted). Nor would having a Brexititeer as the next ambassador. The EU, meanwhile, has been busy doing actual trade deals: its pact with Japan came into force in February and last month it reached agreements with Mercosur, a big Latin American trade club, and Vietnam. Global Britain has a lot of catching up to do.

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CROSSWORD 3861



ACROSS: 1 Piped music (7), 5 It makes things less sharp (5), 8 A bad forecaster (9), 9 Spoil a horse by docking its tail? (3), 10 It flows out of line (4), 12 Excellent worker we like to play cards with (4,4), 14 Person who can't settle? (6), 15 Marie's upset by fighting men (6), 17 They will keep on watch in the ship (8), 18 Nelson held her in high esteem, maybe (4), 21 Proceed to a port in India (3), 22 Take the bypass to avoid congestion in Kansas? (5,4), 24 Beer mug I sent for (5), 25 Communicate fast (7). DOWN: 1 Recipe can prove a hard nut to crack (5), 2 Transport seen from U-boat surfacing (3), 3 Said to be some form of test (4), 4 The bay of the hounds? (6), 5 Criterion followed by a cavalry regiment (8), 6 My amusing upset in the training centre (9), 7 Fresh red rose at the back of the altar (7), 11 Built with care, perhaps, to avoid friction (9), 13 Regarded as having taken no active part (6,2), 14 Some medicine appears to act on wise men (7), 16 A game on which the captain rules (6), 19 Beast of burden going round by a deep gorge (5), 20 Hold the fort (4), 23 Water is about a hundred degrees lower than steam (3).

Solutions Crossword 3860: Across: 1 Machismo, 5 Atop, 9 Allot, 10 Crouton, 11 Cool customer, 13 Russia, 14 Bedlam, 17 Maiden speech, 20 Officer, 21 Twine, 22 Ears, 23 Hydrogen. Down: 1 Moat, 2 Callous, 3 Intelligence, 4 Mock-up, 6 Totem, 7 Panorama, 8 For the better, 12 Primrose, 15 Licking, 16 Osprey, 18 Infer, 19 Sewn.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLER WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quiz.

DHAER, AIIXCM, FOLRU, LLOWHY. Answer: HEARD/HARED, FLOR/CUR/CINAX, FLOWR, FLOR.

SUDOKU 3911

Difficulty Level 4s Instructions: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



Difficulty Level: 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3910



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NOTICE

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Notice Inviting Open Tender (E-Tendering) The Dy.CE/BRL/ E.C.Railway, Hajipur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractors with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway Irrigation/ CPWD/MIES or any other public sector undertaking for the following works:- Tender Notice No. : BRL/DNR/EOT/19/04, SI. No. : 1. Name of the Work with its location: Open tender for Provision of side pathway and metalizing of floor members of bridge no.29 (3x18.3 M + 3x12.2 M + 26x9.14 M) between stations SRY-LKR, bridge no.66 (2X12.2 M + 15x9.14 M) between stations SHK-KSC and bridge no.268 (12X8.3 M) between stations TIA-WZJ in KG section of Danapur division under CE/BRL/HJP. SI. No. : 2. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 2,45,08,307.76. SI. No. : 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: 2,72,600/-. SI. No. : 1. Name of the Work with its location: Metalizing of floor member of Br. No. 4 UP/DN (9x18.3M), 5 UP/DN (15x18.3M), 6 (15x18.3M), 7 (5x18.3M), 46 (3x12.2m), 77 (3x12.2 m), 96 (2x12.2m) & 107 (18x12.2m) in BKP-RGD section, Br. No. 30 (1x12.2m), 31 (1x12.2m), 47 (18x18.3M) & 49 (6x18.3M) in RGD-TIA section of Danapur division under SSE/B/DNR, SI. No. : 2. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 2,09,15,517.00. SI. No. : 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: 2,54,600/-. SI. No. : 1. Name of the Work with its location: Metalizing of floor member of Br. No. 21 UP & DN 2X (2X13.27+ 2X15.87+ 2X15.04M) between station PRBZ-PPN at Km 11/8-10, Br. No. 36 UP & DN 2X (1X15.27+ 2X15.37+ 2X12.19M) between station PET-NDW at Km 20/9-21/1, Br. No. 70 UP & DN 2X (7X18.3M) between station JHD-JHD at km 46/27-33, Br. No. 94 UP (3x12.2+ 1x24.4 m) and Br. No. 94 DN (5x12.2 m) between station MDE-BLA at Km 63/1-3 of PG section of Danapur division, SI. No. : 2. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 1,19,905,76.22. SI. No. : 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: 2,10,000/-. SI. No. : 1. Name of the Work with its location: Metalizing of floor member of Br. No. 104 UP/DN (9x18.3M) between station KSC-WRS at km 44/6-8, Br.No.146 UP/DN (16x18.3M) between station BBE-NWD at km 62/6-9, Br. No. 213 (6x18.3m) between station CHTH-TIA at km 82/7-8, Br. No. 240 (9x18.3m) between station TIA-JMN at km 91/5-6 & Br. No. 321 (2x12.2 + 3x24.4m) between station KRJR-PMI at km 118/10-14 in KG section under SSE/B/DNR of Danapur division, SI. No. : 2. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 1,63,89,673.96. SI. No. : 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: 2,32,000/-.

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (DEMS) NAJAFGARH ZONE 2ND FLOOR, RR DEPOT, NEAR METRO STATION DWARKA SECTOR-9, DELHI-110075. No. D/EE(DEMS)NGZ/2019-20/03/117. Dated: 16.07.2019. NOTICE INVITING TENDERS. SDMC invites sealed tender from the eligible/qualified bidders for the below mentioned work: "Secondary Collection and Transportation of MSW/Silt from selected/ vulnerable points in NGZ to the Okhla SLF/Waste to Energy Plant for next 90 days (average 200 MT per day)" Estimated Cost: Rs. 147,585 Lacs, Earnest money: Rs. 2,95,200/-.

MAHARASHTRA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (MRIDC)

Notice Inviting e-Tender Tender No. MRIDC/e-TENDER/ROB/2019/44 a) Name of Work: Construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) at 3 locations (i.e. Bhusawal - Itarsi Section at LC No. 171- Km 478/28-30, Bhusawal - Badnera Section at LC No. 50A-Km 620/03-05 and Badnera - Amravati Section at LC No. S1-Km 664/11-12) in lieu of LC Gates in Maharashtra area on Bhusawal Division of Central Railway. b) Estimated Cost: ₹ 88,19,29,323/-. c) Completion Period: 300 days. d) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Application: 20/08/2019 till 15.00 hrs.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely Ghan Shyam, S/O Sh. Bihari Lal, R/O 67/11, Block-C, Chandar Vihar, Phase-2, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The man has been missing since 25.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 28-A dated 27.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under: Name: Ghan Shyam, Age: 36 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Black colour Leather Shoes in Feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform SHO/ P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one Person Namely: Vishal Verma, S/O: Sh. Nem Chandra Verma, R/O: H.No. C-117A, Vishal Kunj, Pandav Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 07.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Mandawali, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 01-A dated 08.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Mandawali, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped Male Person is as under: Age: 24 years, Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Green Colour Kurta and White Colour Pajama. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO P.S. Mandawali, Delhi DP/6926/ED/19 Ph. : 011- 22720808, 8750870627

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Store Division, Civil Engineering Department e-procurement Tender Notice Tender ID No. - 2019_NDMC_176384_1 Name of work: 9-8 Suspense Stock during 2019-20. Sub Head: Supplying and Stacking of Stone Aggregate 10mm. Estimated Cost: ₹ 15,88,248/- Date of release of tender: 16.07.2019 Last date/time for receipt of tenders: 25.07.2019 upto 4.00 PM Further details can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC, registration with e-tendering system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. Executive Engineer (Store) To be the global Benchmark for a Capital City

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION, PUNJAB (Patiala)

