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UNDER TECH & SECURITY COVER, AMARNATH YATRA BEGINS

The first batch of pilgrims on the Baltal route on Monday. Security measures include unmanned aerial vehicles and satellite trackers this year. *Shuaib Masood* P8

JULY, AUG TO BE BETTER: IMD

Late monsoon: 33% deficit in June, highest in five years

Maharashtra, Andhra, Telangana, Kerala, parts of North-East are driest

ANJALI MARAR
PUNE, JULY 1

DUE TO late onset and the adverse impact of Cyclone Vayu, the first month of the monsoon season ended with a 32.8% deficiency in rainfall for the country as a whole — the worst in the last five years. But the months of July and August promise to be better, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

IMD officials said monsoon was in the process of intensifying and good rainfall was expected in many parts of the country in the next few days. As per the latest forecasts, a low pressure system that lay over Odisha as on July 1 is expected to cause widespread rainfall across Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra over the next four days (till July 6) starting Tuesday (July 2). Besides compensating for the deficit, this would also aid the further advancement of monsoon to cover the remaining parts of central, western and northern India by the end of this week.

The June deficiency was the worst since 2014, which saw a deficit of 42%. The rainfall in June last year was 5% below normal.

This year, the onset of monsoon over the Kerala coast was delayed by a week, and then Cyclone Vayu, which approached the Gujarat coast in the second week of June, halted the northward progress of the monsoon by another week. Some rainfall towards June-end ensured that the deficit dropped from 43% on June 19, to 36% on June 26, and less than 33% now.

With about 18% contribution, June accounts for the least amount of rainfall during the four-month monsoon season. July and August see the heaviest rainfall — accounting for about 33% and 30% respectively of the total rainfall.

IMD officials said the conditions were favourable for further northward progression of the monsoon in the coming days, and it would reach Delhi around July 4-5. On Monday, the Northern Limit of Monsoon (NLM) passed through Dwarka, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Jabalpur,

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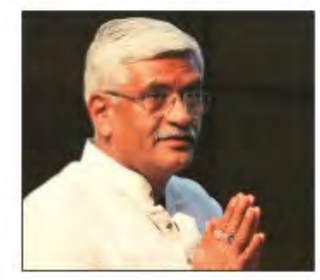
JUNE RAINFALL
(Departure from normal)

2012	-28%
2013	34%
2014	-42%
2015	16%
2016	-10%
2017	5%
2018	-5%

Govt rolls out plan to save water, says it will be a mass movement



Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Monday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

ROLLING OUT its water conservation plan under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan on Monday, the Centre said it would focus its time-bound, mission-mode campaign on 1,592 "water-stressed" blocks in 257 districts.

Launching the "Sanchay Jal, Behtar Kal" campaign for rainwater harvesting and water conservation, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said the plan would rely largely on mass awareness programmes.

Jal Shakti Ministry officials said it will also involve focused implementation and convergence of existing water conservation schemes under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Integrated Watershed Management Programme, and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana's per-drop-more-crop (micro-irrigation) programme.

Pointing out that at the existing pace, India's water availability is estimated to decline to 1,341 cubic meter per capita per year by 2025 (from 5,177 cubic meter per capita per year in 1951), Shekhawat said: "We are staring at a water crisis. But there

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Grassroot TMC leaders face cut-money blowback in Bengal: 'Can't return home'

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SANTANU CHOWDHURY
BARDHAMAN, BIRBHUM, JULY 1

UNKIND CUT
PART-1
CUT MONEY: MICRO KICKBACKS STORM IN WEST BENGAL
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ON THE night of June 23, Pradip Chakraborty, a block secretary of the Trinamool Congress, his wife Reena, their son, daughter-in-law and grandson fled their home at Mangalkot tehsil in Purba Bardhaman district to take shelter in a room inside a building provided by the party. "This is my home now. We are waiting for higher-ups in the party to tell us what to do. In my entire political career, I have never seen anything like this, it is spreading like wildfire," says Chakraborty.

The 57-year-old is among the scores of Trinamool leaders at the grassroots on the run, hounded by residents in their villages to return the "cut money", or illegal commissions, they had allegedly taken to "facilitate" the grant of central and state government schemes.

"That evening, the villagers surrounded our house, started pelting stones," says Chakraborty, from Chanok village. His neighbour in the "party building" is Samiran Majhi, Trinamool booth head from the village, who is here with his wife and two daughters after fleeing their home on June 24.

On June 18, with the BJP rapidly making inroads in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asked her party leaders to end the practice of "cut money" and return them to the people.

For leaders at the lowest rung of the TMC, especially in the districts of Bardhaman, Birbhum, Hooghly, Malda, Murshidabad, Coochbehar and Uttar Dinajpur, that was the beginning of the end. Many of them have since been forced to either return the "cut money" they had collected or submit in writing that they would do soon — or simply flee.

The Indian Express visited 12 villages in Bardhaman, Birbhum and Hooghly, where the backlash has been most visible. It found how "cut money", which is a well-entrenched practice dating back to the Left rule, had become "institutionalised" over the years, with specific rates for various schemes. And how a spurt in collections has widened the faultlines, socially and politically, forcing the TMC government to open special cells to address grievances — it has received over 1,500 complaints since June 10 — and prevent the BJP from cashing in on the resentment.

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TMC leader Pradip Chakraborty, wife Reena at a shelter arranged by the party in Mangalkot. *Ravik Bhattacharya*

Shah invokes Atal, tells Valley 'no need for fear'

Azad welcomes visit with no 'blackout'

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

INVOKING ATAL Bihari Vajpayee's "Jamhooriyat, Kashmiriyat, Insaniyat" approach for J&K, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Monday said that the Modi government was working for all-round development of the state.

Appealing to the Valley youth, he said they should "not be misled" by those asking them to hurl stones, and people of Kashmir should "not be scared" nor influenced by wrong propaganda.

"There is no need for fear in anyone's mind," Shah said in Rajya Sabha, adding that it is the "government's responsibility to protect their life and property".

Replying to a discussion before the House passed a resolution to extend President's rule in J&K by six months and the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Shah ruled out plebiscite in J&K saying "it is out of question today". He questioned why Jawaharlal Nehru had gone to the United Nations and promised plebiscite even after the princely state had signed the instrument of accession.

Thanking members for reiterating that Kashmir is an integral part ("*abhinn hissa*") of India, he made it clear that "whoever will talk about breaking India, will get a response in the same manner".

He rejected the Opposition charge that the BJP was delaying

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Home Minister Amit Shah in Rajya Sabha on Monday. *PTI*

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UP govt's caste certificates for 17 OBCs reopens SC list debate, Maya says illegal

MAULSHREE SETH & AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, JULY 1

REKINDLING THE debate over moves to include 17 Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Scheduled Castes (SCs) list, the Uttar Pradesh government, citing a 2017 observation of the Allahabad High Court, has directed officials to issue caste certificates to these 17 castes "after examination and based on documents in accordance with the rules".

The High Court, while hearing a PIL, had said that "in the event, any caste certificates are issued pursuant to the order impugned, those certificates shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petition".

The state government's June 24 direction to district magistrates and commissioners to issue caste certificates to the 17 OBCs — Kashyap, Rajbhar, Dhivar, Bind, Kumhar, Kahar, Kewat, Nishad, Bhar, Mallah, Prajapati, Dhimar, Batham, Turha, Godia, Manjhi and Machua — drew an angry response Monday from BSP chief Mayawati who called it "unconstitutional", saying these castes will neither get benefits meant for OBCs nor SCs since a state government has no power to make any alteration to the SC list.

In a statement, Mayawati said: "This order of the Uttar Pradesh BJP government is a big fraud on these 17 castes as in reality they are not going to get benefits of either OBC or SC. They will not get benefits of OBC because the government will not consider them OBC after this order, and neither of SC because no state government can add any caste to the SC list nor remove just with an order. Article 341 of

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EXPLAINED

SP had pushed it, BSP with a rider

THE BJP government in UP is not the first to move on the 17 most backward castes in the OBC list. In 2005, it was the SP government of Mulayam Singh Yadav which passed the first order to win over 11 of these castes who felt left out of the quota benefits. The order was stayed and the proposal sent to the Centre. Subsequently, the BSP government of Mayawati quashed the notification. She later said these castes could be included in the SC list provided the SC quota is increased. The SP government of Akhilesh Yadav cleared the inclusion proposal ahead of the 2017 assembly elections but it was challenged and is in court.

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In meeting with Cong CMs, Rahul firm on quitting as party chief

Congress Chief Ministers V Narayanasamy, Ashok Gehlot, Amarinder Singh, Kamal Nath, Bhupesh Baghel after meeting party chief Rahul Gandhi on Monday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

FOR THE first time after the Lok Sabha election defeat, Rahul Gandhi Monday met Chief Ministers of the five Congress-ruled states who asked him to reconsider his decision to step down as Congress president. But Rahul did not give any indication on changing his mind, signalling that the crisis that has hit the party is far from over.

At least one chief minister, Rajasthan's Ashok Gehlot, said that they "own up" responsibility for the election loss. He said the chief ministers hope Rahul will take a positive decision. Rahul is learnt to have told the CMs that he has already conveyed his decision to the Congress Working Committee (CWC). He also asked them to arrive at a consensus on an alternative.

Rahul is said to be upset that none of those state leaders and

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Death Row convict's only hope: His age, 25 years ago

Pune police report says he was juvenile when he was sentenced, along with two others, for murder of five of a family in 1994; case was reopened in January this year

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

NARAYAN CHETANARAM Chaudary is 39 years old and has spent almost two-thirds of his life in the shadow of the gallows. In 1994, he and two others were sentenced to death for the murder of five members of a family that included a pregnant woman and two children — a 'rarest of the rare' case.

But in the 25 years he has spent in Pune's Yerwada Central Jail, Narayan has worked towards making himself a model prisoner with the hope that it would help in the commutation of his death sentence.

Unlettered when he went to jail, Narayan taught himself Marathi and Hindi and went on to finish a BA in Social Science, MA in Sociology and completed a course in Tourism from open universities. He has virtually exhausted all legal options after his death sentence was confirmed by the Bombay High Court and twice by the Supreme Court in 2000.

But Narayan's story is about to change. It is his education, not the degrees he earned in prison but a year-and-half of schooling he had as a kid in Rajasthan's Bikaner district, that is promising him a fresh lease of life.

Narayan discovered that he could not have been awarded the death penalty as he was barely 14 years old when he was sentenced. He moved the Supreme Court in October last year, seeking a recall of the earlier court rulings confirming his death sentence.

In 1994, the sessions court in Pune had recorded Narayan's age as 20 years and he was tried and convicted as an adult under the Indian Penal Code. But Narayan was only 14 years old, a juvenile who could not have been awarded the death sentence.

However, the issue was never raised in court by Narayan during his trial. Narayan's lawyer in the Supreme Court had argued that his young age must be considered as a mitigating circumstance but the court had refused to entertain the argument.

His case was reopened in January this year and Narayan obtained his school documents from a government school in Bikaner — he had dropped out after 18 months — and from the district administration that records his date of birth.

In January, a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court directed the Principal District and Sessions Judge of Pune to decide whether Narayan was a juvenile when the crime was committed.

The Pune police have concluded, in a report submitted to the Supreme Court, that in 1994, when the crime was committed, Narayan was 12 years and six months.

"Capital punishment can never be imposed on a juvenile," the Supreme Court said while granting Narayan parole for a week in May to perform the last rites of his father. He is back in Yerwada jail now but his fresh battle before the Supreme Court has just begun.

Moved Supreme Court in October last year

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MHA EXTENDS AFSPA FOR SIX MONTHS IN NAGALAND
In a notification, the Home Ministry said the Centre was of the opinion that the use of armed forces in aid of the civil power was necessary for the northeastern state. It declared the region a "disturbed area" and in a "dangerous condition".

VIDEO OF THE DAY

HEAVY RAINS LASH MUMBAI
Due to heavy downpour roads are clogged and trains are affected

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Central, harbour and western services have been affected

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PROHIBITION IN BIHAR

Private vehicle on public road will qualify as 'public place', rules apex court

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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

A PRIVATE vehicle plying on a public road will qualify as a "public place" as per the Bihar Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

"When private vehicle is passing through a public road it cannot be accepted that public have no access. It is true that public may not have access to a private vehicle as matter of right but definitely the public has the opportunity to approach the private vehicle while it is on the public road. Hence, we are not able to accept the submission that vehicle in which appellants are travelling is not covered by definition of 'public place' as defined in Section 2(17A) of the Bihar Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016," a bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and K M Joseph said, while deciding an appeal by several charged under the Act while they were travelling from Jharkhand to Bihar in a car.

The incident dates back to June 25, 2016, when they were travelling from Giridih to Patna. The vehicle was stopped for a routine check in Bihar's Nawada district. Nothing incriminating was found in the vehicle, nor was there any liquor. The appellants were then subjected to a breath analyser test, in which, as per the prosecution's case, alcohol was detected. They were arrested and were in custody for two days.

In July 2016, the Nawada Judicial Magistrate took cognizance of the case. An appeal against this was dismissed by the Patna High Court, following which the the appellants approached the Supreme Court.

In the apex court, the appellants contended that they did not satisfy the requirement of the alleged offence being committed in a public place as defined by the amended Act. They also submitted that there was no proof that they had consumed alcohol in the state of Bihar, which was also a requirement to constitute offence under the Act.

Gujarat Dy CM says state facing Rs 4-5k cr annual revenue loss due to GST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JULY 1

CLAIMING THAT implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was in national interest, Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel Monday said Gujarat has been losing Rs 4,000-5,000 crore in revenue annually due to the new pan-India taxation system.

"Implementation of GST has led to loss for Gujarat in the first phase... The state is getting an estimated Rs 4,000-5,000 crore less revenue compared to the revenue it got before GST," said Patel at an event to mark the second anniversary of GST in Ahmedabad.

"We have implemented it for the nation, for the next generation, for simplicity and for greater transparency. One cannot always look at financial gain and losses... Gujarat has been facing loss due to the implementation of GST but in the future, it will be better... When our Prime Minister Narendrabhai (Modi) is making a law, Gujarat has to be in the forefront," he said, adding that the process of framing the GST law began when former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was the finance minister.

Crediting Prime Minister Modi for the roll-out of the GST, Patel said, "The process began when Manmohan Singh was the finance minister. It continued when P Chidambaram became the finance minister. It went on even when Manmohan Singh became the PM. The process still continued when Pranab Mukherjee was finance minister. But these leaders could not complete the process. This work was completed by a Gujarati... Narendrabhai who brought all the parties together and passed the law..."

"I will present the new budget tomorrow (Tuesday) in the Gujarat legislative assembly and can't give more details now," Patel added.

Dr PD Vaghela, Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Government of Gujarat, said, "GST registrations in Gujarat have increased almost 100 percent. Despite Gujarat having a bigger base of taxpayers, it still stood on top with regard to the number of taxpayers and the percentage rise. When it comes to filing returns, Gujarat is number one, if Punjab is not considered. Punjab is a small state and does not have many taxpayers."

BJP eyes beneficiaries to add members in Jharkhand

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JULY 1

IN A bid to fortify its performance in the Assembly elections slated later this year, the BJP in Jharkhand is planning add 25 lakh new members by "targeting" beneficiaries of various welfare programmes launched in the state.

The decision was taken at a core committee meeting held on Monday, according to leaders familiar with the development. Chief Minister Raghubar Das chaired the meeting and state general secretary (organisation) Dharampal, state BJP chief Laxman Giluwa were among those present.

A senior leader who attended the meeting, said: "Data of all beneficiaries of welfare schemes in the state will be provided to ground level workers. They will go door-to-door and ask the beneficiaries to join BJP. The is aim to get 25 lakh new members to join the party." Four core committee members also confirmed the move to *The Indian Express*.

State BJP vice-president Pradeep Kumar Verma said the drive would begin on July 6.

According to sources, during the meeting, Das also spoke of strengthening the party's base in the Santhal Pargana region, which has 18 Assembly seats spanning three parliamentary constituencies and six districts — Deoghar, Godda, Sahebganj, Pakur, Dumka and Jamtara. The region is considered a traditional votebank for the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM).

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Caste certificates

the Constitutions bars it from doing so."

Underlining that the power to add or remove any caste from the SC list is vested in Parliament, Mayawati referred to the two parts of Article 341: "(1) The President may with respect to any State or Union territory, and where it is a State after consultation with the Governor thereof, by public notification, specify the castes, races or tribes or parts of or groups within castes, races or tribes which shall for the purposes of this Constitution be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to that State or Union territory, as the case may be. (2) Parliament may by law include in or exclude from the list of Scheduled Castes specified in a notification issued under clause (1) any caste, race or tribe or part of or group within any caste, race or tribe, but save as aforesaid a notification issued under the said clause shall not be varied by any subsequent notification."

The PIL was filed by Gorakhpur-based B R Ambedkar Granthalaya Evam Jan Kalyan Samiti which challenged a December 2016 notification by the then SP-led government in the state, bringing these castes into the SC list.

Speaking to the *Indian Express*, Hari Sharan Gautam, petitioner and chief of the B R Ambedkar Granthalaya Evam Jan Kalyan Samiti, said, "The government has not filed a counter-affidavit in the case, which it was supposed to about two years ago. Moreover, these certificates will have no significance till the final decision of the court comes. We are taking legal opinion on the move of the government and will further move the court seeking to quash this order."

UP Advocate General Raghvendra Singh told The Indian Express, "The order issued by the state government is subject to the court decision. We have to file a counter-affidavit before the court. I have to check when the hearing in the case is slated."

A senior state government official, while maintaining that the matter is sub-judice, said the order will stand as government has not said anything on its own and has just asked to ensure implementation of the court direction.

On the other hand, Awadhesh Verma, chief of Arakshan Bachao Sangharsha Samiti said, "It is a move without any constitutional sanctity as it is a central government subject and only Parliament can clear it and the President can approve it. Moreover, it is sub-judice. The state government cannot take such a decision and we will soon start statewide protests."

State officials said the government wanted the 17 castes in the SC list because these castes figure very low on social and economic indices. The officials maintained that the advantage of placing them in the SC list will entitle them to quota and other benefits announced by the government from time to time.

But SC groups fear that such a move might impact their quota as the new entrants will consume their share if the reservation limit is not expanded.

Speaking to the Indian Express, R K Gupta, counsel for the BR Ambedkar Granthalaya Evam Jan Kalyan Samiti, said, "We had challenged a similar move of the government in 2005 as well when it had amended the Uttar Pradesh Public Services (Reservation, for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Act, 1994 citing that alteration in the list of SC can be made only by the President and not by the Governor and that the notification lacked constitutional sanctity. We did not pursue it further as the notification was withdrawn by the Mayawati-led government in the state which came to power in 2007."

BJP spokesperson Harish Srivastava said: "Be it the SP or BSP governments in the past, they never had any intention to include them (the 17 OBCs) in the SC list and used it merely as an election stunt. Akhilesh did it just before the 2017 assembly polls but we have the intention to actually bring these castes the benefits that they deserve. The government has just issued the direction of the court as it is, and has issued nothing from its own side." He rejected allegations that the BJP was doing this with an eye on bypolls to 12 assembly seats in the state, saying that if the party wanted to derive any political mileage from it, then it would have done it before the Lok Sabha polls.

Rahul

in charges under whose watch the party fared badly have owned up responsibility and resigned — even after he decided to step down on the principle of accountability. On whether he and his Madhya Pradesh counterpart Kamal Nath offered to resign, Gehlot said the chief ministers have been offering to resign since the results came out.

"(The Chief Ministers) have offered to resign. With regard to elections, it is always the high command which takes decisions on the future course of action. The entire working committee had authorised Rahul Gandhi to take whatever decision he wants...reorganisation, replacement. Whatever he wants to do, that decision was taken on May 25 (at the CWC meeting). That is not an issue for discussion now," Gehlot said after the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours.

Rahul came face-to-face with all the five chief ministers — Gehlot, Nath, Chhattisgarh's Bhupesh Baghel, Punjab's Amarinder Singh and Puducherry's V Narayanasamy. At the CWC meeting, he had come down heavily on Gehlot and Nath, accusing them of having put the interests of their sons ahead of that of the party. Despite requests, he had earlier denied to meet them.

Puducherry Chief Minister Narayanasamy told *The Indian Express* that they only discussed the issue of Rahul's resignation. "We requested him. He heard us very patiently. We told him that he has to lead the party at this juncture. He heard us one by one. Let us see what he decides. He did not convey his mind," he said. Narayanasamy claimed Gehlot and Nath did not offer to resign during the meeting.

Gehlot said the chief ministers have conveyed to Rahul "the feelings of Congress workers, what they think, what leaders of the Congress party think and what we think. It was a frank and open discussion. We told him that parties win and lose elections...he heard us patiently. We spoke from the heart. We are hopeful that he will listen to us and take a right decision at the appropriate time".

Asked whether Rahul agreed to reconsider his decision, Gehlot said "we have conveyed our feelings..." Gehlot said Rahul had made the elections "issue based" and campaigned on the basis on principles, policies and programmes while the BJP "misled" the country over issues of patriotism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, "hid behind the armed forces and misled the people in the name of religion". "He did not talk about development, economy, employment," Gehlot said.

Rain deficit

Pendra, Sultanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri and Mukteshwar.

IMD said El Nino, though weak this year, could also have played a role in the below-normal rainfall in June. El Nino is the abnormal warming of the equatorial Pacific Ocean that is known to suppress Indian summer monsoon.

"While the El Nino is weakening, it may have played some role in slowing down the progress of monsoon after the onset. However, we still cannot ascertain it to be the sole cause for the rain deficit," said an IMD official.

Among the driest states in June were Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and large parts of the North-East where the actual rainfall was 30% to 60% below normal.

As many as 30 of the 36 meteorological sub-divisions recorded below-normal rainfall in June. The only ones with normal rainfall were north interior Karnataka, Konkan and Goa, Gujarat, east Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah

assembly elections in the state as it wanted to control the state's administration through President's rule. Taking a swipe at the Opposition, he said "we do not have a drought of governments", and added that the BJP has 16 governments in the country.

On Jamhooriyat (democracy) in Kashmir, Shah said it should "not be restricted to three families". The government, he said, had conducted successful panchayat elections in the state. On Kashmiriyat, he said they hope to see the return of Kashmiri Pandits and Sufis to the Valley. And on Insaniyat, he mentioned the social welfare schemes that have benefitted people of the state along with other parts of the country.

He said separatist leaders who call for shutdown of schools in the Valley have sent their own children abroad to study. The government, he said, has a list of such people. Underlining the government's "zero tolerance" policy on terrorism, Shah said central agencies like the NIA have "choked the flow of funds" for terrorists. While previous governments too had tried to tackle terrorism, he said it was Modi's "dridh rajnitik ichha shakti" (committed political will) which led to air strikes inside Pakistan. He said the BJP government had struck at the roots of terror "where it is born, educated".

Unlike the past, the country's foreign and defence policies, he said, have been segregated keeping national security at the core.

He said there was need for a fresh perspective on the issue of Kashmir. "We have continued with a single approach towards the Kashmir issue but if the problem persists even after 70 years, it becomes imperative for us to review and adopt a new approach."

"We want development in the Valley... but we will not tolerate any separatist movement and terrorism." He said he is not a pessimist and assured the House that "we will win the hearts of Kashmiri people".

Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, welcomed Shah's visit to the Valley, saying it was the first time that there was no "blackout" or hartal during a Union Home Minister's trip. "Aap ke liye sabse badi uplabdhi hai," he said, adding it was a "welcome step". This was also mentioned by several Opposition members who participated in the discussion. Later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that Shah's speeches in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha "were comprehensive and insightful".

He said "those who want a clear understanding of the Kashmir issue must hear his speeches". He also highlighted that the Bills had been passed by both Houses unanimously "after rich debates, enriched by participation of MPs across party lines" and thanked all parties "for their support"

Grassroot TMC leaders face cut-money blowback in Bengal

'No one knocking on doors of big leaders'

In the process, however, local TMC leaders and their families are finding themselves virtually on the streets. "Do you think my husband keeps the money? Everyone knows how it works, there are higher-ups in the party to be paid. This system has been going on for years. But no one is knocking on the doors of the big leaders who are part of the system," says Champa Kha, wife of Gadadhar Kha, a Trinamool leader who fled his home at Jangal village in Mangalkot with his two sons last week.

It's a claim that is vehemently denied by senior TMC leader from Bardhaman and MoS Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Swapan Debnath. "I will not say anything on this. You can write whatever you want based on someone's allegations. You are not showing the true picture of our leaders being harassed by people who are backed by the BJP," he says.

The TMC has maintained that only "0.1 per cent of total public representatives" have "indulged in such activities, and action has been taken against them". On the ground, however, posters in Murshidabad and Malda naming panchayat members, scrawls of 'chor' (thief) outside the houses of councillors in Uttar Dinajpur and the ransacked home of Chakraborty, tell a different story.

At Chanok village, residents allege that Chakraborty took money from them for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Banglar Bari) housing scheme and Swachh Bharat (Nirmal Bangla) toilet initiative.

"They took Rs 5,000-Rs 10,000 each from 180 people in the area, promising them houses under Banglar Bari. Some people got the money to build houses but many didn't get anything. For toilets under Nirmal Bangla, people paid Rs 500 but did not get any money for the toilet. When the Chief Minister asked them to return the money, we went to his (Chakraborty's) house. Some pelted stones but nothing was stolen," says Chandana Majhi of Chanok.

Chakraborty's wife, Reena, who is a deputy pradhan, says her husband lodged an FIR naming 11 persons, and that no arrests have been made. But for police, the backlash over the last two weeks has been a nightmare in law and order.

"At least 81 people have been arrested in connection with 17 cases. They are all agitators and people who have been creating a law-and-order problem in the district," says Shyam Singh, SP Birbhum. West Bengal IG (law and order) Gyanwant Singh did not respond to requests for comment from The Indian Express. "We are taking all steps but the situation is tense in these areas. We don't want to escalate tensions," says a senior police officer from Bardhaman.

According to former police officers and political observers, the practice of "cut money" for government services and schemes is not new. However, they say, the "system" got a boost after the TMC came to power in 2011 and launched a number of welfare schemes.

Amal Mukhopadhyay, former principal of Presidency College and a political science expert, describes the situation as a reaction to the "institutionalisation of cut money". "Even during the Left Front rule, this menace was rampant. Today, you have to pay cut money to local thugs, who are members of the ruling party, for everything. This has percolated to the bottom," he says.

"I don't think the Chief Minister realised that the problem has become so deep. In a majority of areas, people are getting back their money. This is likely to enhance her image but at the cost of her party workers," says Pankaj Dutta, a former IPS officer who retired as IGP (Railways) in Bengal.

At Jangal village, 5 km from Chakraborty's home, Gadadhar Kha's wife Champa says the family is "living in fear", with no word from the party's "higher-ups".

"The villagers came four days ago and demanded money. They ransacked the house and threw stones at us. After my husband and two sons left, there's just me and my 85-year-old mother-in-law. I don't know what will happen. We cannot even go to the market. When we step out, people shout at us and ask for their money," says Champa, 45.

'Why did CM speak out publicly?'

About 12 km away, in Jalpar village, Trinamool leader Bhagirath Kaibarta is not at home, either. His relatives claim that he promised to return the "cut money" in a "hearing" conducted by residents on June 23.

"He left home with his wife and children. If the Chief Minister had to speak on cut money, why did she do it publicly? She could have warned everyone in a closed-door meeting. Who doesn't take cut money in the party? Now our lives have become hell," says Bhagirath's mother, Bhakti. Their three-storeyed house, with the top floor under construction, stands out in the village.

At Bardhaman town, 55 km from Mangalkot, Ananta Paul, whose wife Pompa is a former TMC councillor, claims that "residents backed by the BJP have started questioning councillors and local leaders about every project now".

"I was beaten up by some supporters of BJP on the night of June 23 and the afternoon of June 24. They started asking about the money spent in beautification projects and the hearse I had bought, which is used in the locality. I used money from my own pocket to buy an old car and turn it into a hearse," says Paul.

At Suri in Birbhum, Trinamool booth committee chief Trilochan Mukherjee "returned cut money totalling Rs 2.46 lakh on June 26", claim residents. "It was because of our pressure that he was forced to return the money," says Somnath Mal, a resident. Mukherjee was unavailable for comment. He had fled his home soon after returning the money.

(TOMORROW: THE COST OF A SCHEME: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH)

Govt launches water conservation plan

are also examples of states such as Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and others that have undertaken efforts to resolve it. Like the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan where the success had much to do with how it became a jan andolan, this too will be implemented through community-based programmes."

Speaking of how the United Nations, under its sustainable development goals, expects all countries to provide clean drinking water to every household by 2030, Shekhawat said that at present, only 8% of the total rainwater in the country is harvested — one of the many reasons why it needs to become a people's movement.

The ministry is yet to give details of its plan to provide piped water to every household by 2024, as mentioned in the BJP's poll manifesto promise of "Nal Se Jal". The 1,592 blocks, identified as "water-stressed" as per the Central Ground Water Board's 2017 data, include 313 critical blocks, 1,000-odd over-exploited blocks and 94 blocks with least water availability (for states without water-stressed blocks).

"Over exploited blocks are those that have used up over 100% of their groundwater availability, which is the case in states like Punjab and Haryana, whereas critical blocks are those where the extraction levels have reached 90-100%," said a ministry official.

Central government officials — of the rank of joint secretaries to additional secretaries across ministries — have been designated as Central Prabhari officers for each of the 257 districts to monitor implementation of the plan. Secretary (Drinking Water and Sanitation) Parameswaran Iyer said the five targeted interventions would include water conservation and rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, re-use and borewell recharge structures, watershed development, and intensive afforestation.

Speaking on urban waste water re-use, he said there will be bye-laws for separation of grey water (sullage) and black water (sewage). "In each urban area, one urban water body will be repaired and developed," he said. Officials said the ministry has commissioned a study through The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) to look at the massive water consuming industries such as steel, cement, power, and prescribe benchmarks for each.

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55-YR-OLD WROTE HE WAS UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF FAMILY

Gurgaon man stabs wife, two children to death, hangs himself, leaves note behind

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JULY 1

A 55-YEAR-OLD man, his wife and their two children were found dead inside their Gurgaon home early Monday morning, with the man hanging from a ceiling fan and the others lying in a pool of blood inside one of the bedrooms. Police suspect the man, Prakash Singh, killed his family before hanging himself. The family had four dogs, who were found sitting near the bodies.

Singh was a scientist at a pharmaceutical company, while his wife, Sonu (49), ran four schools in Haryana, including a playschool in Gurgaon. They had both completed their PhD in Chemistry from Banaras Hindu University. Their children Aditi and Aditya, aged 21 and 12, were studying.

Singh had not been going to work for the past month, and police are trying to determine if this was because he had resigned or was laid off. He was supposed to begin work at another company in Hyderabad from July 15, said police.

In a purported suicide note found inside his pocket, dated July 1, 2019, Singh stated, "I am completely failed. Taking my family along with me. I am completely responsible for this. No one else."

Sulochana Gajraj, DCP (East), said, "When his body was checked, a note was found, in which he wrote that he was not able to look after the family. We are conducting investigations and collecting evidence."

The matter came to light around 8 am Monday, shortly after the family's domestic help went to their home in Uppal Southend in Sector 49 to work. When she rang the doorbell but received no response, she approached a neighbour, R K Mathur, for help.

Outside the family's Gurgaon home, Monday.

"I called up Prakash and his wife, but their phones were switched off. I eventually went to their house and started knocking on the windows and doors. When nobody responded, I called the RWA office bearers, who alerted police," said Mathur.

"The family had been living here for the last 10 years after purchasing this house. I had bumped into Prakash just two days ago, he seemed perfectly normal," he said.

Police said they were alerted at 8.30 am and after they reached the spot, the RWA provided a plumber to them, with whose help the door of the house was broken down.

On entering, police saw Singh's body hanging from the fan by a nylon rope. The bodies of his wife and children were found in the bedroom. All three had injuries on their heads, said police, adding that a sickle and a hammer had been retrieved from the room.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Gurgaon Police PRO Subhash Boken said, "A case of murder has been registered on the basis of a complaint by the woman's sister, but as of now it seems Prakash killed his wife and children and then committed suicide. All doors and windows were locked, indicating there was no entry of an outsider."

The doctors who conducted the post-mortem of the deceased confirmed that the woman and her children sustained injuries from "sharp and blunt weapons" on their heads.

"The woman had 19 injuries, her daughter 8 and her son 12. Their viscera has been preserved and sent for further examination. It does not seem as if sedatives or drugs were consumed by them. The deaths are likely to have occurred around midnight," said Dr Deepak Mathur, who conducted the autopsy.

Cop's pistol seized, uniform torn during clash in Dankaur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, JULY 1

A SUB-INSPECTOR'S uniform was torn and his pistol stolen, allegedly by an unruly mob following police intervention in a land dispute between two groups of villagers in Greater Noida's Dankaur Sunday night. Police said they received information about a dispute between residents of Makanpur village in UP and Sheikhpur in Haryana's Palwal and visited the spot.

"There was a problem regarding alleged sand mining on a portion of land falling at the junction of Haryana and UP. The two villages are located on either side. An argument was taking place between groups from both villages, which escalated and the crowd attacked the sub-inspector from Dankaur police station. Almost 50 people have been named in the FIR," said Awaneesh Kumar Singh, Circle Officer (Dadri).

The mob allegedly used sticks and rods and left only after reinforcements arrived at the spot. Almost all accused mentioned in the FIR belong to the Haryana village. The FIR has been filed under IPC sections 353 (deterring public servant from discharging duty), among other relevant sections.

95-year-old freedom fighter gets HC relief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

"WE HAVE forgotten the agonies of those who suffered the thorns of ignominy and incarceration, merely so that they could strew the path behind them, with roses, for the generations to follow, like ours, to tread upon," the Delhi High Court said Monday while deciding on the plea of a 95-year-old freedom fighter to secure his pension.

Heera Singh, who had applied for pension in 1982 under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman (SSS) Pension Scheme for fighting in the country's independence struggle, ran pillar to post to secure the pension.

The court said that "of this period, 25 years were taken" by the central government to decide on the plea, for which "there is no explanation, whatsoever, for this delay".

It ordered that Singh be paid Rs 1 lakh in four weeks: "Battling for his right, first before the respondents (Centre and Bihar government) and... this court, the petitioner has entered the ninth decade of his life. Would this order benefit him in any manner?"

City records peak power demand

SPIKE IN DEMAND

Year	Peak Demand Met (MW)
2019 (July 1)	*7,241
2018 (July 10)	7,016
2017 (June 6)	6,526
2016 (July 1)	6,261
2015(June 19)	5,846
2014 (July 15)	5,925
2013 (June 6)	5,653
2012 (July 5)	5,642
2011 (August 2)	5,028
2010 (July 1)	4,720
2009 (July 8)	4,408

*(Expected 7,400 MW)

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

POWER DEMAND in Delhi breached all previous records as it touched a peak of 7,241 MW Monday.

According to a statement issued by BSES, the demand is higher than that of Mumbai and Chennai put together, and three times that of Kolkata.

Over the past week, temperatures in Delhi have risen again and the IMD had declared a heat wave over the past three days.

On Monday, the maximum temperature was 41.6 degrees Celsius, five degrees above normal. The minimum was 30.6 degrees Celsius.

The peak power demand was recorded at 3.29 pm. The peak power demand last year was 7,016 MW.

According to the BSES statement, power demand is expected to cross 7,400 MW this year. "This is an increase of over 250% over the peak power demand of 2,879 MW in 2002," said the statement.

Monsoon, which usually reaches Delhi on June 29, has also been delayed this year.

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Tiwari alleges scam in building classrooms, Sisodia says arrest me or apologise to Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

DELHI BJP chief Manoj Tiwari Monday alleged that the AAP government spent Rs 2,800 crore on construction of over 12,000 classrooms in government schools across the capital, when construction cost should not have gone beyond Rs 800 crore. Hitting back, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia challenged Tiwari, saying that he can get him arrested if he proves the allegations, or should apologise to people of the city.

At a press conference with MPs Parvesh Sahib Singh and Hans Raj Hans, Tiwari claimed that Rs 2,892 crore was spent to build 12,782 classrooms, when only Rs 800 crore was needed.

Citing a purported RTI reply received by Delhi BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana, Tiwari claimed: "Delhi government is constructing classrooms 300 sqft in size at the cost of Rs 24.86 lakh...

Tiwari said the classrooms cost more than hotel rooms

Even construction of five-star hotels does not cost this much."

Singh alleged, "It's not like they have installed smart boards or high-tech gadgets in classrooms. Construction of even five-star hotels costs Rs 5,000 per sqft , but here they have spent Rs 8,800 per sqft."

Hitting back, CM Arvind Kejriwal said the BJP was trying to hamper work done by the AAP government in the field of education. "The BJP's CBI checked all our files but found nothing. If there is a scam then arrest us immediately... Why do you want to obstruct good education to the poor (sic)," the AAP chief tweeted.

Sisodia posted a video on infrastructure in Delhi government schools, and challenged Tiwari to name 10 such schools in BJP-ruled states which could match the schools made by the AAP government. "He (Tiwari) knows no math or anything about education," Sisodia said.

To this, Tiwari said that the AAP government should not divert from the issue. "We will file an official complaint tomorrow," he said.

MODEL TOWN INCIDENT CAUGHT ON CCTV

Family in car, man robbed at gunpoint at parking inside home

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

A BUSINESSMAN and his wife were robbed by three armed men in North West Delhi's Model Town early Sunday morning when they pulled their Mercedes into their home's private parking. The accused, who followed the family into the parking area, also exchanged fire with police later in the day, but managed to escape.

Varun Bahl (35), his wife Nupur and their seven-year-old son and four-year-old daughter were returning from a relative's home in Greater Kailash when the incident took place.

Footage from a CCTV camera at the house shows Bahl opening the gate, after which he parks his car. As he gets out to shut the gate, three men can be seen pushing him inside and threatening him with a pistol. Two of them had covered their faces with a handkerchief. Bahl's wife can be seen sitting in the front seat with her daughter on her lap, while their son is sitting behind.

"They pushed me into a corner and held me at gunpoint when I went to lock the gate. I panicked and told them I will give them what they want, and that there were kids in the car. They did not say anything and started checking my wallet. They took money and a gold bracelet I was wearing. One of the accused approached my wife and checked her earrings. When she told them they were not real gold, they let her go and took her phone instead. Another man checked the glove box before leaving," said Bahl, who lives in the Model Town home with his parents. He owns a garment shop in Chandni Chowk.

A CCTV grab of the incident. The accused stole Rs 19,000 in cash, mobile phones and a gold bracelet

Police said the CCTV had been installed by the family.

"The incident took place around 3 am and the three bike-borne assailants pushed Bahl to enter the garage. At gunpoint, they stole Rs 19,000, mobile phones and a gold bracelet," said Vijayanta Arya, DCP (Northwest).

According to police, later on Sunday, the patrolling team in Adarsh Nagar saw the three men acting "suspiciously" and chased them. "The men fired shots at police and our officers retaliated. The robbers then left their bikes and fled the spot," said a senior officer.

An FIR about the robbery was registered Sunday afternoon. "We were very scared and my children were crying. We didn't leave the house till Sunday afternoon," Bahl said.

Bahl's neighbour Seema Gupta, the municipal corporation councillor from Model Town, said instances of snatching and robbery are common in the area. "We have complained to police but satisfactory action has not been taken," she said.

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Advertisement No: 28 **Recruitment Notice** Dated: 24-06-2019

Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company (JUIDCO) Ltd., a company under the administrative control of Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, is engaged in the different infrastructure development work, such as. (i) Water Supply Projects (ii) Sewerage, Septage & Drainage Projects (iii) Flyovers, Roads, Bus Stands ISBT & Transport Nagar (iv) Parks Projete & Development of Water Bodies (v) Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yougna (PMAY) (vi) Iconic Buildings (vii) Namami Gange Projects etc.

JUIDCO is looking for young, energetic and hard working candidates suitable for posts at different levels, who can provide results within prescribed time and agrees to abide by the rules and regulation as framed by JUIDCO for its employees from time to time.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Sl.	Name of Post	Remuneration	No. of Post
1	Project Director (Technical)	**For Deputation** [Present scale with all benefits with maximum upto 15% deputation allowance] **For Re-employment** [Salary as per GoJ Rules/notification/order maximum upto Last pay – Pension +DA+HRA] **For Absorption** [One Slab above the present scale with all benefits] **[For Direct Contractual Recruitment]** (Enhancement of salary 10-20% on previous salary, subject to maximum limit of Rs. 3,50,000/-)	1
2	Dy. General Manager (Solid Waste Management)	**For Deputation** [Present scale with all benefits with maximum upto15% deputation allowance] **For Absorption** [One Slab above the present scale with all benefits] **[For Direct Contractual Recruitment]** Enhancement of salary 10 - 20% on previous salary, subject to maximum limited of Rs. 2,25,000/-)	1
3	Project Manager (Solid Waste Management)	**For Deputation** [Present scale with all benefits with maximum upto15% deputation allowance] **For Absorption** [One Slab above the present scale with all benefits] **[For Direct Contractual Recruitment]** Enhancement of salary 10 - 20% on previous salary, subject to maximum limited of Rs. 1,50,000/-)	1
4	Dy. Project Manager (Solid Waste Management)	**For Deputation** [Present scale with all benefits with maximum upto15% deputation allowance] **For Absorption** [One Slab above the present scale with all benefits] **[For Direct Contractual Recruitment]** Enhancement of salary 10 - 20% on previous salary, subject to maximum limited of Rs. 70,000/-)	1

Detailed terms and conditions, Eligibility criteria along with the application Performa can be downloaded from our official – **"Juidco.jharkhand.gov.in" at Resources Head under Job Opportunities Section**

Last date for receiving the application is 15-07-2019 till 5:00 pm. (On all working days from 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M except holidays).