Office of the Chief Engineer (Central) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Expression of Interest are invited from the reputed Agencies/Manufacturers/Suppliers/Contractors to finalize the Technology/Methodology for installation of Water Treatment Plant at Sabuana district Fazilka, Punjab for treatment of brackish Ground Water making it potable for drinking purpose as per BIS norms. A trial bore of depth 178 ft is done on proposed site. Interested Agencies are invited to submit the information as per details given on Website www.pbdwss.gov.in in a sealed envelope by 09.08.2019 before 3.00 PM through post or personally at the office of the Chief Engineer (Central), Department of Water Supply & Sanitation, Near Bassi Theater, Phase-2, Mohali. A pre proposal meeting to address the queries of the interested agencies will be held on 26.07.2019 at 11.00 AM in the conference room of the office of the Head, Department of Water Supply & Sanitation, Near Bassi Theater, Phase 2, Mohali. Sh. Kewal Garg 97790-58521, Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division Abohar (01634-220175, 94177-10403) may be contacted for any query. E-mail: eewss.divaboharb@yahoo.com. Website www.pbdwss.gov.in. Sd/-Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Divn. ABOHAR.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (RCD), RANCHI

Corrigendum " Corrigendum to Tender Notice-P.R No.- 211624 (Road)19-20# D Consultancy services for Preparation of Detailed Land Acquisition Proposal, Detailed Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal & Detailed Diversion Proposal for Widening and strengthening of (1) Siyartad (at Bengabada-Chatro Road) to Navdaha (at Chhoti Kharagdiha-Mirjanaganj Road) (Length- 3.705 Km) (2) Fatehpur More to Bhelwaghathi upto Odisha Border Road (Length-15.810 Km) under Road Division Giridih in the State of Jharkhand" Please refer to Page-1 of NIT documents. The first paragraph under Sub-heading "Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) invites proposal for the work mentioned in table through e-procurement from consultants empanelled in Category-II with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) dated 29-01-2019 are allowed to bid only" will be read as "Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) invites proposal for the work mentioned in table through e-procurement from consultants empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) dated 29-01-2019 are allowed to bid only". All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. For more information Please visit the Site:-http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PLANNING & INVESTIGATION DIVISION ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT(RCD), P.R.211908 Road(19-20):D RANCHI-834002 फॉरेन जवाबदारी न करें, जो कार्यालय है, नुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी है।

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (RCD) RANCHI

Corrigendum " Corrigendum to Tender Notice-P.R No.- 211628(Road)19-20# D Consultancy services for Preparation of Detailed Land Acquisition Proposal, Detailed Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal & Detailed Diversion Proposal for Widening and strengthening of Dumri to Bara Katra via Kerakona Road upto Chhatishgarh Border (Length-11.400 Km) under Road Division Gumla in the State of Jharkhand" Please refer to Page-1 of NIT documents. The first paragraph under Sub-heading "Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) invites proposal for the work mentioned in table through e-procurement from consultants empanelled in Category-II with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) dated 29-01-2019 are allowed to bid only" will be read as "Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) invites proposal for the work mentioned in table through e-procurement from consultants empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) dated 29-01-2019 are allowed to bid only". All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. For more information Please visit the Site:-http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PLANNING & INVESTIGATION DIVISION ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT(RCD), RANCHI-834002 PR 211911 Road (19-20):D कितने अब तक ना समझे, वो कहानी है, नुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी है।



ROCK 'N' ROLL

The role of Elvis Presley in Baz Luhrmann's biopic on the music legend will be essayed by American actor Austin Butler (pictured). The actor will chronicle Presley's journey as a global icon, and his relationship with his manager Colonel Tom Parker.



Getty Images

Morning Lite

With an Indore-based organisation applying for a GI tag for the poha, we look at why this light and tasty breakfast staple remains a classic

POOJA PILLAI

WHAT MAKES the perfect breakfast? According to those who swarm every morning to Aaswad Uphar and Mithai Gruh in Dadar, Mumbai, it's a plate of steaming hot poha (flattened rice). Whether it's kanda pohe (onion poha), batata pohe (potato poha) or the spicier vangi pohe (brinjal pohe, flavoured with traditional Maharashtrian goda masala), this breakfast staple is the hottest selling category at the eatery that is otherwise known for its fiery misal pav. "We have a kiosk at the airport and even there, if there's poha on the menu, people opt for that over any other breakfast dish like sandwiches. It's made fresh, nutritious and easy to digest — what more do people want," says its owner Suryakant Sarjoshi.

On most days, he says, they end up making poha twice a day — once in the morning and once in the afternoon, because the demand is so high. On the weekend, when non-regulars finally find the time to make their way to south Mumbai, the kitchen at Aaswad prepares poha twice in the morning itself. "It's a classic," says Sarjoshi.

This breakfast dish has recently been in the news, thanks to an application made by the Indori Mithai Aur Namkeen Nirmata-Vikreta Vyapari Sangh to grant a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the Indori Poha. "We've sought the tag for four dishes — apart from Indori Pohe, there's laung sev, khatta-meetha mixture and dahi ki shikanji which is unique to Indore," says Anurag Bothra, secretary of the association, adding, "The Indori Pohe, unlike the Maharashtrian version, is a full meal in itself. Most commonly, it is served with sev

Photo courtesy: Aaswad



RECIPE: PROTEIN RICH POHA

- Prepare a tempering of mustard seeds and curry leaves in one teaspoon of oil
- Add green chillies and chopped onions, and fry until the onions are translucent
- Add some roasted peanuts, followed by steamed sprouts
- Season with salt and turmeric and finally, add poha which has been soaked for a few minutes. Cook till done
- Top this with a chopped boiled egg

Courtesy: Kavita Devgan

on top, but there's also usal pohe, with a spicy gravy poured over it. This is heavier than the regular pohe you get in Maharashtra." The association, Bothra says, is not staking a claim on Indore being the birthplace of poha. "Rather, the Indori Poha has a separate character and taste, and this is what we want recognised," he adds.

Shorn of all the bells and whistles that have made the Indori Poha so distinct, the poha, in its most basic form, is a healthy dish that, according to nutritionist Kavita Devgan, is unfortunately misunderstood. "Most people consider poha just a high carb snack. They don't understand its health benefits. In fact, very often, people go off it when on a weight-loss diet, considering it to be a high-calorie dish, which is wrong. They need to be educated about how to make it right — with lots of vegetables to increase the fibre content and boost its value and cut its calories down," says Devgan.

Poha is useful for delivering iron into the body because it has a slightly higher iron content than the rice from which it is made. This, says Devgan, is because of the pounding process itself, used to create flattened rice from rice. "But for the iron to be properly absorbed by the body, there needs to be some vitamin C, which is why we usually squeeze lime over poha before eating it," she says. It is also easier to digest than rice, she says, even if a single flake of poha looks heavier in volume than a single grain of rice.

At Aaswad — and across Maharashtra and other parts of the country — poha is one of the quickest dishes to prepare. This, perhaps, is what accounts for its popularity, as does the fact that the basic ingredients to make a simple kanda pohe — onions, poha, green chillies, curry leaves, peanuts and lime — are affordable.

If the GI tag is granted, it will certainly raise the profile of what is otherwise a hum-

WHAT IS A GI TAG?

A geographical indication (GI) is used to denote the name or sign of products specific to certain geographical locations. The tag is granted by the government, in keeping with the definition provided under Article 22 (1) of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. This definition states: "Indications which identify a good as originating in the territory of a member, or a region or a locality in that territory, where a given quality, reputation or characteristic of the good is essentially attributable to its geographic origin." India, as a member of the WTO, enacted the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, and, since the Act came into force in 2003, has registered 323 goods. Among the food products registered under the act are Dharwad Peda (Karnataka), Tirupathi Laddu (Andhra Pradesh), Bikaneri Bhujia (Rajasthan) and Hyderabad Haleem (Telangana).

ble dish, accessible to all, says Devgan. "It will help the businesses who make this poha get global recognition for sure, but I don't know about the benefits for the common man in this process. In fact, I'm worried this might push the price of this highly affordable snack up," she says.

Of Nine Yards and a Hashtag

A viral trend has women — and even men — sharing their saree moments



SURBHI GUPTA

FOR A hashtag to become viral on social media is a routine affair. The latest addition this week is #SareeTwitter, which has a number of women, including politicians, diplomats and celebrities, post photographs flaunting the nine-yard drape. Among those tweeting are Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who posted her photograph in a Banarasi weave, from a morning puja on the day of her wedding 22 years ago, and Australian High Commissioner to India, Harinder Sidhu, draped in a dark pastel blue saree from her mother's wedding trousseau.

Keeping the spirit of the trend, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri also made a post, with photographs of his mother, Bibi Kundan Kaur, in Germany in the late 1950s and his wife Lakshmi Puri in 1974 during a meeting with the then Vice-President BD Jatti. "#sareeswag has travelled the world," he wrote. Actor Renuka Shahane paid a tribute to the weavers by donning a black Paithani saree, while Yami Gautam, Priya Malik and Gul Panag, and German actor Suzanne Bernert also joined in. Actor Ayushmann Khurrana also shared his photograph wearing a saree from the sets of his upcoming film *Dream Girl*, so did equal rights activist Harish Iyer.

But this is not the first time that the Indian drape became a trend on social media. In 2015, #100SariPact had gone viral which had women wear sarees for 100 days, and share stories behind each one of them. What started as a pact between two friends — journalist Anju Kadam and entrepreneur Ally Matthan — evolved into a full-fledged movement with women all over India responding to the idea. There are also a number of closed groups on Facebook that have cropped over the years on the same lines, such as Six yards and 365 days, Saree Speak, India Saree Challenge, The Saree Story and Doctors and Sarees.

"I started the group with three of my friends to share about handloom sarees, and soon, more women joined. We talk



(Clockwise from top left) Australian High Commissioner to India, Harinder Sidhu; Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra; actor Ayushmann Khurrana

about weaves, embroidery and the yard used, along with its story," says Sunita Budhiraja, who founded Six yards and 365 days in 2015. It now has over 30,000 members. "Women also talk about their self — if they are suffering from some disease or depression — and many have gained self-confidence to open up their own enterprises," she says, adding that the group will meet in Varanasi this September, with members from across the world coming over.

Rta Kapur Chishti, a saree historian and textile scholar, says, "Recent initiatives have created an interest in the saree but it remains mostly formal occasion wear. At present, the fashion scene is largely western wear or Indian casual wear such as salwar kameez, so one cannot foresee the impact of these online trends as yet."

SNAPSHOTS

Virtual Reality

EVER WONDERED how you would look when you age? Thanks to artificial intelligence and technology, you just have to click a photo and download a mobile app to find out. Doing the rounds on social media is the #FaceAppChallenge, but it is not really a challenge. Actors Arjun Kapoor and Varun Dhawan were the first celebrities to post photographs. Musical trio Jonas Brothers, Chef Gordon Ramsay, comedy duo Rhett & Link, and Sophia, the human-like robot, also joined in the trend. But users have put photographs of a number of Bollywood celebrities and the Indian cricket team under the filter, which are circulating online. The two-year-old mobile Face App, developed by Russian company Wireless Lab, uses neural network technology to generate highly realistic transformation of faces in photographs. You can also use the app to make your face smile, look younger, change your hair colour or even gender. The app faced backlash two years ago for its ethnicity filters which were later removed, while its gender change filter attracted interest of the LGBTQI community. But the gender-ben-



(Clockwise) Arjun Kapoor, Jonas Brothers, Chef Gordon Ramsay

der filter became viral when Snapchat introduced it in May this year. Snapchat had also introduced a babyface filter.

Now Streaming

STREAMING GIANT Netflix has revealed its plan to launch five original series in Hindi for India, with Shah Rukh Khan and Anushka Sharma producing two of them. Khan will produce a first-of-its-kind zombie horror series, *Betaal*, while Sharma will serve as executive producer for *Mai*, depicting the story of a middle-aged woman who finds herself trapped in the world of crime. The series *Masaba Masaba* will span moments from fashion designer Masaba Gupta's (pictured) life, reeling how she juggles her personal and professional front.



EKTAA MALIK

IN 2011, when designer Anavila Misra thought of using linen fabric for sarees, not many in the design fraternity were onboard with the idea. Today, nine years later, her linen sarees have a place of pride in the wardrobes of many, such as Bollywood filmmaker Kiran Rao, and actors Kalki Koechlin and Konkana Sen Sharma. Misra has now brought a fresh festive take on her linen ensembles, with her latest collection 'First Blush', being presented at Good Earth stores, from where the collection is being retailed.

"We wanted to break the notion that linen can't be used for festive or occasion wear. The fabric was always relegated to a casual, effortless look. Our festive wear is usually something very heavy and over-embellished, and uncomfortable. With this collection, we wanted something super wearable, comfortable, understated but yet elegant enough to be worn for an occasion," says Misra, who was in Delhi recently for the launch of her collection at Good Earth's Khan Market store.

The collection includes statement sarees from Misra's label, separates like tunics and standalone shirts and shrugs. There's a lot of zari used for embellishment, making the otherwise sedate outfits dramatic enough to be worn at occasions. Almost 80 percent of the ensembles have been made using linen, with some interplay of silk. The colour palette is something new for Misra's stable. "We have the peach and blush shades, our muted favourites, but there's also cinnamon, solid reds and warm browns. At times, we have also used a kinari of gold zari," adds the Mumbai-based designer.

The collection features a unique take on the kaftan — a dress with kaftan-esque sleeves and layering, and also pairs salwars with a tunic. Misra on earlier occasions has presented lines inspired by the Sapa tribe of Vietnam, has worked with khadi, and has done collections inspired by the free spirit of a woman and the folk elements of India. But

Out of the Closet

Designer Anavila Misra on her new festive line and why linen is a multifaceted fabric



Anavila Misra; (left) a linen saree from her latest collection

her statement makers are linen sarees in sedate, monochrome shades.

Several other designers and fashion chains have come up with linen sarees now, not to mention local markets where we see them stacked in all shades. But that was not the case when Misra started out. "Linen is a tricky yarn. It's slubby and coarse, and doesn't have the sheen of a finished saree woven from fine silk or fine cotton. But after the initial hesitation, people realised it's super comfortable. And even as it crushes, there's a style

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ANAVILA MISRA, DESIGNER

and quirk to it," says Misra. But while the popularity of linen sarees is a good thing, Misra is concerned about the mass replication of the concept, given that markets are now flooded with variants priced at Rs 1,200. "It's not pure linen for that price, it's rayon mix. It's simple mathematics to know that you cannot get linen for that price. We get our linen yarn for about Rs 4,000 per lea. A saree uses about 400 gms, and another 100 gms is used while weaving. Add to it the cost of a weaver and dyeing, you can't get a linen saree for that price," adds Misra, who graduated from NIFT, Delhi, in 2000.

The designer is also among those credited for bringing the saree back in vogue. Her sarees paired with crop tops, or a T-shirt brought in younger population to the drape. "We need to understand that when we present something on the ramp, it is to give options of styling, so people get ideas and they can perhaps use them. The idea is to make the drape your own. Right now, we are seeing a lot more people wearing the saree, and working with it; it's here to stay," she says.

There is a big problem in Pakistan cricket that senior players try to linger on in their careers and there is no one to tell them it is time for them to retire gracefully."

WAQAR YOUNIS

THE ELIMINATOR

Behind Rohit Sharma's run-feast has been self-denial and selective elimination. Shelving some of his productive yet risky strokes, he has emerged as a smarter batsman. SANDIP G analyses



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

Third man

The strokes he deploys are more or less the same as those he wields through point—the back cuts, slices, and the dabs, which's too fine for a squarish third-man and too squarish for a third-man deployed finer. It looks like a stab more than anything else, but it speeds through the ground like a guillotine. When it's too shot—he exhibits his upper-cutting skills. To him, it's not an instinct like Virender Sehwag but plays it as artfully as Sachin Tendulkar. And like the latter, he stroked one against Pakistan. That Hassan Ali is not as quick as Shoaib Akhtar made it even more a difficult shot to execute. The statuesque-stillness of the body when he played that shot was spectacular.