Sd/-
Project Director (Administration)
JUIDCO Ltd.

PR 210561 (Urban Development)19-20#D

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR 2, PANCHKULA-134151
(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)

NOTICE

Notice to the candidates for Physical Measurement Test (PMT) for the post of Fire Station Officer and Sub-fire Officer of Urban Local Bodies-cum-Fire Service Department. Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2017, Cat. No. 01 & 02

As per advertisement conditions and on the basis of written examination held on 12.01.2019 and declaration of result on 12.06.2019 for the post of Fire Station Officer and Sub-fire Officer of Urban Local Bodies-cum-Fire Service Department, Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2017, Cat. No. 01 & 02, it is notified for the information of all concerned that Haryana Staff Selection Commission has decided to hold the **Physical Meaurement Test (PMT) (Roll No. list uploaded on the commission's website i.e.** www.hssc.gov.in) as per schedule given below:-

Physical Measurement Test (PMT)

Sr. No.	Name of the post & Department	Advt. No.	Cat. No.	Date of Physical Measurement Test (PMT)	Place
1	**Fire Station Officer**	11/2017	01	**13.07.2019 (Saturday)** (Reporting Time 09.00 A.M.) **(No entry after 10.00 A.M)**	Haryana Staff Selection commission, Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula
2	**Sub-fire Officer**	11/2017	02	**13.07.2019 (Saturday)** (Reporting Time 09.00 A.M.) **(No entry after 10.00 A.M)**	Haryana Staff Selection commission, Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula

2. Minimum Physical Standard prescribed for the test shall be as under:-

Physical Measurement Test (PMT) for Cat. No. 01 & 02

Height	Chest	Weight	Eye Sight
5'7"	32" inches (un-expanded) & 34" inches (expanded)	54 K.G.	6/6 (without glasses) & 6/6 (with or without glasses after the age of 45 years and should not be color blind)

Important instructions for the candidates

1. Candidate must bring legibly printed Admit Card with recent colored photo pasted on Admit Card duly attested by Gazetted Officer and one identity proof with photo like Driving License, Voter Card, Aadhar Card, Passport etc. at the time of Physical Measurement Test (PMT).
2. The candidates are directed to report and register themselves for Physical Measurement Test (PMT) on the above given schedule date & time. In case candidates do not follow above schedule they will not be allowed to participate in Physical Measurement Test (PMT).
3. In case a candidate does not appear for Physical Measurement Test (PMT), he/she will not be considered for further selection process and no further opportunity will be given threafter.
4. Candidates should report at the venue along with his admit card as originally downloaded from website at the date and time mentioned therein. Entry in the venue shall not be allowed before the time mentioned in admit card. Candidates shall read & sign the instructions with the admit card and bring at the time of PMT.

Admit Card for Physical Measurement Test (PMT) of the candidates will be uploaded on the Commission's Website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in. The candidates can download the admit cards from the Commission's website from **08.07.2019 onwards.** Thereafter Link for download of Admit card will be disabled. No other chance will be given to download admit card later on. **Candidates are advised to read the instructions with this notice and on the Admit Card carefully and follow the same strictly.** Request for change of date of Physical Measurement Test (PMT) will not be entertained by the Commission.

Separate call letters/intimation will not be sent to the candidates by the Commission through post.

Sd/-
Under Secretary Examination,
for Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.

Place: Panchkula
Dated: 28th June, 2019

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	DHBVN	CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLAINT CENTRE AND OTHER ALLIED WORKS AT VILLAGE KHERKI VILLAGE GURUGRAM (NIT NO. I/XEN/CIVIL/GGN/2019-20 DATED 19.06.2019)	27.06.2019 18.07.2019	7.44 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	0124-2970011 xencivilggn1@gmail.com
2.	DHBVN	SUPPLYING AND SPREADING OF BAJRI, CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANK WITH MONOBLOCK PUMP, PCC ROAD, TOILET AND OTHER ALLIED WORKS AT 33 KV S/STN.JC-IV (REWARI)	27.06.2019 18.07.2019	9.92 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	0124-2970011 xencivilggn1@gmail.com
3.	THE ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	DI-CALCIUM PHOSPHATE (NON ISI) + 12 OTHER WORKS	27.06.2019 15.07.2019	1.30 LACS	www.vitaindia.org.in	vitarohtak@gmail.com
4.	THE SIRSA DISTT. COOP. MILK UNION LTD	PURCHASE OF RAW MATERIAL FOR KAJU PINNI, BESAN LADOO, NAMKEEN LASSI & PANEER	29.06.2019 19.07.2019	90000	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666-2245059 vitasrs@gmail.com
5.	THE AMBALA DISTT COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD.	MILK BOOTH, WALL & VEHICLE PAINTING AND WRINTING WITH DIFERENT COLOUR AS PER OUR APPROVED DESIGN WITH ASIAN/NEROLAC/BERGER PAINT AT DIFFERENT PLACES OF MILK PLANT AMBALA	04.07.2019 25.07.2019	15000	http:vitaindia.etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2540614 milkplant@vitaambala.org.in
6.	HSAMB FARIDABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE MAHMADPUR TO CHHAINSA NARIYALA ROAD(ID-9613) TIME LIMIT FOR 3 MONTHS + 4 OTHER WORKS	01.07.2019 16.07.2019	2.41 CRORE	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2019@gmail.com
7.	HSAMB KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM RISALWA TO DIDWADA ROAD (H-9688)-CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE-23267 + 2 OTHER WORKS	29.06.2019 09.07.2019	249.26 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2220964 xenkarnal.hsamb@gmail.com
8.	HSAMB JIND	CONST. OF FIRE FIGHTING STATION BUILDING(SINGLE ENGINE) IN NGM SAFIDON + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 10.07.2019	409.80 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-255039 etenders.hry.gov.in
9.	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISHAD	CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING AT GSSS BEHNI AMIRPUR, DISTRICT HISAR + 15 OTHER WORKS	01.07.2019 12.07.2019	2431.63 LACS	www.hsspp.in	civilbranchssa@gmail.com
10.	HVPNL	PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TWO NUMBER 132KV BAY FOR 2ND CKT OF 132KV CHHAJPUR-SEC 29 S/CKT LINE ON D/CKT TOWERS AT 132KV SEC-29 S/STN PANIPAT	25.06.2019 10.07.2019	6.40 LACS	hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
11.	HVPNL	CREATION OF 132KV DOUBLE BUS BAR ARRANGEMENT CREATION OF 132KV LINE BAY TO ACCOMMODATE 132KV NUHIYANWALI-ASSAKHERA LINE AND DISMANTLEMENT EQUIPMENTS ON EXISTING DABWALI 132KV BAY AT 132KV S/STN ASSAKHERA	27.06.2019 09.07.2019	12.09 LACS	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
12.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	DETAILED PROJECT FOR PROVIDING AND LAYING OF 600MM/800MM I/D RCC SEWER LINE FROM BAJGHERA CHOWK TO VILLAGE SARAI STP IN DISTT + 2 OTHER WORKS	24.06.2019 04.07.2019	2.03 CRORE	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	ee2@mcg.gov.in
13.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	CONST OF ROAD & DRAIN FROM RAJESH RASGULLA BHANDAR TO JAGDISH WARD 06 + 17 OTHER WORKS	28.06.2019 08.07.2019	1.12 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2672869 secymcpataudi@gmail.com
14.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KAITHAL	CONST. OF LANGAR HALL IN HANUMAN MANDIR RAILWAY GATE IN WARD NO.23 AT KAITHAL + 6 OTHER WORKS	28.06.2019 04.07.2019	51 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416188848 mckaithal@gmail.com
15.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	CONST OF ROO IN DISRIT BAL KALYAN PARISHAD BAL BHAWAN HISAR + 8 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 09.07.2019	48.96 LACS	eteders.hry.nic.in	xenmchissar@gmail.com
16.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SOHNA	RETENDE FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT SOHNA JUNCTION	27.06.2019 04.07.2019	24.35 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9813700466
17.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN NEELKANTH CHOWK TO TOTA RAM CHOWK IN NATHUPUR VILLAGE, WARD NO-35, MCG + 2 OTHER WORKS	25.06.2019 15.07.2019	3.54 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	ee8@mcg.gov.in
18.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE (WARD NO.06 PART-A), PARKING AND BADMINTON COURT (WARD NO.03 PARTB) BHORA KALAN ROAD, PATAUDI (GURUGRAM)	27.06.2019 07.07.2019	EMD-11.05 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2672869 secymcpataudi@gmail.com
19.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BHIWANI	CONST. AND LAYING OF IPB STREET FROM SHIV MANDIR WALI GALI, BANK COLONY W.NO.10 + 15 WORKS	CLOSING 03.07.2019	202.3 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466654040 me.mcbhiwani@gmail.com
20.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF STREET LIGHT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF M.C ROHTAK	27.06.2019 08.07.2019	16.80 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmcrohtak@gmail.com
21.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING IN VILLAGE MANKANYA WARD NO.20, PANCHKULA, RECALL	27.06.2019 08.07.2019	81.83 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
22.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF VYAYAM SHALA AT VILLAGE KHATOLI, WARD NO 20, PANCHKULA (INCLUDING LADIES AND GENTS TOILET). RECALL II	28.06.2019 08.07.2019	22.94 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
23.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	P/F OF INTERLOCKING TILE VARIOUS STREET (ISI MARK ALONGWITH 15 TO 20% COLORED TILES) IN SAINI MOHALLA, W.NO.5, PINJORE(RECALL) + 4 OTHER WORKS	29.06.2019 09.07.2019	183.10 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
24.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNANAGAR JAGADHRI	STRENGTHENING OF ROAD FROM AGGARSAIN CHOWK NEAR RAILWAY STATION TO BUS STAND VIA FOUNTAIN CHOWK IN YAMUNANAGAR	29.06.2019 05.07.2019	4.45 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818656867 xen.mcynr@gmail.com
25.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNANAGAR JAGADHRI	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM JHANDA CHOWK TO SHIBU MAL MAKHAN DHARAMSHALA VIA CIVIL HOSPITAL TO BILASPUR ROAD + 2 OTHER WORKS	01.07.2019 05.07.2019	4.14 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818656867 xen.mcynr@gmail.com
26.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM JHAJJAR ROAD TO AMAR SINGH WARD NO.1 AND 2 REWARI + 4 OTHER WORKS	05.07.2019 29.06.2019	33.46 LACS	9812002376 secymc.rwr@gmail.com	9812002376 secymc.rwr@gmail.com
27.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	PROVIDING AND LAYING INTERLOCKING TILES GRADE M-40 AND PROVIDING & LAYING OF WATER SUPPLY FROM RATTAN PAL WALI GALI VILLAGE BEGAMPUR KHATOLA, WARD NO-26 + 5 OTHER WORKS	28.06.2019 04.07.2019	86223	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9821395213 ee4@mcg.gov.in
28.	HARYANA STATE ROADS & BRIDGES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILTY STUDY AND PREPARATION OF DPR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INTEGRATED ROB/RUB IN LIEU	CLOSING 08.07.2019	45200	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274-256660
29.	HPGCL	FLUE GAS DESULPHURISATION(FGD) SYSTEM PACKAGE FOR DCRTPP, YAMUNA NAGAR (2X300MW)	27.06.2019 30.07.2019	10 CRORE	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 himanshu.gupta@hpgcl.org.in

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BRIEFLY

Spike in cases of dengue and malaria

New Delhi: The city recorded 13 fresh cases of malaria and eight cases of dengue this week, taking the number of vector-borne disease to 44 and 22 respectively, an SDMC report said. "The number of cases is expected to rise in the coming days," said Dr SP Byotra of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

Two charred to death after car crash

New Delhi: Two men were burnt to death after their car crashed into a Metro pillar in Outer Delhi's Mundka Monday.

Bail granted to suspended Air India pilot

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday granted anticipatory bail to Air India's former director (operations) Arvind Kathpalia, who allegedly evaded the mandatory pre-flight breath analyser test for a flight in 2017.

AIIMS meet on violence against docs

New Delhi: Talking about rising incidents of violence against doctors, a panel discussion organised by AIIMS Front for Social Consciousness sought high budgetary allocation in the health sector for upgradation of infrastructure and proper working conditions for resident doctors.

Two snakes rescued

New Delhi: Two snakes were rescued from residential areas by members of the Wildlife SOS Rapid Response Unit Sunday night. A common sand boa was rescued from a house in Vasant Kunj while another was picked up from Panchsheel Park.

PIL on Mental Health Act

New Delhi: The HC Monday sought responses from the Delhi government and police on a PIL seeking enforcement of the Mental Health Act, 2017, with immediate effect.

Goel accepts Sisodia 'dare'

New Delhi: A day after Deputy CM Manish Sisodia challenged BJP working president J P Nadda and Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel to compare government schools in the capital with those in BJP-ruled states, Goel said he has accepted the challenge. **ENS**

TWO MEN DETAINED, POLICE FILE CROSS FIRs

Parking row sparks communal flare-up, alert across Old Delhi

600 personnel, including paramilitary forces with anti-riot gear, were deployed in the area to maintain peace. *Tashi Tobgyal*

One of the FIRs mentions alleged vandalism at local temple; police and politicians appeal for calm

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

SEVERAL AREAS in Central and Old Delhi remained tense Monday after an argument the previous night over a parking spot spiralled into a communal flare-up. According to police, while the initial incident took place in Hauz Qazi, on Monday, several shops remained shuttered in Chandni Chowk and Chawri Bazar. Allegations also emerged that a temple had been vandalised, and police spent the day trying to calm tempers on both sides.

Three FIRs have been registered and two men detained so far.

Urging people to help police restore normalcy, DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa said: "After some altercation and scuffle over a parking issue in Hauz Qazi, tension arose between two groups of people from different communities. We have taken legal action and all efforts are being made to pacify feelings and bring about amity."

According to police, around 10.55 pm Sunday, a man identified as Aas Mohammed was parking his two-wheeler outside one Sanjeev Gupta's home. "Gupta, who was sitting inside his house, asked him not to park the scooter, saying he parked his cart there. An argument ensued and Gupta came out of his house. According to eyewitnesses, Aas Mohammed was beaten up by some locals, but he ran away and returned with his associates," a senior officer said.

Randhawa said, "We have registered three FIRs — including two cross FIRs against Gupta and Aas Mohammed — and detained them. The third FIR has been registered in connection with alleged rioting and vandalism at the temple against unidentified persons. We are trying to arrest the accused."

Locals told police that both men had argued over parking earlier as well. Gupta's wife Babita alleged that a group of men "pelted stones at our windows and barged into our house. They dragged my husband outside and assaulted us, including my children".

Police said a PCR call was received around 11.30 pm about two groups fighting, and people from both sides were taken to Hauz Qazi police station. In the meantime, a false rumour spread that a man had been beaten to death. "Around 350 people gathered outside the police station and some went outside Gupta's home, where a temple is situated. It is alleged that some unidentified men vandalised the temple," an officer said.

Temple priest Anil Kumar Pandey claimed, "I was sleeping when I heard some people screaming and came out. I tried to stop them, but they were aggressive."

As tension spread, senior officers arrived at the spot and 600 personnel, including paramilitary forces with anti-riot gear, were deployed. Imams from local mosques were also called in to appeal to youth to disperse and maintain peace in their area.

Local MLA and Delhi Minister Imran Hussain also sought to persuade people to maintain calm. During the day, a photo-journalist was allegedly attacked by unidentified persons while covering the incident. Police said they are probing the attack.

Delhi BJP vice-president Jai Prakash also visited the spot and said it was merely a case of personal enmity between people who happened to be of different religions. "Whoever vandalised the temple should be arrested and whoever tried to break communal harmony should also be arrested. I went to the area and I appealed to people to maintain peace," he said.

Later in the evening, some people gathered in front of the temple and performed prayers. They also demanded the arrest of those who allegedly vandalised the temple. Meanwhile, Delhi Police arranged for new idols for the temple, and said they have tightened security to ensure the situation de-escalates.

SHOPKEEPERS CALL FOR PEACE

New Delhi: Following tension between two communities in Central Delhi Sunday night, some shopkeepers at Chawri Bazar, Sadar Bazar, Khari Baoli and Chandni Chowk kept their shops shut Monday morning. Several shopkeepers complained of losses and appealed for peace in the area. Sanjay Bhargav, who heads the Sarv Vyapar Mandal in Old Delhi, said, "The incident hit business today... those who come here to shop will get scared and not turn up if such incidents take place often." At Chawri Bazar's Lal Kuan, where the incident took place, several kite shop owners said customers refrained from turning up. "We were asked by authorities to keep our shops closed. This is the first time in decades that two communities here are fighting like this," said a shopkeeper who has been here for the last 40 years. ENS

Amid confusion at DU, admissions under first list set to be extended

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

ADMISSION TO Delhi University against the first cut-off list has been extended by a day for those whose admissions had been held up because of various grievances, particularly for students of the Andhra Pradesh state education board. Monday was supposed to be the final date for admission under the first list.

According to students, there is a lack of coordination between their various state boards — and central boards other than CBSE such as CISCE — and the varsity. The most pressing issue has been the conversion of grade point average to percentage for students from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state boards.

The Indian Express had Monday reported how the formula for conversion of subject-wise grade points given by the AP state board was multiplying the grade point by 10. Therefore, students with marks within the range 91 to 100, would have a grade point average of 10, which could be converted to 100. However, the university released a set of guidelines Saturday, stating that for both the AP and Telangana boards, the grade point average of 10 would be taken as 95, since it is the mid-point of the mark range. This effectively means that no student from these two boards will be considered to have more than 95% as their 'best of four' subjects.

After the Andhra Pradesh government wrote to the university stating that it has released marks of students concerned and requested that their admission be taken on the basis of these, DU officials said admission of students from the state will be "revisited as per the request of their state government".

"If any admissions were based on grades, those are to be cancelled and fresh admissions may be given on the basis of marks," read an e-mail from Rajeev Gupta, chairman of the admission committee to colleges.

A DU admission official admitted that this could swing either way for individual students: "It will be a loss for students who have taken admission with 95% but whose actual marks will turn out to be lower than that. It will be a huge advantage to those who have actually scored 98% or 99%."

Language dilemma

Students from across education boards other than CBSE have been struggling to get admission through their elective language subjects. The revised eligibility criteria published by DU states that merit of students will be calculated based on one language and three elective/academic subjects. This year, DU has included Modern Indian Languages in its list of elective subjects, meaning that students can include another language among their three elective subjects without suffering a percentage deduction.

However, students from other boards have been finding this door closed to them in some colleges. Safwan from Malappuram district in Kerala wanted a seat in BA (Hons) English in Hindu College. He calculated his percentage with English, Biology, Chemistry and Arabic as his best of four subjects and got 96.95%. "But the college said my board's Arabic does not qualify as an elective subject, and asked me to take my Physics marks. This lowered my percentage to 94.75%, and made me ineligible. Now I have taken admission in Ramjas College which accepted Arabic. But this is very arbitrary," he said.

A new set of additional guidelines issued by the university states that "language subjects which contain significant amount of Literature in its contents may qualify as an elective subject".

Officials from various boards have written to the university to clarify that these languages are elective subjects. Telangana's Controller of Examinations wrote to the registrar on June 21 stating the board's students study English as a core subject and can opt for either Sanskrit, Telugu, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, French, Kannada or Marathi as an elective language. A similar letter was sent by the AP government on June 28, and by the Kerala government for Arabic, Hindi and Malayalam as elective languages as far back as June 12. On Monday, CISCE's secretary also wrote to the registrar stating that while English is a core subject, all other subjects are electives.

An admission official said in many of these cases, colleges were not complying with guidelines of allowing students to opt for two languages in their 'best of four'.

Music trials at Kirori Mal College, Monday. *Abhinav Saha*

Ambulance workers protest outside CM's house

SARAH KHAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

A DRIVER with the Centralised Ambulance and Trauma Services (CATS) tried to set himself on fire outside Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence Monday. Rajan Kumar, along with hundreds of other employees, has been protesting since Saturday against privatisation of CATS and alleged non-payment of salaries for the past three months.

"I tried to set myself on fire but was stopped by my colleagues. I am the sole breadwinner of my family of six," said Kumar, who has been working with CATS for the past eight years.

CATS ambulances are emergency response services managed by the Delhi government through a helpline number, 102.

There are 265 ambulances in the fleet and they attend to 1,100-1,200 calls on a daily basis. On Monday, only half of them were operational.

The government had outsourced the operation and maintenance of the ambulance services to a private company in 2006 for better management of services.

At the protest. *Abhinav Saha*

Jitendra Kaushik, president of CATS staff union, demanded that the services shouldn't be outsourced and should be controlled by employees. "Close to 800-1,000 employees haven't received their salaries. The administration blames the company whereas the company blames the government for not paying them. We are the ones who have to suffer," he claimed.

"We are trying to restore ambulance services at the earliest. The problem took place after the outsourcing agency was replaced recently. A new agency has been hired and we are in the process of hiring manpower and releasing salaries," L R Rana, administrative officer, CATS, told *The Indian Express.*

Narendra Lakhra, another employee at the protest, expressed anger over "arbitrary rules". "They want us to work for 12 hours and are paying skilled workers the same salary as semi-skilled. They have reduced our salary by Rs 3,000," he claimed.

Sanjeev Khirwar, secretary (health), Delhi government, said: "I have called a meeting with the drivers on Tuesday. This is a transition period in which CATS ambulances services are moving from one company to another. Drivers were getting their salaries on merit basis from the previous company."

(The writer is an intern with The Indian Express)

Official promises police post inside Hindu Rao Hospital

MEGHA BISWAS & PRAPTI BHATIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

HEALTH SERVICES were hit at North Delhi's Hindu Rao Hospital Monday as resident doctors continued their strike, alleging that attendants of a patient who died assaulted them Saturday. Confusion also persisted over whether the strike has ended or not. While a section of doctors said they have ended it, others said they will wait for 24 hours to see if their demands are met.

Rahul Chaudhary, president of the hospital's Resident Doctors' Association, said, "We have ended the strike after we were assured that security will be beefed up. But if our demands are not met, we will resume it."

RDA vice-president Piyush Singh, however, said the strike will not end till the security in-charge is suspended: "He did not support us in registering an FIR."

North body commissioner Varsha Joshi said, "A police post will be set up at the hospital. I will take all steps necessary to ensure safety and orderly functioning."

Doctors have been protesting since Sunday after two of their colleagues were allegedly beaten up by relatives of a patient who died.

Patients, meanwhile, faced the brunt as the facility is one of the busiest in the city. Ratan, a resident of Sonia Vihar who had a headache, said: "I came in the morning but doctors did not treat me till the afternoon."

(The writers are interns with The Indian Express)

At the hospital, Monday. *Abhinav Saha*

Brothers commit suicide in Janakpuri

New Delhi: Two brothers were found dead inside their home in Janakpuri Monday. The siblings, Kunal Aggarwal (27) and Gaurav Aggarwal (24), allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves from ceiling fans in their bedroom, said police.

Police found a suicide note saying the siblings were responsible for taking this step. "We received a call at 12.30 pm about a double suicide," said an officer.

Police found that the brothers left home a month ago and returned Sunday. The two lived with their father, Sushil Kumar, a railway contractor, who was partially paralysed after he met with an accident 20 years ago. Kumar told police that his sons were depressed after their mother died of cancer in March.

"After their mother's death, they stopped working and would often stay at home. I tried to talk to them, but they left for a month," he said. **ENS**

Digging a pit, 4 buried under sand, 1 dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, JULY 1

A 33-YEAR-OLD labourer died and three others were injured Monday while they were digging a pit for a septic tank in Noida's Sector 62. According to police, sand they had dug out for the pit collapsed on them.

The victim, Lakhan Pal, had been working at the site for a few months. The three injured — Ravindra, Veerpal and Rajkumar — were rushed to a hospital and discharged after treatment.

"We received information around 10 am of an accident at a construction site in Sector 62. It appears that a large part of the ground had been dug out and a pit was being constructed. At some point, the sand caved in, trapping the labourers. By the time they were rescued, one of the labourers had been injured fatally," said an official from Sector 58 police station.

An eyewitness said there was little time for a rescue: "Construction was taking place at the farther end of the plot... There was huge commotion, but by the time anyone could realise what happened, they were already trapped."

A commercial complex was being constructed at the site, police said, adding that no complaint has been received against the contractor or the plot owner.

At Sector 62. *Praveen Khanna*

HC rejects bail plea of flight attendant Anissia's husband

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

THE DELHI High Court Monday dismissed the bail plea of Mayank Singhvi, husband of flight attendant Anissia Batra, who allegedly committed suicide at her Panchsheel Park residence in July last year.

Justice Mukta Gupta declined to grant relief to Mayank who, while seeking bail, had submitted before court during arguments that his wife was under the influence of alcohol at the time of killing herself.

The court, however, ruled that this cannot be ground for granting bail to the accused and these things are a matter of trial.

Mayank's parents were also accused in the case but were given bail by the High Court in November 2018.

Anissia's parents have accused Mayank of physically abusing and harassing their daughter for money, which ultimately forced her to kill herself.

The accused, a software engineer in Gurgaon, had moved the court after the trial court rejected his bail last year.

On July 17 last year, a court had sent Mayank, who was arrested on July 16, 2018, to 14-day judicial remand after police moved an application saying the accused was not required for custodial questioning.

Anissia, who worked with a German airline, allegedly jumped off the terrace of her house on July 13 last year, after sending a message to her friend and husband that she was ending her life.

Mayank rushed her to a nearby hospital, where she was declared dead.

Anissia Batra allegedly committed suicide last year

LS passes teachers' reservation Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

OVERTURNING A Supreme Court decision on reservation in appointment of teachers in universities, the Lok Sabha on Monday passed a Bill that proposes to make a university or college a unit instead of a department for the purpose of providing reservation. The Bill is applicable to all Central universities.

The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill 2019, which will allow filling of about 8,000 existing vacancies in 41 Central universities and also provide 10 per cent reservation for economically weaker sections from the general category, was introduced to replace an ordinance issued in March this year.

Replying to a debate on the Bill, HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said, "The Bill will give a major push to reforms in the education sector, making it inclusive and fulfilling aspirations of people from different categories."

As many opposition members opposed the route of the ordinance and its timing before the elections, Pokhriyal said the ordinance had to be issued as the Supreme Court had declined to consider the government's view on the matter and had rejected a review petition.

The issue emerges from an April 2017 Allahabad High Court order, in which it said that for the purpose of reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in universities, an individual department should be considered as the base unit to calculate the number of teaching posts to be reserved. The order was challenged in the Supreme Court, which upheld the HC order. A review petition filed by the HRD Ministry in February this year was also dismissed by the apex court.

This led to massive protests from teachers and students across the country as it was feared the new system would lower the numbers of reserved seats in universities.

In March, the Cabinet cleared an ordinance on reservation mechanism for appointment of faculties in universities in order to overturn the HC and SC orders.

Describing this Bill as the beginning of new era in the country's education sector, Pokhriyal said, "This proposed legislation shows the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's commitment for the welfare of the last man in the queue." He also said that those opposing the Bill had exposed their lack of commitment to welfare of backwards in society.

While moving the Bill for passage, Pokhriyal said it aims to provide for reservation of posts in appointments by direct recruitment of person belonging to the SC, ST, Socially and Economically Backward Classes and EWS to teachers' cadre in certain Central Education Institutions. He informed the House that there is also provision of 10 per cent reservation for EWS in this Bill.

During the debate, opposition members demanded that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee for a comprehensive review. Congress leader Adhir Rajan Chowdhury said his party is not opposed to the contents of the Bill but questioned the urgency of issuing an ordinance days before announcement of Lok Sabha elections.

"I would oppose invocation of ordinance...this kind of arbitrary invocation of ordinance does not augur well for vibrant democracy," Chowdhury said.

Observing that reservation in the past was only given to socially and educationally backward sections and never to economically backward classes, A Raja (DMK) demanded that 10 per cent reservation of EWS should be kept in abeyance and the Bill should be sent to a Parliamentary Committee for scrutiny.

Oppn in RS: Govt delayed J&K Assembly polls

Members discuss reservations to people living along International Border

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

THE DEBATE in Rajya Sabha on Monday over the statutory resolution to extend President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir involved long discussions on history of the country, with members of Opposition accusing the BJP of deliberately delaying Assembly elections in the state.

The opposition accused the government of running the government in Jammu and Kashmir through President's rule and commented that though Prime Minister Narendra Modi talks of 'One Nation, One Election', Assembly elections in the state were not held with the recent General Election. The 27 members who spoke during the discussion were also discussing a Bill to provide reservations to families who live along the International Border in Jammu.

Initiating the debate, Congress member Viplove Thakur said, "Why can't you clearly say that 'our motive has not been fulfilled'." She said that people in Jammu and Kashmir want to join mainstream, and urged the government to not "divide" the state and to "keep the democracy alive".

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, called former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru one of the heroes for Kashmir's accession to India, along with Sheikh Abdullah, the founder of the National Conference. Azad, who spoke for nearly an hour, provided details of the situation at the time of accession and how raiders from Pakistan had taken control of large territories of the state when Nehru sent forces to regain control, and Abdullah created a militia of 10,000 people to defend the people. He said that "a lot of things in our country are said by telling the wrong history".

BJP's claim of zero tolerance on terrorism, Azad said, is "tough to swallow" as in recent past, the "highest number of soldiers" and highest number of civilians have died in the state. He also accused BJP, first in alliance with PDP in the state for three years, then through the President's rule, of not taking "any confidence-building measures" in the state.

"Stop running the government from Delhi," the Congress leader told the treasury benches, adding that "this will be the biggest confidence building measure". On the topic of reservations for people living along the International Border, Azad suggested that the reservation be increased to five or six per cent.

Derek O'Brien of the TMC said that Home Minister Amit Shah should "give an assurance that he will not touch parties run by three families", as Shah had commented on just three families running the Jammu and Kashmir government since it became a part of India. The country today, the TMC leader said, "is run by two families".

CPI(M) leader K K Ragesh said the youth of the state had joined terror outfits "because of alienation". He charged the treasury benches of "using the Kashmir issue to divide on communal lines" and "utilising terror for jingoistic nationalism".

Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav said that the President's rule was imposed in haste. He said BJP had made a mistake by joining PDP in alliance, which he said was "unnatural and bound to fail".

Several Opposition leaders asked the government why the Assembly elections were not held with the General Election, and also criticised the government for using the ordinance route for major decisions and not taking the Parliament into confidence.

Prasanna Acharya of the BJD asked the government to clarify if the Bills passed on reservation would need to be ratified by the state government.

The Bill and the resolution, which had been passed by the Lok Sabha last week, were passed by the Rajya Sabha unanimously through a voice vote on Monday.

Congress member and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad in the House on Monday. *RSTV Grab/PTI*

CASUAL MEETING

Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal with AAP member Bhagwant Mann and BJP MP Gautam Gambhir at Parliament on Monday. *Anil Sharma*

Reports of unemployment rate misleading, says govt

New Delhi: Union Labour and Employment Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said in the Lok Sabha on Monday that reports about a high unemployment rate in the country were misleading.

The minister, responding to supplementaries by Adoor Prakash of the Congress and BJD member Pinaki Misra, argued the reports were misleading. He said, "For 2018-19, under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), jobs were generated for 5,86,728 people as on March 1, 2019." **ENS**

BJP's Ravi Kishan sings to demand inclusion of Bhojpuri in Eighth Schedule

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

BJP MEMBER and Bhojpuri movie star Ravi Kishan on Monday broke into a Bhojpuri song in the Lok Sabha to make a case for the inclusion of Bhojpuri in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Kishan said the language was spoken by over 25 crore people in the country. He also pointed out that the language was spoken in Mauritius and in Caribbean countries, and recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had greeted people in Bihar and Varanasi in the Bhojpuri language.

As the Gorakhpur MP started singing, Speaker Om Birla immediately interrupted him and asked him to sing later. To this, the actor said that through the song, he wanted to show the "sweetness" of the language. Many members were seen backing Kishan's demand.

The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution includes 22 languages: Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, Santali, Maithili, and Dogri.

Pradhan to discuss drilling in Cauvery basin with leaders from Tamil Nadu

New Delhi: Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendhra Pradhan announced in the Lok Sabha during Zero Hour on Monday that he would convene a meeting of all senior Tamil Nadu leaders to discuss the issue of drilling in the delta region of the Cauvery.

The minister's assurance came after DMK members created a ruckus to press for a reply from the Centre in response to a demand by senior party member T R Baalu.

Baalu said the farmers living in the delta areas of the Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu had been "suffering for the past three years", and for the past 50 to 60 years, drilling had been going on in the delta areas of Cauvery basin to explore the possibility of extracting crude oil. "But only 0.6 per cent out of 32 million tonnes of total production in Tamil Nadu is extracted there. So, in that case, where is the possibility of economic rate of return?"

Pradhan said the government "will not do anything forcibly". He invited DMK members for a transparent discussion on the issue. **ENS**

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"For Zero Hour, if you give notice on general issues, we will not be able to do justice to those... The practical difficulty that is coming is, if you make a general observation, then the response would be, 'We have taken note', or 'It is under consideration'... So, Zero Hour submission should be on latest ones."

M VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, addressing the House.

LOK SABHA

"We will have the saga of the song later."

OM BIRLA, Speaker to BJP member from Gorakhpur Ravi Kishan, a famous Bhojpuri singer, when he started singing "*He ganga maiyya tohe...*" during Zero Hour.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When we convene a meeting of the district vigilance committee, most bank officials remain absent. What can you do about it?"

RAMA DEVI, BJP member from Sheohar, Bihar, to Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur while posing supplementaries on the issue of 'illegal recovery of loans' during Question Hour.

ROLL CALL

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

5 QUESTIONS

BJP RAJYA SABHA MEMBER **GVL NARASIMHA RAO** RAISED THE ISSUE OF TOBACCO FARMERS AFFECTED BY DROUGHT IN ANDHRA PRADESH DURING ZERO HOUR. HE SPOKE TO **ABANTIKA GHOSH**.

What was your zero hour intervention?
Severe drought in Prakasam district for five consecutive years has resulted in the production of greater quantity of poor quality tobacco this year. This low grade tobacco is being rejected by the traders and exporters at the Tobacco Board's auction platforms, and whatever is being sold is fetching very low prices...

How many farmers have been affected?
In Prakasam district, 27,303 farmers and 3,852 in Nellore district are badly affected due to five years of drought. In West Godavari district (which has irrigation facilities) the number is more than 12,000...

Isn't your demand for a compensation package at odds with the government stand of reducing land under tobacco cultivation?
Export earnings from leaf tobacco and tobacco products is over Rs 6,000 crore per year. We are also exploring new export market opportunities, like China... A stable, consistent long term tobacco policy is necessary to help secure the future of tobacco farmers...

Why do you want the excess cultivation penalty to be waived?
While individual farmers may have produced more than the authorised quantity, the overall production in the state is less than the authorised quantity... The licensing regime for tobacco cultivation is also disadvantageous for farmers and needs to be reviewed and liberalised...

What do you think the government needs to do to ensure tobacco control while protecting the interests of tobacco farmers?
There is a plan to encourage tobacco farmers to shift to alternate crops. As farmers have made investments and cannot switch over to other crops easily, they may be offered a suitable compensation package...

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, CD-XII, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital, Basai Darapur Office Complex New Delhi-110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:-

1. **NIT No.** EE/CD XII/18-19/150-(ID No. 2019_IFC_175010_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW- Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (regn no.701) in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West Delhi (Part-6) Near Eicher Agency (including maintenance for five years). **E.C. Rs.** 4,47,04,632/- **Earnest money Rs.** 8,94,093/- **period of completion** 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 06.07.2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively). AE-I.
2. **NIT No.** EE/CD XII/18-19/173-(ID No. 2019_IFC_175030_1)-HOA-4217-Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW- Restoration of streets and side drains in NETAJI SUBHASH VIHAR Vihar at unauthorized colony (regn no.701) in Mundka AC-08 Distt. West, Delhi (Part-8) Radhey Krishna Marg (including maintenance for five years). **E.C.** Rs.4,32,92,080/- **Earnest money** Rs.8,65,842/- **period of completion** 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 06.07.2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively). AE-I.
3. **NIT No.** EE/CD XII/19-20/06-(ID No. 2019_IFC_174957_1)-HOA-4515-D.V.D.B.WORKS IN NCT OF DELHI.
SW - Upgradation / Construction of Vyamshala at village Ranhola in Distt. West. (including maintenance for Six years) **E.C.** Rs. 90,48,112/-**Earnest money** Rs. 1,80,962/- **period of completion** 270 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 06.07.2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively).AE-III.

Note:- 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.
2) Amendment(s)/alteration(s)/ corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
3) EMD in the form of Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft or Fixed Deposit Receipt (drawn in favour of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI) shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tendering website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI within the period of bid submission. (The EMD document shall only be issued from the place in which the office of receiving division office is situated).

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/CD-XII
DIP/Shabdarth /0305/19-20

King George's Medical University U.P. Chowk, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA - 226003
E - Tender Notice

On-line E-Tender are hereby invited two bid system (Technical & Financial) for Manufacturer/Fabricators/authorized service provider for supply, Installation, testing and commissioning, Repairing & others work of Fire Fighting and Detection System, Fire Extinguisher & CAMC with Operation works in KGMU, U.P. Lucknow. (a) Tender Notice No.: 32/GA. Dated 01.07.2019 Queen Marry Hospital (b) Tender Notice No: 33/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 Jagat Narayan Road Type-5Faulty Awash A block and B Block (c) Notice No: 34/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 Kalam Centre Building (d) Tender Notice No: 35/G.A.Dated 01.07.2019 Shatabdi Hospital Phase-2 (e) Tender Notice No: 36/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 Shatabdi Hospital Phase-I (f) Tender Notice No: 37/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 Geriatric Mental Hospital (g) Tender Notice No: 38/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 CTVS Building (h) Tender Notice No: 39/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 New OPD Building (i) Notice No: 40/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 Emergency Complex & Trauma Centre (j) Tender Notice No: 41/G.A. Dated 01.07.2019 New Dental Building KGMU, U.P. Lucknow. For each type of work different tender and their different E.M.D. & tender fee will have be deposited offline/online. The details of tender document will be available on e-portal **website http://etender.up.nic.in.** **Registrar**

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Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

	N.I.T. No.	10/19-20 dated 28.06.2019
1	Name of work with its location	Supply of potable water through tankers in the section of ADEN/E-I, E-II, E-III & E-VI under DEN/E-I & DEN/E-III
2	Approx. Cost of work	10994900
3	Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note :-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). 205000.00
4	Completion period of Work	24 Months
5	Cost of tender on cash/by post	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note :-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). 5900
6	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 23.07.2019 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 23.07.2019
7	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in.**

No. 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 10 Dated : 28.06.2019 2116/2019
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Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 171 Digital Water Level Recorder (DWLRs) (Non-Vented Pressure Type) with Telemetry, including Protection Box, Fencing and Security Arrangements, Establishment of Data Acquisition System along with its maintenance for Real Time Ground Water Level Monitoring.

1- The Director, Ground Water Department, U.P. on behalf of Government of Uttar Pradesh now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders through e-tender for services mentioned in the following table:-

Sl. No.	Name of Services	Bid Security in Lac Rs.	Cost of document (Rs.)	Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	Date and time of opening of bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 171 Digital Water Level Recorder (DWLRs) (Non-Vented Pressure Type) with Telemetry, including Protection Box, Fencing and Security Arrangements, Establishment of Data Acquisition System along with its maintenance for Real Time Ground Water Level Monitoring.	Indian Rupees 5,14,000/- (Indian Rupees Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand only)	Rs. 3000/- plus GST @ 18% i.e. Rs. 540/, Total Rs. 3540/- only (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty only)	29-07-2019, 03:00 PM (IST)	29-07-2019, 03:30 PM (IST)

2- It is compulsory for bidder to have all eligibility as given in bid document and interested bidder will submit their rate for above work through e-tender.
3- Eligible, interested bidder may see and download the bid document from 24-06-2019 at 11:00 AM to 26-07-2019 at 05:00 PM from website **http://etender.up.nic.in**. Fee as mentioned in Column-4 in form of Demand Draft on any scheduled/ nationalized bank payable at Lucknow in favour of Director, Ground Water Department, Uttar Pradesh payable at Lucknow should be submitted at the above address on or before 29-07-2019 upto 03:00 PM and scanned copy of it, must be uploaded with e-tender also.
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Gruound Water Department, U.P.

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A e-Tender-cum-e-Auction Notice invites for **" Allotment of Port land about 100.00 Acres under "Paradip SIPC" Project for Port Based Capital Intensive Industries as part of Industrial Park for the period upto 30(Thirty) years on lease basis".** The date of available of documents in website is from **29.06.2019** to **17.08.2019**. For details, please log on to the Website: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.** **Dy. Secretary**
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E-Tender Notice No. NGCD-MPBSLI-12-19-20. Work tender through e-tendering system are invited for the following works: **E-Tender No. NGCD-MPBSLI-12-19-20. Name of Work:** Annual maintenance contract for Micro processor based SLI system for 140 ton BD crane (New Design) for 02 (two) years. **Tender Value:** ₹5,19,840/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹10,400/-, **Date & time of Closing of tender: 15.30** hrs. of **23-07-2019 and opened** at after **15.30** hrs. of **23-07-2019.** The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto **15.00** hrs. of **23-07-2019** in the website **www.ireps.gov.in**
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SENIOR MEMBERS

WHEN FOOD Minister Ram Vilas Paswan took oath in Rajya Sabha on Monday, his MP-son Chirag and wife Reena watched from the galleries. Congratulating him, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu asked Paswan how many times he has been an MP. "Nine," Paswan replied. When Naidu prodded NCP leader Sharad Pawar, the Maratha strongman said 14. "We are lucky to have both in the House," Naidu quipped.