Point

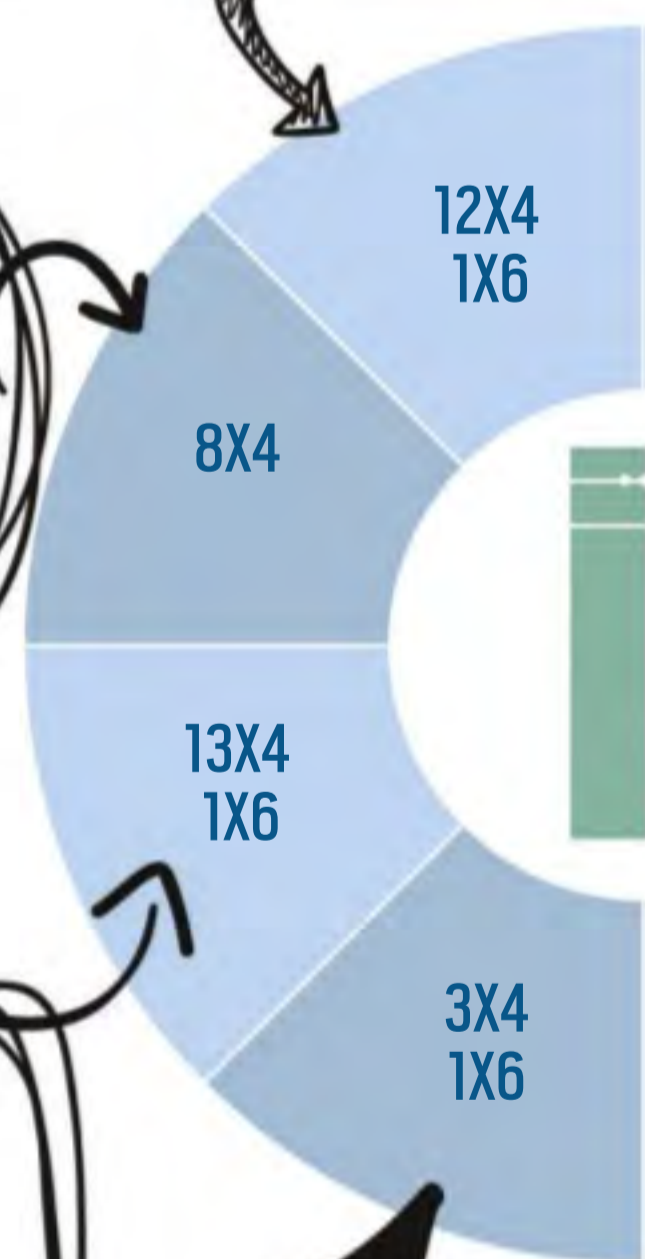
With fast bowlers searching for swing in the early overs, he was wary of the perils of the open bat-face. But as his innings progresses, he gets more daring. But he seldom tried those audacious back-cuts off back-of-length balls. But rather than cutting, he would either slap or guide the balls.

Covers

Until the England match, it was monkish self-denial through covers, one of his hitherto favourite hitting arcs. So he resisted those cover-drive temptation. Eventually, he did find a lot of boundaries through that region, but again most weren't the conventional full-blooded cover-drives, but more of slaps. That he still manages to score heavily through this area shows his genius.

Long off

The fundamental part when looking to beat the mid-off is that he doesn't reach out for the ball these days, rather waits for it and merely rolls an extended push, not even a full drive. He also steadfastly plays through the line. If it's full, he wrists it down, rather than play with the full flourish and an elaborate follow-through. It's again those wrists that help him in the propelling the ball through the air. Unless against the spinners, he hardly steps out. He needn't, blessed as he's with the gift of timing. The most noticeable aspect when hitting straight, like most of his stroke-making, is his still head and stiller pose. It's also where his minimalism shines the brightest.



26%

Rohit, the World Cup top-scorer with 648 runs at an average of 81, accounted for 26 percent of the total runs India's batsmen made. The second highest run-getter for India was Virat Kohli (443).

THE STORY of Rohit Sharma's gluttonous run-making this World Cup is as much as about the strokes he played as of those he restrained from. He unfurled a range of pulls, he smoked gorgeous sixes down the ground, he cut, he slapped, he drove, he slogged, he swept, every stroke mankind has invented. But he desisted from playing strokes that once were his staple, shed arguably in the evolutionary leap for perfection. Like the flowing on-the-rise cover-drives early in the innings, the whippy, squarish flicks, which he has curtailed, the cheeky oeuvre of paddle sweeps and late cuts, to which he has been completely indifferent to, and the wristy dabs behind square-leg, which he has almost entirely eschewed.

The abstinence, though, was subtle, without his muscle memory rebelling. When Sachin Tendulkar refrained from cover drives in compiling a grinding 241 not out in Sydney, he made abstinence look painstaking, his front-foot almost always striding out, telegraphing his intention to leave the ball. Rohit's looked more seamless, even undetectable. And unlike Tendulkar's, it wasn't curative, rather a preventive measure. The cover-drive has never been his serial killer—like most instinctive cover-drivers he has lived and died by that stroke, and hence no quibbles—but it hadn't quite morphed into an all-devouring nemesis yet. Sharma was forensically cutting out the possible mode of dismissal. In England, where the ball could move, even the flat-seamed Kookaburra ones, the cover-drive posed risk, especially with his proneness to play it with an open face and not with a full front-foot stride. Rather, he would push the ball straight, between the bowler and mid-off.

"I have been watching him for years now, I have been saying it publicly, in my opinion Rohit Sharma is the best one-day player. There's no one even close to him. When he plays, we are heading towards a big score."

VIRAT KOHLI
INDIA CAPTAIN

The ball comes to his 'computer' much earlier than anyone else in the world. If you can judge the ball early, you can play your strokes — and he has a lot of strokes."

ZAHEER ABBAS
FORMER PAKISTAN CAPTAIN

ers. The bat tends to come around the front-pad and he becomes prone to lbws. And he has a fair percentage of lbws at the start of his innings—17 times for an average of 14.29. So when he tries to flick towards the square, his whole set up gets disturbed, his head sometimes falls over, he loses the balance. Hence, the abstinence. As for paddle-sweeps, he realised that the risk didn't correspond to value. Why break-dance when you have ball-room steps? For someone who has two shots for every ball, he could choose the less audacious of the two. Not long ago, he worked in the opposite way. Besides, you get wiser as you approach sporting middle-age.

As much as he denounced some of his strokes, he maximised others. Like the pulls, square-drives, the sweeps, slogs and the lofted on-drives. While binning all the risky shots in his repertoire is unthinkable, and utterly needless, reducing risk has been pivotal to his success. The effectiveness is best captured by the stat that he had the lowest false-short percentage among all opening batsmen, just 13.3. When you weave in the variable that he faced 659 deliveries in this World Cup, it's a staggering number.

Lost in his sparkling stroke-play is his reduced dot-ball percentage. For much his career, he was blamed for his (relative) inability to farm the strike. The boundaries, often, compensated, but some even misconstrued it as negligence. But the perfectionist that Rohit is, he studiously worked on every single thread of his craft that would make him a batting beast. Resultantly, among openers this World Cup, he had the least dot-ball percentage too, just 12.2. Resultantly, in the last two years, he has scored more than even Virat Kohli (3222 and 3139), the modern-day one-day batting metronome.

This transformation is the most sparkling measure of his genius—that he's as much as about the strokes he plays as the shots he doesn't.

Behind the wicket

Three of the five boundaries behind the stumps and away from fine leg were inside edges, one was a top-edge and the other a paddle sweep against left-arm wrist-spinner But behind the stumps isn't one of his preferred scoring zones. It's because such strokes entail him into getting into unconventional positions—he likes to keep his shape at the crease all the time. The fine-leg, though, is one of his preferred zones. However, in his risk-eliminating endeavour, he rarely plays those fine flicks and whippy dabs, because it requires twisting of the body, disheveling his balance. Instead of flicks, he pulls these balls, fine, sometimes striking the Nataraja-pose. He does these to even leg-side bound short-of-length balls.

Square leg

As many as four of Rohit's 14 sixes in the tournament have been smeared through the square region, which clearly shows his favoured stroke. The pull. Unlike the pulls that go fine, these travel squarer and there's more power in these strokes than those through fine leg, where he utilises the bowlers' pace more than anything else.