CONSENSUS MISSING

IN THE absence of any consensus over the choice of a candidate for Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker among the NDA allies and opposition parties, the election may get delayed further. Some in the BJP, in fact, say there may not even be an election for the post during the ongoing session. The BJP leadership is apparently of the view that since functioning of the House is not affected, there is no need to hurry the selection. There is already a panel of 12 MPs, chosen from different parties, to chair the proceedings. While opposition parties feel the post should be made available to them, many in the BJP feel it should go to someone from its allies or friendly parties. There was speculation that either the BJD or the YSRCP could be offered the post, although no decision has been taken yet, neither has there been any discussion over it.

TIME FOR FELICITATION

FOR SPEAKER Om Birla, there seems to be no respite from his responsibilities as an MP. First, supporters had come to his Delhi residence soon after he was sounded out for the position. Since his election, supporters are urging him for time for a felicitation in his constituency. Although busy with getting a complete grip on preoccupations of this high office, Birla is unable to resist his supporters any further. He is learnt to have sounded out that he can attend such a programme after the Budget is presented on Friday. Rajasthan Assembly also plans to organise a felicitation of its former three-time MLA who has gone on to preside over the Lok Sabha. Last heard, efforts were on to felicitate Birla during his first visit to the state over the coming weekend.

Day after release, Vijayvargiya defends MLA-son: Did not fight for builder

DIPANKAR GHOSE
INDORE, JULY 1

A DAY after BJP MLA from Madhya Pradesh Akash Vijayvargiya was released on bail, after five days in jail for assaulting an Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) official with a cricket bat, his father, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, on Monday called both Akash and the municipal officials "*kacche khilaadi* (inexperienced players)", even as he defended his son for having fought "not for builders" but for a hapless family.

Vijayvargiya, who was in Indore on his mother's death anniversary, also said he wants the issue to end and that this should not recur.

Taking on the Kamal Nath government in the state, he alleged political vindictiveness. "Under Kamal Nath-ji, opponents are being treated as enemy. Akash-ji was arrested (but) that doesn't matter — it (such arrests) keeps happening in politics. But they purposely sent it to a court where bail was not possible."

BJP MLA Akash Vijayvargiya welcomed after his release from the district jail. *PTI*

Akash, 34, a first-time MLA, was arrested after assaulting Dhirendra Bayas after the IMC sought to demolish a building that has been declared hazardous.

On Monday, Akash issued a video statement challenging state PWD Minister Sajjan Singh Verma to initiate a probe into what he called a "dilapidated building scam", and that his battle for the poor will continue.

Alleging that Verma colluded with civic officials to demolish a house, Akash said, "When I was in jail, Sajjan Verma said he was ready for a CBI probe. Through this video I want to challenge him that I have written to the CM for a CBI probe. If he has the strength, he should recommend the Centre for a CBI probe. If he is proved innocent I will leave politics."

Verma, who is also from Indore, has denied these charges and said he is ready for all inquiries.

Vijayvargiya said, "If Akash has fought, he did not do it for a builder. He did it for a handicapped woman and women of the house (that was to be demolished). They had asked for time because there was a death in the family. I think Nagar Nigam officials should have shown this much humanity."

Calling both Akash and municipal officials inexperienced, Vijayvargiya said, "If a public representative calls, officers should listen. They should not be arrogant...I have got information that the officials didn't pick up the phone..."

He also said he will ask the CM to instruct officials that they should respect public representatives.

PAYING TRIBUTE

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee pays tribute to former chief minister Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy on the occasion of National Doctors' Day, which is celebrated in his memory, in Kolkata on Monday. The Chief Minister inaugurated a trauma care centre at SSKM Hospital on Monday and felicitated doctors for their service on the occasion. *Express*

SC notice to Bengal govt on delayed release of BJYM leader

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday issued notice to West Bengal government on a contempt plea for alleged delay in releasing BJP youth wing leader Priyanka Sharma from jail despite the apex's court order. Sharma was arrested for sharing a morphed image of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on social media during the Lok Sabha polls.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose issued the notice on a petition filed by the youth leader's brother, Rajib Sharma.

The court will hear the matter after four weeks.

KARNATAKA

Two Cong MLAs send resignation to Speaker

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BENGALURU, JULY 1

TWO REBEL Congress MLAs sent their resignations to Karnataka Assembly Speaker Ramesh Kumar on Monday. They were part of the group of legislators linked to a possible defection to the BJP last year due to disgruntlement over denial of ministerial berths.

Gokak MLA Ramesh Jharkiholi and Vijayanagar legislator Anand Singh did not meet the Speaker as mandated, but sent in their resignations to the Speaker's office.

Jharkiholi stated in his letter that he was resigning of his own volition. Singh met Governor Vajubhai Vala and informed him about the resignation letter he has sent to the Speaker. In the letter, he stated that he would personally hand over the resignation if "required for technical reasons".

Under the anti-defection law, legislators are required to submit resignations personally to the Speaker so that the Speaker can ascertain that they are resigning on their own.

Singh said he was quitting over a decision of the Congress-JDS government to grant 3,667 acres in Ballari to steel major JSW Steel at a throwaway price. The MLA, who the CBI has accused of looting iron ore in Ballari region when he was associated with the BJP and its mining baron G Janardhan Reddy, said he cannot continue as an MLA when people in Ballari are facing "injustice". Singh was injured in January in a brawl with fellow Congress MLA J N Ganesh.

Singh and Jharkiholi were part of the group of about nine legislators from the Congress-JDS government linked to a possible defection to the BJP. The BJP, which fell eight short of a simple majority after the 2018 Assembly elections, has been allegedly wooing the legislators in a bid to reduce the ruling coalition to a minority.

The resignation of Jharkiholi and Singh does not immediately impact the continuance of the coalition government. Congress leaders are, however, concerned that BJP, emboldened by its victory in the Lok Sabha polls, may push harder to topple the coalition.

The BJP currently has 105 MLAs in the 224-member Assembly and the ruling coalition has 117 MLAs — including two Independents and a BSP MLA. The BJP would have to woo at least 13 more coalition MLAs to reduce the government to a minority.

In a social media post, CM H D Kumaraswamy said, "The efforts of the BJP to destabilise the government is a relentless daydream."

State BJP chief B S Yeddyurappa claimed that 20 coalition MLAs are unhappy with the chief minister. "I have never said we will topple the government. We will wait and see what happens. There are around 20 dissatisfied MLAs. We will see what decision they take. We are not sanyasis and we will move if the government loses its majority," Yeddyurappa said. "We do not want dissolution of this Assembly. We will form a government if the coalition fails," he said.

Sources said the BJP central leadership, which was earlier reluctant to exert too much force to topple the government, has now given a go-ahead to the local leadership to tactically handle the issue.

SC rejects plea to declare PoK, Gilgit-Baltistan LS seats, fines petitioner

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday dismissed a petition that requested the court to direct the Centre to create two Parliamentary seats for Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Gilgit Baltistan.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on the petitioner, R K Yadav, a former officer of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), the country's external intelligence agency.

In its order, the bench, which also comprised Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose, stated: "The petitioner seeks interference of this Court by means of a writ of mandamus directing the Government to create two Parliamentary seats for Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and Gilgit/Baltistan. Ex facie, the prayers are not tenable and not appropriate for judicial interpretation. The writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed with the costs of Rs.50,000, to be deposited with the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee, within a period of four weeks from today."

The petitioner submitted that 24 Assembly seats have been earmarked in J&K Constitution for PoK and Gilgit Baltistan, although these are not counted for voting presently in the 111-member Assembly. The plea sought creation of two Parliamentary seats against these 24 constituencies.

Apex court to take up PIL against EWS quota on July 30

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will on July 30 take up petitions challenging the Centre's decision to introduce 10 per cent quota for the economically weaker sections (EWS) among the forward castes in jobs and admissions.

Hearing petitions challenging the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019, by way of which the reservation was introduced, the bench of Justices S A Bobde and B R Gavai said the matter requires detailed hearing and posted it for the end of the month. **ENS**

After Assam's NRC, Nagaland to ready register of indigenous inhabitants

DEBRAJ DEB
KOHIMA, AGARTALA, JULY 1

FOUR YEARS after Assam started revising the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the Nagaland government has initiated a move to implement its own version of a citizenship register, albeit only for indigenous communities of the state.

What is the Nagaland's initiative?

According to a notification issued by Nagaland Chief Secretary Temjen Toy on June 29, the state government has decided to set up a Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) with the aim of preventing fake indigenous inhabitants certificates. The RIIN will be the master list of all indigenous inhabitants of the state.

How will the list be prepared?

The RIIN list will be based on "an extensive survey". It will involve official records of indigenous residents from rural and urban wards, and would be prepared under the supervision of the district administration. The preparation of the list will start from July 10 and the whole process will be completed within 60 days. Designated teams of surveyors will be formed within seven days from the date of publication of the notification, and thereafter these teams will be sent across each village and ward.

How will the survey be done?

Designated teams comprising sub-divisional officers (SDO), block development officers (BDO), headmasters and other nominated members will make a list of indigenous inhabitants in the state. The database will note each family's original residence, current residence, as well as the Aadhaar numbers concerned. This provisional list will then be published in all villages, wards and on government websites by September 11. Claims and objections will be entertained till October 30.

EXPLAINED

What is the review procedure?

Respondents will be given an opportunity to make their case before the authorities. Eventually, respective Deputy Commissioners will adjudicate on the claims and objections based on official records and the evidence produced. This process will be completed before December 10.

How will the unique identity look like?

Based on the adjudication and verification, a list of indigenous inhabitants will be finalised and each person will be given a unique ID. The final list or the RIIN will be created and its copies will be placed in all villages and ward. All indigenous inhabitants of the state would be issued a barcoded and numbered Indigenous Inhabitant Certificate. The process will be conducted across Nagaland and will be done as part of the online system of Inner Line Permit (ILP), which is already in force in the state.

What is an ILP?

The Inner Line Permit (ILP) is an official travel document required by Indian citizens residing outside certain "protected" states while entering them. The ILP is issued by the Centre and is obligatory for all those who reside outside the protected states. With the ILP, the government aims to regulate movement to certain areas located near the international border of India.

How will the process be monitored?

The entire exercise will be monitored by the Commissioner of Nagaland. In addition, the state government will designate nodal officers of the rank of a secretary to the state government. Their role will be to monitor the implementation of the process; however, they will have no say in the adjudication process. The nodal officers will submit monthly reports of their visits and their assessments to a permanent committee set up under the Home Department to monitor the whole exercise. Chief Secretary Toy too will monitor the entire process firsthand.

What about those excluded from the list?

The notification issued by Toy states "... In case anyone who is left out of the RIIN, he/she will need to file an application before Home Commissioner who will get the matter verified and take necessary action for updating the RIIN, if needed."

Sahitya Akademi winner named in NRC exclusion list

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JULY 1

DURGA KHATIWADA, a Sahitya Akademi award-winning Nepali writer from Assam, is among the over one lakh people in the additional exclusion list of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The final draft of NRC was published in July last year and included 2.89 crore of the 3.29 crore applicants. In an additional exclusion list published last week, NRC authorities dropped 1,02,462 more persons. These people were found ineligible for exclusion during verification. They will get a chance to appeal against their exclusion.

Khatiwada (60), president of the Assam Nepali Sahitya Sabha, won the Sahitya Akademi award in 2001 for a work of translation. He told *The Indian Express* that he was marked as a Doubtful Voter in the late 1990s and in 2015, he had been declared as an Indian by a Foreigners Tribunal in Guwahati. His name was included in the final draft of NRC published last year.

D-Voter is a category introduced in electoral rolls of Assam in 1997 to supposedly mark people unable to prove their citizenship during verification.

Khatiwada said, "My name was included in the final draft of NRC but last week I found that I was mentioned in the exclusion list. My wife's name is in the NRC draft, but the names of my younger daughter and son are not there. It has been said they were excluded because they were children of a Doubtful Voter. But I had won the case against my D-Voter tag. It seems that was never updated."

"Our family is from Sonitpur district. My parents did not even know the 'N' of Nepal, and here they have tagged me as a doubtful voter," he added.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

New Delhi: Two days before the deadline for publication of the final list of NRC, the government has given the process extension of a month. The final NRC was to be published on July 3. It will now be published on July 31. In a notification, the Registrar General said the decision was taken as the exercise could not be completed within the specified date of June 30. **ENS**

Madras HC judge releases self-appraisal card

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 1

A MADRAS High Court judge has surprised many by releasing a self-appraisal card, along with a confession that he was releasing 75 cases from his board, in which he reserved orders but failed to deliver final orders.

Justice G R Swaminathan, who became the Madras High Court judge in June 2017, said in a letter on Thursday that he had decided to release the performance card on his own work as he believes "in judicial accountability".

"I therefore present the performance card below. It reflects the final disposal of the main cases alone," he said.

In his two-page letter to bar members, which comprises apologies, confessions and a promise to change certain practices to expedite the disposal of cases, Swaminathan said he had reserved several orders and finds it difficult to prepare the orders without the benefit of rehearing.

"But then, I am not supposed to retain the bundles once the cycle is over. Therefore, with heavy heart, I am releasing almost 75 cases from my board," he said, apologising to the counsel and litigants for not giving disposal to those cases even after reserving orders on them.

In his letter, Swaminathan wrote: "My conscience says 'Yes', I have been impatient, sometimes even rude. I hope to put on better behaviour henceforth. Many of my orders have been too cryptic. I request the bar to appreciate that since pendency is heavy, I was more bent on disposals and I could not afford to write long orders."

Justice G R Swaminathan

He said there has been undue delay in dispatching the order copies as he found it very difficult to correct the draft orders. "I hope to evolve a mechanism to overcome the shortcomings."

The move by Swaminathan has triggered mixed reactions among bar members — while some have applauded his gesture of being self-critical, others have wondered about the fate of the 75 cases that will have to be heard again from beginning.

Swaminathan also raised eyebrows when he said in his letter, "I shall dictate all the judgments in the open court. This I think will avoid the situation that I am now facing. I have introspected and I wonder if things could have been a little different and far better."

A senior counsel of Madras High Court said Swaminathan's declaration would lead to chaos. "There are over 6.5 lakh cases pending in the Madras High Court alone. A judge gets about five-and-a-half hours in court. If he is not going to hear lawyers and going to dictate orders during this time, that may not be a good idea," the counsel said, adding that even if the judge could dictate an order in 15 minutes, 10 cases will take 150 minutes and "your day is almost over by then".

Swaminathan also listed his achievements over the past two years. "You may be aware that at least four of my decisions rendered during these two years (Cartoon case, Transgender Judgment, decision on the privacy rights of prisoners and the Sri Lankan Refugees' case) have attracted widespread attention and notice. How can you assist me more, is a question that I want you to pose to yourself," he said.

The judge was referring to orders recognising the right of asylum seekers in the country to apply for Indian citizenship on a plea by 65 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees, an order protecting cartoonists from the charge of criminal defamation for their works on political satire, an order upholding the legality of a marriage between a cisgender man and a transgender woman, and an order allowing prisoners' right to have an unmonitored conversation with their spouses.

He said he can write a good judgment only if the advocacy of bar members are good. "Bad advocacy will breed only bad judgment. I am critically dependent on you," he wrote, seeking suggestions to improve his performance.

AFSPA in Nagaland extended by six months

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THE CENTRE has once again declared the entire state of Nagaland as a "disturbed area" and extended the imposition of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the region for six months. The order will remain effective till December.

In a notification, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the Centre is of the opinion that the area comprising the whole state of Nagaland is in such a "disturbed and dangerous condition" that the use of armed forces in aid of civil power is necessary. "Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (No. 28 of 1958) the central government hereby declares that whole of the said State to be a 'disturbed area' for a period of six months with effect from June 30, 2019 for the purpose of that Act," read the notification issued on Sunday.

The decision has been taken in view of incidents of killings, loot and extortion in various parts of the state, an MHA official said.

There have been demands of repealing AFSPA from various organisations in the Northeast.

The Act has been in force in Nagaland for decades. It was not withdrawn even after a framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015 by Naga insurgent group NSCN-IM general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah and government interlocutor R N Ravi in the presence of PM Narendra Modi.

35 killed, many injured as bus falls into gorge in Kishtwar; probe ordered

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 1

THIRTY FIVE people, including two children — aged 45 days and 6 years — were killed and 16 others were injured on Monday morning when an overloaded minibus skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)'s Kishtwar district.

According to officials familiar with developments, the vehicle was carrying 51 people against its seating capacity of 22-23 passengers. Sources said the minibus left Keshwan town around 6.45 am for Kishtwar, about 40 km away. Roughly around 45 minutes later, it rolled off a single-lane stretch of road, they added. The J&K police, Army and locals pitched in for the rescue operation and the injured were rushed to the district hospital in Kishtwar. Fourteen people with serious injuries were airlifted to the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu by Indian Air Force MI-17 helicopters.

Three year-old Adeeba from Keshwan lost all the members of her family in the accident while another six-year-old boy was injured and his mother had died. At least four families lost two members each.

Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Angrez Singh and Inspector General of Police (Traffic) Alok Kumar have ordered separate inquiries into the cause of the accident. This is the second major accident over the past nine months on the Kishtwar-Keshwan road.

Governor Satya Pal Malik announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased. Most accidents occur due to careless and untrained drivers who operate without any regard for rules, he observed. "All the reasons for such incidents will be probed thoroughly and strong decisions will be taken in the next meeting of the State Administrative Council to ensure strict action against those responsible for such avoidable incidents," he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted their condolences. "The accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar is heart-wrenching. We mourn all those who lost their lives and express condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest," Modi tweeted.

Former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah lay the onus on the administration. "successive administrations are all guilty of the same thing - accident; high death toll; condolence statement; announcement of ex-gratia relief & we repeat the cycle the next time an accident happens. The next government in J&K HAS TO break this cycle & end this indifference," he tweeted.

The minibus was going to Kishtwar from Keshwan when the accident occurred. *Express*

KERALA

Idukki custodial death snowballing into big trouble for CPM

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 1

THE ALLEGED custodial death of a financier in Kerala's Idukki district is becoming a major headache for the ruling CPI(M).

Rajkumar, 49, a private financier at Nedumkandam in Idukki, had allegedly collected around Rs 2 crore from people after promising to arrange micro-finance at low interest rates. When he could not provide the finance, the investors complained against him and he was taken into custody on June 12.

Rajkumar was then kept in illegal detention for three days before his arrest was recorded on June 15. The next day, he was produced before a magistrate court, which remanded him in judicial custody for two weeks.

Rajkumar died on June 21 at a hospital. The post-mortem stated that he had suffered 22 wounds and bruises, most of them below the thighs, indicating that he had been subjected to torture.

On Monday, Rajkumar's family threatened to start an indefinite agitation at Thiruvananthapuram in demand of a CBI probe, but dropped the plan after Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan assured them stern action against the police officers responsible.

The victim's mother, Kasthuri, demanded that a murder case be registered against the police officers, including Idukki SP K B Venugopal, and compensation be provided.

Sources at the state police Crime Branch, which is probing the custodial death case, said police at Nedumkandam station appeared to have tortured Rajkumar in a bid to recover the money. The High Court registrar for subordinate judiciary is also probing the circumstances in which Idukki magistrate Rashmi Raveendran remanded Rajkumar in judicial custody without looking into his health condition.

While the Idukki district CPI(M) leadership came out in support of the officials, the CPI wants murder charges to be slapped on the district SP.

Leader of the Opposition in Assembly leader Ramesh Chennithala scoffed at the Chief Minister's assurance of acting against erring policemen. Referring to the custodial death of a youth in Ernakulam last year, he said the government "protected" senior police officers who "acted at the behest of CPI(M)" and claimed that the government had "reinstated them with promotion".

Film director killed over 'family rivalry'

Noida: A 70-year-old regional film director and actor was shot dead by unknown assailants in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat on Monday, police said. The victim, identified as Sansar Singh, was on his way back home when he was shot by bike-borne assailants.

Police said prima facie, it appears the murder was allegedly committed due to a family rivalry.

The assailant has been identified as Jivana, SP Shailesh Kumar Pandey was quoted as saying by PTI. Pandey said the nephew of the deceased killed the assailant's father about 20 years ago.

Singh worked in several Haryanvi and other regional language movies. **ENS & PTI**

Kathua rape case: HC admits appeal of convicts

Chandigarh: The Punjab and Haryana High Court Monday admitted the appeals of four convicts in the Kathua gangrape and murder case for further hearing and stayed recovery of the fine from them during pendency of the appeals. All the convicts except main conspirator Sanji Ram approached the court against the conviction.

On Monday, the appeals were admitted by a division bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Harinder Singh Sidhu. The cases have been listed for next hearing on July 5. **ENS**

PUNE WALL COLLAPSE

Licences of two construction firms, architects suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JULY 1

TWO DAYS after 15 persons were killed when a compound wall collapsed at a construction site in Kondhwa, the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) on Monday suspended the licence of two construction companies, architects and a structural consultant. The civic body has also ordered a survey of all labour camps situated along construction sites.

"The PMC has decided to suspend the licences issued to the two construction companies - one that had built the wall and the other that allowed labour camp along the wall that collapsed. The civic body has served showcause notices to the companies and asked them to respond within eight days. If the response is not satisfactory, then the civic body can cancel their registration permanently..." said Prashant Waghmare, city engineer.

Those named in the FIR include Jagdishprasad Agarwal, Sachin Agarwal, Rajesh Agarwal, Vivek Agarwal and Vipul Agarwal -all partners in Alcon Landmarks company that developed Alcon Stylus residential society, whose compound wall collapsed on Saturday. The FIR also named Pankaj Vohra, Suresh Shah and Rashmikant Gandhi, partners in SVG Kanchan Group, which had undertaken construction work at the incident site.

Drones to trackers, Amarnath Yatra security is about technology this time

ADIL AKHZER
BALTAL, JULY 1

FROM UNMANNED aerial vehicles to satellite trackers, this year's Amarnath Yatra began from two routes in the Kashmir Valley Monday with security deploying technology at a level never seen before in the annual pilgrimage.

"This year, we are using unmanned aerial vehicles, including drones, to secure the yatra route from Jammu to the holy cave. Also, a bar-code system and satellite trackers are being used to keep a track of pilgrims and convoy movements," CRPF IG Ravideep Singh Sahi told *The Indian Express*.

According to Sahi, all vehicles related to the yatra have been radio-tagged with an upgraded system. "We have used RFID tags (Radio Frequency Identification) on all the vehicles being used in the yatra. We have electronic readers at various places. As soon as a vehicle with an RFID tag crosses a point, the reader captures the location. The CRPF used RFID tags last year too, but this time it has been upgraded," he said. Another new feature, officials said, is the yatri (pilgrim) management system. "Each yatri is being monitored at an individual level also. Bar-coding is being used at the time of registration, which tells us the location of a particular pilgrim during the pilgrimage," said Sahi.

The annual yatra began from the Pahalgam and Baltal routes, with J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik arriving at the holy cave in the morning.

Pilgrims travel to the Amarnath cave via the Baltal route on Monday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

The CRPF is escorting the pilgrim convoys from Jammu to Baltal and Pahalgam. This time, sources say, CRPF has deployed personnel to man the link roads as well. "We have deployed forces on the link roads along the yatra to ensure the safety of pilgrims on the route starting from Jammu till the base camp," said the CRPF officer.

The Baltal camp in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district has been "completely secured" by a joint security team. Other than setting up pickets on nearby hills, the number of forces deployed has been increased this year.

"Post the Pulwama terror attack, there are some new challenges. But we are taking all steps to address those challenges," said a senior security officer at the Baltal camp. He added that live CCTV footage is being used by forces on vehicles for security.

Early Monday morning, about 6,000 pilgrims, singing bhajans and chanting slogans, started the trek from the base camp.

"We are impressed by the hospitality of people here. We keep hearing on TV that the situation is not well in Kashmir. But on the ground, we found that everything is fine," says Ajay Singh, a first-time pilgrim from Bihar.

Yatra first: 5 hour traffic curb on NH stretch

Srinagar: J&K government has put a ban on civilian traffic for five hours daily on the 97-km Qazigund-Nashri stretch on Srinagar- Jammu National Highway, in view of Amarnath Yatra. This is the first time when the J&K government has ordered restrictions on the civilian traffic on the highway during the Amarnath pilgrimage- which began on Monday. "There will be no vehicle movement in the opposite or same direction as the yatra convoy between Nashri and Qazigund...Arrangement will be made so that non-convoy yatri vehicles move on the Nashri-Qazigund stretch after or before the Yatri convoy. The time for this could possibly be between 10 am to 3 pm..." reads an order issued by the IGP Traffic Alok Kumar. **ENS**

Malegaon: Over 1 lakh Muslims protest, seek anti-lynching law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, JULY 1

ON MONDAY, 97 years after seven freedom fighters were hanged by the British, Malegaon's "Shahidon ki Yaadgaar" (martyrs' memorial) monument witnessed an equally important historic event, according to the organisers, with at least 1 lakh people from the Muslim community congregating at the historical site in response to a call for a law against mob lynching.

Calling it the first rally by the community to protest mob lynching, the organisers said the killing of Tabrez Ansari, 24, from Jharkhand, was the final trigger.

Clerics of Jamiat Ulema, the umbrella NGO which called for the silent protest, urged governments to take note that on a "weak call" the entire textile town had "come out to safeguard the Constitution". They said, "We do not seek revenge, and don't believe in violence. We believe in the rule of law."

The rally had people merging at Malegaon fort before making their way to the martyrs' monument.

The speeches were fiery, and often emotional, with appeals made to the police administration and state and Central governments to pay heed to the Constitution. The crowd was also asked to spread the message among Muslims that the "victims of lynchings should not show helplessness in chanting Jai Shri Ram; instead, they should die by taking the Sahadat".

Maulana Umrain Mahfouz Rahmani, secretary, All-India Muslim Personal Law Board, told *The Indian Express*: "The issue (mob lynching) has pierced our hearts; there seems to be no end. *Ab bardaash ke bhi bahar hai* (now it's unbearable).... Muslims are unlike other communities. If any other community was the target, they would have responded by now. Largely, the entire faith responds to the elders and clerics."

He said, "We are doing our best and holding them together, convincing them, asking them to show restraint, praying with them. But now even we are being tested. In Pehlu Khan's case, the way the government machinery behaved was heartbreaking —- in most cases there are no FIRs and then our community has to watch photographs and videos of the lynching; then see the accused being garlanded by ministers.."

At the protest venue, Rahmani delivered a fiery speech: "Today's historical rally is enough to tell the entire country that Muslims will not tolerate oppression for long. We say it clearly: mob lynching is a mobilised murder and is being spread according to a well-devised plan. This is state and non-state terrorism, and it is obligatory on all citizens to stop terrorism. In the pure land of Sita, we can (now) hear footsteps of Ravan, and it is our collective responsibility to stop this."

In a letter submitted to the Maharashtra administration, the community has urged the President to write to all state governments and Union Territories about lynchings and remind the state heads of their constitutional duties. There is also a demand for Rs 50 lakh compensation to the family of each victim of mob lynching.

Malegaon's Mufti Mohammed Ismail Qasmi evoked the words of the poet Fayaz as he said, "*Aaj agar nishane mein hum hain, toh doosre logon ko khush nahi hona chahiye* (if today we are being targetted others should not be happy about that)"

The clerics decided to hold a rally on Friday with the campaign messages reaching Malegaon through social media.

Muslim community and Jamiat Ulma protest against mob lynching in Malegaon on Monday. *Express*

Amid protests, Dera chief withdraws his parole plea

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

AMID PROTESTS against his release from jail, Dera Sacha Sauda Chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim has withdrawn his parole request. A senior government official told *The Indian Express* that the Dera chief has submitted a request to jail authorities from where the request was sent to the Sirsa administration.

Ram Rahim is currently lodged at Rohtak's Sunaria jail. After he submitted a parole request for "agriculture works", the jail authorities had recently forwarded his application to the Sirsa District Magistrate Ashok Garg. The District Magistrate had sought reports from the SP, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) and other departments before sending his recommendations to Hisar Divisional Commissioner. The Divisional Commissioner would have taken a final call on his parole.

But his case was believed to be "weak" after the revenue officers did not find any piece of land, out of 260 acres of the Dera land, in the name of Gurmeet Ram Rahim. Not only this, there were protests against his release on parole. On Monday, a group of residents staged a protest in Sirsa before submitting a memorandum to the district administration.

MUMBAI UNDER WATER

- **200 local trains cancelled**
- **A flight from Jaipur overshoots runway; passengers safe**
- **Palghar receives 298.6 mm rain in 24 hours.** *Amit Chakravarty*

Day after attack, forest official says want to join work soon

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JULY 1

A DAY after Forest Range Officer (FRO) C Anita was assaulted by a group, allegedly including TRS MLA Koneru Konappa's brother Koneru Krishna Rao, during a plantation drive in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, over 700 forest department personnel marked their protest by conducting an afforestation drive at the same spot on Monday.

Meanwhile, Anita, who suffered a hairline fracture on her wrist, has been shifted to the Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Hyderabad. "I am feeling good now, I was able to eat and talk to my family. I was scared and shocked at the violence unleashed on me and my colleagues. My head and hands, which are swollen, still hurt. I should be fine in a couple of days, and I want to join duty as soon as possible," she said.

Anita and other forest officials were assaulted when they went to Sarasala village, which falls under MLA Konappa's Sirpur constituency, to plant saplings on a reserve forest land identified on the outskirts of the village, as part of the Telangana government's 'Haritha Haaram' plantation drive. Some villagers claimed it was their land and attacked them. Some of them called up Rao, who arrived with his supporters.

Protesting against the attack, forest department personnel, including FROs, district forest officers and forest beat guards from the neighbouring districts of Adilabad, Mancherial, Warangal, Sircilla, Karimnagar, and Peddapalli, joined their counterparts in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district on Monday to plant saplings in the area. The forest officials, who wore black badges, were accompanied by over 200 police personnel.

"The field and surrounding area belongs to the government. No one can prevent the forest department from taking up afforestation there," said Asifabad District Collector Rajiv Gandhi Hanamanthu.

Warangal Range IG Y Nagi Reddy, who is camping in Sirpur-Kagaznagar since Sunday's incident, mobilised policemen from the neighbouring areas for the security of the forest officials.

Before starting the afforestation drive, the forest officials staged a demonstration outside the forest department office at Asifabad. Protests were also held in several other parts of the state.

The state government has suspended DSP (Kagaznagar) P Sambaiah and Circle Inspector K Venkateshwarlu.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests P K Jha has told police that forest officials are regularly harassed by elected representatives and villagers when they undertake afforestation activities or forest land conservation programmes. It has been decided that police protection will be provided to forest officials during such drives in disputed areas.

EXPLAINED

What 'Haritha Haaram' entails

TELANGANA'S AFFORESTATION drive — 'Haritha Haaram' — has been taken up on 20 hectares of forest land. The drive in Sirpur-Kagaznagar — the 20 hectares there is located in Sirpur mandal of the district — is part of compensatory afforestation under the Rs 85,000-crore Kaleshwaram multi-purpose irrigation project. Thousands of acres of empty government land has been earmarked for afforestation as part of the project to compensate for any loss of green cover due to the gigantic project.

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SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022, EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-13 www.verka.coop

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Section-A : e Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items –

Sr No	Name of the Item	Qty/ Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/Downloading of e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Submission of on line e-tenders	Date & Time of opening of e-tenders
1	Supply, Installation & commissioning of New Double Decker Conveyer for conveying Milk Trays.	01 No	General Manager, Verka Mohali Dairy. Ph No. 0172-2271784, 2271020, 5039350-351	500/-	25,000/-	05.07.2019	22.07.2019 up to 5.00 PM	23.07.2019 at 2.00 PM
2	Fabrication, Installation & commissioning of Refrigerated Container with suitable refrigerating unit (TATA 1918 or equivalent Vehicles)	02 Nos	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	01.07.2019	15.07.2019 Up to 5:00 PM	16.07.2019 at 2:00 PM
3	Cekatainers for Cheese Packing (100g, 200g, 400g & 1Kg. Pkg)	Annual Rate Contract	General Manager, Verka Patiala Dairy. Ph No. 73555-54280-83, 0175-2363595	100/-	50,000/-	w.e.f. 03.07.2019	24.07.2019 up to 11.00 AM	**Technical Bid** 25.07.2019 at 11.00 AM **Financial Bid** 26.07.2019 at 11.00 AM
4	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Self supporting M.S. Boiler Chimney including all material. Complete fitting as per Specification Sheet etc. Rate: With Material including Labour Charges & Dismantling Old Boiler Chimney	One Set	-do-	—	50,000/-	w.e.f. 04.07.2019	14.07.2019 up to 04.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 15.07.2019 at 02.00 PM **Financial Bid** 17.07.2019 at 11.00 AM
5	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Automatic Online Shrink Sleeve applicator cum Tunnel for SFM Glass Bottles 200 ML	One Set	-do-	—	50,000/-	w.e.f. 04.07.2019	14.07.2019 up to 04.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 15.07.2019 at 02.00 PM **Financial Bid** 17.07.2019 at 11.00 AM
6	Hiring of Insulated S.S. Road Milk Tankers for within Punjab & Other States : Cap :- 15,000 & 20,000 kgs.	3 Tanker (Annual Rate Contract)	-do-	—	3,00,000/-	w.e.f. 04.07.2019	14.07.2019 up to 04.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 15.07.2019 at 02.00 PM **Financial Bid** 17.07.2019 at 11.00 AM
7	Outsourcing of all activities of City Supply Dispatch Dock	Annual Rate Contract	General Manager, Verka Jalandhar Dairy. Ph No. 73555-56749, 73556-01750	500/-	50,000/-	10.07.2019 from 11.00 AM	30.07.2019 up to 5.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 31.07.2019 at 02.00 PM **Financial Bid** 08.08.2019 at 12.00 PM
8	Firewood (500 MT) each for the Months Aug, Sep, Oct. 2019, 200 MT for the Month Nov-Dec 2019	100 MT	General Manager, Verka Sangrur Dairy. Ph. 01672-505270, 252052	200/-	50,000/-	02.07.2019 (10.00 AM) To 16.07.2019 (01.00 PM)	16.07.2019 up to 5.00 PM	17.07.2019 at 12.00 PM
9	Man Power for outsourcing activities i.e. packing of milk & Milk Products and other activities	1.8.19 to 31.7.20	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	03.07.2019 (10.00 AM) to 18.07.2019 (01.00 PM)	18.07.2019 up to 5.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 19.07.2019 at 12.00 PM **Financial Bid** 22.07.2019 at 12.00 PM
10	Boiler Husk Feeding	1.8.19 to 31.7.20	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	03.07.2019 (10.00 AM) to 18.07.2019 (01.00 PM)	18.07.2019 up to 5.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 19.07.2019 at 01.00 PM **Financial Bid** 22.07.2019 at 02.00 PM
11	Hiring of Insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products in Bathinda city and surrounding Districts of Bathinda Milk shed area	05 MT-3 03 MT-6 01MT-13 0.8MT-2	General Manager, Verka Bathinda Dairy. Ph. 0164-2240406, 2212825	500/-	50,000/- per vehicle	04.07.2019 from 02.00 PM	22.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 01.08.2019 at 02.00 PM **Financial Bid** 08.08.2019 at 02.00 PM
12	Packing of Different Ice cream variants (Cup, Cone, Candy Brick, Tub etc)	1.8.19 to 30.7.20	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/-	08.07.2019	24.07.2019 up to 11.00 AM	**Technical Bid** 25.07.2019
13	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Cream separator Capacity 10 KLPH	01 No.	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/-	08.07.2019	29.07.2019 up to 11.00 AM	**Technical Bid** 30.07.2019
14	Allotment of milk-bars on Contract basis at the following locations: 1) Guru nanak park, Gurdaspur 2) Fish park, Gurdaspur 3) Nehru park, Gurdaspur 4) Civil Hospital, Pathankot 5) Bus Stand, Batala 6) Civil Hospital, Batala	06 No.	General Manager, Verka Gurdaspur Dairy. Ph. 01874-220156	500/-	50,000/- for each Milk Bar	05.07.2019 from 05.00 PM	22.07.2019 up to 03.30 PM	23.07.2019 at 11.30 AM
15	Outsourcing of Security Staff	Rate Contract	General Manager, Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Bhathian (Khanna) Ph No. 01628-521450-51)	500/-	50,000/-	05.07.2019 from 01.00 PM	16.07.2019 up to 01.00 PM	16.07.2019 at 02.30 PM
16	Outsourcing of Unskilled/Skilled/Highly skilled & other Man Power	-do-	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	05.07.2019 from 01.00 PM	16.07.2019 up to 01.00 PM	17.07.2019 at 02.30 PM
17	Washing of Plastic tray Related Jobs (Per Tray basis)	Annual Contract	General Manager, Verka Hoshairpur Dairy. Ph No.01882-238157-77, 239938	500/-	10,000/-	07.07.2019 from 03.00 PM	17.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	18.07.2019 at 12.30 PM
18	Reception & Cleaning of Milk Cans (Per Can basis)	-do-	-do-	500/-	10,000/-	07.07.2019 from 03.00 PM	17.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	18.07.2019 at 12.30 PM
19	Loading of Liquid Milk and other Fresh Milk Products (Per liter/kg basis')	-do-	-do-	500/-	10,000/-	07.07.2019 from 03.00 PM	17.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	18.07.2019 at 12.30 PM
20	Filling of Liquid Milk and milk products (Dahi, Lassi etc) in pouches of various variants in plastic trays (per tray basis)	-do-	-do-	500/-	25,000/-	07.07.2019 from 03.00 PM	17.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	18.07.2019 at 12.30 PM
21	Filling of Dahi in different packing size per cup/Matka basis	-do-	-do-	500/-	5,000/-	07.07.2019 from 03.00 PM	17.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	18.07.2019 at 12.30 PM
22	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 82.5 KVA Diesel Generator Set for MCC Padrana	01 No	-do-	200/-	25,000/-	02.07.2019 from 05.00 PM	17.07.2019 up to 05.00 PM	**Technical Bid** 18.07.2019 at 11.00 AM **Financial Bid** 19.07.2019 at 11.00 AM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. **eproc.punjab.gov.in** and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. **0172-2970263, 2970204** immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e- tendering please visit website **eproc.punjab.gov.in**

Note:- Tender processing Fee is Non- Refundable.

Section-B : Sealed tenders are hereby invited on the prescribed Performa as per detail given below:-

Sr No	Name of Item	Qty	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale of tender Form	Last Date & Time of tender submission	Date & Time of opening of tender
1.	**Outsourcing of Milk Booths at:-** a) Civil Hospital Nakodar, Phagwara, Jalandhar, Phillour, Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala b) RCF Hussainpur (Kapurthala) c) SDM Office Phagwara d) MCC Khatkar Kalan e) NIT Campus, Jalandhar f) DC Office, Jalandhar g) I.K. Gujral PTU, Kapurthala	Three Year	General Manager Verka Jalandhar Dairy. Ph No. 73555-56749, 73556-01750.	200/-	25,000/-	18.07.2019 from 11.00 AM	24.07.2019 up to 11.00 AM	25.07.2019 at 11.30 AM
2.	**Leasing out Verka Booths at different sites** a) Civil Hospital Faridkot, Kotkapura & Moga. b) GGS Medical College, Faridkot c) Nehru Stadium Faridkot d) MCC Doda (Shri Muktsar Sahib) **(1 each)**	6 Nos.	Dy. General Manager, Verka Faridkot Dairy. 78376-00782	500/-	25,000/- per milk booth	02.07.2019 to 16.07.2019	19.07.2019 up to 04.00 PM	–

Interested parties may obtain detailed Tender Documents from the office of Consignee where tender is to be opened on any working day from (9AM to 5 PM). If any clarification is required may contact on Phone Numbers given above. The Tender Notice may also be seen at Verka Website (www.verka.coop). TENDER (S) WITHOUT EARNEST MONEY ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED. The Consignee reserves the right to accept/reject any/ all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager (QA&E)

इलाहाबाद बैंक ALLAHABAD BANK
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Head Office: 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001
Branch Office: Islampur

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas:

The undersined being the authorised officer of the **Allahabad Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the Account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Allahabad Bank for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Sl. No.	Name of the Account & Branch	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (Owner of the property)	Description of the charged/mortgaged property (all the part & parcel of the property consisting of)	Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession Notice	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice
1.	**Smt. Vaijenti Devi** W/o sri Shambhu Pandey, Vill+PO: Panhar	Smt. Vaijenti Devi W/o sri Shambhu Pandey	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khata No.120, In Survey no.../City or Town Survey No/Khasara No.889/742,705, Mauza-Panhar, Thana No.117, Area-02 Decimal Within the registration Sub-District-Hilsa and District-Nalanda, Bounded: Khesara No.889/742,705, Area- 02 Decimal: North- Thakurwari, South-Road, East-Thakurwari, West-Road.	02.04.2019 / 26.06.2019	₹20,39,198/- (Rs. Twenty lac thirty nine thousand one hundred ninety eight only) + Interest

Date : 26.06.2019
Place : Islampur

Authorised Officer (Allahabad Bank)

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS
CHIMPU :: ITANAGAR

NIT No. DS/EW/27/2018-19 (Pt) Dated 27 th June 2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Deputy Director (Technical), Department of Sports on behalf of Government of Arunachal Pradesh invites sealed tender quotation from All Registered Contractor of class-ii categories within the territorial jurisdiction of Districts (as per District based entrepreneur Act 2015) which is mentioned below upto 1100 Hrs of Dated: 18th July 2019 i.e Last Date for submission of tender paper. It will be opened at 1200 Hrs on 18th July 2019 in presence of all bidders at office of Deputy Director (Technical) at Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy Complex, Chimpu, Itanagar. The Tender Paper and details terms and condition can be obtained from the Deputy Director (Technical) Office, Chimpu, Itanagar (A.P) from 2nd July to 12th July 2019 in office working Hrs on payment by Demand Draft against Deputy Director (Tech) Sports Deptt.