Midwicket

Few players in contemporary cricket own as many leg-side manipulating strokes as Rohit. On the leg-side, he brings into play an array of strokes—slogs, sweeps, pulls, flick. Whenever he's predetermining an aerial stroke, he goes leg-side. He would stand stationary at the crease and carve seamers over deep mid-wicket. If it's short, he would plaster them through deep mid-on.

22%

The pull was Rohit's go-to boundary stroke, a fifth of his boundaries were wrought through pulls of various types. The Nataraja one behind square leg, the conventional one through midwicket and the slap-pull through deep long-on.

Long on

Rohit has an array of strokes down the ground, from gentle pushes that beat the scrambling mid-on fielders to sumptuous on-drives and effortless lofted drives. The straight-driven six off Mashrafe Mortaza was perhaps the stroke of the tournament while a slapped boundary through long-on, like Virender Sehwag, against the West Indies was arguably the most violent shot he played in this campaign. Nothing is extravagant, and mostly risk-free. When looking to place the ball through the right of mid-on, he doesn't go across. Rather, he twirls the wrists at the last moment, closing the bat phase. When he goes aerial against the spinners, he doesn't look to over-hit the ball.

CoA seeks SC clarification on ex-players-turned-commentators

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THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) thinks the order passed by the BCCI Ombudsman and Ethics Officer Justice (Retd.) DK Jain, with regards to the conflict of interest charges against Sachin Tendulkar (he was cleared), Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman, is "rigid" to the extent that if it is implemented, around 20 Indian commentators will be out of reckoning and the BCCI will have no option but to hire former players from overseas. It is learnt that the Supreme Court-appointed Committee has decided to place the matter before the court to seek certain clarifications.

"The CoA thinks that it (the order) is very rigid; the interpretation of a commentator. Commentators are commentators, being used by the BCCI. Somebody is doing vernacular commentary, somebody is with Star, some other player is writing for vernacular papers. In this way, the CoA has to dump 20 of our own people and hire Ricky Ponting, for example, or somebody else from overseas," a source close to the CoA told *The Indian Express*.

The CoA has discussed the issue with amicus curiae PS Narasimha before deciding to place it before the Supreme Court. According to the source, the suggestion from the CoA to the Ethics Officer was to go by the spirit, and not the letter, of the law. "The CoA has told him (Justice Jain) it needs certain clari-

fications. And now for that clarification, the Committee is going back to the court," the source informed.

Ganguly and Laxman have been found by Justice Jain to be in conflict of interest because of their roles as commentators and the positions they hold in Indian cricket. Ganguly and Laxman are members of the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) alongside their posts with IPL franchises Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad respectively. Ganguly is also the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). Tendulkar, on the other hand, was cleared of any conflict of interest because he recused himself from the CAC. Tendulkar is Mumbai Indians' mentor and also did commentary during the World Cup.

Justice Jain heard the players concerned and deemed that they have violated Rule 38 (4) of the BCCI constitution, which states that a person cannot hold two positions concurrently. Sixteen positions are listed in the Clause: "Player (current), selector/member of cricket committee, team official, commentator, match official, administrator/office-bearer, electoral officer, ombudsman & ethics officer, auditor, any person who is governance, management or employee of a franchisee, member of a standing committee, CEO & managers, office-bearer of a Member (state association), service provider (legal, financial etc.), contractual entity (broadcast, security, contractor etc.) and owner of cricket academy".

Justice Jain had said that he interpreted

the rules in accordance with the Lodha Committee recommendations accepted by the Supreme Court. He, however, gave Ganguly and Laxman the liberty to challenge the order apart from putting the onus on the BCCI to decide the future course of action.

Hearing likely on July 30

Meanwhile, the CoA is hopeful that the BCCI elections will be held as per schedule on October 22. It is subject to the Supreme Court's approval though and the next hearing is likely on July 30. Before the BCCI polls, state associations will have to implement their constitution, conduct their own elections and nominate the representatives for the BCCI.

Asked about this, the source said: "The elec-

tion is going as per schedule. Some members are raising issue like Article 19(1)(c) – it deals with the formation of associations or unions under the Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution – and the court has not adjudicated on that. But the court asked the amicus curiae to mediate and he has given his report. So the CoA is proceeding ahead. Unless the court says no, and the CoA can't do anything about that, it (elections) will be held as per schedule."

According to him, more than 20 states have already implemented their new constitutions, although 16 of them haven't appointed electoral officers yet. Only six associations are still not compliant, as they have issues about clubs (as voting members and the whole restructuring)

Navdeep puts his best foot forward

Ahead of selection committee meeting for WI tour, Delhi fast bowler turns in eye-catching performance; Gill, Pandey impress too

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FOR A fair measure of the last three years, Navdeep Saini has been the nearly man, always there or thereabouts the national squad, his name repeatedly cropping up at selection committee meetings, but never considered beyond the reserve stock. Twice he travelled alongside Jasprit Bumrah and Co, for the South Africa series at the beginning of last year and most recently, during the World Cup. On both instances, he left such an impression on Virat Kohli and the support staff that they kept raving about him. But the big break wasn't to be.

In his own assessment, Saini could have performed better during the A tours to England and New Zealand last year, the two assignments earned him just 10 wickets at an average of 52 in four first-class games and just three wickets at 41.33 in the limited-over games. At other times, when he has fared well, bowled with heart and fire, the numbers didn't reflect his labours. Like the last domestic season, wherein Saini consistently clocked 145kmph, touched 152, but could only bargain 14 wickets at 34 and a sole five-wicket haul. He was the most penetrative pacer for Royal Challengers Bangalore, picking 11 wickets, but his efforts were lost in the team's miserable season. "I just need one breakthrough series," he had told the IPL website.

The A tour to the West Indies could well be that elusive, eye-catching series, the 50-over leg of which India has already pocketed. Saini wasn't picked for the first match, wherein India opted for a spin-heavy attack. But recalled for the second game at North Sound, he wheeled out his maiden five-for, scything through the middle order. Apart from No 11, Akeem Jordan, all of his victims had a fair bit of international experience—the highly-rated Sunil Ambris, Andre Russell's replacement in the World Cup, has featured in six Tests and eight ODIs, Shane Dowrich has three Test hundreds, Jonathan Carter and Rowan Powell have played 67 ODIs between them.

Two of them – Powell and Dowrich – were bowled, beaten for pace, the Antigua Observer notes. He had opener Ambris pinged leg-before with a nip-backer, his stock ball. To an extent, the dismissal reflects his biggest strength, the ability to jag the ball back off a good length into the right-hander at pace. A bit like Mohammed Shami, without the latter's slitting sharpness, but a few yards quicker than the Bengal pacer.

The five-wicket haul was as timely as it could get, with the selectors in a mood to experiment post the World Cup ouster, besides being keen on workload management. Hence, Bumrah wouldn't travel to the Caribbean. One of Bhuvneshwar Kumar or Shami could also be rested, and Saini could be in the scheme of things. Left-arm seamer Khaleel Ahmed, who has already featured in eight ODIs and nine T20s, too kept the selectors interested, nabbing four wickets and keeping a tight lid on the scoring rate, conceding only 2.82 runs an over. Similarly thrifty was left-arm spinner Krunal Pandya, though with India's abundance of



Navdeep Saini took five wickets in the second match against West Indies A. India A have taken a 3-0 lead in the five-match series. Photo: WWW.IPLT20.COM

spinning options, his prospects look relatively bleak.

How India would wish their middle order was similarly stacked with quality batsmen. As inadequate as their choices for the World Cup were, the selectors wouldn't hesitate to insert fresh faces into the side (and maybe an odd forgotten face too). Shubman Gill's name is on everybody's lips – some of the experts even reckoned he should have been in the World Cup squad – sort of the gleaming future of Indian cricket.

The 19-year-old did his reputation no harm by crunching 62 and 77 in North Sound. Last month, he had belted an unbeaten 109 (off 96) against Sri Lanka A. It has come to the stage where it's become difficult to ignore him, unlike the New Zealand series in which he was overlooked after two games. A first-class average of 77, a List A average of 46, a compact tech-

nique, a full oeuvre of strokes, composure beyond his age, praise from Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar, Gill's international breakthrough doesn't look too distant.