Sl. No	Name of Works	Amount put to Tender (in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. In lakhs)	Cost of Tender Paper (in Rs.)	Name of District entitled to participant	Completion periods
1	**Construction of Multipurpose Hall at Kodukha, Upper Subansiri District A.P**	800.00	8.00	5000	Class-ii contractor of Upper Subansiri District, A.P	36 Months
2	**Construction of Multipurpose Hall at Kaimai under Tirap District A.P**	800.00	8.00	5000	Class-ii contractor of Tirap District, A.P	36 Months
3	**Construction of Multipurpose Hall at Mahadevpur under Namsai DIstrict A.P**	800.00	8.00	5000	Class-ii contractor of Namsai District, A.P	36 Months

Contractor should be registered contractor under any Government construction Department in Civil category and as per the minimum class mentioned against the scheme. the intending bidder should produce PRC (permanent residential certificate), Bankers Certificates/Solvency Certificate from recognised bank (Minimum 50% of the tender amount), PAN card, GST Registration Certificate, NOC from Apex Bank civil work experience etc. The details clauses, terms and conditions shall be mentioned in Tender Paper, EMD shall be in Demand Draft in favour of Directorate, Sports & Youth Affairs payable at SBI Itanagar, which is refundable without interest. The details clauses, terms, conditions and eligibility criteria shall be mentioned in tender Paper.

Deputy Director (Technical)
Department of Sports

DIPR/ARN/784-87/2019

Section 1

OFFICE OF SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
MEERUT CIRCLE MEERUT
Address :- 300/7 THAPAR NAGAR MEERUT

E-Procurement Notice Call

Letter NO: 502/RED/Tender/File No-59/Bond Clerk/2019-20/dated: 26.6.2.19

1. THE SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, MEERUT CIRCLE MEERUT on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-tendering system from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, and C as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works.
2. Name of work as per table.

S. No	Name of District	Name of Block/Constituency	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh)	Bid security (EMD) in Rs.	Cost of Bid document (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season
1	2		3	4	5	6	7
1.	Meerut	Meerut Cantt	वार्ड-20 ईशापुरम डिवाईडर रोड श्री मटरू के मकान से हनुमान मंदिर तक डैन्स (बी.एम. एवं एस.डी.बी.सी. द्वारा सड़क निर्माण कार्य)	43.97	88000.00	2714.00	60 Days

3. Date of availability of Bid documents on website:- 06-07-2019
4. Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 15-07-2019 up to 12.00 Noon
5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 15-07-2019 at 12.30 pm
6. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-10 on-line which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly.

For further details please log on to **https://etender.up.nic.in** and down load the bid document

Sd/-
(Ajay Singhal)
SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,
MEERUT CIRCLE MEERUT
For and on behalf of Governor of UP

UPID-141639 DATE-28.06.2019
WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

General Manager, Project/ IV, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work: **Name of Work:** Earthwork in Cutting for Flattening of Slopes, Provision of Berms, Lining of Side Drains/catch Water Drains and Protective Works at Agave cutting at Km. 148/200 to 149/078 in Ratnagiri Region. **Tender Notice No.:** KR-CO-SW-T-EW-1-19-08. **Total Estimated Cost:** Rs 4.79 Crores. **Biding Start Date :** 01/07/2019. **Closing Date/Time:** 15/07//2019 up to 15:00 Hrs. for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion Period:** Twelve Months (including monsoon). Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** website for details/participation. Corrigendum/Addendum will be hosted in this website only.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for empanelment of chemist (s) & allotment of Medical shop for selling medicines in the shop inside TVCC building of College. The cost of tender form is Rs. 1000/- payable either in cash or as crossed DD in favor of Dean, Veterinary College, Mhow payable at Mhow. The Tender can also be downloaded from website www.ndvsu.org in which cash a DD of Rs. 1000/- should be enclosed along with tender. Tender from can be purchased on working days up to 22.07.2019 (5:00 P.M.). The tender should be submitted in sealed covers addressed to the undersigned by Registered post/speed post/Courier or delivered personally, so as to reach on or before **23.07.2019 up to 5.00 p.m.** The cover shall bear the address of bidder and be super-scribed with words "TENDER FOR EMPANELMENT OF CHEMIST (S) & ALLOTMENT OF MEDICAL SHOP DURING 2019-2020." The technical and financial bid of tender will be opened on 24/07/2019 and 26/07/2019, respectively at 11.00 a.m. Tender submitted without EMD of Rs. 50,000/- shall be rejected. The undersigned reserves the right of accepting or rejecting the tender in full or in part.

DEAN
College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Mhow

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: NR/CB Workshop/June/Toilet Cleaning/2019 Date: 29.06.19

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Dsl), Northern, Railway Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below:

Tender No.: Works-CB- Toilet Cleaning-2019-8, **Name of Work:** Mechanized cleaning, washing, swabbing of floor of toilets, bathrooms & urinal, and complete sanitation work of staff canteen area in N. R. Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow for period of 24 months. **Period:** 24 Months. **Estimated Cost of Work:** ₹ 47,20,373/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 94,400/- only (accepted through net banking or payment gateway only) **Cost of Tender Form:** Rs. 3,000/- only (accepted through net banking or payment gateway only) **Date & Time for Submission of Tender:** from 11.07.19 to 25.07.19 up to 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time for Opening of Tender:** after 15:15 Hrs. on 25.07.19.

- The tender form may be submitted at the website **www.ireps.gov.in** from 11.07.19 to 25.07.19 (up to 15:00 Hrs.). Mannual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such mannual offer received shall be ignored.
- Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Mannual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed.
- The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day.
- No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void.

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RAJAHMUNDRY ASSET, RAJAHMUNDRY (A.P.)
Expression of Interest (EOI)
Skid Mounted Early Production Facility with Operation and Maintenance services Bantumilli South Field ,

Supply of Skid Mounted Early Production Facility with Operation and Maintenance services on Hire Basis for 3 Years at Bantumilli South Field located about 15 Kms from Bhimavaram. Purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to solicit EOI responses which will enable ONGC to explore, identify and assess suitably qualified and experienced participants to meet the objective of EOI, of Supply of the facilities in 6 months' time after award, to create an opportunity for such EOI participants to potentially participate in the future bidding for above work. Interested participants having relevant experience and expertise (details available at ONGC tender portal, https://tenders.ongc.co.in) with proven capabilities and demonstrated performance are invited to participate in the EOI conference scheduled on 10.07.2019 at 1100 Hrs at ONGC Office at Rajahmundry. Interested parties/participants are required to confirm their participation latest by 05.07.2019. Subsequent to EOI conference, EOI participants/parties shall submit the EOI proposals latest by 17.07.2019. All Corrigenda, addenda, amendments, time extensions to the EOI will be hosted on the ONGC tender portal, and no separate notification shall be issued in the press. Prospective participants against the EOIs are requested to visit the ONGC tender portal regularly to keep themselves updated. Bidders to give presentation on the following deliverables: a) Tentative PFD, PID, Specifications of the Modular Surface Process Facilities going to be offered b.) Execution Methodology etc.c.) Time schedule for complete supply & commissioning (in months) **Address: CGM (P)- I/C Specialist Pool Group Room No.: G-C-1, Godavari Bhavan, ONGC Base Complex, Lala Cheruvu, Rajahmundry -533103. Contact no.: 9435715569 / 8978023399, 0883-2494210** For details please visit **https://tenders.ongc.co.in**

DIRECTORATE OF ADMINISTRATION & H.R.
KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India
Gramodaya,3, Irla road, VileParle (W), Mumbai- 400 056
Website: www.kvic.org.in

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR SC/ST CANDIDATES

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), a Statutory Body established by an Act of Parliament and functioning under the Administrative Control of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Govt. of India), invites Online Applications from eligible Indian Citizens of **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs & STs)** for Direct Recruitment in Group-B and Group-C category of posts as per detailed advertisement up-loaded in KVIC website **www.kvic.org.in**

IMPORTANT DATES

Particulars	Date
Opening Date & Time for Online Registration of Applications	01.07.2019 (From15:00 hrs.)
Last Date & Time of closing of Registration and submission of Application	31.07.2019 (Upto 23:45 hrs.)

Director (Adm.& HR)

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	HVPN	07/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 30.06.2018 (TENDER ID: 97019)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.07.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2.	HVPN	06/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 25.07.2018 (TENDER ID: 93051)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.07.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3.	HVPN	16/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 03.10.2018 (TENDER ID: 100770)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.07.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4.	HVPN	12/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 10.09.2018 (TENDER ID: 98263)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.07.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5.	HVPN	10/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 05.09.2018 (TENDER ID: 97625)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.07.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6.	HVPN	26/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 04.02.2019 (TENDER ID: 115037)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.07.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
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I,Tina D/o Vir R/o-B-2E Vatika Appts.,Mayapuri Delhi-110064,have Changed my name to Kristine and Address to 2033,C-2 Vasant Kunj,Delhi-110037. 0040501477-10

I,Tarun Kumar S/o Kishori Lal R/o: A5A/235, Janakpuri, NewDelhi-58. Have Changed My Minor Son's Name.from Kartik Kanojia to Drishit Kumar. 0040501472-1

I,Saurabh Kumar Vashishth,S/o Mahender Kumar Vashishth R/o-F-63 Kunwar Singh-Nagar, Nangloi,Delhi-41. Changed my minor daughter's name Yana Vashishth to Yuvakshi Vashishth. 0040501465-5

I, Raj Kumar Chauhan S/o Ratan Lal R/o H.No-A-62, Shakti Vihar, Block-A, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar,West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to RAJ KAMAL for all future purposes. 040501459-1

I, Mukesh Kumar Agrawal S/o Late Rameshwar Dayal Goyal R/o C-304 Sansad Vihar, Plot No.2, Sector-3, Dwarka, Delhi-110078 declares that Rameshwar Dayal Goyal and Rameshwar Dayal Govil are names of same person. 0040501469-1

I, Komal Virmani D/o-Vinod Virmani R/o-Flat no.1007,Gaur Ganga 1, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, have change name from Komal Virmani Bagga to Komal Virmani for all future purposes. 0040501459-4

I,Harminder Singh S/O-Gurbachan Singh R/O-B-13, G.F,Fateh-Nagar, New Delhi-110018. Have Changed My Name To Harminder Singh Luthra. 0040501472-7

I, Yasin Saifi S/o Rafuddin Kha, R/o H. No.160, Masjid Wali Gali, Village Akbarpur Majra, Delhi-110036 have changed my name from Yasin Kha to Yasin Saifi for future purposes. 0040501436-1

I, Virendar S/o Late. Babu Lal R/o-H.No.-54, Block-B, Khanpur, J.J.Colony, Ambedkar Nagar, N.Delhi-62 have changed my Name to Virender Khanna. 0040501459-3

I, Tanya Ahuja W/o-Ujwaldeep Singh Arora R/o:A-74,Second-Floor,Gali No-12, Krishna-Park Extn.,Tilak-Nagar,New Delhi-18. Have Changed My Name to Tanya Arora. 0040501472-5

I, Syed Kurshid Hussain S/o Zahin Hussain, H.No.C-107, F/F, New Jafrabad, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Khurshid Hussain. 0040501472-10

I, Swagata Nath D/o Swapan Kumar Nath R/o-283-E, DDA-Flats, Pocket-II, Mayur-Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110091 have changed my name to Anju Nath. 0040501479-2

I, Sushil Kumar S/o Ram Parkash R/o-C-11, 143-144, 1st-Floor, Sector-3, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sushil Goel for all purposes. 0040501465-6

I, Sumer Singh Bhati S/o Bheru Singh Bhati R/o VPO Khudiyala, Teh-Balesar, Distt-Jodhpur, Rajasthan-342306 have changed my minor son's name from Raghvendra Singh aged 17 years to Raghvendra Singh Bhati for all future purposes 0070662961-1

I, Suman Garg W/O- Parveen Kumar R/O 52, Madan-Park, East Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-26, Changed My Name To Suman Singla. 0040501454-8

I, Surekha W/o Harish Kumar R/o. WZ-338, SF, SriNagar, Shakur Basti, Delhi, Changed Name to Surekha Gandhi. 0040501479-9

I, Subhadra Devi W/O Late Shri Umrav Sharma R/O-H.NO-116,Shahbad Dairy, Delhi-110042,have changed my name to Sumitra Devi for all purposes. 0040501469-3

I, Srawan S/o Sudarshan Padhi R/o-B-3, Sainik-Enclave Part-1, Jharoda Kalan, N.Delhi-110072 have changed my name to Srawan Padhi. 0040501465-1

I, Sewak Ram S/o Lala Ram R/o 804-A, Baba Faridpuri, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, inform that my minor Daughter Tanya true and correct date of birth is 15/05/2006 (Fifteenth Day of May Two Thousand Six). 0040501415-1

I, Sawarn Kaur W/o Sh.B.S.Saini R/o Pocket GH-5&7, Flat No.868, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name after marriage to Swarn Kaur for all purposes. 0040501416-2

I, Satyapal Singh Rawat S/o K.S. Rawat R/o-G-12/53 Sector-15 Rohini Delhi-89. Inform that my name wrongly-mentioned as Satyapal Rawat in my son Priyanshu Rawat School-record but my correct name is Satyapal Singh Rawat. 0040501472-3

I, Saneha Dua D/o Late Sh.Ramesh Dua, R/o-C-141, Ground Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015.have changed my name to Sneha Dua. 0040501454-1

I, Ritu Bala Khurana, Ritu W/o Anil Khurana R/o-M-84A, Prem Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059. have changed name to Ritu Khurana. 0040501454-6

I, Rita Roy Chowdhury W/o Amitava Chatterjee R/o H-2/98, E4, Plot-98, T/F KH-79/17/2, 24 Mahavir-Enclave, Palam, ND-45,have change my name to Rita Chatterjee. 0040501479-1

I, Rinku Kumari W/O Anand, H. No-212, Block 1, Express-Garden, Vaibhavkhand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.201014, Changed My Name To Rinku Prasad. 040501484-7

I, Reetu W/o Rajiv Kumar R/o-A-48, Sunder Apartment, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085.have changed my name to Reetu Relhan permanently. 0040501465-2

I, Reena Rani W/o Mr. Parveen Kumar R/o 595/13, Sikka Colony, Near Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Sonepat, Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Reena for all purposes. 0040501446-1

I, Rani Sharma w/o Satish Sharma R/o.MH-318, Rao har Nath-Marg, galiNo-2, Kapashera, Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Kamlesh Sharma Permanently. 0040501472-8

I, Rakhi Bansal W/o Dinesh Goel R/o AG-505, Shalimar-Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Deepa Goel for all purposes. 0040501454-5

I, Rakesh s/o Ram Sewak r/o SF, A-3/245, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063, have changed my name to RAKESH GARG. 040501437-1

I, Rajnt Garg W/O Pradeep Garg R/O B-103, Kedar Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Changed My Name To Rajni Garg. 0040501484-5

I, Radha Rani W/o Sh.Ajay Kumar D/o Sh. Subhash Chander R/o H.No.H-54, Second Floor, Khasra No.38-39, West Jyoti Nagar, Pur Shahdara, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Shweta Mittal for all purposes. 0040501416-3

I, Pradeep Kumar S/O Megh Raj Garg R/O B-103, Kedar Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Changed My Name To Pradeep Garg. 0040501484-4

I, Pooja W/o Kapil Kumar R/o N-2, 404, Eros Sampoornam, Plot No.GH-01, Sector-2, GreaterNoida West, UP have changed my name to Pooja Rani. 0040501484-2

I, Prabhat Ranjan Jha S/o Sh.Hare Krishna Jha R/o N-2, Lower Ground Floor, Malviya Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Prabhaat R Jha for all purposes. 0040501416-6

I, Pawan Kumari W/O Nathu Ram Jyotshi, R/O.A-357-D, New Ranjit Nagar, PatelNagar, N.Delhi-110008. Changed My Name To Pawan Kumari Jyotshi. 0040501484-9

I, Parveen Mahajan S/O Madan Lal R/O-58, Dwarkadheesh Appartments, Pocket-2, Sector-12, Nsit, Dwarka, N.Delhi-110078.Changed My Name To Parveen Chander Mahajan. 0040501484-8

I, Pankaj S/o Ravinder Kumar R/o 28B, J.J.Colony Hastsal, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059. have changed my name to Pankaj Mahajan. 0040501479-5

I, Nathu Ram S/O Chander Bhan Name) R/O.A-357-D, New Ranjitnagar, Patelnagar, New Delhi-110008. Changed My Name To Nathu Ram Jyotshi. 0040501484-10

I, Naseem Begum W/o Abdul Salam R/o A-429 A-Block, Gali No.6, Janta-Mazdoor-Colony, Garhi Mendu, Delhi-110053. have changed my name to Nasim Jahan. 0040501479-3

I, Naman Jethani S/o Late Sh.Ramesh Chander Jethani R/o B-9/9, Mianwali Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Naman Sharma for all purposes. 0040501416-1

I, Mr. I.V.S. Chandhoke S/o Harnia R/o-B-2E Vatika-Appts.,Mayapuri Delhi-110064, have Changed my name to Vir and Address to 2033,C-2 Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110037. 40501477-3

I, Mohd Mehrab Khan S/o Mohd. Zafar Khan, R/o Z-2-416, Welcome Seelampur-III, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mohd Danish Khan for all future purposes. 0040501421-1

I, Mohammad Shakil Ahmad S/O Rafiq Ahmad R/O-WZ-862-A,2nd-Floor Gali.No.16 Sadh-Nagar Palam-Colony Delhi-110045.changed my name to Shakil Ahmed. 0040501472-2

I, Mohammad Jalaluddin S/o Late Amir Baksh R/o H.No.11/413, Gali No.11, Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Jalaluddin for all purposes. 0040501416-4

I, Manoj Chhabra R/o 13/5, IIIrd Floor, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed the name of my minor son from Aaryan Chhabra to Aryan Chhabra. 0040501422-1

I, Manju Rani or Manju w/o Manoj Kumar R/o RZ-65/209-210, Gali No.8H, Block-I, West Sagarpur, New Delhi, both are my names and in the future I will be known as Manju. 0040501477-1

I, Mamtadevi Brijmohan Agrawal W/o Prashant Kumar Goel R/o.AG-505, Shalimar-Bagh, Delhi-110088,have changed my name to Mamta Goel for all purposes. 0040501454-4

I, L.Christina Nakir D/O P.Lazar. Nakir, H.NO-2/67, Block.no-2, DakshinPuri Extension, Dr.Ambedkar Nagar, N.Delhi-110062. Changed my Name to Christina Nakir. 0040501465-7

I, Kusum D/o Rajendra Singh,W/o Mr.Kuldeep Singh, R/o H.No.7, Water-Tank To HM House-Bijwasan, New Delhi-110061,have changed my name to Kusum Sejwal. 0040501479-8

I, Kinjal Bahen Shah W/o Hemant Shah R/o 716, 2nd Floor, West Side Gali No.21, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Kinjal Shah. 0040501448-2

I, Kavita Kumari R/O 12058, Block - A, Tower 4, GH 7 , Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad 201016 have changed my name as Kavita Kandwal 0070662964-1

I, Nirmal Devi W/o Bijender Singh R/o F-1/121-122, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Nirmala Devi. 0040501484-1

I, Kanika Huria, Father Pramod Kumar Huria, Mother Sumita Huria, R/o C-282, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Kanika, Father Pramod Kumar and Mother Sumita for all purposes. 0040501447-1

I, K.Basudev Rao S/o K.V. Raman Murty, Flat.No.1, RZD-45, Gali.No.4, Mahavir-Enclave-I, Delhi-110045. Have changed the name of my minor son K. Ayushman age about 13-years and he shall hereafter be known as Kari Ayushman Rao. 0040501472-6

I, INDER DUTT R/o A 44 FF Saraswati vihar pitampura have changed my name to INDER DATT for all purposes 0070662965-1

I, Hukam Chand s/o Daya Chand R/o T-43, Near Haryana Dharamshala, Karampura, New Delhi-110015, informs that my name has been wrongly written as Hitesh in birth certificate of my son Kartik. 0040501450-1

I, Hemant Kumar Shah S/o Subhash Chandra Shah R/o 716, 2nd Floor, West Side Gali No.21, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Hemant Shah. 0040501448-1

I, Harpreet Kaur Ranci D/o Harbhajan Singh R/o F-438, Budh Nagar, JJ Colony, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012, have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur. 0040501449-1

I, Gurvinder Kaur Virk W/o Balihar Singh Gureta R/o Bahadarpur, Husainpur, Muzaffarnagar, have changed my name to Gurvinder Kaur Gureta. 0040501479-6

I, Gurjot S/o Harpal Singh R/o Saifpur Firozpur, Post-PS-Bahsuma, Meerut, have changed my name to Gurjot Singh Mangat. 0040501479-7

I, Gressy Khanna D/o,Late Raman Khanna R/o-1/11666, Panchsheel Garden,Navin Shahdara, Delhi-110032.have changed my name to Gracy Khanna. 0040501465-3

I, Farhat Bano Moazziz W/o Mohd Rais Farooqui D/o Moazziz Husain Farooqui R/o 11/368, FF, Gali No.11, Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Farhat Bano for all purposes. 0040501416-5

I, Divya Gupta W/o Neerav Gupta R/o-T-4, Flat.No.302, Parsavnath Sristi Sector-93A, Noida have changed my name to Punita Gupta. 040501459-2

I, Dinesh Kumar Sharma S/O Subhash Chand R/O B-4/1-C, Janta Flat, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Changed My Name To Dinesh Kumar. 0040501484-6

I, Dinesh Chand Garg S/O Shri Niranjan Lal Garg R/O H-34/102, Sector-3,Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Dinesh Garg. 0040501469-4

I, Dharmander Singh S/o Shri Braham Singh R/o-C-522,Sangam Vihar,New Delhi-110080,have changed my name to Dharmender Singh for all future purposes. 040501469-2

I, Devaunshi Gambhir D/O Rakesh Gambhir R/O-A-197, Gujranwala Town, Part-1, Delhi-110009, that in my CBSE-Original Documents my Date-of-Birth was wrongly written as 05/12/2001. But my correct Date-of-Birth is 05/12/2000. Which may be amended accordingly. 0040501477-2

I, Deepika C/O Inderpal Ratawal R/O 5530/73, Regarpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005, Changed My Name To Deepika Ratawal. 0040501454-7

I, Puja Singhal W/o Mudit Govil R/o SJ-105, Shastri Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002, have changed my name from Puja Singhal to Pooja Govil for all future purposes. 0040501414-1

I, Deepak Goyal S/o Om Prakash R/o House No.17, Ansari Road, near Francis School, Darya Ganj Delhi-110002, have changed my name from Deepak Kumar to Deepak Goyal for all purposes. 0040501442-1

I, Darshan Kumar S/o Amir Chand R/o-B-38, Backside, Shivaji-Vihar, Janta-Colony, Raghubir-Nagar, N.Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Prem Nagar. 0040501465-4

I, Bharat Bhushan S/o Madan Mohan Sharma R/o 19-A, South Anarkali Extn., Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Bharat Sharma permanently. 0040501423-1

I, Banne Singh Tanwer S/O Babu Lal Adress: A-2 Block-2, Ndmc-Flats, Palika-Enclave, Motibagh-I, N.Delhi-110021, Changed My Name To Banay Tanwar. 0040501465-8

I, Bajinder Singh Shokeen S/o Randhir Singh R/o F-1/121-122, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Bijender Singh. 0040501479-10

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Kishan Lal R/o 130 E, Pocket-A-2, LIG Flat Mayur Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096, I have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Puttan Singh for all future purposes. 0040501435-1

I, Arti W/o Mukesh Kumar R/o H. No.B-8/124, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Arti Sharma for all future purposes. 040501424-1

I, Anjana Yadav W/o Shyam Sunder Yadav R/o VPO- Hurria Kalan, Tehsil- Neemrana, Dist-Alwar, Rajasthan-301704 have changed my name from Anjana Yadav to Anjana Kumari for all future purposes. 0040501431-1

I, Ananya Sethi D/o Goldy Sethi R/o H.No.BL-20, Second Floor, ShalimarBagh, Delhi-110088. have changed my name to Ananya Kaur Sethi. 0040501454-3

I, Shubhangi D/o Dinesh Singh R/o-345/1, Sector-5, Vasundhara,Ghaziabad (U.P)201012. Have changed my name to Shubhangi Singh,for all future purposes. 0040501465-9

I, Sanjay Kaushik R/o.H.No.144, Sec-22, Pocket-6, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my minor son's name from Akhand to Akhand Kaushik permanently. 0040501472-4

I, Mamta W/o Dinesh Singh R/o-345/1, Sector-5, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad (U.P)201012. Have changed my name to Mamta Singh for all future purposes. 0040501465-10

I Vishnu Kumar Sharma S/o-Diwan Chand Sharma.H.No-3 Street No-5 Nimla-Avenue Naraingarh Amritsar-I, Amritsar Punjab-143105.have changed my name to Vishnu Sharma. 0040501479-4

I Urvi D/o Shailendra Singh R/o C 1102, Gidrej Frontier, Sector 80, Gurgaon 122001 have changed my name to Urvi Singh. 0070662963-1

I Surya Kant Govila, S/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar Govila, R/o Govila Gas Godown, Ram Ghat Road, Aligarh-202001, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name to Satyam Govila for all purposes. 0040501419-1

I Sumit Kumar S/O Kharati Lal Resident H. No-199, Sector-13, Sonipat, Haryana. Have Changed My Name To Sumit Jhamb. 0040501454-9

I Punam Dabas W/O Rajpal Dabas R/O 352A, 1st Floor, B-Block, VasantKunj Enclave, Delhi-110070. Changed my Name to Poonam Dabas. 0040501454-10

I Narender Kumar S/o. Sh. Ved Parkash, H.no-1208, Dundahera, Gurgaon Haryana-122016, have changed my name to Narender Rao. 040501454-2

I Hitherto Known As Swati Bhagchandka W/o Vikash Bhagchandka D/o Surendra Kumar Jhunjhunwala R/o 1010-A, Tower 10 The Magnolias DLF 5, Golf Course Road, Sec 42, Galleria DLF-IV, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122009, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Swati Bhagchndka. 0070662920-1

I Anil Kasana S/o Ram Nivas R/o H.No.5, Swaroop Park, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my minor daughter's name from Shalviya to Shalviya Kasana for all future purposes. 0040501414-2

I Amarjeet Singh S/o.Tara Singh R/o.A-57B, Arya-Nagar, Chander Vihar, Nilothi Extn. Delhi-110011 have changed my name to Amarjit Singh. 0040501472-9

I, Jitendra Bahadur Singh S/o Shri Mahesh Pratap Singh R/o KM00300103, Kosmos, Jaypee Greens, Wish Town Sector-134, Noida, informs that my correct name is Jitendra Bahadur Singh. In certificate of my daughter, my Name is written as Jitendra Singh. I hereby informs that Jitendra Singh and Jitendra Bahadur Singh both are same person. 0040501425-1

I, Army No.8034731X Rank HAV (GD) name Milan Kumar Ghosh S/o Akshay Kumar Ghosh of (UNIT) 1672 Rocket REGT 56 A P O, Indian Army, inform that in services my wife (Nita Ghosh) date of birth has been wrongly written as 02/02/1980 instead of 01/02/1081.

LOST & FOUND

I, have Lost my Property Registration Stamp Paper Number 453 to 460 date 30.01.1991 of Address-2/144, Sector-2 Rajinder Nagar Sahibabad Ghaziabad UP-201005, On my house Last Seen 24 June 2019, Damodar Satyawali, Founder please contact-9990911762 0040501440-1

Flat # 124, Sundaram Khand Sec-19 वसुन्धरा, गाजियाबाद आवास एवं विकास परिषद के पत्रांक संख्या 1003 प्रदेशन पत्र दिनांक 22/09/01 एवं पत्रांक संख्या 369 भौतिक कब्जा पत्र दिनांक 05/11/01 की मूल प्रति कहीं गुम हो गई है। मैं बच्चा सिंह पुत्र स्वर्गीय ठाकुर सिंह निवासी Flat # 124, Sundaram Khand, Sector-19,Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, U.P. के मूल दस्तावेज किसी को मिलते हैं तो निम्न मो. नं. पर संपर्क करें 9412800753

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Sd/-
SURENDER KUMAR (Advocate)
Enrl. No. D-152/1988

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Sd/-
RAMESH KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
Enrolment No. D/2421/99

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ABHISHEK RANJAN-ADVOCATE
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It is to be notified that my clients Sh. Rajiv Sahni S/o Late Sh. O.P Sahni and Smt. Usha Sahni W/o Sh. Rajiv Sahni both R/o 687, Double Story, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi, have disinherited, disowned and debarred their sons namely Sh. Deepak Sahni, Sh. Rakesh Sahni and Sh. Nitin Sahni from all their movable and immovable properties, including all the Tenting businesses and this is for the knowledge of the public at large that any one dealing with them shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

Dilpreet Singh Advocate
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Bihar School Examination Board

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With reference to Tender No.- PR 270/2019 published in various Newspapers on 29.06.2019 regarding **"Engagement as Social Media Management Agency of Bihar School Examination Board, Patna"**, it is hereby informed that the Pre-Bid Meeting, which was earlier scheduled for 03.07.2019 at 11:30 Hrs., is now being rescheduled to 04.07.2019 at 12:30 PM.

So, the Pre-Bid Meeting for PR 270/2019 will now be held on 04.07.2019 at 12:30 PM at Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017.

Secretary

Bihar School Examination Board

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE NO:- PR 259/2019

With reference to tender notice No. PR **259/2019** issued in various newspapers on 20th June 2019 for **"Supply of Corrugated Box pasted with variable Printed Adhesive Stickers on it, for packing of Examination materials of Secondary and Intermediate (Annual and Compartmental) Examination 2020 and other examinations as per decision of BSEB"**, after Pre-Bid meeting held on 28-06-2019, changes are made in Terms and conditions. Updated document is uploaded on website **www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.**

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Rule No. 712/191

SHO P/S Nagrota, Jammu vide his Communication No. 1022/5-1/PSN dated 24.06.2019 has intimated that accused Shams Din S/O Noor Allahi R/O Sitni, Bypass, Nagrota is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 216/2019 u/s 342/323/506/34 RPC, 4/25 Arms Act of P/S Nagrota, Jammu since the commission of crime.

As such photograph of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police Establishments / Public in General having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned Contact / Telephone Numbers.

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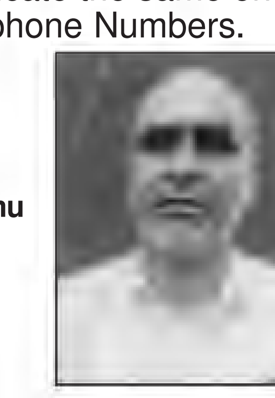

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Son of	:	**Noor Allahi,**
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Age	:	55 years
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	24 Months	2332800/-	46700/-	3,000/-

Description of work: S.N.: 1. Hiring of 02 Nos. Non A.C. Back Opening Multi Utility Vehicles (MUV) such as Ertiga, Bolero, Scorpio or similar, including driver, consumables, maintenance, fuel, etc. 01 No. of Vehicle for the use of PCME Officer Control & 01 No. of Vehicle for the use of GM Office Control, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur for two years. The vehicle will be available on 24x7 basis in a month.

E-tender Opening Date & Time - 31.07.2019 at 15.30 hrs.

• For detailed information, Minimum eligibility criteria, Terms & Conditions of these E-Tenders are available on IREPS **website www.ireps.gov.in**. • Tender Document and GCC must be read by the Tenderer prior to submission of their Tender Offer. • Tenderer should check available corrigendum, if any, related to the mentioned E-Tenders notice before uploading his E-Tender documents.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division
Longding, Arunachal Pradesh

No.RWD/LDG/NIT/CS/2019-20 Dated:

The Executive Engineer, RWD, Longding invites on behalf of Gvernor of Arunachal Pradesh sealed item rate tenders from approved and eligibile Contractors, Joint Venture (JV) firms registered with PWD/PWD/NBCC/NEEPCO/NHPC/BRO/ASSAM RIFLES up to 11th June 2019 upto 1600.oo Hrs for the following works:-

District	Name of work & Sanctioned Order No.	Tender Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money (Rs in Lakhs) for APST	Earnest Money (Rs in Lakhs) for Non APST	Time allowed for completion	Last date and time for receipt of application for issue of Tender Form	Time and date of opening of tender	Place of sale of documents	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Class of Contrcator
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Longding	**1) C/o APPROACH ROAD CC PAVEMENT FROM TRANS-ARUNACHAL HIGHWAY (TAH) TO PROPOSED KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA LONGDING**	187.00	1.97	3.94	12 Months	11th June 2019 upto 1600.00 Hrs	Opening of Technical Bid on 12th June'19 at 1100.00 Hrs Financial Bid on 15th JUne'19 at 1100 Hrs	RWD, Longding	2000/-	All registered Contractors in Class III Categories domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of Assembly Constituency Vide Arunachal Pradesh Gazette No: 94 Vol XXII, Dated 13/05/2015
	2) C/o ROAD FROM LONGKHOW TO PUMAO HQ IN LONGDING DISTRICT	1998.00	19.98	39.96	18 Months				2000/-	All registered Contractors in Class-I and Contractors eligible for National and International Competitive bidding

Bidding Documents may be purcahsed from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Longding District Longding from 1st June 2019 to 11th June upto 1200.00 Hrs for a non-refundable fee as indicated, in the form of cash or demand draft/Bankers Cheque on any schedule bank payable at State Bank of India Longding Branch in Favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Longding interested bidder (s) may obtain further information at the same address.
Bid must be accompanied by Bid Security/Earnest Money of the amount specified against the work in the table, in the form of STDR/Bank Draft of a scheduled bank issued in favour of Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Longding. The Bid security will valid for 90 days beyond the validity of the bid.
Bids under two separate sealed covers superscripted as " Technical Bid" and Financial Bid" must be delivered in the office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Longding on or before 11th June upto 1600 Hrs. The "Technical Bid" will be opened on 12th June'2018 at 1100.00 Hrs in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Miao in the presence of Bidders (S) who wish to attend and will be evaluated by a standing committee whose decision will be final. The "Financial Bids" will be opened on 15th June 2019 at 1100.00 Hrs in the same office.
A pre Bid meeting will be held on 5th June 2019 at 1100.00 Hrs in the office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Longding, Dist-longding, Arunachal Pradesh.
Bidders Contractors who fullfill the initial requirements and executed the similar type of project shall only be eligible to apply.
Others details and important documents should be be submitted by the bidders as per terms and conditions specified in the standard Bidding documents.
The Bidders are requested to submit all documents in an orderly manner as & when required with indexing them.
The intending tenders are informed to acquaint themselves with the prevailing conditions of the construction site before bidding for the work at their own responsibility and risk thereof.
For others details refer Standard Bidding Documents issued by the Department
The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject all or any tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Executive Engineer
Rural Works Division, Longding

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TELLING NUMBERS

Child labour cases: trend shows decline, govt says will eradicate it

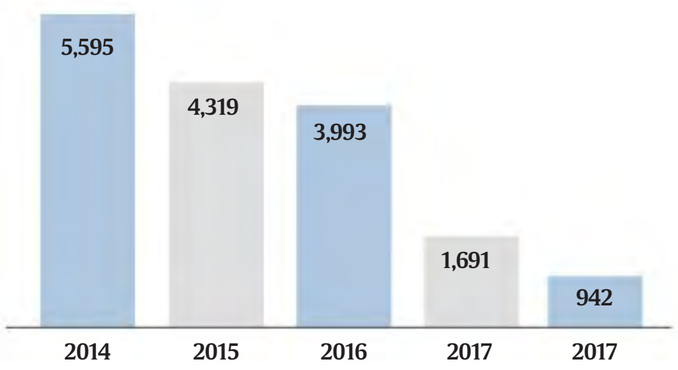
INSTANCES OF child labour detected during inspections have reduced successively from 2014 to 2018, figures presented by the government in Lok Sabha show. In a written reply during the ongoing session of Parliament, the Ministry of Labour & Employment list year-by-year figures for instances of violation of the Child & Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 found during inspections, along with prosecutions started and convictions made.

Minister of State (independent charge) for Labour & Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar said the central government has taken cognisance of the practice of child labour still going on in various parts of the country in spite of a ban. He said it is committed to eradicating the problem from all parts of the country. The Child Labour Act was amended in 2016 and the amendment provides for complete prohibition of work or employment of children below age 14 in any occupation and process and prohibition of adolescents in the age group 14-18 in hazardous occupations and processes. The Amendment Act also provides for strict punishment of employers for violation of the Act and has made the offence cognisable.

The minister said the government is also implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) since 1988 for rehabilitation of child labour. Under the scheme, children aged 9-14 are rescued/withdrawn from work and enrolled in NCLP Special Training Centres before being mainstreamed into the formal education system. Children aged 5-8 are directly linked to the formal education system through close coordination with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the minister said.

Year	Prosecutions	Convictions
2014	2,923	998
2015	2,481	748
2016	1,730	677
2017	1,276	695
2018	624	586
Total	9,034	3,704

VIOLATIONS OF CHILD LABOUR ACT



Source: Ministry of Labour & Employment, Lok Sabha reply

THIS WORD MEANS

DMZ

Where Trump met Kim, between the two Koreas, What does it mean, and how was it formed?

THE KOREAN Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) is a region 4 km wide and 240 km long, dividing the Korean Peninsula into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the north and Republic of Korea on the south. The DMZ has come into the spotlight with Donald Trump becoming the first serving American President to visit the area.

The DMZ was created after the 1953 Korean War Armistice Agreement, which ended the Korean War. The site where the Armistice was signed is called the Joint Security Area (JSA), located 53 km to the north of Seoul. It continues to be the venue where successive peace discussions concerning the region are conducted, including the meeting between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un on Sunday.

After it was first came into force in 1953, the DMZ has seen multiple skirmishes, but there has been a de-escalation in recent years. In 1968, a commando team from the North crossed over in a widely reported attempt to assassinate the then South Korean President.

Trump, Kim cross a demarcation line in the DMZ. *Reuters*

Relations between the two neighbours have thawed in recent years, with peace agreements signed in 1991 and in 2018. The September 2018 agreement is the most comprehensive so far, with plans to convert the DMZ into a peace park. The pact included an initiative to rid the DMZ of more than 20 lakh landmines that remain embedded there.

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

The line between OBC and SC

BJP govt in UP has revived debate over adding 17 OBC groups to SC list, a move initiated by SP regimes. What does it mean for various castes in the two lists, and poll politics? A look at the complexities involved

LALMANI VERMA & APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

A MOVE by the UP government to include 17 OBC groups among Scheduled Castes has drawn sharp criticism from BSP chief Mayawati. Efforts in that direction, in fact, have been made by previous regimes too, and have become the subject of litigation.

What is the UP government's order, and why has it been issued now?

The June 24 letter from the UP Social Welfare Department, sent to all divisional commissioners and district magistrates, refers to an order of the Allahabad High Court (dated March 29, 2017) and directs district authorities to issue caste certificates as per that order after scrutiny of documents.

Copies of the June 24 letter have been sent to Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretaries of Appointment and Personnel, as well as the OBC Welfare Department, with a request to take necessary step for execution of the Allahabad High Court order regarding 17 OBC castes — Kahaar, Kashyap, Kevat, Mallah, Nishad, Kumhar, Prajapati, Dhivar, Bind, Bhar, Rajbhar, Dhimar, Batham, Turha, Godia, Maajhi and Machhua.

The High Court order read: "In the event, any caste certificates are issued pursuant to the order impugned, those certificates shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petition. It is open to the petitioner to add all such persons as party respondents, in whose favour caste certificates have been issued." The writ petition mentioned was against a similar move by the previous Akhilesh Yadav government seeking to include 17 OBC groups among SCs.

The court order on March 29, 2017, came days after the formation of the Yogi Adityanath government, and the letter now comes 27 months later. The delay is explained by electoral concerns. If the state government had made such a move in 2017, demands could have been raised for similar moves in other states. Ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, this could have meant various castes awaiting assent from the Centre, and the ruling party could also have risked alienating the existing SC groups.

Why is it politically significant?

According to an estimate by the UP Backward Classes Welfare Department, these 17 castes make up around 15% of the state's population. A caste in the SC list gets more government benefits than one in the OBC list. Also, since the OBC population is large, there is close competition among OBC groups for reservation benefits. If these 17 castes are moved to the list of SCs, they will face less competition because the SC population is smaller.

Politically, the Samajwadi Party (SP) regimes of Mulayam Singh Yadav (2003-07) and Akhilesh Yadav (2012-17) had initiated the attempt. When these 17 groups are out of the OBC list, it opens up more opportunities for the SP's core vote base, the Yadavs (around 10% of the state population), within the 27% OBC quota. While this can upset SCs, they are not seen as traditional SP voters.

The latest move comes with the risk of turning SC voters away from the ruling BJP and towards the BSP. On the other hand, the BJP can hope to make gains within the 17 newly notified SC groups. These 17 castes are socially most backward, and many survive on small occupations in rural areas. For example, Nishads earn from fishing and Kumhars from making earthen pots. The BJP banks on non-Yadav OBC votes. They are seen to have contributed hugely to the party's strong performance in UP in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

What happened to the attempts by the previous SP regimes?