Similarly rated were Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey once upon a time, but both weren't afforded a sustained run to nail their spots. Iyer, in fact, averages 42 in six games and got those runs against Sri Lanka and South Africa. Why he was ditched thereafter remains a mystery, though. Pandey's career, though, has been an elongated start-stop reel, but he hasn't done too badly. He scored a brilliant century in Sydney, but failed to convert a clutch of starts thereafter.

One could argue that he didn't knock on the selectors' doors as persistently as his Karnataka colleague Mayank Agarwal, but on and off he demonstrated his terrific talent. Like his 87-ball hundred in the series-clincher in

North Sound. Though he's been in the selection periphery for what seems like ages, he is only 29 and a few more hefty knocks could find him back in the blues.

In the soon-to-set-in middle-order churn, Iyer too will nurse comeback hopes. He reeled out a stroke-laden 77 in the first game, failed in the second, and chimed in with a patient 47 in the third.

The lone disappointment among the hopefuls was Hanuma Vihari, who had presented a good account of his doggedness and courage during the Tests in Australia, but hasn't quite cracked the limited-overs code, managing only 84 runs in three games. But in his last 40 50-over games before this series, he has racked up 1,807 runs at 80.7. So he wouldn't be entirely out of the equation either.

Though the attack in the Caribbean wasn't quite the most intimidating they might have

faced, with a string of changes likely to be made for the senior West Indies series starting next month, and skipper Virat Kohli exempting himself from the trip, all of these batsmen could trace a comeback trail. And Saini could get his long elusive break.

Brief scores

1ST UNOFFICIAL ODI: India A 190 in 48.5 overs (Shreyas Iyer 77; Roston Chase 4/19) beat West Indies A 125 in 35.5 overs (Jonathan Carter 41*; Khaleel Ahmed 3/16) by 65 runs

2ND UNOFFICIAL ODI: India A 255/8 in 50 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 85, Shubman Gill 62; Romario Shepherd 4/36) beat West Indies A 190 in 43.5 overs (Navdeep Saini 5/46) by 65 runs

3RD UNOFFICIAL ODI: India A 295/6 (Manish Pandey 100, Shubman Gill 77) beat West Indies A 147 in 34.2 overs (Krunal Pandya 5/25) by 148 runs

BRIEFLY

Concussion subs during Ashes?

The ICC may introduce concussion substitutes in international cricket during next month's Ashes series before implementing it across all formats. Introducing concussion substitutes has been a major bone of contention for the ICC since the tragic death of Australian cricketer Phil Hughes, who was struck on the head by a ball during a Sheffield Shield match in November 2014. According to an 'ESPNcricinfo' report, the issue is on the agenda at the ongoing ICC annual conference in London and changes to playing conditions are likely to be approved and implemented quickly, so that all matches played in the World Test Championship, beginning Ashes series, will have the same safety protocols in place.

Roy gets Test call, Wood sidelined

England have give Jason Roy his first Test call-up to face Ireland in the one-off Test starting July 24 after the Surrey opener played a key role in his country's historic World Cup triumph, but pace bowler Mark Wood will be sidelined for between four and six weeks. Roy was a crucial part of England's first World Cup-winning campaign, with his return after missing three matches with a torn hamstring coinciding with the winning streak that carried them to the title. South Africa-born Roy scored 443 runs in the World Cup, but England's selectors were keen to get him red-ball practice ahead of the Ashes series against old rivals Australia, which starts on August 1 at Edgbaston. However, Durham's Wood, who has a side strain, and Sussex pacerman Jofra Archer, suffering from the same injury, were not selected for the Ireland clash.

Inzamam steps down as Pak chief selector

Pakistan chief selector Inzamam-ul-Haq stepped down as the chief selector on Wednesday but was open to take up any new assignment from the board. The under-fire chief selector told a press conference in Lahore that he would not seek an extension or renewal of his contract, which expires on July 31. "After more than three years as chief selector, I have decided not to seek a renewal of my contract," the former skipper said. "With the ICC World Test Championship due to get underway in September, the ICC T20 World Cup in 2020 and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, I believe it is the right time for the Pakistan Cricket Board to appoint a new chief selector."

AT PEACE WITH HIMSELF

I've realised it is okay to fail, I take things in my stride now: Samson

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THERE IS a story about Sanju Samson that provides an insight into his mindset. Dale Steyn was the gun bowler for Royal Challengers Bangalore and Samson, playing for Rajasthan Royals at No.3, would need some advice on facing one of the best in the world, at least what head coach Paddy Upton presumed.

But Samson had it all figured out. Steyn pitches one up and swings it. Samson's game plan was: hit him back over his head. If he pitched it short next ball, pull the South African quick. Samson didn't make too many runs in that particular innings from the 2014 edition of the Indian Premier League, however, he did smash Steyn back over his head for a six.

The absence of fear of failure is what made Samson special, Upton writes in his book *Barefoot Coach*.

Unknown to Upton is the goading the youngster got from his father for not taking on Steyn in the previous game between the two sides – he had played and missed five balls in an over. "After the match, my father called me. Normally, he gets angry. But today he was really angry. He told me 'Dale Steyn was staring at you, why don't you hit him?' I told him, how can I hit Dale Steyn? He is one

of the best bowlers in the world. But my father said 'you have to hit him, how can he stare at you and walk away'. I definitely got pumped up. Father *keh rahe hai ki world ke best bowler ko baja de* (Father was saying smash the best bowler in the world!) I was 18 or 19 at that time," Samson says.

The youngster carries his aggression lightly – he never looks back at the bowler regardless of whether he is beaten or has hit a boundary, and does not get into a confrontation. The attacking mindset he carries to the wicket was ingrained from the age of 13, when his coach Biju George asked him to whack balls out of the medical college ground.

"He is a different type of coach. He says you must go for it, his strategy was 'anyway you will get out, so you must just go for it'. It came out naturally and I kept on developing it," Samson says.

His attacking game has earned praise from former players, with Gautam Gambhir going as far as saying he was good enough to play at No.4 for India at the World Cup, after watching him hit an unbeaten 102 in 55 balls against Sunrisers Hyderabad earlier this year. Yet, as the season progressed, his form tailed off and Samson finished with 342 runs at a strike rate of 148.69.

When the India 'A' squad was announced for the five one-dayers in the West Indies, Samson didn't figure in the initial list. When a spot opened after Rishabh Pant got a late



Sanju Samson says he has worked on his fitness and feels he is in the best shape now.

call-up for the World Cup, it went to Ishan Kishan. In a post-MS Dhoni scenario, the next generation of wicketkeepers – Test-capped Pant (21), Kishan (20) and Samson (24) – will fancy their chances across formats. The experienced Wriddhiman Saha, on the sidelines following a shoulder surgery, will also remain a strong contender in a crowded battle.

Samson reconciled to the fact that his 50-over form didn't merit a place in the India 'A' squad. When T20 squads were going to be announced, he admitted to being hopeful. His lone match in India colours was four

years ago, a T20 International in Zimbabwe.

Samson says it has been frustrating to watch some of his peers play for India. After a string of good knocks, people talk him up, but the volume of runs has not been large enough for him to move ahead in the queue.

Last season (2017-18), he made 627 runs in the Ranji Trophy with two centuries and two fifties. He captained the Board's President's XI and made a hundred against Sri Lanka. "Back then, people were saying you will play for India. If you start thinking about an India call-up, it can be tough. I have heard people like Brian Lara, Sachin sir and Rahul sir saying good things about me. But I end up not being in the Indian team and it can be very frustrating at times. At the same time, the Indian cricket team is the best team in the world. People in the Indian team are also performing at their best and I can't just replace them. I believe *apna time aayega* (my time will come)."

Samson isn't willing to ditch his aggressive approach but admits he can improve his shot selection. "Talking about the IPL, there is only one gear and I think you need to look for boundaries. My role is to go out there and express myself. If I want, I can make 30 and then decide to bat for another five overs and make 50. Your name may come in the newspaper, but that is not my game and that is not my role. I have never played an innings thinking about my own score. I need to keep playing my shots. That kind of a game has earned me

a lot of respect in the dressing room and from the team management. But definitely I have to be consistent, but I need to do it with intent," Samson says.