In 2005, the Mulayam government amended the Uttar Pradesh Public Services Act, 1994, to provide reservation for SC, ST and OBCs in public services and posts, and to include 17 OBC castes in the SC list. The Allahabad High Court quashed the amendment, terming it unconstitutional, since only Parliament has the power to make such an inclusion. Mulayam had also directed district authorities to issue SC certificates to these 17 OBC castes, after the move was cleared by his cabinet. The Centre, however, did not clear his proposal.

In 2013, the Akhilesh cabinet cleared the same proposal, but the Centre once again rejected it. The same year, the state Assembly too had passed a resolution asking the Centre to include these 17 castes in the SC list.

On December 22, 2016, the Akhilesh government made one more attempt, with the cabinet clearing the proposal, this time after consulting legal experts and getting a survey conducted through the SC-ST Research and Training Institute, an autonomous body. The government decided to send the fresh proposal to the Centre, with the argument that these castes are similar to those already listed as SCs. Although the proposal had been previously rejected, the state government claimed that legal experts had advised that these 17 castes can be given the benefits that are due to SCs by adding a clause to an existing notification of the Personnel Department.

The government issued orders to this effect on December 21 and 22, 2016. These were challenged in Allahabad High Court by an organisation called Dr B R Ambedkar Granthalaya Evam Jan Kalyan (this is the writ petition mentioned in the High Court order of March 29, 2017, which in turn is referred to in the government letter of June 24, 2019).

On January 24, 2017, the court directed the concerned officials at district level not to issue any caste certificate on the basis of the government orders dated December 21 and 22, 2016.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with Health Minister Siddharth Nath Singh at an event in Lucknow on Monday. *Vishal Srivastav*

3 CHIEF MINISTERS, ONE OBJECTIVE

2006. Mulayam Singh Yadav govt sends the Centre a proposal to include 17 OBC groups among SCs but Centre does not clear the proposal.

2013. Akhilesh Yadav govt makes the same proposal, again rejected by Centre.

2016, Akhilesh govt issues orders listing these groups as SCs, later stalled by HC

2019. Yogi Adityanath govt directs district officials to issue caste certificates to 17 OBC groups on the basis of a 2017 HC order

What is the distinction between an OBC and an SC?

The yardsticks for recognising specific castes as SC and OBC are distinct. While extreme social, educational and economic backwardness are common qualifications for both groups, SCs draw such backwardness from untouchability. For OBCs, apart from social, educational and economic backwardness, lack of adequate representation in government posts and services is a criterion. The positive rights guaranteed under the Constitution to SCs are to correct the historical wrongs of untouchability, and critics argue that addition of other castes in the group dilutes that guarantee.

So, what are the procedures for listing a caste as an SC?

Between 1950 and 1978, six Presidential Orders were issued recognising specific caste groups as SCs. The name 'Scheduled Caste' derives from the fact that this is annexed as a Schedule to the Constitution. Article 341(1) of the Constitution prescribes the procedure for regarding castes as "Scheduled Castes". As per the procedure to make additions or deletions to the Schedule by amending the concerned Presidential Order for a state under Article 341(2), state governments first propose to modify the Schedule. Only proposals agreed by both the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes are introduced as a Bill in Parliament. This procedure was adopted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 1999 and was amended in 2002.

A similar provision exists for Scheduled Tribes under Article 342.

What changes with J&K Reservation Bill

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 1

ON MONDAY, Rajya Sabha the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Bill. Passed by Lok Sabha last week, the Bill partially amends a Presidential Order of 1954 in order to amend the state's Reservation Act. The amendments were earlier effected through an ordinance after these had been approved by the Union Cabinet in February this year.

The amendments

With the constitutional amendments, the benefits of reservation available to the residents along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) have been extended to residents living along the International Border (IB). This benefits residents in Jammu, Samba and Kathua.

Through the Presidential Order, the Cabinet applied the 77th Constitutional Amendment of 1995 to J&K, giving benefits of reservation in promotion to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in government service. The Cabinet also applied the 103rd Constitutional Amendment of 2019 to J&K, which gave 10% reservation to Economically Weaker Sections among people in the general category.

The controversy

While bringing the ordinance, the Union government said the constitutional amendments were recommended by the State Administrative Council (SAC) headed by J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik.

While no one in J&K has opposed the decision to provide benefits to SCs, STs and EWS, there has been opposition to the route taken by the Centre and its nominee the J&K Governor, on the ground that they "breached" Article 370 while issuing the amendment to the 1954 Presidential Order. The 1954 order is an executive order issued by the President under Article 370 to extend provisions of an Act of Parliament to J&K State, which can be done only with the concurrence of the state government.

The Constitution of India applies to Jammu & Kashmir by virtue of Article 370, which provides a mechanism for the way it applies. Article 370 defines state government as 'the Maharaja' and/or the 'Sadar-i-Riyasat' aided by a council of ministers. At the centre of the controversy is the question whether the Governor, in the absence of an elected government, has the authority to give consent to extend a law of Parliament and change the constitutional arrangement between J&K and the Union.

The issue of the Governor's powers was defined by the Supreme Court in *Mohammad Maqbool Damnoo versus State of J&K* (1972). While dealing with the replacement of an elected Sadr-i-Riyasat with the Centre-appointed Governor, the court observed that a Governor is "head of government aided by a council of ministers". "It is not as if the state government, by such a change (replacing elected Sadr-i-Riyasat with Centre-appointed Governor) is made irresponsible to the state legislature... there is no question of such a change being one in the character of the government from a democratic to a non-democratic system".

Three court petitions, including two fresh ones, have challenged the Centre's ordinance issued in February this year. One of the main regional parties, National Conference, has challenged the amendment to the Presidential Order of 1954. Earlier, two lawyers had challenged the amendments in the J&K High Court. A petition of similar nature has been pending since 1986.

What regional parties say

Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir have termed the amendments "unconstitutional". The regional parties contend that "concurrence" means the concurrence of an elected government, and not that of a nominated government, is a must for any amendment to the Presidential Order of 1954, and that this is thus in contravention of Article 370.

They contend that the government means an elected government and that the President cannot seek concurrence of the Governor because "the Governor is a representative of the President".

Europe heatwave: what caused record temperatures, why it is a concern

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

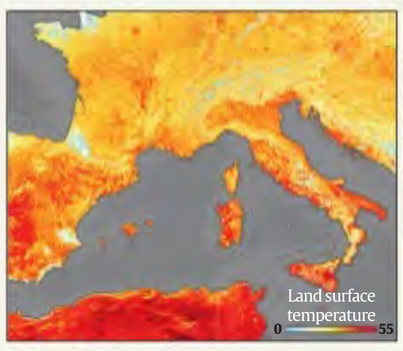
LAST WEEK, Europe went through a heatwave that lasted six days, smashed temperature records, left two people dead in France and another two in Spain, and caused huge fires to break out, including one that spanned 10,000 acres in France. By Monday, temperatures had dipped in parts of the continent, leading to authorities calling off heatwave warnings, although certain areas such as the south of France continued to swelter.

Gallargues-le-Montueux in southern France hit an all-time high of 45.9°C during the last week. Places in Germany (39.3°C), Czech Republic (38.9°C) and Poland (38.2°C) experienced record highs for the month of June.

Why it is happening

The heatwave in Europe is a result of warm air masses from Africa, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said. The heatwave in Europe follows extreme heat episodes in India, Pakistan, parts of the Middle East and Australia. More events are expected to follow during this northern hemisphere summer, the WMO said.

While some scientists have blamed climate change for these trends, the WMO said it is too early for such an attribution. However, the WMO agreed that the heatwave is consistent with climate scenarios which predict more frequent, drawn out and intense heat events as greenhouse gas concentrations lead to a rise in global temperatures. Apart from heatwaves, various climate models have predicted alternating periods of prolonged droughts and heavy flooding in some areas.



This map shows the temperature of the land (not of the air) in Europe and northern Africa on June 26. *European Space Agency*

What is a heatwave

Classifying a heatwave varies from country to country, because what is seen as extremely hot in one place may seem within normal range in another. In guidelines published in 2016, the WMO listed several factors to be considered while analysing an extreme weather event such as a heatwave. These include defining a specific threshold for variables such as temperature to be considered extreme, as well as a human perspective of extremes.

The India Meteorological Department does not consider a heatwave unless the maximum temperature crosses 40°C in the plains and 30°C in the hills. Where the normal maximum is 40°C or less, the heatwave departure from normal is 5°C to 6°C and the severe heatwave departure is 7°C or more. Where the normal maximum is more than 40°C, the heatwave departure from normal is 4°C to 5°C while the severe heatwave departure is 6°C or more. In places where the maximum temperature reaches 45°C or more, the IMD declares a heatwave irrespective of the normal.

Health hazard

The heat poses a risk to people's health, agriculture and the environment, the WMO said. It is the departure from normal — or what people are used to — that makes heatwaves dangerous. A reading of 35°C, which many people in India would be able to cope with, can make people severely ill in Germany. Babies and older people are particularly vulnerable because their bodies are not as well able to regulate their own temperatures as those of young adults. High temperatures can cause exhaustion, heat stroke, organ failure, and breathing problems.

In Europe, because people are not used to extremely high temperatures, many buildings don't have air-conditioning. In Germany, only 2% of homes are air-conditioned, according to the news portal *vox.com*. Also, with 72% of the European Union's population living in urban areas, a heatwave traps them in heat islands as steel, concrete, and asphalt structures absorb heat, Vox said.

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WHAT IS THE MOST SACRED DUTY IN A REPUBLIC? AN AVIOLABLE RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUTION.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

DEEPENING THE UNEASE

By stoking insecurities on Article 370, BJP-led Centre takes a wrong turn in J&K

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR Reservation (Amendment) Bill, passed by the Lok Sabha last week, and introduced in Rajya Sabha on Monday, is an ill-advised stirring of the pot on Article 370. The Bill amends the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 and replaces the March 1, 2019 ordinance providing for reservation in appointment and promotions in state government posts, and admission to professional institutions for certain categories. The Bill will extend to J&K, as did the Ordinance, the 77th amendment (reservation in promotion for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) and the 103rd amendment (reservation for economically-weaker sections of society). The big change from the 2004 Act is that it includes in the eligible categories persons in the state living close to the international border, which in J&K extends from Kanachak to Kathua in the Jammu region, while the original Act applied only to people living close to the LoC, which begins in Rajouri and runs north through Kashmir. No centrally legislated Act can be extended to J&K until the state government gives its assent to such legislation. However, in the absence of a state government, this is being done on the basis of the governor's assent. Although there is enough by way of precedent on this, such actions further erode the autonomy guaranteed by Article 370, and could be seen as a reason for the troubles in the state.

Of course, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has made no secret of the fact that Article 370, which he describes as a "temporary" provision, needs to be done away with. This is what he told the Lok Sabha during the debate to extend President's rule in the state. This is also a promise the BJP has made in its election manifesto. There seems to be an impression among influential sections of the ruling regime that doing away with Article 370 (and 35 A), will resolve the Kashmir problem "once and for all". There could be no more mistaken notion. In all the ideological eagerness to see demographic engineering as the solution to Kashmir, it should not be forgotten that Article 370 is the constitutional provision that mediates the conditional accession of J&K to India in 1947. Doing away with it would be akin to breaking a bridge between Kashmir and the rest of India.

Shah, who visited the Valley last week, would have been briefed about the uneasy calm in the state. Since the Pulwama outrage and the Indian action inside Pakistan, there have been fewer attacks by militants in Kashmir, and virtually no cross-border infiltration, but home-grown radicalism and alienation remain high. Even the security agencies, which have implemented the Centre's policy of using force to keep a grip on Kashmir for four straight years, know that this cannot be the only instrument. Moderates in the Hurriyat have said they are ready for a dialogue. Rejecting that, and pursuing a divisive and polarising agenda in J&K may yield the BJP some political dividend, but it does not serve the national interest.

KARNATAKA'S WAY

Implementation of loan waiver in state points to possibility and promise of direct benefit transfer in helping farmers

THE KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT has released nearly Rs 8,357 crore as waiver amount to 20.40 lakh farmers against overdue crop loans of up to Rs 2 lakh till December 31, 2017. It expects to complete this scheme, covering some 41 lakh farmers, by the end of this fiscal. The remarkable thing isn't the scheme itself, but how it has been implemented. Karnataka is one of the few states with fully digitised records of land ownership, rights, tenancy and crop information. Most states undertaking loan waivers have done so based on the lists given by banks. In many cases, the same farmer would have taken loans from multiple banks, thereby benefitting from waivers against all these accounts, even if the outstanding dues added up to beyond the announced limit. In Karnataka, however, the state government could match the data from banks with the land survey, Aadhaar and ration card numbers. It led to savings in double payments to around 5 lakh farmers and the waiver was limited to Rs 2 lakh per family against all their crop loan accounts.

The Karnataka scheme reveals the promise held out by direct benefit transfers (DBT) — how they can be made in a practically foolproof manner to every farmer based on their Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts as well as digitised land ownership details. The next logical step should be to eliminate all farm subsidies and convert these into targeted DBTs or income support programmes. Ramesh Chand, Member of the NITI Aayog, has favoured such a transition that is justifiable from both an efficiency and equity standpoint. The Centre could take the lead here. Currently, its annual subsidy on food, fertiliser, crop loans and insurance premium, without accounting for rollovers and late payments, is over Rs 2,91,000 crore. In addition, state governments dole out subsidies through free/cheap farm power and water that would total another Rs 1,50,000 crore or so. Why should fertilisers or electricity be given to farmers at rates that incentivise their inefficient consumption with attendant environmental costs? Why should the Food Corporation of India physically procure, store and distribute paddy or wheat way beyond the requirements of the PDS?

The Union Budget can make a beginning by announcing a three-year phase-out plan for all fertiliser subsidies and capping yearly foodgrain procurement for the PDS to 50 million tonnes. The savings can be used to provide a flat Rs 5,000 per hectare to all farmers. A single DBT scheme, with income support under PM-Kisan, will serve India's farmers better than iniquitous and market-distorting subsidies.

THE 20-STEP SHOW

Now that Donald Trump has walked into North Korea, will diplomacy follow?

US PRESIDENT DONALD Trump is fond of proclaiming himself the master of the "art of the deal", alluding to his best-selling book and supposed business acumen. But with his seemingly spontaneous stroll into North Korea across the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) with Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un on Sunday, Trump has once again proved that the defining feature of his presidency is showmanship. As the first US president to enter North Korea, Trump has been ebullient about his achievement. His celebration of himself — and Kim — has echoed in North Korea. The state media described the event as "historic", "amazing", "bold" and "unprecedented".

Indeed, under Trump, the US has managed a thaw with North Korea that seemed impossible just three years ago. After an initial spike in rhetoric — of "flood and fire" and "complete destruction" — the isolationist communist state has been brought to the negotiating table. The meeting at the DMZ, between North and South Korea, took place after a sudden request from Trump last week. The third meeting between the two leaders was possible, according to North Korea's state news agency, because of "good personal relations between the two leaders".

Like other populist strongmen, Trump and Kim appear to set great store by their personal charisma to shed historical baggage and break diplomatic deadlocks. And the 20 steps Trump took into North Korea, the shaking of hands and posing of photos with Kim, certainly add the optics to support such a belief. However, it remains to be seen if symbolism is followed up with concrete action. No new commitments were reported after the hour-long meeting between the two leaders beyond an agreement to restart talks, which had come to a standstill after Trump walked out of his meeting with Kim in Vietnam four months ago. While a stalemate has broken, the hard work of diplomacy still has some way to go.

GST, the journey

Two years on, birth pangs have been addressed, the system has stabilised

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THE GST WAS launched in India with hopes of being a major game-changer for taxpayers as well as for the government. It was expected to not only boost revenue, but also effect transformative changes to India's indirect tax regime besides ushering in an era of eased compliance. Most of all, it was expected to relieve the economy of the burden of cascading taxes and be a significant step in the creation of a common national market. As we celebrate its second anniversary, let us take a look into how it has fared so far and where it is headed.

Going by international experience, GST has taken between two to five years to stabilise. In this context, in terms of revenue yield, the Indian GST has done remarkably well. In the first 21 months, it yielded an average monthly revenue of Rs 91,334 crore — the average stood at Rs 82,295 crore in the first nine months of its implementation which went up to Rs 98,114 crore in the next 12 months, a growth rate of 19.22 per cent. This achievement pales a little only when we consider the high benchmarking that we had set for it.

The government had set an ambitious target of achieving an annual year-on-year growth rate of 14 per cent on the base year revenue from subsumed taxes in FY 2015-16. This was done to guarantee an assured year-on-year growth of 14 per cent to the states over their respective base year revenues to bring them on board for implementing a uniform and harmonised dual-GST. The average monthly base year revenue from subsumed taxes was around Rs 70,000 crore. The figures of GST revenue yield so far outline the success of the GST implemented in India. To appreciate this point one needs to analyse GST yields in the backdrop of the average monthly revenue from subsumed taxes in the base year 2015-16 which was of the order of around Rs 70,000 crore and it is this benchmark against which the revenue performance of GST is being judged. Accordingly, the benchmarked average monthly revenue for 2017-18 and 2018-19 works out at Rs 90,972 crore and Rs 1,03,708 crore respectively, worked out on the basis of a CAGR of 14 per cent on 2015-16 monthly averages. The average monthly yields for 2017-18 and 2018-19 fell short by 12.3 per cent and 5.4 per cent respectively. These are not actual shortfalls; they merely represent the shortfall from the figures projected at a CAGR of 14 per cent on the base year revenues.

Thus, a whopping reduction of 56.1 per cent in the shortfall, into just the second year of GST implementation, from even the abnormally high benchmarked revenues, is a promising sign and is testimony to the structure and design of GST in the country.

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The performance of GST revenues of various states has been as diverse as the country itself. While the average shortfall from protected revenue of all states has gone down from around 16 per cent in 2017-18 to 13 per cent in 2018-19, there are wide variations. During 2017-18, states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh stood at one end of the spectrum with shortfalls from protected revenue ranging from 3 per cent to 7 per cent while states like Bihar, Punjab and Uttarakhand had deficits in the region of 38 per cent. In between lay states like Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Haryana, Kerala, Gujarat, West Bengal and UP with deficits ranging from 12 to 26 per cent. But the real success story was that of the North-eastern states, barring Assam, which were on the verge of "breaking even" in the very first year and most of whom had become "surplus" states by 30 to 80 per cent by the beginning of 2019-20.

States like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and UP were on course to closing the gap from protected revenue towards the end of 2018-19. This is a pleasant surprise given that these are manufacturing hubs and GST was thus widely expected to incur losses on the implementation of a consumption type tax; the reason could possibly lie in the fact that these states were doubling up as significant "consumers" besides being production hubs. However, states like Bihar, West Bengal, Karnataka and Kerala are a bit of an enigma in that these were expected to reap the rewards of the consumption-type GST. Bihar, however, has managed to reduce the gap from protected revenue from 38 per cent in 2017-18 to 15 per cent in 2018-19 and it is expected the state would grow out of the revenue-rain-shadow as GST stabilises.

It would not be incorrect to say that the entire tax eco-system had to bear the pangs of radical transformation; it was inevitable. Most hiccups were occasioned by almost every compliance being automated and being designed to be almost entirely system driven; the building of systems went hand in hand with the actual implementation of GST. Initially there were issues with migration of taxpayers to the new system, return filing and even payment of taxes. But the GST Council met often and for long hours to sort out the issues. The return schedules were staggered, dates were extended and the GSTR-2 and GSTR-3 kept in abeyance. A summary return was introduced and its features were enhanced to facilitate filing. Late fees were reduced and even waived for the initial period. Migration issues were almost fully resolved by the end of FY 2017-18. Refunds, particularly to exporters, were temporarily put on a semi-manual track till the systems are fully in place. Significant measures were taken to mitigate the initial difficulties of the MSME sector. A new return filing system is on the anvil, it would transform the way tax returns are filed.

On other fronts, too, the Indian GST has done reasonably well. Check-posts of the states' tax departments are now a thing of the past and this has significantly cut haulage times and improved the turnaround of fleet. Reporting obligations have been standardised and are now identical across the country. The national e-way bill system, introduced with effect from April 1, 2018, is another feature which integrated the tax system; instead of having to fill out something like four or five (even seven or eight) different declarations, goods can now be moved from one corner of the country to the other on the strength of just one declaration. This is a step in the direction of integrating the national market.

IGST is another such mechanism which is fast integrating value chains in the country. The IGST is India's unique contribution to the world of indirect taxation. None of the federal systems have as smooth and as efficient a mechanism as the Indian IGST to transfer tax from the originating to the destination jurisdiction.

Effective burdens of tax have fallen and, contrary to the international experience, it has not, on its own, fuelled inflation. Perhaps we have not witnessed price cuts commensurate to the falling effective burden of tax and the anti-profiteering body may have to devise objective standards and a transparent methodology to analyse this phenomenon.

The biggest challenge is fine-tuning the IT system to cater to the requirements of both taxpayers and the tax administration. As has been rightly said, it is like building "an already sailing ship". This is particularly challenging since nothing of this kind, or of this order of magnitude, has been designed for administering a tax. But I am sure we will overcome and emerge on top.

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TWO AGENDAS FOR FM

Union Budget must focus on reviving investment, address rural distress

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FOR THE Union budget, two priorities are important in the second quarter. The first is to finance a credible package of relief and recovery after a bad monsoon from the angle of drinking water and sowing. The second is to revive investment. The Economic Survey and the budget speech must, as in the past, reflect thinking on critical issues, and not focus on scoring brownie points.

For example, the PMEAC has rightly said that Arvind Subramanian's critique of GDP changes is silly, since estimating a relationship between GDP and some variables in the past misses the point that productivity is rising. But more serious critiques, like those of the expert group under Sudipto Mandal and past members of the Statistical Commission, have been ignored. An assurance from the JNU-trained finance minister that institutional integrity in the statistical and IMD systems will be respected will be welcome. Her views on real priorities will be eagerly awaited.

Rural distress is real. The first is to recognise it. Drinking water, improving efficiency of existing irrigation systems, rural finance, including temporary waiver of loan repayments, needs funds, which the affected states do not have. The priorities stated in the Niti Aayog's council meeting are correct. But they do not have allocation powers. The budget should provide funds and an assurance that allocation will be rule based, as in the erstwhile Planning Commission's formula, rather than by political whims.

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Meanwhile, job creation will depend on the revival of industrial production, continuing growth of exports and agricultural revival. But most policies have a lag of around four to six months. In the short run, more money will be needed for MGNREGA. These allocations should be cleared. In the finance minister's speech, budget estimates should be compared to last year's budget estimates and not with revised estimates as in recent budget speeches. The Union Budget should concretely raise public investment to revive private investment to reverse the declining growth rate in every quarter. Fiscal deficit is a real issue and leads to pressures on the bank rate and exchange rates. The suggestion is to raise resources by taxation and not to play to the lobby by not cutting consumption by the government and non-government sectors. There are no free lunches and the FM knows that. She must give that stern message. At least, in the first post-election year, we have to be honest. There is little scope for such concessions demanded by industry groups, but rationalisation of tax structures and reduction of slabs in GST are possible. The clean-up of the banking and non-banking financial companies sectors should be honest. These are outside the budget, but they determine the fiscal deficit. So, the flow of funds in the budget papers must honestly reflect that.

The heart of economic policy in the short run is to give fewer lectures on reform, which is well spelt out, but to raise government investment at the central, state and parastatal levels. The economy is suffering from the decline in investment ratios, which given the incremental capital-output ratios explain the declining growth rate, which itself is below the potential of 8 per cent or so. This budget will be judged on that.

Gujarat's experience conclusively shows that a high enough manufacturing physical output growth rate reduces the work force dependent on agriculture. Even with an employment elasticity of 0.25, with a 12 per cent growth in IIP, employment rises by 3 per cent, which is double the workforce growth rate, and employment will recover.

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YAMUNA AS SEWER

THE YAMUNA IS fated to be an open sewer sooner or later. And this catastrophe may befall us in 30 years' time, according to environmental engineers who have been watching the fast-changing water quality profile of the river. This frightening forecast is made on the assumption that the graph of pollution maintains its rising trend in the next three decades. Environmental engineers have lost all hopes of cleansing the water in the 48-kilometre stretch of the Yamuna snaking through Delhi. This is the worst affected part of the river. The city consumes 12 lakh kilolitres of water every day and generates 9,60,000 kilolitres of waste water.

FAIR-PRICE SHOPS

TWO THOUSAND ONE hundred and fifty government fair price shops started functioning in the Capital. The shops, run by the Delhi Administration, sell items of mass consumption such as tea, match boxes, soda ash and exercise books. From next week, toilet soaps will be available and it is proposed that in the near future the shops will also deal in vegetable oils. The Chief Executive Councilor, K N Sahani, launched the new production-cum-distribution scheme at a function at Raghubir Nagar re-settlement colony. Sahani said the administration's two-year-old dream about ensuring supply of essential goods to the common man had been partially fulfilled. He said that had Delhi been a full-fledged state, this would have happened much earlier.

PLAN PRUNING

THE PLAN MAY have to be cut and the restructuring of wages postponed if the rise in prices and inflation do not abate. This is apparent from the discussions in the Planning Commission and the deliberations of a Cabinet sub-committee which held its meeting a few days ago. The Planning Commission makes no secret of the fact that it has already touched the bottom of the barrel and that it finds no purpose in scraping it for more resources.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

The Kim-Trump meeting has again caught the attention of media worldwide. The meeting provides possibilities for North Korea and the US to find solutions.

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Lessons of hate

A climate of impunity emboldens the perpetrators of public murder to post real-time videos online

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Suvajit Dey

HAVING BEEN A teacher for close to half a century, I feel entitled to comment on the novel pedagogic practices that are emerging in our blessed country. After all, all kinds of people are now in the business of "teaching a lesson". I am, of course, referring to the reported beating to death of Tabrez Ansari, allegedly on suspicion of theft, in Jharkhand. Ansari was reportedly tied to an electric pole, and beaten for eight hours or more. Eight hours — just try and wrap your head around that. The electric pole was on a public street, albeit at night. Still, factor in bystanders, passers-by, spectators, *jhalmuri* vendors, and of course the heroic "teachers", beating a bound man. The video of this act of performative violence, this spectacle, shows children, on their way to, or from, mere conventional "lessons"; giggling women, probably out to buy vegetables; men hard at work spitting tobacco juice, exhorting the dying man to look into their mobile cameras to give them a good shot, just an ordinary day. So ordinary that the police turned up alright, but only when the man was nearly dead. Still, they took him to a doctor — who failed to notice the head injury that apparently killed him. Eventually, four days later, they even took him to the hospital, where an ECG confirmed that there was no life in that bloody, battered body. He — it? — was taken to another hospital but Ansari remained stubbornly dead. A minister of the state government suggested that the whole incident was a conspiracy to malign the BJP government — in which case Ansari must have been part of the conspiracy — because dying like that, remaining dead, certainly gives the government a bad name. He may be dead, but he's practically seditious!

Reportedly, 11 accused have been arrested. And we have been assured by relevant authorities that justice will be done. Of course, in one sense, "justice" has been done already — the man is dead, and he is on record as having chanted "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" before he died. A mere few weeks into the new government, and we are practically at Hindu Rashtra! However, my theme is not "justice" but "pedagogy" — since the point of the whole arduous exercise — eight hours, in full public view, was "teaching a lesson". And since learning lessons is the necessary complement of teaching lessons, I wish to explore the lessons that might be learnt from this public pedagogical exercise.

The first thing one notices are the pedagogical tools. Now, the use of physical violence is traditional: Spare the rod, etc. Of course, the traditional teacher did not use iron rods and metal-studded belts. Still, if the goal is efficiency — swiftly reducing flesh to pulp, breaking bones — then robust tools are unavoidable, even advisable (my frustrated chemistry teacher used to throw a wooden duster at us in exasperation. But I don't remember many broken heads).

The other question that arises concerns the "beneficiaries" of such pedagogy. After all, if the lesson was intended for the deceased Ansari, then all that hard work — eight full hours, hammering away — has been wasted, hasn't it? But perhaps we are dealing with an advanced form of deflected pedagogy: The intended beneficiaries of this pedagogy are not the obvious ones — who end up, all too often, dead. The real "beneficiaries" are the ones who identify with the victim, harbour some brief spark of empathy for what was once a fellow human being. These intended "beneficiaries" could include "the Muslim community", "urban naxals", "anti-national libtards", etc.

It is in the nature of such deflected pedagogy that the beneficiaries must be a large, open set of intended, and unintended, people. Sometimes I suspect that the intended beneficiary of the lesson from Ansari's death — and Akhlaq, and Rakbar, and Junaid... — is the infamous Mahmud, who "looted" Somnath. And, the countless other "invaders" who remained invaders even after centuries of residence — as well as the others who mysteriously became "invaders" by the mere act of seceding from an inhumane, sclerotic, ossified Brahminical Hinduism. It's a pity that Mahmud has been dead for a thousand years — and can't, therefore, be killed again, in a climactic pedagogical exercise. We might have been spared this recurrent, retail pedagogy — these lynchings.

Obviously, the business of teaching lessons is incomplete without the question of lessons learnt. Anyone with even a minimal experience of teaching knows that teachers have little or no control over what students take away — learn — from their lessons. Seeing students' notes from one's carefully prepared lectures is inevitably a sobering experience. I suspect that there might be something comparably sobering about the lessons being learnt from these pedagogic lynchings. Official lies — as in the responses to the latest US State Department report on the state of religious freedom in India — are all very well: Those poor fellows derive their livelihood from barefaced lying. But the rest of us know — should know, need to know — that the country (a country, any country) only becomes feasible on the basis of some agreed, consensual, constitutional ground. It is sustained by a faith in the institutions that derive from that Constitution. Once that faith is eroded — corroded, destroyed — whether by acts of omission or commission, whether by silence and passivity or by overt acts of criminality, then that country — any country — is on a slippery slope. (Uttering this warning is not in any sense a recommendation or promotion of the consequences of ignoring the warning.) In our fallen — falling, fragmenting — world, alas, examples abound. Think of what was once Yugoslavia or, nearer home, Sri Lanka. Or, come to think of it, of the Bangladesh that was once East Pakistan. I fear that one possible lesson that might be learnt from these pedagogic lynchings, which go unpunished, and are even commended and celebrated by members of the ruling dispensation, is precisely that the institutions that enable civic, broadly civil, coexistence, have been hollowed out. I fear that the antonym of civil coexistence is civil war.

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There is one final lesson that could be learnt from this tragic and criminal episode — but I fear that it won't be. This is the lesson that is encoded in the ritual incantations, the slogans — Jai Shri Ram and Jai Hanuman — that the dying man was forced to chant before he died. These were, of course — as is known to all except the Official Liars — key instruments in the campaign of hate and discord that has sedulously been pursued by Sangh organisations, in varied forms, for close to a hundred years. Fake history, fake science, all is grist to the mills of hate. So Hamid, returning with a *chimta* for his grandmother in Premchand's *Idgah*, becomes a plausible stand-in for Mahmud, for Timur, for Aurangzeb — and, of course, for Masood Azhar.

The real lesson to be learnt is a simple one: Hate has consequences. The climate of impunity that emboldens the perpetrators of public murder to post real-time videos online is directly related to the programmatic use of hate speech. So is the brutalisation that hardens people to the sight of Ansari's baffled, grief-smudged wife of a few weeks. Now, widow. And those who propagate and promote that hate must bear responsibility for its entirely predictable consequences. It won't be learnt, of course — but I daresay the lynch mobs will not stop trying.

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Re-imagining India and Africa

Delhi's strategy for Indo-Pacific needs to recognise the importance of the continent

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ALTHOUGH SCEPTICISM ABOUT the idea of Indo-Pacific endures, the new geopolitical construct continues to gain ground. In embracing the concept late last month, the Association of South East Asian Nations has taken a big step towards bridging the eastern Indian Ocean with the Pacific. If South East Asia has been central to the Indo-Pacific debate, Africa remains a neglected element.

The ASEAN's Indo-Pacific vision has come after a prolonged internal debate among its ten member states. The initiative came from Indonesia — the largest member of the ASEAN and an early champion of the Indo-Pacific. After all, Indonesia is the land link between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Almost all the maritime traffic between the two oceans passes through the narrow straits formed by the Indonesian archipelago.

As in India, so in the ASEAN, there was much initial suspicion about the meaning of and the motivations behind the term Indo-Pacific. If India's preferred focus was on the Indian Ocean, the ASEAN had grown accustomed to the idea of the Asia-Pacific. If the UPA government was deeply divided on the notion of the Indo-Pacific, many in the ASEAN saw little reason to replace Asia-Pacific with Indo-Pacific.

The Modi government, which has shed so many hesitations of the UPA era, eventually adopted the Indo-Pacific framework. In the east, Indonesia's initiative is an important landmark in the way South East Asia rethinks its geography. Delhi and Jakarta are also well-placed to recognise the growing importance of Africa for the security and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific.

Delhi and Jakarta remember that the 1955 Bandung Conference was not just about Asia or non-alignment, but promoting Afro-Asian solidarity. India and Indonesia can't forget Africa's role in shaping the outcome of the World War II in Asia. Nearly 1,00,000 African soldiers participated in the war to liberate Burma and South East Asia from Japanese occupation.

Today, the rise of Asia and Africa is beginning to reconstitute the geographies of the eastern hemisphere and break down the artificial mental maps that emerged in the 20th century between different sub-regions of the Indo-Pacific, stretching from Africa to the Western Pacific.

If Europe and North America dominated Africa's economic relationship in the past, China, India, Japan, South Korea and the ASEAN share the honours today with the US and EU. China, Japan, Korea and India are also major investors in Africa as well as providers of development assistance.

China and Japan are also playing a major role in the modernisation and expansion of infrastructure in Africa. China certainly has strong reservations about the Indo-Pacific terminology; but no one is doing more to integrate the two oceans than Beijing. China's maritime silk road is about connecting China's eastern seaboard with the Indian Ocean littoral. According to publicly available information analysed by the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies, China is involved in the development of 47 ports in sub-saharan Africa. African energy and mineral resources and the sea lines of communication bringing them to China are now seen as vital lifelines in Beijing.

Japan's prime minister, Shinzo Abe, who reinvented the Indo-Pacific has also underlined the importance of connecting Africa to Asia through growth corridors. If the dynamic economic interaction between the "two continents and two seas" in Abe's words) has been widely noted, the increasing strategic nexus between the eastern and western ends of the Indo-Pacific has not drawn adequate attention.

Consider for example, China's expanding defence and security engagement in Africa. Over the last few years, China has emerged as the largest major arms supplier to Sub-Saharan Africa. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, China accounted for nearly 27 per cent of all arms imports by Sub-Saharan Africa during 2013-17. China is a major champion of peacekeeping in Africa, not in manpower contribution that is dominated by Subcontinent, but in financial, material, logistical and institutional support.

China is ramping up its support for internal security structures, including national law enforcement and police organisations, in Africa. In 2017, Beijing established its first foreign military base in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa. And China is not the only one.

Japan has run a small military facility in Djibouti since 2011. This is Japan's first foreign base since the Second World War. South Korea, following a similar track, stationed about 150 troops in the UAE for African military missions, including peacekeeping.

China, Japan and Korea had all come to the region in the late 2000s on anti-piracy missions. As piracy declined, they have found it necessary to stay on amidst what is now being called the "new scramble for Africa". Former colonial powers like France and Britain are no longer taking their position in Africa for granted and are recasting their military act in the western edge of the Indo-Pacific.

The US, which was focused on terrorism and other non-military threats after 9/11, is paying attention to Africa's new geopolitics. Russia, which seemed to turn its back on Africa after the collapse of the Soviet Union, is now returning with some vigour. Meanwhile, many regional actors like Iran, UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey are taking growing interest in African security affairs.

During his first term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi elevated the engagement with Africa by hosting a summit in Delhi for all the African leaders, unveiling sustained high level political contact, expanding India's diplomatic footprint, strengthening economic engagement and boosting military diplomacy. But the scale and speed of Africa's current transformation means the PM has his African tasks cut out in the second term.

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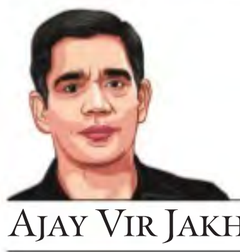
Quagmire in the countryside

To improve farm livelihoods, a slew of measures is required in Budget 2019



AJAY VIR JAKHAR

A LARGE MAJORITY of farmers will not be able to recall in living memory, ever being happy with the outcome of their profession. Having been forced to adapt to predictable unpredictability, farmers can find resonance in words spoken a century ago by humourist Jerome K Jerome: "The weather is like the Government, always in the wrong."

The downturn is not unreal and is underlined by data of a more-than-expected slump in agriculture exports and farmgate prices and a lagging food-processing sector. Weakening consumer and industry sentiment, bank haircuts, billions of square feet of idle real estate point to the difficulty in reversing the trend. These uncomfortable truths must be dawning on the finance minister who has been dealt a near impossible hand.

The perpetual disregard for allocating funds for human resources both at the national and state level has extracted a heavy toll on the nation. Development of human resources must become the foremost priority of Budget 2019 and the defining goal of the next decade. To take farmers out of the quagmire of their gloomy livelihoods, a slew of seemingly unconnected measures are required to be initiated simultaneously. Take the sector of food processing and human resource development.

The country is full of sick and struggling food-processing units, which are unable to utilise their capacities and service their loans. Despite multiple subsidy packages, the potential of food processing remains unfulfilled. The focus should have been to generate demand, but India is investing in creating supply by incentivising more food processing units through a food park scheme with a subsidy of Rs 50 crore per park. The fate of food parks was pre-determined but the department continues to flog a dead horse. Of the 42 food parks approved, most of the 17 which were actually commissioned are struggling or shut. The rest are yet to start and many may have walked off with substantial subsidy component.

The few success stories in food processing like dairy, potatoes, tomatoes, gherkins are predominantly of the farmers who are directly linked to processors offering a higher price, which creates a virtuous cycle of prosperity. This is because processors desiring specifics in quality, traceability and volumes invest in developing the cultivation and post-harvest handling capabilities of farmers. But our industry lacks linkages with research institutions for processable crop varieties and their availability in sufficient quantities. For example, there are hundreds of varieties of mangoes, but a handful are appropriate for processing. Due to the food insecurity concerns since Independence, agriculture research continues to focus on staple food crops instead of crops with a higher nutrition value.

Agriculture research has been the most neglected segment of the establishment not only in the last five years but even in the decade before it. Apathy has resulted in 52 per cent vacancies in sanctioned posts in national agriculture research institutions. Similarly the states, by not filling the 45 per cent vacancies in agriculture extension, are abdicating their obligation to hand-hold farmers. There is a vast shortage of veterinary doctors for animal healthcare and farm extension for animal husbandry is almost missing. This leads to the unnecessary use of chemicals, steroids and antibiotics in our food value chain. The success of the National Skill Development Council & Agriculture Skill Council of India remains limited to powerpoint presentations. The budget should attempt to fill these gaping holes.

There is unanimity on the GST council reducing GST on processed foods from 18 per cent to 5 per cent. This is a bizarre situation: One section of the government is taxing a sector while another is subsidising it. It is akin to prioritising funds to improve the efficiency of paddy sowing, while the state government targets crop diversification away from paddy. But like much else, this is also beyond the ambit of the budget. One is left wondering how much the Union budget can influence agriculture, a state subject.

With such conflicting forces at play, the goal of diversification from non-perishable crops and a secure MSP to a market-linked system of growing fruits and vegetables, dairy, poultry, etc is fraught with risks for farmers. Frustrated with having consistently failed to resolve issues of middlemen and market reforms, some policy influencers are naively floating the idea to place agriculture on the Concurrent List.

Until the share of the women farmers increases, where they do more paid work and less unpaid work, we cannot replicate the success of the Asian economies. This, economist Diane Coyle observed, was also the reason for the extraordinary economic growth in the middle of the past century. This is truer for rural India where less than 5 per cent landholdings are women-owned. Policymakers are unable to connect the dots.

Strategic development approaches will differ, depending on the objectives. A capitalist society like the US fights inequality — "the defining challenge of our time" — by creating equal opportunities and Scandinavian nations design policies to create equal outcomes. While the world is contemplating how best to fight inequality, Indian academicians are busy bickering about GDP methodology. Maybe, just maybe, we would be better off if sociologists had as much influence as economists when policies were framed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TUNISIA, CERTAIN

THIS REFERS TO the PTI report, 'Uncertainty in Tunisia as President 'critical', attacks hit capital' (IE June 28). I have no problem with the article's content, but "uncertainty" is definitely the wrong word to use in the context. I hope it is an unintended slip-up, justified only by the "sensationalism" factor. Institutional rules are deeply rooted in Tunisia, and can be traced many centuries back to the very foundation of Carthage, ancient Tunisia, in 814 BC. In fact, one of the first constitutions known to mankind, according to Aristotle, is the Constitution of Carthage. No doubt, there were deviations along the way, but since the 2011 revolution, Tunisia has emerged as a success story despite major impediments: Democracy and the rule of law are irreversible in Tunisia today. We are faced with an exceptional situation, I agree, but a very normal one in democracies, where elected heads of state, as only human beings, are exposed to sickness. Tunisian president, Beji Caid Essebsi, was elected after a transparent election in 2015. And, he was not rushed abroad to a foreign hospital or clinic, but has been treated in Tunisia by Tunisian doctors. Finally, it's not just about Tunisia at all, it's about the credibility and honesty of reporting. "Certainty" is more than shining in Tunisia today.