For a batsman gifted with timing and a wide repertoire of strokes, Samson is working towards tempering his aggression with smart shot selection. There have been umpteen occasions when he looked like toying with the bowling before a soft dismissal ended his stay. "Shot selection has been one of the things I need to work on. Learning about the conditions has been really important for me during these last two years. If I want to play a shot over cover, I need to know if I can play it on a turner. I've improved a lot by watching the game on TV. I'd never invested time to watch cricket on TV earlier. But of late, I have really enjoyed watching the World Cup, and you understand how players are taking decisions on the field."

It was an interaction with Dhoni, which resulted in Samson being glued to the television when a cricket match is on.

"After last year's IPL, I met Dhoni and asked him what he thinks I need to work on. He told me that cricketing sense is important and that comes when you observe a cricket match and watch closely what the captain is doing and how a bowler is trying to get a batsman out. It was fascinating to watch the way Kane Williamson was able to read the pitch and play accordingly. Being able to read match situations in the middle is very important."

Samson avoided watching games on television earlier because he felt he was switched on all the time and his single-minded focus was taking a lot out of him. He was too harsh on himself and it all unravelled at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai in 2016 when he was dismissed off a 'straight ball' and proceeded to smash his bat in the dressing room.

The meltdown

"I was upset that I didn't make a double hundred," Samson says. "When you set standards too high, it happens. I scored a century in the first game (at Kalyani) and in three matches, I failed. I got worked up. I got out to a straight ball bowled at 110 kmph at Brabourne. I decided that I am not going to play anymore. I just walked out of the stadium and it was a different level of frustration. If you are not in a good frame of mind, you end up doing things you regret."

Post the meltdown, Samson has tried to stay detached from the scoreboard. He remains passionate and promises that he has left no stone unturned – during a break post IPL he has reworked his fitness regimen – in being in the best shape possible but does not lose his head when things don't go his way.

"It is okay to fail. I am more realistic now. If you don't have a major fault, don't find a fault. You have to relax. You need to have a cheat meal once a month, you need a holiday. You need to stay fresh."

Two high hurdles in India's path

West Asian giants Qatar, Oman expected to dominate the group; Afghanistan, Bangladesh provide hope

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SEPTEMBER 5: Oman (Home); September 10: Qatar (Away).

In a span of five days, India will face two West Asian football giants in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers. But given that India's hopes of making the cut for the World Cup are minimal, the country's real challenge will be to finish above the other two teams in the group - Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

Maximum points against them will keep India make India's task of qualifying for the 2023 Asian Cup that much more easier. As per the rules, eight group winners and four best runners-up will progress to the final round of World Cup qualifiers. They will also directly qualify for the continental championship, which will be held in China. The next best 24 teams will have to go through another tedious round of qualifiers for the remaining 12 slots in the 24-team Asian Cup.

The opening two fixtures, meanwhile, will show how genuine India's claims are of being one of 'rapidly-improving Asian sides'. As was the case four years ago, India will open their joint qualifying campaign against Oman at home. Back in 2015, India gave their higher-ranked opponents a run for their money and almost stole a point with a late equalising goal that was controversially ruled out for off-side. After that promising start, India's wheels came off and the team lost seven out of the eight matches and finishing at the bottom of the five-team group.

The national team's fortunes have changed, largely for good, since then; at least in terms of world rankings. Just how much have they improved on field will be known over the next 12 months. New coach Igor Stimac's side can be expected to make it to the Asian event. While Qatar, ranked 55, and 86th-placed Oman, are in a different league; India can be expected to get the better of Afghanistan (149) and Bangladesh (183).

Although Afghanistan have improved considerably in the last few years, and have proved to be a tricky opponent for India at times, India will hope to get maximum points from the two matches against them as well as Bangladesh. It also remains to be seen if India will travel to Afghanistan for the away match, scheduled for November 14.



India, ranked 101, will open their 2022 World Cup/2023 Asian Cup joint qualifying campaign against world number 86 Oman at home on September 5. It will be followed by a trip to Qatar five days later. AIFF

INDIA'S SCHEDULE	
Sept 5	vs Oman (home)
Sept 10	vs Qatar (away)
Oct 15	vs Bangladesh (home)
Nov 14	vs Afghanistan (away)
Nov 19	vs Oman (away)
March 26	vs Qatar (home)
June 4	vs Bangladesh (away)
June 9	vs Afghanistan (home)

Barring a friendly against Palestine, which was held in Kabul last year, Afghanistan have played their 'home' matches in other countries owing to the security issues.

India's head-to-head record against the other two teams, Oman and Qatar, is abysmal. And even though the team held Oman to a goalless draw in a friendly last December, the result cannot be taken on face value as both teams were using it as a warm-

up for the Asian Cup.

Stimac refused to take any team lightly, even the teams ranked considerably lower than India. "It will be an enormous challenge for our young team. We have been drawn into a very tough group," Stimac said.

The beginning of Stimac's tenure as the chief coach has been mixed. Under the Croat, India have played five matches won one (vs Thailand), drawn one (vs Syria) and lost three (vs Curacao, Tajikistan and North Korea). In all those matches, however, Stimac was trying out different team combinations to identify his best 11.

Against Syria in the Intercontinental Cup on Tuesday, India produced one of their better performances of recent times - especially in the midfield - to hold their higher-ranked opponent to a 1-1 draw. But with a month-and-a-half remaining for the qualifiers to begin, Stimac will be fretting over the availability of his defenders.

Sandesh Jhingan and Anas Edathodika - the preferred central defensive duo - are not completely match fit. While Jhingan is

nursing an injury, Edathodika is returning from a premature retirement and will take time to gain full fitness, according to Stimac. Throughout the Intercontinental Cup, the coach was forced to field a makeshift defence, which resulted in India suffering embarrassing defeats to Tajikistan and North Korea, both placed lower than India in world rankings.

Stimac has little more than a month to plug this hole. Else his team's qualification hopes for the continental championship, let alone the World Cup, will take a massive hit.

Two Koreas in same group

Reuters: South Korea and North Korea will face off qualifying tournament for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. The two Koreas - who met in qualifying for the 2006 World Cup in Germany - have been drawn in Group H alongside Lebanon, Turkmenistan and Sri Lanka. Iran, who have qualified for each of the last two World Cups and at five in total, face neighbours Iraq in Group C alongside Bahrain, Hong Kong and Cambodia.

Anish comes to grips with growing-up issues, clinches gold

SHAHID JUDGE
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THE PAST few months has been a period marked by struggle for Anish Bhanwala. All because of his gun, and for the most peculiar reason. It's not that the weapon is damaged or faulty. The trouble is the 16-year-old's growing height.

"The grip on the gun was a problem for him because his hand got bigger," explains his coach Harpreet Singh. "He'd struggled with it for a few months and couldn't find much consistency in his scores. But now we've changed it (the grip) and he's become more comfortable."

On Wednesday, at the Suhl-Friedberg Shooting Centre in Germany, the teenager, armed with a gun that fits nice and snug in his hand, finished first in the qualifiers of the 25m rapid fire pistol event at the Junior World Cup, and then comprehensively shot to a gold-medal finish - a whole six points better than second-placed Egor Ismakov of Russia.

This was Bhanwala's third medal at a Junior World Cup - he's won two gold and a bronze. For any other junior, this would be considered a massive achievement. But this was expected from Bhanwala.

Ever since he took up the sport four years ago, the 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medalist has risen rapidly through the ranks. It was early last year that he established himself as the country's best bet in the rapid fire event, overtaking the likes of 2012 Olympic silver medalist Vijay Kumar. And now that he has another medal to display in his trophy cabinet, his coach asserts it shouldn't be one he should take too much pride in.

"He's consistently been performing at the senior level now," explains Harpreet, a silver medalist at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, who was also the first to have spotted the young talent. "It's good to win at such a tournament. It's not a small stage, but it's not a big stage either. It's a first step, but Anish had already taken that. Now he has to push on."

The Olympics next year is the target set for him. With a senior level World Cup coming up in August, which holds the reward of a quota spot for Tokyo 2020, Bhanwala needed to be prepared. For that, a change in grip was in order.