Nejmeddine Lakhal, *Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia to India*

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THE WINNER RECEIVES SELECT EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS

PUNISH AKASH

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Impunity in Indore' (IE, July 1). The assault on an Indore municipal corporation officer by MLA Akash Vijayvargiya must be condemned. It shows his extreme entitlement. Winning an election doesn't give license to attack government officials.

Sanjay Chawla, *Amritsar*

MEANWHILE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND: THINK OF JESUS WHEN ONLINE

The Church of England on Monday urged Christians to follow the example of Jesus when interacting on social media, as it launched a new charter to create a "positive atmosphere" online. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby visited the British headquarters of Facebook to launch the digital charter.

TOP OF THE WORLD

European Council President Donald Tusk

EUROPE

Deadlock over top posts: EU talks suspended

Brussels: Almost a full day after sitting down to pick candidates for the European Union's prime political posts, weary EU leaders broke off their talks Monday amid deep divisions over who should run the European project for at least the next five years. After a full night of one-on-one meetings, trilateral talks, and group discussions — including sitting down over breakfast — EU Council President Donald Tusk called a halt, and said the summit should reconvene at 1100 local time on Tuesday. French President Emmanuel Macron lamented the meeting as a "failure," and said the summit "gives an image of Europe that is not serious" due to the stalemate.

USA

10 killed as small plane crashes in Texas

Dallas: All ten people on board were killed when a small airplane struggled to gain altitude after taking off from a Dallas-area airport Sunday, veered to the left and plunged into a hangar, local authorities and witnesses said. The twin-engine plane crashed at the Addison Municipal Airport, a northern suburb of Dallas. The Beechcraft BE-350 King Air hit an unoccupied hangar, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The hangar burst into flames and black smoke billowed from the building as firefighters sprayed on water to contain the blaze.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Warming to slash equivalent of 80 million jobs by 2030: UN

Geneva: As climate change worsens, growing heat stress on workers in agriculture and other sectors will cause a productivity loss equal to 80 million full-time jobs over the next decade, the UN warned Monday. A report from the International Labour Organisation estimated that in 2030, 2.2 per cent of total working hours worldwide would be lost because of higher temperatures. The percentage is expected to be more than double that in the hardest-hit regions, western Africa and southern Asia.

SOCIAL MEDIA

FB to ban ads that tell people in US not to vote

FACEBOOK INC will ban ads that discourage people from voting ahead of the 2020 US presidential election, according to its second annual Civil Rights Audit published on Sunday. Facebook pledged to put its new "don't vote" policy prohibition into effect in the fall, before the 2019 US elections on Nov. 5, Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg said in a blog post. Last year, Facebook banned posts that spread misinformation on voting methods, election dates and times, and polling locations.

UN WATCHDOG CONFIRMS BREACH

Iran exceeds n-deal stockpile limit

Tehran says move reversible as it urges Europe to step up efforts aimed at bypassing US sanctions

PARISA HAFEZI & FRANCOIS MURPHY
DUBAI, VIENNA, JULY 1

IRAN ANNOUNCED on Monday it had amassed more low-enriched uranium than permitted under its 2015 deal with major powers, its first major step in violation of the deal since the United States pulled out of it more than a year ago.

The UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which monitors Iran's nuclear programme under the deal, confirmed in Vienna that Tehran had breached the limit.

The step could have far-reaching consequences for diplomacy at a time when European countries are trying to pull the United States and Iran back from the brink of war, less than two weeks after Washington aborted air strikes at the last minute.

The Europeans, who opposed last year's decision by US President Donald Trump to abandon the nuclear deal signed under his predecessor Barack Obama, had pleaded with Iran to keep within its parameters.

Iran has said it aims to do so but cannot do so indefinitely, as long as sanctions imposed by Trump have deprived it of the benefits it was meant to receive in return for accepting curbs on its nuclear programme under the deal.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Iran had passed the threshold, exactly as it had warned it would: "We have said very transparently what we will do."

Zarif confirmed that Iran had exceeded the relevant limit of 300 kg of uranium hexafluoride (UF6), but Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said Iran's steps to decrease its commitments to the nuclear deal were "reversible".

Mousavi urged other signatories of the deal Monday to step up their efforts. "Time is running out for them to save the deal," state TV quoted him as saying.

Iran President Hassan Rouhani in 2018. He said this year he intended to walk away from the nuclear deal's restrictions. *AP*

The move is a test of European diplomacy after French, British and German officials had promised a strong diplomatic response if Iran fundamentally breached the deal.

Prime Minister Theresa May's office said Britain was urgently considering its next moves along with its partners, and urged Iran to "reverse this step". Her foreign secretary, Jeremy Hunt, said he was "deeply worried" by Iran's announcement.

A European diplomat told *Reuters* there was a mechanism under the agreement to deal with "any inconsistencies", and it would be up to a joint commission of signatories to decide next steps.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the European countries should "stand behind their commitments" and impose "automatic sanctions" on Iran.

Iran had announced in May that it would speed up production of enriched uranium in response to the Trump administration sharply tightening sanctions against it that month. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

Sending a signal

THOUGH IRAN is still not close to enriching uranium to the extent needed to build a nuclear weapon, breaching the uranium stockpile limit sends a signal to the US and the remaining signatories of the nuclear deal that Tehran is serious about pulling out of the pact if it does not get the sanctions relief that the deal promised. With the US taking an increasingly confrontational approach, it has fallen to the European powers to try to save the deal. But so far, they have been unable to shield Iran from US sanctions. It remains to be seen if the Europeans will continue to attempt to save the deal now that Iran has clearly breached it.

After an explosion in Kabul on Monday. *AP*

Taliban attack Kabul: At least 40 killed, 51 schoolchildren among 105 injured

THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF & ROD NORDLAND
KABUL, JULY 1

The attack came as US and Taliban negotiators met for a third day in Qatar amid hopes for a deal on a US troop withdrawal

A COMPLEX Taliban attack including a car-bombing and militant assault killed at least 40 people in Kabul on Monday, badly damaging a private war museum, an adjoining television station and a primary school, hurting dozens of children, officials said.

The attack, apparently aimed at a government facility, came as US and Taliban negotiators met for a third day in Qatar amid hopes for a deal on a US troop withdrawal. But the pace of violence in the 18-year Afghan war has only picked up, with each side increasing attacks.

A senior Kabul defence official put the death toll at six security force members, with another 20 of them wounded, and 34 civilians, with at least 63 civilians wounded, a toll that rose later in the day.

Nooria Nazhat, spokeswoman for the ministry of education, said that at least 51 students were wounded, including many young children. They were injured when part of their school building near the attack site collapsed from the detonation of a car bomb which began the Taliban attack.

At Shamshad TV, a Pashto language channel, a security guard was killed and several journalists wounded, including two who were hospitalised, according to the news manager, Abid Ihas.

The private war museum, which hosts many school groups, did not report any victims from the blast. Wahidullah Mayar, spokesman for the ministry of public health, said that 105 of the wounded civilians, including 26 children, were hurt badly enough to be hospitalised.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, according to a Twitter message on the account of the Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, and said that a logistics and engineering unit of the ministry of defence was the intended target. "According to some reports, some civilians have been slightly wounded," the spokesman said. "But civilians were not the target." **NYT**

ON ANNIVERSARY OF CITY'S 1997 HANDOVER TO CHINA BY BRITAIN

Hong Kong descends into chaos as protesters storm Legislative Council

JOHN RUWITCH & JOYCE ZHOU
HONG KONG, JULY 1

HONG KONG police fired teargas in running battles with hundreds of protesters, some of whom stormed the legislature, destroyed pictures and daubed walls with graffiti, on the anniversary of the city's 1997 return to Chinese rule on Monday.

Police arrived by bus and moved into position as about a thousand protesters, furious at a proposed law allowing extraditions to China, gathered around the Legislative Council building in the heart of the former British colony's financial district.

Police fired several rounds of teargas as protesters held up umbrellas to protect themselves or fled. Plumes of smoke billowed across major thoroughfares and in between some of the world's tallest skyscrapers.

Protesters had carried road signs, others corrugated iron sheets and pieces of scaffolding, as they barged into the council building. Some sat at legislators' desks, checking their phones, while others scrawled "anti-extradition" on chamber walls.

Other graffiti called for Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam to step down, while pictures of some lawmakers were defaced.

"HK Is Not China" was painted in black on a white pillar.

The government called for an immediate end to the violence, saying it had stopped work on amendments to the suspended extradition Bill and that the legislation would automatically lapse in July next year.

The Legislative Council released a statement cancelling business for Tuesday. **REUTERS**

Protesters broke into and occupied the Legislative Council building in Hong Kong on Monday. (*Below*) Tens of thousands flood the streets of the city in protest. *AP*

LAM MARKS HONG KONG HANDOVER

Carrie Lam at a reception marking Hong Kong's handover to China. *Reuters*

HONG KONG Chief Executive Carrie Lam appeared in public for the first time in nearly two weeks, before the storming of the legislature. She said the recent protests have "made me fully realise that I, as a politician, have to remind myself all the time of the need to grasp public sentiment accurately."

Relatives of killed Sudanese men mourn in the city of Omdurman Monday. *Reuters*

Clashes during mass protests in Sudan kill 11

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KHARTOUM, JULY 1

SUDANESE ACTIVISTS said Monday that at least 11 people were killed in clashes with security forces during mass demonstrations demanding a transition to civilian rule.

Tens of thousands of Sudanese flooded the streets of the capital, Khartoum, and other areas on Sunday in the biggest protests since security forces cleared a sit-in last month. They called for the military to hand over power to civilians following the coup that ousted longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April.

Nazim Sirraj, a prominent activist, told *The Associated Press* on Monday that three bodies were found next to a school in Omdurman, the twin city of Khartoum. The three were shot dead in an area where security forces had barred protesters from marching toward a hospital and had fired teargas to disperse them, he said. One wounded person died on the way to the hospital in Khartoum, he added.

Sirraj said the total death toll was 11.

The Sudan Doctors Committee, the medical arm of the Sudanese Professionals' Association, which has spearheaded the demonstrations, confirmed the death toll.

A captured minke whale is unloaded at a port in Kushiro, Japan, on Monday. *Reuters*

Japan resumes commercial whaling after 3 decades

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUSHIRO, JULY 1

JAPAN BEGAN its first commercial whale hunts in more than three decades on Monday, brushing aside outrage over its resumption of a practice that conservationists say is cruel and outdated.

Five vessels from whaling communities left port in northern Japan's Kushiro with their horns blaring and grey tarps thrown over their harpoons. By Monday afternoon, a first whale had been caught and was being transported back to shore.

The hunts come after Japan decided to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC), a move slammed by activists and anti-whaling countries but welcomed by Japanese whaling communities.

As an IWC member, Japan was banned from commercial hunts of large whales. But it also exploited a loophole to carry out controversial hunts of whales in protected Antarctic waters under the banner of "scientific research".

INDIVIDUALS, ENTERPRISES FACE FINES FOR NOT PUTTING GARBAGE IN THE RIGHT TRASH BINS

As China seeks to recycle more, Shanghai implements strict regulations

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, JULY 1

A FIVE-STAR hotel in Shanghai was the first to receive a warning for violating the city's new domestic garbage sorting regulations that came into effect Monday. The new policy makes it compulsory for people and businesses in Shanghai to sort their garbage into four types: dry waste, wet waste, hazardous and recyclable. The efforts are part of China's national push to reduce waste and increase recycling, according to the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, through which China hopes 46 cities will recycle more than 35 per cent of overall waste by 2020.

Individuals may be fined anything from 50 to 200 yuan (one yuan converts to roughly Rs 10) for not complying with the new waste management policy, while enterprises can be fined up to 5,000 yuan for failing to have the right trash bins in place. The fine could go up to 50,000 yuan if enterprises refuse to rectify their mistakes. The new rules have led to a host of jokes on Chinese social media as residents try to make sense of it.

To break down the classification, household waste, which is referred to as wet waste, includes perishables like leftovers, rotten food, flowers and plants, and goes into a brown rubbish bin. Dry waste goes into the black rubbish bin, which includes items like used tissues, bubble tea cups and oyster shells. While the blue recyclable waste bin is where paper, plastic and textiles go, the red hazardous bins are where anything harmful like expired medicines, batteries and light bulbs get disposed off. "Finally, for all the pet owners out there: animal waste should be flushed down the toilet. If you're still not sure, add the city's official WeChat account 'shanghaifabu' to search through the trash-sorting database," said an explainer on the Time Out Shanghai website.

Specifically marked waste bins in Shanghai. Reuters

COLOUR-CODED WASTE BINS

BROWN BIN: Wet waste, including perishables like leftovers, rotten food, flowers and plants
BLACK BIN: Dry waste such as used tissues, bubble tea cups and oyster shells
BLUE BIN: Paper, plastic, textiles and other recyclable items
RED BIN: Waste containing harmful chemicals, like expired medicines, batteries and light bulbs

According to Chinese state-news agency Xinhua, the regulations were approved in January by city legislators who classified the garbage into four categories. "If residents are not clear whether a kind of garbage is wet, dry or recyclable, they can treat it as dry garbage, the legislation commission of Shanghai People's Congress said June 30," the Xinhua report said.

"The commission explained that wet garbage requires as precise sorting as possible to enable it to be made into useful biological substances or disposed off without harming the environment, and residents are encouraged to sort out recyclable garbage as all dry garbage will be mainly burnt up in disposal," the report said.

Further, hotels in Shanghai are also instructed to stop offering disposable toiletry kits such as toothbrushes, combs, bath sponges, razors, unless it is requested by customers. On Monday, the *Xinmin Evening News* reported that a rectification notice was issued to a five-star hotel for "failing to put municipal solid waste into the corresponding trash can".

Though reports point out that a total of 13,000 garbage-dumping spots at residential complexes have been upgraded, residents in some areas are unhappy with the short time-frames designated for garbage disposal. The disposal sites are only open and available during set timings in the morning and night, making it difficult for working people.

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹34,140	₹68.94	$64.83*	₹38,570

*Indian basket as on June 27, 2019

SENSEX: 39,686.50 ▲ 291.86 **NIFTY:** 11,865.60 ▲ 76.75 **NIKKEI:** 21,729.97 ▲ 454.05 **HANG SENG:** 28,542.62 ▼ 78.80 **FTSE:** 7,529.83 ▲ 104.20 **DAX:** 12,554.82 ▲ 156.02

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SECTOR WATCH
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

New policy to aim to bring e-tailers, brick-and-mortar businesses closer

Government also looking to set up National Traders' Welfare Board

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

A NATIONAL policy on retail trade, promised by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in its 2019 election manifesto, is expected to lay down an overarching framework for the sector to cover various segments such as physical retail, direct selling, hypermarkets and e-commerce, a senior government official told *The Indian Express*, pointing out that the policy will focus on spelling out regulations, improving access to funds and compliance costs, while improving the enabling environment for the retail sector as a whole. A draft of the policy is expected to be out over the coming week.

The retail policy will also aim to bridge the gap between various stakeholders in the retail ecosystem, such as online commerce and traditional small retailers. In its 2019 manifesto, BJP said that for the welfare of small traders, its government will establish a National Traders' Welfare Board and create a National Policy for Retail Trade for growth of retail businesses.

E-commerce firms and traditional retail traders have been at loggerheads, with the latter accusing online retailers of distorting the level-playing field by offering deep discounts on back of foreign funding. However, e-commerce players have pointed out that currently online retail occupies less than 5 per cent of the total retail pie in India.

According to the official cited above, stakeholder meetings will be held over the coming week, which will be aimed at getting e-commerce players to handhold brick-and-mortar retail firms who want to enter the online retail space. However, for e-retailers a separate e-commerce policy is being drafted, which would be readied over the next year.

Last week, at the first formal meet between trade associations and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, representatives of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) had said the policy should include upgradation and modernisation of existing formats of retail trade. "The government has almost moved to e-system whereas till now only 35 per cent of traders out of 7 crore have been able to computerise their business," CAIT secretary general Praveen Khandelwal said while participating in the deliberations.

EXPLAINED

Could offer level playing field to all players

AS E-COMMERCE firms look to expand into new segments, such as groceries, alongside going deeper into India's geography, the conflict between online retailers and traditional ones could widen.

A broad policy framework covering different segments could offer a level playing field to all players in the ecosystem, while helping the smaller retailers modernise to meet the growing demand.

AMID FEARS OF FURTHER SPREAD OF SOLVENCY RISKS

Govt may enhance RBI powers for better supervision of NBFCs

Regulatory changes and measures likely to be announced in Budget on July 5

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

THE GOVERNMENT is considering a proposal from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) seeking more powers to improve its regulatory and supervisory mechanism for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs). Recent defaults by a section of NBFCs have created turbulence in the financial markets, including debt market, leading to fears that potential solvency risks at certain companies can be contagious.

Sources said some regulatory changes and measures relating to NBFCs sector are likely to be announced in the Union Budget slated on July 5. The RBI has already reduced the periodicity of the NBFC supervision to 12 months from 18 months earlier.

"Government has received a proposal from RBI to strengthen RBI's regulatory and supervisory powers under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, and the same is under consideration," Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said in response to a query in Lok Sabha.

"RBI has informed that it is closely monitoring the liquidity position of the NBFCs and will continue to monitor the activity and performance of the NBFC sector with a focus on major entities and their inter-linkages with other sectors," Sitharaman said.

She also clarified the government has no plans to provide equity support to beleaguered NBFCs in the private sector. "Government, from time to time, infuses capital in public sector NBFCs based on an objective assessment of requirements. There is no proposal under consideration of the government to recapitalise private NBFCs," she said.

The RBI has conventionally adopted light-touch regulatory approach towards NBFCs, to enable them to reach the masses through innovative financial products and service delivery mechanisms. "In light of recent developments, there is a case for having a fresh look at their regulation and supervision. It is our endeavour to have an optimal level of regulation and supervision so that the NBFC sector is financially resilient and robust," Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das had said during a lecture in Pune on June 8.

The central bank has taken various measures to help NBFCs tide over the recent crisis, including raising the single-borrower exposure limit for NBFCs that do not finance infrastructure to 15 per cent from 10 per cent, relaxation in minimum holding period norm to encourage securitisation of loans assets and asking NBFCs with assets of more than Rs 5,000 crore to appoint a chief risk officer.

Amid payment delays and defaults in the housing finance companies and NBFCs, the RBI in its Financial Stability Report last Thursday warned that the failure of any NBFC or HFC will act as "a solvency shock" to its lenders and solvency losses caused by these shocks can "further spread by contagion". NBFCs depend largely on public funds such as bank borrowings, debentures and commercial papers, which account for 70 per cent of the total liabilities of the sector.

NBFCs were the largest net borrowers of funds from the financial system, with gross payables of around Rs 844,600 crore and gross receivables of around Rs 723,000 crore as on end-March 2019.

The consolidated balance sheet size of the NBFC sector grew by 20.6 per cent to Rs 28.8 lakh crore in FY19, as against an increase of 17.9 per cent to Rs 24.5 lakh crore in 2017-18. Gross NPAs of the NBFC sector as a percentage of total advances rose from 5.8 per cent in 2017-18 to 6.6 per cent in 2018-19.

LIGHT-TOUCH REGULATORY APPROACH SO FAR

- **The Reserve Bank has conventionally adopted light-touch regulatory approach towards non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), to enable them to reach the masses through innovative financial products and service delivery mechanisms**
- **In a response to a query in Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that the government has "received a proposal from RBI to strengthen RBI's regulatory and supervisory powers under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, and the same is under consideration"**

'Few unscrupulous traders' actions make majority of honest taxpayers uncompetitive'

MoS for Finance Anurag Thakur at an event to mark the second anniversary of GST in New Delhi. *Anil Sharma*

CASES OF FAKE INVOICES

Period/Financial Year	No. of Cases	Amount (in ₹ crore)	Persons arrested
2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)	5	12.67	2
2018-19	1,620	11,251.23	154
2019-20 (till June 25, 2019)	535	2,565.40	40

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

TERMING THE issue of fake invoices under GST as a menace, the government on Monday warned of action against it, urging trade and industry to shun the unfair practices due to which the honest taxpayers suffer and result in loss of its tax revenues.

Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur, speaking at an event to mark the second anniversary of GST, said the government intends to follow the policy of "*imandaar trader se bair nahi, fake invoices walon ki khair nahi*" (no enmity against any honest trader, but those generating fake invoices will not be spared).

"Government will take strict action against those involved in generating fake invoices. The menace of fake invoices needs to be checked as the actions of a few unscrupulous traders make the majority of honest taxpayers uncompetitive and cause loss to government revenue. The government is serious about curbing this menace," he said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha on Monday, said 535 cases of fake invoices involving a total fraudulent claim of Rs 2,565 crore of input tax credit (ITC) have been booked and 40 persons have been arrested so far in the current financial year. In 2018-19, 1,620 cases of fake invoices were registered and as many as 154 persons were arrested.

With moderate tax rates and increased tax base, GST has the potential to promote economies of scale and enhance our competitiveness and boost growth, Thakur said. Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, in a blog on Monday, also highlighted the increase in tax base under GST, saying that the assessee base in the last two years has increased by 84 per cent.

"The number of assessees covered under GST today are at 1.20 crore. This obviously leads to higher revenue collections," Jaitley said.

Jaitley also said the 12 and 18 per cent tax slabs in GST could be merged going forward as revenues increase, thereby effectively making it a two-tier tax. He added that as many as 20 states are already showing more than a 14 per cent increase in their revenues and do not require the centre to compensate them for revenue loss arising out of GST rollout.

Most items of consumer use have been brought in the 18 per cent, 12 per cent and even 5 per cent category, he said, adding that this rate rationalisation exercise has already resulted in annual revenue loss of over Rs 90,000 crore.

Outlining the future course of Goods and Services Tax (GST), Thakur said the government aspires to make it the best system in the world. "It's a work in progress and the foundation has been laid and we are optimistic that we will deliver on our commitment. What we have put in place is already better than what we had pre-GST. There can be no better evidence for this than the fact that my party is back in the government even after implementing GST. I am told this is the first for any country or any party across the globe, so it's a great achievement," he said.

Thakur said the new I-T system, after having provided a "faceless, contactless" tax regime, will keep evolving to meet the future needs and challenges to ensure even easier compliance. "In the recent GST Council meeting, I could sense an urgency among all members to further improve processes and leverage automation to reduce compliance burden even further. I get the sense that GST is an indirect tax revolution that will surely propel India to become a global economic power, much sooner than predicted by some," he said.

Thakur also said that the government will meet the Budget target for GST. "Even if there is any shortfall in a particular month's collection, we will achieve the budget target at the end of the fiscal. I can assure you that in the coming months you will see an increase in GST collections," Thakur said. Urging GST officers to be sensitive to the concerns of honest taxpayers, Thakur said their interaction with trade moulds public opinion about GST. "Therefore, I urge all GST authorities to remember at all times that as public servants they serve the trade by being sensitive to their concerns and resolving their genuine difficulties in accordance with the law. It is only through this partnership that we can achieve the goal of 'one nation, one market, one tax'," he said.

GST collections dip below ₹1L cr mark in June

New Delhi: Goods and Services Tax (GST) receipts in June fell to Rs 99,939 crore, down from over Rs 1 lakh crore in the previous month, the Finance Ministry said on Monday.

While the GST collections in June were lower than Rs 1,00,289 crore in May, they were higher than Rs 95,610 crore receipts in the same month of the previous year. The total number of GSTR-3B returns filed up to June 30, 2019, is 74.38 lakh, as against 72.45 lakh filed in May.

"Total gross GST revenue collected in the month of June, 2019 is Rs 99,939 crore of which CGST is Rs 18,366 crore, SGST is Rs 25,343 crore, IGST is Rs 47,772 crore and cess is Rs 8,457 crore," the statement said. **PTI**

'IPO activities may gain momentum in H2 of 2019'

India recorded 16 initial public offerings (IPOs) in the second quarter of calendar year 2019, the EY India 'IPO Trends Report: Q2 2019' said, adding that IPO activities may gain momentum in second half of the year

70: Number of companies that have received Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) clearance

19: Number of companies currently awaiting clearance from Sebi

$194 mn: IPO size of most awaited entity in base metals in Q2 2019

MAJOR SECTORS COVERED IN THE 16 IPOs:

- Base metals
- Transportation and infrastructure
- Healthcare and equipment

4 Number of IPOs in main markets (i.e., BSE and NSE) in Q2 2019
43% fall, as compared to 7 IPOs in Q2 2018
20% fall, as compared to 5 IPOs in Q1 2019

12 Number of IPOs in SME markets in Q2 2019
69% fall, as compared to 39 IPOs in Q2 2018
8% fall, as compared to 13 IPOs in Q1 2019

GLOBAL CONTEXT

266: IPOs accounted for by technology, health care and industrial sectors in H1 2019, i.e. 52 per cent of global IPOs by deal numbers

$47.8 bn: Money raised by all these IPOs global IPOs, i.e. accounting of 66 per cent of global proceeds

87: Number of IPOs in the Americas in Q2 2019, which raised $28.1 billion

5% rise by deal numbers from Q2 2018

50% rise by proceeds from Q2 2018

INTERVIEW WITH NIMESH SHAH, MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO, ICICI PRUDENTIAL AMC

'NBFC crisis an isolated, company-related event ... does not pose any systemic risk'

As mutual funds have come under criticism over investments in troubled NBFCs, NIMESH SHAH, MD and CEO, ICICI Prudential AMC told SANDEEP SINGH that while the issue does not pose any systemic risk, fund houses will have to make distinction between NBFCs which possess securitisable portfolios. He, however, added that there are attractive pockets for investment within the segment even in the current market. Excerpts:

Do you see the NBFC crisis having a contagion effect on the overall financial services and investment sector?

We believe the NBFC crisis is an isolated, individual company-related event, which does not pose any systemic risk. Concerns pertaining to debt papers gone bad are largely restricted to specific schemes of select fund houses. This is not at an industry-wide level, as it is being thought of. The core of the recent credit events was largely due to borrowers relying on short-term market borrowings to finance their long-term use of funds, lack of adequate disclosure from companies with complex group structures leading to challenges in issuer assessment.

The other cause of concern was that credit spreads of issuer companies was significantly higher than similar rated papers. The biggest learning from the NFBC-related development is the increased focus on risk management and portfolio diversification in debt funds. Investors must understand that just as volatility is an integral part of equity investments, rating upgrades and downgrades too are a part of credit investments. However, it is important to differentiate between various ratings downgrades. Owing to recent events, the asset (investment) side of mutual funds is under scrutiny. At the same time, it is equally important to ensure there is granularity in liability (AUM) side as well.

While HFC's have asset liability mismatch, do you think MFs should totally ignore them?

NBFC space in India is heterogeneous in nature. The business model of a gold loan NBFC will be poles apart from a two-wheeler financing company or an HCV financier or a housing finance company. The loan duration ranges from 3-6 months to 15-20 years. As a result, each of these segments has a unique asset-liability profile, of which some are under pressure currently. An NBFC which borrows short-term to lend long-term, as may be the case with a house finance company, could have an asset-liability mismatch. But it may not be the case with consumer finance NBFC where the lending duration is not more than 24 months. As an investor, the fund houses will have to make distinction between NBFCs which possess securitisable portfolios and otherwise. We believe there are attractive pockets for investment even in the current market. We have increased our exposure to NBFCs backed by strong corporate groups or banks.

With banks and MFs looking to avoid the real estate segment, do you think there should be a special window for them?

We believe for the economy to do well, lower land price is a must. Today, cost of capital and labour is reasonable, but land prices are yet to see a sizeable correction even as the sector remains over-leveraged. In India, land and capital prices tend to move in tandem, as can be seen from 1991 to 2003. Thereafter, over the next decade, both rates and land prices moved higher. However, post 2013, interest rates have come off but land prices continue to remain higher.

Mutual fund inflows have slowed and SIPs are witnessing closure. When do you see this trend reversing?

Mutual fund SIPs have grown manifold over the past few years. Industry's SIP book has grown from Rs 4,584 crore in May 2017 to Rs 8,183 crore in May 2019. Through the last financial year, the industry SIP book has grown steadily, barring the month of May (de-growth of Rs 55 crore). However, along this journey, there have been times when the inflow would have moderated. That does not necessarily translate to the SIP's closure. Mutual funds typically tend to be a pro-cyclical business. Investors tend to invest based on past returns. It is important to remember that to make outsized gains, one has to invest in a relatively cheap market.

With the new government in place, how do you see the equity market rally?

One of the positives for India is a decade of a single party rule with a strong majority. Post elections, our outlook on equities has improved. While equity as an asset class tends to perform well on favourable election outcome, in the long term, the market seeks direction from macro-economic indicators. From a valuation perspective, markets are not cheap, barring certain cyclical stocks. Those investing with an investment horizon of at least five years can consider SIP in mid and smallcap fund. In case of lumpsum investment, one can opt for balanced advantage category of funds. In terms of debt investment, we are positive on credit risk fund owing to the attractive yield at which corporate debt papers are available today.

You have been actively recommending credit risk funds at a time when the category is facing teething troubles?

Currently, we are of the view that credit risk category of fund presents an interesting investment opportunity, given the attractive valuations. Since yields are elevated, it could be beneficial to lock-in investments at current high yields.

ICRA board sends CEO Takkar on leave

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IN AN unprecedented step, the board of directors of ratings firm ICRA has sent its MD and CEO Naresh Takkar on leave with immediate effect till completion of enquiry on an anonymous complaint sent to the company by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

While ICRA did not specify the reasons for the move, the decision has come at a time when credit rating agencies are under a cloud following the collapse of IL&FS, which was enjoying top rating right till the time of its first default in late August last year. ICRA had filed a consent application before the Sebi, which is also investigating three rating agencies including ICRA, for their role in the IL&FS crisis, *The Indian Express* reported on May 9. The Sebi probe began after the rating agencies failed to warn investors in time about the deteriorating credit profile of IL&FS. At least two rating agencies had given IL&FS the highest rating of AAA, even when its subsidiary, IL&FS Transport Networks, defaulted in June 2018. Subsequently, the rating agencies downgraded its debt papers /credit facilities citing weak financials.

Officials of four credit rating agencies, including ICRA, were summoned and questioned by the SFIO in the last one month on their role in rating the debt papers of IFIN between 2014 and 2018.

Sources said the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) claimed that these credit rating agencies did not downgrade the ratings of the debt papers of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN), even though they were aware of its weak financials. In one case, the SFIO allegedly found evidence which shows that top officials of a rating agency did not downgrade the high ratings to IFIN despite being alerted by their subordinates.

There were also reports that investigation into the IL&FS fraud has showed that the then CEO of the ILFS Financial Services helped the senior director of a leading rating agency buy a duplex villa worth crores at a discount.

In a stock exchange filing on Monday, ICRA said, "The board of directors of ICRA has at its meeting today decided pending the completion of the examination of the concerns raised in the anonymous representation that was forwarded to the company by the Securities and Exchange Board of India to place Naresh Takkar on leave effective immediately, until further notice."

"The board has also decided to appoint Vipul Agarwal as interim chief operating officer (COO) apart from his role as group chief financial officer effective from July 1," ICRA said.

"The board of directors of ICRA has ... decided pending the completion of the examination of the concerns raised in the anonymous representation that was forwarded to the company by Sebi to place Naresh Takkar on leave effective immediately ..."

ICRA

Core sector growth at 5.1% on better electricity, steel output

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THE EIGHT core sector industries recorded a growth of 5.1 per cent in May on the back of healthy output in steel and electricity.

The growth of India's eight core sectors — coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity — is a lead indicator of the monthly industrial performance. The cumulative growth of these sectors during the 2018-19 financial year was 4.3 per cent.

The growth rate for these eight key sectors for April 2019 has been revised upward to 6.3 per cent from 2.6 per cent reported earlier mainly due to upward revisions in production of coal, crude oil, steel, cement and electricity, according to a *PTI* report quoting a Commerce Ministry statement.

Data released by the Ministry on Monday showed that the overall index of these eight segments had grown by 4.1 per cent in May 2018. Growth in the electricity sector, which accounts for nearly 20 per cent of the index, accelerated 7.2 per cent in May 2019, up from 5.9 per cent in April. Growth in steel — which makes up 17.92 per cent of the index — still remained higher than the 6.7 per cent recorded in March, growing 19.9 per cent in May. Growth in this sector was 19 per cent in April.

Production of fertilisers, which had dropped 4.4 per cent in April as opposed to a growth of 4.3 per cent in March, continued to drop in May. However, the degrowth slowed to 1 per cent.

At the same time, refinery products, which make up nearly 30 per cent of the index, experienced a degrowth of 1.5 per cent, upsetting the positive trend of growth from March this year.

Coal, which accounts for 10.33 per cent, grew by a mere 1.8 per cent, continuing the trend of slowed growth in the sector after touching 9.1 per cent in March.

Cement, which accounts for 5.37 per cent of the index, grew slightly at 2.8 per cent in May after falling drastically to 2.3 per cent in April from 15.7 per cent in March.

The crude oil segment continued to drop, registering a degrowth of 6.9 per cent. This is the fourth month that oil production has fallen over by 6 per cent.

DESPITE SHUTDOWNS, INVENTORY STAYS HIGHER THAN USUAL

Passenger vehicle sales muted for 12th straight month in June

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IMPACTED BY shutdowns at some plants and little consumer interest, wholesale despatches of passenger vehicles (PVs) were down by over 15 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in June — the 12th consecutive month of subdued numbers. Despite the shutdowns, however, inventory stayed at levels that were higher than the normal 20-30 days with companies struggling to stimulate demand.

Analysts said weak retail demand and inventory correction affected carmakers' wholesale despatches to dealers. Besides, the rise in vehicle prices due to regulatory changes and higher financing costs are likely to hit car sales for a few more months till the festive season. "It's a grim volume scenario at present partly due to a weak model launch phase," analysts at Axis Capital said.

While Maruti Suzuki had its annual maintenance shutdown of seven days in June, others, including Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M), left their plants shut for three-nine days to reduce unsold inventory piled up from the 2018 festive season, when demand was weaker than expected due to a hike in insurance premiums and costlier finance.

Maruti's domestic volumes in June fell 15.3 per cent y-o-y, while Hyundai's volumes were down 7.3 per cent. M&M was the only manufacturer to buck the trend by registering a 4 per cent y-o-y growth in June, on the back of new launches like XUV300. Tata Motors posted a sharp 27 per cent y-o-y dip in PV wholesales.

Maruti Suzuki chairman RC Bhargava earlier said loans have become more expensive since the second half of the previous fiscal, which might continue impacting consumers for the next few months. "With the RBI easing interest rates, I hope the banks will pass on the benefits to customers in the next few months, which may help in inventory easing out," Bhargava had said.

N Raja, deputy MD, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said slowdown in domestic sales had been a result of several factors. "The prevailing economic uncertainty, uncertainty on monsoons, high interest costs, tight liquidity and also the underlying apprehensions surrounding BS VI introduction in few months have steered the slowdown," Raja said.

Demand for two-wheeler also saw a trend similar to PVs, remaining lacklustre for the eighth consecutive month in June.

Among two-wheelers, Hero MotoCorp's sales dropped 12 per cent y-o-y, while TVS Motor's domestic sales dipped 8 per cent. Volumes of Royal Enfield, meanwhile, fell 24 per cent. Bajaj Auto performed relatively better, with domestic two-wheeler volumes falling 1 per cent y-o-y in June.

Demand for two-wheelers was impacted by a rise in insurance premium in September 2018 and subsequent price hikes effected by companies on April 1, as they had to add several features to the vehicles to comply with the new safety norms.

Wholesales of commercial vehicles (CVs) too fell nearly 12 per cent y-o-y in June, with the management of major companies attributing the slowdown in demand to a halt in several infrastructure projects and the revised axle load norms. Ashok Leyland's domestic sales fell 14 per cent y-o-y, while Tata Motors and M&M posted a fall of 7 per cent and 15 per cent y-o-y, respectively.

"Both M&HCV and SCV segments have been hit by poor consumer sentiment, falling freight rates and difficulty of funding by NBFCs," said Girish Wagh, president, CV business, Tata Motors.

After around seven months of growth in FY19, CV volumes began dwindling from November 2018. The government last year hiked the loading limit for CVs, as a result of which fleet operators got more bandwidth to load goods and new purchases are getting postponed. **FE**

SALES LIKELY TO BE HIT TILL FESTIVE SEASON

- **According to analysts, rise in vehicle prices due to regulatory changes and higher financing costs are likely to hit car sales for a few more months till the festive season**
- **Demand for two-wheeler remained lacklustre for the eighth consecutive month, while wholesales of commercial vehicles also fell nearly 12 per cent year-on-year in June**

BRIEFLY

Vishwanathan reappointed RBI Deputy Guv

New Delhi: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Monday approved reappointment of N S Vishwanathan as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for another year, with effect from July 4, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said. His existing tenure was to end Wednesday. **ENS**

ATF cheaper by 5.8%; ₹3 cut in subsidised LPG

New Delhi: Jet fuel price was on Monday cut by a steep 5.8 per cent to a four-month low on softening international oil prices, according to state-owned fuel retailers. ATF, or aviation turbine fuel, price in Delhi was cut by Rs 3,806.44 per kilolitre to Rs 61,200.36 per kl. Meanwhile, oil firms also cut price of LPG. Subsidised LPG in Delhi rate was cut by Rs 3.02 per 14.2-kg cylinder to Rs 494.35.

Stakeholder comments sought on FTP

New Delhi: The Commerce Ministry has sought views of all stakeholders for the formulation of the next foreign trade policy (FTP) which provide guidelines for enhancing exports to push economic growth and create jobs, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notice.

Sebi fines former MCX director

New Delhi: The Securities Exchange and Board of India (Sebi) said it has imposed a fine of Rs 1.25 crore on former Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) director Hariharan Vaidyalingam for insider trading. **PTI**

ICICI Bank cuts rates by 10 bps; PNB, Central Bank by 5 bps

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ICICI BANK, Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Central Bank of India on Monday cut their marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLRs) across tenures for the first time after the Reserve Bank of India lowered the repo rate by 25 bps to 5.75 per cent in June.

ICICI Bank cut its one-year MCLR, the benchmark for most customer loans, by 10 bps to 8.65 per cent. The MCLR for shorter periods now stands at 8.60 per cent for six months, 8.45 per cent for three months, 8.40 per cent for one month and overnight lending. ICICI Bank has announced these rates to get into immediate effect.

PNB and Central Bank of India also revised their MCLR with a 5 basis-point cut across tenures. Now, the one-year MCLR of these public-sector lenders stands at 8.40 per cent and 8.50 per cent, respectively.

Compared to other top banks, the one-year MCLR for HDFC Bank stands at 8.70 per cent, SBI's stands at 8.45 per cent and Bank of Baroda's at 8.70 per cent. **FE**

Manufacturing sector PMI declines in June

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INDIA'S MANUFACTURING sector growth moderated in June amid softer increase in new work intakes, leading to slower rise in output and employment, a survey has said. The IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was at 52.1 in June, down from May's three-month high of 52.7, indicating a slight setback in the Indian manufacturing sector. This is the 23rd consecutive month that the manufacturing PMI has remained above the 50-point mark.

Pollyanna de Lima, principal economist at IHS Markit, said, "Gauges of factory orders, production, employment and exports remained inside growth territory, but rates of expansion softened in all cases as domestic and international demand showed some signs of fading." In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction.

According to the survey, consumer goods was the key source of growth, where robust increases in sales, output and employment were registered. Modest expansions in production and new work were noted in the intermediate goods category, but jobs stagnated. At the same time, operating conditions in the capital goods sector were broadly unchanged.

Meanwhile, growth of new export orders also showed signs of weakness. "Also, a further decline in unfinished business points to excess capacity among goods producers; meaning that job creation may come to a halt in the near term should demand growth fail to revive," Lima said.

On the prices front, June data continued to show only a moderate rise in input costs and enabled firms to lower charges. Easing price pressure might prompt the Reserve Bank of India to continue with its dovish stance in its upcoming policy review in August.

Meanwhile, activity in China's manufacturing sector — the largest in Asia — fell in June following three months of growth.

MANUFACTURING PMI AT 52.1 IN JUN

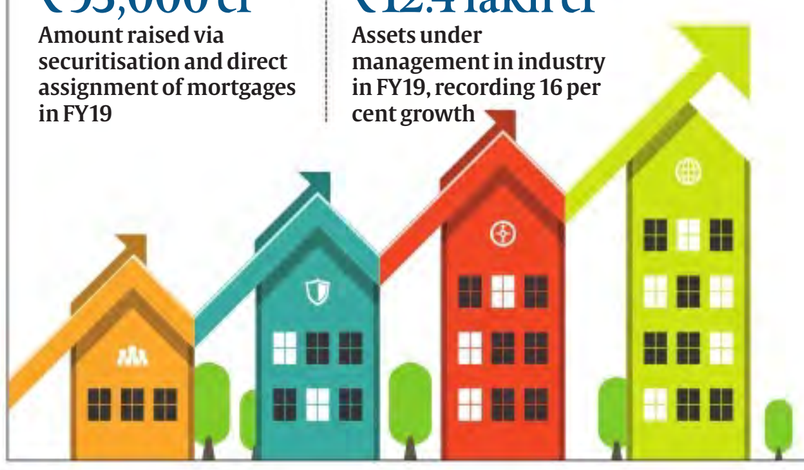
- **The IHS Markit India Manufacturing PMI was at 52.1 in June, down from May's 52.7**
- **Activity in China's manufacturing sector also fell in June**

'HFCs' asset growth likely to go up to 14% by FY21'

Asset growth for housing finance companies (HFCs) is likely to go up to 14 per cent in FY20 and FY21, and will be led by two biggest players in the segment which command half of the industry, a report by Crisil Ratings said

₹93,000 cr Amount raised via securitisation and direct assignment of mortgages in FY19

₹12.4 lakh cr Assets under management in industry in FY19, recording 16 per cent growth



5% Growth in loans to developers and loans against property in second half of FY19 on an annualised basis, as against 28 per cent in first half

7.5% Share of commercial papers in total on-book borrowings as on March 31, 2019, down from 12 per cent as on September 30, 2018

10% Assets under management for HFCs for second half of FY19 on an annualised basis

1.4% Overall gross non-performing assets (NPAs) in FY19, as against 1.1 per cent in FY18

Maharashtra CM appointed convenor of committee on agri reforms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Devendra Fadnavis has been appointed as convenor of a high-powered committee of chief ministers for Transformation for Indian Agriculture, an official statement said on Monday.

The nine-member panel also includes chief ministers of Karnataka, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh, in addition to NITI Aayog's Ramesh Chand serving as the member secretary. Union Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar will also be part of the committee.

An official statement issued by the Maharashtra CMO said, "The committee will discuss measures for transformation of agriculture and raising farmers income."

The modalities for adoption and time-bound implementation of agriculture sector reforms would be the main agenda of the committee which will submit its report after two months, it said.

The terms and reference of the committee include taking stock of the agriculture produce and livestock marketing (promotion and facilitation), as well as examining various provisions of Essential Commodity Act (ECA), 1955, and suggesting changes to it for attracting private investments in agriculture marketing and infrastructure. The panel will also suggest a mechanism for linking of market reforms with e-NAM, GRAM and other centrally sponsored schemes; suggest policy measures to upgrade agri-technology to global standards and improve access of farmers to quality seed, plant propagation material and farm machinery in agriculturally advance countries; and to propose reforms for increasing farmers income.

At the NITI Aayog Governic Council meet on June 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had announced to set-up the panel on structural reforms in agriculture.

Bhushan Steel loan defaults: SFIO finds 'extreme misuse' of corporate structure by firm's promoters

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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

According to sources, the Serious Fraud Investigation Office has unearthed fraudulent misuse of letters of credit of around Rs 45,000 crore

THE SERIOUS Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) Monday filed a 70,000-page complaint in the Bhushan Steel case wherein the probe agency has found "extreme misuse" of the corporate structure by the promoters which reduced corporate governance requirements to paper formalities, sources said.

Bhushan Steel had defaulted on loans and the banks had to take a haircut of more than Rs 20,000 crore as part of the resolution process. The complaint has been filed at the special court, Dwarka. Earlier, SFIO had arrested the company's former MD Neeraj Singal, who is now on interim bail.

The investigation has inter alia unearthed fraudulent misuse of letter of credits to the tune of around Rs 45,000 crore and gross misuse of the first-time adoption of Ind-AS in mis-stating the firm's financial statements, sources said.

There was fraudulent overvaluing of assets by around Rs 15,000 crore to inter alia write-off inventory worth around Rs 6,000 crore, trade receivables to the extent of Rs 1,250 crore, they added.

As per sources, promoters used more than 150 companies to build a complex web of transactions to carry out the siphoning off funds to hoodwink lenders and other investors in the company.

The probe brought out the extreme misuse of the corporate form by the promoters who ran the listed firm more like a proprietorship concern reducing corporate governance requirements to paper formalities, they added.

Sources also said the role of statutory auditors has again come in focus with their conniving role glaringly coming out. SFIO has also raised questions on the role of bank officials in perpetuating the fraudulent activities, they added.

Warren Buffett donates $3.6 bn to five charities

REUTERS
NEW YORK, JULY 1

WARREN BUFFETT is donating roughly $3.6 billion of Berkshire Hathaway Inc stock to five charities, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the biggest contribution in Buffett's plan to give away his fortune. Berkshire said Buffett's 14th annual donation comprises about 16.81 million Class "B" shares of Berkshire.

The donation will boost the total amount Buffett has given to the charities to more than $34.5 billion since the 88-year-old billionaire pledged in 2006 to give his shares away.

Four-fifths of the donations go to the Gates Foundation. The rest goes to the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, named for Buffett's late first wife, and charities run by his children Howard, Susan and Peter: the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, the Sherwood Foundation and the NoVo Foundation.

'OPEC agrees to extend oil cut till Mar 2020 to prop up prices'

REUTERS
VIENNA, JULY 1

OPEC AGREED on Monday to extend oil supply cuts until March 2020, three OPEC sources said, as the group's members overcame their differences in order to prop up the price of crude amid a weakening global economy and soaring US production.

The move will likely anger US President Donald Trump, who has demanded OPEC leader Saudi Arabia supply more oil and help reduce prices at the pump if Riyadh wants US military support in its standoff with arch-rival Iran.

Benchmark Brent crude has climbed more than 25 per cent so far this year after the White House tightened sanctions on OPEC members Venezuela and Iran, slashing their oil exports.

OPEC and its allies led by Russia have been reducing oil output since 2017 to prevent prices from sliding amid soaring production from the United States, which has overtaken Russia and Saudi Arabia as the world's top producer.

Fears about weaker global demand as a result of a US-China trade spat have added to the challenges faced by the 14-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"Saudi Arabia is doing its best to achieve oil prices at $70 per barrel despite what Trump wants. But they haven't accomplished that even with Iranian and Venezuelan oil exports dropping. And the reasons for that are weak demand and US shale growth," said Gary Ross from Black Gold Investors.

The United States, the world's largest oil consumer, is not a member of OPEC, nor is it participating in the supply pact. A jump in oil prices might lead to costlier gasoline, a key issue for Trump as he seeks re-election next year.

Brent rose as much as $2 on Monday towards $67 per barrel as traders cited OPEC's resolve to curb output.

The OPEC meeting on Monday will be followed by talks with Russia and other allies, a grouping known as OPEC+, on Tuesday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday he had agreed with Saudi Arabia to extend existing output cuts of 1.2 million barrels per day, or 1.2 per cent of global demand, until December 2019 or March 2020.

Oil prices could stall as a slowing global economy squeezes demand and US oil floods the market, a *Reuters* poll of analysts found. "I think nine months gives us enough runway to wait for the market to balance," Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said.

He said Saudi Arabia would continue reducing supplies to customers in July.

Iran's exports plummeted to 0.3 million barrels per day in June from as much as 2.5 million bpd in April 2018 due to Washington's fresh sanctions.

Officials at the beginning of the OPEC meeting in Vienna, Austria, on Monday. *Reuters*

CCI: Google conduct may deny market access for competitors

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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

THE COMPETITION Commission of India (CCI) has ordered a detailed probe against Google for alleged abuse of Android mobile platform after concluding that the conduct might result in denial of market access for competing apps. The order came on a complaint alleging that the search giant indulged in anti-competitive practices by mandating smartphone and tablet manufacturers to exclusively pre-install Google's apps and services in smartphones manufactured or sold in India.

"Mobile search has emerged as a key gateway for users to access information and Android is a key distribution channel for mobile search engines. Search engines exhibit data-driven scale effects. Improvements in search algorithm require sufficient volume of data, which, in turn, needs sufficient volume of queries from users who are increasingly resorting to mobile search.

"Thus, the impugned conduct of Google may help perpetuate its dominance in the online search market while resulting in denial of market access for competing search apps...," the CCI order said.

West Bengal FM writes to Sitharaman, seeks 'comprehensive paper' on GST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JULY 1

WEST BENGAL Finance Minister Amit Mitra has written to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the Goods and Services Tax (GST), seeking a comprehensive paper on the indirect tax system. Sources in the state secretariat Nabanna said Mitra stated that despite completing two years, the GST regime was plagued by problems of structure, function and implementation.

Mitra argued that the GST slab of 28 per cent should be completely abolished on items other than some goods and services.

He also wrote that there should be rationalisation of rate of goods and services attracting 12 per cent and 18 per cent.

"At this juncture, I would humbly request that a comprehensive paper needs to be prepared, which addresses the issues raised above along with concerns of others. Such a comprehensive paper may kindly be placed before the GST Council as a single agenda for collectively deciding upon the future course of action," read Mitra's letter, according to sources, dated July 1.

According to sources, the West Bengal Finance minister also said that the key concern with the GST is huge complexity in the rules and procedures, especially those relating to return forms. He also raised the issue of delayed refunds and the need for checking evasion, sources added.

SBI to float ₹7,000 crore AT1 bond issue

Mumbai: The board of State Bank of India (SBI) has approved the proposal to raise AT1 (additional tier one) bonds to the tune of Rs 7,000 crore from the market.

"The Central Board accorded approval to raise AT 1 capital up to an amount of Rs 7,000 crore by way of issuance of Basel-III compliant debt instrument in rupee and/or any other convertible currency through a public offer or private placement to overseas and/or Indian investors (dollar AT 1l Masala AT 1) in such number of tranches," it said in a statement.

The coupon rate may be decided at the time of actual issuance during FY20, the public sector lender further said. **ENS**

SBI, NIIF ink MoU on capital for infra projects

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 1

STATE BANK of India and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to boost availability of capital for infrastructure projects. The scope of the MoU includes equity investments, project funding, bond financing, renewable energy support and take-out finance for operating assets.

"The objective of this initiative is to aid in filling the gap at a time when the availability of equity and debt financing for infrastructure has moderated," said Rajnish Kumar, chairman, SBI.

Sujoy Bose, managing director and CEO, NIIF said, "The availability of post-construction take-out equity and debt financing for developers and builders of infrastructure projects will play an important role in the infrastructure development cycle in India. NIIF's partnership with SBI will allow us to design large-scale long-term financing solutions to address this need."

In the last financial year, SBI — through its specialised Project Finance & Structuring Business Unit — extended financial assistance of about Rs 51,000 crore to 47 infrastructure projects. For the current financial year, the bank has a robust pipeline.

THE GULF CRISIS

How to contain Iran

As America and Iran inch closer to war, new talks are needed

The aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln*, foreground, along with the *USS Kearsarge*, an amphibious assault ship, in the Arabian Sea on May 17. *Reuters*

FOR NEARLY four years Iran's path to a nuclear weapon was blocked. The deal it signed with America and other powers in 2015 limited its nuclear programme to civilian uses, such as power-generation, and subjected them to the toughest inspection regime in history. The experts agreed that Iran was complying and that its nuclear activities were contained. But then President Donald Trump ditched the nuclear deal and Iran resumed stockpiling low-enriched uranium. It is now poised to breach the 300kg cap set by the agreement. Iran may hesitate before crossing that line, but it is also threatening to increase the enrichment level of its uranium, bringing it closer to the stuff that goes into a bomb.

Fortunately, Iran is not about to become a nuclear-weapons power. Its breakout time is over a year. But it is once again using its nuclear programme to heap pressure on America. That adds an explosive new element to an already-volatile mix. America accuses Iran of attacking six ships in the Strait of Hormuz since May. On June 20th Iran shot down an American spy drone. America insisted the aircraft was above international waters, not Iran's, and sent warplanes to strike back. Ten minutes before they were due to hit targets inside Iran Mr Trump called them off and contented himself with a cyber-attack instead.

Neither Mr Trump, nor America's allies, nor Iran wants a big new war in the Middle East. Yet Mr Trump's strategy of applying "maximum pressure" on Iran is making the prospect more likely—because each side, issuing ever-wilder threats, could end up misreading the other's red lines. The president's room for manoeuvre is shrinking. As Iran turns more belligerent, calls for action will grow, not least from his own party. Before things escalate out of control, both sides need to begin talking. That is not as unlikely as it sounds.

Mr Trump's Iran strategy is based on the premise that Barack Obama gave too much away too easily when he negotiated the deal in 2015. Last year the president set out to get better terms by reneging on the agreement and reimposing the sanctions that have crippled Iran's economy. This, his advisers argue, will force a weakened Iran to accept a new deal that lasts longer than the old one, most of which expires by 2030. They also want curbs on Iran's missile programme and an end to its violent meddling in the region. Mike Pompeo, the secretary of state, sees recent Iranian aggression as a sign that the strategy is working.

Hard-hitting sanctions brought Iran to the negotiating table in 2015, but they are unlikely to lead to the transformation Mr Trump wants. One reason is that he has discredited Hassan Rouhani, Iran's president and a champion of the nuclear deal. Hardliners are now calling the shots. Another is that America is acting alone. In 2015, in a rare moment of international unity, it had the support of its European allies as well as Russia and China.

Maximum pressure comes with extra risks, to boot. The mullahs and their Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps want to prove their mettle by showing that Mr Trump's actions have costs—for everyone. On top of the attacks on ships and drones, Iranian proxies have hit pipelines in Saudi Arabia and are suspected of having struck Iraqi bases hosting American troops. If sanctions are not lifted, Iranian officials may resort to closing the Strait of Hormuz, through which one-fifth of the world's oil passes.

Hawks like John Bolton, Mr Trump's national security adviser, retort that if Iran wants war, that is what it will get—especially if it shows signs of dashing for a nuclear bomb, which could trigger disastrous proliferation in the Middle East. But this is the riskiest calculation of all. Having pulled out of a working deal, America may not win the backing of European allies for strikes. China and Russia would vehemently oppose any action at all.

Perhaps sanctions or war will cause the regime to crumble. But that is hardly a strategy: Cuba has resisted sanctions for decades. More probably, a defeated Iran would heed the lesson of nuclear-armed North Korea and redouble its efforts to get a bomb. Attacking Iran's nuclear facilities would not destroy its know-how, as even Mr Bolton admits. If, as is likely, Iran barred international inspectors, its programme would move underground, literally and figuratively, making it very hard to stop.

The alternative to today's course is talks between America and Iran. Just now that looks far-fetched. Iran's foreign ministry says American sanctions imposed on Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader, and other top officials this week mark "the permanent closure of the path of diplomacy". Mr Rouhani has suggested that the White House is "mentally handicapped"—after which Mr Trump threatened "obliteration".

But optimists will remember similar clashes between America's president and Kim Jong Un, North Korea's despot, before they met in Singapore and "fell in love", as Mr Trump put it. When he is not threatening to annihilate the mullahs, Mr Trump is offering to talk without preconditions and to "make Iran great again". He does not want the prospect of war in the Middle East looming over his re-election campaign. Likewise, in Iran the economy is shrinking, prices are rising and people are becoming fed up. Pressure is growing on Mr Khamenei to justify his intransigence. Love could yet bloom.

America might coax Iran back to the table with a gesture of good faith, such as reinstating waivers that let some countries buy Iranian oil. Iran, in turn, could promise to comply with the nuclear deal again. Behind the scenes, its leaders have expressed a willingness to sign something like the old agreement with additions—such as extending parts of the deal beyond 2030. Negotiations would never be easy; the Iranians are infuriating to deal with. But that would let the president claim victory, as he did with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which his administration signed last year and which looks a lot like its predecessor, the North American Free Trade Agreement.

What of a deal that also curbs Iran's missile programme and restrains it in the region? As Mr Trump seems to realise, biting everything off in one go is unrealistic. A new deal cannot solve all the problems posed by Iran or normalise ties with America after decades of enmity. It may not even lift all America's sanctions. Neither did the first agreement. But, if done right, a deal would put Iran's nuclear programme back in a box, making it easier to tackle all those other problems without causing a war.

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ONCOLOGY

Big is beautiful

In fighting cancer, look to what other animals do

IN 1977 RICHARD Peto, an epidemiologist at Oxford University, observed a contradiction. Cancer begins as a mutation in a single cell. Organisms with more cells should therefore have a higher risk of developing it. Elephants, which have 100 times as many cells as human beings do, should swarm with malignancies. Whales, with ten times more again, should be barnacled with tumours. In fact, the planet's behemoths are blessed with extremely low rates of cancer. Titanic bodies and tumour resistance have evolved in tandem. The secret of suppressing cancer may therefore be hidden in the genes of giants.

Inspired by Peto's paradox, as this contradiction has come to be known, researchers are exploring rates of cancer and resistance to cancer in thousands of animal species, with an emphasis on heavyweights. Their hope is to translate the animals' cancer-fighting talents into treatments for people.

In one recent study, published in *Molecular Biology and Evolution* and entitled "Return to the sea, get huge, beat cancer", Marc Tollis of Northern Arizona University and his colleagues sequenced the genome of the humpback whale and began trawling through it for tumour-suppressor genes. Previous research had revealed that, around 50m years ago, creatures which looked something like a cross between a rat and a wolf dog-paddled into the sea and eventually evolved into whales. These animals remained fairly small until about 3m years ago. Then they rapidly ballooned into whoppers the size of buses.

The benefits of growth

Dr Tollis found that as ancestral whales grew, numerous alterations to their tumour-suppressor genes hopped on board. He and his colleagues identified 33 known tumour-suppressing genes in humpback whales that showed evidence of advantageous changes. These included *ATR*, which detects damage to DNA and halts the cycle of cell division that cancer-promoting mutations encourage; *AMER1*, which stifles cell growth; and *RECK*, which reins in metastasis, the tendency of cancer cells to peel off their natal tumour and wander around the body looking for other sites to colonise. Humpback whales also have duplications in genes that promote apoptosis, the process that commands mutated cells to commit suicide. All this suggests that the evolution of gigantism in cetaceans is associated with strong selective pressure in favour of genes that conquer cancer.

Cancer biologists are familiar with *ATR*, *AMER1* and *RECK* because people have them too. But whales may also harbour tumour-fighting genes unknown to science. The next step is therefore to irradiate laboratory-grown lines of whale cells, in order to encourage cancer-causing mutations and thus find out which genes become active in an attempt to clamp down on those mutations. The eventual goal is to discover which strategies whale genes use to combat cancer. Researchers will do this by transferring whale genes into human cell lines, zapping those cells with radiation, then seeing if the whale genes attempt to repair the DNA damage—as human genes often do—or opt for the often more effective method of triggering apoptosis.

Marc Tollis of Northern Arizona University and his colleagues identified 33 known tumour-suppressing genes in humpback whales that showed evidence of advantageous changes. *Reuters*

Similar studies are already being done using cancer-fighting proteins from another group of giants—elephants. These have a cancer-mortality rate of about 5%, compared with 11-25% in human populations. Some participants in the whale study were previously involved in sequencing African and Asian elephant genomes. They found that an important weapon in the elephants' arsenal is *TP53*, a gene that encodes an apoptosis-inducing protein called p53. This protein is known colloquially as "the guardian of the genome".

Human beings have two copies of *TP53* in their chromosomes—one from each parent. Those in whom one of these does not work manifest a condition called Li-Fraumeni syndrome, and are almost certain to develop cancer. Elephants' chromosomes, by contrast, sport 40 versions of TP53—part of the explanation, surely, of why elephant tumours are so rare.

Joshua Schiffman, a paediatric oncologist at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Utah who was involved in the elephant study, is investigating how elephants' multiple copies of TP53 co-ordinate an attack on mutated cells. He is also studying how slight differences in the composition of elephant p53 make it a more efficient mutant-cell killer than its human counterpart. The power of elephant p53 led Dr Schiffman to co-found PEEL Therapeutics, based in Utah and Israel (the firm's name is derived from the Hebrew word for elephant). PEEL's purpose is to translate discoveries in comparative oncology into human patients. The firm's researchers are experimenting with minuscule lipid spheres loaded with proteins, including synthetic elephant p53. Their most promising experimental drug is designed to deliver this directly to a patient's tumour cells. Details are still under wraps, but Dr Schiffman says that, in a laboratory, introducing synthetic elephant p53 to human cancer cells induces "incredibly rapid and robust cell death".

Compare and contrast

These studies on elephants and whales are part of a larger effort in comparative oncology—some of it based at Arizona State University's Arizona Cancer Evolution Centre (ACE). Researchers at ACE, including Dr Tollis and the centre's director, Carlo Maley, are looking at cancer rates in 13,000 animal species, using more than 170,000 records of individual animals. This study is the first of its kind, and is intended to search for patterns that might explain resistance and susceptibility to tumours. To this end the researchers are casting their net wide. They have, for example, attempted to induce tumours in sponges that have no reported incidence of cancer.

Dr Tollis, Dr Maley and their colleagues will also search for tumour-suppressing genes in previously sequenced genomes available in public databases. These include about 65 species of mammal—some of which, such as naked mole rats, are noted for low cancer rates even though they are small compared with elephants and whales, and so do not seem to conform to Peto's paradox. The search will also look at non-mammalian exceptions to the paradox, such as crocodiles and birds. Dr Tollis and Dr Maley speculate that birds, at least, inherited their cancer resistance from dinosaur ancestors which were much larger. They are working on computational models to test this hypothesis.

One novel aspect of all this research is its willingness to take the animals under study on their own terms. Medical science uses animals a lot—but almost always they are there to act as stand-ins for human beings, a role encapsulated in the word "model" that is often applied to such laboratory organisms. Comparative oncology explicitly rejects this idea. Instead, it studies a phenomenon, namely cancer and the body's response to it, without prejudice, and only then attempts to draw medically useful lessons. Whether that approach might be extended to other fields of medicine is surely worth consideration.

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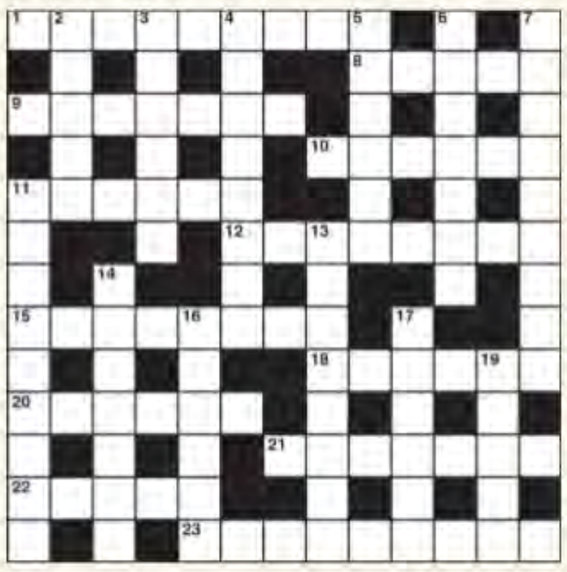

ACROSS

1 Present following the future (9)
8 Number three is wrong (5)
9 Some wine no-one sent back (7)
10 Metal container of very poor quality (3-3)
11 The dangers of using broken pliers (6)
12 Putting wild cattle on a ship is lacking sense (8)
15 Water creature is quiet inland (8)
18 A Verdi composition that's diverse (6)
20 Slight injury? (6)
21 Was sullen and cross in retirement (7)
22 Growing inexperienced (5)
23 Make a smashing entrance (9)

DOWN

2 Take part in a running match (5)
3 Necessitate being in late perhaps (6)
4 Twelve-inch pace? (8)
5 Is among those left to fight (6)
6 This may be used to bring down a helicopter (7)
7 Objected to poster Ted put out (9)
11 Game available from pig trader (9)
13 Study poetry, so to speak (8)
14 Thwarted by interbreeding? (7)
16 First-rate swimmer in far from peak condition? (6)
17 Protection for king in love (6)
19 Vessels were wrecked on the point (5)

Solutions Crossword 3846: Across: 1 Herring, 4 Owner, 7 Love, 8 Mentally, 10 Advertiser, 12 Splays, 13 Refund, 15 Advice note, 19 Twos, 20 Niece, 21 Reverse. **Down:** 1 Halma, 2 Revivals, 3 Gaelic, 4 On the level, 5 Nile, 6 Raymond Chandler, 9 Frayed edge, 11 Tug-of-war, 12 Silicon, 14 Linear, 16 Ensue, 17 Vale.

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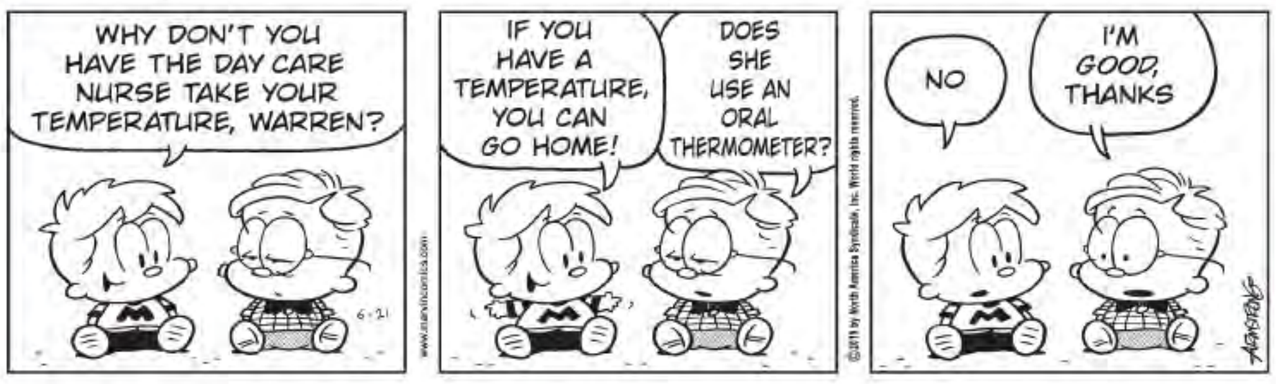

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon is forcing you to face up to social responsibilities and turn your attention to what you can do for the good of all. Your goal today should be to reform all personal contacts. You may cut out self-interest, and eliminate stale old habits and responses as well.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You're much too smart to be taken in and there is no point in telling you that everything in the garden is rosy. However, I am duty bound to point out that the majority of the planets are harmoniously aligned and therefore that any complaints or grumbles are likely to be exaggerated.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Personally and emotionally this could be quite a complex and challenging time, but not, it must be stressed, because your planets are in a sensitive mood. Everything arises from the plain fact that you're not quite sure what you want at home.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Financial arrangements should now be completed and your course for the coming period may be set. Remember that your next twelve months should be relatively prosperous, so don't let doubts creep in now. What you have to do first is break out of the patterns which have lost you money in the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
It's a day for business, but not for major long-term decisions. Your judgment is bound to suffer, so don't be taken in by amazing offers or wonderful promises — they'll probably fail to materialise. On the other hand every idea needs to be considered because you can't yet say which one is going to yield dividends, including emotional ones.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
There is a slight tendency to get carried away and ignore all those obvious pitfalls. Over the next few days your judgment will deteriorate. Artistic and romantic Virgos will benefit, but if you've detailed matters to consider, take care — very great care indeed.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Most of your problems at the moment seem to emanate from feeling slightly restricted. Yet you'll probably find it difficult to put your finger on what exactly is happening, and to whom. It all depends on your personal situation, so don't judge other people too harshly.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
This is definitely not an ideal time to try to arrange discussions or meetings. By the beginning of next week, though, you'll discover that other people are more sympathetic to your aims, even if they do still fail to comprehend the real inner you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Changes at home are a distinct possibility. However, if by any chance you are dreaming of a move or similar substantial improvements, the indications are complex, and driven by regrets and resentment over what happened in the past. In this case you must rely on yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You find it so easy to confuse the wood with the trees that you may leave yourself in an awful muddle. Do continue to take extra care when travelling, and be sure to let others know what you're up to. The fact is, you like to be liked and you'll never forgive yourself if you think you've let a special person down.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Financial affairs are about to get more intense, not less, so I doubt if you've anything to gain from ignoring a problem in the hope that it will go away. A friend, possibly female, is about to come to your aid, but the funny thing is that you might not find out about it for another three or four weeks.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
No doubt you would prefer to do things in a direct and open manner. Yet with Mercury in such an intriguing situation, this kind of ambition seems to be a long way off. Until you are sure of your ground, stick to what you know. Sometimes it seems as if you can make something happen just by dreaming about it. Not true, I'm afraid.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

___is composed of __ - Emily Dickinson (7,..,5)

BMEER
EOTFNS
CNOOR
EELTVW

SOLUTION: EMBER, CROON, SOFTEN, TWELVE
Answer: **Forever** is composed of **nows** - Emily Dickinson

SUDOKU 3895

Difficulty Level 2s
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

9	7			8			5	4
			7		5			
6		5				7		9
5	8						7	2
			8		1			
2	4						1	8
7		3				6		1
			5		2			
8	2			3			4	7

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3894

7	2	6	8	9	5	4	3	1
8	4	9	2	3	1	7	6	5
1	3	5	7	4	6	2	8	9
2	8	3	4	7	9	5	1	6
5	6	4	1	2	8	3	9	7
9	1	7	6	5	3	8	4	2
4	5	8	9	1	2	6	7	3
6	9	2	3	8	7	1	5	4
3	7	1	5	6	4	9	2	8

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Amendment

Following Amendment is issued in PHQ NIT NO. 31 of 2019 dated 22.05.2019 floated to Purchase Video Surveillance Ball:-

1.	Resolution	More than 450 TV Lines
2.	Frame Rate	Live Video minimum 25 fps
3.	Indoor Transmission Distance	25 Mtrs. minimum
4.	Outdoor Transmission Distance	100 Mtrs. minimum
5.	Illumination Distance	5 Mtrs. or more
6.	Camera Range of Sensor Ball	20 Mtrs. or more
7.	Pan and Zoom	PAN 360, 2X Digital Zoom
8.	Battery Operation Capacity	Ball Unit - Minimum 2 Hrs. PDU - Minimum 3 Hrs.
9.	Battery Charging Time	Less than 4 Hrs.
10.	Remote Display Unit with System Software	The Portable Remote Display Unit should have a TFT Display of minimum Five Inches along with the System Software
11.	IP Standard for Ball Units	IP 65 or Better

Meanwhile Last Date for Tender Submission is extended upto July 8th, 2019. Detailed Tender Documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-Procurement Portal: **www.jktenders.gov.in**.

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Offers are invited in two parts system on e-tendering on the portal of Delhi Govt. at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in for the below items with tender closing time at 11.00 hrs. on bid submission date:-

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3. 2019_IPGCL_174815_1 External & internal finishing of buildings in main plant area, Auxiliary plant area, fuel oil tank and boundry wall etc at GTPS.	CS_III	25.07.2019	30.07.2019	18,68,175/-
4. 2019_IPGCL_174794_1 Construction of Shed and Miscellaneous Civil Works in CISF Unit at RPH Office Complex	CS_III	30.07.2019	01.08.2019	8,09,886/-
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CORRIGENDUM				
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TENDER NOTICE

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The CEO, BBNDA invites proposals for selection of agency for Operation, Maintenance and Management of Baddi Trade Centre subservient to the promotion of Industrial Activities in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be downloaded from the website: **www.hptender.gov.in** from **July 1, 2019, [11:00 hours] onwards.** Last date for submission of the proposal is **July 20, 2019 by [16.00 hours].** Hard copy of the complete RFP document can be physically collected from the office of BBNDA against payment of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only).

BBNDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- **Addl. Chief Executive Officer BBNDA.**

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REMEMBERING ALAN

A film, *Aylan Baby*, is in the making, which shows the life of the Syrian toddler Alan Kurdi, who drowned on a Turkish coast in 2015 while trying to cross to Europe. It will release on September 2 in Turkey, featuring American actors Steven Seagal and Mike Mitchell.

SNAP SHOTS

The Same Way

MANOJ BAJPAYEE, Jacqueline Fernandez *(pictured)* and Mohit Raina make the cast of upcoming movie, *Mrs Serial Killer*, on Netflix. The thriller, directed by Shirish Kunder and produced by choreographer-director Farah Khan, follows the story of a doting wife who must perform a murder exactly like a serial killer, to prove her husband innocent. "I have had a fantastic experience bringing a conflicted character to life in *Mrs Serial Killer*, and his dynamic with the other characters in the film only adds to the mystery surrounding him," says Raina. The show is slated to release later this year.

Sands of Time

DELHI UNIVERSITY professor Krishna Saksena's book *Whispers in Time* was launched on Sunday at the India International Centre. Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Irani, at the event, said, "Women are judged on the basis of their relationships, on what they give. It is rare for a woman to say I want to live my life for myself apart from my relationships." Saksena's ninth book condenses nine decades of her experiences, realisations and observations. "The book captures the change in the value system from one generation to next. Our society has morphed from joint families to nuclear ones. Women are stepping out more, and working shoulder to shoulder with men, even becoming leaders," said Saksena.

War Zone

IN A Facebook post, rapper Hard Kaur accused Azadi Records' co-founder Mo Joshi of physically assaulting her in 2017. Joshi responded through another post by saying that the incident occurred at a gig in Mumbai where Kaur was "involved in heckling artists". After he moved her away from the stage, Kaur called the police to file an assault case. "The police investigated the incident, and after speaking to multiple witnesses, the police concluded that no such assault had occurred, and refused to file her FIR," he wrote, adding that he is open to the incident being investigated again by the police or any other committee.

(From above) The book cover; Sarah Cohen at home; Meydad Eliyahu and Thoufeek Zakriya's public art project *Red Crown, Green Parrot*; the Paradesi Synagogue in Mattancherry

Memory Keepers

A new book turns the spotlight on the Jews of Kochi, reliving their 2000-year-old history

SHINY VARGHESE

IT IS March 1984. Sarah Cohen and Ellen S Goldberg were at the Cochin Paradesi Synagogue when Cohen heard the temple prayers next door. "We can hear their prayers and they can hear us too," says Cohen, now referred to as the "grand dame of the Jews in Kochi". Nathan Katz, a scholar on Indian Jewish communities, mentions this incident in his book *Who Are The Jews of India?* (2000) to exemplify the lives that Cochin Jews led in their adopted home town. "They were both fully Indian and fully Jewish. They finely balanced their identity and yet embraced the cultures of their Hindu, Christian and Muslim neighbours," writes Katz.

A recent book *One Heart. Two Worlds: The Story of the Jews of Kochi* (Stark World, Rs 2,500) presents the stories of a community that arrived on Kerala shores in 1000 CE. Chronicled by scholar and historian KS Mathew and creative director and writer Yamini Nair, the anecdotes come together through "handwritten song diaries, memoirs, kosher recipes, Hebrew plays and synagogue rituals". They came in as traders with diamonds and gold that helped them gain the favour of the kings of the time, and knowing European languages played to their interest in times of war and trade. Over the years, persecution in other countries led the Jews to find a safe refuge in Kerala, where they could earn a living and practise their own religion without compromise.

Mathew and Nair record the seven synagogues in Kochi — Paradesi, Kadavumbhagom, Paravur, Mala, Chendamangalam and the lost Thekkumbhagom synagogues in Ernakulam and Mattancherry. The book takes us through the festivals — Sukkot, Rosh Hashanah, Simchat Torah, Purim — the rituals, the lifestyle and the people who called Kerala their home. The great migration, *aliyah*, back to Israel in the 1950s, soon after its independence, left barely 50-odd Jews in Kerala. Today their numbers are less than 30.

The oldest of them is Cohen, on whom documentaries have been made and where the world stops to see her embroidery at her store in Jew Town, Fort Kochi. Her exquisite wedding gowns are on display at the Cochin Jewish Heritage Museum in Israel. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was shown one such exhibit when he visited the country in July 2017. In the book, there's Bezalel Eliyahu, a pioneering horticulturalist, who grew up "swimming in the Periyar" but made the desert bloom when he returned to Israel, growing gladioli and roses, and thus promoting exports of flowers all the way to Holland. He was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman by the Indian government in 2006. Guarding the Kadavumbhagom synagogue in Kerala is Elias Josephai, who was instrumental in helping Jerusalem-based visual artist Meydad Eliyahu revive the memory of his great grandfather. The artist used elements given to him in *Box of Documents*, an art project at the Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2016. As a continuation of the project in 2018, the synagogue was used as a site for Eliyahu and calligrapher Thoufeek Zakriya's public art project *Red Crown, Green Parrot*.

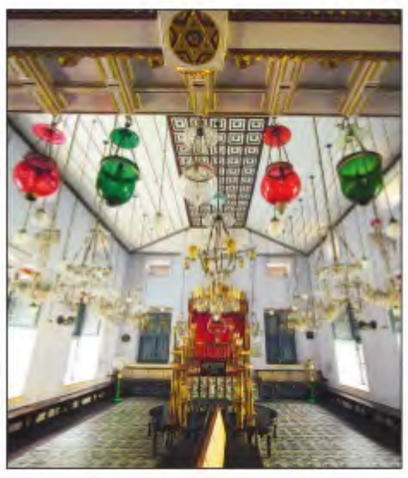
While the Jews may have made their home in Kerala, they were not oblivious to caste divisions. It showed up in their social hierarchies as well — of White Jews (Paradesis, who migrated from Iraq, Europe and Yemen), Black Jews (earlier settlers in the Malabar, from King Solomon's times) and Brown Jews (or Meshuchrarims, who were freed slaves from the Paradesi community). It could possibly be the reason they melded into the Indian setting, besides their assertion of Judaic symbols and rituals, that marked them as different yet same.

While their songs took on adaptation of part Hebrew and part Malayalam — the Jews have a song for every occasion — it was peppered with folklore and dreams of the community. There are close to 300 such songs. The book records how a Hebrew poem *Our Hope* that became Israel's national anthem, was adapted to Keralite tunes and was sung long before the community migrated.

But living in Kerala as a Jew is not as easy anymore. Having moved from being so intrinsic to the land to withdrawing from it, Nair says, "Very few of the younger generation of 8,000-odd Cochin Jews in Israel today have perhaps heard of their ancestral motherland, Cochin. Most of them do not even know Malayalam, unlike their great grandparents who spoke fluent Malayalam and Hebrew. The celebrations have long gone, nearly all the synagogues and cemeteries are in a state of deterioration. Even access to daily kosher food has become a challenge for the community."

While the book tells us a lot of what we already know, the trivia it records is interesting, be it the syncretic lifestyle of the Jews or the pop culture references. It could have been more intensive in its research to tell us how the lives evolved over the two-century history, and the conversations people had.

On the part of the community, besides its scholars, blogs and social media keep memories alive. In December last year, the 450-anniversary celebration of the Paradesi Synagogue in Mattancherry, the oldest active in the Commonwealth of Nations, had nearly 200 Cochin Jews visit Kerala. Around the same time, the Kadavumbhagom Synagogue was restored and reopened. However, when you walk down the streets of Jew Town today, it takes a lot of imagination to relive the days of songs and feasts that established an entire diaspora, along the Kerala coast, for over 2,000 years.



CULTURAL EMBRACE

- The Jews adopted many rituals from the culture around them, including leaving their footwear outside prayer halls and synagogues
- Families in Kerala would tuck in spices inside letters to their loved ones in Israel, and even carried it with them when they migrated in 1950
- When a Kerala Jew passes away, the family places a fistful of Anjuvannam (a medieval merchant guild) earth along with earth from Jerusalem in the coffin
- Kerala's cardamom-flavoured banana and rice dumplings were made during important festivals

Seeing the Unseen

A photo exhibition in Delhi tells the stories of manual scavengers in India

Sudharak Olwe's photos present the dark reality of their lives

SURBHI GUPTA

IN THE thick of winters, Kirpal Valmik's 55-year-old widow Mamta sweeps the ground of the Amanganj bus stand, in Madhya Pradesh, without any gloves or shoes. She had become a permanent employee of the municipal corporation after her husband passed away in a septic tank accident in 1992. This was before manual scavenging was a punishable offence. It was only a year later that The Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act was framed which punished their employment and the construction of dry latrines. Mumbai-based documentary photographer Sudharak Olwe met Mamta when he was on a trip to three states — Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to document the lives of manual scavengers and sanitation workers for international NGO Water Aid. The photos now make the exhibition "Including the Excluded" at Delhi's India Habitat Centre. It also includes photographs by Chennai-based Palani Kumar, who captured the lives of the workers in Chennai, Madurai and Cuddalore.

"We would begin our day at 4.30 am. One can't see any activity around, it's only the workers at that time. Come daylight and their work is done and dusted," says Olwe, who has worked as a press photographer with leading newspapers, including *The Indian Express*. "As a photographer, it was important for me to win their trust. But the photographs present just one layer of their lives. Their condition is pathetic. They experience caste-based violence daily. They get no respect or dignity from people. The moment one hears the name Valmiki or Dom, they are asked to stand up and move away," says Olwe, who was given the Padma Shri in 2016.

Through the photos, we meet Santosh, who was also injured in that 1992 accident; his eyes are permanently damaged. "We usually drink before we take a plunge to help us cope with the smell. We were told by the owner of the tank that it's six-feet deep. However, as we entered, I realised that it was much more because I'm 6.2 foot tall. As we dived in, we began drowning," he says.

Olwe also visited the the Dom community residing on the outskirts of Thillai Gaon in Bihar's Hathni block. They had lost their houses and most of their cattle in a fire caused by children from upper-caste communities, who thought 'Doms don't deserve to be in school'. Almost all the men of this community work as manual scavengers or sanitation workers in Sasaram. Closer home, in Ghaziabad's Farukhnagar, 35-year-old Manju makes Rs 2,500 as a *safai karamchari* in a school. Her daughter Vidhi also faces discrimination in her school, because she is a Valmiki.

A few months ago, Olwe had initiated #PhotographersForFarmers, where he urged everyone to 'just go and meet farmers', during the farmers' march in Mumbai and Delhi. In the past, he has documented atrocities faced by Dalits, sex workers in Mumbai's Kamathipura and the city's conservancy workers.

The exhibition is till July 4 at IHC

Cop Shiva's photos of a school teacher, who walked the streets of Kadur, Karnataka, dressed as Gandhi; Jagdeesh Tammineni's *The Birth Of A Nation* shows Gandhi metaphorically working on nation building (right)

Revisiting Gandhi

An exhibition discusses the relevance of the Mahatma's ideals in India today

VANDANA KALRA

A RESIDENT of Bagadehalli village in Kadur, Karnataka, Bagadehalli Basavaraj discovered a rather unique way of reminding people about Gandhi and his ideals. The school teacher would dress up as Gandhi and walk the streets. Some years ago, he caught the eye of Bengaluru-based photographer Cop Shiva, who decided to document his life, leading to one of his own acclaimed series, "Being Gandhi". The protagonist is 40-something Basavaraj, doused in silver paint and dressed as Gandhi — bare-chested, dhoti-clad, spectacled, with a walking stick.