"The old grip was about a year-and-a-half old. That time he was about 5'5," Harpreet says. "Now he's about 5'10 and closing in on six feet."



Anish Bhanwala (C) after winning the gold medal on Wednesday.

The size of the gun remains the same, as changes are made to the 'anatomical pistol grip,' which is the part the gun is held with and is customised for each shooter. The 'grip' has measured finger grooves and contours to give the gun a snug fit in the hand.

"The grip is the connection between the hand and the gun, which makes it even more important," explains former Commonwealth Games champion Ashok Pandit. "The fingers should fit in the grooves nicely and the rest of the hand should wrap around the grip well so that there is maximum contact with the gun. There should be no hollow spots."

"Once the fitting is perfect, it helps you to understand your shots better, and you can complete your follow-through. Senior shooters are always trying to fidget around with the grip to get more out of it, so you can imagine what happens when a kid suddenly grows up and uses the smaller old grip."

Even the minutest change to any piece of equipment for a shooter, let alone the gun, takes time to adjust to. In the three senior-level World Cups this year, Bhanwala shot qualification scores of 588 (New Delhi), 578 (Beijing) and 567 (Munich). As the tournaments progressed, it was Bhanwala's size that changed. He couldn't find any rhythm because the gun wouldn't fit well in the hand.

It was only after Munich that the required change was made. Since then, he's competed with the new grip domestically, but Suhl was the first international event.

"I didn't really want to send him for this because it's a junior event, but it was a good chance for him to get some more testing done with the gun," Harpreet adds.

BRIEFLY

India dominate Commonwealth TT

Cuttack: India made a bright start to their campaign at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships, topping their groups to qualify for the Super Eight stage in both men's and women's team events here Wednesday. The men first beat Scotland 3-0 and then follow it up with a similar verdict against Singapore. In the women's event, India tried out their bench strength but still beat Sri Lanka and South Africa 3-0 each.

Winning start for Sindhu, Srikanth

Jakarta: PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth made impressive starts to their campaign, progressing to the second round of the Indonesia Open with contrasting wins on Wednesday. Sindhu and Srikanth prevailed over Japanese shuttlers Aya Ohori and Kenta Nishimoto in women's and men's singles respectively. Fifth seed Sindhu won 11-21 21-15 21-15 win, while eighth seed Srikanth beat Nishimoto 21-14 21-13 in 38 minutes.

Deepika wins medal in Tokyo test event

Tokyo: Deepika Kumari Wednesday clinched a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games test event after going down to 18-year-old Korean An San in straight sets here. Ranked fourth in the qualification round, Deepika found the going tough against the second seed, who produced fine shooting including a flawless third set to clinch the match 6-0 in her favour.

Hima wins fourth gold in 15 days

New Delhi: Hima Das clinched her fourth gold of the fortnight as she won the 200m race with a creditable time in the Tabor Athletics Meet in Czech Republic Wednesday. Hima won in 23.25 seconds though the race had a mediocre field with most of the competitors representing clubs of Czech Republic. VK Vismaya was second with a season best 23.43. In men's 400m, Muhammad Anas won in 45.40 seconds in a mediocre field while compatriots Tom Noah Nirmal came second with a season best effort of 46.59. K S Jeevan was third in 46.60 and MP Jabir finished fourth in 47.16.

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Open brings sporting relief for N Ireland

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Darren Clarke was a teenager working at a bar in his hometown of Dungannon when the call came in. The message was simple: Get out or get killed.

It was a few days before Christmas in 1986 and Northern Ireland was at war with itself - and by proxy, the government in London. "The Troubles," as they are euphemistically known here, were raging and no one knew who the next target would be.

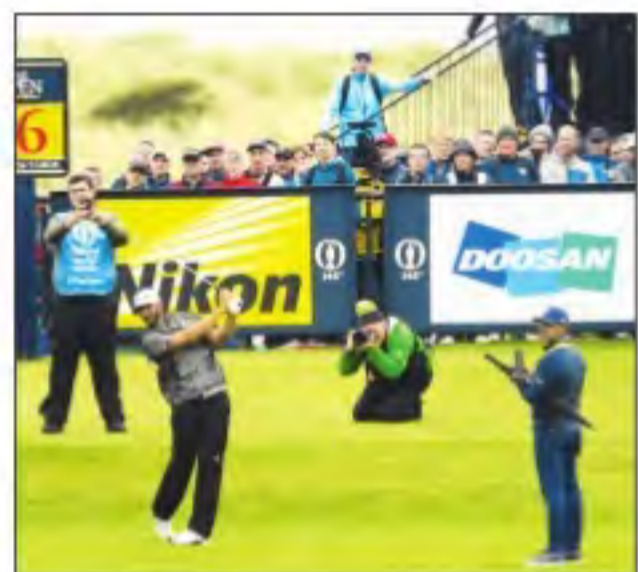
Clarke and his fellow workers took heed and got out. "The bomb scare at 8:30, everybody out, bomb went off at 9:00," Clarke said, "and the place was flattened."

Clarke recalled the close escape this week amid preparations for a home British Open he thought he would never see. The Open is back in Northern Ireland for the first time in 68 years, and Clarke will step up to the first tee early Thursday morning and hit the first shot. As with anyone who grew up around here during the time, though, the Troubles are never far from his mind. "That was life in Northern Ireland. Bombs were going off quite frequently," Clarke said. "And a lot of people, unfortunately, paid a heavy penalty for being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

The Troubles that killed more than 3,700 people have largely ended, thanks to the Good Friday peace agreement in 1998. Still, tensions between unionists, mostly Protestant, and Roman Catholic supporters of a united Ireland still simmer beneath the surface and there are occasional incidents like the shooting death earlier this year of journalist Lyra McKee during rioting in Londonderry. But with prodding from Clarke - the 2011 Open champion - and some others, the R&A felt comfortable enough to bring the tournament back to Royal Portrush, where it was last held in 1951 - the only time it had ever been played in Northern Ireland.

And with more than 200,000 fans expected to flood the course before play ends Sunday, the focus for both them and Clarke is now on golf. "It goes without saying, it's a huge thing to have it back here in Northern Ireland again," Clarke said. "It's going to be an amazing tournament. The atmosphere is going to be sensational."

Indeed, the atmosphere might already be ahead of projections, with fans streaming out of the nearby train station to get a glimpse of their favorite players in Tuesday's practice round. In between they could look at the spectacular vistas that spread for miles from the links course perched on a cliff overlooking the sea. It's a bucolic setting that belies the violence that is mostly past. And it's an important way to spread the idea that Northern Ireland is not only the home of major champions like Clarke, Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, but some of the best golf



Dustin Johnson of the United States during a practice round ahead of the British Open golf championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland. AP

courses in the world.

It's also a way to show the world that Northern Ireland is moving on from its past.

"We want people to think of Northern Ireland and immediately then think of golf," Peter Robinson, the then-deputy first minister of Northern Ireland, said when the tournament was announced five years ago. "Those are the positives from a Northern Ireland point of view."

The golf, at least at Royal Portrush, could be as spectacular as the views. This is a British Open with a little of everything for golf fans, from Tiger Woods trying for another major to McIlroy, McDowell or even the 50-year-old Clarke winning on home soil.

Quite a change from 1951 when an Englishman named Max Faulkner, who spent one winter milking cows to strengthen his golfing hands, won an Open that only two Americans bothered to enter. But one thing that hasn't changed all that much is a golf course as pleasing to see as it is to play.

"The thing about Royal Portrush, it's a fair golf course," Clarke said. "If you play well around Portrush you should have the opportunity to score well. If you're missing too many shots you're not going to get around Portrush, and that's the way it is."

Shubhankar paired with world number 1 Koepka

Shubhankar Sharma will tee off along side world no. 1 American Brooks Koepka and South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen at the British Open golf tournament here on Thursday. Shubhankar, playing in his second Open and only his fifth Major start, will tee off in the company of Koepka, who has won four Majors in his last nine Major starts, and Oosthuizen, who won the 2010 Open at St Andrews, and is the current Africa no. 1. Shubhankar got the real taste of Northern Ireland's wet and windy weather as he went out to practice on Wednesday.

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