The series sets the tone for the exhibition "Mahatma: Self or Nation?" at Art Heritage in Delhi. "Now more than ever before, we need to rediscover Gandhi — these are times when freedom of all kinds are limited or snatched away. Heinous crimes are committed in the name of nationalism. Gandhi's kind, gentle visage soothes us, as it stands in opposition to the angry, distorted faces of today's politicians. Unlike today, where we are forced to accept irrationality as a norm, Gandhi inspires us to think freely and rationally, because he categorically believed that people should have the freedom of choice. As the politics of the day, both nationally and internationally, call to divide people, suppress voices that seek equality and freedom for the oppressed, the works in the exhibition bring to the fore the artist's depictions of protest, leadership and resistance — and ask the viewer to ponder these themes as they navigate the exhibition space," says curator Amal Allana.

At the entrance of the gallery is a set of 100 postcards designed by some of India's most prominent artists — including Nalini Malani, Atul Dodiya and Arpana Caur — put together by Sahmat to celebrate 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth in 2018. On the opposite wall is the late artist Yusuf Arakkal's mixed media work with Gandhi urging for peace in the centre of its frame. If a screen is playing episodes of the Gandhi-Broomfield trial from the critically acclaimed television mini-series, *Raj Se Swaraj*, directed by Allana, Vidya Sagar Singh's light sculptures *Tree of Life* instill hope. "Given the curatorial impetus for this exhibition, artists' works thematically examine equality, justice and protest," says Allana.

In Visakhapatnam-based artist Jagadeesh Tammineni's woodcuts titled *Birth of a Nation* we see Gandhi working on nation building. Making metaphorical references, the series has a mechanised peacock, cow and tiger, with Gandhi seated alongside, tackling the complexities of the nation, where there is emphasis on the traditional and the modern as well as technological advancement. "I believe his ideas of non-violence as well as nation building are still valid in the 21st century, racked as we are by sectarian violence. The act of building in democratic liberal nation has its own pitfalls and the path is strewn with difficulties. Gandhi*ji* still holds the key," says Tammineni, a graduate from MS University.

We also see the citizens of India, with their aspirations and fight for justice. Ronney Sen's greyscale photographs capture Gandhi's spirit of Satyagraha, adopted by thousands of protesters on the streets of Kolkata in 2014, who had assembled to show solidarity with students of Jadavpur University attacked by the police when they were demanding justice after a girl was molested on campus. The common man comes to the forefront, as he also does in Suresh Punjabi's set of photographs from the '70s and '80s, shot in Studio Suhag, a photo studio in Nagda, a small town in Madhya Pradesh. "Looked at closely, these seemingly innocuous photos, reveal the need for an assertion of identity by those photographed. Using props and costumes, men, women and entire families seem eager to appear upwardly mobile, making a statement through their poses and gestures that mimic popular film stars," reads a gallery note.

The exhibition is at Art Heritage, Triveni Kala Sangam, from July 1 to 31

Who? Where? Why?

With injuries and failures scuttling Plan A, the team that was picked with no Plan B deals with a complex batting order question:

WHOM TO PLAY WHERE AND WHY?

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
BIRMINGHAM, JULY 1

IT COULD all come down to the toss as India will play Bangladesh on the same pitch where they lost to England but here are India's problems. KL Rahul as an opener. Vijay Shankar or Rishabh Pant at No.4. Kedar Jadav sometimes at No.5, a spot above his skill set. When the team was picked, there was no Plan B. What if a middle-order batsman failed? MS Dhoni is still a good lower-order batsman, who can sense game-changing moments, but at this stage in his career, he needs cover, from Hardik Pandya. That was provided by the team management but other aspects weren't foreseen.

Sometimes, injuries are a curse – like Shikhar Dhawan's which twisted Plan A out of shape and India had no alternative to fall back upon. And they stumbled on to weaker options.

Sometimes, injuries are a blessing. Like Vijay Shankar's. It forces India into Plan B and now the team can whistle if they move the cards well. No time to second-guess now. Rahul should drop to No. 4, and Mayank Agarwal should open if he reaches the venue in time. Never mind the jet lag, he has done it before in Tests in Australia; he can do it again.

Sometimes, an out-of-sorts knock can be helpful to the team. Like Pant's. There was too much pressure on him and it told in the way he ran at the start, and it was visible that Rohit Sharma actually calmed him down. Hand on shoulder, pat on the head - it was stirring to see Sharma, a cricketer loved by fellow players for exactly this emotional quality, for his empathy. Somebody who Praveen Kumar would get all emotional about. "Bhai hai mera, zindagi bhar ehsaan nahi bhoolunga" (He is my brother, will never forget his help all my life). And Pant did improve as he went on but it wasn't exactly his kind of pitch.

But that knock now allows India to go either of two ways: Drop him or take a chance with him as an opener. The way teams have gone about in this tournament – keeping wickets in hand, taking us back to the 80's and 90's, India would probably do well to let him go for now. Bring in Agarwal at the top, push Rahul down.

Sometimes, technical flaws can help a team. Like Rahul's. There is a reason why he struggled as a Test opener. He plays from the crease. Neither forward nor back. No meaningful stride really. With that technique, one needs impeccable balance which he spoils by taking little meaningless strides that upset his applecart. Neither here nor there – in a limbo. And then Rahul does something very curious. His hands, holding the bat, are almost behind his right leg, the back leg in his stance. Most batsmen hold the bat between their legs, some even lean forward. Not him. So, by the time his hands move forward to meet the ball, he is already a touch late – it's also the reason perhaps he punches on-the-up so often to even full-length deliveries. By the time his hands get into position, the ball is on the rise. But more importantly, it's that playing-from-the-crease that affected him right through last year's Test series in England. Not much has changed now.

At no.4, he can be perfect for the team. Someone who can bat straight, almost copy-book, someone who has all the shots to get the runs flowing, someone who can tackle what essentially is still a newish ball, someone with a game to rotate strike, or strike out if needed. He can be India's best No.4. It would be interesting to see how the team management goes about it. Would they be tempted to persist with him as an opener? Even if he succeeds against the Bangladesh new-ball bowlers, it would be prudent to look at the future in the tournament, and make changes now. Rahul at No. 4 offers a greater balance to the team than what even a successful Rahul as an opener can provide.

Who would follow him? India might well go to Ravindra Jadeja. At the start of the tournament, Jadhav did seem better placed for that spot but considering the way he has batted – almost Jadeja-like, run-a-ball – and considering India haven't (puzzlingly) used him much as a bowler even on slow(ish) tracks, Jadeja can well do the spin-all-rounder's job better. He provides cover in case the two wrist spinners are taken apart as England did. This would be an interesting move. It would lead to concern about the batting being thinned down, and it also requires the presence of a solid batsman at No.4.

Jadhav, not Raina

If Rahul is down there, Jadeja can follow him. Jadhav isn't Suresh Raina of the 2011 World Cup – someone who came and helped Yuvraj Singh win that crucial match against Australia. Jadeja can be tried out and if he proves out of place, they can revert. As it is, on good days, it would be Pandya or even Dhoni who would bat ahead of him.

This is where Dhoni can step up. With someone like Rahul at No. 4, he can (hopefully) come later in the piece with clarity about his role. Push around for singles and run hard for twos, rotate strike with Pandya or Rahul, and then once they are dismissed, go for his shots. Even a strike rate of around 100 would do. He doesn't have to pull off 150 strike rates – if that happens well and good, and the new role can free him up to extract the best out of Dhoni at this stage in his career. For that he, and the team, need a good No. 4.

Sometimes, injuries can help. Have you seen the meme from a Tamil movie involving Rajinikanth and his co-star Prabhu deliberately breaking the hand of another character artist Pandyan? Watch it if you can. Rajini is labelled as Dhoni, Prabhu as Kohli, and Pandiyan is of course Vijay Shankar. And it's done to affect a jail-break in that scene. It's hilarious meme and even Shankar, who loves to watch movies, might smile through his troubles. His injury might yet allow India a jail-break of their own.

ORDER, ORDER

Except for Rohit Sharma and Virat Kolhi, no batsman in India's batting order seems to be playing at a spot that suits his style of play.

1 KL RAHUL

Burst forth as a solid opener, but with more exposure, his vulnerability have been exposed. The tendency to play from the crease hasn't helped, amplifying his weakness outside the off-stump. As has been his uncertainty in playing the moving ball. He, though, looks more comfortable batting down the order, especially at No 4, where he can offer a better balance.

2 ROHIT SHARMA

Has been in exceptional touch, racking up three hundreds and taking the art of pacing an innings to a different level. Undoubtedly the pillar of the batting line-up in his current form.

3 VIRAT KOHLI

Beyond doubt among the greatest batsmen of his generation. He has yet to score a hundred this World Cup, but has looked fluent, as five successive half-centuries would testify.

4 RISHABH PANT

Brings a lot of energy and ammo, but not quite adept at No 4, both technically and temperamentally. Besides, he has the tendency to play one short too many at the start and not the composure to orchestrate a chase on his own. His tendency to play cross-batted shots also makes him suitable for a spot that's down the order. Maybe 5 or 6, where can accelerate, either for the final flourish or closing out games.

5 HARDIK PANDYA

Ideal for cameos, but not for a longer haul. Best used as a floater to lift the run-rate. He can be the ideal foil to MS Dhoni in the backend of an innings.

6 MS DHONI

No longer the clinical hitter of the yore, but still blessed with game sense and composure to guide a chase. He can keep pushing around and run hard for twos and singles and at the end can go for his shots. Still thrusting him with finishing duties is harsh.

7 KEDAR JADHAV

His best spot is yet to be decided. Neither a clean hitter of the ball nor a busy accumulator, he has often looked like a fish out water. At best a No 5, but not quite a Suresh Raina in terms of his ability to explode and change games.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARIANS WORLD CUP

Politicians locked in a different turf war

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JULY 1

FOR FOUR months now, in late evenings under floodlights, a team of Pakistan parliamentarians has been training at the Shalimar cricket ground in Islamabad. They have their eyes on the Inter-Parliamentarians World Cup, where politicians from Pakistan, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Australia, and other nations will clash in London from July 8 to 12. And then, they would comfortably settle down together to watch the real World Cup final at Lord's.

Chris Heaton-Harris, the Conservative MP for Daventry, has organised the tournament in conjunction with the England and Wales Cricket Board. For a while, there was a buzz that Pakistan Prime Minister, and a real World Cup winning captain, Imran Khan could leap into action to bowl at Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn or newly- elected MP, and another World Cup winner, Gautam Gambhir, but it seems unlikely now. Ayaz Ahmed Yousafzai, Pakistan team's coach, says his prime minister won't be featuring and it's highly unlikely that India would be sending a team though Heaton-Harris has personally written to the likes of BJP parliamentarian Manoj Tiwari. It is learnt that Indian parliamentarians were keen to take part but the ongoing budget session ended their World Cup dream. Other politicians, meanwhile, have been finding time from their hectic public life to take fresh guard. Somewhere in London, Matthew Hancock, secretary of state for health and social care in the UK, has been diligently practising for the event. "Matt has asked me to let you know that he is an all-rounder, has high levels of enthusiasm, a middle-order batsman and an off-spinner," his office told *The Indian Express*.

"The ball would reach the other side from the bowlers but everybody used to get real tired quickly," laughs Pakistan coach Yousafzai. He is also the one who had spotted, nursed, and promoted Shaheen Afridi, Pakistan's new-ball bowler, and is now pushing the tired bodies of politicians. "Because of the budget sessions, we have been unable to practise in day time – but the interest level has been great and we have been training almost every night. *Hum toh jeetenge hi!*" says Yousafzai.

At the Shere-e-Bangla stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh's legislative team has been hitting out at the nets. They have been confident enough to even post a training video on YouTube. There are also reports that in case Bangladesh fails to reach the semifinals, captain Mashrafe Mortaza, an MP, might seamlessly move to the less-competitive Cup.

Matthew Hancock, secretary of state for health and social care in the UK, playing street cricket at a promotional event. *Twitter*

New Zealand too have been preparing for it and co-captain Chris Bishop has said that this game fits diplomacy as "with its long stretches of not much happening, we can just talk to the other MPs we are playing against."

The New Zealand team has already released a statement that it's "self-funded and no taxpayer funding provided. Team members self-fund their trip, with additional support from uniform sponsors, accommodation partners, and air-travel supported by Air New Zealand".

The issue of funding has raised up a ruckus in Pakistan with the team members saying they don't want to pay and if they have to, they should be allowed to stay at friends houses or budget hotels, the newspaper *The News* reported. The speaker of the national assembly Asad Qaisar has told team members that they would have to bear the expenses. *The News* reported that in a letter to nominated players, the secretary of the speaker, who is also the team manager, informed that expenses have to be met by the players due to the "ongoing austerity drive" of the government and in order to allay the burden on the public exchequer.

Mashrafe unfazed by short boundaries and India hype

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BANGLADESH CAPTAIN Mashrafe Mortaza does not share his India counterpart Virat Kohli's concerns about the short boundary on one side at Edgbaston where the neighbours will clash in a World Cup group match on Tuesday.

Kohli was critical of the ground dimensions after England ended India's unbeaten campaign on a pitch which had a 59-metre boundary on one side. "If batsmen are able to reverse sweep you for six on a 59-metre boundary there is not much you can do as a spinner," Kohli said, defending his slow bowlers after they lost by 31 runs.

The same pitch will be used for a match which Bangladesh must win to keep their semi-final hopes alive, while a victory for Kohli's men will secure them a place in the last four. "It will be the same wicket and same ground for both teams," Mashrafe told reporters on Monday.

"We haven't played any match on it. Yes, one side is pretty smaller, so batsmen will normally target that area, but I think both teams will get the same benefit here."

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India managed just one six in their innings, compared to England's 13, which included Ben Stokes' reverse-sweep off Yuzvendra Chahal that cleared the shorter boundary. India's wrist-spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav and Chahal bled 160 runs for just one wicket in their combined 20 overs, partly handicapped after the Indian quicks failed to get early breakthroughs.

Mashrafe said his batsmen would be cautious against the Indian spinners despite the short boundary temptation. "I think their spinners have done a good job if you look at their stats in the last two-three years. We can't expect to do what England did and get success. We need to stick to our play," he said.

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Brickbats and tin-foil hats

Between MS Dhoni and Kedar Jadhav, 31 deliveries yielded seven dots, 20 singles, three fours and a six. That was when 71 runs were required off 31 balls against England. Little wonder then that social media exploded with Dhoni bashing and conspiracy theories. *The Indian Express* takes stock.

Waqar's soul crushers

Waqar Younis led the attack with his cryptic tweet. "It's not who you are.. What you do in life defines who you are.. Me not bothered if Pakistan gets to the semis or not but one thing is for sure.. Sportsmanship of few Champions got tested and they failed badly," the former Pakistan fast bowler wrote.

Twitter users were quick to remind Younis of fellow legendary pacer Wasim Akram's retelling of the Anil Kumble ten-wicket haul at Kotla. "Kumble had got nine wickets. Me & Waqar were batting. Waqar came to me and said 'How about getting run out?' so that Kumble does not get his 10th wicket," Akram had tweeted. To his credit, Younis has always denied the story, shooting back with "I think age is catching up with Wasim *bhai.*"

Former Pakistan batsman Basit Ali, who had foreseen that India would tank, opined post-match that the Indian batsmen were on "picnic". "Picnic *banaayi hain, apni form acchi kari hain.* Rohit *ne sau kare kitne aaram se kare.* Kohli ne *aaram se kare. Ek Pandya hi tha jo bechara maare ja ra tha,"* Ali said during a talk show. Fellow guest Tanvir Ahmed further added fuel. *"Dono spinners aage kar rahe hain, peeche, off stump ke bahar. Aur kaptaan ek baar bhi unke paas nahi aaya."* Ali however was a fan of Rishabh Pant's cameo. *"Pehla* match *khela hai ussne.* Pakistan ke senior players *ko seekhna chahiye."*

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Bakht for ICC probe

Did India lose to hosts England on purpose, so that they could scuttle Pakistan's World Cup qualification hopes? Sparks flew and subtle hints were dropped on the dreaded match-fixing claims during discussion in Geo Super's chat show titled 'Sports Floor', which had former Pakistan cricketers Sikander Bakht, Mohammad Younis and Abdul Razzaq as panelists. The show was a preview to Pakistan's final World Cup league encounter against Bangladesh, but it quickly veered to India's abysmal run chase and their inexplicable loss to England at Edgbaston.

The discussion began with this loaded question: "You're chasing 338 to win and you score just 28 runs in the first 10 overs, how do you explain that." Bakht interjected: Would they (India) have played in such a manner had this been a World Cup knockout match? The former Pakistan captain then suggested a probe into the India vs England match. "ICC should need to take a look at the way matches are conducted." At this point, Younis joined the discussion.

"Their (Indian) commentators have hinted at it and it's something that I have continually heard during my 12-year playing career. If it's happened it's wrong. Having said that this World Cup has been a roller-coaster ride for Pakistan and they need to take bulk of the blame for their current predicament." Razzaq, Yousuf's former teammate then took it a step further: *"Pata sabko hain lekin kehna hoi nahi chahta,"* (Everyone know about it, but no one really wants to talk about it) in an obvious reference to fixing claims.

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A bat and ballot game

As soon as the last ball was bowled, a poll went up on twitter: "Do you think India lost deliberately today?"

The poll was hosted by the Twitter verified page of *'Siasat.pk'* for close to half a million followers. After 9000+ votes in 24 hours, the verdict was out. 86% believed that India lost deliberately. Predictable, seeing how the handle kept spamming the feeds with tweets like "Dhoni isn't even trying. Taking singles, jogging around. Baffling!!!" and quoted Nasser Hussain and Sourav Ganguly.

For an account dedicated to Pakistani politics — if the name doesn't give it away, the description reads, "Pakistan's Biggest discussion forum on Politics, Latest Videos & Discussion around the clock" — *Siasat.pk* had a close eye on the proceedings at Edgbaston. But cricket wasn't the only thing capturing their attention. Friday also saw heated debate on Dangal star Zaira Wasim quitting Bollywood.

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Ganguly, Hussain think alike

Speaking of Sourav Ganguly and Naseer Hussain. The two strong-willed leaders who butted heads on field were united in their bafflement in the commentary box. Tasked to talk about the action in the home stretch, Ganguly didn't have an explanation to Dhoni and Jadhav's approach.

Singling out Pandya for his effort, Ganguly rued the slow 'first ten and last six overs' and got increasingly bewildered with every single taken. And when Hussain spoke in disbelief: "I'm completely baffled. What's going on! This is not what India needed. They need runs. What are they doing?", Ganguly's response was poignant. "I don't have an explanation for that. You asked me the question but I can't explain these singles. You can't be chasing 338 and still have five wickets in the end."

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Lineker calls own goal

The apparent lack of intent surprised Gary Lineker even. "Very strange end to this game. Was great until the last few overs," he tweeted. The former England centre-forward, who also captained the Leicestershire School's cricket team, had been following the match at Edgbaston right through, chipping in with tweets like, "Great stuff from Bairstow. All talk and plenty of action. Well played" and "Ah what a Bumrah!" A "strange end" to the game baffled Darren Gough also. "Well that was a strange end to what should've been a great game," the ex-England quick posted on Twitter.

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Another poll, same result

The Indian fans, growing more impatient with each slow innings, were in no mood to spare Dhoni.

A twitter poll by Yahoo India showed that 42 per cent believed that it was Dhoni's batting that led India to its first defeat (15 per cent blamed the orange jersey as well). "Live from Birmingham: Dhoni & Jadhav have just walked out to resume their innings on 2nd day of the test match," read a tweet.

Trending hashtag #Dhoni intentDebate hinted at the outrage, and even die-hard fans seemed to have felt the pinch. "sorry but I have to say as a fan that u should get retire , I am ur big fan but I am not able to watch u struggling. Baki kedar bhai fxxxk off."

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Bhupathi's cross-court defence

Having had enough of the furore, Indian tennis star Mahesh Bhupathi jumped in. "Reading what the arm chair experts say on Twitter about the game having never played professional sport under pressure is as entertaining as watching a tough run chase."

Support came from across the border too. During a panel discussion, former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif defended Dhoni. "Dhoni played like this against Afghanistan and West Indies also. It's not the first time he played like this. Why are they asking questions now," Latif said, adding: "Pandya had the game. People are wrongly accusing Dhoni. Asking-rate was hovering around 13, when he came. When Pandya was playing, he was aggressive till the 40th over.

After 40 overs, an extra fielder was allowed outside the circle, which restricted Pandya's hitting. Also, he tried to cut slower deliveries from Jofra Archer, which was a wrong shot selection. Dhoni builds his innings, he doesn't score 13-15 runs per over."

Overrated run-rate

Another hypothesis floating around was that Dhoni was preserving wickets to help India's net run rate. Former New Zealand coach Mike Hesson shut down one such thread. "Net Run Rate has nothing to do with losing wickets," tweeted Hesson. Not entirely true, since "In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run-rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed."

But if run rate was a priority, Dhoni would have gone for more runs instead of trying to prevent a possible but improbabale calamity of losing five wickets in less than four overs.

And anyway, as the ICC rulebook states, the number of wins will be the first method of splitting teams on the same points. **ENS**

BLOOD, SWEAT, LOSS

MS Dhoni spits out blood after sucking his cut thumb during India's World Cup match against England. *AP*

How England nullified the threat posed by Kuldeep and Chahal

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Less than a year ago, England's batting coach Graham Thorpe had reportedly texted his friends and county coaches to find him a leggie and a left-arm wrist-spinner. "It doesn't matter if he's young or old, playing county or club. I need him," his message read. A day before, he had asked the stadium upkeeps to dismantle 'Merlyn', the spin-bowling simulating bowling machine, installed to enable his wards to get a hang of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal, England's tormenters in the T20 series that preceded the ODIs and Tests. "The machine doesn't have hands or fingers," Thorpe quipped in a pressser before the second ODI in Leeds.

He had his reasons. Merlyn didn't prepare the England batsmen to face the Indian slow bowlers. Left-arm wrist-spinners were as rare as a horse's teeth, as Thorpe likened Kuldeep's tribe to. Chahal isn't a throwback leggie either — he doesn't flight or make the ball drift as much, but still purchases ample turn. In the first ODI in Nottingham, they had the Englishmen poking around. Joe Root had missed Kuldeep's whirring chinaman by almost six inches. Jonny Bairstow played down the wrong line of a wrong'un and was trapped leg-before, Eoin Morgan misjudged Chahal's length, urging Thorpe to reject the machine in favour of humans hands.

He reasoned with a tinge of resignation: "Playing spin comes with real-match experience. The more you face the trajectory, the flight, the speed of the ball, they're the things you pick up. You've also got to set up against it; your method, your footwork, your position on the crease. You have to react quickly, especially in one-day cricket."

Whether Thorpe had his text messages answered or not, in the space of less than 10 months, the English batsmen seem to have imbued his message. Against India at Edgbaston, the Englishmen demonstrated quick footwork, quick thinking, exceptional reaction speed and single-minded steel to not only rein in the wrist-spin torment but also dominate them. The same pair who combined to snare 11 wickets, conceding just 4.71 runs an over in three games last year, ended up shipping 160 runs in 20 overs, picking just a sole wicket, which owed more to the athletic brilliance of Ravindra Jadeja than Kuldeep's guiles. Even if one weaves in the IPL-influenced familiarity, the hours spend with the video analysts and the labour at the nets (facing man or Merlyn), England batsmen's transformation was swift.

Decisive footwork was the most obvious difference, eschewing their old flaw of looking to play the spinners from the crease. Whether shimmying down the track or hanging on the backfoot, they were tactically firm. Roy, who began the onslaught on Chahal with a brace of boundaries, would wait for him deep in the crease and depending on the line, would target either cow corner with bludgeoning slog-sweeps or the slash, rather than cut, through the covers. Chahal reacted by bowling fuller and flatter, which hardly harmed them. So quick they were on their feet (and with their mind) that the flatter trajectory didn't throttle their run-scoring. Even for milking singles, they used their feet masterfully. It was enough to send Chahal off-kilter, he just became reactive, trying to fire in leg-side bound flat darts, happy giving singles. But English batsmen were far more intuitive, as Roy unfurled the reverse sweep and Bairstow resorted to powerful slogs-sweeps. Chahal was bowling much faster than he does -between 84.7 and 91.5 kmph.

If Chahal was guilty of being hyper-reactive, and going flat-out defensive after a point, Kuldeep was naive. England kept attacking him, a deliberate ploy as Eoin Morgan later emphasised, but Kuldeep kept attacking them even more. True that wrist-spinners seldom flinch from their trusted methods, but there are times when they have to modulate their aggression. An odd improvisation here, a tactical tweak there. But Kuldeep was strategically static, vindicated by his pitch-map, a cluster of balls in the full/goodish length area, pitching mostly on the fourth-stump line, striving for spin both ways. Fundamentally, he was bowling the same over 10 times.

Maybe, a quickish slider. A top spinner. Something un-Kuldeep-like might have worked. The strokes the openers chose was another difference. So versatile were they that they weren't strait-jacketed into using a few select percentage strokes. They were lofting and clumping them with as much ease as they were slogging or reverse-sweeping them. Even reverse-sweeps weren't entirely the same. Bairstow executed three subtly different reverse-sweeps to Kuldeep. The first was more of a reverse glide, going fine past the vacant third man. The next was squarer and more power-packed as Virat Kohli had just placed a third man. Three balls later, he lashed one through the background. Later, Ben Stokes reverse-slog-swept Chahal over point. Such mastery of the reverse-sweep hitting has seldom been witnessed in an ODI. Ravi Shastri might have remembered the day he and his colleagues were ruthlessly swept aside (the conventional way) by Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting in the 1987 World Cup semifinal. But it wasn't just a reverse-sweep carnage. Bairstow was glorious in lofting them, especially Chahal, over mid-on. Roy would then bring out the slap cuts, Root would nonchalantly drive them through the covers. Stokes would blend sophistry and brute force. Chahal and Yadav were left gasping, exhausted and exasperated, a day they would have required a Plan D to stop the Englishmen on a surface that had little assistance for them. Then, aren't the wristies expected to find their way through in most circumstances?

Maybe, it was a rare off day for both. For it was just a couple of weeks ago that Kuldeep had flummoxed Babar Azam, with a ball-of-the-tournament contender. It was just three weeks ago that Chahal was making Faf du Plessis and his chums look foolish. It was just 10 months ago that they'd sent Thorpe SOS-ing. After all, it might have been an off day, as both Chahal and Kuldeep have been quite deceptive, even sporadically magical, in most of the matches this World Cup. The next match, they might resoundingly bounce back.

Nevertheless, it has thrown open the possibility of both wrist-spinners enduring an off day, as much as it does present a case for Jadeja, who can pile on the dots and create pressure and coerce a wicket; besides bolstering the batting depth. It might be construed as a defensive strategy, there's no denying that it isn't. But his addition affords India a safety net, grit amidst flash, fight amidst fantastical. There are times when being defensive is not just utilitarian but indispensable. The England match was one. There could be others. As for Merlyn, it might be gathering dust and dirt in the Leeds attic.

Chahal was guilty of being hyper-reactive, and going defensive against England.

Pooran century, the saving grace in another West Indies loss

Even Rihanna's presence couldn't help West Indies conjure a win. *Reuters*

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NICHOLAS POORAN'S sensational century went in vain as Avishka Fernando set up Sri Lanka's thrilling 23-run win over West Indies with a maiden hundred in a World Cup match in Durham on Monday.

However, with both teams already out of contention for a semifinal spot, there was little more than pride to play for in the encounter. Sent into bat, Sri Lanka's top order fired in unison with Fernando hitting a 103-ball 104, the first century for the island nation in this edition of the World Cup. His innings was studded with nine fours and two sixes. Opener Kusal Perera too chipped in with a 51-ball 64 as Sri Lanka posted an imposing 338 for six.

In reply, Pooran blasted a 103-ball 118 laced with 11 hits to the fence and four sixes to keep West Indies in the hunt.

He was involved in three crucial partnership, adding 61, 54 and 83 runs respectively with Jason Holder (26), Carlos Brathwaite (8) and Fabian Allen (51) to take West Indies closer to pulling off an incredible chase.

But Angelo Mathews, who hadn't bowled in a One-Day International since December 2017, dismissed Pooran with his first delivery when he came on to bowl in the 48th over as the men from the Caribbean could only score 315 for nine in their stipulated 50 overs. After this win, Sri Lanka are now placed at sixth spot on the table with eight points from eight matches. The 1996 champions will now take on India in their final World Cup match on July 6.

Scramble for qualification

If Sri Lanka beat India to potentially join England on 10 points, in case the hosts go down to New Zealand in their final league game, they would miss out on qualification having won four games to England's five. West Indies are at ninth position and will complete their World Cup engagements after a clash with Afghanistan on July 4.

Defending the total, Lasith Malinga struck twice early to leave West Indies at 22 for two in five overs.Opener Chris Gayle (35) and Shimron Hetmyer (29) shared a 49-run stand but frittered away their starts.

Skipper Holder then put on a half-century partnership with Pooran but he too holed out at mid-on as the Windies lost half their side for 145 in the 29th over.

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Pooran played a few big hits but an unfortunate run-out at the other end saw Brathwaite return to the pavilion. Pooran and Allen were involved in another significant stand and produced some lusty blows to reduce the equation to 57 runs off 36 balls. However, another run-out ended their stand.

Earlier, Fernando played the role of a sheet anchor, stitching 85 runs with Kusal Mendis (39) and then sharing 58 and 67 respectively with Angelo Mathews (26) and Lahiru Thirimanne (45 off 33), as Sri Lanka went beyond 250 for the first time in the tournament. With the team having no bearing on the race for semifinal spots, Sri Lanka played with freedom as openers Karunaratne and Perera amassed 91 runs in 15 overs.

After skipper Holder removed his counterpart Karunaratne (32), Perera too was back after getting run out. Mendis and Fernando then took Sri Lanka close to 200 before a remarkable caught-and-bowled effort by left-arm spinner Fabian Allen, in the 32nd over, ended Mendis's stay.

Mathews came up with an enterprising 20-ball 26 before a perfect yorker by Holder sent him back in the 40th over. Fernando and Thirimanne then joined hands to help Sri Lanka cross the 300-mark. Fernando reached his hundred in the 48th over but soon holed out to Allen off Cottrell's bowling.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 338 /6 (Avishka 104, Kusal Perera 64, Thirimanne 54*, Holder 2-59) beat West Indies 315/9 (Pooran 118, Allen 51, Malinga 3-55) by 23 runs.

REFLECTIONS OF A YOUNG WOMAN

Naomi Osaka, who lost to Yulia Putintseva 7-6 (4), 6-2, in a contemplative mood during her match. *Reuters*

Osaka breakdown: 'I'm about to cry'

Australian and US Open champ ousted by Putintseva in the first round; Tsitsipas and Zverev also shown the door on Day 1

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WIMBLEDON, JULY 1

AFTER WINNING two straight Grand Slam titles, Naomi Osaka has now failed to reach the second week at the last two majors. Osaka, who was ranked No. 1 in the world until last week, lost to Yulia Putintseva 7-6 (4), 6-2 on Monday in the first round at Wimbledon. The second-seeded Osaka won the U.S. Open last year and the Australian Open this year, but she lost in the third round at the French Open and now the first round at the All England Club.

"I just don't think I played that well," said Osaka, who also lost to Putinseva two weeks ago in Birmingham. "But I wasn't surprised because I've played her, like, twice already."

Osaka had 38 unforced errors on Centre Court, while Putinseva had only seven. Osaka later cut short her news conference, leaving before any questions were asked in Japanese.

"Can I leave?" she asked the moderator after several short answers. "I feel like I'm about to cry." There were two big upsets on the men's side as well with both sixth-seeded Alexander Zverev and seventh-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas losing in the first round.

Zverev lost to Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5, while Tsitsipas was beaten by Thomas Fabbiano of Italy 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-3.

Both Zverev and Tsitsipas are among the younger generation of players expected to eventually replace the Big Three of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic in men's tennis.

Tsitsipas, who beat Federer at the Australian Open en route to the semifinals, saved two match points in the fourth-set tiebreaker and failed to convert three break points early in the fifth. Fabbiano broke Tsitsipas twice in the final set, including in the last game when the Greek popped a shot long.

It was the 102nd-ranked Fabbiano's first win over a top-10 player. Zverev, who lost in the first round at the All England Club for the first time in five appearances, said his confidence was "below zero" right now. "It was kind of a typical Grand Slam match for me. I started off well, then one or two things don't go my way, and everything kind of a little bit falls apart," the German said. "Yeah, I'm not very high on confidence right now."

Djokovic wins

Earlier, last year's Wimbledon men's finalists both advanced to the second round on the opening day of this year's tournament. Defending champion Djokovic was first on Centre Court, as is tradition at the All England Club. The four-time champion beat Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 in the first round. "It's a sacred court, the cradle of our sport for sure," Djokovic said in the tunnel after walking off the grass. "It has a very special place in my heart, in my career as well.

"I've been blessed to be very successful on this court over the years so every time I step on it memories come back and a great feeling."

Djokovic started the match in a hole, with Kohlschreiber breaking in the top-seeded Serb's opening service game. But the troubles ended there for Djokovic, who had lost to Kohlschreiber in Indian Wells on a hard court this year.

"I know that he's capable to play some really good quality tennis on various surfaces, especially on grass," Djokovic said. "He takes the ball early, has a good slice, good serve. So it was good test for me."

Fourth-seeded Kevin Anderson, who lost to Djokovic in straight sets in last year's final, moved into the second round by beating Pierre-Hugues Herbert of France 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in only his third match since March.

"Different expectations coming in right now given that I've not played many matches this year," said Anderson, a South African who also reached the 2017 U.S. Open final. "But I think there's a lot of positives I can take from today, and hopefully I'll be able to keep building on that."

Stan Wawrinka, seeded 22nd, also advanced. The three-time Grand Slam singles champion, who has won each of the other three majors but never Wimbledon, defeated Belgian qualifier Ruben Bemelmans 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Curtains for Prajnesh

India's top singles player Prajnesh Gunneswaran Monday crashed out of the Wimbledon Championships after going down in straight sets to world number 17 Milos Raonic of Canada. The 29-year-old Indian, ranked 94 in the world, lost 6-7 (1)4-6 2-6 to 15th seed Raonic. It was Prajnesh's third first round exit after losing in the opening round at both Australian Open and French Open.

The Left-handed Prajnesh, who made his maiden appearance at the Wimbledon, had his chances but unforced errors put paid to his hopes.

He fought really hard in the opening set. He seemed solid on serve for six games but dropped the first set in the tiebreak.

The match didn't reach this intensity after the opening set as Raonic walked away with the game. Prajnesh was the only Indian in the singles main draw after Ramkumar and Ankita Raina bowed out.

TRAMLINES

SAFETY FIRST

Andy Murray's Wimbledon comeback in the doubles will likely be scheduled on a major show court for safety reasons, All England Club chief executive Richard Lewis said Monday. The two-time Wimbledon champion and British home favourite, coming back from major hip resurfacing surgery, is easing his way back towards a possible singles return by playing doubles. Wimbledon normally schedules three singles matches per day on the main show courts, and Murray, who has teamed up with Pierre-Hugues Herbert, will have to slot in afterwards whenever the singles are finished.

DITCH THE PLASTIC

Many of the traditions of the Wimbledon tennis championships have endured for decades but this year one familiar courtside sight will be missing. No longer will players be taking new racquets out of polythene wrapping bags when they break a string or want a replacement. The All-England club has removed plastic bags from the player racket-stringing operation as part of a raft of environmentally-friendly moves, which means there will be 4,500 fewer such bags used at this year's tournament.

AGENCIES

38 Number of unforced errors Osaka commited in her straight-set defeat to Yulia Putintseva, a match that lasted an hour and 35 minutes.

KEY RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-1, 7-6 (12), 6-2.Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. Pablo Carreno-Busta, Spain, 7-6 (2), 7-5, 6-2. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Andrea Arnaboldi, Italy, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4). Kevin Anderson (4), South Africa, def. Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-1. Karen Khachanov (10), Russia, def. Soon Woo Kwon, Republic of Korea, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Alexander Zverev (6), Germany, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Elina Svitolina (8), Ukraine, def. Daria Gavrilova, Australia, 7-5, 6-0.Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, def. Lin Zhu, China, 6-2, 7-6 (4). Simona Halep (7), Romania, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-4, 7-5. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Naomi Osaka (2), Japan, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

> Can I leave?. I feel like I'm about to cry. I just don't think I played that well. But I wasn't surprised because I've played her, like, twice already.
>
> NAOMI OSAKA

Guaff stuns idol Venus

CORI GUAFF served up the perfect excuse for playing hooky from school on Monday as the 15-year-old American caused one of the biggest shocks in Wimbledon history by dispatching Venus Williams 6-4 6-4 in the first round on Monday. Aged 39, Williams is considered Wimbledon royalty as she has been part of the All England Club family for over two decades, having won the singles title five times -- including two before Gauff was even born. But Guaff, the youngest player to qualify for the main draw in the professional era, was in no mood to play a lady-in-waiting as she made a mockery of the 24-year-age difference and 269 ranking spots that separate her from Williams. **REUTERS**

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Corps of Signals salutes its following Signallers who left us for their heavenly abode during the month of Jun 2019.

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(e) 15704030N LNk Anil Kumar
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On behalf of the Corps, we sincerely pray to Almighty for peace to departed souls & strength to the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss.

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Versus
M/s. G.T. BIO PHARMA PVT. LIMITED And Ors. (Defendants)

To,

1 M/s G.T. Bio Pharma (P) Ltd., B-87-3, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024. **Also At**:- 304, Manisha Building, 75-76, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019. **Also At**:- Kalaamb Mouzal Moginand, Village Moginand, Kalaamb District Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh-173001.
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Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **21th day of June, 2019.**

By Order of the Tribunal
For Registrar

It's business as usual for Salah

REUTERS
CAIRO, JULY 1

EGYPT'S MOHAMED Salah produced another moment to savour when he curled in a free kick, his second goal of the tournament, to set the hosts on the way to a 2-0 win over an unlucky Uganda who still made the last 16 at the Africa Cup of Nations on Sunday.

Egypt, already qualified, topped Group A with a 100 percent record from three games and no goals conceded while Uganda, despite the defeat, qualified for the knockout stages for only the second time and the first since 1978.

The Cranes, who have four points, were given a helping hand by Democratic Republic of Congo, who thumped Zimbabwe 4-0 to finish third with three while Zimbabwe finished last with one.

Uganda were the better side for long periods but the game at Cairo stadium was effectively settled in a nine-minute spell before halftime when Salah and then Ahmed Elmohamady scored. "The key was the timing, the moment of the first goal and the second were psychologically very important," said Egypt coach Javier Aguirre. "This is a game where you have to score more than the other team.

"The pressure is a lot," he added. "We tried to play... people want us to win, win, win. So far, we have nine points and we have to improve a lot of things."

Egypt broke the deadlock when they won a free kick 25 metres out and Liverpool's Salah curled his effort over the wall and into the bottom corner to send the stadium into raptures.

Mahmoud Trezeguet set up the second goal when he charged down the left and, although his cross evaded Salah, Elmohamady collected the ball and drove it into the net.

Until then little went right for Salah as his team mates' attempts to find him with through balls invariably failed.

Uganda strung together some delightful passing moves, with Farouk Miya at the centre of most of them, and troubled the hosts with their pace down the flanks.

Allan Kyambadde, in particular, was a constant menace and almost caught out Mohamed El Shenawy with a dipping shot which the Egypt goalkeeper managed to tip over.

El Shenawy also had to make a double save from Lamula Abdu, first blocking the Ugandan's shot from a difficult angle and then saving his header from the rebound.

Uganda continued to press in the second half without success. Miya had a dangerous effort deflected over by a defender, then curled a free kick onto the roof of the net while Egypt defender Ayman Ashraf nearly turned Khalid Aucho's low cross into his own net.

"We are disappointed about the result because we missed a lot of chances," said Uganda coach Sebastien Desabre. "Unfortunately, in football the most important thing is to score and we didn't have success in that aspect. "But we deserved to qualify and for me, that's the most important thing."

Salah put Egypt ahead against the run of play on 36 minutes. *Reuters*

England hope they can pull off a win against US

AFP
LYON, JULY 1

England are aiming to make history as they prepare to take on the USA with a first ever women's World Cup final squarely in their sights, as a landmark tournament moves towards a nail-biting climax.

The World Cup in France has generated record TV audiences for the women's game and Phil Neville's side come into Tuesday's clash against the reigning champions in Lyon with more people than ever expected to tune in to see the Lionesses push to go one better than in the previous two editions, when they lost out in the semis.

"You get to these moments in life and you think grasp it with both hands, both feet and all your body and that's what we've been saying to the players: don't get to a semi-final and have any regrets," Neville told reporters on Sunday.

"I want to see smiles and I want to see freedom, and I want to see us play the way that we can." England face an American side brimming with talent and on a high from two hard-fought 2-1 wins over Spain in the last 16 and against hosts France in the quarter-finals, both gained thanks to the attacking exploits of Megan Rapinoe.

The 33-year-old is one of the stories of this tournament, with her match-winning displays paired with intense media scrutiny after a spat with President Donald Trump over her stated refusal to visit the White House while he remains in charge.

Megan Rapinoe hit two penalties to squeeze her side past the Spanish in an underwhelming team display and then won a thrilling clash at the Parc des Princes with another brace to win what was probably the match of the tournament so far.

"Megan is someone I've from day one that I really admire. I remember in my first She Believes (Cup) when a ball bounced on the touchline and I went to catch the ball and her studs came right through my Apple watch," Neville said.

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